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PREFACE FROM THE EDITOR

Designed for school districts, educators, and students seeking to maximize performance on standardized tests, Webster's paperbacks take advantage of the fact that classics are frequently assigned readings in English courses. By using a running thesaurus at the bottom of each page, this edition of *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde was edited for students who are actively building their vocabularies in anticipation of taking PSAT®, SAT®, AP® (Advanced Placement®), GRE®, LSAT®, GMAT® or similar examinations.¹

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THE PERSONS IN THE PLAY

John Worthing, J.P.

Algernon Moncrieff

Rev. Canon Chasuble, D.D.

Merriman, Butler

Lane, Manservant

Lady Bracknell

Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax

Cecily Cardew

Miss Prism, Governess

THE SCENES OF THE PLAY

ACT I. Algernon Moncrieff's Flat in Half-Moon Street, W.

ACT II. The Garden at the Manor House, Woolton.

ACT III. Drawing-Room at the Manor House, Woolton.

TIME: The Present.

FIRST ACT

SCENE—Morning-room in Algernon's flat in Half-Moon Street. The room is **luxuriously** and **artistically furnished**. The sound of a piano is **heard** in the **adjoining** room. [LANE is arranging afternoon tea on the table, and after the music has **ceased**, ALGERNON enters.]

ALGERNON.

Did you hear what I was playing, Lane?

LANE.

I didn't think it polite to listen, sir.

ALGERNON.

I'm sorry for that, for your sake. I **don't** play accurately - any one can play accurately - but I play with wonderful expression. As far as the piano is concerned, sentiment is my **forte**. I keep science for Life.

LANE.

Yes, sir.

ALGERNON.

And, speaking of the science of Life, have you got the **cucumber** sandwiches cut for Lady Bracknell?

Thesaurus

adjoining: (*adj*) contiguous, neighbor, near, abutting, touching, conterminous, neighboring, immediate, next, vicinal; (*adj, v*) close. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) separate, divided, detached, apart, far.

artistically: (*adv*) ingeniously, pleasingly, inventively, imaginatively, creatively, elegantly, originally, resourcefully, productively, innovatively, harmoniously.

ceased: (*adj*) finished.

cucumber: (*n*) cuke, gherkin, vegetable, veggie, melon, cucumber vine, cucumbers, dollar.

don't: (*adv*) not; (*n*) taboo, prohibition.

forte: (*adj, n*) faculty, ability, endowment; (*n*) strong point, strength, specialty, strong suit, metier; (*adj*) loud, strong; (*adv*) loudly. ANTONYMS: (*n*) weakness, failing.

furnished: (*adj*) fitted, arranged,

privileged, instruct, carrying weapons, equip, enlightened; (*v*) provide, furnish, begone, beset.

heard: (*n*) hearing.

luxuriously: (*adv*) richly, sumptuously, extravagantly, opulently, magnificently, voluptuously, lushly, lavishly, palatially, sensually, gorgeously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meagerly, cheaply, simply.

LANE.

Yes, sir. [Hands them on a salver.]

ALGERNON.

[Inspects them, takes two, and **sits** down on the sofa.] Oh!... by the way, Lane, I see from your book that on Thursday night, when Lord Shoreman and Mr. Worthing were **dining** with me, eight bottles of champagne are entered as having been consumed.

LANE.

Yes, sir; eight bottles and a **pint**.

ALGERNON.

Why is it that at a bachelor's establishment the **servants invariably** drink the champagne? I ask merely for information.

LANE.

I **attribute** it to the superior quality of the wine, sir. I have often observed that in married households the champagne is rarely of a **first-rate brand**.

ALGERNON.

Good **heavens!** Is marriage so **demoralising** as that?

LANE.

I believe it IS a very pleasant state, sir. I have had very little experience of it myself up to the present. I have only been married once. That was in consequence of a **misunderstanding** between myself and a young person.

ALGERNON.

[Languidly.] I don't know that I am much interested in your family life, Lane.

LANE.

No, sir; it is not a very interesting subject. I never think of it myself.

ALGERNON.

Very natural, I am sure. That will do, Lane, thank you.

LANE.

Thank you, sir. [LANE goes out.]

Thesaurus

attribute: (*adj, n*) quality, property; (*n, v*) assign; (*n*) feature, emblem, characteristic, peculiarity, mark; (*v*) credit, impute, accredit.

brand: (*n, v*) mark, class; (*adj, n, v*) stigma; (*adj, n*) blot, stain; (*n*) type, blade, brand name, badge, kind, sort. ANTONYMS: (*v*) praise; (*n*) honor, glory.

demoralising: (*adj*) dark, causing dejection, discouraging, disheartening, dispiriting, blue.

dining: (*n*) feeding, eating; (*v*) eat.

first-rate: (*adj*) excellent, stunning, capital, posh, tiptop, dandy, ace, superior, classic, fine, clinking.

heavens: (*n*) firmament, heaven, sky, welkin, sphere, atmosphere, celestial sphere, space, skies, area, vault of heaven.

invariably: (*adv*) constantly, ever, forever, permanently, continually, incessantly; (*adj*) never otherwise, unfailingly, without exception,

without fail; (*adj, adv*) uniformly.

misunderstanding: (*n*) misapprehension, disagreement, misconception, misinterpretation, error, misconstruction, dispute, quarrel, mistaking; (*n, v*) dissension, difference. ANTONYMS: (*n*) harmony, fact, agreement, understanding.

pint: (*n*) dry pint.

servants: (*n*) staff, suite.

sits: (*n*) sat.

ALGERNON.

Lanes views on marriage seem somewhat lax. Really, if the lower orders don't set us a good example, what on earth is the use of them? They seem, as a class, to have absolutely no sense of moral responsibility.

[Enter LANE.]

LANE.

Mr. Ernest Worthing.

[Enter JACK.]

[LANE goes out.]

ALGERNON.

How are you, my dear Ernest? What brings you up to town?

JACK.

Oh, pleasure, pleasure! What else should bring one anywhere? **Eating** as usual, I see, Algy!

ALGERNON.

[Stiffly.] I believe it is **customary** in good society to take some slight **refreshment** at five **o'clock**. Where have you been since last Thursday?

JACK.

[Sitting down on the sofa.] In the country.

ALGERNON.

What on earth do you do there?

JACK.

[Pulling off his gloves.] When one is in town one **amuses oneself**. When one is in the country one amuses other people. It is **excessively** boring.

ALGERNON.

And who are the people you amuse?

JACK.

[Airily.] Oh, **neighbours**, neighbours.

Thesaurus

amuse: (*v*) please, beguile, absorb, entertain, enjoy, disport, distract, delight, occupy, recreate, rejoice.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) bore, dull, tire, annoy, anger, cloy, depress, weary, disappoint.
customary: (*adj, n*) accustomed, usual, habitual; (*adj*) conventional, ordinary, commonplace, traditional, average, wonted, regular, standard.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unusual, abnormal, exceptional,

unconventional, offbeat, irregular, innovative, different, unfamiliar, extraordinary, rare.
eating: (*n*) ingestion, intake, feeding, browsing, banqueting, food, lunching, supping, pica, repletion; (*v*) eat.
excessively: (*adj, adv*) immoderately, exorbitantly, inordinately; (*adv*) extremely, enormously, exceedingly, very, profusely, overly, exaggeratedly, intemperately.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) justifiably, moderately, insufficiently.
neighbours: (*n*) neighborhood.
o'clock: (*n*) period, hours.
oneself: (*n*) herself, himself, themselves, personal, private, selfness, self, yourself, me, person, own.
refreshment: (*n*) bite, drink, recreation, collation, repose, relief, rest, entertainment, treat; (*v*) invigoration; (*n, v*) regalement.

ALGERNON.

Got nice neighbours in your part of Shropshire?

JACK.

Perfectly **horrid**! Never speak to one of them.

ALGERNON.

How immensely you must amuse them! [Goes over and takes sandwich.] By the way, Shropshire is your county, is it not?

JACK.

Eh? Shropshire? Yes, of course. **Hallo!** Why all these **cups**? Why cucumber sandwiches? Why such **reckless extravagance** in one so young? Who is coming to tea?

ALGERNON.

Oh! merely Aunt Augusta and Gwendolen.

JACK.

How perfectly delightful!

ALGERNON.

Yes, that is all very well; but I am afraid Aunt Augusta won't quite approve of your being here.

JACK.

May I ask why?

ALGERNON.

My dear fellow, the way you **flirt** with Gwendolen is perfectly **disgraceful**. It is almost as bad as the way Gwendolen flirts with you.

JACK.

I am in love with Gwendolen. I have come up to town expressly to propose to her.

ALGERNON.

I thought you had come up for pleasure?... I call that business.

Thesaurus

cups: (*n*) plates, dishes, dishware, tableware.

disgraceful: (*adj*) dishonorable, scandalous, shocking, degrading, disreputable, infamous, base, ignominious, outrageous, black, ignoble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) admirable, honorable, reputable, exalted, commendable, respectable, noble, glorious.

extravagance: (*n*) dissipation, luxury, excess, profligacy, lavishness,

squandering, recklessness, waste, prodigality, magnificence, immoderateness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) economy, frugality, parsimony, prudence, paucity, moderation, austerity, necessity, bareness.

flirt: (*n, v*) coquette; (*v*) dally, coquet, toy, romance, trifle, spoon; (*n*) dalliance, vamp, tease, flirting.

hallo: (*n*) hi, hullo.

horrid: (*adj*) grisly, ghastly, ugly, gruesome, grim, fearful, dreadful,

direful, dire, horrible, fearsome.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lovely, nice, appealing, attractive, kind.

reckless: (*adj*) careless, rash, foolhardy, hasty, incautious, extravagant, daring, desperate, brash; (*adj, v*) imprudent, wanton. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cautious, prudent, sensible, wise, responsible, parsimonious, considered, safe, guarded, dutiful, discreet.

JACK.

How **utterly unromantic** you are!

ALGERNON.

I really don't see anything romantic in **proposing**. It is very romantic to be in love. But there is nothing romantic about a definite proposal. Why, one may be accepted. One usually is, I believe. Then the excitement is all over. The very essence of **romance** is uncertainty. If ever I get married, I'll certainly try to forget the fact.

JACK.

I have no doubt about that, dear Algy. The Divorce Court was specially **invented** for people whose memories are so **curiously constituted**.

ALGERNON.

Oh! there is no use **speculating** on that subject. Divorces are made in Heaven - [JACK puts out his hand to take a **sandwich**. ALGERNON at once interferes.] Please don't touch the cucumber sandwiches. They are ordered specially for Aunt Augusta. [Takes one and **eats** it.]

JACK.

Well, you have been eating them all the time.

ALGERNON.

That is quite a different matter. She is my aunt. [Takes plate from below.] Have some bread and butter. The bread and butter is for Gwendolen. Gwendolen is devoted to bread and butter.

JACK.

[Advancing to table and helping himself.] And very good bread and butter it is too.

ALGERNON.

Well, my dear fellow, you need not eat as if you were going to eat it all. You behave as if you were married to her already. You are not married to her already, and I don't think you ever will be.

Thesaurus

constituted: (*adj*) habitual, planted, legitimate, grooved, accomplished, official.

curiously: (*adv*) inquisitively, peculiarly, unusually, strangely, nosily, pryingly, queerly, funnily, weirdly; (*adj, adv*) singularly, particularly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) ordinarily, typically.

eats: (*n*) grub, chuck, food, meat, meal, diet, nurture, eat, dinner, board, feed.

invented: (*adj*) fictional, fabricated,

imaginary, unreal, fake, mythical, legendary, fictive, fancied, fabulous, ben trovato. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) genuine, factual, true, actual.

proposing: (*adj*) prosy, proponent, making proposals.

romance: (*n*) love affair, fiction, story, figment, intrigue, affair, tale, vagary; (*v*) flirt, court, exaggerate.

sandwich: (*n*) bomber, hoagy, hoagie, hero, beefburger, butty, poor boy, open sandwich, doorstep, hotdog; (*v*)

enter.

speculating: (*n*) conception.

unromantic: (*adj*) unexaggerated, unaffected, unflattering, unimaginative, realistic, unloving, practical, utilitarian, not romantic.

utterly: (*adv*) completely, absolutely, totally, entirely, extremely, altogether, expressly, purely, dead, fully, wholly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) partly, uncertain, slightly, incompletely, hardly, somewhat.

JACK.

Why on earth do you say that?

ALGERNON.

Well, in the first place girls never **marry** the men they flirt with. Girls don't think it right.

JACK.

Oh, that is **nonsense**!

ALGERNON.

It isn't. It is a great truth. It **accounts** for the **extraordinary** number of bachelors that one sees all over the place. In the second place, I don't give my consent.

JACK.

Your consent!

ALGERNON.

My dear **fellow**, Gwendolen is my first **cousin**. And before I allow you to marry her, you will have to clear up the whole question of Cecily. [**Rings** bell.]

JACK.

Cecily! What on earth do you mean? What do you mean, Algy, by Cecily! I don't know any one of the name of Cecily.

[Enter **LANE**.]

ALGERNON.

Bring me that **cigarette** case Mr. Worthing left in the smoking-room the last time he dined here.

LANE.

Yes, sir. [**LANE** goes out.]

JACK.

Do you mean to say you have had my cigarette case all this time? I wish to

Thesaurus

accounts: (*n*) financial statement.

cigarette: (*adj*) cigar; (*n*) tobacco, fag, butt, can, coffin nail, cubeb, scroll, buttocks, reefer, butt joint.

cousin: (*n*) nephew, cousins, friend, cousinship, relation, akin, relative, full cousin, companion.

extraordinary: (*adj*) odd, exceptional, curious, rare, special, phenomenal, amazing, astonishing, unusual, strange, abnormal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ordinary, normal, everyday,

usual, common, mundane, regular, undistinguished, unremarkable, insignificant, natural.

fellow: (*adj, n*) comrade, associate; (*n*) boy, equal, brother, peer, chap, colleague, compeer, buddy; (*adj, n, v*) concomitant. ANTONYMS: (*n*) female, woman, girl, foe, enemy, antagonist, competitor.

lane: (*n*) alley, road, path, passage, avenue, way, track, aisle, side street, line, artery.

marry: (*n, v*) wed, espouse; (*v*) get married, link, conjoin, wive, splice, tie, unite, couple; (*n*) marriage.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) divorce, separate, split.

nonsense: (*n*) bosh, absurdity, humbug, balderdash, foolishness, drivel, folderol, baloney, falderal, jargon, claptrap. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sense, wisdom, substance, fact.

rings: (*n*) ornaments, necklaces, jewels, costume jewelry, charms, bracelets.

goodness you had let me know. I have been writing **frantic** letters to Scotland Yard about it. I was very nearly **offering** a large reward.

ALGERNON.

Well, I wish you would offer one. I happen to be more than usually hard up.

JACK.

There is no good offering a large reward now that the thing is found.

[Enter LANE with the cigarette case on a **salver**. ALGERNON takes it at once. LANE goes out.]

ALGERNON.

I think that is rather mean of you, Ernest, I must say. [Opens case and examines it.] However, it makes no matter, for, now that I look at the **inscription** inside, I find that the thing isn't yours after all.

JACK.

Of course it's mine. [Moving to him.] You have seen me with it a hundred times, and you have no right **whatsoever** to read what is written inside. It is a very **ungentlemanly** thing to read a private cigarette case.

ALGERNON.

Oh! it is **absurd** to have a hard and fast rule about what one should read and what one shouldn't. More than half of modern culture depends on what one shouldn't read.

JACK.

I am quite aware of the fact, and I don't **propose** to discuss modern culture. It isn't the sort of thing one should talk of in private. I simply want my cigarette case back.

ALGERNON.

Yes; but this isn't your cigarette case. This cigarette case is a present from some one of the name of Cecily, and you said you didn't know any one of that name.

JACK.

Well, if you want to know, Cecily happens to be my aunt.

Thesaurus

absurd: (*adj*) ridiculous, foolish, unreasonable, irrational, meaningless, inept, senseless, nonsensical, illogical, ludicrous; (*adj, n*) silly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rational, reasonable, logical, wise, weighty, sound, consistent, serious, plausible, credible, acceptable.

frantic: (*adj*) desperate, crazy, excited, distraught, frenetic, distracted; (*adj, v*) frenzied, furious, wild, raging; (*n*) maniac. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mellow,

composed.

inscription: (*n*) epigraph, entry, dedication, autograph, epitaph, registration, lettering, writing, record, superscription, title.

offering: (*n, v*) gift, grant; (*n*) oblation, contribution, donation, presentation, offer, present, endowment, gratuity, bestowal.

propose: (*v*) bid, nominate, design, plan, proffer, move, intend, mean, aim, suggest; (*n, v*) advance.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) reject, improvise, oppose.

salver: (*n*) waiter, server, epergne, tazza, platter, plate, serving dish, patella, urn, attendant, patera.

ungentlemanly: (*adj*) ribald, discourteous, shabby, uncouth, unrefined, impolite.

whatsoever: (*adj*) any, at all, possible; (*pron*) what, anything, no matter what, partly, somewhat, anything that, whatso.

ALGERNON.

Your aunt!

JACK.

Yes. **Charming** old lady she is, too. Lives at Tunbridge Wells. Just give it back to me, Algy.

ALGERNON.

[Retreating to back of **sofa**.] But why does she call herself little Cecily if she is your aunt and lives at Tunbridge Wells? [Reading.] 'From little Cecily with her fondest love.'

JACK.

[Moving to sofa and **kneeling** upon it.] My dear fellow, what on earth is there in that? Some aunts are tall, some aunts are not tall. That is a matter that surely an aunt may be allowed to decide for herself. You seem to think that every aunt should be exactly like your aunt! That is absurd! For Heaven's **sake** give me back my cigarette case. [Follows ALGERNON round the room.]

ALGERNON.

Yes. But why does your aunt call you her uncle? 'From little Cecily, with her fondest love to her dear Uncle Jack.' There is no **objection**, I admit, to an aunt being a small aunt, but why an aunt, no matter what her size may be, should call her own **nephew** her uncle, I can't quite make out. **Besides**, your name isn't Jack at all; it is Ernest.

JACK.

It isn't Ernest; it's Jack.

ALGERNON.

You have always told me it was Ernest. I have introduced you to every one as Ernest. You answer to the name of Ernest. You look as if your name was Ernest. You are the most earnest-looking person I ever saw in my life. It is perfectly absurd your saying that your name isn't Ernest. It's on your cards. Here is one of them. [Taking it from case.] 'Mr. Ernest Worthing, B. 4, The Albany.' I'll keep this as a **proof** that your name is Ernest if ever you attempt

Thesaurus

besides: (*adv*) as well, moreover, too, furthermore, again, as well as, anyway, additionally; (*prep*) apart from, beside; (*adj, adv*) more.

charming: (*adj*) beautiful, lovely, captivating, winning, attractive, enchanting, delightful, pleasing, nice, magic, cute. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) repellent, unpleasant, unappealing, repulsive, charmless, disgusting, gross, irritating, offensive, uninteresting, annoying.

kneeling: (*n*) homage, kowtow, kneelingly, prostration, genuflexion, genuflection, curtsy, courtesy, obeisance.

nephew: (*n*) aunt, grandnephew, brother's son, niece, cousin, uncle, kinsman.

objection: (*n*) dissent, complaint, grievance, exception, gripe, disagreement, outcry, difficulty, expostulation, disapproval, criticism. ANTONYMS: (*n*) approval,

agreement, praise, acceptance.

proof: (*n*) confirmation, probation, authentication, sign, substantiation, evidence, verification, validation, argument, experiment, indication. ANTONYM: (*n*) contradiction.

sake: (*n, v*) interest, reason, motive, ground; (*v*) advantage, cause; (*n*) object, account, design, purpose, saki. **sofa:** (*n*) couch, lounge, divan, bench, davenport, seat, squab, chair, form, convertible, daybed.

to deny it to me, or to Gwendolen, or to any one else. [**Puts** the card in his pocket.]

JACK.

Well, my name is Ernest in town and Jack in the country, and the cigarette case was given to me in the country.

ALGERNON.

Yes, but that does not account for the fact that your small Aunt Cecily, who lives at Tunbridge Wells, calls you her dear uncle. Come, old boy, you had much better have the thing out at once.

JACK.

My dear Algy, you talk exactly as if you were a **dentist**. It is very **vulgar** to talk like a dentist when one isn't a dentist. It produces a false impression,

ALGERNON.

Well, that is exactly what dentists always do. Now, go on! Tell me the whole thing. I may mention that I have always **suspected** you of being a confirmed and secret Bunburyist; and I am quite sure of it now.

JACK.

Bunburyist? What on earth do you mean by a Bunburyist?

ALGERNON.

I'll reveal to you the meaning of that **incomparable** expression as soon as you are kind enough to **inform** me why you are Ernest in town and Jack in the country.

JACK.

Well, produce my cigarette case first.

ALGERNON.

Here it is. [Hands cigarette case.] Now produce your explanation, and **pray** make it **improbable**. [Sits on sofa.]

JACK.

My dear fellow, there is nothing improbable about my explanation at all. In fact it's perfectly ordinary. Old Mr. Thomas Cardew, who adopted me when I

Thesaurus

dentist: (*n*) dental surgeon, endodontist, exodontist, orthodontist, tooth doctor, toothdrawer.

improbable: (*adj*) implausible, impossible, incredible, unbelievable, fishy, questionable, inconceivable, impractical, unthinkable, absurd; (*adj, n*) marvelous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) probable, certain, plausible, truthful, ordinary, on, practical.

incomparable: (*adj, v*) superlative, sovereign; (*adj*) unparalleled, unique,

matchless, rare, excellent, unexampled, peerless, transcendent, unrivaled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ordinary, commonplace, abysmal, mediocre, unremarkable.

inform: (*v*) acquaint, impart, advise, enlighten, announce, tell, familiarize, explain, advertise, apprise, warn.

pray: (*v*) beg, implore, entreat, crave, invite, plead, beseech, appeal, importune, adjure, invoke. ANTONYM: (*v*) reject.

puts: (*n*) stocks, securities, preferred stock, common stock, bonds.

suspected: (*adj*) supposed, doubted, suspicious, suspicion, inspiring distrust, distrusted.

vulgar: (*adj*) rude, coarse, plebeian, nasty, common, foul, indecent, gross, unrefined; (*adj, n*) low, vile. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) refined, sophisticated, tasteful, polite, aesthetic, muted, fashionable, decent, artistic, pleasant, clean.

was a little boy, made me in his will guardian to his **grand**-daughter, Miss Cecily Cardew. Cecily, who **addresses** me as her uncle from motives of respect that you could not possibly appreciate, lives at my place in the country under the charge of her **admirable governess**, Miss Prism.

ALGERNON.

Where in that place in the country, by the way?

JACK.

That is nothing to you, dear boy. You are not going to be invited... I may tell you **candidly** that the place is not in Shropshire.

ALGERNON.

I suspected that, my dear fellow! I have Bunburied all over Shropshire on two separate occasions. Now, go on. Why are you Ernest in town and Jack in the country?

JACK.

My dear Algy, I don't know whether you will be able to understand my real motives. You are hardly serious enough. When one is placed in the position of guardian, one has to adopt a very high moral tone on all subjects. It's one's duty to do so. And as a high moral tone can hardly be said to **conduce** very much to either one's health or one's happiness, in order to get up to town I have always **pretended** to have a younger brother of the name of Ernest, who lives in the Albany, and **gets** into the most dreadful scrapes. That, my dear Algy, is the whole truth pure and simple.

ALGERNON.

The truth is rarely pure and never simple. Modern life would be very tedious if it were either, and modern literature a complete **impossibility**!

JACK.

That wouldn't be at all a bad thing.

ALGERNON.

Literary criticism is not your forte, my dear fellow. Don't try it. You should leave that to people who haven't been at a University. They do it so well in

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addresses: (*n*) wooing, suit, courtship.

admirable: (*adj*) fine, outstanding, beautiful, great, commendable, lovely, good, creditable, praiseworthy, worthy, grand.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) appalling, poor, unworthy, despicable, contemptible, detestable, dishonorable, rotten, unimpressive, loathsome, low.

candidly: (*adv*) openly, ingenuously, sincerely, outspokenly, honestly, forthrightly, straightforwardly,

plainly, bluntly, directly; (*adj, adv*)

freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) deceitfully, hesitantly, dishonestly, untruthfully, guardedly, ambiguously, shyly.

conduce: (*v*) go, lead, tend, concur, bestow, advance, redound, encourage, result, verge, extend.

gets: (*n*) getting.

governess: (*n*) chaperon, preceptress, nanny, trainer, tutor, professor, lecturer, rectoress, educator, reatrix,

instructress.

grand-daughter: (*n*) granddaughter.

impossibility: (*n*) impossibleness, option, nonexistence, absurdity, inability, impracticability, alternative, choice, contradiction, contradiction in terms, doubtfulness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) possibility, probability.

pretended: (*adj, v*) sham, mock, counterfeit, pseudo, spurious; (*adj*) assumed, fake, feigned, fictitious, bogus, affected.

the daily papers. What you really are is a Bunburyist. I was quite right in saying you were a Bunburyist. You are one of the most advanced Bunburyists I know.

JACK.

What on earth do you mean?

ALGERNON.

You have invented a very useful younger brother called Ernest, in order that you may be able to come up to town as often as you like. I have invented an **invaluable** permanent **invalid** called Bunbury, in order that I may be able to go down into the country whenever I choose. Bunbury is perfectly invaluable. If it wasn't for Bunbury's extraordinary bad health, for instance, I wouldn't be able to **dine** with you at Willis's to-night, for I have been really engaged to Aunt Augusta for more than a week.

JACK.

I haven't asked you to dine with me **anywhere** to-night.

ALGERNON.

I know. You are **absurdly careless** about sending out invitations. It is very foolish of you. Nothing annoys people so much as not receiving invitations.

JACK.

You had much better dine with your Aunt Augusta.

ALGERNON.

I haven't the **smallest** intention of doing anything of the kind. To begin with, I dined there on Monday, and once a week is quite enough to dine with one's own relations. In the second place, whenever I do dine there I am always treated as a member of the family, and sent down with either no woman at all, or two. In the third place, I know perfectly well whom she will place me next to, to-night. She will place me next Mary Farquhar, who always flirts with her own husband across the dinner-table. That is not very pleasant. Indeed, it is not even decent... and that sort of thing is enormously on the increase. The amount of women in London who flirt with their own

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absurdly: (*adv*) ridiculously, foolishly, ludicrously, nonsensically, idiotically, silly, stupidly, inconsistently, comically, illogically, irrationally. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) solemnly, impressively, rationally, harmoniously.
anywhere: (*adv, n*) anyplace; (*adv*) someplace, wherever, everywhere.
careless: (*adj*) forgetful, inattentive, insouciant, haphazard, cursory, reckless, lax, unwary, sloppy; (*adj*,

adv) thoughtless; (*adj, v*) heedless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cautious, prudent, meticulous, thoughtful, diligent, attentive, thorough, wary, guarded, methodical, strict.
dine: (*v*) feed, lunch, breakfast, dining, meal, give, have supper, take tea, grub, consume, entertain.
 ANTONYM: (*v*) abstain.
invalid: (*adj*) false, illogical, unreasonable, null, weak, void, unhealthy, sick, flawed; (*n*) infirm; (*v*)

disable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) valid, legitimate, current, healthy, true, watertight, correct.
invaluable: (*adj*) valuable, inestimable, incalculable, precious, costly, rare, unvalued, beyond price, unvaluable, serviceable, unprizable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dispensable.
smallest: (*adj*) least, minimal, littlest, lowest, last, first, negligible, smallest number of, bottom, littler. ANTONYM: (*adj*) maximum.

husbands is perfectly **scandalous**. It looks so bad. It in simply washing one's clean **linen** in public. Besides, now that I know you to be a confirmed Bunburyist I naturally want to talk to you about Bunburying. I want to tell you the rules.

JACK.

I'm not a Bunburyist at all. If Gwendolen accepts me, I am going to kill my brother, indeed I think I'll kill him in any case. Cecily is a little too much interested in him. It is rather a bore. So I am going to get rid of Ernest. And I strongly advise you to do the same with Mr... with your invalid friend who has the absurd name.

ALGERNON.

Nothing will **induce** me to part with Bunbury, and if you ever get married, which seems to me extremely **problematic**, you will be very glad to know Bunbury. A man who marries without knowing Bunbury has a very **tedious** time of it.

JACK.

That is nonsense. If I marry a charming girl like Gwendolen, and she is the only girl I ever saw in my life that I would marry, I certainly won't want to know Bunbury.

ALGERNON.

Then your wife will. You don't seem to realise, that in married life three is company and two is none.

JACK.

[Sententiously.] That, my dear young friend, is the theory that the **corrupt** French Drama has been propounding for the last fifty years.

ALGERNON.

Yes; and that the happy English home has proved in half the time.

JACK.

For heaven's sake, don't try to be cynical. It's perfectly easy to be cynical.

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corrupt: (*adj, v*) adulterate, taint, infect, rotten, canker; (*adj, n, v*) contaminate, poison; (*v*) bribe, debase, defile; (*adj*) impure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) moral, pure, principled, ethical, honorable, wholesome, virtuous, uncorrupt, truthful; (*v*) purify; (*adj, v*) clean.
induce: (*v*) generate, tempt, cause, impel, bring, create, draw, engender, beget, get, infer. ANTONYMS: (*v*) prevent, restrain.
linen: (*n*) fabric, flax, lingerie, doily,

doyley, doily, cambric, underwear, underclothes, hemp; (*v*) muslin.
problematic: (*adj*) difficult, debatable, doubtful, moot, troublesome, knotty, questionable, unsettled, disputable, fishy, problematical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) simple, straightforward, convenient, indisputable.
scandalous: (*adj*) infamous, disgraceful, ignominious, outrageous, opprobrious, shocking, disreputable, disgusting,

dishonorable; (*adj, v*) base, foul.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) proper, seemly, honorable, appealing, complimentary, reputable, admirable.
tedious: (*adj*) tiresome, boring, dreary, slow, heavy, humdrum, irksome, lifeless; (*adj, v*) monotonous, arid, dry. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) exciting, varied, easy, readable, lively, entertaining, enthralling, brisk, concise, exotic, pleasant.

ALGERNON.

My dear fellow, it isn't easy to be anything **nowadays**. There's such a lot of **beastly** competition about. [The sound of an electric **bell** is heard.] Ah! that must be Aunt Augusta. Only **relatives**, or creditors, ever ring in that Wagnerian manner. Now, if I get her out of the way for ten minutes, so that you can have an opportunity for proposing to Gwendolen, may I dine with you to-night at Willis's?

JACK.

I suppose so, if you want to.

ALGERNON.

Yes, but you must be serious about it. I hate people who are not serious about **meals**. It is so **shallow** of them.

[Enter LANE, LADY BRACKNELL, and MISS FAIRFAX. ALGERNON goes forward to meet them. Enter LADY BRACKNELL and GWENDOLEN.]

LADY BRACKNELL.

Good afternoon, dear Algernon, I hope you are behaving very well.

ALGERNON.

I'm feeling very well, Aunt Augusta.

LADY BRACKNELL.

That's not quite the same thing. In fact the two things rarely go together. [Sees JACK and bows to him with icy coldness.]

ALGERNON.

[To GWENDOLEN.] Dear me, you are **smart**!

GWENDOLEN.

I am always smart! Am I not, Mr. Worthing?

JACK.

You're quite perfect, Miss Fairfax.

GWENDOLEN.

Oh! I hope I am not that. It would leave no room for developments, and I

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beastly: (*adj*) animal, disgusting, horrid, bestial, brute; (*adv*, *v*) nasty, abominable, offensive; (*adv*) ugly, brutally, brutally. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) civilized, cultured, kind, good, refined, humane, inoffensive; (*adj*) lovely, pleasant.

bell: (*n*, *v*) chime; (*n*) gong, Alexander Graham Bell, ring, doorbell, handbell, tocsin, alarum, Alexander Bell, buzz, angelus.

meals: (*n*) nourishment, fare, food,

meal, the food we eat, provisions.

nowadays: (*adv*) currently, presently, at present, at the moment, immediately; (*adv*, *n*) today; (*adj*, *n*) present; (*n*) moment, modern times, these days, nonce. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) formerly, then.

relatives: (*n*) relations, kindred, kin, kinsfolk, kinfolk, relationship, affinity, relation, folks, intimates, house.

shallow: (*adj*) superficial, low, cursory,

petty, little, sketchy, flimsy, frivolous, simple, surface, perfunctory.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bottomless, profound, intense, pensive, serious, inner, weighty.

smart: (*adj*, *n*) sharp, quick, bright; (*n*, *v*) pain; (*adj*) shrewd, crafty, sly, dapper, prompt, astute, intelligent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stupid, scruffy, unkempt, dim, shabby, slow, naive, unfashionable, unstylish, unintelligent, thick.

intend to develop in many **directions**. [GWENDOLEN and JACK sit down together in the corner.]

LADY BRACKNELL.

I'm sorry if we are a little late, Algernon, but I was **obliged** to call on dear Lady Harbury. I hadn't been there since her poor husband's death. I never saw a woman so **altered**; she looks quite **twenty** years younger. And now I'll have a cup of tea, and one of those nice cucumber sandwiches you promised me.

ALGERNON.

Certainly, Aunt Augusta. [Goes over to tea-table.]

LADY BRACKNELL.

Won't you come and sit here, Gwendolen?

GWENDOLEN.

Thanks, **mamma**, I'm quite comfortable where I am.

ALGERNON.

[Picking up empty **plate** in horror.] Good heavens! Lane! Why are there no cucumber sandwiches? I ordered them **specialy**.

LANE.

[Gravely.] There were no **cucumbers** in the market this morning, sir. I went down **twice**.

ALGERNON.

No cucumbers!

LANE.

No, sir. Not even for ready money.

ALGERNON.

That will do, Lane, thank you.

LANE.

Thank you, sir. [Goes out.]

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altered: (*adj*) transformed, changed, diversified, varied, distorted, affected, castrated, malformed, misrepresented, misshapen; (*v*) battered. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unaltered, unadjusted.

cucumbers: (*n*) melon vine, melon, Cucumis, cantaloupes.

directions: (*n*) advice, instruction, guidance, instructions, briefing, commands, orders, will.

intend: (*v*) destine, design, mean, aim,

determine, denote, contemplate, plan, purpose, consider, believe. ANTONYM: (*v*) improvise.

mamma: (*n*) breast, mother, ma, knocker, boob, mum, mammy, mom, momma, mommy, mummy.

obliged: (*adj*) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable, compelled; (*adj, v*) bound, under obligation; (*adj, prep*) indebted; (*v*) oblige, binding. ANTONYM: (*adj*) ungrateful.

plate: (*v*) gild, cover, coat; (*n, v*) sheet, dish, leaf; (*n*) home plate, home, engraving, lamella, disc.

specialy: (*adv*) especially, peculiarly, specifically, extraordinarily, exceptionally, unusually, exclusively, expressly, in particular, particular, distinctively. ANTONYM: (*adv*) generally.

twice: (*adv*) doubly, bis, two times, in two ways, once more; (*adj*) twenty.

went: (*v*) walked, proceeded.

ALGERNON.

I am greatly **distressed**, Aunt Augusta, about there being no cucumbers, not even for ready money.

LADY BRACKNELL.

It really makes no matter, Algernon. I had some crumpets with Lady Harbury, who seems to me to be living entirely for pleasure now.

ALGERNON.

I hear her hair has turned quite gold from **grief**.

LADY BRACKNELL.

It certainly has changed its colour. From what cause I, of course, cannot say. [ALGERNON crosses and hands tea.] Thank you. I've quite a treat for you to-night, Algernon. I am going to send you down with Mary Farquhar. She is such a nice woman, and so **attentive** to her husband. It's delightful to watch them.

ALGERNON.

I am afraid, Aunt Augusta, I shall have to give up the pleasure of dining with you to-night after all.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Frowning.] I hope not, Algernon. It would put my table completely out. Your uncle would have to dine upstairs. Fortunately he is **accustomed** to that.

ALGERNON.

It is a great bore, and, I need hardly say, a terrible disappointment to me, but the fact is I have just had a **telegram** to say that my poor friend Bunbury is very ill again. [**Exchanges** glances with JACK.] They seem to think I should be with him.

LADY BRACKNELL.

It is very strange. This Mr. Bunbury seems to suffer from curiously bad health.

ALGERNON.

Yes; poor Bunbury is a dreadful invalid.

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accustomed: (*adj, n*) habitual; (*adj*) familiar, normal, wonted, usual, natural, everyday, ordinary, habituated, common, traditional. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unusual, green, unseasoned, unconventional, untrained, abnormal, uncharacteristic, exceptional. **attentive:** (*adj*) assiduous, diligent, heedful, watchful, observant, advertent, mindful, careful, aware, alert, respectful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

unfocused, negligent, neglectful, forgetful, heedless, unobservant, rude, unprepared, unconscious, uncaring, inconsiderate. **distressed:** (*adj*) worried, distraught, anxious, sad, disturbed, downcast, hurt, distracted, wretched, shocked, troubled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) composed, content, euphoric, happy, comforted, glad, joyful, collected, unconcerned, unaffected. **exchanges:** (*n*) communications,

relations, interactions. **grief:** (*adj, n, v*) affliction; (*n*) dolor, anguish, distress, agony, pain, wound, chagrin, concern; (*n, v*) regret; (*adj*) sore. ANTONYMS: (*n*) joy, happiness, comfort, content, peace. **telegram:** (*n*) cablegram, wire, telegraph, message, letter telegram, report, overseas telegram, news, marconigram, embassy, conducting wire.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Well, I must say, Algernon, that I think it is high time that Mr. Bunbury made up his mind whether he was going to live or to die. This shilly-shallying with the question is absurd. Nor do I in any way approve of the modern sympathy with invalids. I consider it **morbid**. Illness of any kind is hardly a thing to be encouraged in others. Health is the primary duty of life. I am always telling that to your poor uncle, but he never seems to take much notice... as far as any improvement in his **ailment** goes. I should be much obliged if you would ask Mr. Bunbury, from me, to be kind enough not to have a **relapse** on Saturday, for I rely on you to arrange my music for me. It is my last reception, and one wants something that will encourage conversation, particularly at the end of the season when every one has practically said whatever they had to say, which, in most cases, was probably not much.

ALGERNON.

I'll speak to Bunbury, Aunt Augusta, if he is still conscious, and I think I can promise you he'll be all right by Saturday. Of course the music is a great difficulty. You see, if one plays good music, people don't listen, and if one plays bad music people don't talk. But I'll run over the programme I've drawn out, if you will kindly come into the next room for a moment.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Thank you, Algernon. It is very **thoughtful** of you. [Rising, and following ALGERNON.] I'm sure the programme will be delightful, after a few expurgations. French songs I cannot possibly allow. People always seem to think that they are **improper**, and either look shocked, which is vulgar, or laugh, which is worse. But German sounds a thoroughly respectable language, and indeed, I believe is so. Gwendolen, you will **accompany** me.

GWENDOLEN.

Certainly, mamma.

[LADY BRACKNELL and ALGERNON go into the music-room, GWENDOLEN remains behind.]

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accompany: (*v*) attend, follow, companion, guide, company, lead, walk, associate, consort, conduct, concur. ANTONYMS: (*v*) desert, abandon, leave.
ailment: (*n*) complaint, affection, disease, trouble, condition, ill, disorder, sickness, affliction; (*adj*, *n*) infirmity; (*v*) distemper.
improper: (*adj*) false, illicit, illegitimate, unsuitable, wrong, indecent, bad, coarse, amiss, faulty;

(*adj*, *v*) indecorous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) suitable, fitting, polite, acceptable, sensitive, moral, correct, dignified, lawful, clean, honest.
morbid: (*adj*) diseased, gruesome, macabre, corrupt, pathologic, unwholesome, peccant, sick, unhealthy, pathological; (*adj*, *v*) sickly.
relapse: (*n*, *v*) regress, decline, fall; (*n*) recidivism, recurrence, regression, deterioration; (*v*) backslide, revert,

recur, deteriorate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) improve, recover, progress; (*n*) improvement, recovery, regeneration.
thoughtful: (*adj*, *v*) serious, solemn, grave; (*adj*) kind, careful, pensive, heedful, attentive, discreet, sensible, courteous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thoughtless, careless, heedless, uncaring, unkind, tactless, superficial, stupid, negligent, idiotic, unthinking.

JACK.

Charming day it has been, Miss Fairfax.

GWENDOLEN.

Pray don't talk to me about the weather, Mr. Worthing. **Whenever** people talk to me about the weather, I always feel quite certain that they mean something else. And that makes me so nervous.

JACK.

I do mean something else.

GWENDOLEN.

I thought so. In fact, I am never wrong.

JACK.

And I would like to be allowed to take advantage of Lady Bracknell's temporary absence...

GWENDOLEN.

I would certainly advise you to do so. Mamma has a way of coming back suddenly into a room that I have often had to speak to her about.

JACK.

[Nervously.] Miss Fairfax, ever since I met you I have admired you more than any girl... I have ever met since... I met you.

GWENDOLEN.

Yes, I am quite well aware of the fact. And I often wish that in public, at any rate, you had been more **demonstrative**. For me you have always had an **irresistible** fascination. Even before I met you I was far from **indifferent** to you. [JACK looks at her in amazement.] We live, as I hope you know, Mr Worthing, in an age of **ideals**. The fact is constantly mentioned in the more expensive monthly magazines, and has reached the provincial pulpits, I am told; and my ideal has always been to love some one of the name of Ernest. There is something in that name that inspires absolute confidence. The moment Algernon first mentioned to me that he had a friend called Ernest, I knew I was **destined** to love you.

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demonstrative: (*adj, v*) characteristic, typical; (*adj*) outgoing, explanatory, expansive, demonstrable, effusive, illustrative, indicative, expressive; (*n*) demonstrative pronoun.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cold, undemonstrative, shy, unemotional, restrained, inexpressive, inconclusive, impassive, distant, cool, mysterious.
destined: (*adj, v*) bound, fated; (*adj*) predetermined, sure, inescapable,

intended, predestined, inevitable, prepared, foreordained, appointed.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unscheduled, unlikely.
ideals: (*n*) morality, principle, standard, standards, ethics, principles.
indifferent: (*adj*) apathetic, impassive, cold, cool, callous, fair, insensible, unconcerned, careless, dull, average.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) enthusiastic, fervent, keen, obsessive, energetic,

eager, involved, surprised, exceptional, concerned, shocked.
irresistible: (*adj, v*) resistless, invincible, irrefragable, irrefutable, overpowering, overwhelming, impregnable, indomitable, charming, fascinating; (*adj, v*) uncontrollable.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) resistible, insignificant, unappealing, weak.
whenever: (*n*) anytime, convenience; (*adv*) always, where'er. ANTONYM: (*adv*) immediately.

JACK.

You really love me, Gwendolen?

GWENDOLEN.

Passionately!

JACK.

Darling! You don't know how happy you've made me.

GWENDOLEN.

My own Ernest!

JACK.

But you don't really mean to say that you couldn't love me if my name wasn't Ernest?

GWENDOLEN.

But your name is Ernest.

JACK.

Yes, I know it is. But **supposing** it was something else? Do you mean to say you couldn't love me then?

GWENDOLEN.

[Glibly.] Ah! that is clearly a **metaphysical speculation**, and like most metaphysical speculations has very little reference at all to the actual facts of real life, as we know them.

JACK.

Personally, **darling**, to speak quite candidly, I don't much care about the name of Ernest... I don't think the name suits me at all.

GWENDOLEN.

It suits you perfectly. It is a **divine** name. It has a music of its own. It produces **vibrations**.

JACK.

Well, really, Gwendolen, I must say that I think there are lots of other much nicer names. I think Jack, for **instance**, a charming name.

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darling: (*adj, n*) beloved, pet, favorite, sweet; (*adj*) costly, cute, pretty; (*adj, v*) precious; (*n*) love, deary, angel.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) foe, rival.
divine: (*adj*) sacred, wonderful, blessed, holy, exquisite; (*n*) clergyman; (*v*) guess, conjecture, augur, anticipate; (*adj, n*) almighty.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) imperfect, profane, earthly, dreadful, physical, ugly, secular.

instance: (*n*) exemplar, case, time,

illustration, sample, affair, pattern, chance, cause; (*v*) exemplify, illustrate.

metaphysical: (*adj*) theoretical, supernatural, mental, immaterial, mystical, nooscopic, abstract, metaphysic, subjective, unworldly, theological. ANTONYM: (*adj*) empirical.

speculation: (*n*) guess, venture, reflection, meditation, guesswork, gamble, supposition, theory, surmise,

adventure, conjecture. ANTONYM: (*n*) fact.

supposing: (*adv*) admitting, conditionally, in case; (*n*) supposition, conjecture, thought, theory, assumption; (*conj*) although, what if; (*v*) suppose.

vibrations: (*n*) vibes, atmosphere, ambiance, premonition, undercurrent, feelings, vibraharp, vibraphone, ambience.

GWENDOLEN.

Jack?... No, there is very little music in the name Jack, if any at all, indeed. It does not **thrill**. It produces absolutely no vibrations... I have known several Jacks, and they all, without exception, were more than usually plain. Besides, Jack is a **notorious domesticity** for John! And I pity any woman who is married to a man **called** John. She would probably never be allowed to know the **entrancing** pleasure of a single moment's **solitude**. The only really safe name is Ernest

JACK.

Gwendolen, I must get christened at once - I mean we must get married at once. There is no time to be lost.

GWENDOLEN.

Married, Mr. Worthing?

JACK.

[Astounded.] Well... surely. You know that I love you, and you led me to believe, Miss Fairfax, that you were not absolutely indifferent to me.

GWENDOLEN.

I **adore** you. But you haven't proposed to me yet. Nothing has been said at all about marriage. The subject has not even been touched on.

JACK.

Well... may I propose to you now?

GWENDOLEN.

I think it would be an admirable opportunity. And to spare you any possible disappointment, Mr. Worthing, I think it only fair to tell you quite frankly before-hand that I am fully determined to accept you.

JACK.

Gwendolen!

GWENDOLEN.

Yes, Mr. Worthing, what have you got to say to me?

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adore: (*v*) worship, idolize, admire, glorify, cherish, appreciate; (*n, v*) honor; (*adj*) adoring, worshipping, worshipping; (*adv*) adoringly.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) detest, despise, condemn, loathe, disrespect, abhor, scorn.
called: (*adj*) named, titled, chosen, known as; (*v*) nempt, cycleped.
domesticity: (*n*) comfortableness, coarseness, cosiness, homeliness, activity, coziness.

entrancing: (*adj, v*) captivating, enthralling, bewitching, fascinating, charming, attractive, magnetic, glamorous, tempting, engaging, enticing. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) boring.
notorious: (*adj, v*) notable; (*adj*) known, infamous, illustrious, disreputable, flagrant, egregious, prominent, celebrated, noted; (*adj, n*) errant. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) anonymous, reputable, famous.
solitude: (*n*) desolation, loneliness,

seclusion, privacy, aloneness, isolation, retirement, lonesomeness, retreat, desert, solitariness.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) companionship, closeness.
thrill: (*n, v*) delight, shudder, quiver, shiver; (*v*) excite, exhilarate, exalt, stir; (*n*) shake, excitement, chill.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) dishearten, discourage, disappoint, displease; (*n*) depression, calm, boredom, agony, sorrow; (*n, v*) bore.

JACK.

You know what I have got to say to you.

GWENDOLEN.

Yes, but you don't say it.

JACK.

Gwendolen, will you marry me? [Goes on his knees.]

GWENDOLEN.

Of course I will, darling. How long you have been about it! I am afraid you have had very little experience in how to propose.

JACK.

My own one, I have never **loved** any one in the world but you.

GWENDOLEN.

Yes, but men often propose for practice. I know my brother Gerald does. All my girl-friends tell me so. What **wonderfully** blue eyes you have, Ernest! They are quite, quite, blue. I hope you will always look at me just like that, especially when there are other people present. [Enter LADY BRACKNELL.]

LADY BRACKNELL.

Mr. Worthing! Rise, sir, from this semi-recumbent **posture**. It is most **indecorous**.

GWENDOLEN.

Mamma! [He tries to rise; she restrains him.] I must beg you to **retire**. This is no place for you. Besides, Mr. Worthing has not quite finished yet.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Finished what, may I ask?

GWENDOLEN.

I am engaged to Mr. Worthing, mamma. [They rise together.]

LADY BRACKNELL.

Pardon me, you are not engaged to any one. When you do become engaged to some one, I, or your father, should his health **permit** him, will inform you

Thesaurus

indecorous: (*adj*) indecent, unbecoming, impolite, unseemly, coarse, indelicate, inappropriate, untoward, immodest, unsuitable, tasteless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) polite, decorous, proper, dignified, correct, decent.

loved: (*adj*) beloved, pet, cherished, precious, liked, adored, respected, treasured, esteemed, valued; (*n*) darling. ANTONYM: (*adj*) hated.

permit: (*adj, n, v*) give, allow, consent;

(*adj, v*) grant; (*n, v*) license, leave; (*v*) admit, let, bear; (*n*) licence, permission. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) ban; (*v*) prevent, prohibit, stop, refuse, veto, outlaw, disagree, debar, bar; (*n*) prohibition.

posture: (*n*) attitude, condition, stance, deportment, aspect, circumstance, manner, figure, mien; (*n, v*) pose, place.

retire: (*v*) resign, retreat, withdraw, leave, abdicate, ebb, depart, turn in,

fall back, hit the hay, go to bed. ANTONYMS: (*v*) remain, enter.

wonderfully: (*adv*) superbly, astonishingly, terrifically, magnificently, fantastically, marvellously, wondrously, amazingly, excellently; (*adj, adv*) strangely, famously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) awfully, unpleasantly, poorly, abysmally, unremarkably, mildly, horribly, badly, incompetently.

of the fact. An **engagement** should come on a young girl as a surprise, pleasant or unpleasant, as the case may be. It is hardly a matter that she could be allowed to arrange for herself... And now I have a few questions to put to you, Mr. Worthing. While I am making these **inquiries**, you, Gwendolen, will wait for me below in the **carriage**.

GWENDOLEN.

[Reproachfully.] Mamma!

LADY BRACKNELL.

In the carriage, Gwendolen! [GWENDOLEN goes to the door. She and JACK blow kisses to each other behind LADY BRACKNELL'S back. LADY BRACKNELL looks **vaguely** about as if she could not understand what the noise was. Finally turns round.] Gwendolen, the carriage!

GWENDOLEN.

Yes, mamma. [Goes out, looking back at JACK.]

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Sitting down.] You can take a seat, Mr. Worthing.

[Looks in her pocket for note-book and pencil.]

JACK.

Thank you, Lady Bracknell, I prefer standing.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Pencil and note-book in hand.] I feel bound to tell you that you are not down on my list of eligible young men, although I have the same list as the dear Duchess of Bolton has. We work together, in fact. However, I am quite ready to enter your name, should your **answers** be what a really **affectionate** mother requires. Do you smoke?

JACK.

Well, yes, I must admit I smoke.

LADY BRACKNELL.

I am glad to hear it. A man should always have an occupation of some kind. There are far too many **idle** men in London as it is. How old are you?

Thesaurus

affectionate: (*adj*) fond, tender, kind, mild, devoted, ardent, warm, cordial, caring, brotherly; (*adj, adv*) fatherly.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncaring, callous, undemonstrative, aloof, cool, disapproving, reserved, antagonistic, paternal, rough.
answers: (*n*) replies; (*adj*) answering.
carriage: (*n*) attitude, conveyance, cab, air, walk, position, mien, shipping; (*n, v*) transport, behavior, port.
engagement: (*n, v*) combat, battle,

action, fight, contest; (*n*) conflict, commitment, appointment, contract, duty, date. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) disengagement.
idle: (*adj*) lazy, indolent, inactive, free, unfounded, fruitless, baseless, groundless, frivolous, empty, disengaged. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) active, employed, industrious, energetic, meaningful, productive, worthwhile, diligent; (*v*) change, run, work.

inquiries: (*n*) investigation, examination, study, enquiries, enquiry, inquiry, exploration.
vaguely: (*adv*) hazily, faintly, indistinctly, ambiguously, dimly, mistily, unclearly, loosely, shadowily, indeterminately, obscurely.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) clearly, definitely, unmistakably, exactly, closely, distinctly, alertly, calmly, considerably, intelligibly.

JACK.

Twenty-nine.

LADY BRACKNELL.

A very good age to be married at. I have always been of opinion that a man who **desires** to get married should know either everything or nothing. Which do you know?

JACK.

[After some hesitation.] I know nothing, Lady Bracknell.

LADY BRACKNELL.

I am pleased to hear it. I do not approve of anything that tampers with natural ignorance. Ignorance is like a delicate **exotic** fruit; touch it and the **bloom** is gone. The whole theory of modern education is **radically unsound**. Fortunately in England, at any rate, education produces no effect whatsoever. If it did, it would prove a serious danger to the upper classes, and probably lead to acts of violence in Grosvenor Square. What is your income?

JACK.

Between seven and eight thousand a year.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Makes a note in her book.] In land, or in **investments**?

JACK.

In investments, **chiefly**.

LADY BRACKNELL.

That is satisfactory. What between the duties expected of one during one's **lifetime**, and the duties exacted from one after one's death, land has ceased to be either a profit or a pleasure. It gives one position, and prevents one from keeping it up. That's all that can be said about land.

JACK.

I have a country house with some land, of course, attached to it, about fifteen hundred acres, I believe; but I don't depend on that for my real income. In

Thesaurus

bloom: (*adj, n, v*) flower; (*v*) prosper, flourish, thrive, burgeon; (*adj, v*) blow, fructify; (*n*) prime, blush, flush, bud. ANTONYMS: (*v*) shrivel, struggle, wane, die, deteriorate, decrease; (*n*) pallor, withering.
chiefly: (*adv*) principally, primarily, above all, especially, headly, mostly, largely, primely, predominantly; (*adj, adv*) mainly, particularly.
 ANTONYM: (*adv*) partially.
desires: (*n*) requirements, needs.

exotic: (*adj*) alien, foreign, strange, outlandish, unusual, extraneous, different, odd, curious, extrinsic, unknown. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) familiar, ordinary, usual, native.
investments: (*n*) funds, money, assets, cash, savings, capital.
lifetime: (*n*) life, life span, lifespan, life expectancy, generation, hour, decade, day, time, animation; (*adj*) lifelong.
radically: (*adv*) essentially, fundamentally, revolutionarily,

basically, completely, drastically, ultraly, exhaustively, extremely, originally, primarily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) modestly, slightly, insignificantly, superficially.
unsound: (*adj*) false, shaky, fallacious, faulty, rotten, unreliable, invalid, unsafe, imperfect, unreasonable, weak. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) valid, sound, well, safe, steady, strong, logical, watertight, stable, good, perfect.

fact, as far as I can make out, the poachers are the only people who make anything out of it.

LADY BRACKNELL.

A country house! How many bedrooms? Well, that point can be **cleared** up afterwards. You have a town house, I hope? A girl with a simple, **unspoiled** nature, like Gwendolen, could hardly be expected to **reside** in the country.

JACK.

Well, I own a house in Belgrave Square, but it is let by the year to Lady Bloxham. Of course, I can get it back whenever I like, at six months' notice.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Lady Bloxham? I don't know her.

JACK.

Oh, she goes about very little. She is a lady considerably advanced in years.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Ah, nowadays that is no **guarantee** of **respectability** of character. What number in Belgrave Square?

JACK.

149.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Shaking her head.] The **unfashionable** side. I thought there was something. However, that could easily be altered.

JACK.

Do you mean the fashion, or the side?

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Sternly.] Both, if necessary, I **presume**. What are your politics?

JACK.

Well, I am afraid I really have none. I am a Liberal Unionist.

Thesaurus

cleared: (*adj*) absolved, clean, empty, exculpated, bleak, innocent, exempt, vindicated, exonerated, guiltless, let off. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) full, uncleared, guilty.

guarantee: (*n*) guaranty, bail, assurance, bond; (*n, v*) warranty, assure, warrant, pledge, promise, engage; (*v*) certify.

jack: (*n*) flag, jackass, mariner, fellow, jackfruit, sailor, jackscrew, socket, blue Peter, amberfish, crevalle jack.

presume: (*v*) dare, consider, believe, think, infer, guess, expect, esteem, conclude, suppose, conjecture.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) appreciate, despair, speculate.

reside: (*adj, v*) inhabit, dwell; (*v*) exist, occupy, remain, live, belong, abide, lodge, populate, lie.

respectability: (*n*) reputation, propriety, reputability, decorum, honesty, honourableness, gentility, dignity, repute, politeness; (*adj*)

respectableness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) decadence, indecency, immorality.

unfashionable: (*adj*) dowdy, unstylish, behind the times, old, out of fashion, outdated, old-fashioned, antiquated, out, styleless, unconventional.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) in, trendy, fresh.

unspoiled: (*adj*) pure, unspoilt, uncorrupted, virtuous, estimable, flawless, fresh, fine, financially sound, fresher, expert. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flawed, impure, marred, soiled.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Oh, they count as Tories. They dine with us. Or come in the evening, at any rate. Now to minor matters. Are your parents living?

JACK.

I have lost both my parents.

LADY BRACKNELL.

To lose one parent, Mr. Worthing, may be **regarded** as a **misfortune**; to lose both looks like **carelessness**. Who was your father? He was evidently a man of some wealth. Was he born in what the Radical papers call the **purple** of commerce, or did he rise from the **ranks** of the **aristocracy**?

JACK.

I am afraid I really don't know. The fact is, Lady Bracknell, I said I had lost my parents. It would be nearer the truth to say that my parents seem to have lost me... I don't actually know who I am by birth. I was... well, I was found.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Found!

JACK.

The late Mr. Thomas Cardew, an old gentleman of a very charitable and kindly **disposition**, found me, and gave me the name of Worthing, because he happened to have a first-class ticket for Worthing in his pocket at the time. Worthing is a place in Sussex. It is a **seaside** resort.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Where did the charitable gentleman who had a first-class ticket for this seaside resort find you?

JACK.

[Gravely.] In a hand-bag.

LADY BRACKNELL.

A hand-bag?

Thesaurus

aristocracy: (*n*) gentry, nobility, peerage, gentility, aristarchy, elite, landed gentry, upper crust, great folks, nobles, patricians.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) people, plebeians, rabble, riffraff.

carelessness: (*n*) negligence, inattention, indifference, nonchalance, thoughtlessness, abandon, incaution, disregard, omission, forgetfulness, dereliction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) attention, caution,

alertness, vigilance, carefulness, thoughtfulness, assiduousness, economy, regard, prudence, forethought.

disposition: (*n*) attitude, character, disposal, tendency, predisposition, inclination, propensity, bias, arrangement, direction, aptitude.

misfortune: (*n*) accident, hardship, misadventure, disaster, calamity, mischance, catastrophe, mishap, bad luck, misery, affliction. ANTONYMS:

(*n*) joy, bonus, opportunity, privilege, success, happiness.

purple: (*adj*) violet, lilac, imperial, regal, royal; (*adj, n*) empurpled; (*v*) empurple; (*n*) magenta, purpleness, ermine, pall.

ranks: (*n*) rank and file.

regarded: (*adj*) reputed.

seaside: (*adj, n*) seaboard; (*n*) beach, seashore, shore, coastline, sand, sea, seabeach; (*adj*) seacoast, coastal, maritime.

JACK.

[Very seriously.] Yes, Lady Bracknell. I was in a hand-bag - a somewhat large, black leather hand-bag, with handles to it - an ordinary hand-bag in fact.

LADY BRACKNELL.

In what **locality** did this Mr. James, or Thomas, Cardew come across this ordinary hand-bag?

JACK.

In the cloak-room at Victoria Station. It was given to him in mistake for his own.

LADY BRACKNELL.

The cloak-room at Victoria Station?

JACK.

Yes. The Brighton line.

LADY BRACKNELL.

The line is **immaterial**. Mr. Worthing, I **confess** I feel somewhat **bewildered** by what you have just told me. To be born, or at any rate bred, in a hand-bag, whether it had handles or not, seems to me to display a contempt for the ordinary **decencies** of family life that reminds one of the worst excesses of the French Revolution. And I presume you know what that unfortunate movement led to? As for the particular locality in which the hand-bag was found, a cloak-room at a railway station might serve to **conceal** a social **indiscretion** - has probably, indeed, been used for that purpose before now - but it could hardly be regarded as an assured basis for a recognised position in good society.

JACK.

May I ask you then what you would advise me to do? I need hardly say I would do anything in the world to ensure Gwendolen's happiness.

LADY BRACKNELL.

I would strongly advise you, Mr. Worthing, to try and acquire some relations

Thesaurus

bewildered: (*adj*) bemused, confused, confounded, perplexed, befuddled, puzzled, dumbfounded, taken aback, addled, disoriented; (*adj, v*) lost.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unimpressed, clear, oriented, precise, understanding, alert.
conceal: (*v*) hide, disguise, bury, screen, cloak, smother, shield, suppress, mask, obscure; (*n, v*) veil.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) reveal, show, expose, divulge, clarify, uncover,

disclose, tell, admit, spotlight, flaunt.
confess: (*adj, v*) own, allow, admit, avow; (*v*) concede, profess, recognize, divulge, disclose, reveal, receive.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) suppress, hide, dispute, conceal, repress, harbor.
decencies: (*n*) decency.
immaterial: (*adj*) insignificant, inconsequential, irrelevant, disembodied, incorporeal, trivial, bodiless, spiritual, unimportant, extraneous, psychic. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) significant, material, corporeal, physical, tangible, important.
indiscretion: (*n*) foolishness, fault, rashness, inconsideration, carelessness, injudiciousness, faux pas, hastiness, indiscreetness, flippancy; (*adj, n*) temerity.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) discretion, diplomacy, forethought.
locality: (*n*) vicinity, area, place, spot, position, district, point, region, stead, section; (*n, v*) quarter.

as soon as possible, and to make a definite effort to produce at any rate one parent, of either sex, before the season is quite over.

JACK.

Well, I don't see how I could possibly manage to do that. I can produce the hand-bag at any moment. It is in my dressing-room at home. I really think that should satisfy you, Lady Bracknell.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Me, sir! What has it to do with me? You can hardly imagine that I and Lord Bracknell would dream of allowing our only daughter - a girl brought up with the utmost care - to marry into a cloak-room, and form an alliance with a parcel? Good morning, Mr. Worthing!

[LADY BRACKNELL **sweeps** out in **majestic** indignation.]

JACK.

Good morning! [ALGERNON, from the other room, strikes up the Wedding March. Jack looks perfectly furious, and goes to the door.] For goodness' sake don't play that **ghastly** tune, Algy. How **idiotic** you are!

[The music stops and ALGERNON enters cheerily.]

ALGERNON.

Didn't it go off all right, old boy? You don't mean to say Gwendolen refused you? I know it is a way she has. She is always **refusing** people. I think it is most **ill-natured** of her.

JACK.

Oh, Gwendolen is as right as a **trivet**. As far as she is concerned, we are engaged. Her mother is perfectly **unbearable**. Never met such a Gorgon... I don't really know what a Gorgon is like, but I am quite sure that Lady Bracknell is one. In any case, she is a monster, without being a myth, which is rather unfair... I beg your pardon, Algy, I suppose I shouldn't talk about your own aunt in that way before you.

ALGERNON.

My dear boy, I love hearing my relations abused. It is the only thing that

Thesaurus

ghastly: (*adj*) awful, fearful, cadaverous, dreadful, grisly, gruesome, macabre, hideous, appalling, atrocious; (*adv*) gruesomely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wonderful, lovely, attractive, delightful.

idiotic: (*adj*) absurd, foolish, fatuous, imbecile, crazy, stupid, ridiculous, mindless, silly, unwise, daft. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wise, genius, clever.

ill-natured: (*adj*) cantankerous, peevish, sour, surly, catty, crabbed, gruff, disagreeable, malignant, malicious, malevolent.

majestic: (*adj*) grand, awesome, stately, imperial, royal, exalted, glorious, kingly, August; (*adj, v*) imposing; (*adj, adv*) regal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pathetic, pitiful, modest, lowly, undignified.

refusing: (*adj*) negative, dismissive, denying, recusative, noncompliant.

sweeps: (*n*) sweep period.

trivet: (*n*) bracket, stand, board, shelf, ledge, poker, tongs, hob, shovel, tripod, support.

unbearable: (*adj*) insufferable, excruciating, insupportable, unendurable, hateful, unacceptable, repugnant, impossible, grievous, enormous, dreadful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bearable, manageable, imperceptible, tolerable, wonderful, lovable, nice, pleasant.

makes me put up with them at all. Relations are simply a tedious pack of people, who haven't got the **remotest** knowledge of how to live, nor the smallest **instinct** about when to die.

JACK.

Oh, that is nonsense!

ALGERNON.

It isn't!

JACK.

Well, I won't argue about the matter. You always want to argue about things.

ALGERNON.

That is exactly what things were originally made for.

JACK.

Upon my word, if I thought that, I'd **shoot** myself... [A pause.] You don't think there is any chance of Gwendolen becoming like her mother in about a hundred and fifty years, do you, Algy?

ALGERNON.

All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That's his.

JACK.

Is that clever?

ALGERNON.

It is perfectly phrased! and quite as true as any observation in **civilised** life should be.

JACK.

I am sick to death of **cleverness**. Everybody is clever nowadays. You can't go anywhere without meeting clever people. The thing has become an absolute public **nuisance**. I wish to **goodness** we had a few fools left.

ALGERNON.

We have.

Thesaurus

civilised: (*adj*) civilized, humane, genteel, cultured, cultivated, advanced, refined, polite.

cleverness: (*n*) ingenuity, adroitness, wisdom, aptitude, acumen, intelligence, skill, dexterity, astuteness, brightness, smartness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) slowness, clumsiness, imbecility, foolishness, ineptness, simplicity, straightforwardness, uselessness, frankness.

goodness: (*adj, n*) generosity, kindness, gentleness; (*n*) good, excellence, benefit, virtue, worth, morality; (*adj*) favor, beneficence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) evil, wickedness, badness, corruptness, bad, immorality, corruption. **instinct:** (*n*) impulse, urge, aptitude, gift, feeling, sixth sense, inherent aptitude, knack, inspiration, talent, genius.

nuisance: (*adj, n*) annoyance; (*n*)

harassment, irritation, pain, pest, hassle, inconvenience, mischief, irritant, plague, pain in the neck. ANTONYMS: (*n*) pleasure, help, delight, blessing, balm, advantage, satisfaction, ease.

remotest: (*adj*) furthest, uttermost, endmost, extreme, last, utmost. **shoot:** (*v*) discharge, flash, drive, dart, dash, send, photograph; (*n*) scion, branch; (*n, v*) sprout, hunt. ANTONYM: (*v*) trickle.

JACK.

I should extremely like to meet them. What do they talk about?

ALGERNON.

The fools? Oh! about the clever people, of course.

JACK.

What fools!

ALGERNON.

By the way, did you tell Gwendolen the truth about your being Ernest in town, and Jack in the country?

JACK.

[In a very **patronising** manner.] My dear fellow, the truth isn't quite the sort of thing one tells to a nice, sweet, **refined** girl. What extraordinary ideas you have about the way to behave to a woman!

ALGERNON.

The only way to behave to a woman is to make love to her, if she is pretty, and to some one else, if she is plain.

JACK.

Oh, that is nonsense.

ALGERNON.

What about your brother? What about the **profligate** Ernest?

JACK.

Oh, before the end of the week I shall have got rid of him. I'll say he died in Paris of **apoplexy**. Lots of people die of apoplexy, quite suddenly, don't they?

ALGERNON.

Yes, but it's **hereditary**, my dear fellow. It's a sort of thing that **runs** in **families**. You had much better say a severe **chill**.

JACK.

You are sure a severe chill isn't hereditary, or anything of that kind?

Thesaurus

apoplexy: (*n*) stroke, CVA, seizure, ictus; (*adj*) paralysis, inanition, collapse, delirium, exhaustion, sideration, syncope.

chill: (*adj, v*) cool; (*adj, n*) cold; (*adj*) bleak, icy, chilly, frosty, depressing; (*v*) freeze, dispirit, damp; (*n*) coolness. ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) warm; (*n*) warmth, warmness; (*v*) encourage, hearten, inspirit, thaw; (*adj*) hot, gregarious, friendly, sociable.

families: (*n*) family.

hereditary: (*adj*) familial, ancestral, inherent, heritable, inherited, inborn, congenital, innate, patrimonial, native, heredity.

patronising: (*adj*) patronizing, condescending, arch, superior.

profligate: (*adj*) debauched, lavish, corrupt, extravagant, immoral, wasteful, abandoned; (*adj, n*) prodigal, licentious, spendthrift, libertine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) frugal,

upright, moral, economical, parsimonious, sensible, cautious, innocent.

refined: (*adj*) delicate, cultured, graceful, polite, gentle, urbane, courteous, courtly, cultivated; (*adj, n*) polished, pure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unrefined, raw, uncouth, rough, careless, crude, brute, boorish, plain, lowly, inelegant.

runs: (*n*) Aztec two-step, sickness, Montezuma's revenge.

ALGERNON.

Of course it isn't!

JACK.

Very well, then. My poor brother Ernest to carried off suddenly, in Paris, by a severe chill. That gets rid of him.

ALGERNON.

But I thought you said that... Miss Cardew was a little too much interested in your poor brother Ernest? Won't she feel his loss a good deal?

JACK.

Oh, that is all right. Cecily is not a **silly romantic** girl, I am glad to say. She has got a capital **appetite**, goes long walks, and pays no attention at all to her **lessons**.

ALGERNON.

I would rather like to see Cecily.

JACK.

I will take very good care you never do. She is excessively pretty, and she is only just eighteen.

ALGERNON.

Have you told Gwendolen yet that you have an excessively pretty **ward** who is only just eighteen?

JACK.

Oh! one doesn't **blurt** these things out to people. Cecily and Gwendolen are perfectly certain to be extremely great friends. I'll bet you anything you like that half an hour after they have met, they will be **calling** each other sister.

ALGERNON.

Women only do that when they have called each other a lot of other things first. Now, my dear boy, if we want to get a good table at Willis's, we really must go and dress. Do you know it is nearly seven?

JACK.

[Irritably.] Oh! It always is nearly seven.

Thesaurus

appetite: (*n, v*) desire; (*n*) appetence, appetency, relish, inclination, stomach, taste, thirst, passion, liking, gusto. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dislike, repulsion, revulsion, apathy, distaste.
blurt: (*v*) blunder out, talk, utter, speak, mouth, verbalize, babble, blurt out, exclaim, blunder.
calling: (*n*) business, occupation, call, avocation, job, trade, career, employment, walk, pursuit; (*n, v*) profession. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

entertainment, hobby.
lessons: (*n*) classes, coaching, tuition, schoolwork, revision, learning, education, training.
romantic: (*adj*) amorous, impractical, fanciful, quixotic, unrealistic, utopian, loving, amatory, fictitious; (*adj, n*) visionary, romanticist.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) realist, classicist; (*adj*) commonplace, graphic, unromantic, unsentimental, unhappy, prosaic, disapproving,

cool, realistic.
silly: (*adj*) ridiculous, absurd, childish, fatuous, irrational, frivolous, idiotic, preposterous, unreasonable; (*adj, n*) fool; (*n*) imbecile. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mature, wise, rational, clever, advisable, profound, reasonable, responsible, significant.
ward: (*n*) charge, protection, custody, care, quarter, neighborhood, district, defense, keep; (*adj, v*) shelter; (*v*) protect.

ALGERNON.

Well, I'm hungry.

JACK.

I never **knew** you when you weren't...

ALGERNON.

What **shall** we do after dinner? Go to a theatre?

JACK.

Oh no! I **loathe** listening.

ALGERNON.

Well, let us go to the Club?

JACK.

Oh, no! I **hate** talking.

ALGERNON.

Well, we might **trot** round to the Empire at ten?

JACK.

Oh, no! I can't bear looking at things. It is so silly.

ALGERNON.

Well, what shall we do?

JACK.

Nothing!

ALGERNON.

It is **awfully** hard work doing nothing. However, I don't mind hard work where there is no **definite** object of any kind.

[Enter LANE.]

LANE.

Miss Fairfax.

[Enter GWENDOLEN. LANE goes out.]

ALGERNON.

Gwendolen, upon my word!

Thesaurus

awfully: (*adv*) atrociously, hideously, appallingly, frightfully, fearfully, ghastly, terribly, horrifically, horrendously, badly; (*adj, adv*) amazingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly, hardly, little, mildly, satisfactorily, slightly, well, adequately, superbly, somewhat.
definite: (*adj*) certain, clear, distinct, concrete, plain, conclusive, specific, precise, categorical, decisive; (*adj, v*) absolute. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

imprecise, unclear, vague, undefined, doubtful, indeterminate, qualified, evasive, indefinite, indescribable, dubious.

hate: (*v*) abhor, detest, loathe, abominate; (*n*) enmity, abhorrence, detestation, hatred, animosity, antipathy, aversion. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) like; (*v*) adore, cherish, admire; (*n*) attraction, liking, delight, adoration.
knew: (*adj*) known; (*v*) recognize, wist
listening: (*v*) listen, hear, obey; (*n*)

auscultation, perception, sensing, audition, audience, earshot, auditory modality; (*adj*) attentive.

loathe: (*v*) detest, hate, abominate, execrate, despise, loathing, dislike, disgust, disdain, contempt, nauseate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) like, admire, adore.

shall: (*n*) must, necessity; (*v*) require, bequeath, leave.
trot: (*n, v*) run; (*n*) crib, canter, pony, gait, ride, lope; (*v*) gallop, general, frequent, household.

GWENDOLEN.

Algy, kindly turn your back. I have something very particular to say to Mr. Worthing.

ALGERNON.

Really, Gwendolen, I don't think I can allow this at all.

GWENDOLEN.

Algy, you always adopt a strictly **immoral** attitude towards life. You are not quite old enough to do that.

[ALGERNON retires to the fireplace.]

JACK.

My own darling!

GWENDOLEN.

Ernest, we may never be married. From the expression on mamma's face I fear we never shall. Few parents nowadays pay any regard to what their children say to them. The old-fashioned respect for the young is fast dying out. Whatever influence I ever had over mamma, I lost at the age of three. But although she may prevent us from becoming man and wife, and I may marry some one else, and marry often, nothing that she can possibly do can alter my eternal **devotion** to you.

JACK.

Dear Gwendolen!

GWENDOLEN.

The story of your romantic origin, as related to me by mamma, with **unpleasing** comments, has naturally **stirred** the deeper fibres of my nature. Your Christian name has an irresistible fascination. The simplicity of your character makes you **exquisitely incomprehensible** to me. Your town address at the Albany I have. What is your address in the country?

JACK.

The Manor House, Woolton, Hertfordshire.

Thesaurus

devotion: (*n*) allegiance, attachment, dedication, loyalty, worship, affection, enthusiasm, fondness, devotedness; (*adj, n*) veneration, passion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disloyalty, negligence, apathy, disobedience, neglect, hatred, separation, dishonesty, infidelity.
exquisitely: (*adv*) excellently, finely, magnificently, perfectly, beautifully, gorgeously, superbly, keenly, subtly; (*adj, adv*) intensely,

exceedingly.
immoral: (*adj*) evil, bad, depraved, indecent, dissolute, corrupt, criminal, unprincipled, dirty, unfair, lewd. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) moral, decent, honest, ethical, principled, good, restrained, amoral, right, righteous, pure.
incomprehensible: (*adj*) inapprehensible, inscrutable, inarticulate, abstruse, cryptic, unfathomable, puzzling, obscure,

inexplicable, inconceivable, unaccountable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) comprehensible, explicable, understandable, intelligible, legible, obvious, straightforward.
stirred: (*adj*) excited, agitated, moved, affected, aroused, emotional, aflame, Stirn, horny, susceptible, stirred up.
unpleasing: (*adj*) displeasing, graceless, ungracious, unpleasant, disagreeable, wicked, not grateful, offensive, perturbed, restless, stiff.

[ALGERNON, who has been carefully listening, smiles to **himself**, and writes the address on his shirt-cuff. Then picks up the Railway Guide.]

GWENDOLEN.

There is a good **postal** service, I suppose? It may be necessary to do something **desperate**. That of course will require serious **consideration**. I will **communicate** with you daily.

JACK.

My own one!

GWENDOLEN.

How long do you remain in town?

JACK.

Till Monday.

GWENDOLEN.

Good! Algy, you may turn round now.

ALGERNON.

Thanks, I've turned round already.

GWENDOLEN.

You may also **ring** the bell.

JACK.

You will let me see you to your carriage, my own darling?

GWENDOLEN.

Certainly.

JACK.

[To LANE, who now enters.] I will see Miss Fairfax out.

LANE.

Yes, sir. [JACK and GWENDOLEN go off.]

[LANE presents several letters on a salver to ALGERNON.

It is to be **surmised** that they are **bills**, as ALGERNON, after looking at the envelopes, **tears** them up.]

Thesaurus

bills: (*n*) currency, folding money.
communicate: (*v*) express, impart, advertise, advise, carry, convey, transmit, commune, apprise; (*adj, v*) announce, intimate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) excommunicate, conceal, suppress.
consideration: (*n, v*) respect, regard, care, account, condition; (*n*) reflection, thought, attention, cogitation, conception, thoughtfulness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) impulsiveness, inconsideration,

inattention, cruelty, rashness, unconcern, heedlessness, disregard, negligence, neglect, insensitivity.
desperate: (*adj*) despairing, dire, critical, abject, dangerous, in despair, grave, awful, despondent, drastic; (*adj, v*) forlorn. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hopeful, optimistic, rational, promising, minor, cautious, casual, careful, trivial, secure, satisfied.
himself: (*pron*) herself, themselves, yourself, itself; (*adj*) myself; (*n*)

yourselves.
postal: (*adj*) card, Universal Postal Union.
ring: (*n, v*) encircle, peal, call, loop, jingle; (*v*) resound, echo, reverberate; (*n*) gang, band, rim.
surmised: (*adj*) rude, conjectural, assumed.
tears: (*n*) cry, crying, snivel, brine, weeping, activity, bawling, bodily function, bodily process, body process, lacerations.

ALGERNON.

A glass of **sherry**, Lane.

LANE.

Yes, sir.

ALGERNON.

To-morrow, Lane, I'm going Bunburying.

LANE.

Yes, sir.

ALGERNON.

I shall probably not be back till Monday. You can put up my dress clothes, my **smoking jacket**, and all the Bunbury suits...

LANE.

Yes, sir. [Handing sherry.]

ALGERNON.

I hope to-morrow will be a fine day, Lane.

LANE.

It never is, sir.

ALGERNON.

Lane, you're a perfect **pessimist**.

LANE.

I do my best to give satisfaction, sir.

[Enter JACK. LANE goes off.]

JACK.

There's a **sensible, intellectual** girl! the only girl I ever cared for in my life. [ALGERNON is **laughing** immoderately.] What on earth are you so **amused** at?

ALGERNON.

Oh, I'm a little anxious about poor Bunbury, that in all.

Thesaurus

amused: (*adj*) amusing, smiling, tickled pink, pleased, diverted.

intellectual: (*n*) intellect, brain, thinker, scholar; (*adj*) rational, mental, cerebral, learned, spiritual; (*adj, n*) mind, academic.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nonintellectual, intuitive, emotional, dim, ignorant, physical, thick, lowbrow; (*n*) dunce.

jacket: (*n*) sheath, cover, case, covering, envelope, coat, blazer, doublet, dust cover, skin, shield.

laughing: (*adj*) merry, smiling, laughable, jolly, gay, lighthearted, frolicsome, playful, pleased, dizzy; (*adv*) laughingly. ANTONYM: (*adj*) serious.

pessimist: (*adj*) croaker, alarmist, pessimistic; (*n*) cynic, defeatist, skeptic, doomster, wet blanket, sceptic, washout; (*v*) optimism. ANTONYM: (*n*) believer.

sensible: (*adj*) aware, sagacious, prudent, rational, judicious,

perceptible, sane, wise, intelligent, appreciable, sage. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ludicrous, crazy, unreasonable, stupid, silly, ridiculous, reckless, idiotic, outrageous, imprudent, mad. **sherry:** (*v*) rye, schnapps, highball, peg, rum, whisky, xeres, sling, usquebaugh; (*n*) sherris, manzanilla. **smoking:** (*n*) fume, marijuana, respiration, roll of tobacco, sens; (*v*) candent, ebullient, glowing; (*adj*) smoky, rabid; (*adv*) on a roll.

JACK.

If you don't take care, your **friend** Bunbury will get you into a **serious scrape** some day.

ALGERNON.

I love scrapes. They are the only things that are never serious.

JACK.

Oh, that's nonsense, Algy. You never **talk** anything but nonsense.

ALGERNON.

Nobody ever does.

[JACK **looks indignantly** at him, and **leaves** the room. ALGERNON **lights** a cigarette, reads his shirt-cuff, and smiles.]

[ACT DROP]

Thesaurus

friend: (*adj, n*) associate, comrade, companion, fellow, ally; (*n*) acquaintance, colleague, boyfriend, crony, brother, mate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) foe, stranger, rival, nemesis, adversary, antagonist.

indignantly: (*adv*) irately, angrily, wrathfully, enragedly, sorely, acrimoniously, cynically, sulkily, hotly, exasperatedly, furiously.

leaves: (*n*) departure, leaving, plants, trees, vegetation.

lights: (*n*) illumination, burn, lung, spacing material.

looks: (*n*) aspect, countenance, expression, manner, complexion, fashion, costume, garb.

scrape: (*n, v*) scratch, graze, score, mark; (*v*) rub, pare, rake, grate, chafe, abrade; (*n*) abrasion.

serious: (*adj, n, v*) grave; (*adj*) heavy, austere, great, hard, dangerous, critical; (*adj, v*) sedate, important, momentous, considerable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lighthearted, mild, flippant, cheerful, humorous, minor, slight, playful, trivial, unimportant, brisk.

talk: (*n, v*) discourse, gossip, converse, lecture, chatter, chat, address; (*v*) articulate, speak, prattle; (*n*) language. ANTONYMS: (*v*) refuse; (*n*) silence.

SECOND ACT

SCENE—Garden at the Manor House. A flight of grey stone steps leads up to the house. The garden, an old-fashioned one, full of roses. Time of year, July. **Basket chairs**, and a table covered with books, are set under a large yew-tree.

[MISS PRISM discovered **seated** at the table. CECILY is at the back **watering** flowers.]

MISS PRISM.

[Calling.] Cecily, Cecily! Surely such a **utilitarian** occupation as the watering of flowers is rather Moulton's duty than **yours**? Especially at a moment when intellectual **pleasures await** you. Your German grammar is on the table. Pray open it at page fifteen. We will repeat yesterday's lesson.

CECILY.

[Coming over very slowly.] But I don't like German. It isn't at all a becoming language. I know perfectly well that I look quite **plain** after my German lesson.

MISS PRISM.

Child, you know how anxious your **guardian** is that you should improve yourself in every way. He laid particular stress on your German, as he was

Thesaurus

await: (*v*) anticipate, abide, bide, tarry, wait, attend, look, hope, approach, loom, come on. ANTONYM: (*v*) doubt.

basket: (*n*) cage, hamper, basketful, creel, Corf, coop, bucket, spinner basket, bassinet, containerful, cradle.

chairs: (*n*) seats.

guardian: (*n*) guard, defender, champion, curator, warden, conservator, bodyguard, keeper; (*adj, n*) protector; (*adj*) protective,

custodial. ANTONYMS: (*n*) attacker, detractor.

plain: (*adj*) ordinary, comprehensible, intelligible, apparent, manifest, obvious, clear, simple; (*adj, n*) flat, homely, humble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) elaborate, unclear, multicolored, mottled, ornate, concealed, attractive, confused, fussy, obscure, patterned.

pleasures: (*n*) pleasure.

seated: (*adj*) sat, sedentary.

utilitarian: (*adj*) functional, practical,

pragmatic, philanthropic, utile, serviceable, humanitarian, helpful, convenient; (*n*) Benthamite, philanthropist. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) surrender, relinquish, soulful, luxury, decorative, useless.

watering: (*n*) tearing, sprinkle, lachrymation, lacrimation, wetting, irrigation, bodily process, body process, replenishment of water supplies, shedding tears, activity.

yours: (*adj*) own.

leaving for town yesterday. Indeed, he always lays stress on your German when he is leaving for town.

CECILY.

Dear Uncle Jack is so very serious! Sometimes he is so serious that I think he cannot be quite well

MISS PRISM.

[Drawing herself up.] Your guardian enjoys the best of health, and his gravity of **demeanour** is especially to be commanded in one so comparatively young as he is. I know no one who has a higher sense of duty and responsibility.

CECILY.

I suppose that is why he often looks a little bored when we three are together.

MISS PRISM.

Cecily! I am surprised at you. Mr. Worthing has many troubles in his life. Idle **merriment** and **triviality** would be out of place in his conversation. You must remember his constant anxiety about that unfortunate young man his brother.

CECILY.

I wish Uncle Jack would allow that unfortunate young man, his brother, to come down here sometimes. We might have a good influence over him, Miss Prism. I am sure you certainly would. You know German, and geology, and things of that kind influence a man very much. [CECILY begins to write in her diary.]

MISS PRISM.

[Shaking her head.] I do not think that even I could produce any effect on a character that **according** to his own brother's admission is **irretrievably** weak and **vacillating**. Indeed I am not sure that I would desire to reclaim him. I am not in favour of this modern **mania** for turning bad people into good people at a moment's notice. As a man sows so let him reap. You must put away your diary, Cecily. I really don't see why you should keep a diary at all.

Thesaurus

according: (*adj*) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (*adv*) correspondingly, accordingly.
demeanour: (*n*) behavior, behaviour, conduct, demeanor, comportment, deportment, manner, citizenship, correctitude, carriage, attitude.
irretrievably: (*adv*) permanently, for all time, irremediably, forever, irrecoverably, once and for all,

irrevocably, irreversibly.
mania: (*n*) passion, craze, delirium, fad, fury, enthusiasm, rage, obsession; (*adj, n*) insanity, lunacy, madness.
merriment: (*n*) fun, amusement, cheerfulness, hilarity, glee, jollity, frolic, gaiety, happiness, festivity; (*adj, n*) mirth. ANTONYMS: (*n*) misery, gloom, seriousness, despondency, boredom.
triviality: (*n*) trifle, trivia, pettiness,

slightness, banality, unimportance, technicality, small beer, levity, detail, frivolity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) importance, substance, originality, value, responsibility.
vacillating: (*adj*) indecisive, changeable, undecided, wavering, giddy, vacillant, hesitating, hesitant; (*adj, v*) infirm, debilitated, enfeebled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stable, strong, consistent, decisive, determined, resolute.

CECILY.

I keep a diary in order to enter the wonderful **secrets** of my life. If I didn't write them down, I should probably forget all about them.

MISS PRISM.

Memory, my dear Cecily, is the diary that we all carry about with us.

CECILY.

Yes, but it usually **chronicles** the things that have never happened, and couldn't possibly have happened. I believe that Memory is responsible for nearly all the three-volume novels that Mudie sends us.

MISS PRISM.

Do not speak **slightingly** of the three-volume novel, Cecily. I wrote one myself in earlier days.

CECILY.

Did you really, Miss Prism? How wonderfully clever you are! I hope it did not end happily? I don't like novels that end happily. They **depress** me so much.

MISS PRISM.

The good ended happily, and the bad **unhappily**. That is what Fiction means.

CECILY.

I suppose so. But it seems very unfair. And was your novel ever published?

MISS PRISM.

Alas! no. The **manuscript** unfortunately was abandoned. [CECILY starts.] I use the word in the sense of lost or **mislaid**. To your work, child, these speculations are **profitless**.

CECILY.

[Smiling.] But I see dear Dr. **Chasuble** coming up through the garden.

MISS PRISM.

[Rising and advancing.] Dr. Chasuble! This is indeed a pleasure.

[Enter CANON CHASUBLE.]

Thesaurus

chasuble: (*n*) Geneva gown frock, robe, cassock, dalmatic, gown, pallium, scapulary, scarf, surplice, tunicle, cope.
chronicles: (*n*) archives, history, archive, records.
depress: (*v*) push, dishearten, discourage, cast down, dampen, deject, chill, bring down, quell, dispirit; (*adj, v*) degrade.
 ANTONYMS: (*v*) encourage, cheer, comfort, uplift, raise, increase,

hearten, exhilarate, delight, heighten, appreciate.
manuscript: (*n, v*) writing; (*n*) book, handwriting, record, copy, text, document, Ms, holograph, transcript, palimpsest.
mislaid: (*adj*) misplaced, absent, disordered, gone astray, not there, missing, lost temporarily.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) found.
profitless: (*adj*) fruitless, gainless, ineffectual, futile, idle, vain, useless,

unprofitable, barren, inutile, bootless.
secrets: (*n*) secrecy.
slightingly: (*adv*) negligently, slightly, lightly.
unhappily: (*adv*) wretchedly, unluckily, disconsolately, badly, woefully, forlornly, sorrowfully, unfortunately, dismally, dejectedly, despondently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, contentedly, luckily, willingly, enthusiastically, fortunately.

CHASUBLE.

And how are we this morning? Miss Prism, you are, I trust, well?

CECILY.

Miss Prism has just been **complaining** of a slight headache. I think it would do her so much good to have a short **stroll** with you in the Park, Dr. Chasuble.

MISS PRISM.

Cecily, I have not mentioned anything about a headache.

CECILY.

No, dear Miss Prism, I know that, but I felt **instinctively** that you had a headache. Indeed I was thinking about that, and not about my German lesson, when the Rector came in.

CHASUBLE.

I hope, Cecily, you are not **inattentive**.

CECILY.

Oh, I am afraid I am.

CHASUBLE.

That is strange. Were I fortunate enough to be Miss Prism's pupil, I would hang upon her lips. [MISS PRISM glares.] I spoke **metaphorically**. - My metaphor was drawn from bees. Ahem! Mr. Worthing, I suppose, has not returned from town yet?

MISS PRISM.

We do not expect him till Monday afternoon.

CHASUBLE.

Ah yes, he usually likes to spend his Sunday in London. He is not one of those whose sole aim is enjoyment, as, by all accounts, that unfortunate young man his brother seems to be. But I must not **disturb** Egeria and her pupil any longer.

MISS PRISM.

Egeria? My name is Laetitia, Doctor.

Thesaurus

complaining: (*adj*) irritable, peevish, petulant, whining, moaning, complaintive, repining; (*adj, v*) querulous; (*n, v*) lamenting; (*adv*) complainingly; (*n*) plaintive.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, uncomplaining, cheerful, willing.
disturb: (*v*) trouble, disorder, disconcert, distress, perturb, disquiet, distract, discompose, disrupt, upset, concern. ANTONYMS: (*v*) calm, please, soothe, smooth, order,

reassure, sort, settle, respect, quiet, organize.
inattentive: (*adj*) negligent, neglectful, forgetful, reckless, careless, unaware, regardless, inconsiderate, mindless, inadvertent; (*adj, v*) remiss.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attentive, alert, observant, carefree, cautious, conscientious, considerate, diligent, prudent.
instinctively: (*adv*) involuntarily, mechanically, spontaneously,

automatically, intuitively, inherently, automatically, unconsciously, impulsively, unthinkingly, instinctually. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) consciously, objectively.
metaphorically: (*adv*) allegorically, symbolically, tralatitiously, tropically, parabolically, parabolically, symbolically, typically.
stroll: (*n, v*) ramble, saunter, walk, amble, wander, promenade, tramp, hike; (*v*) roam, go for a walk, range.

CHASUBLE.

[Bowling.] A classical **allusion** merely, drawn from the Pagan authors. I shall see you both no doubt at Evensong?

MISS PRISM.

I think, dear Doctor, I will have a stroll with you. I find I have a **headache** after all, and a walk might do it good.

CHASUBLE.

With pleasure, Miss Prism, with pleasure. We might go as far as the schools and back.

MISS PRISM.

That would be delightful. Cecily, you will read your Political Economy in my absence. The chapter on the Fall of the Rupee you may **omit**. It is somewhat too **sensational**. Even these **metallic** problems have their **melodramatic** side.

[Goes down the garden with DR. CHASUBLE.]

CECILY.

[Picks up books and throws them back on table.] Horrid Political Economy! Horrid Geography! Horrid, horrid German!

[Enter MERRIMAN with a card on a salver.]

MERRIMAN.

Mr. Ernest Worthing has just **driven** over from the station. He has brought his **luggage** with him.

CECILY.

[Takes the card and reads it.] 'Mr. Ernest Worthing, B. 4, The Albany, W.' Uncle Jack's brother! Did you tell him Mr. Worthing was in town?

MERRIMAN.

Yes, Miss. He seemed very much disappointed. I mentioned that you and Miss Prism were in the garden. He said he was anxious to speak to you privately for a moment.

Thesaurus

allusion: (*n*) innuendo, reference, cue, suggestion, mention, intimation, pointer, insinuation, implication, indication, clue.

driven: (*v*) drive, impel, operate, propel; (*adj*) impelled, compulsive, motivated, involuntary, dynamic, successful; (*n*) drove.

headache: (*n*) cephalalgia, pain, encumbrance, bother, migraine, vexation, pest, head ache, worry; (*n, v*) twinge; (*v*) gripe.

luggage: (*n*) baggage, bag, gear, grip, thing, goods, stuff, things, trunk, suitcase, pack.

melodramatic: (*adj*) theatrical, histrionic, sensational, exaggerated, overemotional, affected, buskined, comic, farcical, melodramatics, operatic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, natural, quiet, restrained.

metallic: (*adj*) metal, harsh, metalline, metallics, hard, basic, actual, absolute, certain, chalybeate, clearly

expressed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) soft.
omit: (*adv, v*) neglect, disregard; (*adj, v*) miss, skip, jump, pretermit; (*v*) delete, forget, exclude, except, leave. ANTONYMS: (*v*) add, remember.
sensational: (*adj*) exciting, lurid, stunning, marvelous, wonderful, sensory, thrilling, terrific, magnificent, fantastic, phenomenal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bland, dull, ordinary, uninteresting, unremarkable, awful, boring.

CECILY.

Ask Mr. Ernest Worthing to come here. I suppose you had better talk to the **housekeeper** about a room for him.

MERRIMAN.

Yes, Miss.

[MERRIMAN goes off.]

CECILY.

I have never met any really **wicked** person before. I feel rather frightened. I am so afraid he will look just like every one else.

[Enter ALGERNON, very gay and debonnaire.] He does!

ALGERNON.

[Raising his hat.] You are my little cousin Cecily, I'm sure.

CECILY.

You are under some strange mistake. I am not little. In fact, I believe I am more than usually tall for my age. [ALGERNON is rather taken aback.] But I am your cousin Cecily. You, I see from your card, are Uncle Jack's brother, my cousin Ernest, my wicked cousin Ernest.

ALGERNON.

Oh! I am not really wicked at all, cousin Cecily. You mustn't think that I am wicked.

CECILY.

If you are not, then you have certainly been **deceiving** us all in a very **inexcusable** manner. I hope you have not been leading a double life, **pretending** to be wicked and being really good all the time. That would be **hypocrisy**.

ALGERNON.

[Looks at her in amazement.] Oh! Of course I have been rather reckless.

CECILY.

I am glad to hear it.

Thesaurus

deceiving: (*adj*) deceptive, deceitful, cheating, fallacious, dishonest, lying, treacherous, imposing, delusive, sanctimonious, mistaken.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) correct.

housekeeper: (*n*) factotum, mistress, shepherd, householder, housewife, domestic, cleaning woman, croupier, domestic help, seneschal, house servant.

hypocrisy: (*n, v*) insincerity; (*n*) cant, dissimulation, falsity, deception,

falseness, sanctimony, deceit, lip service; (*v*) double dealing; (*adj*) hypocritical. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sincerity, honesty.

inexcusable: (*adj*) irremissible, unpardonable, reprehensible, unwarrantable, unforgivable, unwarranted, unfair, untenable, not excusable, intolerable, unexcusable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) understandable, forgivable, justifiable, justified, laudable, wonderful.

pretending: (*n, v*) pretense; (*n*) affectation, appearance, acting, pretence, mannerism, dissembling, pretension, deception, deceit; (*adv*) pretendingly.

wicked: (*adj*) bad, sinful, atrocious, evil, vile, depraved, mischievous, immoral, unholy, nasty, naughty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) innocent, pure, pious, moral, kind, admirable, kindhearted, helpful, decent, assisting, aiding.

ALGERNON.

In fact, now you mention the subject, I have been very bad in my own small way.

CECILY.

I don't think you should be so **proud** of that, though I am sure it must have been very **pleasant**.

ALGERNON.

It is much pleasanter being here with you.

CECILY.

I can't understand how you are here at all. Uncle Jack won't be back **till** Monday afternoon.

ALGERNON.

That is a great **disappointment**. I am obliged to go up by the first train on Monday morning. I have a business appointment that I am anxious... to miss?

CECILY.

Couldn't you miss it anywhere but in London?

ALGERNON.

No: the appointment is in London.

CECILY.

Well, I know, of course, how important it is not to keep a business engagement, if one **wants** to **retain** any sense of the beauty of life, but still I think you had better wait till Uncle Jack arrives. I know he wants to speak to you about your **emigrating**.

ALGERNON.

About my what?

CECILY.

Your emigrating. He has gone up to buy your **outfit**.

ALGERNON.

I certainly wouldn't let Jack buy my outfit. He has no taste in neckties at all.

Thesaurus

disappointment: (*n*) anticlimax, failure, letdown, comedown, frustration, shame, disillusionment, annoyance, dismay, setback, misfortune. ANTONYMS: (*n*) satisfaction, boost, happiness, pleasure, hopefulness, fulfillment, comfort, idealism, climax, bonus, gratification.
emigrating: (*adj*) migrant, transient.
outfit: (*n, v*) dress, gear, garb, attire, apparel; (*n*) kit, costume, company,

ensemble; (*v*) furnish, equip.
pleasant: (*adj*) jolly, amiable, agreeable, acceptable, nice, charming, kindly, facetious, joyful, pretty; (*adj, v*) pleasing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disgusting, horrible, repugnant, nasty, gruesome, unwelcome, harsh, shocking, disagreeable, foul, terrible.
proud: (*adj*) lofty, disdainful, haughty, exalted, egotistical, gallant, pompous, lordly, majestic, overbearing; (*adj, v*) dignified. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

humble, modest, ashamed, embarrassed, sorrowful, disappointed, miserable.
retain: (*v*) keep, reserve, preserve, have, maintain, continue, hold, employ, engage, hire, own. ANTONYMS: (*v*) expel, dismiss, release, relinquish, fire, destroy, lack.
till: (*conj, prep*) until, unto; (*v*) plow, hoe, farm, dig; (*adj*) up to; (*n*) tiller, drawer; (*adv*) so far; (*prep*) to.
wants: (*n*) need, necessities.

CECILY.

I don't think you will require neckties. **Uncle** Jack is **sending** you to Australia.

ALGERNON.

Australia! I'd **sooner** die.

CECILY.

Well, he said at **dinner** on Wednesday night, that you would have to choose between this world, the next world, and Australia.

ALGERNON.

Oh, well! The accounts I have received of Australia and the next world, are not particularly **encouraging**. This world is good enough for me, cousin Cecily.

CECILY.

Yes, but are you good enough for it?

ALGERNON.

I'm afraid I'm not that. That is why I want you to reform me. You might make that your **mission**, if you don't mind, cousin Cecily.

CECILY.

I'm afraid I've no time, this afternoon.

ALGERNON.

Well, would you mind my reforming myself this afternoon?

CECILY.

It is rather Quixotic of you. But I think you should try.

ALGERNON.

I will. I feel better already.

CECILY.

You are looking a little worse.

ALGERNON.

That is because I am **hungry**.

Thesaurus

dinner: (*n*) banquet, lunch, dinner party, meal, party, beanfeast, spread; (*v*) tiffin, dejeuner, bever; (*adj*) dinnerly.

encouraging: (*adj*) cheering, bright, promising, auspicious, comforting, rosy, reassuring, favourable, hortatory, hopeful, heartening. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) upsetting, warning, disappointing, discouraging, negative, disturbing, hopeless, unhelpful, depressing.

hungry: (*adj*) eager, avid, famished, starving, esurient, greedy, ravenous, desirous, meager, starveling; (*v*) starve. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) full, satiated, sated, thirsty, unconcerned, moderate, healthy, disinterested. **mission:** (*n*) job, delegation, deputation, goal, legation, assignment, duty, charge, chore, errand, task.

sending: (*n*) forwarding, dispatch, transmission, transmittal, send,

despatch, mailing, transport, dispatching, dispatchment, conveyance.

sooner: (*adj, adv*) rather, earlier, before, preferably, instead; (*adv*) first, before now, faster, previously, beforehand; (*adj*) prior.

uncle: (*n*) father's younger brother, elder uncle, father's older brother, father's sister's husband, husband of paternal aunt, maternal uncle, niece, benefactor, EME, helper, kinsman.

CECILY.

How **thoughtless** of me. I should have remembered that when one is going to lead an entirely new life, one requires regular and **wholesome** meals. Won't you come in?

ALGERNON.

Thank you. Might I have a **buttonhole** first? I never have any appetite unless I have a buttonhole first.

CECILY.

A Marechal Niel? [Picks up scissors.]

ALGERNON.

No, I'd sooner have a **pink** rose.

CECILY.

Why? [**Cuts** a flower.]

ALGERNON.

Because you are like a pink rose, Cousin Cecily.

CECILY.

I don't think it can be right for you to talk to me like that. Miss Prism never says such things to me.

ALGERNON.

Then Miss Prism is a **short-sighted** old lady. [CECILY puts the rose in his buttonhole.] You are the prettiest girl I ever saw.

CECILY.

Miss Prism says that all good looks are a **snare**.

ALGERNON.

They are a snare that every sensible man would like to be caught in.

CECILY.

Oh, I don't think I would care to **catch** a sensible man. I shouldn't know what to talk to him about.

[They pass into the house. MISS PRISM and DR. CHASUBLE return.]

Thesaurus

buttonhole: (*v*) accost, solicit, besiege, intercept, harangue, detain, lobby; (*n*) bouquet, button hole, posy, bunch.
catch: (*n, v*) capture, hook, haul, hitch, trick, grab, snatch; (*v*) get, apprehend, intercept; (*n*) pawl.
 ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) release; (*v*) misunderstand, unhitch, mistake, Miss, misinterpret, free, give, lose; (*n*) advantage, boon.
cuts: (*n*) film waste.
pink: (*n*) rose, crimson, gillyflower,

paragon; (*v*) knock, gore, impale, stab, spike, spear; (*adj*) flower.
short-sighted: (*adj*) shortsighted, unwise, stupid, narrow-minded, crazy, ill-advised, half-baked, foolish, improvident.
snare: (*n, v*) mesh, gin, ambush, hook; (*v*) catch, ensnare, entrap, entangle, capture, enmesh; (*n*) lure.
thoughtless: (*adj, v*) careless, heedless, rash, improvident; (*adj*) reckless, inattentive, hasty, unthinking,

negligent, neglectful, imprudent.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) considerate, considered, heedful, prudent, kind, cautious, mindful, responsible, attentive, observant, sensible.
wholesome: (*adj*) healthy, beneficial, salubrious, healthful, salutary, sound, good, nutritious, nourishing, pure, hale. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwholesome, unhealthy, impure, indecent, sordid, warped, tainted, decadent, deadly, unsavory.

MISS PRISM.

You are too much alone, dear Dr. Chasuble. You should get married. A **misanthrope** I can understand - a womanthrope, never!

CHASUBLE.

[With a scholar's shudder.] Believe me, I do not deserve so neologistic a phrase. The **precept** as well as the practice of the Primitive Church was distinctly against matrimony.

MISS PRISM.

[Sententiously.] That is obviously the reason why the Primitive Church has not lasted up to the present day. And you do not seem to realise, dear Doctor, that by persistently remaining single, a man converts himself into a permanent public temptation. Men should be more careful; this very **celibacy** leads weaker vessels **astray**.

CHASUBLE.

But is a man not equally attractive when married?

MISS PRISM.

No married man is ever attractive except to his wife.

CHASUBLE.

And often, I've been told, not even to her.

MISS PRISM.

That depends on the intellectual sympathies of the woman. Maturity can always be depended on. **Ripeness** can be trusted. Young **women** are green. [DR. CHASUBLE starts.] I spoke horticulturally. My metaphor was drawn from **fruits**. But where is Cecily?

CHASUBLE.

Perhaps she followed us to the schools.

[Enter JACK slowly from the back of the garden. He is dressed in the deepest **mourning**, with **crape hatband** and black gloves.]

MISS PRISM.

Mr. Worthing!

Thesaurus

astray: (*adj, adv*) adrift, off course; (*adj*) lost, wrong, disoriented, awry; (*adv*) amiss, widely, far, afield, aside.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) accurate.
celibacy: (*n*) single, unmarried, abstinence, virginity, celibate, bachelorship, condition, maidenhood, single blessedness, status, virtue. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dissipation, excess, indulgence.

crape: (*n, v*) curl; (*n*) French pancake, hotcake, flapcake, flapjack,

griddlecake, pancake, battercake; (*adj, v*) crimp; (*adj*) deep mourning, weeds.

fruits: (*n*) revenue.

hatband: (*n*) stripe, banding, band.

misanthrope: (*n*) misanthropist, cynic, pessimist, skeptic, misogynist, misanthropos, Timon, grump, man hater, hermit, egotist.

mourning: (*n*) lament, lamentation, bereavement, gloom, woe, memorial, sorrowfulness, sadness, sorrow; (*adj*)

grieving; (*v*) lamenting.

precept: (*n*) canon, decree, command, mandate, charge, lesson, injunction, law, commandment, principle; (*adj, n*) rule.

ripeness: (*n, v*) readiness; (*n*) maturation, matureness, mellowness, perfection, fruition, lusciousness, succulence, full development; (*v*) preparedness, ripen. ANTONYMS: (*n*) greenness, dryness.

women: (*n*) sex, gentle sex.

CHASUBLE.

Mr. Worthing?

MISS PRISM.

This is indeed a surprise. We did not look for you till Monday afternoon.

JACK.

[Shakes MISS PRISM'S hand in a tragic manner.] I have returned sooner than I expected. Dr. Chasuble, I hope you are well?

CHASUBLE.

Dear Mr. Worthing, I trust this **garb** of woe does not **betoken** some terrible **calamity**?

JACK.

My brother.

MISS PRISM.

More **shameful** debts and extravagance?

CHASUBLE.

Still leading his life of pleasure?

JACK.

[Shaking his head.] Dead!

CHASUBLE.

Your brother Ernest dead?

JACK.

Quite dead.

MISS PRISM.

What a lesson for him! I trust he will profit by it.

CHASUBLE.

Mr. Worthing, I offer you my sincere **condolence**. You have at least the consolation of knowing that you were always the most generous and **forgiving** of brothers.

Thesaurus

betoken: (*v*) augur, foreshadow, prognosticate, bode, foretell, mark, bespeak, presage, indicate, omen; (*n*, *v*) denote.

calamity: (*n*) disaster, adversity, affliction, misfortune, plague, catastrophe, tragedy, blow, bale, distress; (*n*, *v*) trouble. ANTONYMS: (*n*) blessing, boon, luck, joy, opportunity.

condolence: (*n*) compassion, pity, sympathy, condolment,

condolences, lamentation, mercy, mourning, acknowledgement, solace, acknowledgment. ANTONYM: (*n*) congratulation.

forgiving: (*adj*) compassionate, lenient, tolerant, charitable, remissive, humane, kind, magnanimous, generous, merciful, mild. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unforgiving, hardhearted, impatient, strict.

garb: (*n*, *v*) dress, apparel, array,

garment; (*n*) attire, clothing, costume, frock, outfit, clothes; (*v*) clothe.

shameful: (*adj*) scandalous, dishonorable, opprobrious, shocking, ignominious, disreputable, despicable; (*adj*, *v*) foul, base, gross, black. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) honorable, noble, dignified, admirable, faultless, reputable, glorious, compassionate, praiseworthy, commendable, excellent.

JACK.

Poor Ernest! He had many faults, but it is a sad, sad blow.

CHASUBLE.

Very sad indeed. Were you with him at the end?

JACK.

No. He died abroad; in Paris, in fact. I had a telegram last night from the manager of the Grand Hotel.

CHASUBLE.

Was the cause of death mentioned?

JACK.

A severe chill, it seems.

MISS PRISM.

As a man sows, so shall he **reap**.

CHASUBLE.

[Raising his hand.] Charity, dear Miss Prism, charity! None of us are perfect. I myself am peculiarly susceptible to **draughts**. Will the **interment** take place here?

JACK.

No. He seems to have expressed a desire to be buried in Paris.

CHASUBLE.

In Paris! [**Shakes** his head.] I fear that hardly points to any very serious state of mind at the last. You would no doubt wish me to make some slight allusion to this tragic domestic **affliction** next Sunday. [JACK presses his hand convulsively.] My **sermon** on the meaning of the **manna** in the wilderness can be adapted to almost any occasion, **joyful**, or, as in the present case, distressing. [All sigh.] I have preached it at harvest **celebrations**, christenings, confirmations, on days of humiliation and **festal** days. The last time I delivered it was in the Cathedral, as a charity sermon on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Discontent among the Upper Orders. The Bishop, who was present, was much struck by some of the analogies I drew.

Thesaurus

affliction: (*n, v*) adversity; (*n*) distress, regret, martyrdom, torment, curse, trial, bane, misadventure, sorrow, agony. ANTONYMS: (*n*) gift, godsend, solace, blessing.
celebrations: (*n*) revels, festivities.
draughts: (*n*) solitaire, go bang, backgammon, misere chess, chess, dominos, board game.
festal: (*adj*) convivial, gala, solemn, festival, cheery, joyous, jovial, merry, gay, ceremonious, happy.

interment: (*n*) burial, sepulture, entombment, funeral, sepulcher, committal, obsequies, arenation, burying, grave, humation.
joyful: (*adj*) gay, glad, elated, cheerful, gleeful, cheery, delighted, joyous, jolly, blissful, blithe. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) miserable, sorrowful, unhappy, despairing, unpleasant, staid, sorry, disappointed, depressed, heavy.
manna: (*n*) honey, nutrient, sap, godsend, miraculous food, treacle,

syrup, sugar, molasses, bonanza, boom.
reap: (*v*) harvest, gain, glean, gather, obtain, cut, receive, earn, acquire; (*adj, v*) mow; (*adj*) clip. ANTONYMS: (*v*) lose, scatter.
sermon: (*n*) discourse, oration, speech, address, homily, preaching, harangue, preaching, exhortation, predication; (*n, v*) lecture.
shakes: (*n*) hangover, jitters, nervousness, tension, anxiety.

JACK.

Ah! that reminds me, you mentioned **christenings** I think, Dr. Chasuble? I suppose you know how to christen all right? [DR. CHASUBLE looks astounded.] I mean, of course, you are **continually** christening, aren't you?

MISS PRISM.

It is, I regret to say, one of the Rector's most constant duties in this parish. I have often spoken to the **poorer** classes on the subject. But they don't seem to know what **thrift** is.

CHASUBLE.

But is there any particular infant in whom you are interested, Mr. Worthing? Your brother was, I believe, **unmarried**, was he not?

JACK.

Oh yes.

MISS PRISM.

[Bitterly.] People who live entirely for pleasure usually are.

JACK.

But it is not for any child, dear Doctor. I am very **fond** of children. No! the fact is, I would like to be christened myself, this afternoon, if you have nothing better to do.

CHASUBLE.

But surely, Mr. Worthing, you have been christened already?

JACK.

I don't remember anything about it.

CHASUBLE.

But have you any grave **doubts** on the subject?

JACK.

I certainly intend to have. Of course I don't know if the thing would bother you in any way, or if you think I am a little too old now.

Thesaurus

christen: (*v*) entitle, baptize, dub, name, baptise, designate, style, term, specify, define, denominate.

christening: (*n*) naming, denomination, chrism, designation, identification.

continually: (*adv*) perpetually, ceaselessly, incessantly, endlessly, unceasingly, continuously, persistently, eternally, steadily, frequently; (*adj, adv*) always.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) acutely,

infrequently, spasmodically, sporadically.

doubts: (*adj*) doubting.

fond: (*adj*) affectionate, caring, devoted, tender, loving, amorous, delicate, adoring, doting, ardent, attached. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) aversion, cold, rough.

poorer: (*adj*) lesser, substandard, subordinate, of inferior quality, not as good as, lower, junior, minor.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) superior, higher.

thrift: (*n*) economy, parsimony, husbandry, frugality, prosperity, prudence, thriftiness, parsimoniousness, sea pink, welfare; (*v*) gain. ANTONYMS: (*n*) generosity, spending, waste.

unmarried: (*adj*) unwedded, sole, alone, unattached, individual, separate, celibate, widowed, bachelor, maiden, lone.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) married, marital, attached, wed, involved.

CHASUBLE.

Not at all. The **sprinkling**, and, indeed, the immersion of adults is a perfectly **canonical** practice.

JACK.

Immersion!

CHASUBLE.

You need have no apprehensions. Sprinkling is all that is necessary, or indeed I think advisable. Our weather is so **changeable**. At what hour would you wish the ceremony performed?

JACK.

Oh, I might trot round about five if that would suit you.

CHASUBLE.

Perfectly, perfectly! In fact I have two similar ceremonies to perform at that time. A case of **twins** that occurred recently in one of the **outlying** cottages on your own estate. Poor Jenkins the carter, a most **hard-working** man.

JACK.

Oh! I don't see much fun in being christened along with other babies. It would be childish. Would half-past five do?

CHASUBLE.

Admirably! Admirably! [Takes out watch.] And now, dear Mr. Worthing, I will not **intrude** any longer into a house of sorrow. I would merely beg you not to be too much bowed down by grief. What seem to us bitter trials are often **blessings** in disguise.

MISS PRISM.

This seems to me a blessing of an extremely obvious kind.

[Enter CECILY from the house.]

CECILY.

Uncle Jack! Oh, I am pleased to see you back. But what horrid clothes you have got on! Do go and change them.

Thesaurus

blessings: (*n*) blessing, godsend.

canonical: (*adj*) orthodox, standard, basic, canonical, normative, uncompromising, strict, rigid, positive, legitimate, classical.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unorthodox, unsanctioned, unauthorized, unacceptable.

changeable: (*adj*) inconsistent, erratic, capricious, irregular, mobile, mutable, slippery, uncertain, unsettled, unstable, mercurial.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fixed, stable, unchangeable, consistent, predictable, regular, dependable, immutable, certain, invariable, lasting.

hard-working: (*adj*) studious, industrious, painstaking, active, dedicated, tireless.

intrude: (*v*) interfere, trespass, encroach, infringe, impose, obtrude, disturb, interrupt, impinge, barge in, butt in. ANTONYM: (*v*) disregard.

outlying: (*adj*) faraway, remote, far, outer, isolated, outdoor, outward, exterior, peripheral, outstanding, secluded. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) central, metropolitan, nearby, neighboring.

sprinkling: (*n*) sprinkle, scattering, touch, aspersion, smack, spray, bit, scatter, watering; (*adj, n*) spice; (*adj*) drop.

twins: (*n*) Gemini, couple, brace, duet, cheeks, deuce, twin, two, Siamese twins, siblings, geminy.

MISS PRISM.

Cecily!

CHASUBLE.

My child! my child! [CECILY goes towards JACK; he kisses her brow in a **melancholy** manner.]

CECILY.

What is the matter, Uncle Jack? Do look happy! You look as if you had **toothache**, and I have got such a surprise for you. Who do you think is in the dining-room? Your brother!

JACK.

Who?

CECILY.

Your brother Ernest. He arrived about half an hour ago.

JACK.

What nonsense! I haven't got a brother.

CECILY.

Oh, don't say that. However badly he may have behaved to you in the past he is still your brother. You couldn't be so **heartless** as to **disown** him. I'll tell him to come out. And you will shake hands with him, won't you, Uncle Jack? [Runs back into the house.]

CHASUBLE.

These are very joyful **tidings**.

MISS PRISM.

After we had all been resigned to his loss, his sudden return seems to me peculiarly **distressing**.

JACK.

My brother is in the dining-room? I don't know what it all means. I think it is perfectly absurd.

Thesaurus

disown: (*v*) disavow, disinherit, abandon, renounce, disclaim, forsake, refuse, recant, repudiate, retract, disallow. ANTONYMS: (*v*) bequeath, accept, avow, adopt, admit, claim.
distressing: (*adj*) sorrowful, deplorable, pitiful, painful, bad, depressing, disturbing, sore, lamentable, hurtful, worrying. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reassuring, heartwarming, pleasing, unemotional, soothing, comforting,

comfortable, cheerful, appealing, happy.
heartless: (*adj*) hardhearted, ruthless, cruel, pitiless, obdurate, merciless, unfeeling, unkind, stony, insensitive, grim. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) kind, caring, hearted, warmhearted, compassionate, softhearted, merciful, sympathetic, concerned, flattering, generous.
melancholy: (*adj, v*) dreary; (*adj, n*) gloom, melancholic; (*adj*) depressed,

dejected, dismal, gloomy, doleful; (*n, v*) low spirits; (*n*) gloominess, depression. ANTONYMS: (*n*) happiness, cheerfulness, hopefulness, optimism; (*adj*) happy, bright, cheery, satisfied.
tidings: (*n*) intelligence, information, message, report, word, advice, communication, dispute, wind, statement, tiding.
toothache: (*v*) tic douloureux, torticollis, tormina; (*n*) aerodontalgia.

[Enter ALGERNON and CECILY hand in hand. They come slowly up to JACK.]

JACK.

Good heavens! [Motions ALGERNON away.]

ALGERNON.

Brother John, I have come down from town to tell you that I am very sorry for all the trouble I have given you, and that I intend to lead a better life in the future. [JACK glares at him and does not take his hand.]

CECILY.

Uncle Jack, you are not going to **refuse** your own brother's hand?

JACK.

Nothing will induce me to take his hand. I think his coming down here disgraceful. He knows perfectly well why.

CECILY.

Uncle Jack, do be nice. There is some good in every one. Ernest has just been telling me about his poor invalid friend Mr. Bunbury whom he goes to visit so often. And surely there must be much good in one who is kind to an invalid, and leaves the pleasures of London to sit by a bed of pain.

JACK.

Oh! he has been talking about Bunbury, has he?

CECILY.

Yes, he has told me all about poor Mr. Bunbury, and his terrible state of health.

JACK.

Bunbury! Well, I won't have him talk to you about Bunbury or about anything else. It is enough to drive one perfectly frantic.

ALGERNON.

Of course I **admit** that the faults were all on my side. But I must say that I think that Brother John's **coldness** to me is **peculiarly painful**. I expected a

Thesaurus

admit: (*n, v*) allow; (*adj, v*) acknowledge; (*v*) concede, accede, grant, affirm, confess, include, permit, take, welcome. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reject, exclude, bar, dispute, gainsay, withhold, refuse, oust, hide, eject, dismiss.
coldness: (*n*) chilliness, coolness, indifference, distance, apathy, iciness, reserve, frost, frigidity, unconcern; (*adj, n*) cold. ANTONYMS: (*n*) friendliness, sympathy, sensitivity,

hotness, heat, responsiveness, concern, brightness, kindness.
painful: (*adj*) hard, difficult, sharp, harrowing, grievous, afflictive, bad, irritating; (*adj, v*) distressing, harsh, bitter. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) content, heartwarming, soothing, comfortable, bearable, agreeable, effortless, dull, slight, wonderful, happy.
peculiarly: (*adj, adv*) particularly, curiously, unusually, uncommonly, singularly; (*adv*) especially, oddly,

strangely, specifically, weirdly, specially. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) typically, ordinarily, slightly.
refuse: (*v*) deny, reject, decline, disallow, rebuff, turn down; (*adj, n*) waste, trash; (*n*) offal, litter; (*n, v*) dross. ANTONYMS: (*v*) allow, receive, permit, offer, dedicate, approve, agree, admit, choose, pass, affirm.

more **enthusiastic** welcome, especially considering it is the first time I have come here.

CECILY.

Uncle Jack, if you don't **shake** hands with Ernest I will never **forgive** you.

JACK.

Never forgive me?

CECILY.

Never, never, never!

JACK.

Well, this is the last time I shall ever do it. [Shakes with ALGERNON and glares.]

CHASUBLE.

It's pleasant, is it not, to see so perfect a **reconciliation**? I think we might leave the two brothers together.

MISS PRISM.

Cecily, you will come with us.

CECILY.

Certainly, Miss Prism. My little task of reconciliation is over.

CHASUBLE.

You have done a beautiful action to-day, dear child.

MISS PRISM.

We must not be **premature** in our judgments.

CECILY.

I feel very happy. [They all go off except JACK and ALGERNON.]

JACK.

You young **scoundrel**, Algy, you must get out of this place as soon as possible. I don't allow any Bunburying here.

[Enter MERRIMAN.]

Thesaurus

enthusiastic: (*adj, n*) hearty, cordial, passionate, buoyant; (*adj*) eager, active, anxious, excited, avid, fiery, devoted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) apathetic, indifferent, lukewarm, lethargic, halfhearted, disinterested, unexcited, passive, disheartened, reluctant, weak.

forgive: (*v*) absolve, excuse, acquit, remit, pardon, justify, to forgive, exonerate, overlook, clear, to excuse. ANTONYMS: (*v*) condemn, punish,

castigate.

premature: (*adj*) untimely, early, immature, inopportune, forward, previous, rash, unripe; (*n*) precocity, precociousness, prematurity. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) overdue, timely, late.

reconciliation: (*n, v*) concord, peace, harmony; (*n*) adjustment, agreement, rapprochement, pacification, reconcilment, conciliation, appeasement, mediation.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) incitement, war.

scoundrel: (*n, v*) rascal; (*n*) knave, blackguard, cad, villain, ruffian, miscreant, crook, rapsallion, varlet, scalawag.

shake: (*n, v*) jolt, beat, jar, quiver, wave; (*v*) agitate, excite, disturb; (*adv, v*) brandish; (*adj, v*) quake, totter. ANTONYMS: (*v*) soothe, steady.

MERRIMAN.

I have put Mr. Ernest's things in the room next to yours, sir. I suppose that is all right?

JACK.

What?

MERRIMAN.

Mr. Ernest's luggage, sir. I have unpacked it and put it in the room next to your own.

JACK.

His luggage?

MERRIMAN.

Yes, sir. Three portmanteaus, a dressing-case, two hat- **boxes**, and a large luncheon-basket.

ALGERNON.

I am **afraid** I can't stay more than a **week** this time.

JACK.

Merriman, order the dog-cart at once. Mr. Ernest has been suddenly called back to town.

MERRIMAN.

Yes, sir. [Goes back into the house.]

ALGERNON.

What a **fearful liar** you are, Jack. I have not been called back to town at all.

JACK.

Yes, you have.

ALGERNON.

I haven't heard any one call me.

JACK.

Your **duty** as a **gentleman** calls you back.

Thesaurus

afraid: (*adj*) fearful, timid, shy, apprehensive, anxious, worried, scared, frightened, nervous, terrified; (*adj, adv*) cowardly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) brave, venturesome, calm, confident, cool, courageous, eager, unafraid, valiant, bold, carefree.
boxes: (*n*) auditory, pit, parquet, gallery, box, case, front of the house, bleachers, stalls.
calls: (*n*) securities, puts, bonds, preferred stock, common stock.

duty: (*n*) function, commitment, obligation, chore, assignment, office, dues, job, responsibility, must; (*n, v*) charge. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disobedience, option.
fearful: (*adj, n*) afraid; (*adj, v*) dreadful, cowardly; (*adj*) terrible, apprehensive, awful, timid, anxious, craven, frightful, eerie. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rational, calm, confident, bold, unimpressed, charming, fearless, courageous, reassuring, unafraid,

wonderful.
gentleman: (*n*) gent, Mr, male, patrician, sir, adult male, esquire, sahib, gentlemen; (*adj*) gentilhomme, gentlemanly.
liar: (*n*) deceiver, fibber, fabricator, falsifier, trickster, prevaricator, con artist, phony, lie, impostor, swindler.
week: (*n*) period, minute, second, hour, rag, day, calendar week, year, sevensnight, Wyke, workweek.

ALGERNON.

My duty as a gentleman has never interfered with my pleasures in the smallest degree.

JACK.

I can quite understand that.

ALGERNON.

Well, Cecily is a darling.

JACK.

You are not to talk of Miss Cardew like that. I don't like it.

ALGERNON.

Well, I don't like your clothes. You look perfectly **ridiculous** in them. Why on earth don't you go up and change? It is perfectly **childish** to be in deep mourning for a man who is actually staying for a whole week with you in your house as a **guest**. I call it **grotesque**.

JACK.

You are certainly not staying with me for a whole week as a guest or anything else. You have got to leave... by the four- five train.

ALGERNON.

I certainly won't leave you so long as you are in mourning. It would be most **unfriendly**. If I were in mourning you would stay with me, I suppose. I should think it very **unkind** if you didn't.

JACK.

Well, will you go if I change my clothes?

ALGERNON.

Yes, if you are not too long. I never saw anybody take so long to dress, and with such little result.

JACK.

Well, at any rate, that is better than being always over- dressed as you are.

Thesaurus

childish: (*adj*) childlike, naive, babyish, immature, simple, puerile, infantile, juvenile, silly, frivolous, young. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, old, wise, adult, jaded.
grotesque: (*adj*) fantastic, bizarre, funny, antic, absurd, droll, strange, baroque, weird, ugly, hideous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lovely, normal, commonplace, attractive.
guest: (*n*) caller, visitor, customer, alien, foreigner, client, invite, foreign,

company, guests, houseguest.
ridiculous: (*adj*) foolish, preposterous, funny, laughable, ludicrous, inane, nonsensical, comical, farcical, amusing, comic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reasonable, inspiring, ordinary, sensitive, acceptable, generous, normal, possible, impressive, sane, worthwhile.
unfriendly: (*adj*) inimical, distant, adverse, antagonistic, unkind, cold, inhospitable, icy; (*adj, adv*) chilly; (*adj,*

v) unfavorable; (*adv*) hostilely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) friendly, welcoming, warm, amiable, approachable, sociable, hospitable, kindly, nice, outgoing, pleasant.
unkind: (*adj*) cruel, harsh, unfeeling, inconsiderate, pitiless, heartless, inhuman, hard, thoughtless, brutal, mean. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) kind, considerate, pleasant, friendly, thoughtful, tactful, mild, gentle, generous, flattering, compassionate.

ALGERNON.

If I am **occasionally** a little over-dressed, I make up for it by being always **immensely** over-educated.

JACK.

Your **vanity** is ridiculous, your **conduct** an **outrage**, and your presence in my garden utterly absurd. However, you have got to catch the four-five, and I hope you will have a pleasant journey back to town. This Bunburying, as you call it, has not been a great success for you.

[Goes into the house.]

ALGERNON.

I think it has been a great success. I'm in love with Cecily, and that is everything.

[Enter CECILY at the back of the garden. She picks up the can and begins to water the flowers.] But I must see her before I go, and make arrangements for another Bunbury. Ah, there she is.

CECILY.

Oh, I merely **came** back to water the roses. I thought you were with Uncle Jack.

ALGERNON.

He's gone to order the dog-cart for me.

CECILY.

Oh, is he going to take you for a nice drive?

ALGERNON.

He's going to send me away.

CECILY.

Then have we got to part?

ALGERNON.

I am afraid so. It's a very painful **parting**.

Thesaurus

came: (*v*) arrive, come.

conduct: (*v*) bring, direct, carry, show; (*n, v*) act, administration, manage, administer, carriage, bearing; (*adj, v*) acquit. ANTONYMS: (*v*) mismanage, leave, follow.

immensely: (*adv*) highly, infinitely, greatly, enormously, tremendously, extremely, mightily, hugely, massively, immeasurably, monstrously.

occasionally: (*adv*) now and then,

from time to time, accidentally, every so often, now and again, sometimes, irregularly, uncommonly, casually, every now and then, fortuitously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) regularly, usually, often, recurrently, constantly.

outrage: (*n, v*) insult, affront, dishonor, anger; (*v*) offend, violate, desecrate; (*adj, n, v*) abuse; (*n*) atrocity, indignity, enormity.

parting: (*n*) adieu, division, leave,

departure, disunion, goodbye, leaving, segregation, dying, rupture; (*adj*) valedictory. ANTONYMS: (*n*) joining, meeting, connection, Reunion.

vanity: (*n*) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceitedness, pretension, pomposity; (*adj, n*) amour propre. ANTONYMS: (*n*) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness.

CECILY.

It is always painful to part from people whom one has known for a very brief space of time. The absence of old friends one can endure with **equanimity**. But even a momentary separation from anyone to whom one has just been introduced is almost unbearable.

ALGERNON.

Thank you.

[Enter MERRIMAN.]

MERRIMAN.

The dog-cart is at the door, sir. [ALGERNON looks **appealingly** at CECILY.]

CECILY.

It can wait, Merriman for... five minutes.

MERRIMAN.

Yes, Miss. [Exit MERRIMAN.]

ALGERNON.

I hope, Cecily, I shall not offend you if I state quite frankly and openly that you seem to me to be in every way the visible **personification** of absolute perfection.

CECILY.

I think your **frankness** does you great credit, Ernest. If you will allow me, I will copy your **remarks** into my diary. [Goes over to table and begins writing in diary.]

ALGERNON.

Do you really keep a diary? I'd give anything to look at it. May I?

CECILY.

Oh no. [Puts her hand over it.] You see, it is simply a very young girl's record of her own thoughts and **impressions**, and consequently meant for publication. When it appears in volume form I hope you will order a copy. But pray, Ernest, don't stop. I delight in taking down from **dictation**. I have reached 'absolute perfection'. You can go on. I am quite ready for more.

Thesaurus

appealingly: (*adv*) beautifully, captivatingly, charmingly, prettily, engagingly, pleasantly, enchantingly, delightfully, imploringly, interestingly, fascinatingly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disgustingly, unappealingly, unattractively, unpleasantly.
dictation: (*n*) command, bidding, bid, dictate, control, behest, charge, commission, order, direction, commandment.

equanimity: (*n*) aplomb, poise, calmness, calm, temper, peace, imperturbability, temperament, serenity, tranquility; (*adj, n*) stoicism.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) panic, anger, excitableness, fear, hysteria, nervousness, agitation, anxiety.
frankness: (*n*) honesty, truth, forthrightness, candidness, freedom, sincerity, candour, plainness, bluntness, outspokenness, ingenuousness. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

cunning, tact, delicacy, deceit, conformity, reticence, indirectness, evasiveness.

impressions: (*n*) impersonation, imitation.

personification: (*n*) incarnation, avatar, epitome, personation, prosopopoeia, figure of speech, manifestation, trope; (*adj, n*) type; (*adj*) metalepsis, anagoge.

remarks: (*n*) commentary, explanation.

ALGERNON.

[Somewhat taken aback.] Ahem! Ahem!

CECILY.

Oh, don't **cough**, Ernest. When one is dictating one should speak **fluently** and not cough. Besides, I don't know how to spell a cough. [Writes as ALGERNON speaks.]

ALGERNON.

[Speaking very rapidly.] Cecily, ever since I first looked upon your wonderful and incomparable beauty, I have dared to love you wildly, **passionately**, **devotedly**, **hopelessly**.

CECILY.

I don't think that you should tell me that you love me wildly, passionately, devotedly, hopelessly. Hopelessly doesn't seem to make much sense, does it?

ALGERNON.

Cecily!

[Enter MERRIMAN.]

MERRIMAN.

The dog-cart is waiting, sir.

ALGERNON.

Tell it to come round next week, at the same hour.

MERRIMAN.

[Looks at CECILY, who makes no sign.] Yes, sir.

[MERRIMAN retires.]

CECILY.

Uncle Jack would be very much **annoyed** if he knew you were staying on till next week, at the same hour.

ALGERNON.

Oh, I don't care about Jack. I don't care for anybody in the whole world but you. I love you, Cecily. You will marry me, won't you?

Thesaurus

annoyed: (*adj*) irritated, vexed, irate, aggravated, angered, cross, disgruntled, exasperated, infuriated, displeased, resentful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleased, unprovoked, smiling, patient, unconcerned, contented.

cough: (*v*) clear the throat, to cough, spit up, cough up, expectorate; (*n*) expiration, exhalation, symptom, sneeze, breathing out.

devotedly: (*adv*) affectionately, lovingly, zealously, faithfully,

piously, fondly, religiously, passionately, enthusiastically, eagerly, dutifully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) coldly, apathetically, unfaithfully, unenthusiastically, carelessly, disobediently.

fluently: (*adv*) easily, glibly, eloquently, liquidly, flowingly, articulately, clearly, persuasively, verbosely, talkatively, fluidly.

ANTONYM: (*adv*) awkwardly.
hopelessly: (*adv*) despairingly,

forlornly, despondently, uselessly, desolately, futilely, wretchedly, lostly, sadly, dejectedly, dispiritedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, effectively, slightly.

passionately: (*adv*) fervently, vehemently, violently, fiercely, eagerly, zealously, fervidly, fierily, enthusiastically, heatedly, stormily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) mildly, apathetically, calmly, halfheartedly, impassively, jokingly, gently.

CECILY.

You silly boy! Of course. Why, we have been **engaged** for the last three months.

ALGERNON.

For the last three months?

CECILY.

Yes, it will be exactly three months on Thursday.

ALGERNON.

But how did we become engaged?

CECILY.

Well, ever since dear Uncle Jack first **confessed** to us that he had a younger brother who was very wicked and bad, you of course have formed the chief topic of conversation between myself and Miss Prism. And of course a man who is much talked about is always very attractive. One feels there must be something in him, after all. I **daresay** it was **foolish** of me, but I fell in love with you, Ernest.

ALGERNON.

Darling! And when was the engagement actually settled?

CECILY.

On the 14th of February last. **Worn** out by your entire **ignorance** of my existence, I determined to end the matter one way or the other, and after a long struggle with myself I accepted you under this dear old tree here. The next day I **bought** this little ring in your name, and this is the little **bangle** with the true lover's **knot** I promised you always to wear.

ALGERNON.

Did I give you this? It's very pretty, isn't it?

CECILY.

Yes, you've wonderfully good taste, Ernest. It's the excuse I've always given for your leading such a bad life. And this is the box in which I keep all your

Thesaurus

bangle: (*n*) bracelet, circlet, whatsits, whatchamacallit, sundry, jewellery, sundries, stuff, wristlet, wristband, armet.
bought: (*n*) crook, hook.
confessed: (*adj*) known.
daresay: (*v*) assume, deem.
engaged: (*adj*) occupied, betrothed, employed, affianced, engrossed, reserved, absorbed, working, pledged, involved, committed.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) free, unengaged,

unemployed, uncommitted, unattached, single, detached, idle.
foolish: (*adj*) childish, fool, crazy, dumb, daft, fatuous, stupid, unwise, preposterous, dopey; (*adj, n*) silly.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wise, sensible, shrewd, prudent, visionary, diplomatic, levelheaded, sane, rational, mature, judicious.
ignorance: (*n*) illiteracy, nescience, folly, unwisdom, innocence, denseness, ignorancy, stupidity,

obtuseness, tabula rasa, unawareness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) intelligence, acquaintance, education.
knot: (*n*) bow, cluster, lump, gang, joint; (*v*) entangle, knit, bind; (*n, v*) tie, loop, tangle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) unravel, undo, unknot, disentangle.
worn: (*adj*) haggard, tired, tattered, threadbare, ragged, drawn, jaded, fatigued, exhausted, faded, wasted.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) new, smart, unused, unworn, pristine, original.

dear letters. [Kneels at table, opens box, and produces letters **tied** up with blue ribbon.]

ALGERNON.

My letters! But, my own **sweet** Cecily, I have never written you any letters.

CECILY.

You need hardly **remind** me of that, Ernest. I remember only too well that I was forced to write your letters for you. I wrote always three times a week, and sometimes oftener.

ALGERNON.

Oh, do let me read them, Cecily?

CECILY.

Oh, I couldn't possibly. They would make you far too **conceited**. [Replaces box.] The three you wrote me after I had **broken** of the engagement are so beautiful, and so badly spelled, that even now I can hardly read them without **crying** a little.

ALGERNON.

But was our engagement ever broken off?

CECILY.

Of course it was. On the 22nd of last March. You can see the entry if you like. [Shows diary.] 'To-day I broke off my engagement with Ernest. I feel it is better to do so. The weather still continues charming.'

ALGERNON.

But why on earth did you break it of? What had I done? I had done nothing at all. Cecily, I am very much hurt indeed to hear you broke it off. Particularly when the weather was so charming.

CECILY.

It would hardly have been a really serious engagement if it hadn't been broken off at least once. But I **forgave** you before the week was out.

ALGERNON.

[Crossing to her, and kneeling.] What a perfect **angel** you are, Cecily.

Thesaurus

angel: (*n, v*) sponsor, support; (*n*) backer, cherub, messenger, patron, benefactor, saint; (*adj*) Dulcinea, goddess; (*adj, n*) darling.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) fiend, devil, jerk, demon.
broke: (*adj*) bankrupt, poor, insolvent, impecunious, penniless, impoverished, skint, bust, destitute, strapped, ruined. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) solvent, wealthy, affluent.
conceited: (*adj*) arrogant, cocky, vain,

boastful, proud, smug, affected, assuming, egotistical, haughty, pompous. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) modest, insecure, meek, selfless, unassuming.
crying: (*adj, v*) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (*adj*) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (*n*) weeping; (*v*) weep; (*adj, n*) sniveling.
forgave: (*v*) to excuse.
remind: (*v*) recollect, prompt, recall, commemorate, call up, memorialize,

hint, jog, inform, think; (*n, v*) mind.
sweet: (*adj*) fresh, mellow, lovable, dear, pleasant, musical, melodious, pleasing, sugary; (*adj, v*) lovely; (*adj, n*) beloved. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) discordant, bitter, acid, sharp, acidic, pungent, salty, harsh, detestable, cacophonous, dry.
tied: (*adj*) bound, connected, laced, united, fixed, even, liable, tight, spiked, responsible, attached. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) untied, unlaced.

CECILY.

You dear romantic boy. [He kisses her, she puts her fingers through his hair.]
I hope your hair **curls** naturally, does it?

ALGERNON.

Yes, darling, with a little help from others.

CECILY.

I am so **glad**.

ALGERNON.

You'll never break of our engagement again, Cecily?

CECILY.

I don't think I could break it off now that I have actually met you. Besides, of course, there is the question of your name.

ALGERNON.

Yes, of course. [Nervously.]

CECILY.

You must not **laugh** at me, darling, but it had always been a **girlish** dream of mine to love some one whose name was Ernest. [ALGERNON rises, CECILY also.] There is something in that name that seems to **inspire absolute** confidence. I **pity** any poor married woman whose husband is not called Ernest.

ALGERNON.

But, my dear child, do you mean to say you could not love me if I had some other name?

CECILY.

But what name?

ALGERNON.

Oh, any name you like - Algernon - for instance...

CECILY.

But I don't like the name of Algernon.

Thesaurus

absolute: (*adj*) total, unconditional, downright, full, categorical, utter, sheer; (*adj, v*) peremptory, unqualified; (*adj, n*) positive, real. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) partial, qualified, incomplete, limited, provisional, uncertain, democratic, blemished, circumscribed, comparative, complaisant.

curls: (*n*) hair, tresses, ringlets.

girlish: (*adj*) boyish, childish, kittenish, juvenile, adolescent, innocent,

schoolgirlish, babyish, immature, youthful, female.

glad: (*adj*) jubilant, cheerful, gay, blithe, delighted, festive, content, delightful, genial, bright, willing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhappy, apologetic, dismayed, unwilling, disappointed, sorry.

inspire: (*adj, v*) cheer, enliven, exhilarate; (*v*) encourage, excite, inhale, incite, affect, infuse, hearten, actuate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) extinguish,

disenchant, douse, knock, dampen, calm, dishearten.

laugh: (*n, v*) joke, giggle, chortle, titter, snicker; (*v*) smile; (*n*) jest, gag, jape, laughter, cackle. ANTONYM: (*v*) weep.

pity: (*n, v*) compassion, ruth; (*n*) mercy, commiseration, condolence, sympathy, clemency, remorse; (*v*) sympathize, compassionate, feel sorry for. ANTONYMS: (*n*) blame, cruelty, indifference, harshness, joy.

ALGERNON.

Well, my own dear, sweet, **loving** little darling, I really can't see why you should object to the name of Algernon. It is not at all a bad name. In fact, it is rather an **aristocratic** name. Half of the **chaps** who get into the Bankruptcy Court are called Algernon. But seriously, Cecily... [Moving to her]... if my name was Algy, couldn't you love me?

CECILY.

[Rising.] I might respect you, Ernest, I might **admire** your character, but I fear that I should not be able to give you my **undivided** attention.

ALGERNON.

Ahem! Cecily! [**Picking up hat.**] Your Rector here is, I suppose, thoroughly experienced in the practice of all the **rites** and ceremonials of the Church?

CECILY.

Oh, yes. Dr. Chasuble is a most learned man. He has never written a single book, so you can imagine how much he knows.

ALGERNON.

I must see him at once on a most important christening - I mean on most important business.

CECILY.

Oh!

ALGERNON.

I shan't be away more than half an hour.

CECILY.

Considering that we have been engaged since February the 14th, and that I only met you to-day for the first time, I think it is rather hard that you should leave me for so long a period as half an hour. Couldn't you make it twenty minutes?

ALGERNON.

I'll be back in no time.

[Kisses her and **rushes** down the garden.]

Thesaurus

admire: (*v*) revere, look up to, idolize, appreciate, adore, wonder, praise, worship, admiring, esteem, honor. ANTONYMS: (*v*) despise, loathe, scorn, hate, condemn, abhor, disrespect, detest, disregard, disapprove, deprecate.

aristocratic: (*adj*) gentle, autocratic, refined, stylish, Belgravian, aristocratical, condescending, well-bred, royal; (*n*) princely, titled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) popular,

unrefined, bourgeois, common, lowly.

chaps: (*n*) chops, fauces, crack.

loving: (*adj*) fond, devoted, amorous, kind, friendly, ardent, attached, admiring, gentle, fatherly; (*adj, v*) tender. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cold, uncaring, malicious, cruel, unloving, rough, paternal, indifferent, distant, disapproving, callous.

picking: (*n*) option, selection, alternative, gathering, collection,

choice, harvesting, leavings, collecting, indefinite quantity; (*v*) choose.

rites: (*n*) money, finances, wake, religion.

rushes: (*n*) rush, grasses.

undivided: (*adj*) complete, whole, unbroken, total, single, integral, continuous, united, full, exclusive, solid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) partial, separate, broken, imperfect, individual.

CECILY.

What an **impetuous** boy he is! I like his hair so much. I must enter his **proposal** in my diary.

[Enter MERRIMAN.]

MERRIMAN.

A Miss Fairfax has just called to see Mr. Worthing. On very important business, Miss Fairfax states.

CECILY.

Isn't Mr. Worthing in his **library**?

MERRIMAN.

Mr. Worthing went over in the direction of the Rectory some time ago.

CECILY.

Pray ask the lady to come out here; Mr. Worthing is sure to be back soon. And you can bring tea.

MERRIMAN.

Yes, Miss. [Goes out.]

CECILY.

Miss Fairfax! I suppose one of the many good **elderly** women who are **associated** with Uncle Jack in some of his **philanthropic** work in London. I don't quite like women who are interested in philanthropic work. I think it is so forward of them.

[Enter MERRIMAN.]

MERRIMAN.

Miss Fairfax.

[Enter GWENDOLEN.]

[Exit MERRIMAN.]

CECILY.

[Advancing to meet her.] Pray let me **introduce** myself to you. My name is Cecily Cardew.

Thesaurus

associated: (*adj*) connected, allied, affiliated, united, attendant, linked, confederate, attached, joined, alike, coupled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unconnected, different, rival.
elderly: (*adj*) old, elder, senior, older, antiquated, geriatric; (*adv*) superiorly, bigly, eldestly, anciently, adultly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) immature, youthful.
impetuous: (*adj*) boisterous, hasty, fiery, headlong, heady, hot, brash,

foolhardy, dashing, fierce; (*adj, v*) impulsive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) considered, careful, slow, sensible, patient.
introduce: (*v*) interject, inject, advance, infuse, initiate, acquaint, implant, inaugurate, bring in, present, enter. ANTONYMS: (*v*) end, terminate, remove, export.
library: (*n*) program library, collection, depository library, atheneum, atheneum, room, repository, series,

public library, study, subroutine library.
philanthropic: (*adj*) benevolent, charitable, humanitarian, humane, kind, eleemosynary, generous, beneficent, kindly, munificent, good. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) selfish, miserly, nasty, mean.
proposal: (*n*) advice, suggestion, proposition, overture, plan, proffer, offer, hypothesis, presentation, idea, view.

GWENDOLEN.

Cecily Cardew? [Moving to her and **shaking** hands.] What a very sweet name! Something tells me that we are going to be great friends. I like you already more than I can say. My first impressions of people are never wrong.

CECILY.

How nice of you to like me so much after we have known each other such a **comparatively** short time. Pray sit down.

GWENDOLEN.

[Still standing up.] I may call you Cecily, may I not?

CECILY.

With pleasure!

GWENDOLEN.

And you will always call me Gwendolen, won't you?

CECILY.

If you wish.

GWENDOLEN.

Then that is all quite settled, is it not?

CECILY.

I hope so. [A **pause**. They both sit down together.]

GWENDOLEN.

Perhaps this might be a **favourable** opportunity for my mentioning who I am. My father is Lord Bracknell. You have never heard of **papa**, I suppose?

CECILY.

I don't think so.

GWENDOLEN.

Outside the family circle, **papa**, I am glad to say, is entirely unknown. I think that is quite as it should be. The home seems to me to be the proper **sphere** for the man. And certainly once a man begins to **neglect** his domestic duties

Thesaurus

comparatively: (*adv*) rather, somewhat, reasonably, quite, approximately, some, pretty, fairly, to some extent, to a certain extent, moderately. ANTONYM: (*adv*) absolutely.

favourable: (*adj*) convenient, encouraging, good, auspicious, useful, benevolent, favorable, profitable, conducive, opportune, prosperous.

neglect: (*n, v*) disregard, slight,

default; (*v*) ignore, fail, overlook, miss, forget, drop; (*n*) carelessness, omission. ANTONYMS: (*n*) development, surveillance, caution, affection, cherish; (*v*) do, protect, complete, remember, heed; (*n, v*) care.

papa: (*n*) father, pa, daddy, Dada, sire, pappa, pop, old man, paterfamilias, cardinal, high priest.

pause: (*n, v*) halt, interruption, adjournment, delay, respite, stop;

(*adj, n, v*) rest; (*n*) intermission, gap; (*adj, v*) discontinue; (*v*) hesitate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) decisiveness, continuation, start; (*v*) proceed. **shaking:** (*adj, n*) quivering, tremor, jarring; (*n*) quiver, palpitation, quake; (*adj*) quaking, shaky, flutter, unsteady, shivering. **sphere:** (*n*) region, range, province, domain, realm, area, department, round, ball, circle, globe.

he becomes **painfully effeminate**, does he not? And I don't like that. It makes men so very attractive. Cecily, mamma, whose views on education are remarkably strict, has brought me up to be extremely short-sighted; it is part of her system; so do you mind my looking at you through my glasses?

CECILY.

Oh! not at all, Gwendolen. I am very fond of being looked at.

GWENDOLEN.

[After **examining** CECILY carefully through a lorgnette.] You are here on a short visit, I suppose.

CECILY.

Oh no! I live here.

GWENDOLEN.

[Severely.] Really? Your mother, no doubt, or some female relative of advanced years, resides here also?

CECILY.

Oh no! I have no mother, nor, in fact, any relations.

GWENDOLEN.

Indeed?

CECILY.

My dear guardian, with the assistance of Miss Prism, has the **arduous** task of looking after me.

GWENDOLEN.

Your guardian?

CECILY.

Yes, I am Mr. Worthing's ward.

GWENDOLEN.

Oh! It is strange he never mentioned to me that he had a ward. How **secretive** of him! He grows more interesting **hourly**. I am not sure, however, that the news inspires me with feelings of **unmixed** delight. [Rising and going to her.]

Thesaurus

arduous: (*adj*) laborious, difficult, strenuous, onerous, heavy, uphill, severe, painful, trying, tough, troublesome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) facile, simple, painless, refreshing, relaxing, insignificant, light, undemanding.

effeminate: (*adj*) womanish, delicate, epicene, sissy, emasculate, tender, ladylike, cissy, easy, voluptuous; (*adj, v*) feminine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) macho, manly, masculine.

examining: (*v*) examine, investigate; (*adj*) investigative, curious, disquisitive, exploratory, inquiring.

hourly: (*adv*) always, by the hour, daily, often, constantly, continually, frequently; (*adj*) horary, continual, ephemeral; (*n*) an hour.

painfully: (*adv*) sorely, grievously, distressingly, severely, tenderly, badly, agonizingly, laboriously, sadly, bitterly, poignantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) easily, tolerably.

secretive: (*adj, v*) secret, near, hidden; (*adj*) silent, reserved, quiet, uncommunicative, clandestine, tightlipped, incommunicative; (*v*) reticent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) revealing, communicative, meaningful, public.

unmixed: (*adj, v*) simple, sheer, mere, downright; (*adj*) absolute, unmingled, undiluted, straight, uncompounded, single, plain. ANTONYM: (*adj*) impure.

I am very fond of you, Cecily; I have liked you ever since I met you! But I am bound to state that now that I know that you are Mr. Worthing's ward, I cannot help **expressing** a wish you were - well, just a little older than you seem to be - and not quite so very **alluring** in appearance. In fact, if I may speak candidly -

CECILY.

Pray do! I think that whenever one has anything unpleasant to say, one should always be quite candid.

GWENDOLEN.

Well, to speak with perfect **candour**, Cecily, I wish that you were fully forty-two, and more than usually plain for your age. Ernest has a strong upright nature. He is the very soul of truth and honour. **Disloyalty** would be as impossible to him as **deception**. But even men of the noblest possible moral character are extremely susceptible to the influence of the physical **charms** of others. Modern, no less than Ancient History, supplies us with many most painful examples of what I refer to. If it were not so, indeed, History would be quite **unreadable**.

CECILY.

I beg your pardon, Gwendolen, did you say Ernest?

GWENDOLEN.

Yes.

CECILY.

Oh, but it is not Mr. Ernest Worthing who is my guardian. It is his brother - his elder brother.

GWENDOLEN.

[Sitting down again.] Ernest never **mentioned** to me that he had a brother.

CECILY.

I am sorry to say they have not been on good terms for a long time.

GWENDOLEN.

Ah! that accounts for it. And now that I think of it I have never heard any

Thesaurus

alluring: (*adj*) tempting, charming, attractive, enticing, beguiling, glamorous, magnetic, enchanting, enthralling, appealing, appetizing.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unappealing, unattractive, dull, repulsive.
candour: (*n*) candidness, frankness, forthrightness, fairness, rectitude, purity, straightforwardness, equity, truth, sincerity, simplicity.
charms: (*n*) trinkets, jewelry, jewels.
deception: (*n, v*) cheat; (*n*) illusion,

trick, pretense, delusion, betrayal, fake, flam, bluff, gammon, cheating.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) honesty, candidness, sincerity, openness, correction, integrity, genuine, truthfulness.
disloyalty: (*n*) treason, betrayal, treachery, dishonesty, unfaithfulness, sedition, faithlessness, perfidy, infidelity, deceitfulness, duplicity.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) loyalty, faithfulness, honesty, allegiance,

commitment, dedication, reliability.
expressing: (*adj*) significant; (*n*) speech.
mentioned: (*adj*) spoken.
unreadable: (*adj*) unclear, undecipherable, indecipherable, inscrutable, not legible, not readable, inexpressive, impossible to read, impenetrable, impassive, hard to make out. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) legible, readable, expressive.

man mention his brother. The subject seems **distasteful** to most men. Cecily, you have lifted a load from my mind. I was growing almost anxious. It would have been terrible if any cloud had come across a friendship like ours, would it not? Of course you are quite, quite sure that it is not Mr. Ernest Worthing who is your guardian?

CECILY.

Quite sure. [A pause.] In fact, I am going to be his.

GWENDOLEN.

[Inquiringly.] I beg your pardon?

CECILY.

[Rather shy and confidingly.] Dearest Gwendolen, there is no reason why I should make a secret of it to you. Our little county newspaper is sure to **chronicle** the fact next week. Mr. Ernest Worthing and I are engaged to be married.

GWENDOLEN.

[Quite **politely**, rising.] My darling Cecily, I think there must be some slight error. Mr. Ernest Worthing is engaged to me. The announcement will appear in the MORNING POST on Saturday at the latest.

CECILY.

[Very politely, rising.] I am afraid you must be under some **misconception**. Ernest proposed to me exactly ten minutes ago. [Shows diary.]

GWENDOLEN.

[Examines diary through her lorgnette carefully.] It is certainly very curious, for he asked me to be his wife yesterday afternoon at 5.30. If you would care to **verify** the incident, pray do so. [Produces diary of her own.] I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read in the train. I am so sorry, dear Cecily, if it is any disappointment to you, but I am afraid I have the **prior** claim.

CECILY.

It would distress me more than I can tell you, dear Gwendolen, if it caused

Thesaurus

chronicle: (*n, v*) register, list, log, report; (*n*) account, story, annals, history, narrative, roll; (*v*) date.
distasteful: (*adj, v*) disagreeable; (*adj*) offensive, unwelcome, ugly, revolting, undesirable, objectionable, disgusting, foul, nasty; (*v*) unpalatable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleasant, tasteful, attractive, appealing, savory, pleasing, desirable, appetizing, tasty, nice, noble.

misconception: (*n*) misapprehension, error, mistake, fallacy, delusion, illusion, mirage, fantasy, fancy, misinterpretation, paralogism. ANTONYMS: (*n*) concept, fact.
politely: (*adv*) kindly, civilly, respectfully, properly, graciously, urbanely, elegantly, gallantly, genteelly, refinedly, considerately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) rudely, brusquely, discourteously, disrespectfully, uncooperatively,

disagreeably.
prior: (*adj*) preceding, former, foregoing, previous, earlier, anterior, past, preliminary, antecedent, advance; (*n*) abbot. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) later, following.
verify: (*v*) corroborate, ascertain, confirm, check, prove, support, certify, validate, sustain; (*n, v*) establish, authenticate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) invalidate, discredit, refute, undermine.

you any mental or physical anguish, but I feel bound to point out that since Ernest proposed to you he clearly has changed his mind.

GWENDOLEN.

[Meditatively.] If the poor fellow has been entrapped into any foolish promise I shall consider it my duty to rescue him at once, and with a firm hand.

CECILY.

[Thoughtfully and sadly.] Whatever unfortunate **entanglement** my dear boy may have got into, I will never **reproach** him with it after we are married.

GWENDOLEN.

Do you **allude** to me, Miss Cardew, as an entanglement? You are **presumptuous**. On an occasion of this kind it becomes more than a moral duty to speak one's mind. It becomes a pleasure.

CECILY.

Do you suggest, Miss Fairfax, that I entrapped Ernest into an engagement? How dare you? This is no time for wearing the shallow mask of manners. When I see a spade I call it a spade.

GWENDOLEN.

[Satirically.] I am glad to say that I have never seen a spade. It is obvious that our social spheres have been widely different.

[Enter MERRIMAN, followed by the **footman**. He carries a salver, table cloth, and plate stand. CECILY is about to **retort**. The presence of the servants **exercises a restraining** influence, under which both girls chafe.]

MERRIMAN.

Shall I lay tea here as usual, Miss?

CECILY.

[Sternly, in a calm voice.] Yes, as usual. [MERRIMAN begins to clear table and lay cloth. A long pause. CECILY and GWENDOLEN glare at each other.]

GWENDOLEN.

Are there many interesting walks in the vicinity, Miss Cardew?

Thesaurus

allude: (*v*) advert, refer, hint, glance, intimate, suggest, touch, bring up, mean, notice, pertain.

entanglement: (*n*) snarl, complexity, embarrassment, implication, mesh, knot, tangle, web, perplexity, hitch; (*adj, n*) involution. ANTONYMS: (*n*) simplification, extrication.

exercises: (*n*) military exercises, athletics.

footman: (*n*) attendant, butler, follower, flunkey, flunky, varlet,

servitor, valet de chambre, boy, knave; (*n, v*) lackey.

presumptuous: (*adj*) arrogant, audacious, forward, assuming, insolent, impertinent, assumptive, familiar, haughty, proud; (*adj, n*) bold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful, shy, timid, humble, modest.

reproach: (*n, v*) blame, rebuke, charge, abuse, disgrace, reprimand, invective; (*v*) accuse, chide, condemn; (*n*) condemnation. ANTONYMS: (*n*,

v) praise; (*v*) commend, approve; (*n*) compliment, commendation, approval.

restraining: (*adj*) binding, astringent, warning, abstemious, continuous, moderate, not interrupted, obligatory, opposing; (*n*) arrest, penning.

retort: (*n, v*) answer, return, riposte; (*n*) response, rejoinder, repartee, comeback; (*v*) respond, repay, rejoin, alembic.

CECILY.

Oh! yes! a great many. From the top of one of the **hills** quite close one can see five counties.

GWENDOLEN.

Five counties! I don't think I should like that; I hate crowds.

CECILY.

[Sweetly.] I suppose that is why you live in town? [GWENDOLEN bites her lip, and **beats** her foot **nervously** with her parasol.]

GWENDOLEN.

[Looking round.] Quite a **well-kept** garden this is, Miss Cardew.

CECILY.

So glad you like it, Miss Fairfax.

GWENDOLEN.

I had no idea there were any **flowers** in the country.

CECILY.

Oh, flowers are as common here, Miss Fairfax, as people are in London.

GWENDOLEN.

Personally I cannot understand how anybody manages to exist in the country, if anybody who is anybody does. The country always bores me to death.

CECILY.

Ah! This is what the **newspapers** call agricultural **depression**, is it not? I believe the aristocracy are suffering very much from it just at present. It is almost an **epidemic** amongst them, I have been told. May I offer you some tea, Miss Fairfax?

GWENDOLEN.

[With **elaborate** politeness.] Thank you. [Aside.] Detestable girl! But I require tea!

Thesaurus

beats: (*n*) beat, beatniks, Beat Generation.

depression: (*n*) cavity, dejection, blues, trough, trench, dip, hole, dent, impression, decline, slump.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) happiness, outcrop, encouragement, boom, inflation, elation, recovery, hump, joy, bulge, optimism.

elaborate: (*v*) develop, specify, amplify, work out, expand, expound, detail; (*adj*) careful, complicated,

complex, involved. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) plain, simple, modest, common, stark, straightforward, uncomplicated, uninvolved; (*v*) simplify, condense, contract.

epidemic: (*adj*) infectious, catching, rife, prevailing; (*n*) plague, pestilence, outbreak, disease, infection, eruption, pest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) contained, confined, limited, local.

flowers: (*n*) analecta, anthology.

hills: (*n*) home, dry land, foothills,

earth, ground.

nervously: (*adv*) edgily, anxiously, timidly, worriedly, uneasily, restlessly, timorously, skittishly, excitedly, neurotically, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) confidently, boldly, fearlessly, unconcernedly, nonchalantly, trustingly.

newspapers: (*n*) press, papers, the media, journalists, reporters.

well-kept: (*adj*) neat, clean.

CECILY.

[Sweetly.] Sugar?

GWENDOLEN.

[Superciliously.] No, thank you. Sugar is not fashionable any more. [CECILY looks angrily at her, takes up the **tongs** and puts four **lumps** of sugar into the cup.]

CECILY.

[Severely.] Cake or bread and butter?

GWENDOLEN.

[In a bored manner.] Bread and butter, please. Cake is rarely seen at the best houses nowadays.

CECILY.

[Cuts a very large slice of cake, and puts it on the tray.] Hand that to Miss Fairfax.

[MERRIMAN does so, and goes out with footman. GWENDOLEN drinks the tea and makes a **grimace**. Puts down cup at once, **reaches** out her hand to the bread and butter, looks at it, and finds it is cake. Rises in indignation.]

GWENDOLEN.

You have filled my tea with lumps of sugar, and though I asked most distinctly for bread and butter, you have given me cake. I am known for the **gentleness** of my disposition, and the extraordinary sweetness of my nature, but I warn you, Miss Cardew, you may go too far.

CECILY.

[Rising.] To save my poor, innocent, **trusting** boy from the **machinations** of any other girl there are no lengths to which I would not go.

GWENDOLEN.

From the moment I saw you I **distrusted** you. I felt that you were false and **deceitful**. I am never **deceived** in such matters. My first impressions of people are invariably right.

Thesaurus

deceitful: (*adj*) false, fraudulent, insincere, crooked, dishonest, untrue, sly, artful, untrustworthy, unreliable, treacherous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straightforward, genuine, trustworthy, truthful, loyal, open, principled, straight, upright, faithful, dependable.
deceived: (*adj*) mistaken, misguided.
distrusted: (*adj*) suspect.
gentleness: (*adj, n*) kindness, courtesy, benignity, compassion; (*n*) kindliness,

lenity, mildness, sweetness, softness, benevolence, mercy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) severity, harshness, fierceness, cruelty, ferocity, brusqueness, abruptness, rage, callousness, sharpness, roughness.
grimace: (*n, v*) scowl, glower, sneer, smile, roar; (*n*) face, mop, mouth, expression; (*v*) pull a face, wince.
lumps: (*n*) repulse, deserts, due, grit, punishment.
machinations: (*n*) intrigues.

reaches: (*n*) recess.
tongs: (*n*) forceps, pincers, pliers, nippers, poker, lifter, pair of tongs, trivet, vice, ice tongs; (*v*) clutches.
trusting: (*adj*) credulous, unsuspecting, naive, confident, confiding, simple, innocent, gullible, reliant, give, easy to fool.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) distrustful, suspicious, doubtful, hesitant, protective, shrewd, disingenuous, smart, jaded.

CECILY.

It seems to me, Miss Fairfax, that I am **trespassing** on your **valuable** time. No doubt you have many other calls of a similar character to make in the neighbourhood.

[Enter JACK.]

GWENDOLEN.

[Catching **sight** of him.] Ernest! My own Ernest!

JACK.

Gwendolen! Darling! [Offers to **kiss** her.]

GWENDOLEN.

[Draws back.] A moment! May I ask if you are engaged to be married to this young lady? [Points to CECILY.]

JACK.

[Laughing.] To dear little Cecily! Of course not! What could have put such an idea into your pretty little head?

GWENDOLEN.

Thank you. You may! [Offers her cheek.]

CECILY.

[Very sweetly.] I knew there must be some misunderstanding, Miss Fairfax. The gentleman whose arm is at present round your **waist** is my guardian, Mr. John Worthing.

GWENDOLEN.

I beg your **pardon**?

CECILY.

This is Uncle Jack.

GWENDOLEN.

[Receding.] Jack! Oh!

[Enter ALGERNON.]

Thesaurus

enter: (*v*) enroll, embark, chronicle, book, record, input, arrive, come, pierce, register, penetrate.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) depart, exit, delete, stop, refrain, erase, egress, abstain, cancel, exclude, disembark.
kiss: (*n, v*) caress, brush, embrace, touch; (*n*) osculation, salute, lip, Kiss of peace, kiss hands; (*v*) osculate, love.
pardon: (*v*) excuse, condone, forgive, acquit, spare; (*n*) amnesty,

forgiveness, grace; (*adj, v*) justify, exonerate, exculpate. **ANTONYMS:** (*n, v*) blame; (*v*) punish, castigate, condemn, convict; (*n*) intolerance.
sight: (*n, v*) vision, glimpse, show, aspect, appearance; (*v*) aim, spot, see; (*n*) view, prospect, scene.
trespassing: (*n*) interference; (*adj*) invasive.
valuable: (*adj*) costly, beneficial, expensive, helpful, useful, admirable, important, invaluable; (*adj, n*)

estimable, worthy; (*n*) treasure.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) useless, unimportant, valueless, insignificant, ineffectual, shabby, cheap, detrimental, disadvantageous; (*n*) trash, garbage.
waist: (*n*) waistline, shank, middle, belly, isthmus, hourglass, undersurface; (*adj*) stricture, middle constriction, neck, wasp.

CECILY.

Here is Ernest.

ALGERNON.

[Goes straight over to CECILY without **noticing** any one else.] My own love!
[Offers to kiss her.]

CECILY.

[Drawing back.] A moment, Ernest! May I ask you - are you engaged to be married to this young **lady**?

ALGERNON.

[Looking round.] To what young lady? Good heavens! Gwendolen!

CECILY.

Yes! to good heavens, Gwendolen, I mean to Gwendolen.

ALGERNON.

[Laughing.] Of course not! What could have put such an idea into your pretty little head?

CECILY.

Thank you. [**Presenting** her **cheek** to be kissed.] You may. [ALGERNON kisses her.]

GWENDOLEN.

I felt there was some **slight error**, Miss Cardew. The gentleman who is now **embracing** you is my cousin, Mr. Algernon Moncrieff.

CECILY.

[Breaking away from ALGERNON.] Algernon Moncrieff! Oh! [The two girls move towards each other and put their arms round each other's waists protection.]

CECILY.

Are you called Algernon?

ALGERNON.

I cannot **deny** it.

Thesaurus

cheek: (*n*) audacity, nerve, brass, boldness, impertinence, face, lip, mouth, gall, insolence, impudence.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) respect, cowardice, timidity, humbleness, meekness, reticence, seriousness; (*v*) praise.
deny: (*v*) controvert, rebuff, contradict, disavow, gainsay, reject, oppose, refuse, disown, abnegate, renounce.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) affirm, claim, acknowledge, declare, maintain, agree, spoil, accept, accede, allow,

argue.
embracing: (*n*) embrace, hugging, kissing, taking on, implementation, espousal, clutches; (*adj*) twining, osculant, grasping, close.
error: (*n*) blunder, fault, mistake, delusion, lapse, oversight, miss, guilt, crime, defect; (*adj, n*) wrong.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) correctness, fact, accuracy.
lady: (*n*) gentlewoman, Mrs, duchess, countess, spouse, madam, ma'am,

milady, matron, woman; (*v*) squaw.
ANTONYM: (*n*) Lord.
noticing: (*n*) observation, look; (*adj*) conscious.
presenting: (*adj*) featuring.
slight: (*adj, adv*) light; (*adj*) thin, flimsy, slender, fragile, petty, little; (*adv, n, v*) neglect; (*n, v*) insult, scorn; (*v*) ignore.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) considerable, major, obvious, thickset, severe, wide, fat, intense, heavy, likely; (*v*) acknowledge.

CECILY.

Oh!

GWENDOLEN.

Is your name really John?

JACK.

[Standing rather proudly.] I could deny it if I liked. I could deny anything if I liked. But my name certainly is John. It has been John for years.

CECILY.

[To GWENDOLEN.] A gross deception has been **practised** on both of us.

GWENDOLEN.

My poor **wounded** Cecily!

CECILY.

My sweet **wronged** Gwendolen!

GWENDOLEN.

[Slowly and seriously.] You will call me sister, will you not? [They **embrace**. JACK and ALGERNON **groan** and walk up and down.]

CECILY.

[Rather brightly.] There is just one question I would like to be allowed to ask my guardian.

GWENDOLEN.

An admirable idea! Mr. Worthing, there is just one question I would like to be permitted to put to you. Where is your brother Ernest? We are both engaged to be married to your brother Ernest, so it is a matter of some importance to us to know where your brother Ernest is at present.

JACK.

[Slowly and hesitatingly.] Gwendolen - Cecily - it is very painful for me to be forced to speak the truth. It is the first time in my life that I have ever been reduced to such a painful position, and I am really quite **inexperienced** in doing anything of the kind. However, I will tell you quite **frankly** that I have no brother Ernest. I have no brother at all. I never had a brother in my life,

Thesaurus

embrace: (*v*) comprise, adopt, comprehend, contain, admit, espouse, include; (*n*, *v*) clasp, hug, grip, bosom. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reject, exclude, spurn, shun, renounce, release, loose, disbelieve.

frankly: (*adv*) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (*adj*, *adv*) freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully,

deceitfully, ambiguously, politely.
groan: (*n*, *v*) grumble, murmur, cry, sigh, mutter, squeak, rumble, scrape; (*v*) howl, complain; (*n*) complaint.

inexperienced: (*adj*) naive, young, callow, ignorant, unsophisticated, new, unexperienced, clumsy; (*adj*, *v*) raw; (*v*) green; (*n*) inexperience. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) trained, sophisticated, skilled, knowledgeable, expert, accustomed, sharp, seasoned.

practised: (*adj*) practiced, expert, adept, good, trained, proficient, seasoned, skilful, skilled, skillful, versed.

wounded: (*adj*, *v*) hurt; (*n*) casualty, maimed; (*adj*) bruised, injured, bloody, aggrieved, saddened; (*v*) stricken, wound, struck. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unaffected.

wronged: (*adj*) upset, hurt, indignant, offended.

and I certainly have not the smallest **intention** of ever having one in the future.

CECILY.

[Surprised.] No brother at all?

JACK.

[Cheerily.] None!

GWENDOLEN.

[Severely.] Had you never a brother of any kind?

JACK.

[Pleasantly.] Never. Not even of an kind.

GWENDOLEN.

I am afraid it is quite clear, Cecily, that neither of us is engaged to be married to any one.

CECILY.

It is not a very pleasant position for a young girl suddenly to find herself in. Is it?

GWENDOLEN.

Let us go into the house. They will hardly **venture** to come after us there.

CECILY.

No, men are so **cowardly**, aren't they?

[They retire into the house with **scornful** looks.]

JACK.

This ghastly state of things is what you call Bunburying, I suppose?

ALGERNON.

Yes, and a **perfectly wonderful** Bunbury it is. The most wonderful Bunbury I have ever had in my life.

JACK.

Well, you've no right whatsoever to Bunbury here.

Thesaurus

cowardly: (*adj, adv*) dastardly, scared, shrinking; (*adj*) timid, afraid, craven, gutless, sneaky, fainthearted, faint; (*adv*) recreantly. ANTONYMS: (*adj, adv*) brave, daring, bold, courageous; (*adj*) intrepid, fearless, strong, determined; (*adv*) dauntless, gutsy, unafraid.

intention: (*n*) idea, intent, goal, purpose, cause, motive, mind; (*n, v*) aim, end, design, drift.

perfectly: (*adj, adv*) entirely; (*adv*) fully,

thoroughly, consummately, utterly, flawlessly, absolutely, purely, totally, faultlessly, wholly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) badly, imperfectly, incorrectly, wrong, inaccurately, partially, partly, poorly, unpleasantly, wrongly.

scornful: (*adj*) disdainful, haughty, arrogant, sarcastic, disparaging, derisive, mocking, abusive, scathing, opprobrious, insulting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) approving, complimentary, humble, sympathetic, admiring.

venture: (*n, v*) hazard, chance, stake, peril, attempt, gamble, adventure; (*adj, n, v*) dare; (*n*) speculation, danger; (*v*) endanger.

wonderful: (*adj, n*) marvelous, astonishing, incredible; (*adj*) excellent, remarkable, phenomenal, amazing, fantastic, great, grand, super. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) terrible, unpleasant, dreadful, poor, rotten, abysmal, mundane, devastating, lousy, dire, ordinary.

ALGERNON.

That is absurd. One has a right to Bunbury anywhere one chooses. Every serious Bunburyist knows that.

JACK.

Serious Bunburyist! Good heavens!

ALGERNON.

Well, one must be serious about something, if one wants to have any **amusement** in life. I happen to be serious about Bunburying. What on **earth** you are serious about I haven't got the remotest idea. About everything, I should fancy. You have such an absolutely **trivial** nature.

JACK.

Well, the only small satisfaction I have in the whole of this **wretched** business is that your friend Bunbury is quite **exploded**. You won't be able to run down to the country quite so often as you used to do, dear Algy. And a very good thing too.

ALGERNON.

Your brother is a little off colour, isn't he, dear Jack? You won't be able to disappear to London quite so frequently as your wicked **custom** was. And not a bad thing either.

JACK.

As for your conduct towards Miss Cardew, I must say that your taking in a sweet, simple, innocent girl like that is quite inexcusable. To say nothing of the fact that she is my ward.

ALGERNON.

I can see no possible defence at all for your deceiving a brilliant, clever, thoroughly experienced young lady like Miss Fairfax. To say nothing of the fact that she is my cousin.

JACK.

I wanted to be engaged to Gwendolen, that is all. I love her.

Thesaurus

amusement: (*n*) pleasure, recreation, entertainment, distraction, diversion, sport, pastime, laughter, enjoyment, joy, hobby. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sadness, boredom, work, tedium, business, despondency, discomfort, displeasure.

custom: (*n*) habit, convention, usage, practice, consuetude, fashion, method, mores; (*n, v*) use, accustom; (*adj*) bespoke. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fad, innovation, phenomenon, rage,

rarity.

earth: (*n*) world, dust, ground, land, lair, dry land, terra firma, clay, creation, ball, country.

exploded: (*adj*) antebellum, antediluvian, blown over, expired, unconnected, elapsed, that has been, run out, no more, never to return; (*v*) at a discount.

trivial: (*adj*) trifling, frivolous, little, small, commonplace, superficial, petty, paltry, inconsiderable,

piddling, slight. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) important, vital, major, urgent, profound, crucial, consequential, considerable, enormous, mature, serious.

wretched: (*adj*) unfortunate, pitiful, sad, pitiable, woeful, pathetic, piteous, lamentable; (*adj, v*) poor, unhappy, forlorn. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fine, strong, fortunate, overjoyed, nice, admirable, good, cheery, joyous, lucky, comfortable.

ALGERNON.

Well, I simply wanted to be engaged to Cecily. I adore her.

JACK.

There is certainly no chance of your **marrying** Miss Cardew.

ALGERNON.

I don't think there is much **likelihood**, Jack, of you and Miss Fairfax being united.

JACK.

Well, that is no business of yours.

ALGERNON.

If it was my business, I wouldn't talk about it. [Begins to eat muffins.] It is very vulgar to talk about one's business. Only people like stock-brokers do that, and then merely at dinner parties.

JACK.

How can you sit there, **calmly** eating muffins when we are in this **horrible** trouble, I can't make out. You seem to me to be perfectly heartless.

ALGERNON.

Well, I can't eat muffins in an **agitated** manner. The butter would probably get on my **cuffs**. One should always eat muffins quite calmly. It is the only way to eat them.

JACK.

I say it's perfectly heartless your eating muffins at all, under the circumstances.

ALGERNON.

When I am in trouble, eating is the only thing that consoles me. Indeed, when I am in really great trouble, as any one who knows me **intimately** will tell you, I refuse everything except food and drink. At the present moment I am eating muffins because I am unhappy. Besides, I am particularly fond of muffins. [Rising.]

Thesaurus

agitated: (*adj*) upset, excited, nervous, restive, tumultuous, distressed, tense, jumpy, overwrought, anxious, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, lethargic, tranquil, relaxed, assured, cool, still.

calmly: (*adv*) stilly, tranquilly, coolly, serenely, placidly, sedately, smoothly, peacefully, easily, undisturbedly, steadily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) anxiously, hysterically, nervously, agitatedly,

uncontrollably, histrionically, restlessly, frantically, irritably, emotionally, tensely.

cuffs: (*n*) handcuffs, manacles, manacle, handcuff, shackles, fetters, bond, bonds, handlock, chains.

horrible: (*adj*) awful, fearful, frightful, abominable, grisly, formidable, dire, ghastly, dreadful, fearsome; (*adj, v*) horrid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wonderful, lovely, nice, lovable, fair, delightful, slight, appealing, minor,

attractive, great.

intimately: (*adv*) nearly, familiarly, personally, secretly, internally, privately, narrowly, thoroughly, near, well, thickly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) superficially.

likelihood: (*n*) chance, odds, probability, eventuality, expectation, likeliness, prospect, expectancy, verisimilitude, appearance, option. ANTONYM: (*n*) improbability.

marrying: (*adj*) married.

JACK.

[Rising.] Well, that is no reason why you should eat them all in that **greedy** way. [Takes muffins from ALGERNON.]

ALGERNON.

[Offering tea-cake.] I wish you would have tea-cake instead. I don't like tea-cake.

JACK.

Good heavens! I suppose a man may eat his own muffins in his own garden.

ALGERNON.

But you have just said it was perfectly heartless to eat muffins.

JACK.

I said it was perfectly heartless of you, under the circumstances. That is a very different thing.

ALGERNON.

That may be. But the muffins are the same. [He seizes the muffin-dish from JACK.]

JACK.

Algy, I wish to goodness you would go.

ALGERNON.

You can't possibly ask me to go without having some dinner. It's absurd. I never go without my dinner. No one ever does, **except** vegetarians and people like that. Besides I have just made **arrangements** with Dr. Chasuble to be christened at a quarter to six under the name of Ernest.

JACK.

My dear fellow, the sooner you give up that nonsense the better. I made arrangements this morning with Dr. Chasuble to be christened myself at 5.30, and I **naturally** will take the name of Ernest. Gwendolen would wish it. We can't both be christened Ernest. It's absurd. Besides, I have a perfect right to be christened if I like. There is no evidence at all that I have ever been christened by **anybody**. I should think it extremely **probable** I never was, and

Thesaurus

anybody: (*adv*) any, each; (*n, pron*) any person, a person; (*n*) everyone, somebody, nobody, everybody, someone; (*pron*) whoever.

arrangements: (*n*) arranging, disposition, fixing, schedule, travels, activities, actions, accompaniments, movements.

except: (*adj, conj, prep*) save; (*v*) exclude, demur, omit, elide; (*adv, conj, prep*) but; (*adv, prep*) besides; (*prep*) excepting, excluding, aside

from; (*conj, n*) without. ANTONYMS: (*prep*) including; (*v*) receive, admit.

greedy: (*adj*) avid, gluttonous, desirous, grasping, acquisitive, glutton, piggish, voracious, selfish; (*adj, v*) avaricious, covetous.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) temperate, ascetic, unconcerned, abstemious, moderate.

naturally: (*adv, int*) of course; (*adv*) spontaneously, unaffectedly, natively, openly, essentially, course,

by nature, understandably, normally; (*adj, adv*) innately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) artificially, surprisingly, uncharacteristically, pretentiously, unusually, abnormally, affectedly, shyly.

probable: (*adj*) likely, plausible, possible, potential, presumable, feasible, hopeful, convincing, believable, to be expected, specious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) improbable, implausible, unbelievable.

so does Dr. Chasuble. It is entirely different in your case. You have been christened already.

ALGERNON.

Yes, but I have not been christened for years.

JACK.

Yes, but you have been christened. That is the important thing.

ALGERNON.

Quite so. So I know my **constitution** can stand it. If you are not quite sure about your ever having been christened, I must say I think it rather dangerous your venturing on it now. It might make you very **unwell**. You can hardly have **forgotten** that some one very closely **connected** with you was very nearly **carried** off this week in Paris by a **severe** chill.

JACK.

Yes, but you said yourself that a severe chill was not hereditary.

ALGERNON.

It usen't to be, I know - but I daresay it is now. Science is always making wonderful improvements in things.

JACK.

[Picking up the muffin-dish.] Oh, that is nonsense; you are always talking nonsense.

ALGERNON.

Jack, you are at the muffins again! I wish you wouldn't. There are only two left. [Takes them.] I told you I was particularly fond of muffins.

JACK.

But I hate tea-cake.

ALGERNON.

Why on earth then do you allow tea-cake to be served up for your **guests**? What ideas you have of **hospitality**!

Thesaurus

carried: (*adj*) conveyed, imported.
connected: (*adj, v*) related; (*adj*) attached, allied, affiliated, coherent, linked, committed, conjoint, combined, relevant, consecutive.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unrelated, separate, unimportant, disjointed, unaffiliated, disconnected, unattached, irrelevant.
constitution: (*n*) code, makeup, temperament, organization, build, foundation, structure, law, charter,

character, formation.
forgotten: (*adj*) lost, disregarded, elapsed, past, abandoned, gone, Gone With the Wind, irrecoverable, lapsed, disoriented, no more.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) remembered.
guests: (*n*) guest, visitors.
hospitality: (*n*) entertainment, generosity, friendliness, cordiality, welcome, cordial reception, kindness, amiability, warmth, solicitously, politely. ANTONYMS: (*n*) frostiness,

inhospitality.
severe: (*adj, n*) rigid, austere, inclement, rough, hard; (*adj, v*) biting, cutting; (*adj*) rigorous, bad, intense, heavy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mild, lenient, slight, easy, lax, cordial, kindly, kind, approving, funny, moderate.
unwell: (*adj*) sick, ill, poorly, ailing, sickly, unhealthy, seedy, bad, diseased, frail; (*adj, v*) indisposed.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, well, fit.

JACK.

Algernon! I have **already told** you to go. I don't want you here. Why don't you go!

ALGERNON.

I haven't **quite finished** my tea yet! and there is still one **muffin left**. [JACK groans, and sinks into a **chair**. ALGERNON still continues eating.]

[ACT DROP]

Thesaurus

already: (*adv*) beforehand, previously, before, formerly, even now, just now, at present, once, heretofore, yet, in advance.

chair: (*n, v*) chairman; (*n*) bench, president, chairperson, throne, couch, armchair, electric chair, chairwoman; (*v*) moderate, lead.

finished: (*adj, adv*) ended, completed; (*adj*) complete, consummate, absolute, accomplished, ruined, spent, ripe, polished; (*adj, v*) done.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) incomplete, remaining, rough, leftover, uncultured.

left: (*adj*) gone, absent, port, odd, remaining, larboard, gauche, sinister; (*n*) left hand, left wing, mitt.

ANTONYMS: (*adj, adv, n*) right; (*adj*) remaining, center, starboard, present.

muffin: (*n*) gem, cake, jewel, gemstone, English muffin, bran muffin, corn muffin.

quite: (*adj, adv*) altogether, fully, sheer,

just; (*adv*) all, absolutely, completely, entirely, exactly, enough, well.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hardly, slightly, insufficiently, partially.

told: (*v*) related, narrated; (*adj*) numbered, oral, spoken, legendary, verbal, manifest.

THIRD ACT

SCENE--Morning-room at the Manor House. [GWENDOLEN and CECILY are at the **window**, looking out into the garden.]

GWENDOLEN.

The fact that they did not follow us at once into the house, as any one else would have done, seems to me to show that they have some sense of **shame** left.

CECILY.

They have been eating muffins. That looks like **repentance**.

GWENDOLEN.

[After a pause.] They don't seem to **notice** us at all. Couldn't you cough?

CECILY.

But I haven't got a cough.

GWENDOLEN.

They're looking at us. What **effrontery!**

CECILY.

They're **approaching**. That's very forward of them.

Thesaurus

approaching: (*adj*) future, forthcoming, impending, imminent, oncoming, near; (*adj, n*) coming; (*n, v*) approach; (*adv*) nearly, almost; (*prep*) toward.

effrontery: (*n*) audacity, brass, presumption, face, boldness, insolence, nerve, impertinence, impudence, rudeness, assurance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) timidity, deference, courtesy.

notice: (*n, v*) note, mind, regard; (*n*)

advertisement, information, declaration, attention; (*adj, v*) look, attend; (*v*) find, detect. ANTONYMS: (*v*) ignore, overlook, Miss; (*n*) ignorance, inattention, appointment, unconsciousness.

repentance: (*n*) contrition, penance, remorse, regret, compunction, sorrow, guilt, contriteness, grief, attrition, atonement. ANTONYMS: (*n*) shamelessness, brazenness.

shame: (*n, v*) disgrace, dishonor,

discredit, humiliate, degrade, chagrin; (*n*) humiliation, modesty, scandal, insult; (*v*) abash. ANTONYMS: (*n*) pride, glorification, making, worthiness; (*v*) acknowledge, glorify, respect, dignify.
window: (*n*) casement, pane, skylight, gap, Ventian window, clearstory, transom, windowpane, rosette, clerestory, embrasure.

GWENDOLEN.

Let us preserve a **dignified** silence.

CECILY.

Certainly. It's the only thing to do now. [Enter JACK followed by ALGERNON.

They **whistle** some dreadful popular air from a British Opera.]

GWENDOLEN.

This dignified silence seems to produce an **unpleasant** effect.

CECILY.

A most distasteful one.

GWENDOLEN.

But we will not be the first to speak.

CECILY.

Certainly not.

GWENDOLEN.

Mr. Worthing, I have something very particular to ask you. Much depends on your reply.

CECILY.

Gwendolen, your common sense is invaluable. Mr. Moncrieff, **kindly** answer me the following question. Why did you **pretend** to be my guardian's brother?

ALGERNON.

In order that I might have an opportunity of meeting you.

CECILY.

[To GWENDOLEN.] That certainly seems a satisfactory explanation, does it not?

GWENDOLEN.

Yes, dear, if you can believe him.

Thesaurus

dignified: (*adj*) exalted, majestic, noble, grand, lofty, respectable, solemn, distinguished, lordly, high; (*adj, v*) great. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) undignified, foolish, dishonorable, boisterous, unceremonious, unseemly, vulgar, poor, lowly, modest, base.

kindly: (*adj*) kind, amiable, genial, charitable; (*adv*) sympathetically, benevolently, tenderly; (*adj, n*) benign, gentle, sympathetic,

benevolent. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) harshly, nastily, callously, cruelly, sharply, disagreeably, grumpily, malevolently; (*adj*) upsetting, unfeeling, sour.

pretend: (*adv, v*) assume; (*adj, v*) sham, counterfeit, fake, play; (*v*) dissimulate, dissemble, make believe, imagine, affect, act. ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) real; (*adj*) genuine, natural, sincere.

unpleasant: (*adj, n*) harsh; (*adj*)

disagreeable, obnoxious, ugly, nasty, sour, awkward, repulsive, forbidding, bad, hard. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) delightful, agreeable, wonderful, nice, enjoyable, attractive, comfortable, charming, inoffensive, amicable, cordial.

whistle: (*v*) sing, twitter, hiss, warble, tweet, cheep, chirp, wheeze; (*n, v*) cry; (*n*) whistling, tin whistle.

CECILY.

I don't. But that does not affect the wonderful beauty of his answer.

GWENDOLEN.

True. In matters of grave importance, style, not **sincerity** is the vital thing. Mr. Worthing, what explanation can you offer to me for pretending to have a brother? Was it in order that you might have an opportunity of coming up to town to see me as often as possible?

JACK.

Can you doubt it, Miss Fairfax?

GWENDOLEN.

I have the gravest doubts upon the subject. But I intend to **crush** them. This is not the moment for German **scepticism**. [Moving to CECILY.] Their explanations appear to be quite satisfactory, especially Mr. Worthing's. That seems to me to have the **stamp** of truth upon it.

CECILY.

I am more than content with what Mr. Moncrieff said. His voice alone inspires one with absolute **credulity**.

GWENDOLEN.

Then you think we should forgive them?

CECILY.

Yes. I mean no.

GWENDOLEN.

True! I had forgotten. There are principles at stake that one cannot **surrender**. Which of us should tell them? The task is not a pleasant one.

CECILY.

Could we not both speak at the same time?

GWENDOLEN.

An excellent idea! I nearly always speak at the same time as other people. Will you take the time from me?

Thesaurus

credulity: (*n*) credulousness, trustingness, trust, innocence, trustfulness, faith, lack of caution, naivet, unwariness, acceptance.

ANTONYM: (*n*) wariness.

crush: (*n, v*) squeeze, crunch, press; (*v*) beat, break, compress, conquer, stamp, overpower, squash, bruise. ANTONYMS: (*v*) lose, congratulate, stretch, praise, inspirit, encourage, compliment, expand, resist, submit, smooth.

scepticism: (*n*) disbelief, incredulity, agnosticism, doubt, mistrust, distrust, atheism, unbelief, misgiving, suspicion, sceptical.

sincerity: (*adj, n*) candor, honesty, integrity, probity, faithfulness; (*n*) earnestness, heartiness, genuineness, candour, frankness, cordiality. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dishonesty, hypocrisy, flippancy, frivolity, affectedness, caution, reticence, deceit, doubt.

stamp: (*n, v*) print, imprint, mark, seal, brand, impress, cast, punch, shape; (*v*) trample; (*n*) impression.

surrender: (*v*) concede, abandon, give up, capitulate, submit, deliver; (*adj, n*) resignation; (*n, v*) resign, render, release; (*n*) capitulation. ANTONYMS: (*v*) conquer, appropriate, persevere, subdue, enforce; (*n, v*) fight, win; (*n*) capture, confrontation, conquest, victory.

CECILY.

Certainly. [GWENDOLEN beats time with **uplifted** finger.]

GWENDOLEN and CECILY [Speaking together.] Your Christian names are still an **insuperable barrier**. That is all!

JACK and ALGERNON [Speaking together.] Our Christian names! Is that all? But we are going to be christened this afternoon.

GWENDOLEN.

[To JACK.] For my sake you are prepared to do this terrible thing?

JACK.

I am.

CECILY.

[To ALGERNON.] To please me you are ready to face this fearful **ordeal**?

ALGERNON.

I am!

GWENDOLEN.

How absurd to talk of the equality of the sexes! Where questions of **self-sacrifice** are concerned, men are **infinitely** beyond us.

JACK.

We are. [Clasps hands with ALGERNON.]

CECILY.

They have moments of physical courage of which we women know absolutely nothing.

GWENDOLEN.

[To JACK.] Darling!

ALGERNON.

[To CECILY.] Darling! [They fall into each other's arms.]

[Enter MERRIMAN.

When he enters he coughs **loudly**, seeing the situation.]

Thesaurus

barrier: (*n*) bar, bulwark, dam, rampart, hurdle, restraint, obstruction, handicap, partition, frontier, constraint. ANTONYMS: (*n*) advantage, opening, passage, aid.
infinitely: (*adv*) greatly, vastly, immensely, immeasurably, boundlessly, enormously, unboundedly, hugely, ceaselessly, unendingly; (*adj, adv*) incalculably. ANTONYM: (*adv*) finitely.
insuperable: (*adj*) unconquerable,

indomitable, impassable, invincible, unsurmountable, unbeatable, impregnable, overwhelming, formidable, inxsuperable, unassailable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) vulnerable.
loudly: (*adv*) vociferously, noisily, loud, clamorously, showily, strongly, flamboyantly, obstreperously, luridly, boisterously; (*adj, adv*) forte. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) softly, thinly, silently, piano, pleasantly.

ordeal: (*n*) trial, suffering, experience, martyrdom, affliction, test, tribulation, misery, trouble, water-ordeal, distress. ANTONYM: (*n*) pleasure.
self-sacrifice: (*n*) martyrdom, renunciation.
uplifted: (*adj*) high, raised, noble, not inverted, not prone, proud, undismayed, stately, lofty, sublime, animated.

MERRIMAN.

Ahem! Ahem! Lady Bracknell!

JACK.

Good heavens!

[Enter LADY BRACKNELL.

The couples separate in alarm. Exit MERRIMAN.]

LADY BRACKNELL.

Gwendolen! What does this mean?

GWENDOLEN.

Merely that I am engaged to be married to Mr. Worthing, mamma.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Come here. Sit down. Sit down immediately. **Hesitation** of any kind is a sign of mental **decay** in the young, of physical weakness in the old. [Turns to JACK.] Apprised, sir, of my daughter's sudden flight by her **trusty maid**, whose confidence I purchased by means of a small **coin**, I followed her at once by a luggage train. Her unhappy father is, I am glad to say, under the impression that she is attending a more than usually lengthy lecture by the University Extension Scheme on the Influence of a permanent income on Thought. I do not propose to **undecieve** him. Indeed I have never **undecieved** him on any question. I would consider it wrong. But of course, you will clearly understand that all communication between yourself and my daughter must cease immediately from this moment. On this point, as indeed on all points, I am firm.

JACK.

I am engaged to be married to Gwendolen Lady Bracknell!

LADY BRACKNELL.

You are nothing of the kind, sir. And now, as **regards** Algernon!... Algernon!

ALGERNON.

Yes, Aunt Augusta.

Thesaurus

coin: (*v*) invent, mint, originate, create, strike, cast; (*n, v*) forge; (*n*) specie, money, penny, piece.

decay: (*adj, n, v*) decline; (*v*) decompose, crumble, corrupt; (*n, v*) blight, ebb, rust, collapse; (*n*) decomposition, corruption, disintegration. ANTONYMS: (*v*) flourish, grow, thrive, strengthen, ripen, develop; (*n*) vigor, development.

hesitation: (*n, v*) falter, fear; (*n*)

hesitance, faltering, delay, hesitate, diffidence, hesitancy, qualm, reluctance; (*v*) hesitating. ANTONYMS: (*n*) certainty, resolution, confidence, decisiveness, enthusiasm, inclination, willingness. **maid:** (*n*) damsel, chambermaid, lass, lassie, girl, domestic, amah, virgin, maiden, housemaid, handmaid. **regards:** (*v*) regard, esteem, respect, consideration, honor, motive; (*adj*) abroad, devoir; (*n*) greeting, relation,

duty.

trusty: (*adj*) trustworthy, honest, faithful, dependable, responsible, constant, loyal, true, authentic, solid, sure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untrustworthy, inconstant, corrupt, disloyal.

undecieve: (*v*) unbeguile, unbecool, disabuse, inform.

undecieved: (*adj*) disillusioned, disenchanting.

LADY BRACKNELL.

May I ask if it is in this house that your invalid friend Mr. Bunbury resides?

ALGERNON.

[Stammering.] Oh! No! Bunbury doesn't live here. Bunbury is somewhere else at present. In fact, Bunbury is dead,

LADY BRACKNELL.

Dead! When did Mr. Bunbury die? His death must have been extremely sudden.

ALGERNON.

[Airily.] Oh! I killed Bunbury this afternoon. I mean poor Bunbury died this afternoon.

LADY BRACKNELL.

What did he die of?

ALGERNON.

Bunbury? Oh, he was quite exploded.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Exploded! Was he the **victim** of a **revolutionary** outrage? I was not aware that Mr. Bunbury was interested in social legislation. If so, he is well punished for his **morbidity**.

ALGERNON.

My dear Aunt Augusta, I mean he was found out! The doctors found out that Bunbury could not live, that is what I mean - so Bunbury died.

LADY BRACKNELL.

He seems to have had great confidence in the opinion of his physicians. I am glad, however, that he made up his mind at the last to some definite course of action, and acted under **proper** medical advice. And now that we have finally got rid of this Mr. Bunbury, may I ask, Mr. Worthing, who is that young person whose hand my nephew Algernon is now holding in what seems to me a peculiarly **unnecessary manner**?

Thesaurus

manner: (*adj, n*) kind; (*n*) bearing, demeanor, method, form, appearance, carriage, way; (*n, v*) custom, style, habit.

morbidity: (*n*) deadliness, mortality, lethality, jejunity, deathrate, disease, toxicity, putrescence, death rate, mortality rate; (*adj*) morbosity.
ANTONYM: (*n*) wholesomeness.

proper: (*adj*) due, decent, modest, agreeable, fitting, legitimate, right; (*adj, v*) correct, fit, becoming; (*adj, n*)

just. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inappropriate, wrong, unseemly, rude, unconventional, unsuitable, false, relaxed, vulgar, unreasonable, undue.

revolutionary: (*adj, n*) insurgent, rebel, extremist, mutineer, fanatic; (*adj*) rebellious, mutinous, progressive; (*n*) insurrectionist, subversive, revolutionist. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conventional, stale, orthodox, counterrevolutionary.

unnecessary: (*adj*) redundant, gratuitous, needless, dispensable, surplus, pointless, excessive, excess, undue, spare, useless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reasonable, basic, worthwhile, required, indispensable, helpful, justified, essential, moderate, inevitable.

victim: (*n*) prey, quarry, object, sufferer, dupe, martyr, gull, target, mug, butt, sucker. ANTONYMS: (*n*) culprit, hunter.

JACK.

That lady is Miss Cecily Cardew, my ward. [LADY BRACKNELL bows **coldly** to CECILY.]

ALGERNON.

I am engaged to be married to Cecily, Aunt Augusta.

LADY BRACKNELL.

I beg your pardon?

CECILY.

Mr. Moncrieff and I are engaged to be married, Lady Bracknell.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[With a **shiver**, crossing to the sofa and sitting down.] I do not know whether there is anything peculiarly exciting in the air of this particular part of Hertfordshire, but the number of **engagements** that go on seems to me considerably above the proper average that statistics have laid down for our guidance. I think some **preliminary** inquiry on my part would not be out of place. Mr. Worthing, is Miss Cardew at all connected with any of the larger railway stations in London? I merely desire information. Until yesterday I had no idea that there were any families or **persons** whose origin was a Terminus. [JACK looks perfectly furious, but restrains himself.]

JACK.

[In a clear, cold voice.] Miss Cardew is the grand-daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Cardew of 149 Belgrave Square, S.W.; Gervase Park, Dorking, Surrey; and the Sporran, Fifeshire, N.B.

LADY BRACKNELL.

That sounds not **unsatisfactory**. Three addresses always inspire confidence, even in **tradesmen**. But what proof have I of their **authenticity**?

JACK.

I have carefully **preserved** the Court Guides of the period. They are open to your inspection, Lady Bracknell.

Thesaurus

authenticity: (*n*) genuineness, legitimacy, reality, verity, originality, truth, validity, honesty, veracity, fidelity, actuality. ANTONYMS: (*n*) inaccuracy, insincerity.
coldly: (*adv*) frigidly, icily, coolly, indifferently, frostily, distantly, gelidly, reservedly, bleakly, wintrily, frozenly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) warmly, affectionately, sympathetically, sensitively, kindly, cheerfully, emotionally.

engagements: (*n*) arrangements, actions, activities, schedule, travels, movements.
persons: (*n*) folk, public, society, world.
preliminary: (*adj*) prefatory, early, inaugural, elementary, preparatory, first; (*n*) prelude, prelim, preface, introduction, overture. ANTONYMS: (*n*) finale, closing; (*adj*) concluding.
preserved: (*adj*) kept, conserved, whole, pickled, condite, safe.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) fresh.
shiver: (*n, v*) shake, tremble, shudder, fragment, thrill, splinter, tingle; (*v*) quake, shatter, palpitate; (*adj, v*) break.
tradesmen: (*n*) fellow tradesmen.
unsatisfactory: (*adj*) insufficient, poor, deficient, bad, lame, dissatisfactory, disappointing, empty, mediocre, limited, pitiful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) acceptable, reasonable, adequate, satisfying, impressive, perfect.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Grimly.] I have known strange errors in that publication.

JACK.

Miss Cardew's family solicitors are Messrs. Markby, Markby, and Markby.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Markby, Markby, and Markby? A firm of the very highest position in their profession. Indeed I am told that one of the Mr. Markby's is occasionally to be seen at dinner parties. So far I am satisfied.

JACK.

[Very irritably.] How extremely kind of you, Lady Bracknell! I have also in my possession, you will be pleased to hear, certificates of Miss Cardew's birth, **baptism**, whooping cough, registration, **vaccination**, **confirmation**, and the **measles**; both the German and the English variety.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Ah! A life **crowded** with incident, I see; though perhaps somewhat too exciting for a young girl. I am not myself in favour of premature **experiences**. [Rises, looks at her watch.] Gwendolen! the time approaches for our departure. We have not a moment to lose. As a matter of form, Mr. Worthing, I had better ask you if Miss Cardew has any little fortune?

JACK.

Oh! about a hundred and thirty thousand pounds in the Funds. That is all. **Goodbye**, Lady Bracknell. So pleased to have seen you.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Sitting down again.] A moment, Mr. Worthing. A hundred and thirty thousand pounds! And in the Funds! Miss Cardew seems to me a most attractive young lady, now that I look at her. Few girls of the present day have any really solid qualities, any of the qualities that last, and improve with time. We live, I **regret** to say, in an age of surfaces. [To CECILY.] Come over here, dear. [CECILY goes across.] Pretty child! your dress is sadly simple, and your hair seems almost as Nature might have left it. But we can soon alter all

Thesaurus

baptism: (*n*) affusion, aspersion, chrism, sacrament, immersion, designation, entrance, introduction, initiation, blessing; (*v*) baptize.
confirmation: (*n*) ratification, approval, corroboration, testimony, sanction, demonstration, agreement, authentication, check, endorsement, evidence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) opposite, question, repudiation, retraction, withdrawal, condemnation, denial.
crowded: (*adj*) compact, congested,

full, packed, busy, dense, populous, jammed, cramped, tight; (*adj, n*) thronged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sparse, deserted, uncrowded, loose.
experiences: (*n*) life, biography, journal, personal narrative, fortunes.
goodbye: (*n*) farewell, bye, adieu, adios, cheerio, valediction, so long, aloha; (*adj, n*) parting; (*int*) ciao, bon voyage. ANTONYMS: (*n*) hello, Reunion.
measles: (*n*) morbilli, rubeola, rubella,

leprosy, contagion, contagious disease; (*adj*) polio, mumps.
regret: (*n, v*) grieve, sorrow; (*v*) bewail, lament, mourn, bemoan, deplore; (*n*) remorse, penitence, compunction, contrition. ANTONYMS: (*v*) welcome, praise; (*n*) idealism, shamelessness, joy, satisfaction.
vaccination: (*n*) immunization, shot, prevention, preventative medicine, vaccine, jab, immunisation, gamma globulin, booster, injection, medicine.

that. A thoroughly experienced French maid produces a really marvellous result in a very brief space of time. I remember **recommending** one to young Lady Lancing, and after three months her own husband did not know her.

JACK.

And after six months nobody knew her.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Glares at JACK for a few moments. Then **bends**, with a practised smile, to CECILY.] Kindly turn round, sweet child. [CECILY turns completely round.] No, the side view is what I want. [CECILY presents her profile.] Yes, quite as I expected. There are distinct social **possibilities** in your profile. The two weak points in our age are its want of principle and its want of profile. The **chin** a little higher, dear. Style largely depends on the way the chin is worn. They are worn very high, just at present. Algernon!

ALGERNON.

Yes, Aunt Augusta!

LADY BRACKNELL.

There are distinct social possibilities in Miss Cardew's profile.

ALGERNON.

Cecily is the sweetest, **dearest**, prettiest girl in the whole world. And I don't care **twopence** about social possibilities.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Never speak **disrespectfully** of Society, Algernon. Only people who can't get into it do that. [To CECILY.] Dear child, of course you know that Algernon has nothing but his **debts** to depend upon. But I do not **approve** of **mercenary marriages**. When I married Lord Bracknell I had no fortune of any kind. But I never dreamed for a moment of allowing that to stand in my way. Well, I suppose I must give my consent.

ALGERNON.

Thank you, Aunt Augusta.

Thesaurus

approve: (*v*) adopt, allow, accept, acknowledge, ratify, let, agree, endorse, admit, support, applaud.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) condemn, censure, disapprove, veto, forbid, invalidate, disallow, disrespect, deny, desecrate, oppose.
bends: (*n*) caisson disease, aeroembolism, air embolism, bend, gas embolism, compressed air sickness.
chin: (*n*) jaw, Kuki, jawbone,

lineament, rap, jowl; (*v*) elevate, speak, chin up, confer, bring up.
dearest: (*n*) dear, darling, love, honey, lover, sweetheart, loved one, baby; (*adj*) precious, intimate, sweet.
debts: (*n*) amount overdue, amount outstanding. ANTONYM: (*n*) credit.
disrespectfully: (*adv*) impudently, insolently, rudely, irreverently, impertinently, flippantly, impiously, discourteously, cheekily, uncivilly, boldly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

deferentially, politely.
marriages: (*n*) marriage, matrimony.
mercenary: (*adj, n*) hireling; (*adj, v*) sordid; (*adj*) mercantile, materialistic, covetous, commercial, greedy, venal, avaricious, selfish; (*v*) illiberal.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) altruistic, philanthropic.
possibilities: (*n*) potential, field.
recommending: (*adj*) recommendatory, commendatory.
twopence: (*n*) tuppence, coin.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Cecily, you may kiss me!

CECILY.

[Kisses her.] Thank you, Lady Bracknell.

LADY BRACKNELL.

You may also address me as Aunt Augusta for the future.

CECILY.

Thank you, Aunt Augusta.

LADY BRACKNELL.

The marriage, I think, had better take place quite soon.

ALGERNON.

Thank you, Aunt Augusta.

CECILY.

Thank you, Aunt Augusta.

LADY BRACKNELL.

To speak frankly, I am not in **favour** of long engagements. They give people the opportunity of **finding** out each other's character before marriage, which I think is never **advisable**.

JACK.

I beg your pardon for **interrupting** you, Lady Bracknell, but this engagement is quite out of the question. I am Miss Cardew's guardian, and she cannot marry without my consent until she comes of age. That consent I absolutely decline to give.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Upon what grounds may I ask? Algernon is an extremely, I may almost say an **ostentatiously**, **eligible** young man. He has nothing, but he looks everything. What more can one desire?

JACK.

It **pains** me very much to have to speak frankly to you, Lady Bracknell, about

Thesaurus

advisable: (*adj*) eligible, desirable, advantageous, suitable, sound, prudent, acceptable, sensible, fitting, convenient, appropriate.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inappropriate, unwise, imprudent, improper, worthless.
eligible: (*adj*) acceptable, advisable, fit, due, adequate, desirable, becoming, proper, able, capable, admissible.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ineligible, unqualified, disqualified, unsuitable,

unfit, unworthy.
favour: (*n*) relief, goodness, assistance, office, favoritism, benignity; (*v*) choose, prefer, privilege, facilitate, approve.
finding: (*n*) detection, judgment, determination, discovery, verdict, ruling, breakthrough, resolution, doom, decree, find.
interrupting: (*adj*) cross, interchanged, interpellating, meddling, adverse, defensive, contrary, interpellant,

interruptive.
ostentatiously: (*adv*) pretentiously, pompously, flamboyantly, gaudily, haughtily, flashily, arrogantly, extravagantly, loudly, conspicuously, grandiosely. **ANTONYM:** (*adv*) humbly.
pains: (*n*) nisis, labor, trouble, effort, exertion, labour, pain, care, struggle, attempt, strain.

your nephew, but the fact is that I do not approve at all of his moral character. I suspect him of being **untruthful**. [ALGERNON and CECILY look at him in **indignant** amazement.]

LADY BRACKNELL.

Untruthful! My nephew Algernon? Impossible! He is an Oxonian.

JACK.

I fear there can be no possible doubt about the matter. This afternoon during my temporary absence in London on an important question of romance, he **obtained** admission to my house by means of the false **pretence** of being my brother. Under an assumed name he **drank**, I've just been informed by my butler, an entire pint bottle of my Perrier-Jouet, Brut, '89; wine I was specially **reserving** for myself. Continuing his disgraceful deception, he succeeded in the course of the afternoon in alienating the **affections** of my only ward. He subsequently stayed to tea, and **devoured** every single muffin. And what makes his conduct all the more heartless is, that he was perfectly well aware from the first that I have no brother, that I never had a brother, and that I don't intend to have a brother, not even of any kind. I distinctly told him so myself yesterday afternoon.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Ahem! Mr. Worthing, after careful consideration I have decided entirely to **overlook** my nephew's conduct to you.

JACK.

That is very generous of you, Lady Bracknell. My own decision, however, is **unalterable**. I decline to give my consent.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[To CECILY.] Come here, sweet child. [CECILY goes over.] How old are you, dear?

CECILY.

Well, I am really only eighteen, but I always admit to twenty when I go to evening parties.

Thesaurus

affections: (*n*) bosom.

devoured: (*adj*) eaten up.

drank: (*v*) absorb.

indignant: (*adj*) angry, incensed, furious, enraged, wrathful, hurt, rage, provoked, hot, anger, irate.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cool, content, unaffected.

obtained: (*adj*) fulfilled, derivative.

overlook: (*v*) disregard, excuse, omit, ignore, forget, fail, command, dominate, oversee, control, miss.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) remember, notice, spot, acknowledge, see, accept, punish.

pretence: (*n*) deceit, pretext, dissimulation, pretense, affectation, falsehood, deception, hypocrisy, bluff, appearance, pretension.

reserving: (*adj*) reserve, deducting, save, reservative, prevent, not including, leaving out, keeping, excepting, except.

unalterable: (*adj*) constant, inalterable,

immutable, permanent, invariable, firm, changeless, rigid, stable, irrevocable, unchangeable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) alterable, impermanent, temporary, fluid, flexible.

untruthful: (*adj*) untrue, dishonest, insincere, mendacious, deceitful, lying, incorrect, fictitious, wrong, faithless, unfounded. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) honest, true, straightforward.

LADY BRACKNELL.

You are perfectly right in making some slight **alteration**. Indeed, no woman should ever be quite accurate about her age. It looks so calculating... [In a **meditative** manner.] Eighteen, but **admitting** to twenty at evening parties. Well, it will not be very long before you are of age and free from the **restraints** of **tutelage**. So I don't think your guardian's consent is, after all, a matter of any importance.

JACK.

Pray excuse me, Lady Bracknell, for interrupting you again, but it is only fair to tell you that according to the terms of her grandfather's will Miss Cardew does not come legally of age till she is thirty-five.

LADY BRACKNELL.

That does not seem to me to be a grave objection. Thirty-five is a very attractive age. London society is full of women of the very highest birth who have, of their own free choice, remained thirty-five for years. Lady Dumbleton is an instance in point. To my own knowledge she has been thirty-five ever since she arrived at the age of forty, which was many years ago now. I see no reason why our dear Cecily should not be even still more attractive at the age you mention than she is at present. There will be a large **accumulation** of property.

CECILY.

Algy, could you wait for me till I was thirty-five?

ALGERNON.

Of course I could, Cecily. You know I could.

CECILY.

Yes, I felt it instinctively, but I couldn't wait all that time. I hate waiting even five minutes for anybody. It always makes me rather cross. I am not **punctual** myself, I know, but I do like **punctuality** in others, and waiting, even to be married, is quite out of the question.

Thesaurus

accumulation: (*n*) store, stock, accretion, mass, agglomeration, pile, batch, accrual, accrument, hoard, reserve. ANTONYMS: (*n*) shedding, scattering, loss, erosion, dispersal, disbursement, expenditure.
admitting: (*adj*) suscipient; (*adv*) conditionally; (*n*) acknowledgment, receipt, credence; (*conj*) although.
alteration: (*n*) adjustment, change, revision, shift, changeover, conversion, modification, variation,

reversal, metamorphosis, amendment. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fixity, preservation.
meditative: (*adj, v*) thoughtful, pensive; (*adj*) wistful, reflective, broody, museful, ruminative, musing, brooding; (*v*) philosophical, sedate.
punctual: (*adj*) accurate, exact, punctilious, prompt, timely, definite, rigorous, precise, nice, mathematical; (*adj, v*) regular. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

early, unpunctual, slow.
punctuality: (*n*) accuracy, precision, nicety, exactitude, truth, fidelity, exactness, promptitude, steadiness; (*adj*) rigor, mathematical precision. ANTONYM: (*n*) tardiness.
restraints: (*n*) manacles, fetters, chains.
tutelage: (*n*) protection, charge, instruction, custody, safekeeping, tuition, care, education, teaching, tutorship, employ.

ALGERNON.

Then what is to be done, Cecily?

CECILY.

I don't know, Mr. Moncrieff.

LADY BRACKNELL.

My dear Mr. Worthing, as Miss Cardew states positively that she cannot wait till she is thirty-five - a remark which I am bound to say seems to me to show a somewhat **impatient** nature - I would beg of you to **reconsider** your decision.

JACK.

But my dear Lady Bracknell, the matter is entirely in your own hands. The moment you consent to my marriage with Gwendolen, I will most **gladly** allow your nephew to form an alliance with my ward.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Rising and drawing herself up.] You must be quite aware that what you propose is out of the question.

JACK.

Then a **passionate** celibacy is all that any of us can look forward to.

LADY BRACKNELL.

That is not the **destiny** I propose for Gwendolen. Algernon, of course, can choose for himself. [Pulls out her watch.] Come, dear, [GWENDOLEN rises] we have already missed five, if not six, trains. To miss any more might **expose** us to comment on the platform.

[Enter DR. CHASUBLE.]

CHASUBLE.

Everything is quite ready for the christenings.

LADY BRACKNELL.

The christenings, sir! Is not that somewhat premature?

Thesaurus

destiny: (*n*) fate, chance, fortune, kismet, luck, lot, destination, portion, weird, life; (*n, v*) doom.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) chance, design.

expose: (*v*) endanger, exhibit, betray, detect, display, air, uncover, debunk, denude, unfold, divulge.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) conceal, cover, enclose, suppress, shield, shelter, insulate, hide, guard, drape.

gladly: (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) gleefully, contentedly, cheerfully, fain, joyfully,

joyfully, cheerily, delightedly, gladsomely, readily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) reluctantly, unwillingly, sadly, resentfully, miserably.

impatient: (*adj*) eager, anxious, petulant, fidgety, vexed, keen, edgy, quick, avid, irritable, fretful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) patient, enduring, unenthusiastic, calm, happy, relaxed, slow.

passionate: (*adj, v*) ardent, impetuous; (*adj*) hot, excited, burning, angry,

fervent, fierce, animated, earnest; (*adj, adv*) fiery. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

indifferent, mild, passionless, unenthusiastic, cold, calm, halfhearted, cool, lukewarm, weak, uninterested.

reconsider: (*v*) revise, consider, reassess, consider again, go over, retrace, return, redeliberate, reckon; (*n*) criticism, critique.

CHASUBLE.

[Looking rather puzzled, and pointing to JACK and ALGERNON.] Both these gentlemen have expressed a desire for immediate baptism.

LADY BRACKNELL.

At their age? The idea is grotesque and **irreligious**! Algernon, I forbid you to be baptized. I will not hear of such excesses. Lord Bracknell would be highly **displeased** if he learned that that was the way in which you wasted your time and money.

CHASUBLE.

Am I to understand then that there are to be no christenings at all this afternoon?

JACK.

I don't think that, as things are now, it would be of much practical value to either of us, Dr. Chasuble.

CHASUBLE.

I am **grieved** to hear such **sentiments** from you, Mr. Worthing. They savour of the **heretical** views of the Anabaptists, views that I have completely refuted in four of my unpublished sermons. However, as your present mood seems to be one peculiarly secular, I will return to the church at once. Indeed, I have just been informed by the pew-opener that for the last hour and a half Miss Prism has been waiting for me in the **vestry**.

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Starting.] Miss Prism! Did I bear you mention a Miss Prism?

CHASUBLE.

Yes, Lady Bracknell. I am on my way to join her.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Pray allow me to **detain** you for a moment. This matter may prove to be one of vital importance to Lord Bracknell and myself. Is this Miss Prism a female of **repellent** aspect, remotely connected with education?

Thesaurus

detain: (*v*) arrest, confine, catch, capture, apprehend, stay, keep, jail, imprison, incarcerate, retard.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) free, liberate, rush.
displeased: (*adj*) disgruntled, dissatisfied, angry, annoyed, unhappy, peeved, irritated, disgusted, indignant; (*v*) pained, afflicted. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) contented, satisfied, calm.
grieved: (*adj*) sore, sad, sorry, sorrowful, upset, woeful, pained,

affected, brokenhearted.
heretical: (*adj*) heterodox, gnostic, nonconformist, Sabian, gymnosophist, fire worshiper, dissident, magi, dissenting, impious, sacrilegious. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) orthodox, reverent.
irreligious: (*adj*) blasphemous, heathen, wicked, profane, ungodly, godless, irreverent, unholy, unreligious, unbelieving, pagan. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) pious, religious,

spiritual, devout, reverent.
repellent: (*adj*) offensive, disgusting, loathsome, distasteful, foul, repugnant, forbidding, revolting; (*adj, v*) odious, hateful, repulsive. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) alluring, appealing, attractive, pleasant, nice, delightful.
sentiments: (*n*) breast.
vestry: (*n*) nave, quire, convocation, consistory, synod, choir, chapter, chancel, transept, aisle, conclave.

CHASUBLE.

[Somewhat indignantly.] She is the most cultivated of ladies, and the very picture of respectability.

LADY BRACKNELL.

It is obviously the same person. May I ask what position she holds in your household?

CHASUBLE.

[Severely.] I am a **celibate**, madam.

JACK.

[Interposing.] Miss Prism, Lady Bracknell, has been for the last three years Miss Cardew's **esteemed** governess and valued companion.

LADY BRACKNELL.

In spite of what I hear of her, I must see her at once. Let her be sent for.

CHASUBLE.

[Looking off.] She approaches; she is **nigh**.

[Enter MISS PRISM hurriedly.]

MISS PRISM.

I was told you expected me in the vestry, dear Canon. I have been waiting for you there for an hour and three-quarters. [Catches sight of LADY BRACKNELL, who has fixed her with a stony glare. MISS PRISM grows pale and **quails**. She looks anxiously round as if **desirous** to escape.]

LADY BRACKNELL.

[In a severe, judicial voice.] Prism! [MISS PRISM bows her head in shame.] Come here, Prism! [MISS PRISM approaches in a humble manner.] Prism! Where is that baby? [General **consternation**. The CANON starts back in horror. ALGERNON and JACK pretend to be anxious to shield CECILY and GWENDOLEN from hearing the details of a terrible public scandal.] Twenty-eight years ago, Prism, you left Lord Bracknell's house, Number 104, Upper Grosvenor Street, in charge of a **perambulator** that contained a baby of the male sex. You never returned. A few weeks later, through the elaborate

Thesaurus

celibate: (*adj*) continent, unmarried, single, chaste, maiden, virgin, virtuous, pure; (*n*) religionist, celibacy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) promiscuous, sexual.

consternation: (*n*) alarm, shock, fear, apprehension, astonishment, fright, confusion; (*adj, n*) terror, awe, dread, horror. ANTONYMS: (*n*) peacefulness, composure, happiness, tranquility, hopefulness, comfort, equanimity.

desirous: (*adj*) wistful, avid, ambitious, greedy, longing, eager, hungry, covetous, envious, agog; (*adj, v*) willing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) undesirous, reluctant, undesiring, unconcerned.

esteemed: (*adj*) dear, reputable, respected, honorable, noble, honored, prestigious, important, distinguished, August, respect. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disreputable.

nigh: (*adj, adv, prep*) near; (*adj, adv*)

close, nearly, almost, nearby, most, all but, about, adjacent; (*prep*) by; (*adj*) approximate.

perambulator: (*n*) baby carriage, carriage, baby buggy, pushchair, pram, stroller, ambler, equipage, ambulator, cart; (*v*) pedometer.

quails: (*n*) grouse, brush turkeys, chickens, curassows, family Phasianidae, Galliformes, hoatzins, order Galliformes, partridges, Phasianidae.

investigations of the Metropolitan police, the perambulator was discovered at midnight, standing by itself in a remote corner of Bayswater. It contained the manuscript of a three-volume novel of more than usually **revolting sentimentality**. [MISS PRISM starts in **involuntary** indignation.] But the baby was not there! [Every one looks at MISS PRISM.] Prism! Where is that baby? [A pause.]

MISS PRISM.

Lady Bracknell, I admit with shame that I do not know. I only wish I did. The plain facts of the case are these. On the morning of the day you mention, a day that is for ever **branded** on my memory, I prepared as usual to take the baby out in its perambulator. I had also with me a somewhat old, but **capacious** hand-bag in which I had intended to place the manuscript of a work of fiction that I had written during my few **unoccupied** hours. In a moment of mental abstraction, for which I never can forgive myself, I deposited the manuscript in the basinette, and placed the baby in the hand-bag.

JACK.

[Who has been listening attentively.] But where did you deposit the hand-bag?

MISS PRISM.

Do not ask me, Mr. Worthing.

JACK.

Miss Prism, this is a matter of no small importance to me. I **insist** on knowing where you deposited the hand-bag that contained that infant.

MISS PRISM.

I left it in the cloak-room of one of the larger railway stations in London.

JACK.

What railway station?

MISS PRISM.

[Quite crushed.] Victoria. The Brighton line. [Sinks into a chair.]

Thesaurus

branded: (*adj*) identified, known, proprietary, recognized.

capacious: (*adj*) large, big, ample, roomy, broad, extensive, vast, commodious, voluminous, wide, expansive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) small, confined, squeezed, tiny.

insist: (*v*) affirm, assert, contend, demand, claim, asseverate, declare, maintain, urge, importune, press. ANTONYMS: (*v*) request, deny.

involuntary: (*adj*) instinctive,

unconscious, unintentional, forced, mechanical, unthinking, reluctant, unwilling, compulsory, inadvertent, accidental. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) voluntary, intentional, intended, willing.

revolting: (*adj*) offensive, loathsome, nasty, foul, detestable, nauseating, nauseous, horrible, hideous, repellent; (*adj, v*) sickening. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attractive, pleasant, tasty, delicious, edible,

lovable, delightful, appealing, lovely. **sentimentality:** (*n*) bathos, sentiment, sentimentalism, sentimental, emotionalism, emotionality, feeling, schmaltz, tenderness, insincere pathos, mushiness.

unoccupied: (*adj*) empty, vacant, unemployed, free, desolate, void, uninhabited, idle, inactive, deserted, abandoned. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) full, inhabited, overcrowded, solid, working, busy.

JACK.

I must retire to my room for a moment. Gwendolen, wait here for me.

GWENDOLEN.

If you are not too long, I will wait here for you all my life. [Exit JACK in great excitement.]

CHASUBLE.

What do you think this means, Lady Bracknell?

LADY BRACKNELL.

I dare not even suspect, Dr. Chasuble. I need hardly tell you that in families of high position strange coincidences are not supposed to occur. They are hardly considered the thing.

[Noises heard **overhead** as if some one was throwing **trunks** about. Every one looks up.]

CECILY.

Uncle Jack seems **strangely** agitated.

CHASUBLE.

Your guardian has a very emotional nature.

LADY BRACKNELL.

This noise is extremely unpleasant. It sounds as if he was having an argument. I **dislike** arguments of any kind. They are always vulgar, and often convincing.

CHASUBLE.

[Looking up.] It has stopped now. [The noise is redoubled.]

LADY BRACKNELL.

I wish he would arrive at some conclusion.

GWENDOLEN.

This **suspense** is terrible. I hope it will last. [Enter JACK with a hand-bag of black leather in his hand.]

Thesaurus

dislike: (*n*) disapproval, disaffection, antipathy, disdain, disfavor, revulsion; (*n, v*) hate, disinclination, aversion, distaste; (*v*) detest.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) liking, fondness, taste, attraction, enjoyment, preference, longing; (*v*) like, enjoy, approve, adore.
exit: (*n*) departure, door, egress, outlet, going, gate, way out; (*v*) leave, go, go out, die. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) arrival, entry, entrance, greeting; (*v*) arrive,

come.
overhead: (*adv*) aloft, on high, over, up, high up; (*n*) expense, ceiling, budget items, command processing overhead, operating cost; (*adj*) upper. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) surface.
strangely: (*adv*) curiously, queerly, unusually, funnily, peculiarly, weirdly, marvelously, uncommonly, extraordinarily, singularly, bizarrely. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) typically, ordinarily, harmoniously.

suspense: (*n*) doubt, expectancy, anticipation, indecision, insecurity, unrest, expectation, irresolution, suspension, tension; (*adj, n*) hesitation. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) knowledge.
trunks: (*n*) short pants, pants, luggage, Jockey shorts, Jamaica shorts, Bermuda shorts, bathing trunks, bathing suit, costume, drawers, swimming trunks.

JACK.

[Rushing over to MISS PRISM.] Is this the handbag, Miss Prism? Examine it carefully before you speak. The happiness of more than one life depends on your answer.

MISS PRISM.

[Calmly.] It seems to be mine. Yes, here is the injury it received through the **upsetting** of a Gower Street **omnibus** in younger and happier days. Here is the **stain** on the lining caused by the explosion of a **temperance beverage**, an incident that occurred at Leamington. And here, on the lock, are my initials. I had forgotten that in an **extravagant** mood I had had them placed there. The bag is undoubtedly mine. I am delighted to have it so unexpectedly restored to me. It has been a great inconvenience being without it all these years.

JACK.

[In a pathetic voice.] Miss Prism, more is restored to you than this hand-bag. I was the baby you placed in it.

MISS PRISM.

[Amazed.] You?

JACK.

[Embracing her.] Yes... mother!

MISS PRISM.

[Recoiling in indignant astonishment.] Mr. Worthing! I am unmarried

JACK.

Unmarried! I do not deny that is a serious blow. But after all, who has the right to cast a stone against one who has **suffered**? Cannot repentance wipe out an act of folly? Why should there be one law for men, and another for women? Mother, I forgive you. [Tries to embrace her again.]

MISS PRISM.

[Still more indignant.] Mr. Worthing, there is some error. [Pointing to LADY BRACKNELL.] There is the lady who can tell you who you really are.

Thesaurus

beverage: (*n*) potable, alcohol, refresher, potion, drinkable, potation, draught, draft, libation; (*v*) broth, soup. ANTONYMS: (*n*) solid.

extravagant: (*adj*) wasteful, luxurious, prodigal, exaggerated, profligate, costly, expensive, lavish, immoderate, profuse, undue. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) restrained, frugal, parsimonious, plain, stingy, understated, thrifty, reasonable, moderate, cautious, tasteful.

omnibus: (*n, v*) bus, autobus; (*n*) motorbus, coach, charabanc, collection, anthology, compilation, jitney, car, motorcoach.

stain: (*n, v*) spot, blemish, tarnish, blot, dye, smear, disgrace, mark, soil, dirt, defile. ANTONYMS: (*v*) enhance, dignify, clean.

suffered: (*adj*) permitted, permissive.

temperance: (*n*) moderation, abstinence, abstemiousness, control, restraint, moderateness, soberness,

forbearance, measure, gravity, asceticism. ANTONYMS: (*n*) intemperance, wildness.

upsetting: (*adj*) disconcerting, disturbing, troublesome, distressing, poignant, sad, perplexing, bewildering; (*n*) cold heading, overturn, overthrow. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) comforting, reassuring, heartwarming, kind, happy, attractive, unemotional, lovely, appealing, pleasing, pleasant.

JACK.

[After a pause.] Lady Bracknell, I hate to seem **inquisitive**, but would you kindly inform me who I am?

LADY BRACKNELL.

I am afraid that the news I have to give you will not altogether please you. You are the son of my poor sister, Mrs. Moncrieff, and **consequently** Algernon's **elder** brother.

JACK.

Algy's elder brother! Then I have a brother after all. I knew I had a brother! I always said I had a brother! Cecily, - how could you have ever **doubted** that I had a brother? [Seizes hold of ALGERNON.] Dr. Chasuble, my **unfortunate** brother. Miss Prism, my unfortunate brother. Gwendolen, my unfortunate brother. Algy, you young scoundrel, you will have to treat me with more respect in the future. You have never behaved to me like a brother in all your life.

ALGERNON.

Well, not till to-day, old boy, I admit. I did my best, however, though I was out of practice.

[Shakes hands.]

GWENDOLEN.

[To JACK.] My own! But what own are you? What is your Christian name, now that you have become some one else?

JACK.

Good heavens!... I had quite forgotten that point. Your decision on the subject of my name is **irrevocable**, I suppose?

GWENDOLEN.

I never change, except in my affections.

CECILY.

What a noble nature you have, Gwendolen!

Thesaurus

consequently: (*adv*) therefore, subsequently, as a result, then, sequentially, followingly, so, naturally, in consequence, hence; (*conj*) ergo.

doubted: (*adj*) distrusted, suspected.

elder: (*adj*) older, big, adult; (*n*) dean, doyen, patriarch, ancient, boss, elderberry, superior, presbyter. ANTONYMS: (*n*) youngster, minor, child, inferior; (*adj*) youngest, youngster, little.

inquisitive: (*adj*) inquiring, speculative, nosy, prying, questioning, nosey, meddling, investigative, meddlesome, quizzical, overcurious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) apathetic, uninterested.

irrevocable: (*adj*) irrecoverable, final, irreparable, irremediable, irredeemable, conclusive, irreclaimable, unchangeable, fixed; (*adj, v*) irretrievable, inevitable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) revocable,

superficial, provisional, flexible, impermanent.

unfortunate: (*adj*) inauspicious, sad, hapless, bad, inopportune, disastrous, adverse, deplorable, infelicitous, untoward, lamentable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lucky, auspicious, good, opportune, joyous, timely, appropriate, successful, easy, privileged.

JACK.

Then the question had better be cleared up at once. Aunt Augusta, a moment. At the time when Miss Prism left me in the hand-bag, had I been christened already?

LADY BRACKNELL.

Every **luxury** that money could buy, including christening, had been lavished on you by your fond and **doting** parents.

JACK.

Then I was christened! That is settled. Now, what name was I given? Let me know the worst.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Being the **eldest** son you were naturally christened after your father.

JACK.

[Irritably.] Yes, but what was my father's Christian name?

LADY BRACKNELL.

[Meditatively.] I cannot at the present moment recall what the General's Christian name was. But I have no doubt he had one. He was **eccentric**, I admit. But only in later years. And that was the result of the Indian climate, and marriage, and **indigestion**, and other things of that kind.

JACK.

Algy! Can't you **recollect** what our father's Christian name was?

ALGERNON.

My dear boy, we were never even on speaking terms. He died before I was a year old.

JACK.

His name would appear in the Army Lists of the **period**, I suppose, Aunt Augusta?

LADY BRACKNELL.

The General was essentially a man of peace, except in his domestic life. But I have no doubt his name would appear in any military directory.

Thesaurus

doting: (*adj*) fond, loving, affectionate, devoted, delirious, caring, amorous, wandering, silly, lovesome; (*v*) dote. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inattentive, indifferent, neglectful, uncaring, disapproving, cold.

eccentric: (*adj, n*) odd; (*adj*) wacky, bizarre, abnormal, crazy, strange, outlandish, anomalous, cranky, erratic; (*n*) character. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) normal, ordinary, conventional, usual, concentric, common, sane,

dull, orthodox; (*n*) conformer, traditionalist.

eldest: (*adj*) elder, older, oldest, eigne; (*n*) offspring, progeny, doyen.

indigestion: (*n*) upset stomach, symptom, heartburn, gripes, stomach pain, stomach upset, tummy ache, tummy pain, bellyache, colic.

luxury: (*n*) comfort, luxuriousness, extravagance, opulence, wealth; (*adj, n*) delicacy, gratification, elegance; (*adj*) luxurious, deluxe, indulgence.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) paucity, necessity, poverty, filth, discomfort, bareness, shabbiness; (*adj*) basic, inferior, cheap, Spartan.

period: (*n*) dot, epoch, era, point, duration, generation, day, conclusion, cycle, length, stage.

recollect: (*v*) recall, remember, recognize, call to mind, remind, mind, think, call up, reminisce, refresh, retrieve. ANTONYM: (*v*) forget.

JACK.

The Army Lists of the last forty years are here. These **delightful** records should have been my **constant** study. [Rushes to **bookcase** and tears the books out.] M. Generals... Mallam, Maxbohm, Magley, what ghastly names they have - Markby, Migsby, Mobbs, Moncrieff! **Lieutenant** 1840, Captain, Lieutenant-Colonel, Colonel, General 1869, Christian names, Ernest John. [Puts book very **quietly** down and **speaks** quite calmly.] I always told you, Gwendolen, my name was Ernest, didn't I? Well, it is Ernest after all. I mean it naturally is Ernest.

LADY BRACKNELL.

Yes, I remember now that the General was called Ernest, I knew I had some particular reason for **disliking** the name.

GWENDOLEN.

Ernest! My own Ernest! I felt from the first that you could have no other name!

JACK.

Gwendolen, it is a terrible thing for a man to find out suddenly that all his life he has been speaking nothing but the truth. Can you forgive me?

GWENDOLEN.

I can. For I feel that you are sure to change.

JACK.

My own one!

CHASUBLE.

[To MISS PRISM.] Laetitia! [Embraces her]

MISS PRISM.

[Enthusiastically.] Frederick! At last!

ALGERNON.

Cecily! [Embraces her.] At last!

JACK.

Gwendolen! [Embraces her.] At last!

Thesaurus

bookcase: (*n*) bookshelf, cupboard, library, closet, furniture, cabinet, secretaire, article of furniture, davenport, till, sideboard.

constant: (*adj*) ceaseless, perpetual, continual, faithful, changeless, steadfast, eternal, uninterrupted, continuous; (*adj, n*) steady, invariable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) irregular, intermittent, changeable, variable, inconstant, erratic, episodic, fickle, temporary, disloyal,

inconsistent.

delightful: (*adj*) delicious, delectable, charming, pleasing, grateful, blissful, amiable, adorable, lovely, nice, gorgeous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unpleasant, unwelcome, hateful, miserable, unhappy, unappealing, horrific, horrible, disagreeable, depressing, annoying.

disliking: (*adj*) averse, disinclined; (*n*) aversion, disfavor, dissatisfaction, disinclination, displeasure, distaste.

lieutenant: (*n*) captain, assistant, vicegerent, help, helper, first lieutenant, commodore, chancellor, commander, levetenant, delegate.

quietly: (*adv*) stilly, calmly, peacefully, silently, softly, smoothly, tranquilly, serenely, restfully, lully, moderately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) loudly, harshly, raucously, vociferously, anxiously, energetically, manically, unquietly, clearly, heavily, brashly.

speaks: (*n*) talks.

LADY BRACKNELL.

My nephew, you **seem** to be **displaying signs** of triviality.

JACK.

On the **contrary**, Aunt Augusta, I've now **realised** for the first time in my life the **vital** Importance of Being Earnest.

[TABLEAU]

Thesaurus

contrary: (*adj, n*) contradictory, reverse; (*adj*) adverse, conflicting, unfavorable, perverse, cross, disobedient, alien, different, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) similar, harmonious, helpful, obliging, compatible, complaisant, concordant, parallel, agreeable, cooperative, favorable.

displaying: (*n*) advertising.

realised: (*adj*) realized, complete, completed, highly skilled, caught,

effected, established.

seem: (*v*) appear, feel, seeming, loom, expect, show, beseem, sound, glitter, glisten, gleam.

signs: (*n*) situation, indications, signage, appearances, cipher, cryptogram, discriminating marks, indicia, secret code, secret language, symbols.

tableau: (*n*) scene, prospect, scenery, perspective, spectacle, landscape, lookout, act, outlook; (*v*) painting,

piece.

vital: (*adj*) indispensable, critical, animated, crucial, fundamental, main, necessary, lively, alive, important, chief. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) trivial, unimportant, insignificant, optional, minor, sluggish, peripheral, listless, dull, dead, marginal.

GLOSSARY

aback: (adv) aft, astern, backward, abaft, backwards, short, sternmost, unawares, suddenly; (adj) back

abandoned: (adj) immoral, profligate, deserted, stranded, empty, shameless, wicked, lonely, depraved, corrupt, licentious. ANTONYMS: (adj) inhabited, orderly, overcrowded, used, pure, virtuous, upright, seemly, reserved, principled, moral

able: (adj) dexterous, competent, clever, ingenious, accomplished, gifted, effective, fit, expert; (adj, n) talented, efficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) incapable, incompetent, weak, untrained, inept, delicate, feeble, infirm, clumsy, ineffective, ineffectual

above: (adv, prep) beyond, aloft, on, in excess of; (adv) up, supra, on top; (adj) preceding, former; (adj, prep) past; (prep) surpassing. ANTONYMS: (prep) beneath, under, deficient, underneath; (adj) inferior, following

abroad: (adj, adv) overseas, away; (adv) afield, forth, beyond seas, yonder, farther, at large, further; (adj) foreign, out. ANTONYMS: (adj) remaining, nearby

absence: (n) absenteeism, deficiency, lack, default, dearth, want, nonattendance, scarcity, paucity, shortage, privation. ANTONYMS: (n) attendance, existence, fulfillment, inclusion, occurrence, abundance, glut, confirmation, supply, excess

absolute: (adj) total, unconditional, downright, full, categorical, utter, sheer; (adj, v) peremptory, unqualified; (adj, n) positive, real. ANTONYMS: (adj) partial, qualified, incomplete, limited, provisional, uncertain, democratic, blemished, circumscribed,

comparative, complaisant

absolutely: (adv) entirely, completely, fully, purely, utterly, perfectly, totally, categorically, definitely, thoroughly; (adv, int) certainly. ANTONYMS: (adv) partly, doubtfully, questionably, somewhat, moderately, indefinitely, incompletely, fairly, conditionally, probably, possibly

abstraction: (n) abstract, reverie, engrossment, extraction, withdrawal, removal, deduction, abbreviation, preoccupation, theorisation, theorization. ANTONYMS: (n) attentiveness, inclusion, alertness, concentration, fact

absurd: (adj) ridiculous, foolish, unreasonable, irrational, meaningless, inept, senseless, nonsensical, illogical, ludicrous; (adj, n) silly. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, reasonable, logical, wise, weighty, sound, consistent, serious, plausible, credible, acceptable

absurdly: (adv) ridiculously, foolishly, ludicrously, nonsensically, idiotically, silly, stupidly, inconsistently, comically, illogically, irrationally. ANTONYMS: (adv) solemnly, impressively, rationally, harmoniously

abused: (adj) maltreated, physically abused, downtrodden, perverted, dull

accept: (v) acknowledge, take, admit, recognize, yield, abide, accede, acquiesce, adopt, believe, assume. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, reject, deny, snub, renounce, oppose, resist, disbelieve, dispute, repudiate, quibble

accepted: (adj) standard, acceptable, orthodox, acknowledged, assumed, established, understood, received, approved, current, proper.

ANTONYMS: (adj) concealed, unusual, unorthodox, unconventional, refused, questionable, irregular, rejected, unknown, innovative, incorrect

accompany: (v) attend, follow, companion, guide, company, lead, walk, associate, consort, conduct, concur. ANTONYMS: (v) desert, abandon, leave

according: (adj) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (adv) correspondingly, accordingly

account: (n) narrative, score, tale, reckoning, narration, description, tally, tab, reason; (n, v) regard, report

accounts: (n) financial statement

accumulation: (n) store, stock, accretion, mass, agglomeration, pile, batch, accrual, accrument, hoard, reserve. ANTONYMS: (n) shedding, scattering, loss, erosion, dispersal, disbursement, expenditure

accurate: (adj) exact, faithful, correct, truthful, nice, meticulous, literal, authentic, detailed, right; (adj, n) true. ANTONYMS: (adj) wrong, false, vague, imprecise, unrealistic, questionable, fictional, mistaken, misleading, incorrect, flawed

accurately: (adv) precisely, correctly, carefully, closely, faithfully, strictly, truly, rigorously, rightly, meticulously; (adj, adv) justly. ANTONYMS: (adv) falsely, wrongly, imprecisely, figuratively, approximately, incorrectly, randomly, vaguely, wrong

accustomed: (adj, n) habitual; (adj) familiar, normal, wonted, usual, natural, everyday, ordinary, habituated, common, traditional. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, green, unseasoned, unconventional,

- untrained, abnormal, uncharacteristic, exceptional
- acquire:** (v) achieve, gain, find, take, accept, attain, buy, collect, earn, receive; (n, v) contract.
ANTONYMS: (v) sell, yield, surrender, relinquish, forfeit, give, scatter, remove
- acres:** (n) land, acres and perches, roods and perches, landed estate, leasehold, homestead, glebe, manor, freehold, fief, feoff
- across:** (adv) crossways, crosswise, sideways, traverse, diagonally; (adj) crossed; (prep) cross, athwart, above, thwart; (adv, prep) overthwart. ANTONYMS: (adv) along, lengthways; (adj) uncrossed
- action:** (n, v) achievement, deed; (n) battle, play, performance, movement, accomplishment, agency, activity, fight, effect.
ANTONYMS: (n) inaction, inactivity, inactiveness, ambush, stillness
- acts:** (n) Acts of the Apostles, revelations, Epistles, apocalypse, act, advanced communications technology satellite, evangelists, gospels
- actual:** (adj, n) true; (adj) absolute, genuine, factual, authentic, precise, literal, tangible, indisputable, existent; (adj, adv) de facto.
ANTONYMS: (adj) hypothetical, false, supposed, nominal, potential, unreal, theoretical, seeming, fictitious, pretended, past
- actually:** (adv) genuinely, substantially, positively, authentically, certainly, truly, physically, presently, absolutely, exactly, in reality. ANTONYMS: (adv) seemingly, falsely, hypothetically, nominally, mentally
- adapted:** (adj) altered, fit, agreeable, conformable, fitted, appropriate, prepared, tailored, modified; (adj, v) convenient, proper. ANTONYM: (adj) unaccustomed
- address:** (n, v) lecture, accost, discourse; (n) abode, residence, speech, skill, allocution, sermon; (v) greet, speak. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, avoid, evade, overlook, pass, shun, slight, cut, disregard; (n) tactlessness
- addresses:** (n) wooing, suit, courtship
- adjoining:** (adj) contiguous, neighbor, near, abutting, touching, conterminous, neighboring, immediate, next, vicinal; (adj, v) close. ANTONYMS: (adj) separate, divided, detached, apart, far
- admirable:** (adj) fine, outstanding, beautiful, great, commendable, lovely, good, creditable, praiseworthy, worthy, grand.
ANTONYMS: (adj) appalling, poor, unworthy, despicable, contemptible, detestable, dishonorable, rotten, unimpressive, loathsome, low
- admirably:** (adv) superbly, perfectly, excellently, admirable, marvellously, heroically, bravely, brilliantly, nicely, creditably, ably.
ANTONYMS: (adv) badly, inadequately, dishonorably, execrably, incompetently, poorly
- admire:** (v) revere, look up to, idolize, appreciate, adore, wonder, praise, worship, admiring, esteem, honor.
ANTONYMS: (v) despise, loathe, scorn, hate, condemn, abhor, disrespect, detest, disregard, disapprove, deprecate
- admired:** (adj) respected, admirable, estimable, favorite, pet, beloved, honored, August, loved, accepted, popular. ANTONYM: (adj) disreputable
- admission:** (n) acknowledgment, access, confession, reception, entrance fee, declaration, recognition, admittance, profession, confirmation; (v) acknowledgment.
ANTONYMS: (n) impediment, secret, concealment, blockage, barring, confidentiality, exclusion
- admit:** (n, v) allow; (adj, v) acknowledge; (v) concede, accede, grant, affirm, confess, include, permit, take, welcome.
ANTONYMS: (v) reject, exclude, bar, dispute, gainsay, withhold, refuse, oust, hide, eject, dismiss
- admitting:** (adj) susceptible; (adv) conditionally; (n) acknowledgment, receipt, credence; (conj) although
- adopt:** (v) admit, affiliate, assume, borrow, espouse, take up, take, pass, acquire, choose, embrace.
ANTONYMS: (v) disinherit, cancel, discard, shun, repudiate, refuse, ignore, oppose
- adopted:** (adj) adoptive, elected, consecrated, inspired, justified, regenerated, sanctified, unearthly, converted, select, adoptious.
ANTONYM: (adj) native
- adore:** (v) worship, idolize, admire, glorify, cherish, appreciate; (n, v) honor; (adj) adoring, worshipping, worshiping; (adv) adoringly.
ANTONYMS: (v) detest, despise, condemn, loathe, disrespect, abhor, scorn
- advanced:** (adj) progressive, senior, higher, precocious, modern, new, late, superior, ripe, cultured, developed. ANTONYMS: (adj) inferior, fundamental, slow, traditional, simple, obsolete, neurotic, behind, after, backwards, incomplete
- advancing:** (adj) progressive, moving forward, increasing, moving, processive, thriving, ongoing, aggressive; (n) advancement, progression, proceeding
- advantage:** (n) privilege, behalf, profit, good, preponderance, account, lead, virtue, expediency, perk; (n, v) boot. ANTONYMS: (n, v) disadvantage; (n) drawback, difficulty, detriment, hindrance, minus, restriction, obstacle, loss, inferiority, inconvenience
- advice:** (n) warning, counsel, caution, report, exhortation, council, tidings, counselling, notice, intelligence, instruction. ANTONYMS: (n) misrepresentation, deceit, deception, lie, falsehood, betrayal, warning
- advisable:** (adj) eligible, desirable, advantageous, suitable, sound, prudent, acceptable, sensible, fitting, convenient, appropriate.
ANTONYMS: (adj) inappropriate, unwise, imprudent, improper, worthless
- advise:** (v) recommend, propose, warn, inform, acquaint, suggest, notify, announce, tell, offer, forewarn. ANTONYMS: (v) betray, deceive, delude, fool, trick
- affect:** (v) move, impress, pretend, act, strike, fake, feign, stir, dispose; (n) sentiment; (n, v) regard
- affectionate:** (adj) fond, tender, kind, mild, devoted, ardent, warm, cordial, caring, brotherly; (adj, adv) fatherly. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncaring, callous, undemonstrative, aloof, cool, disapproving, reserved, antagonistic, paternal, rough
- affections:** (n) bosom
- affliction:** (n, v) adversity; (n) distress, regret, martyrdom, torment, curse, trial, bane, misadventure, sorrow, agony.
ANTONYMS: (n) gift, godsend, solace, blessing
- afraid:** (adj) fearful, timid, shy, apprehensive, anxious, worried, scared, frightened, nervous,

- terrified; (adj, adv) cowardly.
ANTONYMS: (adj) brave, venturesome, calm, confident, cool, courageous, eager, unafraid, valiant, bold, carefree
- afternoon:** (n) Pm, farewell, greeting, P, salutation, in the afternoon, daytime, noon, postmeridian, midday, daylight. **ANTONYMS:** (n) morning, nighttime
- afterwards:** (adv) afterward, subsequently, later, thereafter, later on, next, behind, thereupon; (adj) following, subsequent; (n) termination
- again:** (adv) more, then, repeatedly, anew, encore, furthermore, yet, also, often, once again, once more
- against:** (adj, adv) counter; (prep) toward, versus, from; (pref) by; (v) oppose; (adv, prep) on; (n) opposition; (adj) unwilling, repugnant; (adv) athwart.
ANTONYMS: (prep) for; (adj) eager
- agitated:** (adj) upset, excited, nervous, restive, tumultuous, distressed, tense, jumpy, overwrought, anxious, alarmed.
ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, lethargic, tranquil, relaxed, assured, cool, still
- agricultural:** (adj) agriculture, agrarian, farming, Agricultural Holdings Acts, agriculturally, agronomic, agrestic, unindustrialized, undeveloped, rustic
- ailment:** (n) complaint, affection, disease, trouble, condition, ill, disorder, sickness, affliction; (adj, n) infirmity; (v) distemper
- alarm:** (n, v) alert, scare, awe, panic; (n) consternation, alarm clock, fright, alarm, terror; (v) agitate, horrify. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) comfort; (v) reassure, soothe, assure; (n) reassurance, composure, nonchalance, assurance, bravery, confidence, order
- albany:** (n) Breadalbane, capital of new York
- alliance:** (n) connection, confederacy, combination, affinity, association, union, merger, organization, society, affiliation, coalition. **ANTONYMS:** (n) nonalignment, antagonism, divergence, discord, hostility, animosity
- allow:** (adj, v) admit, accord; (v) agree, permit, grant, accede, acquiesce, afford, authorize, bear; (n, v) give. **ANTONYMS:** (v) prohibit, deny, reject, refuse, keep, prevent, disallow, disapprove, withstand, hold, outlaw
- allowed:** (adj) allowable, legal, admissible, sanctioned, authorized, legitimate, free, accepted, tolerable; (v) allow, warranted. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unacceptable, unlawful, constrained
- allowing:** (adj) permissive; (n) acknowledgment
- allude:** (v) advert, refer, hint, glance, intimate, suggest, touch, bring up, mean, notice, pertain
- alluring:** (adj) tempting, charming, attractive, enticing, beguiling, glamorous, magnetic, enchanting, enthralling, appealing, appetizing. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unappealing, unattractive, dull, repulsive
- allusion:** (n) innuendo, reference, cue, suggestion, mention, intimation, pointer, insinuation, implication, indication, clue
- almost:** (adj, adv, prep) about; (adj, adv) nearly, all but, near, nigh; (adv, prep) just about, approximately; (adv) just, mostly, virtually, most. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) surely, exactly, definitely, certainly
- alone:** (adj) forlorn, individual, lonely, lonesome; (adj, adv) only, apart; (adv) solely, entirely, exclusively, separately, individually. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) overshadowed, ordinary, mobbed, equaled, crowded, accompanied, common, grouped, surpassed; (adv) jointly; (n) foe
- along:** (adv) ahead, alongside, forwards, forth, throughout, lengthwise, onward, before; (prep) beside, from; (n) at. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) across, separate, apart, far
- already:** (adv) beforehand, previously, before, formerly, even now, just now, at present, once, heretofore, yet, in advance
- alter:** (v) change, adapt, move, convert, adjust, amend, affect, transform, correct, vary, shift. **ANTONYMS:** (v) continue, keep, leave, preserve, worsen, retain, standardize, straighten, clarify
- alteration:** (n) adjustment, change, revision, shift, changeover, conversion, modification, variation, reversal, metamorphosis, amendment. **ANTONYMS:** (n) fixity, preservation
- altered:** (adj) transformed, changed, diversified, varied, distorted, affected, castrated, malformed, misrepresented, misshapen; (v) battered. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unaltered, unadjusted
- although:** (adv, prep) notwithstanding; (prep) in spite of, even though, however; (adv, conj) though; (conj) whereas; (adv) even, tho, when, anyway, tho'
- altogether:** (adv) absolutely, all, wholly, perfectly, purely, all in all, completely, entirely, totally, simply, ensemble. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) incompletely, partially
- always:** (adv) continuously, whenever, permanently, ever, usually, eternally, unceasingly; (adj) perpetual, still, eternal; (adj, adv) without exception. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) erratically, intermittently, temporarily
- amazement:** (n) admiration, wonder, surprise, consternation, stupefaction, stupor, wonderment, feeling, alarm, jolt; (v) amaze. **ANTONYMS:** (n) preparation, indifference, expectation, coolness, cool, composure, calmness, contempt, belief
- among:** (prep) between, amidst, mid, in, amongst, in the middle of, inter, in the midst of, with, within, middle. **ANTONYM:** (prep) outside
- amongst:** (prep) amid, between, amidst, surrounded by, in the midst of, in the middle of, along with, with; (v) inter
- amount:** (n, v) number, total; (n) aggregate, sum, measure, price, volume, extent, degree, figure, quantum. **ANTONYM:** (n) moderation
- amuse:** (v) please, beguile, absorb, entertain, enjoy, disport, distract, delight, occupy, recreate, rejoice. **ANTONYMS:** (v) bore, dull, tire, annoy, anger, cloy, depress, weary, disappoint
- amused:** (adj) amusing, smiling, tickled pink, pleased, diverted
- amusement:** (n) pleasure, recreation, entertainment, distraction, diversion, sport, pastime, laughter, enjoyment, joy, hobby. **ANTONYMS:** (n) sadness, boredom, work, tedium, business, despondency, discomfort, displeasure
- ancient:** (adj) old, obsolete, antiquated, former, past, archaic, antique, primitive, bygone, hoary; (adj, n) elder. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) contemporary, young, recent, fresh,

- new, present, youthful, current
angel: (n, v) sponsor, support; (n) backer, cherub, messenger, patron, benefactor, saint; (adj) Dulcinea, goddess; (adj, n) darling.
 ANTONYMS: (n) fiend, devil, jerk, demon
angrily: (adv) irately, passionately, fiercely, indignantly, cholericly, resentfully, enragedly, infuriatedly, wrathfully, madly, crossly.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, lightly, calmly, cheerfully, gently, gladly
anguish: (n, v) pain, ache; (n) torment, agony, torture, distress, misery, suffering, despair, grief, sorrow. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, happiness, calm, euphoria, joyfulness, ecstasy, content, peace, hopefulness
announcement: (n) annunciation, advertisement, declaration, release, statement, communication, report, proclamation, promulgation, pronouncement, intimidation.
 ANTONYM: (n) request
annoyed: (adj) irritated, vexed, irate, aggravated, angered, cross, disgruntled, exasperated, infuriated, displeased, resentful. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, unprovoked, smiling, patient, unconcerned, contented
another: (adj) second, more, alternative, additional, new, further, fresh, extra; (adj, v) other; (adj, pron) some other; (n) the other.
 ANTONYMS: (n, pron) same
answer: (n, v) respond, retort; (v) counter, serve, resolve, acknowledge, correspond; (n) solution, defence, return, reaction. ANTONYMS: (n, v) question; (v) ask, differ, fail, ignore; (n) request, problem, invitation, poison
answers: (n) replies; (adj) answering
anxiety: (n) disquiet, trouble, fear, care, alarm, anxiousness, uneasiness, worry, anguish, concern; (adj, n) solicitude. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, bravery, confidence, reassurance, security, relaxation, indifference, serenity, tranquility, peace, satisfaction
anxious: (adj) uneasy, alarmed, thoughtful, fearful, apprehensive, agitated, keen; (adj, v) nervous, tense, solicitous, jumpy.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, carefree, confident, rational, unconcerned, undisturbed, untroubled, assured, comfortable, cool, apathetic
anxiously: (adv) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly
anybody: (adv) any, each; (n, pron) any person, a person; (n) everyone, somebody, nobody, everybody, someone; (pron) whoever
anyone: (n) one, someone, everybody, everyone, somebody, any person, individual, human being; (adv) any, each; (pron) whoever. ANTONYM: (pron) nobody
anything: (adv) any, somewhat; (n) thing, aught, everything, something, any part; (adj) whatsoever; (pron) suchlike
anywhere: (adv, n) anyplace; (adv) someplace, wherever, everywhere
apoplexy: (n) stroke, CVA, seizure, ictus; (adj) paralysis, inanition, collapse, delirium, exhaustion, sideration, syncope
appealingly: (adv) beautifully, captivatingly, charmingly, prettily, engagingly, pleasantly, enchantingly, delightfully, imploringly, interestingly, fascinatingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) disgustingly, unappealingly, unattractively, unpleasantly
appear: (v) occur, seem, sound, come out, turn up, show, emerge, break, arrive, feel, arise. ANTONYMS: (v) vanish, hide, stop, sink, recede, go, depart
appearance: (n) look, face, shape, show, apparition, advent, form, image, surface, impression; (adj, n) semblance. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, vanishing
appears: (n) appearing
appetite: (n, v) desire; (n) appetence, appetency, relish, inclination, stomach, taste, thirst, passion, liking, gusto. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, repulsion, revulsion, apathy, distaste
appointment: (n) assignment, date, post, designation, rendezvous, engagement, appointments, fitting, berth, blind date, conference.
 ANTONYM: (n) dismissal
appreciate: (adj, v) understand, realize; (v) esteem, treasure, prize, fathom, appraise, comprehend, admire, acknowledge, apprise.
 ANTONYMS: (v) scorn, disregard, ignore, neglect, disparage, underrate, underestimate, dislike, overlook, assume, undervalue
apprised: (adj) conscious, informed, familiar, knowledgeable
approaching: (adj) future, forthcoming, impending, imminent, oncoming, near; (adj, n) coming; (n, v) approach; (adv) nearly, almost; (prep) toward
approve: (v) adopt, allow, accept, acknowledge, ratify, let, agree, endorse, admit, support, applaud.
 ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, censure, disapprove, veto, forbid, invalidate, disallow, disrespect, deny, desecrate, oppose
arduous: (adj) laborious, difficult, strenuous, onerous, heavy, uphill, severe, painful, trying, tough, troublesome. ANTONYMS: (adj) facile, simple, painless, refreshing, relaxing, insignificant, light, undemanding
argue: (v) contend, quarrel, oppose, altercate, debate, declare, contest, discuss, convince; (n, v) reason, question. ANTONYMS: (v) deny, harmonize, assent, concur, abstain, comply, dissuade
argument: (n) proof, debate, matter, controversy, hassle, independent variable, contention, difference, justification, discussion, fight.
 ANTONYMS: (n) harmony, concord, accord, consensus, accusation, defense
arguments: (n) reasons, argument, contention, advice, opinion, influence, point of view, urging, wiles
aristocracy: (n) gentry, nobility, peerage, gentility, aristarchy, elite, landed gentry, upper crust, great folks, nobles, patricians.
 ANTONYMS: (n) people, plebeians, rabble, riffraff
aristocratic: (adj) gentle, autocratic, refined, stylish, Belgravian, aristocratical, condescending, well-bred, royal; (n) princely, titled.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) popular, unrefined, bourgeois, common, lowly
arms: (n) armament, coat of arms, weaponry, ammunition, shield, ordnance, order, munition, hardware, blazon; (adj) armed
army: (n) troop, host, armed forces, battery, swarm, navy, multitude, force, flock; (adj, n) military; (adj) array

arrange: (v) dress, settle, order, set, pack, agree, adapt, do, classify, straighten; (n, v) adjust.
 ANTONYMS: (v) disarrange, cancel, disorder, disorganize, improvise, jumble, change, disband, reject, bungle

arrangements: (n) arranging, disposition, fixing, schedule, travels, activities, actions, accompaniments, movements

arranging: (n) arrange, arrangements, disposition, composing, composition, order, position, set, orchestration, organization, agreement

arrive: (n, v) come, appear; (v) mature, reach, attain, succeed, turn up, land, fall, get in, show.
 ANTONYMS: (v) go, depart, fail, fall, lose, exit

arrived: (adv) here, at home; (adj) accepted

artistically: (adv) ingeniously, pleasingly, inventively, imaginatively, creatively, elegantly, originally, resourcefully, productively, innovatively, harmoniously

aside: (adv) apart, away, beside, alongside, in reserve, off, abreast; (adj, adv) by; (n) digression, divagation, parenthesis.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) erectly, uprightly, vertically

aspect: (n) look, surface, view, prospect, expression, side, manner, bearing, vista, feature; (n, v) regard

assistance: (n) support, relief, boost, encouragement, remedy, help, service, hand, backing; (n, v) assist; (v) succor. ANTONYMS: (n) impediment, impeding, obstruction, detriment, disservice, meanness, opposition

associated: (adj) connected, allied, affiliated, united, attendant, linked, confederate, attached, joined, alike, coupled. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconnected, different, rival

assumed: (adj) sham, affected, fictitious, fake, feigned, counterfeit, pretended, reputed, artificial, hypothetical, spurious.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) true, authentic, explicit, known, real, natural

assured: (adj, v) certain, sure; (adj) confident, guaranteed, positive, definite, assertive, confirmed, convinced, reliable, safe.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, doubtful, unsure, troubled, timid,

questionable, hesitant, confused, halting, unlikely

astonishment: (n) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle.
 ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, belief, contempt

astounded: (adj) amazed, stunned, flabbergasted, bewildered, dumbfounded, surprised, staggered, astonished, dazed, astound, aghast

astray: (adj, adv) adrift, off course; (adj) lost, wrong, disoriented, awry; (adv) amiss, widely, far, afield, aside. ANTONYM: (adj) accurate

attached: (adj) affectionate, committed, affiliated, associated, devoted, fond, loving, loyal, near, added; (n) attachment.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) separate, unmarried, unattached, vague, free, distant

attempt: (n, v) endeavor, offer, struggle, assay, essay, attack; (n) effort, trial; (v) undertake, chance, aim. ANTONYMS: (n) success, fulfillment, achievement, accomplishment; (v) succeed, fulfill, achieve, accomplish, perform

attending: (v) attend; (n) presence, nursing, care, appearing, observation; (adj) concomitant, attendant, ministrant, in attendance, ancillary. ANTONYMS: (n) nonattendance, inattention

attention: (n) mind, heed, notice, alertness, care, advertency, aid, consideration, ear, attentiveness, precision. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect, negligence, thoughtlessness, abandonment, abstraction, discourtesy, disregard, oversight, indifference, insensibility, carelessness

attentive: (adj) assiduous, diligent, heedful, watchful, observant, advertent, mindful, careful, aware, alert, respectful. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfocused, negligent, neglectful, forgetful, heedless, unobservant, rude, unprepared, unconscious, uncaring, inconsiderate

attentively: (adv) carefully, mindfully, watchfully, observantly, heedfully, vigilantly, cautiously, considerably, diligently, alertly, obligingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unhelpfully, neglectfully, abruptly, carelessly, hastily, casually

attitude: (n) aspect, posture, behavior, mind, notion, approach,

air, bearing, disposition, point of view, outlook

attractive: (adj) good-looking, engaging, appealing, amiable, charming, alluring, adorable, agreeable, striking, enchanting, sweet. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, unappealing, revolting, disgusting, repellent, unpleasant, repulsive, straight, boring, uninteresting, tasteless

attribute: (adj, n) quality, property; (n, v) assign; (n) feature, emblem, characteristic, peculiarity, mark; (v) credit, impute, accredit

aunt: (n) uncle, auntie, aunty, father's younger brother's wife, father's older brother's wife, mother's sister, kinswoman, nephew, niece, paternal aunt, maternal uncle's wife

australia: (n) Commonwealth of Australia, Australian sword lily, bitter pea, America, flame pea, macrozamia, Psilotum nudum, skeleton fork fern, star grass, kangaroo paw

authenticity: (n) genuineness, legitimacy, reality, verity, originality, truth, validity, honesty, veracity, fidelity, actuality.
 ANTONYMS: (n) inaccuracy, insincerity

average: (adj) median, fair, common, middling, middle, ordinary, normal, mid, moderate; (adj, n) standard, medium. ANTONYMS: (adj, n, v) maximum; (adj) extraordinary, exceptional, abnormal, unusual, impressive, extreme, atypical, intolerable, poor; (n) extremity

await: (v) anticipate, abide, bide, tarry, wait, attend, look, hope, approach, loom, come on.
 ANTONYM: (v) doubt

aware: (adj) awake, attentive, conscious, realize, vigilant, perceive, mindful, heedful, alive, sentient, sensible. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconscious, insensitive, ignorant, unfamiliar, unwitting, incognizant, unmindful, unconcerned, unprepared, oblivious, indifferent

away: (adj, adv) abroad, absent; (adj, adv, int) out; (adj) distant; (adv) aside, aloof, afar, way, by, forth; (adv, int) off. ANTONYMS: (adj) adjacent, neighboring, nearby, near, close; (adv) intermittently, haltingly, discontinuously, in

awfully: (adv) atrociously, hideously, appallingly, frightfully, fearfully, ghastly, terribly, horrifically,

- horrendously, badly; (adj, adv) amazingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, hardly, little, mildly, satisfactorily, slightly, well, adequately, superbly, somewhat
- babies:** (n) children, babes, babe, babying, offspring
- baby:** (n) babe, child, darling; (v) pamper, indulge, coddle, mollycoddle, spoil; (adj, n) miniature, young; (adj) small. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, neglect; (adj) large, mature, big; (n) parent, adolescent, adult, grownup
- badly:** (adv) poorly, severely, awfully, wrongly, seriously, naughtily, wickedly, hardly, corruptly, injuriously; (adj, adv) gravely. ANTONYMS: (adv) skillfully, obediently, perfectly, giftedly, flawlessly, satisfactorily, admirably, superbly, shamelessly, excellently, pleasingly
- bangle:** (n) bracelet, circlet, whetstone, watchamacallit, sundry, jewellery, sundries, stuff, wristlet, wristband, armband
- bankruptcy:** (n) bust, failure, insolvency, smash, ruin, proceeding, proceedings, indebtedness, recession, crash, liquidation
- baptism:** (n) affusion, aspersion, chrism, sacrament, immersion, designation, entrance, introduction, initiation, blessing; (v) baptize
- barrier:** (n) bar, bulwark, dam, rampart, hurdle, restraint, obstruction, handicap, partition, frontier, constraint. ANTONYMS: (n) advantage, opening, passage, aid
- basis:** (n) base, foundation, gist, footing, fundamental, bed, beginning, root, reason, justification, nucleus. ANTONYMS: (n) summit, top, apex, effect
- basket:** (n) cage, hamper, basketful, creel, Corf, coop, bucket, spinner basket, bassinet, containerful, cradle
- bear:** (v) accept, take, stand, acquit, abide, allow, wear, comport, tolerate, convey, team. ANTONYMS: (v) release, avoid, destroy, dodge, take, eradicate, evade, kill, refuse, erase; (n) bull
- bestly:** (adj) animal, disgusting, horrid, bestial, brute; (adj, v) nasty, abominable, offensive; (adv) ugly, brutally, brutally. ANTONYMS: (adv) civilized, cultured, kind, good, refined, humane, inoffensive; (adj) lovely, pleasant
- beats:** (n) beat, beatniks, Beat Generation
- beautiful:** (adj) attractive, good-looking, bright, neat, beautiful, pleasant, picturesque, fine, pretty, lovely; (n) beauty. ANTONYMS: (adj) unattractive, homely, grotesque, plain, repulsive, awkward, ordinary, dull
- beauty:** (n) attractiveness, beauty, charm, pulchritude, loveliness, exquisiteness, grace, grandeur, looker, good looks; (adj) beautiful. ANTONYMS: (n) hag, plainness, shortcoming, flaw, witch, dog, disadvantage, detraction, repulsiveness, eyesore, awkwardness
- become:** (v) grow, suit, be, match, come about, arise, get, sit, to become, fall; (adj) becoming. ANTONYMS: (v) halt, stay, lower, stop, reduce, clash
- becomes:** (v) become
- becoming:** (adj, v) seemly, proper, befitting; (adj) decorous, decent, adequate, apposite, due, agreeable, fit, relevant. ANTONYMS: (adj) inappropriate, unattractive, unflattering, improper, unbecoming, unsuitable, ugly, unseemly
- bees:** (n) Apoidea, superfamily Apoidea
- before:** (adv) ahead, ago, in front, previously, already, forth; (adv, prep) fore, afore; (adj) preceding, prior; (adj, adv) earlier. ANTONYMS: (adv, prep) later, behind, afterward, after; (adv) subsequently, ahead; (adj) subsequent
- begin:** (v) commence, arise, initiate, become, enter, rise, originate, undertake, create, dawn, set out. ANTONYMS: (v) end, stop, cease, terminate, die, delay, complete, conclude
- behalf:** (n) sake, part, interest, behoof, defense, lieu, good, stead, score, service, side
- behave:** (n, v) conduct, exercise; (v) bear, deal, deport, operate, perform, acquit, walk, react, go. ANTONYMS: (v) misdemean, malfunction
- behind:** (adj, n) back, rear; (adj, adv) backward, late; (adv) backwards, later, aback, beyond; (n) backside, can; (prep) abaft. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) early; (adv) fore; (adj) prompt
- believe:** (n) belief, believing; (v) assume, conceive, consider, reckon, guess, accredit, to believe, understand; (n, v) trust. ANTONYMS: (v) distrust, doubt, question, suspect, reject, discredit, deny, despair
- bell:** (n, v) chime; (n) gong, Alexander Graham Bell, ring, doorbell, handbell, tocsin, alarum, Alexander Bell, buzz, angelus
- below:** (adv, prep) under, underneath; (adj) low; (adj, adv) after; (adv) down, infra, downstairs, at a lower place, downwards, down below; (prep) less than. ANTONYMS: (adv, prep) over; (prep) more; (adv) upstairs
- bends:** (n) caisson disease, aeroembolism, air embolism, bend, gas embolism, compressed air sickness
- besides:** (adv) as well, moreover, too, furthermore, again, as well as, anyway, additionally; (prep) apart from, beside; (adj, adv) more
- best:** (adj, n) supreme, most, elite; (adj) superior, great, leading, choice, superlative; (v) beat, outdo; (adj, n, v) top. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) worst; (v) lose, surrender; (adj) minimum, lowest, least, inferior, incorrect, fewest; (n) loser; (adv) insincerely
- betoken:** (v) augur, foreshadow, prognosticate, bode, foretell, mark, bespeak, presage, indicate, omen; (n, v) denote
- better:** (adj, v) improve, mend; (adj, adv, v) best; (v) recover, ameliorate, emend, reform, advance, enhance, surpass; (n) bettor. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) worse; (adj, n) inferior; (v) worsen, deteriorate; (adj) lesser, lower, tinier, ill, unhealthy, smaller, sicker
- beverage:** (n) potable, alcohol, refresher, potion, drinkable, potion, draught, draft, libation; (v) broth, soup. ANTONYM: (n) solid
- bewildered:** (adj) bemused, confused, confounded, perplexed, befuddled, puzzled, dumbfounded, taken aback, addled, disoriented; (adj, v) lost. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, clear, oriented, precise, understanding, alert
- beyond:** (adj, prep) across; (adv, prep) above, without, besides, over; (adj, adv) further; (adv) away, by, more, farther, abroad. ANTONYMS: (prep) below; (adv) close, inside
- bills:** (n) currency, folding money
- birth:** (n) beginning, genesis, ancestry, descent, extraction, start, onset, parentage, origin; (v)

- delivery; (n, v) parturition.
ANTONYMS: (n) death, bereavement, ending, finale, finish, passing, end, decease, conclusion, demise
- bishop:** (n) pontiff, primate, chessman, prelate, minister, metropolitan, Martin, lord; (v) wassail, flip, punch
- bitter:** (adj, v) acrimonious, acrid; (adj) sharp, acid, malicious, caustic, virulent, sour, resentful, keen, acerbic. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) mild, charitable, hot, sugary, kind, wonderful, warm, pleasant, nice, agreeable, gentle
- black:** (adj) sable, dark, ebony, colored, bleak, dirty, evil, nigger, darkie, unclean; (adj, n) blackamoor. **ANTONYMS:** (v) whiten; (adj) spotless, snowy, saintly, pale, optimistic, merry, light, angelic, ivory, bright
- blessing:** (n) benediction, approval, mercy, felicity, benison, benefit, luck, advantage, boon, blessing, godsend. **ANTONYMS:** (n) curse, misfortune, disaster, condemnation, adversity, desecration, refusal, veto, disadvantage
- blessings:** (n) blessing, godsend
- bloom:** (adj, n, v) flower; (v) prosper, flourish, thrive, burgeon; (adj, v) blow, fructify; (n) prime, blush, flush, bud. **ANTONYMS:** (v) shrivel, struggle, wane, die, deteriorate, decrease; (n) pallor, withering
- blow:** (n) beat, knock, shock, wallop, gust, jolt; (adj, n, v) gasp, puff; (n, v) blast, slap; (v) squander. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) calm; (v) save, conserve, store, stillness, inhale, come, arrive; (n) luck, comfort, caress
- blue:** (adj) depressed, down, gloomy, low, spicy, livid, naughty, sapphire, sad, downhearted, downcast. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) clean, happy, joyous, refined, moral, decent, upbeat, joyful, gay, cheerful, cheery
- blurt:** (v) blunder out, talk, utter, speak, mouth, verbalize, babble, blurt out, exclaim, blunder
- book:** (v) order, reserve, inscribe, apply, write; (n) account book, pamphlet, journal, volume; (n, v) list, record. **ANTONYMS:** (v) free, exonerate
- bookcase:** (n) bookshelf, cupboard, library, closet, furniture, cabinet, secretaire, article of furniture, davenport, till, sideboard
- books:** (n) notebook, account, ledger, literature, accountancy
- bore:** (v) dig, tire, pierce, tap, annoy, perforate; (n, v) bother, plague; (n) auger, well, gimlet. **ANTONYMS:** (v) fascinate, excite, hypnotize, engage, entertain, stimulate; (n) charmer, exciter, excitement, pleasure
- bored:** (adj) weary, boring, blase, uninterested, bore, listless, jaded, sick, fed up, annoyed, indifferent. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) energetic, fresh
- boring:** (adj) tedious, tiresome, dull, annoying, bored, tame, prosaic, monotonous, wearisome, uninteresting; (n) drilling. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) interesting, fascinating, varied, thrilling, original, gripping, inspiring, surprising, stimulating, attractive, amazing
- born:** (adj) native, natural, congenital, inbred, inborn, innate, inherent, untutored; (v) be born, to be born, arise. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) learned, unborn, acquired, trained
- bother:** (n, v) trouble, torment, worry, hassle, pain; (adj, n, v) fuss, bore; (v) vex, annoy, irritate; (n) nuisance. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) delight; (v) soothe, please, help, aid, comfort, placate, encourage, defend; (n) accord, satisfaction
- bottle:** (n) container, jug, flask, cruet, vial, pot, phial, jar, decanter, carboy; (n, v) can
- bought:** (n) crook, hook
- bound:** (n, v) leap, jump, border, bounce, limit, edge, vault, recoil; (n) boundary, barrier, compass. **ANTONYMS:** (v) allow, amble, crawl, limp, permit; (adj) permitted, released, unbound, allowed, unlikely
- bowed:** (adj) arched, curved, inclined, crooked, arciform, arching, arced, bandy, arcuate, twisted, bended. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) straight, concave, plucked
- boxes:** (n) auditory, pit, parquet, gallery, box, case, front of the house, bleachers, stalls
- brand:** (n, v) mark, class; (adj, n, v) stigma; (adj, n) blot, stain; (n) type, blade, brand name, badge, kind, sort. **ANTONYMS:** (v) praise; (n) honor, glory
- branded:** (adj) identified, known, proprietary, recognized
- bread:** (n) livelihood, bun, maintenance, cash, currency, loot, dough, pelf, food, sustenance, kale
- break:** (n, v) crack, fracture, breach, burst, rupture, stop, pause; (n) interruption, respite, suspension; (v) infringe. **ANTONYMS:** (v) obey, honor, lose, make, observe, resume, stay, strengthen; (n, v) mend; (n) continuation, misfortune
- brief:** (adj) concise, transient, little, abridge, short-lived, abrupt; (adj, n) abstract, summary; (n) epitome, report; (v) notify. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) permanent, lengthy, rambling, wordy, prolonged, extended, lasting, civil; (adv) civilly; (v) secrete, hide
- brightly:** (adv) vividly, luminously, radiantly, gaily, clearly, shiningly, intensely, cheerfully, smartly, bright, lustrously. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) gloomily, drearily, bleakly, stupidly, dully, blankly, seriously, pessimistically
- brilliant:** (adj, v) splendid, glorious, illustrious, smart; (adj) sunny, intelligent, magnificent, luminous, spectacular, vivid, beautiful. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) dull, dim, awful, dark, unexceptional, typical, tarnished, grimy, unintelligent, normal, useless
- bring:** (v) convey, get, take, bear, carry, put, conduct, return, reduce, set, bring in. **ANTONYMS:** (v) drop, free, leave, lose, remove, avoid
- British:** (n) Englishman, Britain, British people, Britisher, England, swiz, the British, Brits; (adj) Britannic, unratable
- broke:** (adj) bankrupt, poor, insolvent, impecunious, penniless, impoverished, skint, bust, destitute, strapped, ruined. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) solvent, wealthy, affluent
- broken:** (adj) torn, tame, damaged, intermittent, uneven, imperfect, rugged, rough, out of order; (adj, v) busted, ruined. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unbroken, intact, wild, whole, working, uplifted, uninterrupted, triumphant, running, indomitable, incessant
- brother:** (n) fellow, blood brother, associate, counterpart, crony, comrade, buddy, peer, chum, sidekick, monk. **ANTONYMS:** (n) enemy, opposer, opponent
- brow:** (n) peak, brink, brows, height, summit, forehead, eyebrow, edge, crown, brim, border. **ANTONYM:** (n) trough
- brut:** (n) AS, dry, dryer, driest, drier

buried: (adj) hidden, covert, interred, underground, inhumed, profound, covered, ulterior; (v) perdu, imbed, embed. ANTONYMS: (adj) explicit, overt

business: (n) subject, matter, event, vocation, job, profession, affair, work, corporation, occupation; (adj, n) trade. ANTONYMS: (adj) charitable, private; (n) pleasure, avocation, fun, entertainment, hobby

butler: (n) waiter, pantryman, attendant, valet de chambre, livery servant, steward, flunkey, footman, lackey, manservant, valet

butter: (v) gloze, slaver, flatter; (adj) butyraceous, dough, pudding; (n) fat, scrapper, fighter, oil, tallow

buttonhole: (v) accost, solicit, besiege, intercept, harangue, detain, lobby; (n) bouquet, button hole, posy, bunch

cake: (n) biscuit, cookie, bar, block, pastry, lump, pie, pancake, griddlecake; (v) set, harden

calamity: (n) disaster, adversity, affliction, misfortune, plague, catastrophe, tragedy, blow, bale, distress; (n, v) trouble.

ANTONYMS: (n) blessing, boon, luck, joy, opportunity

call: (n, v) appeal, shout, bellow, name, yell, howl, request, appoint; (v) bid, summon; (n) call option.

ANTONYMS: (v) whisper, mutter, cancel, listen, stop, suppose, murmur; (n) dismissal, give, grant, silence

called: (adj) named, titled, chosen, known as; (v) nempt,ycleped

calling: (n) business, occupation, call, avocation, job, trade, career, employment, walk, pursuit; (n, v) profession. ANTONYMS: (n) entertainment, hobby

calls: (n) securities, puts, bonds, preferred stock, common stock

calm: (adj, n, v) assuage, appease, lull; (adj, v) cool, pacify, peaceful, easy, steady; (adj, adv, n, v) still; (n, v) ally; (v) mollify. ANTONYMS: (adj) agitated, wild, stormy, nervous, angry, scared, terrified, tense; (v) agitate, provoke; (adj, v) upset

calmly: (adv) stilly, tranquilly, coolly, serenely, placidly, sedately, smoothly, peacefully, easily, undisturbedly, steadily.

ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, hysterically, nervously, agitatedly,

uncontrollably, histrionically, restlessly, frantically, irritably, emotionally, tensely

came: (v) arrive, come

candid: (adj) blunt, outspoken, ingenuous, direct, sincere, open, forthright, artless, equitable, honest, guileless. ANTONYMS: (adj) scheming, tricky, artful, deceitful, dishonest, guarded, indirect, insincere, inhibited, disingenuous, evasive

candidly: (adv) openly, ingenuously, sincerely, outspokenly, honestly, forthrightly, straightforwardly, plainly, bluntly, directly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) deceitfully, hesitantly, dishonestly, untruthfully, guardedly, ambiguously, shyly

candour: (n) candidness, frankness, forthrightness, fairness, rectitude, purity, straightforwardness, equity, truth, sincerity, simplicity

canon: (n) rule, regulation, principle, statute, code, act, criterion

canonical: (adj) orthodox, standard, basic, canonical, normative, uncompromising, strict, rigid, positive, legitimate, classical.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unorthodox, unsanctioned, unauthorized, unacceptable

capacious: (adj) large, big, ample, roomy, broad, extensive, vast, commodious, voluminous, wide, expansive. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, confined, squeezed, tiny

capital: (adj, n) principal, primary, main; (n) city, stock, funds, money, wealth, means; (adj) great, magnificent. ANTONYMS: (adj)

extra, worst, unimportant, poor, nonessential, minor, inferior; (n) minuscule, liabilities, poverty

captain: (n) head, master, leader, guide, commodore, commander, boss, skipper, chieftain; (v) govern, manage. ANTONYM: (n) minion

card: (n) calling card, board, bill of fare, ticket, label, postal, identity card, menu, notice, placard, visiting card

cards: (n) baccarat, boodle, card, rum, poker, cribbage, rummy, Newmarket, pinochle, pinochle, penuchle

care: (adj, n, v) anxiety; (n, v) attention, charge, worry; (n) caution, bother, concern, apprehension, aid, custody; (v) attend. ANTONYMS:

(n) carelessness, recklessness, thoughtlessness, rashness, negligence, vagueness, unconcern; (n, v) disregard, dislike; (v) loathe, abhor

careful: (adj, v) attentive, anxious; (adj) thrifty, thoughtful, frugal, mindful, prudent, deliberate, alert, economical, guarded. ANTONYMS: (adj) reckless, slapdash, neglectful, wasteful, unconcerned, tactless, stupid, spendthrift, rash, negligent, inaccurate

carefully: (adv) scrupulously, thoroughly, deliberately, charily, warily, watchfully, prudently, painstakingly, guardedly, thriftily, meticulously. ANTONYMS: (adv) hastily, recklessly, rashly, inaccurately, unhelpfully, incautiously, indifferently, thoughtlessly, abstractedly, clumsily, unwisely

careless: (adj) forgetful, inattentive, insouciant, haphazard, cursory, reckless, lax, unwary, sloppy; (adj, adv) thoughtless; (adj, v) heedless.

ANTONYMS: (adj) cautious, prudent, meticulous, thoughtful, diligent, attentive, thorough, wary, guarded, methodical, strict

carelessness: (n) negligence, inattention, indifference, nonchalance, thoughtlessness, abandon, incaution, disregard, omission, forgetfulness, dereliction. ANTONYMS: (n) attention, caution, alertness, vigilance, carefulness, thoughtfulness, assiduousness, economy, regard, prudence, forethought

carriage: (n) attitude, conveyance, cab, air, walk, position, mien, shipping; (n, v) transport, behavior, port

carried: (adj) conveyed, imported

carry: (v) convey, bring, take, conduct, acquit, behave, accept, transport, comport, hold, pack.

ANTONYMS: (v) withhold, lose, censor, fail, hold, conceal

carter: (n) whip, carrier, coachman, Jehu, drayman, wagoner, teamster, delivery service, cartman, hauler, charioteer

case: (n) example, box, bin, cover, jacket, shell, bag, affair, briefcase, business; (adj, n) eccentric

cases: (n) brass tacks, baggage, luggage, caseload, suitcases

cast: (n, v) throw, stamp, form, fling, shape, figure; (v) shed, pitch, chuck;

- (n) casting, appearance.
ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, receive, subtract, reject, take, gather, catch, retain, keep
- catch:** (n, v) capture, hook, haul, hitch, trick, grab, snatch; (v) get, apprehend, intercept; (n) pawl.
ANTONYMS: (n, v) release; (v) misunderstand, unhitch, mistake, Miss, misinterpret, free, give, lose; (n) advantage, boon
- cathedral:** (n) church, temple, place of worship, house of worship; (adj) authoritative, parochial, official, cathedralic
- caught:** (adj) fixed, guilty, accomplished, wedged, trapped, interested, exposed, defenseless, culpable; (v) seize, get. ANTONYM: (adj) loose
- cause:** (n) case, action, account; (n, v) occasion, allow; (v) breed, do, induce, beget, motivate, provoke.
ANTONYMS: (n) effect, result, outcome; (v) foil, deter, forestall, prevent, stop, halt, quell, retard
- cease:** (n, v) end, finish, stop; (v) quit, terminate, break, break off, close, conclude, discontinue, abstain.
ANTONYMS: (v) begin, start, commence, persist, stay
- ceased:** (adj) finished
- celebrations:** (n) revels, festivities
- celibacy:** (n) single, unmarried, abstinence, virginity, celibate, bachelorship, condition, maidenhood, single blessedness, status, virtue. ANTONYMS: (n) dissipation, excess, indulgence
- celibate:** (adj) continent, unmarried, single, chaste, maiden, virgin, virtuous, pure; (n) religionist, celibacy. ANTONYMS: (adj) promiscuous, sexual
- ceremony:** (n) courtesy, celebration, ceremonial, parade, pomp, rite, ceremonies, manners, custom, ritual, pageant. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, understatement
- certain:** (adj) definite, sure, assured, absolute, reliable, indisputable, dependable, unquestionable, undeniable, unavoidable, unequivocal. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsure, doubtful, questionable, hesitant, debatable, erratic, faulty, indistinct, vague, doubting, undecided
- certainly:** (adv) assuredly, definitely, positively, clearly, necessarily, undoubtedly, actually, securely, confidently, absolutely; (adj, adv) really. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, possibly, equivocally, perhaps
- chafe:** (v) rub, irritate, provoke, nettle, annoy, gall, grate, abrade, anger, rile, graze. ANTONYMS: (v) cool, pacify, soothe, protect, relieve, appease, smooth
- chair:** (n, v) chairman; (n) bench, president, chairperson, throne, couch, armchair, electric chair, chairwoman; (v) moderate, lead
- chairs:** (n) seats
- champagne:** (v) chain lightning, cocktail; (n) sparkling wine, blonde
- chance:** (n, v) hazard, adventure, risk, venture, bet; (n) fortune, probability, opportunity; (adj) accidental; (adj, n) contingency; (v) befall.
ANTONYMS: (adj) intentional, deliberate, designed, arranged, planned, foreseeable; (n, v) plan; (n) predictability, misfortune, certainty; (v) protect
- change:** (n, v) shift, barter, twist, cash; (v) alter, alternate, adapt, convert; (n) alteration, modification, variation. ANTONYMS: (v) leave, maintain, idle, hold, establish, standardize; (n) stability, bills, constancy, preservation, uniformity
- changeable:** (adj) inconsistent, erratic, capricious, irregular, mobile, mutable, slippery, uncertain, unsettled, unstable, mercurial.
ANTONYMS: (adj) fixed, stable, unchangeable, consistent, predictable, regular, dependable, immutable, certain, invariable, lasting
- changed:** (adj) transformed, varied, switched, change, transform, converted, distorted, affected, changeling, disguised, inverse.
ANTONYM: (adj) unchanged
- chaps:** (n) chops, fauces, crack
- chapter:** (n) volume, branch, department, part, convocation, section, stage, head, article, caput, installment
- character:** (n) type, part, note, role, brand, spirit, disposition; (adj, n) nature, kind, eccentric, constitution. ANTONYMS: (n) deceit, dishonor, corruption, body
- charge:** (n, v) blame, care, burden, commission, command, attack, bill, load, tax; (n) accusation; (v) bid. ANTONYMS: (v) request, discharge, plead, beg, compensate, aid, credit, calm; (n, v) retreat, absolve, unload
- charitable:** (adj) kind, clement, gentle, benevolent, liberal, bountiful, philanthropic, generous, humane, kindly, lenient. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncharitable, mean, nasty, tightfisted, inhumane, selfish, miserly, hard, cruel, commercial, cheap
- charity:** (n) dole, favor, aid, liberality, generosity, kindness, alms, mercy, virtue; (v) almsgiving; (adj, n) brotherly love. ANTONYMS: (n) intolerance, meanness, unkindness, cruelty, malice, stinginess, cheapness, nastiness, inhumanity
- charming:** (adj) beautiful, lovely, captivating, winning, attractive, enchanting, delightful, pleasing, nice, magic, cute. ANTONYMS: (adj) repellent, unpleasant, unappealing, repulsive, charmless, disgusting, gross, irritating, offensive, uninteresting, annoying
- charms:** (n) trinkets, jewelry, jewels
- chasuble:** (n) Geneva gown frock, robe, cassock, dalmatic, gown, pallium, scapulary, scarf, surplice, tunicle, cope
- cheek:** (n) audacity, nerve, brass, boldness, impertinence, face, lip, mouth, gall, insolence, impudence. ANTONYMS: (n) respect, cowardice, timidity, humbleness, meekness, reticence, seriousness; (v) praise
- cheerily:** (adv) merrily, pleasantly, cheerfully, joyfully, gaily, brightly, happily, mirthfully, jovially, sunnily, blithely. ANTONYMS: (adv) nastily, sulkily, seriously, miserably, sadly
- chief:** (adj, n) principal, head, cardinal, capital, arch, essential, paramount; (n) administrator, boss, executive, leader. ANTONYMS: (adj) associate, secondary, junior, smallest, inessential, unimportant, least, trivial; (n) subordinate, underling, inferior
- chiefly:** (adv) principally, primarily, above all, especially, headly, mostly, largely, primely, predominantly; (adj, adv) mainly, particularly. ANTONYM: (adv) partially
- child:** (n) baby, babe, bairn, infant, kid, toddler, tot, girl, brat, juvenile, minor. ANTONYMS: (n) ancestor, parent
- childish:** (adj) childlike, naive, babyish, immature, simple, puerile, infantile, juvenile, silly, frivolous, young. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, old, wise, adult, jaded

children: (n) child, offspring, descendant, family, seed, boy, babies, descendants, birth, relatives, people

chill: (adj, v) cool; (adj, n) cold; (adj) bleak, icy, chilly, frosty, depressing; (v) freeze, dispirit, damp; (n) coolness. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) warm; (n) warmth, warmness; (v) encourage, hearten, inspirit, thaw; (adj) hot, gregarious, friendly, sociable

chin: (n) jaw, Kuki, jawbone, lineament, rap, jawl; (v) elevate, speak, chin up, confer, bring up

choice: (n) vote, alternative, selection, option, preference, pick, pleasure, volition; (adj, n) favorite, election; (adj) excellent. ANTONYMS: (adj) inferior, fair, poor, worst, ordinary, inappropriate; (n) coercion, dearth, restriction, dislike

choose: (v) adopt, elect, select, pick, prefer, take, appoint, assign, decide, excerpt; (n) picking. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, waver, decline, forgo, spurn, dislike, elect

christen: (v) entitle, baptize, dub, name, baptise, designate, style, term, specify, define, denominate

christening: (n) naming, denomination, chrism, designation, identification

christian: (adj) Catholic, scriptural, pietist, monotheistic, divine, evangelical, Christianly, moral, theist; (n) Christianity, devotee

chronicle: (n, v) register, list, log, report; (n) account, story, annals, history, narrative, roll; (v) date

chronicles: (n) archives, history, archive, records

church: (n) cathedral, abbey, chapel, meetinghouse, denomination, minster, place of worship, kirk, Fane, Christian church, Christianity

cigarette: (adj) cigar; (n) tobacco, fag, butt, can, coffin nail, cubeb, scroll, buttocks, reefer, butt joint

circle: (n) association, field, range, beat, set; (n, v) ring, band, compass, turn, whirl; (v) encircle

circumstances: (n) state, position, condition, circumstance, case, state of affairs, status, predicament, plight, environment, fortune

civilised: (adj) civilized, humane, genteel, cultured, cultivated, advanced, refined, polite

claim: (n, v) call, charge, need, requisition; (n) allegation, privilege; (v) assert, exact, ask, want, arrogate.

ANTONYMS: (v) disclaim, forfeit, waive, question, lose, grant, refute, request; (n) denial, disclaimer, response

class: (n, v) rank, place, group, position, grade, brand, type; (n) category, form, department; (v) categorize. ANTONYMS: (adj) unstylish; (n) coarseness, inferiority, tastelessness

classes: (n) lessons

classical: (adj, n) refined; (adj) ideal, correct, model, typical, exemplary, attic, perfect, authoritative, chaste, traditional. ANTONYMS: (adj) jumbled, modern, nonclassical, new

clean: (adj, adv) fair; (v) cleanse, brush, bathe, disinfect; (adj) antiseptic, blank, pure, chaste, unblemished; (n, v) wash.

ANTONYMS: (adj) filthy, unclean, muddy, unhygienic, tainted, unwholesome, syrupy, full; (v) soil, contaminate, pollute

clear: (adj) clean, certain, distinct; (adj, v) acquit, absolute, free, net, absolve, empty; (adj, n) open; (v) exculpate. ANTONYMS: (adj)

opaque, cloudy, incomprehensible, uncertain, dark, hazy, vague, fuzzy, obscure, confused, puzzling

cleared: (adj) absolved, clean, empty, exculpated, bleak, innocent, exempt, vindicated, exonerated, guiltless, let off. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, uncleared, guilty

clearly: (adv) distinctly, apparently, evidently, openly, decidedly, explicitly, definitely, certainly, absolutely, obviously, plainly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) vaguely, indistinctly, unclearly, blurrily, imperceptibly, obscurely, softly, doubtfully, imperfectly, unconvincingly, unintelligibly

clever: (adj) capable, acute, intelligent, able, apt, expert, skillful, cunning, sharp; (adj, v) brilliant, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) clumsy, unintelligent, dim, dull, inept, thick, naive, idiotic, moronic, incompetent, open

cleverness: (n) ingenuity, adroitness, wisdom, aptitude, acumen, intelligence, skill, dexterity, astuteness, brightness, smartness.

ANTONYMS: (n) slowness, clumsiness, imbecility, foolishness, ineptness, simplicity,

straightforwardness, uselessness, frankness

climate: (n) atmosphere, clime,

ambience, latitude, mood, milieu, weather, environment, zone, conditions, isobar

close: (n, v) end, stop, finish; (adj, adv, prep) nearby; (adj, adv) adjacent, tight; (adj, v) compact, approximate; (adj) accurate; (adv, prep) by; (n) conclusion.

ANTONYMS: (adj, v) open; (n, v) start; (adj) distant, airy, loose, fresh, far, inaccurate, unfamiliar; (v) begin, unlock

closely: (adv) nearly, narrowly, intimately, strictly, exactly, thickly, firmly, securely, confidentially, solidly, familiarly. ANTONYMS: (adv) loosely, thoughtlessly, heedlessly, carelessly, approximately, inconveniently, sparsely, casually, lightly, inaccurately

cloth: (n) drapery, fabric, clothes, clothing, rag, stuff, linen, tapestry, silk, flannel; (v) napkin

clothes: (n) apparel, clothing, dress, garb, wardrobe, vestment, garment, cloth, thing, gown, wear

cloud: (n, v) mist, blur; (v) becloud, obscure, eclipse, blacken, taint, befog, overshadow; (adj, n) swarm; (n) haze. ANTONYMS: (v) clear, refine, accentuate, illuminate, explain, clarify, unveil

club: (n) association, society, stick, bat, circle, Billy, meeting, baton, gang; (v) bludgeon, beat

coin: (v) invent, mint, originate, create, strike, cast; (n, v) forge; (n) specie, money, penny, piece

cold: (n) chilliness, chill; (adj) chilly, frigid, distant, indifferent, aloof, callous, icy, apathetic, impassive. ANTONYMS: (adj) warm, friendly, hot, prepared, burning, affectionate, loving, sporific, fervid; (n) heat, warmth

coldly: (adv) frigidly, icily, coolly, indifferently, frostily, distantly, gelidly, reservedly, bleakly, wintrily, frozenly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, affectionately, sympathetically, sensitively, kindly, cheerfully, emotionally

coldness: (n) chilliness, coolness, indifference, distance, apathy, iciness, reserve, frost, frigidly, unconcern; (adj, n) cold.

ANTONYMS: (n) friendliness, sympathy, sensitivity, hotness, heat, responsiveness, concern, brightness, kindness

colonel: (n) captain, coronel

- colour:** (n) coloration, coloring, colors, semblance, vividness, pretext, pretence, colouring, guise; (v) redden, discolor. ANTONYMS: (n) colorlessness; (v) discolor
- comfortable:** (adj, v) easy, snug; (adj) pleased, pleasing, prosperous, agreeable, pleasurable, congenial, rich, enjoyable, homely. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, tense, formal, unpleasant, unhappy, unaccustomed, intimidating, difficult, anxious, broke, destitute
- coming:** (n) advent, approach, appearance, arrival, return; (adj, n) approaching; (adj) forthcoming, imminent, future, impending; (adj, v) instant. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, exit, leaving, departing; (adj) distant, retreating, past
- commanded:** (adj) lawful
- comment:** (n) annotation, commentary, critique, note, explanation, interpretation, mention; (n, v) remark, gloss, censure, notice. ANTONYMS: (n) confirmation
- commerce:** (n, v) trade, barter; (n) business, exchange, connection, dealings, intercourse, association, conversation, communication; (v) affair
- common:** (adj) coarse, mutual, vulgar, mean, mediocre, ignoble, plebeian, base; (adj, n) cheap, habitual; (adj, n, v) usual. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncommon, rare, unusual, characteristic, specific, unique, extraordinary, exclusive, aristocratic, infrequent, refined
- communicate:** (v) express, impart, advertise, advise, carry, convey, transmit, commune, apprise; (adj, v) announce, intimate. ANTONYMS: (v) excommunicate, conceal, suppress
- communication:** (n) announcement, word, report, commerce, letter, tidings, communicating, notice, intercourse, news, liaison
- companion:** (adj, n) associate; (n) colleague, buddy, mate, peer, chum, partner, fellow, comrade, assistant, brother. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, stranger, adversary
- company:** (adj, n) society, business; (n) band, association, collection, cohort, brigade, troop, club, partnership; (v) accompany. ANTONYMS: (n) isolation, enmity, host, hostess, absence
- comparatively:** (adv) rather, somewhat, reasonably, quite, approximately, some, pretty, fairly, to some extent, to a certain extent, moderately. ANTONYMS: (adv) absolutely
- competition:** (n) rivalry, contention, competitor, rival, match, race, game, bout, combat, event, battle. ANTONYMS: (n) cooperation, friendship
- complaining:** (adj) irritable, peevish, petulant, whining, moaning, complaintive, repining; (adj, v) querulous; (n, v) lamenting; (adv) complainingly; (n) plaintive. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, uncomplaining, cheerful, willing
- complete:** (adj, v) perfect, consummate; (adj, n) absolute, stark; (v) achieve, finish, accomplish, execute; (adj, n, v) close; (adj) whole, full. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfinished, partial, abridged, sketchy, shortened, lacking, qualified, narrow, missing; (v) neglect, start
- completely:** (adv) thoroughly, perfectly, fully, totally, altogether, consummately, roundly, purely, absolutely, unreservedly; (adv, pref) all. ANTONYMS: (adv) partly, partially, hardly, slightly, incompletely, superficially, somewhat, halfheartedly, barely
- conceal:** (v) hide, disguise, bury, screen, cloak, smother, shield, suppress, mask, obscure; (n, v) veil. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, show, expose, divulge, clarify, uncover, disclose, tell, admit, spotlight, flaunt
- conceited:** (adj) arrogant, cocky, vain, boastful, proud, smug, affected, assuming, egotistical, haughty, pompous. ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, insecure, meek, selfless, unassuming
- concerned:** (adj, v) careful, solicitous; (adj) involved, interested, thoughtful, considerate, worried, nervous, apprehensive, affected, attentive. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncaring, unfeeling, untroubled, calm, unworried, uninvolved, casual, detached, removed, indifferent, hardhearted
- conclusion:** (n) end, close, result, termination, sequel, completion, cessation, dissolution, finish, finale; (n, v) closing. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning, opening, preface, inauguration, foreword, launch, commencement, head
- condolence:** (n) compassion, pity, sympathy, condolment, condolences, lamentation, mercy, mourning, acknowledgement, solace, acknowledgment. ANTONYMS: (n) congratulation
- conduce:** (v) go, lead, tend, concur, bestow, advance, redound, encourage, result, verge, extend
- conduct:** (v) bring, direct, carry, show; (n, v) act, administration, manage, administer, carriage, bearing; (adj, v) acquit. ANTONYMS: (v) mismanage, leave, follow
- confess:** (adj, v) own, allow, admit, avow; (v) concede, profess, recognize, divulge, disclose, reveal, receive. ANTONYMS: (v) suppress, hide, dispute, conceal, repress, harbor
- confessed:** (adj) known
- confidence:** (n) assurance, certainty, certitude, belief, faith, hope, nerve, credit, conviction, reliance, expectation. ANTONYMS: (n) insecurity, doubt, nervousness, anxiety, diffidence, distrust, fear, timidity, hopelessness, aimlessness, embarrassment
- confidingly:** (adv) trustfully, naively, untutoredly, simply, unaffectedly, inartificially, unsophisticatedly
- confirmation:** (n) ratification, approval, corroboration, testimony, sanction, demonstration, agreement, authentication, check, endorsement, evidence. ANTONYMS: (n) opposite, question, repudiation, retraction, withdrawal, condemnation, denial
- confirmed:** (adj) inveterate, assured, habitual, constant, settled, definite, established, affirmed, fixed, ingrained, corroborated. ANTONYMS: (adj) unproven, unconfirmed, undecided, uncommitted, questionable, infrequent, dubious, mild, unfaithful
- connected:** (adj, v) related; (adj) attached, allied, affiliated, coherent, linked, committed, conjoint, combined, relevant, consecutive. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrelated, separate, unimportant, disjointed, unaffiliated, disconnected, unattached, irrelevant
- conscious:** (adj) alive, premeditated, mindful, deliberate, cognizant, calculated, intended, discerning, self-conscious, studied, voluntary. ANTONYMS: (adj) unaware, ignorant, unintentional, dead, accidental, inanimate, spontaneous,

- subconscious, unplanned, inadvertent, oblivious
- consent:** (adj, n, v) accord; (n, v) acquiescence, agreement; (v) concur, approve, agree, acquiesce, accept; (n) consensus, approval; (adj, v) allow. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, reject, protest, object, differ, oppose; (n, v) veto; (n) refusal, opposition, dissent, disagreement
- consequence:** (n) effect, outcome, import, result, importance, product, account, concern, event, aftermath; (n, v) weight. ANTONYMS: (n) cause, inconsequence, insignificance, antecedent, unimportance, triviality, source, meaninglessness
- consequently:** (adv) therefore, subsequently, as a result, then, sequentially, followingly, so, naturally, in consequence, hence; (conj) ergo
- consider:** (v) think, regard, view, cogitate, deliberate, calculate, conceive, reckon, reflect, assume; (n, v) study. ANTONYMS: (v) disregard, forget, discard, doubt, reject, nevermind, dismiss, abandon, leave, decide, overlook
- considerably:** (adv, v) well, fully; (adv) much, very, substantially, hugely, largely, rather, noticeably, markedly, immensely. ANTONYMS: (adv) insignificantly, somewhat, faintly, unremarkably, modestly, barely
- consideration:** (n, v) respect, regard, care, account, condition; (n) reflection, thought, attention, cogitation, conception, thoughtfulness. ANTONYMS: (n) impulsiveness, inconsideration, inattention, cruelty, rashness, unconcern, heedlessness, disregard, negligence, neglect, insensitivity
- considered:** (adj) reasoned, premeditated, intentional, willful, sensible, sound, advised, studied, planned, calculated, regarded. ANTONYMS: (adj) sudden, impetuous, ingenuous, thoughtless, swift, spontaneous, disregarded, unconsidered, unplanned, unstudied, casual
- considering:** (conj, prep) because, bearing in mind; (conj) as, since; (adv) whereas, enough; (v) consider; (n) consideration, thought, deliberation; (prep) in view of
- consolation:** (n) comfort, relief, balm, succor, ease, cheer, solacement, encouragement, sympathy, alleviation, express sympathy. ANTONYMS: (n) grief, sorrow, distress, discouragement, aggravation
- constant:** (adj) ceaseless, perpetual, continual, faithful, changeless, steadfast, eternal, uninterrupted, continuous; (adj, n) steady, invariable. ANTONYMS: (adj) irregular, intermittent, changeable, variable, inconstant, erratic, episodic, fickle, temporary, disloyal, inconsistent
- constantly:** (adv) continually, firmly, incessantly, eternally, steadily, endlessly, unremittingly, ceaselessly, steadfastly; (adj, adv) always, forever. ANTONYMS: (adv) inconsistently, intermittently, acutely, erratically, infrequently
- consternation:** (n) alarm, shock, fear, apprehension, astonishment, fright, confusion; (adj, n) terror, awe, dread, horror. ANTONYMS: (n) peacefulness, composure, happiness, tranquility, hopefulness, comfort, equanimity
- constituted:** (adj) habitual, planted, legitimate, grooved, accomplished, official
- constitution:** (n) code, makeup, temperament, organization, build, foundation, structure, law, charter, character, formation
- consumed:** (adj) exhausted, finished, used up, worn, depleted, obsessed, possessed, lost, tired, immersed, gone
- contained:** (adj) implicit, unspoken, unexpressed, latent, understood, numbered, inside, confined to a small area, being within, limited to a small area. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrestrained, generalized, pervasive
- contempt:** (n, v) scorn; (v) despise; (n) disrespect, derision, mockery, disregard, ridicule, shame, slight, reproach, discourtesy. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, admiration, regard, honor, esteem
- content:** (n) meaning, matter, capacity, contents, subject; (n, v) contentment; (v) appease, please, satisfy, suffice; (adj) happy. ANTONYMS: (n, v) discontent; (adj) tormented, unhappy, dissatisfied, rebellious, discontented, troubled; (adj, v) upset; (n) unhappiness, sadness; (v) trouble
- continually:** (adv) perpetually, ceaselessly, incessantly, endlessly, unceasingly, continuously, persistently, eternally, steadily, frequently; (adj, adv) always. ANTONYMS: (adv) acutely, infrequently, spasmodically, sporadically
- continuing:** (adj) constant, lasting, abiding, ongoing, serial, persistent, enduring, permanent, durable, chronic, steady. ANTONYMS: (adj) rapid, spasmodic, occasional, fleeting
- contrary:** (adj, n) contradictory, reverse; (adj) adverse, conflicting, unfavorable, perverse, cross, disobedient, alien, different, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) similar, harmonious, helpful, obliging, compatible, complaisant, concordant, parallel, agreeable, cooperative, favorable
- conversation:** (n) talk, conference, communication, colloquy, confabulation, discussion, language, discourse, speech, talking, palaver
- convincing:** (adj) cogent, forceful, persuasive, compelling, believable, probable, impressive, likely, credible, valid, plausible. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, unrealistic, unpersuasive, questionable, dubious, doubtful, unbelievable, disputable, inaccurate, hesitant, unreliable
- convulsively:** (adv) spasmodically, paroxysmally, spastically, with convulsions
- copy:** (n, v) counterfeit, duplicate, pattern, trace; (v) imitate, ape, follow; (adj, n, v) model; (n) imitation, transcription, reproduction. ANTONYMS: (v) create, originate; (n) master
- corner:** (n) bend, angle, nook, dilemma, recess, hole, coign, predicament, niche; (n, v) turn; (adj) angular. ANTONYMS: (v) free; (n) solution
- corrupt:** (adj, v) adulterate, taint, infect, rotten, canker; (adj, n, v) contaminate, poison; (v) bribe, debase, defile; (adj) impure. ANTONYMS: (adj) moral, pure, principled, ethical, honorable, wholesome, virtuous, uncorrupt, truthful; (v) purify; (adj, v) clean
- cough:** (v) clear the throat, to cough, spit up, cough up, expectorate; (n) expiration, exhalation, symptom, sneeze, breathing out
- count:** (v) compute, weigh, consider, estimate, matter; (n, v) calculate, tally, number, total; (n) calculation,

- computation. ANTONYMS: (v) guess, except, estimate, disregard, dismiss, abandon, ignore, subtract
- country:** (n) nation, home, land, place, area, territory, commonwealth, soil, kingdom, realm; (adj) rustic. ANTONYMS: (adj) urban, metropolitan; (adj, n) city; (n) metropolis
- county:** (n) canton, state, area, country, shire, commune, arrondissement, district, mofussil, precinct, realm
- courage:** (n) audacity, fortitude, boldness, nerve, spirit, backbone, valor, heroism, gallantry, mettle, chivalry. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, faintheartedness, weakness, wimpiness, yellowness
- course:** (n, v) stream, flow; (n) bearing, route, career, track, path, road, channel; (adj, n) current; (v) chase. ANTONYM: (v) trickle
- court:** (n) forum, bar, close, field, tribunal, passage, judicatory, judge; (v) romance, attract; (n, v) invite. ANTONYMS: (v) shun, reject, ignore, spurn, disregard, discourage
- cousin:** (n) nephew, cousins, friend, cousinship, relation, akin, relative, full cousin, companion
- covered:** (adj) veiled, concealed, covert, coated, secret, wrapped, thick, obscured, masked, shrouded; (adj, prep) cloaked. ANTONYMS: (adj) bare, uncovered, open, plain, exposed, outdoor, empty
- cowardly:** (adj, adv) dastardly, scared, shrinking; (adj) timid, afraid, craven, gutless, sneaky, fainthearted, faint; (adv) recreantly. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) brave, daring, bold, courageous; (adj) intrepid, fearless, strong, determined; (adv) dauntless, gutsy, unafraid
- crape:** (n, v) curl; (n) French pancake, hotcake, flapcake, flapjack, griddlecake, pancake, battercake; (adj, v) crimp; (adj) deep mourning, weeds
- credit:** (n) credence, recognition, belief, commendation, appreciation, advance, fame; (v) accredit; (n, v) reputation; (adj, n) worth, merit. ANTONYMS: (n, v) discredit; (n) cash, blame, fault, disrepute, disgrace, withdrawal; (v) disbelieve, question, mistrust, distrust
- credulity:** (n) credulousness, trustingness, trust, innocence, trustfulness, faith, lack of caution, navet, unwariness, acceptance. ANTONYM: (n) wariness
- criticism:** (n) critique, commentary, blame, review, attack, comment, censure, animadversion, denunciation, disapproval, rebuke. ANTONYMS: (n) praise, approval, compliment, admiration, commendation, support, credit, defense, raves, acclaim
- cross:** (adj) crabby, angry, grumpy, grouchy, cantankerous; (v) intersect, cover, thwart, baffle; (adj, v) traverse; (n) crisscross. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, cheerful, happy; (v) uncross, assist, separate, remain, help, stay, unmix, aid
- crossing:** (n) transit, ford, intersection, hybridization, crossbreeding, passage, voyage, mating, crossway, crosswalk, cruise
- crowded:** (adj) compact, congested, full, packed, busy, dense, populous, jammed, cramped, tight; (adj, n) thronged. ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, deserted, uncrowded, loose
- crush:** (n, v) squeeze, crunch, press; (v) beat, break, compress, conquer, stamp, overpower, squash, bruise. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, congratulate, stretch, praise, inspire, encourage, compliment, expand, resist, submit, smooth
- crushed:** (adj) beaten, subdued, low, conquered, flattened, dispirited, compressed, overwhelmed, shattered; (v) victimized; (n) crushing. ANTONYMS: (adj) victorious, euphoric
- cry:** (adj, v) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (adj) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (n) weeping; (v) weep; (adj, n) sniveling
- cucumber:** (n) cuke, gherkin, vegetable, veggie, melon, cucumber vine, cucumbers, dollar
- cucumbers:** (n) melon vine, melon, Cucumis, cantaloupes
- cuffs:** (n) handcuffs, manacles, manacle, handcuff, shackles, fetters, bond, bonds, handlock, chains
- cultivated:** (adj) cultured, refined, tame, educated, sophisticated, elegant, urbane, polished, accomplished, civil, polite. ANTONYMS: (adj) wild, untamed, uncouth, coarse, graceless
- culture:** (n) breeding, cultivation, acculturation, learning, tillage, education, polish, erudition, enlightenment, farming; (adj) cultural. ANTONYMS: (n) regression, ignorance, degeneration, inexperience, crudeness, coarseness, uncouthness
- cups:** (n) plates, dishes, dishware, tableware
- curious:** (adj) odd, unusual, abnormal, strange, peculiar, interested, quizzical, quaint, queer, inquiring, inquisitive. ANTONYMS: (adj) incurious, ordinary, apathetic, uninterested, unconcerned, typical, indifferent, everyday, disinterested, conventional, common
- curiously:** (adv) inquisitively, peculiarly, unusually, strangely, nosily, pryingly, queerly, funnily, weirdly; (adj, adv) singularly, particularly. ANTONYMS: (adv) ordinarily, typically
- curls:** (n) hair, tresses, ringlets
- custom:** (n) habit, convention, usage, practice, consuetude, fashion, method, mores; (n, v) use, accustom; (adj) bespoke. ANTONYMS: (n) fad, innovation, phenomenon, rage, rarity
- customary:** (adj, n) accustomed, usual, habitual; (adj) conventional, ordinary, commonplace, traditional, average, wonted, regular, standard. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, abnormal, exceptional, unconventional, offbeat, irregular, innovative, different, unfamiliar, extraordinary, rare
- cuts:** (n) film waste
- cynical:** (adj) distrustful, cynic, ironic, disenchanting, disbelieving, misanthropic, suspicious, negative, contemptuous; (adj, v) satirical, sardonic. ANTONYMS: (adj) trusting, convinced, approving, dreamy, positive, hopeful, resigned, believing, aggressive, fresh, certain
- daily:** (adj, n) journal; (adj, adv) every day; (adj, v) diurnal; (adj) everyday, regular; (n) tabloid, gazette, paper, dailies; (adv) each day, day by day. ANTONYMS: (adj) nightly, intermittent, sporadic
- danger:** (n) risk, peril, hazard, chance, jeopardy, threat, trouble, precariousness, slipperiness, disaster, insecurity. ANTONYMS: (n) security, ease, privilege
- dangerous:** (adj, n) critical; (adj) severe, serious, grave, adventurous, unhealthy, precarious, hazardous, perilous, threatening, chancy. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, secure, protected, unhazardous, slight, weak, harmless, friendly, favorable,

- calm, pleasant
- dare:** (n, v) venture; (v) defy, brave, hazard, confront, risk, resist, make bold; (n) adventure, daring, defiance. ANTONYMS: (v) avoid, flee, pass, refrain, retreat, obey
- daresay:** (v) assume, deem
- darling:** (adj, n) beloved, pet, favorite, sweet; (adj) costly, cute, pretty; (adj, v) precious; (n) love, deary, angel. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, rival
- daughter:** (n) child, son, maiden, young woman, daughterly, lass, unmarried woman, damsel, miss, missy, virgin
- days:** (n) period, life, time, age, existence, generation, years, being, era, living, lifetime
- dead:** (adj) lifeless, defunct, cold, inanimate, idle, gone, fallen, numb, deceased, vapid; (adv) right. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) living; (adj) alive, animate, live, spirited, responsive, working, partial, operative; (adv) partly, partially
- deal:** (v) administer, allot, conduct, truck, distribute, apportion; (n, v) buy, trade, contract; (n) agreement, arrangement. ANTONYMS: (n) purchase; (v) misdirect, receive, neglect, mishandle, mismanage, take, ignore, hold, gather, disregard
- dear:** (adj, adv) close, near; (adj, n) darling; (adj) costly, expensive, lovely, precious, affectionate, adorable, cherished; (n) love. ANTONYMS: (adj) worthless, inexpensive, valueless, despised, modest, loathed, hateful, distant; (n) rival, foe, enemy
- dearest:** (n) dear, darling, love, honey, lover, sweetheart, loved one, baby; (adj) precious, intimate, sweet
- death:** (n) expiration, end, close, exit, fate, mortality, departure, cessation, decease, dissolution; (adj) quietus. ANTONYMS: (n) existence, delivery, living, nascency, being, survival, life, beginning
- debts:** (n) amount overdue, amount outstanding. ANTONYM: (n) credit
- decay:** (adj, n, v) decline; (v) decompose, crumble, corrupt; (n, v) blight, ebb, rust, collapse; (n) decomposition, corruption, disintegration. ANTONYMS: (v) flourish, grow, thrive, strengthen, ripen, develop; (n) vigor, development
- deceitful:** (adj) false, fraudulent, insincere, crooked, dishonest, untrue, sly, artful, untrustworthy, unreliable, treacherous. ANTONYMS: (adj) straightforward, genuine, trustworthy, truthful, loyal, open, principled, straight, upright, faithful, dependable
- deceived:** (adj) mistaken, misguided
- deceiving:** (adj) deceptive, deceitful, cheating, fallacious, dishonest, lying, treacherous, imposing, delusive, sanctimonious, mistaken. ANTONYM: (adj) correct
- decencies:** (n) decency
- deception:** (n, v) cheat; (n) illusion, trick, pretense, delusion, betrayal, fake, flam, bluff, gammon, cheating. ANTONYMS: (n) honesty, candidness, sincerity, openness, correction, integrity, genuine, truthfulness
- decide:** (v) choose, adjudicate, resolve, conclude, settle, try, judge, arbitrate, decree, arrange; (adj, v) determine. ANTONYMS: (v) waver, postpone, waffle, vacillate, defer, fluctuate, balk, ponder, open, speculate, change
- decided:** (adj, v) decisive, absolute, unmistakable, distinct, clear, positive, unequivocal, emphatic; (adj) determined, resolute, conclusive. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, hesitant, unsure, questionable, indefinite, postponing, doubtful, unresolved, vague, flippant, indecisive
- decision:** (n) conclusion, determination, verdict, sentence, arbitration, ruling, choice, will, constancy; (n, v) judgment, award. ANTONYMS: (n) indecision, indecisiveness, tie, changeableness, indetermination, stalemate, standoff, deadlock, draw, coercion
- decline:** (n, v) wane, fall, dip, decrease, ebb; (v) reject, refuse, fail; (adj, n, v) drop; (adj, v) sink; (n) declension. ANTONYMS: (n, v) increase; (v) accept, flourish, improve; (n) improvement, recovery, development, growth, rebirth, ascent, upturn
- deep:** (adj) thick, profound, strong, rich, broad, sound, absorbed, wide, abstruse, dark; (adj, v) intense. ANTONYMS: (adj) superficial, high, weak, soft, light, open, frivolous, lightweight, narrow, straightforward, simple
- deepest:** (adj) inmost, center, cordial, earnest, genuine, hearty, warm, sincere, innermost. ANTONYM: (adj) outermost
- defence:** (n) advocacy, safeguard, defense, defend, defensive, alibi, umbrella, vindication, fort, bastion, denial. ANTONYM: (n) prosecution
- definite:** (adj) certain, clear, distinct, concrete, plain, conclusive, specific, precise, categorical, decisive; (adj, v) absolute. ANTONYMS: (adj) imprecise, unclear, vague, undefined, doubtful, indeterminate, qualified, evasive, indefinite, indescribable, dubious
- degree:** (n) extent, level, condition, title, rank, academic degree, place, caliber, status, stair; (adj, n) order
- delicate:** (adj) accurate, tender, dainty, refined, breakable, fragile, beautiful, brittle, soft, nice, frail. ANTONYMS: (adj) inelegant, robust, heavy, sturdy, tough, careless, inaccurate, rough, well, substantial, unscrupulous
- delight:** (n) joy, pleasure, amusement, rejoicing, gladness; (v) ravish, amuse, please, captivate, transport, enrapture. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, dismay, dissatisfaction, sadness, nuisance, discontent; (v) depress, displease, sadden, irk; (n, v) bore
- delighted:** (adj) glad, cheerful, blissful, jubilant, happy, overjoyed, joyful, captivated, pleasant; (adj, v) pleased, elated. ANTONYMS: (adj) shocked, unhappy, sorrowful, depressed, melancholy, miserable, desolate, sorry, sad, down
- delightful:** (adj) delicious, delectable, charming, pleasing, grateful, blissful, amiable, adorable, lovely, nice, gorgeous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, unwelcome, hateful, miserable, unhappy, unappealing, horrific, horrible, disagreeable, depressing, annoying
- demeanour:** (n) behavior, behaviour, conduct, demeanor, comportment, deportment, manner, citizenship, correctitude, carriage, attitude
- demonstrative:** (adj, v) characteristic, typical; (adj) outgoing, explanatory, expansive, demonstrable, effusive, illustrative, indicative, expressive; (n) demonstrative pronoun. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, undemonstrative, shy, unemotional, restrained, inexpressive, inconclusive, impassive, distant, cool, mysterious
- demoralising:** (adj) dark, causing dejection, discouraging, disheartening, dispiriting, blue
- dentist:** (n) dental surgeon,

- endodontist, exodontist, orthodontist, tooth doctor, toothdrawer
- deny:** (v) controvert, rebuff, contradict, disavow, gainsay, reject, oppose, refuse, disown, abnegate, renounce. ANTONYMS: (v) affirm, claim, acknowledge, declare, maintain, agree, spoil, accept, accede, allow, argue
- departure:** (n, v) decease, demise; (n) exit, leave, deviation, divergence, depart, parting, aberration, passing, takeoff. ANTONYMS: (n) appearance, conformity, greeting, ingress, influx, homecoming, regularity, entrance, birth, coming, advance
- depend:** (adj, v) hang; (v) dangle, count, rely, stay, reckon, confide, suspend, calculate, attend, pivot. ANTONYM: (v) distrust
- deposit:** (v) commit, lay, consign, repose; (n, v) store, charge; (n) bank deposit, bailment, residue, storage; (adj, v) fix. ANTONYMS: (n) withdrawal, giving; (v) disburse, dislodge, spend, lift, remove
- depress:** (v) push, dishearten, discourage, cast down, dampen, deject, chill, bring down, quell, dispirit; (adj, v) degrade. ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, cheer, comfort, uplift, raise, increase, hearten, exhilarate, delight, heighten, appreciate
- depression:** (n) cavity, dejection, blues, trough, trench, dip, hole, dent, impression, decline, slump. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, outcrop, encouragement, boom, inflation, elation, recovery, hump, joy, bulge, optimism
- deserve:** (v) rate, warrant, gain, earn, to deserve, demand, justify, bear; (n, v) reward; (n) richly deserve, worth
- desire:** (n) ambition, aspiration, craving, dream; (adv, n, v) will; (n, v) fancy, wish, aim; (v) want, aspire, seek. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dislike, hate; (n) aversion, reality, revulsion, apathy; (v) spurn, abhor, answer, command, insist
- desires:** (n) requirements, needs
- desirous:** (adj) wistful, avid, ambitious, greedy, longing, eager, hungry, covetous, envious, agog; (adj, v) willing. ANTONYMS: (adj) undesirous, reluctant, undesiring, unconcerned
- desperate:** (adj) despairing, dire, critical, abject, dangerous, in despair, grave, awful, despondent, drastic; (adj, v) forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeful, optimistic, rational, promising, minor, cautious, casual, careful, trivial, secure, satisfied
- destined:** (adj, v) bound, fated; (adj) predetermined, sure, inescapable, intended, predestined, inevitable, prepared, foreordained, appointed. ANTONYMS: (adj) unscheduled, unlikely
- destiny:** (n) fate, chance, fortune, kismet, luck, lot, destination, portion, weird, life; (n, v) doom. ANTONYMS: (n) chance, design
- details:** (adj, n) particulars; (n) facts, contents, info, crux of the matter, register, inside information, statement; (adj) minutiae, small fry, minor details
- detain:** (v) arrest, confine, catch, capture, apprehend, stay, keep, jail, imprison, incarcerate, retard. ANTONYMS: (v) free, liberate, rush
- determined:** (adj) constant, definite, decided, stubborn, certain, inflexible, decisive, determinate, ambitious, set; (adj, v) resolved. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, irresolute, unmotivated, feeble, indecisive, waffling, undetermined, undecided, wavering, vacillating, fickle
- detestable:** (adj) hateful, abhorrent, damnable, odious, offensive, despicable, execrable, horrible, infamous; (adj, v) cursed; (adj, adv) atrocious. ANTONYMS: (adj) admirable, adorable, sweet, loveable, lovable, likable, delightful, cherished, honorable, desirable, nice
- develop:** (v) advance, bring up, expand, grow, educate, breed, contract, increase, work up, cultivate, come. ANTONYMS: (v) regress, neglect, erupt, narrow, die, struggle, stop, shrivel, shrink, lessen, compress
- devoted:** (adj, v) addicted, ardent, fond; (adj) affectionate, constant, loyal, pious, faithful, reliable, zealous; (adj, prep) consecrated. ANTONYMS: (adj) disloyal, indifferent, unfaithful, neglectful, uncaring, unenthusiastic, unattached, lukewarm, inconstant, halfhearted, disobedient
- devotedly:** (adv) affectionately, lovingly, zealously, faithfully, piously, fondly, religiously, passionately, enthusiastically, eagerly, dutifully. ANTONYMS: (adv) coldly, apathetically, unfaithfully, unenthusiastically, carelessly, disobediently
- devotion:** (n) allegiance, attachment, dedication, loyalty, worship, affection, enthusiasm, fondness, devotedness; (adj, n) veneration, passion. ANTONYMS: (n) disloyalty, negligence, apathy, disobedience, neglect, hatred, separation, dishonesty, infidelity
- devoured:** (adj) eaten up
- diary:** (n) calendar, daybook, agenda, chronicle, autobiography, annals, history, record, ephemera, writing, ledger
- dictation:** (n) command, bidding, bid, dictate, control, behest, charge, commission, order, direction, commandment
- different:** (adj) dissimilar, various, assorted, unusual, alien, miscellaneous, new, fresh, discrete, diverse; (v) differ. ANTONYMS: (adj) identical, corresponding, equal, like, typical, same, conventional, familiar, unified, uniform, Standard
- difficulty:** (n) trouble, bother, asperity, jam, barrier, difficultness, fix, hardship; (n, v) hindrance, obstacle; (adj, n) strait. ANTONYMS: (n) simplicity, advantage, help, assurance, easiness, accommodation, effortlessness, gentleness, reassurance, agreement, resolution
- dignified:** (adj) exalted, majestic, noble, grand, lofty, respectable, solemn, distinguished, lordly, high; (adj, v) great. ANTONYMS: (adj) undignified, foolish, dishonorable, boisterous, unceremonious, unseemly, vulgar, poor, lowly, modest, base
- dine:** (v) feed, lunch, breakfast, dining, meal, give, have supper, take tea, grub, consume, entertain. ANTONYM: (v) abstain
- dining:** (n) feeding, eating; (v) eat
- dining-room:** (n) canteen, restaurant
- dinner:** (n) banquet, lunch, dinner party, meal, party, beanfeast, spread; (v) tiffin, dejeuner, beverage; (adj) dinnerly
- direction:** (n, v) conduct, charge, management; (n) bearing, guidance, command, course, instruction, rule, control, address
- directions:** (n) advice, instruction, guidance, instructions, briefing, commands, orders, will

directory: (n) file, record, list, handbook, roll, catalog, guide, listing, reference book, register, Chamber of Deputies

disappear: (v) vanish, melt, fade, depart, dematerialize, sink, die out, pass, go, end, extinguish.

ANTONYMS: (v) appear, stay, arrive, show, materialize, grow, surge, wax, continue, increase

disappointed: (adj) despondent, disgruntled, regretful, dissatisfied, depressed, sad, unhappy, frustrated, disenchanting, dejected, disappoint.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, satisfied, composed, happy, triumphant, fulfilled, cheerful, idealistic

disappointment: (n) anticlimax, failure, letdown, comedown, frustration, shame, disillusionment, annoyance, dismay, setback, misfortune. ANTONYMS: (n)

satisfaction, boost, happiness, pleasure, hopefulness, fulfillment, comfort, idealism, climax, bonus, gratification

discontent: (n) disapproval, discontentment, disaffection, displeasure, disappointment, discontentedness, unrest; (adj) melancholy, dissatisfied, disgruntled, discontented.

ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, pleasure, accord, happiness; (v) content; (adj, n) happy; (adj) contented

discovered: (adj) revealed, disclosed, exposed, naked, detected, determined, observed, open, unconcealed, bare. ANTONYM: (adj) concealed

discuss: (v) argue, agitate, deliberate, consult, reason, mention, moot, dispute, discourse, negotiate, consider

disgraceful: (adj) dishonorable, scandalous, shocking, degrading, disreputable, infamous, base, ignominious, outrageous, black, ignoble. ANTONYMS: (adj) admirable, honorable, reputable, exalted, commendable, respectable, noble, glorious

disguise: (n, v) cloak, mask, conceal, masquerade, veil, camouflage, color; (n) guise, concealment; (v) hide, dissemble. ANTONYMS: (n) revelation; (v) unmask, uncover, show, expose, display, disclose, clarify, reveal

dislike: (n) disapproval, disaffection,

antipathy, disdain, disfavor, revulsion; (n, v) hate, disinclination, aversion, distaste; (v) detest.

ANTONYMS: (n) liking, fondness, taste, attraction, enjoyment, preference, longing; (v) like, enjoy, approve, adore

disliking: (adj) averse, disinclined; (n) aversion, disfavor, dissatisfaction, disinclination, displeasure, distaste

disloyalty: (n) treason, betrayal, treachery, dishonesty, unfaithfulness, sedition, faithlessness, perfidy, infidelity, deceitfulness, duplicity.

ANTONYMS: (n) loyalty, faithfulness, honesty, allegiance, commitment, dedication, reliability

disown: (v) disavow, disinherit, abandon, renounce, disclaim, forsake, refuse, recant, repudiate, retract, disallow. ANTONYMS: (v) bequeath, accept, avow, adopt, admit, claim

display: (n, v) exhibit, parade, array, scene; (v) disclose, produce, expose, flaunt; (n) presentation, appearance, screen. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, hide, cover, mask, disguise, camouflage, fold, absorb; (n) hiding, understatement, modesty

displaying: (n) advertising
displeased: (adj) disgruntled, dissatisfied, angry, annoyed, unhappy, peeved, irritated, disgusted, indignant; (v) pained, afflicted. ANTONYMS: (adj) contented, satisfied, calm

disposition: (n) attitude, character, disposal, tendency, predisposition, inclination, propensity, bias, arrangement, direction, aptitude

disrespectfully: (adv) impudently, insolently, rudely, irreverently, impertinently, flippantly, impiously, discourteously, cheekily, uncivilly, boldly. ANTONYMS: (adv) deferentially, politely

distasteful: (adj, v) disagreeable; (adj) offensive, unwelcome, ugly, revolting, undesirable, objectionable, disgusting, foul, nasty; (v) unpalatable. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasant, tasteful, attractive, appealing, savory, pleasing, desirable, appetizing, tasty, nice, noble

distinct: (adj) different, discrete, articulate, distinctive, palpable, definite, apparent, dissimilar, tangible; (adj, prep) separate; (adj, v)

marked. ANTONYMS: (adj) indistinct, similar, unclear, vague, shapeless, inaudible, connected, general, resembling, associated, amorphous

distinctly: (adv) clearly, particularly, evidently, expressly, obviously, markedly, definitely, precisely, manifestly, separately, decidedly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) indistinctly, faintly, vaguely, silently, imperceptibly, poorly

distress: (n, v) pain, torment, trouble, concern, torture, upset, worry; (n) anguish, agony; (adj, n) difficulty, grief. ANTONYMS: (n, v) comfort; (v) please, soothe, relieve; (n) peace, encouragement,

straightforwardness, solace, relieving, relief, prosperity
distressed: (adj) worried, distraught, anxious, sad, disturbed, downcast, hurt, distracted, wretched, shocked, troubled. ANTONYMS: (adj)

composed, content, euphoric, happy, comforted, glad, joyful, collected, unconcerned, unaffected

distressing: (adj) sorrowful, deplorable, pitiful, painful, bad, depressing, disturbing, sore, lamentable, hurtful, worrying. ANTONYMS: (adj) reassuring, heartwarming, pleasing, unemotional, soothing, comforting, comfortable, cheerful, appealing, happy

disturbed: (adj) suspect
disturb: (v) trouble, disorder, disconcert, distress, perturb, disquiet, distract, discompose, disrupt, upset, concern.

ANTONYMS: (v) calm, please, soothe, smooth, order, reassure, sort, settle, respect, quiet, organize
divine: (adj) sacred, wonderful, blessed, holy, exquisite; (n) clergyman; (v) guess, conjecture, augur, anticipate; (adj, n) almighty. ANTONYMS: (adj) imperfect, profane, earthly, dreadful, physical, ugly, secular

divorce: (v) detach, disunite, separate, break up, divide, isolate, disjoin, disjoint; (n) separation, divorcement; (n, v) rupture. ANTONYMS: (n) wedding, union; (v) unite, associate, espouse, join, marry

doctor: (v) cure, mend, repair, remedy, attend, adulterate, fix, heal; (n) doc, Dr; (adj) doctorly. ANTONYMS: (v) purify, clean,

distill, harm, hurt, injure, wound
doing: (n) act, do, deed, making, performance, execution, perpetration, acting; (v) to make, to do; (adj) current. ANTONYM: (n) failure
domestic: (adj, v) home; (adj) civil, native, internal, household, familiar, inland, national; (n) maid, servant; (adj, n) homely. ANTONYMS: (adj) foreign, wild, external, public, office, professional, imported, global, alien, undomestic
domesticity: (n) comfortableness, coarseness, cosiness, homeliness, activity, coziness
done: (adj, adv) finished, ended; (adj) complete, completed, over, made, gone, accomplished, concluded, through, cooked. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsettled, disapproved, incomplete, rare, raw, rejected, uncooked, undone, unfulfilled, unsanctioned
don't: (adv) not; (n) taboo, prohibition
door: (n) threshold, mouth, entrance, doorway, entry, opening, access, entryway, way out, portal, hatch. ANTONYM: (n) entrance
doting: (adj) fond, loving, affectionate, devoted, delirious, caring, amorous, wandering, silly, lovesome; (v) dote. ANTONYMS: (adj) inattentive, indifferent, neglectful, uncaring, disapproving, cold
double: (adj, n) twin; (adj) dual, duple, twofold; (v) fold, bend, geminate; (adj, v) reduplicate; (n) substitute, mate, image. ANTONYMS: (n) single; (v) decrease, divide, halve; (adj) multivalent, univalent, lone
doubt: (n, v) suspicion, question, query, dispute; (n) disbelief, misgiving, incertitude, apprehension, uncertainty; (adj, n) skepticism; (v) suspect. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, confidence, conclusiveness, belief, certitude, faith, approval; (v) accept, believe, consider, swallow
doubted: (adj) distrusted, suspected
doubts: (adj) doubting
drama: (n) show, tragedy, performance, dramatic event, theater, acting, spectacle, comedy, emotionalism, emotionality, episode
drank: (v) absorb
draughts: (n) solitaire, go bang, backgammon, misere chess, chess, dominos, board game

drawing: (n) draft, delineation, picture, plan, cartoon, depiction, draught, draw, draftsmanship, painting, image
drawn: (adj) careworn, worn, drew, pinched, gaunt, taut, tired, cadaverous, thin, tense, withdraw. ANTONYMS: (adj) rested, robust, refreshed, hale, fresh, vigorous, carefree
dreadful: (adj) bad, awful, alarming, atrocious, fearful, terrible, abominable, appalling, direful, grisly; (adj, v) dread. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, great, lovely, fantastic, marvelous, admirable, successful, nice, joyous, honorable, fair
dream: (n) aspiration, ambition, reverie, desire, fantasy, figment, nightmare; (n, v) vision, sleep; (v) muse, imagine. ANTONYMS: (n) alertness, nightmare
dress: (n, v) attire, costume, clothe, apparel, clothing, array, trim, garb, rig, cover; (n) dressing. ANTONYMS: (n, v) undress; (v) uncover, disrobe, rumple, strip, wrinkle
dressed: (adj) attired, clad, garbed, appareled, spruced up, spiffed up, covered, polished, garmented; (v) clothed, habited
drew: (n) move, John Drew
drink: (n, v) beverage, draught, swallow; (n) alcohol, brew, potion, intoxicant; (v) booze, carouse, bib, swig. ANTONYMS: (v) regurgitate, sip, abstain
drinks: (n) refreshments, food and drink
drive: (n, v) ride, push, force, crusade, urge, thrust, campaign, cause; (v) compel, chase, actuate. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, inertia, lethargy, walk, indifference; (v) discourage, repress, stop, prevent, inhibit, dissuade
driven: (v) drive, impel, operate, propel; (adj) impelled, compulsive, motivated, involuntary, dynamic, successful; (n) drove
drop: (n, v) decline, dribble, deposit, decrease, jump, ebb; (adj, n, v) collapse; (v) droop, sink, cast, drip. ANTONYMS: (n, v) increase; (v) lift, pour, sharpen, raise, recuperate; (n) growth, mass, lot, upswing, elevation
duchess: (n) princess, queen, lady, czarina, begum, margravine, noblewoman, peeress, marchioness,

sultana, infanta
during: (prep) within, on, by, of, for, pending, inside; (adv) whilst, while; (adj) throughout; (n) at. ANTONYM: (prep) out
duties: (n) service, occupation, place, work, vocation, charge, diversion, activities, avocation, registration fee
duty: (n) function, commitment, obligation, chore, assignment, office, dues, job, responsibility, must; (n, v) charge. ANTONYMS: (n) disobedience, option
dying: (n) death, demise, decease, mortality; (adj) vanishing, moribund, last, final, ultimate, failing, ebbing. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, well, opening, aborning, developing, flourishing, growing, reviving, rejuvenating; (n) birth
each: (adv) apiece, either, individually; (adj) every, various, singular; (adj, det) any; (n) anyone, an, anybody, everyone
earlier: (adj) past, former, previous, advance, preceding; (adj, adv) antecedent (adv) formerly, beforehand, ahead, anterior, before now. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) later; (adj) subsequent, present, following; (adv) subsequently, afterward
earnest: (adj, v) devout; (adj) eager, solemn, heartfelt, diligent, studious, sincere, intense, ardent, staid; (n) guarantee. ANTONYMS: (adj) flippant, halfhearted, uncertain, insincere, unimportant, nonchalant, lethargic, apathetic, unenthusiastic, indifferent, frivolous
earth: (n) world, dust, ground, land, lair, dry land, terra firma, clay, creation, ball, country
easily: (adv) lightly, smoothly, facily, fluently, readily, plainly, comfortably, uncomplicatedly, calmly, slowly, conveniently. ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, unquestionably, laboriously, difficultly, barely, arduously, affectedly, inconveniently, seriously, formally
easy: (adj) convenient, gentle, familiar, graceful, at ease, light, lenient, clear, contented, cozy; (adj, adv) soft. ANTONYMS: (adj) arduous, laborious, demanding, hard, strenuous, particular, burdensome, tough, uneasy, awkward, testing
eating: (n) ingestion, intake, feeding, browsing, banqueting, food, lunching, supping, pica, repletion;

- (v) eat
- eats:** (n) grub, chuck, food, meat, meal, diet, nurture, eat, dinner, board, feed
- eccentric:** (adj, n) odd; (adj) wacky, bizarre, abnormal, crazy, strange, outlandish, anomalous, cranky, erratic; (n) character. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, ordinary, conventional, usual, concentric, common, sane, dull, orthodox; (n) conformer, traditionalist
- economy:** (adj) economic, economical; (n) saving, thrift, parsimony, conservation, curtailment, business, economics, providence, thriftiness. ANTONYMS: (n) extravagance, generosity, spending, squandering, wastefulness, lavishness; (adj) luxury
- education:** (n) discipline, instruction, teaching, cultivation, breeding, school, culture, nurture, knowledge, background, learning. ANTONYM: (n) illiteracy
- effect:** (n, prep) consequence; (v) accomplish, achieve, bring about, create, complete, cause, do; (n) product, sequel; (n, v) result. ANTONYMS: (n) reason, cause; (v) impede, fail
- effeminate:** (adj) womanish, delicate, epicene, sissy, emasculate, tender, ladylike, cissy, easy, voluptuous; (adj, v) feminine. ANTONYMS: (adj) macho, manly, masculine
- effort:** (n) exertion, trouble, application, trial, try, endeavor, struggle, drive, diligence, bid, great effort. ANTONYMS: (n) inaction, lackadaisicalness, laziness, negligence, lethargy
- effrontery:** (n) audacity, brass, presumption, face, boldness, insolence, nerve, impertinence, impudence, rudeness, assurance. ANTONYMS: (n) timidity, deference, courtesy
- egeria:** (n) Galatea, genus Egeria
- eight:** (n) eighter, eleven, nine, ten, team, ace, ogdoad, octonary, octet, ace, octad
- either:** (adj) whatever; (adv) too, also, neither, besides, likewise; (n) or; (det) any; (conj) other
- elaborate:** (v) develop, specify, amplify, work out, expand, expound, detail; (adj) careful, complicated, complex, involved. ANTONYMS: (adj) plain, simple, modest, common, stark, straightforward, uncomplicated, uninvolved; (v) simplify, condense, contract
- elder:** (adj) older, big, adult; (n) dean, doyen, patriarch, ancient, boss, elderberry, superior, presbyter. ANTONYMS: (n) youngster, minor, child, inferior; (adj) youngest, younger, little
- elderly:** (adj) old, elder, senior, older, antiquated, geriatric; (adv) superiorly, bigly, eldestly, anciently, adultly. ANTONYMS: (adj) immature, youthful
- eldest:** (adj) elder, older, oldest, eigne; (n) offspring, progeny, doyen
- electric:** (n) electricity; (adj) exciting, electrical, galvanic, emotional, hasty, stimulating, restless; (v) eagle winged, telegraphic; (adj, v) mercurial. ANTONYMS: (adj) boring, uncharged, unexciting
- eligible:** (adj) acceptable, advisable, fit, due, adequate, desirable, becoming, proper, able, capable, admissible. ANTONYMS: (adj) ineligible, unqualified, disqualified, unsuitable, unfit, unworthy
- else:** (adv) besides, yet, to boot, in addition, moreover; (pron) another; (n) or; (adj) different, other, further, additional
- embrace:** (v) comprise, adopt, comprehend, contain, admit, espouse, include; (n, v) clasp, hug, grip, bosom. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, exclude, spurn, shun, renounce, release, loose, disbelieve
- embracing:** (n) embrace, hugging, kissing, taking on, implementation, espousal, clutches; (adj) twining, osculant, grasping, close
- emigrating:** (adj) migrant, transient
- emotional:** (adj) dramatic, passionate, poignant, sensitive, sensational, affecting, affective, moving, effusive, warm, affectional. ANTONYMS: (adj) unemotional, unflappable, cold, emotionless, cerebral, dispassionate, insensitive, relaxed, unfeeling, secretive, reserved
- empire:** (adj, n) rule, authority, control; (n) kingdom, domain, realm, reign, nation, sway, command, territory
- empty:** (adj, v) clear, discharge, destitute, void; (adj) hollow, bare, blank, barren, abandoned; (v) deplete, pour. ANTONYMS: (adj) crowded, meaningful, packed, occupied, inhabited, swarming, brimming, laden, filled, cultivated;
- (v) fill
- encourage:** (v) abet, advance, comfort, urge, promote, foster, further, aid, boost, advocate; (adj, v) back. ANTONYMS: (v) dishearten, prevent, deter, hurt, obstruct, stop, dampen, hinder, aggravate, bully, constrain
- encouraged:** (adj) optimistic, confident, enthused, expectant, inspired, pleased, positive, stimulated, stirred, moved. ANTONYM: (adj) pessimistic
- encouraging:** (adj) cheering, bright, promising, auspicious, comforting, rosy, reassuring, favourable, hortatory, hopeful, heartening. ANTONYMS: (adj) upsetting, warning, disappointing, discouraging, negative, disturbing, hopeless, unhelpful, depressing
- ended:** (adj) concluded, finished, over, done, completed, closed, through, terminated, consummate, all over; (adj, v) past
- endure:** (adj, n, v) continue, support; (n, v) bear, suffer, stand, be; (v) accept, undergo, allow, stay, tolerate. ANTONYMS: (v) perish, die, break, fall, discontinue, crumble, end, enjoy, resign, quit, collapse
- engaged:** (adj) occupied, betrothed, employed, affianced, engrossed, reserved, absorbed, working, pledged, involved, committed. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, unengaged, unemployed, uncommitted, unattached, single, detached, idle
- engagement:** (n, v) combat, battle, action, fight, contest; (n) conflict, commitment, appointment, contract, duty, date. ANTONYM: (n) disengagement
- engagements:** (n) arrangements, actions, activities, schedule, travels, movements
- england:** (n) Britain, British, UK, United Kingdom, Albion, British Empire
- english:** (n) English language, Englishwoman, Britain, Englishman, side, the English, English people; (adj) Anglican; (v) Anglify
- enjoyment:** (n) delight, appreciation, gratification, comfort, relish, satisfaction, happiness, delectation, gusto, amusement, diversion. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, abhorrence, antipathy, apathy, aversion, discomfort, displeasure, dissatisfaction, misery, repulsion,

- sorrow
- enormously:** (adv) hugely, prodigiously, mightily, vastly, immensely, greatly, extremely, massively, infinitely; (adj, adv) monstrously, excessively. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, somewhat, hardly
- enough:** (adj) ample, adequate, competent, decent; (n) adequacy, sufficiency, fill; (adv) rather, amply, adequately; (adv, n) plenty. ANTONYMS: (adj) insufficient, deficient, wanting, scant; (adv) insufficiently, inadequately; (n) insufficiency, deficiency, inadequacy, shortage
- ensure:** (v) cover, ascertain, secure, guarantee, check, avouch, control, determine, see, warrant; (adj, v) insure
- entanglement:** (n) snarl, complexity, embarrassment, implication, mesh, knot, tangle, web, perplexity, hitch; (adj, n) involution. ANTONYMS: (n) simplification, extrication
- enter:** (v) enroll, embark, chronicle, book, record, input, arrive, come, pierce, register, penetrate. ANTONYMS: (v) depart, exit, delete, stop, refrain, erase, egress, abstain, cancel, exclude, disembark
- enthusiastic:** (adj, n) hearty, cordial, passionate, buoyant; (adj) eager, active, anxious, excited, avid, fiery, devoted. ANTONYMS: (adj) apathetic, indifferent, lukewarm, lethargic, halfhearted, disinterested, unexcited, passive, disheartened, reluctant, weak
- entire:** (adj, n) absolute, complete; (adj) total, all, integral, whole, utter, perfect, clean, undivided, unbroken. ANTONYMS: (adj) incomplete, limited, part, unfinished, narrow, imperfect
- entirely:** (adv) fully, absolutely, utterly, wholly, altogether, all, thoroughly, perfectly, clean, solely; (adj, adv) completely. ANTONYMS: (adv) partially, incompletely, unenthusiastically, hardly, slightly, somewhat
- entrancing:** (adj) captivating, enthralling, bewitching, fascinating, charming, attractive, magnetic, glamorous, tempting, engaging, enticing. ANTONYM: (adj) boring
- entry:** (n) admission, door, article, accession, admittance, doorway, record, entree, access, hall, enrollment. ANTONYMS: (n) exit, egress, egression, exiting, goodbye, departure
- epidemic:** (adj) infectious, catching, rife, prevailing; (n) plague, pestilence, outbreak, disease, infection, eruption, pest. ANTONYMS: (adj) contained, confined, limited, local
- equality:** (n) balance, parity, identity, tie, likeness, sameness, par, evenness, equal, analogy, correspondence. ANTONYMS: (n) inequality, disparity, difference, unfairness, imbalance, inconsistency, injustice, dissimilarity
- equally:** (adv) evenly, equivalently, levelly, alike, justly, as, parallelly, uniformly, similarly; (adj, adv, conj) as well; (adj) even. ANTONYMS: (adv) unevenly, individually, differently, unfairly
- equanimity:** (n) aplomb, poise, calmness, calm, temper, peace, imperturbability, temperament, serenity, tranquility; (adj, n) stoicism. ANTONYMS: (n) panic, anger, excitableness, fear, hysteria, nervousness, agitation, anxiety
- error:** (n) blunder, fault, mistake, delusion, lapse, oversight, miss, guilt, crime, defect; (adj, n) wrong. ANTONYMS: (n) correctness, fact, accuracy
- escape:** (v) elude, avoid, evade, circumvent, bolt; (n, v) break, dodge, leak, run; (n) avoidance, evasion. ANTONYMS: (n, v) return; (v) remain, catch, stay, face, block, attend; (n) incarceration, imprisonment, endurance, abidance
- especially:** (adv) particularly, chiefly, expressly, peculiarly, specifically, above all, exceedingly, principally, exceptionally, extraordinarily, unusually. ANTONYMS: (adv) unexceptionally, customarily, usually, commonly, frequently, generally
- essence:** (n) core, perfume, being, gist, aroma, crux, hypostasis, extract, spirit, substance; (v) stuff. ANTONYMS: (n) body, surface
- essentially:** (adv) fundamentally, substantially, primarily, principally, necessarily, inherently, mainly, importantly, chiefly; (adj, adv) naturally, intrinsically. ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, insignificantly, slightly
- establishment:** (n) company, constitution, institution, organization, enactment, settlement, creation, formation, concern, building, foundation. ANTONYMS: (n) elimination, destruction, culmination
- estate:** (n) land, order, demesne, rank, domain, property, acres, substance, state, asset, assets
- esteemed:** (adj) dear, reputable, respected, honorable, noble, honored, prestigious, important, distinguished, August, respect. ANTONYM: (adj) disreputable
- eternal:** (adj) constant, perpetual, ceaseless, everlasting, lasting, continual, aeonian, immortal, boundless, deathless, enduring. ANTONYMS: (adj) mortal, finite, brief, ephemeral, fleeting, terminable, ending, fragile, inconstant
- evening:** (n) even, dusk, dark, eve, twilight, sunset, eventide, nightfall, sundown, night, period. ANTONYMS: (n) daybreak, sunrise, sunup, morning
- evensong:** (n) Evening Prayer, prayer, compline, canonical hour, mass, hymn, early evening, matins
- ever:** (adj, adv) always, continually; (adj) constantly, still, forever; (adv) never, e'er, before, once, perpetually; (n) Evers. ANTONYM: (adv) erratically
- every:** (adj) each, total, whole, any, thorough; (n) everybody, everyone, everything; (adv) apiece, either; (pron) every one
- everybody:** (adv) each, any; (n, pron) anyone, anybody; (n) every person, world, everything, horde, throng; (pron) any person, someone. ANTONYMS: (n, pron) nobody
- everything:** (pron) anything, something, whatever thing, no matter which; (n) whole, everyone, all things, everybody, entirety, universe, thing
- evidence:** (n) proof, confirmation, data, testimony, sign, attestation, demonstration; (v) demonstrate, certify, attest; (n, v) mark. ANTONYMS: (v) disprove, confute; (n) conviction
- evidently:** (adv) clearly, patently, plainly, obviously, manifestly, openly, certainly, overtly, markedly, conspicuously, palpably. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, imperceptibly, obscurely, questionably, actually, ambiguously, inconspicuously
- exactly:** (adv) correctly, punctually,

- rightly, accurately, strictly, perfectly, definitely, directly, truly, right, absolutely. ANTONYMS: (adv) inaccurately, randomly, figuratively, wrongly, vaguely, roughly, inexactly, indirectly, imprecisely, around; (adv, prep) about
- examine:** (v) assay, audit, overhaul, try, consider, control, check, search, survey, ask, ascertain. ANTONYMS: (v) reply, skim, glance
- examining:** (v) examine, investigate; (adj) investigative, curious, disquisitive, exploratory, inquiring
- example:** (n) exemplar, illustration, instance, sample, lead, paradigm, prototype, pattern, design, guide, precedent
- excellent:** (adj, n) estimable, worthy, capital; (adj) superior, admirable, beautiful, distinctive, superb, great, good, splendid. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, abysmal, awful, mediocre, terrible, imperfect, inadequate, middling, shoddy, bad, used
- except:** (adj, conj, prep) save; (v) exclude, demur, omit, elide; (adv, conj, prep) but; (adv, prep) besides; (prep) excepting, excluding, aside from; (conj, n) without. ANTONYMS: (prep) including; (v) receive, admit
- exception:** (n) objection, exemption, anomaly, immunity, privilege, repudiation, release, condition, salvo, animadversion; (adj, n) peculiarity. ANTONYM: (n) liability
- excessively:** (adj, adv) immoderately, exorbitantly, inordinately; (adv) extremely, enormously, exceedingly, very, profusely, overly, exaggeratedly, intemperately. ANTONYMS: (adv) justifiably, moderately, insufficiently
- exchanges:** (n) communications, relations, interactions
- excitement:** (n) commotion, emotion, animation, agitation, disturbance, elation, enthusiasm, eagerness, taking, excitation, tumult. ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, boredom, tediousness, desolation, apathy, bore, dormancy, indifference, somnolence, despondency, lifelessness
- exciting:** (adj) provocative, breathtaking, impressive, stirring, exhilarating, moving, rousing, dramatic, emotional, agitated; (adv) excitingly. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, bland, monotonous, insipid, uninteresting, unexciting,
- uninspiring, listless, unenthusiastic, staid, somnolent
- excuse:** (n, v) pardon, palliate; (v) absolve, exculpate, condone, acquit, justify, forgive; (n) alibi, pretext, evasion. ANTONYMS: (v) blame, accuse, chide, discipline, include, reprimand, castigate; (n) accusation
- exercises:** (n) military exercises, athletics
- exist:** (v) lie, be, endure, abide, consist, belong, continue, occur, come, breathe, live. ANTONYMS: (v) expire, fail, perish
- existence:** (n) being, entity, life, subsistence, living, essence, lifetime, aliveness, actuality, occurrence, availability. ANTONYMS: (n) nonbeing, nonexistence, absence, extinction
- exit:** (n) departure, door, egress, outlet, going, gate, way out; (v) leave, go, go out, die. ANTONYMS: (n) arrival, entry, entrance, greeting; (v) arrive, come
- exotic:** (adj) alien, foreign, strange, outlandish, unusual, extraneous, different, odd, curious, extrinsic, unknown. ANTONYMS: (adj) familiar, ordinary, usual, native
- expect:** (v) assume, anticipate, demand, understand, hope, think, suppose, calculate, await, abide, conceive. ANTONYMS: (v) fear, despair
- expected:** (adj) likely, expect, predictable, prospective, anticipated, usual, conventional, intended, due, assumed, hoped-for. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, surprising, unconventional, unexpected, unlikely, exceptional
- expensive:** (adj) sumptuous, dear, luxurious, lovely, extravagant, valuable, lavish, darling, beloved, overpriced, high-priced. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheap, reasonable, inexpensive, worthless, economical, plain, shabby
- experience:** (v) endure, suffer, examine, meet, live, know, receive; (adj, v) see; (n) event, episode, happening. ANTONYMS: (n) inexperience, greenness, naivete, inability, ignorance
- experienced:** (adj) educated, capable, expert, trained, competent, skillful, sophisticated, knowledgeable, proficient, practiced, old. ANTONYMS: (adj) naive, immature, unsophisticated, unseasoned, unknowledgeable, ignorant, green,
- untrained, inept, unqualified, coarse
- experiences:** (n) life, biography, journal, personal narrative, fortunes
- explanation:** (n) annotation, commentary, definition, description, exposition, solution, justification, interpretation, gloss, excuse, key. ANTONYMS: (n) mystery, cloudiness, confusion, problem
- exploded:** (adj) antebellum, antediluvian, blown over, expired, unconnected, elapsed, that has been, run out, no more, never to return; (v) at a discount
- explosion:** (n) blast, detonation, boom, eruption, bang, fulmination, outbreak, outburst; (adj, n, v) discharge; (adj, n) paroxysm; (n, v) salvo. ANTONYMS: (n) collapse, slump
- expose:** (v) endanger, exhibit, betray, detect, display, air, uncover, debunk, denude, unfold, divulge. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, cover, enclose, suppress, shield, shelter, insulate, hide, guard, drape
- expressed:** (adj) express, spoken, phrased, explicit, voiced, expressed, verbal, verbalized, verbalised, unequivocal, graphic
- expressing:** (adj) significant; (n) speech
- expression:** (n) phrase, voice, aspect, appearance, demonstration, declaration, manifestation, articulation, express, face, style. ANTONYMS: (n) hint, suggestion, smile, insinuation, concealment, misconstruction
- expressly:** (adv) specially, particularly, distinctly, specifically, explicitly, especially, utterly, clearly, precisely, telly, exactly. ANTONYMS: (adv) ambiguously, conditionally, implicitly, indirectly, vaguely
- exquisitely:** (adv) excellently, finely, magnificently, perfectly, beautifully, gorgeously, superbly, keenly, subtly; (adj, adv) intensely, exceedingly
- extension:** (n) expansion, enlargement, augmentation, increase, addition, elongation, expanse, annex, stretch, development, circulation. ANTONYMS: (n) contraction, limit, abridgment, curtailment, shrinkage, shortening, flexion, head, reduction
- extraordinary:** (adj) odd, exceptional, curious, rare, special, phenomenal, amazing, astonishing, unusual,

- strange, abnormal. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, everyday, usual, common, mundane, regular, undistinguished, unremarkable, insignificant, natural
- extravagance:** (n) dissipation, luxury, excess, profligacy, lavishness, squandering, recklessness, waste, prodigality, magnificence, immoderateness. ANTONYMS: (n) economy, frugality, parsimony, prudence, paucity, moderation, austerity, necessity, bareness
- extravagant:** (adj) wasteful, luxurious, prodigal, exaggerated, profligate, costly, expensive, lavish, immoderate, profuse, undue. ANTONYMS: (adj) restrained, frugal, parsimonious, plain, stingy, understated, thrifty, reasonable, moderate, cautious, tasteful
- extremely:** (adv) enormously, excessively, greatly, extraordinarily, utterly, severely, hugely, intensely, desperately; (adj, adv) highly, very. ANTONYMS: (adv) quite, fairly, slightly, moderately, unremarkably, sensibly, hardly, somewhat, commonly, reasonably, insufficiently
- eyes:** (n) sight, eye, vision, view, baby blues, guard, propensity, eyen
- face:** (adj, n, v) front; (v) confront, audacity; (n, v) look, aspect, top; (n) side, expression, countenance, exterior, facade. ANTONYMS: (n, v) back; (n) timidity, nobody, underside, shyness, rear; (v) evade, elude, hide, withdraw, submit
- fact:** (n) event, detail, truth, particular, reality, point, thing, occurrence, experience, actuality; (n, v) deed. ANTONYMS: (n) guesswork, fallacy, conjecture, report, falsehood, fiction, concept, fabrication, fantasy, illusion, lie
- facts:** (n) reality, details, proof, grounds, premises, praecognita, truth, testimony, particulars, physical constraints, reasonableness
- fair:** (adj) clear, beautiful, sweet, reasonable, dispassionate, average, fine, impartial; (adj, v) bright; (adj, adv) clean; (n) blonde. ANTONYMS: (adj) biased, unjust, exceptional, dark, partial, mismatched, unwarranted, foul, imbalanced, prejudiced, poor
- fall:** (n, v) decline, dip, rain, decrease, plunge, dive; (n) downfall, descent, autumn; (v) descend, sink. ANTONYMS: (n, v) increase, win, climb, triumph; (n) ascent, improvement, rising; (v) ascend, advance, conquer, elevate
- false:** (adj, n) bastard; (adj, adv) counterfeit, deceitful; (adj) untrue, dishonest, erroneous, sham, assumed, artificial, fictitious, deceptive. ANTONYMS: (adj) real, genuine, faithful, factual, correct, natural, truthful, honest, valid, just, loyal
- families:** (n) family
- family:** (adj, n) household, descent, home; (n) name, genus, house, people, breed, brood, kin, lineage
- fancy:** (n, v) desire, fantasy, caprice, dream, wish, daydream; (v) imagine, consider; (adj, v) conceive; (n) conception, conceit. ANTONYMS: (n) reality, certainty, actuality, conviction; (adj) unadorned, common; (v) hate, demonstrate, detest, disapprove, test
- fascination:** (n) charm, glamor, bewitchment, glamour, enchantment, enthrallment, charisma, magnetism, allure, magic, captivation. ANTONYMS: (n) disinterest, boredom, disenchantment, disenchantment, repulsion
- fashion:** (n) mode, craze, fad, manner, method, way; (n, v) cut, construct, style; (v) contrive, make. ANTONYM: (v) destroy
- fashionable:** (adj) popular, current, classy, trendy, chic, up to date, stylish, dressy, modern, swanky, swell. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpopular, styleless, dated, out, outmoded, tacky, inclusive, old, plain
- fast:** (adj, v) firm; (adj) dissolute, instant, agile, staunch, quick, hurried, fixed, rapid; (adv) soon, hard. ANTONYMS: (adv) slowly, loosely, sluggishly; (n) binge; (adj) sluggish, loose, unattached, plodding; (adj, adv) leisurely; (v) gorge, eat
- father:** (n) dad, begetter, creator, abba, patriarch, beginner, founder, padre; (n, v) sire; (v) engender, generate. ANTONYMS: (n) disciple, follower
- favour:** (n) relief, goodness, assistance, office, favoritism, benignity; (v) choose, prefer, privilege, facilitate, approve
- favourable:** (adj) convenient, encouraging, good, auspicious, useful, benevolent, favorable, profitable, conducive, opportune, prosperous
- fear:** (n) awe, dismay, alarm, fright, consternation, care, anguish; (n, v) apprehension, doubt, concern, reverence. ANTONYMS: (n) fearlessness, reassurance, confidence, courage, valor, calm, boldness, security, equanimity, peace; (v) brave
- fearful:** (adj, n) afraid; (adj, v) dreadful, cowardly; (adj) terrible, apprehensive, awful, timid, anxious, craven, frightful, eerie. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, calm, confident, bold, unimpressed, charming, fearless, courageous, reassuring, unafraid, wonderful
- feel:** (v) experience, finger, handle, consider, find; (n, v) sense, sound; (n) feeling, texture, atmosphere, air. ANTONYMS: (v) observe, doubt, question, mistrust, ignore, disregard, disbelieve, challenge
- feeling:** (n) affection, feel, emotion, sensitivity, mood, hunch, opinion, belief, impression, atmosphere; (adj, n) sentiment. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, overtone, insensibility, certainty, insensitivity, hatred, trust; (adj) unfeeling
- feelings:** (n) emotions, opinion, bosom, emotion, thought, reputation, honor, feeling, sentiments, thoughts, manner
- fell:** (v) cut, chop, bring down, drop, cut down; (adj) barbarous, cruel; (adj, v) prostrate, floor, knock down; (n) skin. ANTONYMS: (v) construct, erect, raise, build
- fellow:** (adj, n) comrade, associate; (n) boy, equal, brother, peer, chap, colleague, compeer, buddy; (adj, n, v) concomitant. ANTONYMS: (n) female, woman, girl, foe, enemy, antagonist, competitor
- felt:** (v) mat, tangle, snarl, braid, entangle, lace, perceive; (adj) sensed, perceived, conscious, sensible
- female:** (n) woman, girl, she, wife, hen, spouse, squaw; (adj) feminine, distaff, pistillate, not male. ANTONYMS: (adj) masculine, manly, androgynous, manlike; (n) man, boy
- festal:** (adj) convivial, gala, solemn, festival, cheery, joyous, jovial, merry, gay, ceremonious, happy
- fiction:** (n) falsehood, fable, invention, story, lie, fantasy, romance, falsity, figment, novel, sham. ANTONYMS: (adj) factual;

- (n) fact
fifty: (adj, n) 1; (n) half a hundred, fifty dollar bill, cubic decimeter, cubic decimetre
filled: (adj) replete, packed, fraught, teeming, laden, abundant, congested, charged, stuffed; (adj, adv) crowded; (n) fuller.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) lacking, clear
finally: (adv) lastly, ultimately, at last, at long last, definitely, terminally, decisively, latestly, at length; (adv, v) definitively; (adj) final. ANTONYMS: (adv) initially, partially, soon, unconvincingly
find: (v) catch, detect, encounter, come across, feel, attain, ascertain; (n) detection, disclosure, search, discovery. ANTONYMS: (v) misplace, search, fail; (n) loss
finding: (n) detection, judgment, determination, discovery, verdict, ruling, breakthrough, resolution, doom, decree, find
fine: (adj) delicate, dainty, agreeable, nice, thin, elegant, capital, excellent, brave; (n) penalty; (v) punish. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, thick, wide, coarse, unsatisfactory, substantial, wretched, unpleasant, unimpressive, dark, cloudy
finger: (v) feel, handle, touch, thumb, indicate, point; (n) digit, dactyl, forefinger, pointer; (n, v) hand. ANTONYM: (v) clear
finished: (adj, adv) ended, completed; (adj) complete, consummate, absolute, accomplished, ruined, spent, ripe, polished; (adj, v) done. ANTONYMS: (adj) incomplete, remaining, rough, leftover, uncultured
fireplace: (n) chimney, fire, hearth, oven, stove, fire place, fireside, kitchen, niche, recess, furnace
firm: (adj, adv) hard; (adj, v) stable, compact, determined, close, resolute; (adj) fixed, steadfast, solid, strong; (adj, n) steady. ANTONYMS: (adj) irresolute, weak, soft, hesitant, limp, liquid, soggy, lenient, indefinite, loose, inconstant
first-class: (adj) excellent, grand, crack, fine, capital, dandy, splendid, superior, fantastic, high-class, top
first-rate: (adj) excellent, stunning, capital, posh, tiptop, dandy, ace, superior, classic, fine, clinking
five: (n) fives, quintuplet, quint, Phoebe, basketball team, fin, squad, ace, digit; (adj, n) v; (adj) quinary
fixed: (adj, v) determined, durable; (adj, adv, v) stable; (adj) definite, intent, fast, determinate, certain, set; (adj, adv, n) steady; (adj, n, v) constant. ANTONYMS: (adj) flexible, separate, adaptable, adjustable, changeable, movable, variable, compliant, temporary, removable, portable
flat: (n) apartment; (adj) even, bland, insipid, level, tasteless, dreary, boring; (adj, n) plain, plane; (adj, v) uninteresting. ANTONYMS: (adj) bumpy, emotional, hilly, variable, sharp, negative, natural, lively, contrasty, choppy; (adv) indirectly
flight: (adj, n) herd, flying, bevy, drove; (n) escape, run, exodus, evasion, elopement, departure; (n, v) avolation
flirt: (n, v) coquette; (v) dally, coquet, toy, romance, trifle, spoon; (n) dalliance, vamp, tease, flirting
flower: (n, v) blossom, blow; (v) effloresce, flourish; (adj, n) prime; (n) efflorescence, elite, cream, bouquet, floret, florescence. ANTONYMS: (n) residue; (v) wither
flowers: (n) analecta, anthology
fluently: (adv) easily, glibly, eloquently, liquidly, flowingly, articulately, clearly, persuasively, verbosely, talkatively, fluidly. ANTONYM: (adv) awkwardly
follow: (v) chase, adopt, adhere, succeed, accompany, abide by, comprehend, ensue, track; (adj, v) catch, grasp. ANTONYMS: (v) guide, lead, head, disobey, deny, ignore, misunderstand, predate, exceed, defy, break
following: (adj) consequent, ensuing, subsequent, consecutive, succeeding; (adj, v) consequential; (n) entourage, pursuit, followers; (adv) under, after. ANTONYMS: (adj) leading, previous, alternate, earlier; (n) nonbelievers
folly: (n) fatuity, foolishness, silliness, tomfoolery, nonsense, stupidity, craziness, density, freak; (adj, n) irrationality, trifling. ANTONYM: (n) sense
fond: (adj) affectionate, caring, devoted, tender, loving, amorous, delicate, adoring, dotting, ardent, attached. ANTONYMS: (adj) aversion, cold, rough
food: (n, v) fare; (n) edible, board, nourishment, diet, sustenance, aliment, dish, foodstuff, meat, nurture
foolish: (adj) childish, fool, crazy, dumb, daft, fatuous, stupid, unwise, preposterous, dopey; (adj, n) silly. ANTONYMS: (adj) wise, sensible, shrewd, prudent, visionary, diplomatic, levelheaded, sane, rational, mature, judicious
foot: (n) base, feet, foundation, footing, pes, paw, basis, leg, measure; (v) hoof, pay. ANTONYMS: (v) owe; (n) head
footman: (n) attendant, butler, follower, flunkey, flunky, varlet, servitor, valet de chambre, boy, knave; (n, v) lackey
forbid: (v) prohibit, ban, disallow, bar, obstruct, exclude, deny, avert, frustrate, to prohibit, enjoin. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, let, approve, authorize, stand
forced: (adj) compelled, bound, constrained, artificial, involuntary, unnatural, forcible, farfetched, strained, obligatory, labored. ANTONYMS: (adj) unprovoked, spontaneous, voluntary, natural, genuine, willing, optional
forgave: (v) to excuse
forget: (v) leave, miss, blank out, bury, to forget, overlook, neglect, ignore, fail, unlearn, abandon. ANTONYMS: (v) mind, attend
forgive: (v) absolve, excuse, acquit, remit, pardon, justify, to forgive, exonerate, overlook, clear, to excuse. ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, punish, castigate
forgiving: (adj) compassionate, lenient, tolerant, charitable, remissive, humane, kind, magnanimous, generous, merciful, mild. ANTONYMS: (adj) unforgiving, hardhearted, impatient, strict
forgotten: (adj) lost, disregarded, elapsed, past, abandoned, gone, Gone With the Wind, irrecoverable, lapsed, disoriented, no more. ANTONYM: (adj) remembered
form: (n, v) make, fashion, design, build, arrange, shape; (adj, n) figure; (v) establish, constitute, do; (n) ceremony. ANTONYMS: (v) deform, destroy
formed: (adj) shaped, settled, defined, characterized, conceived, affected, fashioned, established, constructed, definite, firm
forte: (adj, n) faculty, ability, endowment; (n) strong point, strength, specialty, strong suit, metier; (adj) loud, strong; (adv)

- loudly. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, failing
- fortunate:** (adj) favorable, lucky, auspicious, advantageous, favored, happy, prosperous, fortuitous, well, successful; (adj, n) blessed. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlucky, disadvantaged, disastrous, unfavorable, underprivileged, inauspicious, unenviable, unsatisfactory
- fortunately:** (adv) happily, prosperously, propitiously, fortuitously, providentially, successfully, auspiciously, opportunely, felicitously, blessedly, advantageously. ANTONYMS: (adv) disastrously, unluckily, inauspiciously, negatively
- fortune:** (n) estate, fate, fluke, destiny, luck, accident, means, assets, riches, abundance, doom. ANTONYM: (n) design
- forty:** (adj, n) XL; (n) two score, forties; (adj) twoscore
- forward:** (adj, prep) bold; (adj, adv) onward; (adj) audacious; (adj, n, v) promote; (v) expedite, dispatch; (adv) fore, along, ahead; (adv, n, v) further; (adj, adv, n) early. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) backward; (adj) posterior, timid, reverse, abashed, late, formal; (adv) behind, rearward, back, aft
- found:** (v) erect, build, base, form, construct, constitute, appoint, institute, set up, create, ground. ANTONYMS: (v) abolish, disband; (adj) lost
- four:** (n) quaternary, foursome, tetrad, quaternion, quadruplet, square, quarter, quad, air, age of man; (adj, n) IV
- frankly:** (adv) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely
- frankness:** (n) honesty, truth, forthrightness, candidness, freedom, sincerity, candour, plainness, bluntness, outspokenness, ingenuousness. ANTONYMS: (n) cunning, tact, delicacy, deceit, conformity, reticence, indirectness, evasiveness
- frantic:** (adj) desperate, crazy, excited, distraught, frenetic, distracted; (adj, v) frenzied, furious, wild, raging; (n) maniac. ANTONYMS: (adj) mellow, composed
- free:** (adj, v) exempt, liberate, discharge; (adj, adv, v) loose; (v) excuse, extricate, relieve, disentangle, ease; (adj, n) frank; (adj) liberal. ANTONYMS: (adj) restricted, imprisoned, repressive, secure, strict, stuck, confined, tangled, compelled, dependent; (v) confine
- french:** (adj) Gallic, Frankish, Gallican, Gallian; (v) to take French leave; (n) Frenchman, romance language, French people, Daniel Chester French, profanity, the French
- frequently:** (adv) usually, repeatedly, continually, generally, regularly, habitually, ordinarily, commonly, often, incessantly, constantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) infrequently, unusually, seldom, intermittently, occasionally, spasmodically
- friend:** (adj, n) associate, comrade, companion, fellow, ally; (n) acquaintance, colleague, boyfriend, crony, brother, mate. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, stranger, rival, nemesis, adversary, antagonist
- friends:** (n) circle, associates, connections, links, support group, acquaintances
- friendship:** (n) association, familiarity, affection, companionship, friendliness, intimacy, company, attachment, relationship; (n, v) amity, concord. ANTONYMS: (n) hostility, animosity, antagonism, conflict, formality, rivalry, hatred, detachment, distance, isolation
- frightened:** (adj) fearful, timid, startled, terrified, scared, alarmed, anxious, apprehensive, horrified, intimidated, restless. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, confident, brave, fearless, reassured
- fruit:** (n) crop, outgrowth, product, fruitage, progeny, acorn, production, yield, aftermath; (n, v) result; (v) return
- fruits:** (n) revenue
- full:** (adj, n) complete, absolute, entire; (adj) abundant, flush, broad, extensive, ample, total, enough; (adj, adv, n) crowded. ANTONYMS: (adj) lacking, starving, hungry, sketchy, incomplete, thin, deserted, partial, restricted, weak; (v) wane
- fully:** (adv) thoroughly, entirely, perfectly, totally, absolutely, all, downright, enough, richly; (adv, v) abundantly, adequately. ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, incompletely, meagerly, partly, poorly, nearly, slightly, insufficiently, hardly; (adj) half, semi
- funds:** (n) capital, money, assets, means, treasury, cash, exchequer, bankroll, purse, funding, treasure
- furious:** (adj, v) fierce, violent, vehement, wild, rampant; (adj) frantic, enraged, ferocious, boisterous, raging, frenzied. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, mild, gentle, pleased, mellow, quiet, slow
- furnished:** (adj) fitted, arranged, privileged, instruct, carrying weapons, equipt, enlightened; (v) provide, furnish, begone, beset
- future:** (adj) unborn, prospective, coming, intended, to come, potential, impending, approaching; (n) hereafter, fate, time to come. ANTONYMS: (adj) distant, earlier, near, nearby
- garb:** (n, v) dress, apparel, array, garment; (n) attire, clothing, costume, frock, outfit, clothes; (v) clothe
- garden:** (v) farm, cultivate, tend; (n) field, bed, plantation, orchard, grove, grounds, park; (adj) gardenly
- gave:** (v) deliver, allow, allot, provide, furnish, impart, administer; (n) gives
- general:** (adj, v) common, frequent; (adj) comprehensive, national, universal, ecumenical, current, commonplace, public; (n) chief, commander. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) particular; (adj) narrow, individual, restricted, specialist, detailed, personal, localized, local, precise, limited
- generous:** (adj) ample, abundant, copious, benevolent, bountiful, kind, charitable, flush, fair, liberal; (adj, n) free. ANTONYMS: (adj) meager, tightfisted, miserly, measly, mean, small, ungenerous, avaricious, greedy, petty, pitiful
- gentleman:** (n) gent, Mr, male, patrician, sir, adult male, esquire, sahib, gentlemen; (adj) gentilhomme, gentlemanly
- gentlemen:** (n) sirs, messieurs
- gentleness:** (adj, n) kindness, courtesy, benignity, compassion; (n) kindness, lenity, mildness, sweetness, softness, benevolence,

- mercy. ANTONYMS: (n) severity, harshness, fierceness, cruelty, ferocity, brusqueness, abruptness, rage, callousness, sharpness, roughness
- geography:** (n) geographics, Biblical geography, terrain, economic geography, backcloth, backdrop, background, topographical, chorography, view, topographic
- geology:** (n) mineralogy, aquifer, foreshore, beach, folium, fountain, formation, geological formation, cliff, geoscopy, Earth science
- german:** (n) German language, Jerry, Teuton, Hun, Yiddish, High German; (adj) Teutonic, Germanic; (adj, n) Alman
- gets:** (n) getting
- ghastly:** (adj) awful, fearful, cadaverous, dreadful, grisly, gruesome, macabre, hideous, appalling, atrocious; (adv) gruesomely. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, lovely, attractive, delightful
- girl:** (n) damsel, gal, lady, young woman, maid, lass, fille, wench, daughter, bride, virgin.
ANTONYMS: (n) son, boy
- girlish:** (adj) boyish, childish, kittenish, juvenile, adolescent, innocent, schoolgirlish, babyish, immature, youthful, female
- give:** (v) extend, commit, donate, endow, contribute, dispense, deliver, convey, grant; (adj, v) bestow, accord. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, take, withhold, retain, receive, keep, get, hide, conceal, starve, withstand
- given:** (adj) apt, disposed, prone, specified, liable, inclined, granted, fixed, conditional; (n) assumption, particular. ANTONYMS: (adj) taken, unwilling
- gives:** (n) give, offer, provide, grant, accord
- glad:** (adj) jubilant, cheerful, gay, blithe, delighted, festive, content, delightful, genial, bright, willing. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, apologetic, dismayed, unwilling, disappointed, sorry
- gladly:** (adv, v) happily; (adv) gleefully, contentedly, cheerfully, fain, joyfully, jovially, cheerily, delightedly, gladsomely, readily. ANTONYMS: (adv) reluctantly, unwillingly, sadly, resentfully, miserably
- glare:** (n) glance, brilliance, radiance, brightness; (n, v) glower, flash, shine, scowl, beam, frown; (v) flame. ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, dimness
- glass:** (n) bottle, drink, goblet, cup, drinking glass, spectacles, glasses, field glass, bowl; (v) glaze; (adj, n) ice
- glasses:** (n) spectacles, eyeglasses, glass, specs, spectacle, eyeglass, barnacles, lens, pair of glasses, mirror, goggles
- gloves:** (n) gauntlet, mitten, mittens, gauntlets, scarf, ornament, handbag, belt, batting glove, boxing glove, baseball mitt
- going:** (n) exit, leaving, parting, expiration, disappearance, action; (v) go, course, to go; (adj) working, running. ANTONYMS: (n) arrival, Reunion
- gold:** (n) Au, money, riches, wealth, bullion, treasure, yellow, amber; (adj) aureate, gilt, golden
- gone:** (adj, prep) past; (adj) deceased, bygone, departed, desperate, lost, late; (adj, v) exhausted, extinct; (adj, adv) absent, away. ANTONYMS: (adj) present, remaining, found, alive
- goodbye:** (n) farewell, bye, adieu, adios, cheerio, valediction, so long, aloha; (adj, n) parting; (int) ciao, bon voyage. ANTONYMS: (n) hello, Reunion
- goodness:** (adj, n) generosity, kindness, gentleness; (n) good, excellence, benefit, virtue, worth, morality; (adj) favor, beneficence. ANTONYMS: (n) evil, wickedness, badness, corruptness, bad, immorality, corruption
- gorgon:** (adj) mormo, ogre, Hurllothrumbo, enfant terrible, bete noire, Euryale, nightmare
- governess:** (n) chaperon, preceptress, nanny, trainer, tutor, professor, lecturer, rectoress, educator, reatrix, instructress
- grammar:** (n) rudiments, syntax, grammarist, elements, vade mecum, praxis, punctuation, diction, wording; (v) initiation; (adj) grammatical
- grand:** (adj, n) glorious, excellent; (adj, n, v) noble; (adj) gorgeous, August, superb, important, majestic, exalted; (adj, v) great, dignified. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, humble, modest, unimportant, poor, base, inferior, limited, incomplete, restricted, small
- grand-daughter:** (n) granddaughter
- grave:** (adj) solemn, serious, critical, earnest, dangerous, sedate, sad, grand; (adj, v) severe, acute; (v) engrave. ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, funny, cheerful, carefree, slight, nonchalant, trivial, stable, minor, insignificant, favorable
- gravity:** (n) solemnity, earnestness, gravitation, graveness, gravitational attraction, weight, seriousness, significance, severity, sedateness; (n, v) poise. ANTONYMS: (n) insignificance, lightheartedness, triviality, cheerfulness, levity
- great:** (adj) eminent, gigantic, big, distinguished, large, extensive, extreme, grand, chief, ample, massive. ANTONYMS: (adj) awful, insignificant, tiny, mild, poor, minor, useless, ordinary, slight, weak, unknown
- greatly:** (adv) badly, enormously, considerably, extremely, highly, vastly, immensely, mightily, hugely; (adj, adv) far, deeply. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, hardly, superficially, poorly, lightly, insignificantly, barely, moderately
- greedy:** (adj) avid, gluttonous, desirous, grasping, acquisitive, glutton, piggish, voracious, selfish; (adj, v) avaricious, covetous. ANTONYMS: (adj) temperate, ascetic, unconcerned, abstemious, moderate
- green:** (adj) callow, immature, young, jealous, youthful, emerald, crude, juvenile, gullible, inexperienced; (adj, v) raw. ANTONYMS: (adj) ripe, urban, withering, sophisticated, seasoned, old, arid, mature, limp, artificial
- grey:** (adj) ashen, dim, dull, cloudy, bleak, dismal, drab, gloomy, greyish, leaden; (n) grayness
- grief:** (adj, n, v) affliction; (n) dolor, anguish, distress, agony, pain, wound, chagrin, concern; (n, v) regret; (adj) sore. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, happiness, comfort, content, peace
- grieved:** (adj) sore, sad, sorry, sorrowful, upset, woeful, pained, affected, brokenhearted
- grimace:** (n, v) scowl, glower, sneer, smile, roar; (n) face, mop, mouth, expression; (v) pull a face, wince
- groan:** (n, v) grumble, murmur, cry, sigh, mutter, squeak, rumble, scrape; (v) howl, complain; (n) complaint
- gross:** (adj) coarse, boorish, big, crude, fat, common, blunt,

- disgusting, bulky; (n) aggregate; (adj, v) foul. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, small, remaining, refined, tiny, partial, delicate, cultivated, chaste, sensitive; (v) lose
- grotesque:** (adj) fantastic, bizarre, funny, antic, absurd, droll, strange, baroque, weird, ugly, hideous.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, normal, commonplace, attractive
- grounds:** (n) cause, reason, account, basis, motive, justification, foundation, evidence, field, rationale; (adj, n) dregs.
- ANTONYM: (n) effect
- growing:** (n) development, growth; (adj, adv) increasing; (adj) flourishing, thriving, blossoming, expanding, swelling, progressive; (adj, n) developing; (v) grow.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) dwindling, decreasing, downward; (n) nondevelopment
- guarantee:** (n) guaranty, bail, assurance, bond; (n, v) warranty, assure, warrant, pledge, promise, engage; (v) certify
- guardian:** (n) guard, defender, champion, curator, warden, conservator, bodyguard, keeper; (adj, n) protector; (adj) protective, custodial. ANTONYMS: (n) attacker, detractor
- guest:** (n) caller, visitor, customer, alien, foreigner, client, invite, foreign, company, guests, houseguest
- guests:** (n) guest, visitors
- guidance:** (n, v) direction, government, control, management, administration, charge; (n) advice, counsel, lead, instruction, regulation
- guide:** (n, v) escort, conduct, govern, channel, control, usher, cicerone; (n) directory, attendant; (v) drive, bring.
- ANTONYM: (v) follow
- hair:** (n) coat, coma, haircloth, pile, locks, filament, fleece, fur, hairbreadth, down, forelock
- half:** (adj) moiety, part, short, defective; (n) semi, mediety, halve, division, piece, first half; (adv) partly. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) all; (adj) fully, complete
- half-moon:** (n) curve, arc
- hallo:** (n) hi, hullo
- hand:** (v) give, pass, commit, bestow, afford, communicate, consign; (n) deal, worker, aid, applause.
- ANTONYMS: (n) boss, foot; (v) take
- handbag:** (n) purse, pocketbook, reticule, valise, grip, suitcase, hand-
- bag, wallet, shoulder bag, dish, base
- hands:** (n) custody, keeping, personnel, safekeeping, hold, shift, workforce, men, manpower, guardianship, full complement
- hang:** (adj, n, v) suspend; (v) dangle, depend, drape, float, fall, hover, append, string up; (n, v) delay; (adj) hung
- happen:** (n, v) betide; (v) arise, befall, develop, go, come, fall, chance, come about, occur, get. ANTONYM: (v) disappear
- happily:** (adv) fortunately, joyously, joyfully, merrily, luckily, gladly, blissfully, cheerfully, felicitously, providentially, successfully.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) miserably, unhappily, sadly, unfortunately, unsuccessfully, reluctantly, gloomily, discontentedly, despondently, negatively, grudgingly
- happiness:** (n) delight, merriment, ecstasy, welfare, gladness, luck, cheerfulness, blessedness, bliss, felicity, contentment. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, despair, grief, misery, dissatisfaction, seriousness, dullness, discontent, dejection, gloominess, displeasure
- happy:** (adj) felicitous, contented, gay, buoyant, content, gleeful, gratified, pleasant, glad, carefree; (adj, n) auspicious. ANTONYMS: (adj) sad, depressed, dejected, sorrowful, miserable, unlucky, sorry, reluctant, irritable, unfortunately, gloomy
- hard:** (adj, n) austere, rough; (adj, v) grave, severe, acute; (adj) bad, difficult, strong, callous, cruel, tough. ANTONYMS: (adj) easy, kind, soggy, tender, merciful, yielding, simple; (adv) lightly, gently, lackadaisically; (adj, adv) flexible
- hardly:** (adv) barely, scarcely; (adv) severely, harshly, roughly, badly, toughly, laboriously, arduously, cruelly, heavily.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) extremely, fully, well, easily
- hard-working:** (adj) studious, industrious, painstaking, active, dedicated, tireless
- harvest:** (n, v) fruit; (v) gain, glean, gather, amass, get, reap, pick; (n) ingathering, profit, produce
- hatband:** (n) stripe, banding, band
- hate:** (v) abhor, detest, loathe, abominate; (n) enmity, abhorrence,
- detestation, hatred, animosity, antipathy, aversion. ANTONYMS: (n, v) like; (v) adore, cherish, admire; (n) attraction, liking, delight, adoration
- having:** (n) estate, possession, acceptance, enjoyment
- head:** (n) captain, boss, froth, foam, crown, chieftain; (n, v) point, lead; (adj, n, v) front; (v) capital, direct.
- ANTONYMS: (adj, n) subordinate; (n) end, beginning, foot, mouth, rear, tail, body, underling, base; (adj) minor
- headache:** (n) cephalalgia, pain, embarrassment, bother, migraine, vexation, pest, head ache, worry; (n, v) twinge; (v) gripe
- health:** (n) condition, fitness, welfare, pledge, strength, form, hygiene, sanitation, salubrity, shape; (adj) sanitary
- hear:** (int, v) attend; (v) find out, discover, understand, apprehend, hark, learn, try, examine, listen; (adj) heard
- heard:** (n) hearing
- hearing:** (n) audition, ear, auditory sense, trial, consultation, reach, auscultation, inquiry; (n, v) earshot, sound; (adj, n) audience
- heartless:** (adj) hardhearted, ruthless, cruel, pitiless, obdurate, merciless, unfeeling, unkind, stony, insensitive, grim. ANTONYMS: (adj) kind, caring, hearted, warmhearted, compassionate, softhearted, merciful, sympathetic, concerned, flattering, generous
- heaven:** (n) Eden, firmament, bliss, Elysium, sky, nirvana, glory, Elysian Fields, Garden of Eden, utopia; (adj) celestial. ANTONYM: (n) misery
- heavens:** (n) firmament, heaven, sky, welkin, sphere, atmosphere, celestial sphere, space, skies, area, vault of heaven
- help:** (n, v) assist, assistance, support, benefit, favor, avail, cure, assistant; (v) facilitate, ease, alleviate.
- ANTONYMS: (n) hindrance, detriment, interference, damage, disadvantage, disservice, manager; (v) worsen, aggravate, halt, hurt
- helping:** (n) portion, share, plateful, serving, part, quota, drumstick; (adj) auxiliary, assistant, aiding, assisting
- hereditary:** (adj) familial, ancestral, inherent, heritable, inherited, inborn, congenital, innate, patrimonial, native, heredity
- heretical:** (adj) heterodox, gnostic,

nonconformist, Sabian, gymnosophist, fire worshiper, dissident, magi, dissenting, impious, sacrilegious. ANTONYMS: (adj) orthodox, reverent

herself: (adj) oneself, self, himself, myself, yourself, yourselves, themselves, ourselves, itself

hesitatingly: (adv) indecisively, irresolutely, hesitating, waveringly, doubtfully, undecidedly, vacillatingly, falteringly.

ANTONYM: (adv) unhesitatingly

hesitation: (n, v) falter, fear; (n) hesitance, faltering, delay, hesitate, diffidence, hesitancy, qualm, reluctance; (v) hesitating.

ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, resolution, confidence, decisiveness, enthusiasm, inclination, willingness

high: (adj, v) elevated; (adj) great, expensive, distinguished, lofty, tall, exalted, heavy, dear; (n) chief; (v) bad. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) low; (adj) deep, short, sober, reasonable, sad, resonant, lowly, husky, unimportant; (n) depression

higher: (adj) greater, upper, major, senior, over, more, better, advanced, bigger; (prep) above, upon.

ANTONYMS: (adj) basic, junior, lower

highest: (adj, n) most; (adj) best, chief, foremost, first, supreme, topmost, extreme, utmost, top, uppermost. ANTONYMS: (adj) bottom, minor

highly: (adv) greatly, extremely, much, loftily, exceedingly, mightily, eminently, toweringly, too, largely; (adj, adv) very. ANTONYMS: (adv) insignificantly, poorly, simply, slightly, ill

hills: (n) home, dry land, foothills, earth, ground

himself: (pron) herself, themselves, yourself, itself; (adj) myself; (n) yourselves

history: (n) account, story, chronicle, annals, background, record, narrative, biography, explanation, origin; (n, v) tale

hold: (n, v) keep, grip, grasp, entertain; (v) endure, detain, adhere, bear, have, contain, comprise.

ANTONYMS: (v) fail, disagree, lose, free, deny, remove, lack; (n) separation, repulsion

holding: (n) keeping, belongings, hold, claim, property, asset, ownership, take, retention, capture; (adj) retaining

home: (n) domicile, abode, house, residence, base, place, dwelling, family, habitation; (adj) domestic; (adj, n) household. ANTONYMS: (adj) external, national, public, away, foreign; (adv) out

honour: (n) fame, award, dignity, homage, celebrity, accolade, reputation; (n, v) honor; (v) respect, celebrate, dignify. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dishonor; (v) disrespect

hope: (n, v) trust, desire; (n) aspiration, faith, belief, expectation, confidence, expectancy, anticipation; (v) confide, anticipate.

ANTONYMS: (n) reality, past, pessimism, distrust, independence

hopelessly: (adv) despairingly, forlornly, despondently, uselessly, desolately, futilely, wretchedly, lostly, sadly, dejectedly, dispiritedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, effectively, slightly

horrible: (adj) awful, fearful, frightful, abominable, grisly, formidable, dire, ghastly, dreadful, fearsome; (adj, v) horrid.

ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, lovely, nice, lovable, fair, delightful, slight, appealing, minor, attractive, great

horrid: (adj) grisly, ghastly, ugly, gruesome, grim, fearful, dreadful, dire, horrible, fearsome.

ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, nice, appealing, attractive, kind

horror: (n) abomination, abhorrence, dismay, fear, fright, revulsion, alarm, repulsion, anxiety; (adj, n) dread, terror. ANTONYMS: (n) delight, attraction, proclivity, bravery, calm, confidence, security

hospitality: (n) entertainment, generosity, friendliness, cordiality, welcome, cordial reception, kindness, amiability, warmth, solicitously, politely. ANTONYMS: (n) frostiness, inhospitality

hotel: (n) lodge, house, guesthouse, hostelry, inn, tavern, hospice, court, restaurant, spa, khan

hour: (n) clock, o'clock, hours, time, hr, term, nonce, moment, occasion, dawn, dusk

hourly: (adv) always, by the hour, daily, often, constantly, continually, frequently; (adj) horary, continual, ephemeral; (n) an hour

hours: (n) period, duty period; (adv) o'clock

house: (adj, n, v) family; (adj, n) home; (v) accommodate; (n)

dwelling, firm, abode, domicile, edifice, habitation, housing; (n, v) lodge. ANTONYM: (adj) public

household: (adj, n) house, home; (adj) domestic; (adj, v) ordinary, common; (n) folk, stock, clan, menage; (v) everyday, usual. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfamiliar, public

housekeeper: (n) factotum, mistress, shepherd, householder, housewife, domestic, cleaning woman, croupier, domestic help, seneschal, house servant

however: (adv, conj, prep) but; (adj, adv, conj) although; (adv) nevertheless, anyway, nonetheless, how, notwithstanding; (adv, conj) though, yet; (conj) albeit; (n) while

humble: (v) demean, humiliate, mortify; (n, v) disgrace, debase; (adj, n, v) abase; (adj) base, lowly, unassuming, docile, low.

ANTONYMS: (adj) impressive, arrogant, haughty, imposing, conceited, pompous, snooty, overbearing, presumptuous, proud, exalted

humiliation: (n) degradation, disgrace, chagrin, abjection, comedown, indignity, embarrassment, mortification, dishonor, discredit; (adj, n) shame. ANTONYMS: (n) glorification, aggrandizement, pride, success, making

hundred: (adj) a hundred, one hundred, many; (adj, n) c; (n) cent, centred, riding, lathe, soke, tithing, carbon

hungry: (adj) eager, avid, famished, starving, esurient, greedy, ravenous, desirous, meager, starveling; (v) starve. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, satiated, sated, thirsty, unconcerned, moderate, healthy, disinterested

hurriedly: (adv) rapidly, quickly, swiftly, abruptly, promptly, fast, in haste, suddenly, speedily, rashly, precipitately. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, unhurriedly, patiently, carefully, gradually, thoroughly

hurt: (adj, n, v) damage, detriment; (adj, n) evil; (n, v) wound, pain, ache, distress; (n) disadvantage, lesion; (v) afflict; (adj, v) injure. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurt, unaffected, healed; (v) encourage, please, protect, repair, defend; (n, v) help; (n) reparation, pleasure

husband: (v) conserve, economize, preserve, save; (n) consort, hubby,

- man, fellow, lover, master, mate.
ANTONYMS: (n) wife, bachelor
- hypocrisy:** (n, v) insincerity; (n) cant, dissimulation, falsity, deception, falseness, sanctimony, deceit, lip service; (v) double dealing; (adj) hypocritical. ANTONYMS: (n) sincerity, honesty
- idea:** (n) meaning, belief, opinion, concept, estimation, fancy, plan, impression, apprehension, notion, conception. ANTONYM: (n) certainty
- ideal:** (adj) perfect, fanciful, consummate, abstract, classic, unreal; (n) standard, paragon, example, archetype, perfection. ANTONYMS: (adj) wrong, real, imperfect; (n) nightmare
- ideals:** (n) morality, principle, standard, standards, ethics, principles
- ideas:** (n) idea, thoughts, thought, thinking, principles, philosophy, information, imaginings, data, content, communication
- idiotic:** (adj) absurd, foolish, fatuous, imbecile, crazy, stupid, ridiculous, mindless, silly, unwise, daft. ANTONYMS: (adj) wise, genius, clever
- idle:** (adj) lazy, indolent, inactive, free, unfounded, fruitless, baseless, groundless, frivolous, empty, disengaged. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, employed, industrious, energetic, meaningful, productive, worthwhile, diligent; (v) change, run, work
- ignorance:** (n) illiteracy, nescience, folly, unwisdom, innocence, denseness, ignorancy, stupidity, obtuseness, tabula rasa, unawareness. ANTONYMS: (n) intelligence, acquaintance, education
- ill-natured:** (adj) cantankerous, peevish, sour, surly, catty, crabbed, gruff, disagreeable, malignant, malicious, malevolent
- illness:** (n, v) ailment, disorder, distemper; (n) sickness, complaint, malady, attack, affliction, pain, bug, trouble. ANTONYMS: (n) wellness, health
- imagine:** (v) believe, conjecture, fancy, conceive, daydream, assume, guess, consider, fantasize; (conj, v) suppose; (n, v) dream
- immaterial:** (adj) insignificant, inconsequential, irrelevant, disembodied, incorporeal, trivial, bodiless, spiritual, unimportant, extraneous, psychic. ANTONYMS: (adj) significant, material, corporeal, physical, tangible, important
- immediate:** (adj) close, sudden, direct, near, quick, present, fast, proximate, forthwith, instant, immediately. ANTONYMS: (adj) slow, gradual, deliberate, consecutive, mediate, delayed, remote, far, distant, vague, considered
- immediately:** (adv) instantly, presently, readily, rapidly, quickly, promptly, instantaneously, speedily, right; (adj, adv) at once, forthwith. ANTONYMS: (adv) slowly, whenever, gradually, now, eventually
- immensely:** (adv) highly, infinitely, greatly, enormously, tremendously, extremely, mightily, hugely, massively, immeasurably, monstrously
- immersion:** (n) absorption, ducking, concentration, submersion, submergence, baptism, dousing, incidence, wetting; (v) irrigation, spargefaction
- immoderately:** (adv) exorbitantly, inordinately, extravagantly, inoperately, extremely, unrestrainedly, unduely, unduly, exaggeratedly, immensely; (adj, adv) monstrously. ANTONYMS: (adv) frugally, reasonably
- immoral:** (adj) evil, bad, depraved, indecent, dissolute, corrupt, criminal, unprincipled, dirty, unfair, lewd. ANTONYMS: (adj) moral, decent, honest, ethical, principled, good, restrained, amoral, right, righteous, pure
- impatient:** (adj) eager, anxious, petulant, fidgety, vexed, keen, edgy, quick, avid, irritable, fretful. ANTONYMS: (adj) patient, enduring, unenthusiastic, calm, happy, relaxed, slow
- impetuous:** (adj) boisterous, hasty, fiery, headlong, heady, hot, brash, foolhardy, dashing, fierce; (adj, v) impulsive. ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, careful, slow, sensible, patient
- importance:** (n) account, gravity, import, dignity, prominence, stress, emphasis, value, concern, magnitude; (n, v) consequence. ANTONYMS: (n) unimportance, insignificance, triviality, meaninglessness
- important:** (adj, v) grave; (adj) fundamental, significant, crucial, key, serious, remarkable, chief, earnest, central, heavy. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, trivial, minor, irrelevant, low, worthless, frivolous, secondary, little, superfluous, inconsequential
- impossibility:** (n) impossibility, option, nonexistence, absurdity, inability, impracticability, alternative, choice, contradiction, contradiction in terms, doubtfulness. ANTONYMS: (n) possibility, probability
- impossible:** (adj) unimaginable, insufferable, unbelievable, hopeless, impracticable, impractical, inconceivable, unlikely, unthinkable, unable, ridiculous. ANTONYMS: (adj) feasible, achievable, manageable, bearable, attainable, on, tolerable, probable, hopeful, easy, consistent
- impression:** (n) feeling, idea, imprint, conception, depression, notion, mark, image, dent, feel, opinion. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, hump, lump
- impressions:** (n) impersonation, imitation
- improbable:** (adj) implausible, impossible, incredible, unbelievable, fishy, questionable, inconceivable, impractical, unthinkable, absurd; (adj, n) marvelous. ANTONYMS: (adj) probable, certain, plausible, truthful, ordinary, on, practical
- improper:** (adj) false, illicit, illegitimate, unsuitable, wrong, indecent, bad, coarse, amiss, faulty; (adj, v) indecorous. ANTONYMS: (adj) suitable, fitting, polite, acceptable, sensitive, moral, correct, dignified, lawful, clean, honest
- improve:** (v) advance, heal, help, emend, amend, ameliorate, correct, reform, gain, educate, restore. ANTONYMS: (v) deteriorate, regress, spoil, lower, impair, downgrade, brutalize, ruin, diminish, exacerbate, hinder
- improvement:** (n, v) advancement; (n) amelioration, betterment, correction, repair, development, amendment, gain, enhancement, adjustment, advance. ANTONYMS: (n) deterioration, downgrade, knock, setback, slump, worsening, decrease, disadvantage, retreat
- inattentive:** (adj) negligent, neglectful, forgetful, reckless, careless, unaware, regardless,

- inconsiderate, mindless, inadvertent; (adj, v) remiss.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) attentive, alert, observant, carefree, cautious, conscientious, considerate, diligent, prudent
- incident:** (n) fact, experience, circumstance, occasion, adventure, happening, occurrence, episode, instance, case, contingency.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) basic; (n) defense
- including:** (v) include, comprise, comprehend, involve; (conj) and; (adv) not to mention, let alone, also; (adj) inclusive; (prep) in addition to, plus. ANTONYMS: (prep) without, except
- income:** (n) earnings, revenue, profit, proceeds, pay, means, gain, yield, return, salary, receipts.
 ANTONYMS: (n) loss, expenditure, outgo, spending, cost
- incomparable:** (adj, v) superlative, sovereign; (adj) unparalleled, unique, matchless, rare, excellent, unexampled, peerless, transcendent, unrivaled. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, commonplace, abysmal, mediocre, unremarkable
- incomprehensible:** (adj) inapprehensible, inscrutable, inarticulate, abstruse, cryptic, unfathomable, puzzling, obscure, inexplicable, inconceivable, unaccountable. ANTONYMS: (adj) comprehensible, explicable, understandable, intelligible, legible, obvious, straightforward
- inconvenience:** (n, v) trouble, incommode; (v) discommode, disoblige, annoy, disturb, disquiet; (n) disadvantage, difficulty, nuisance, unsuitableness.
 ANTONYMS: (n) expediency, advantage; (v) help, please
- increase:** (n, v) extend, gain, accrue, augmentation, extension; (adj, n, v) augment; (v) grow, expand, aggrandize, enhance; (n) addition.
 ANTONYMS: (n, v) decrease; (n) reduction, contraction, decline; (v) reduce, diminish, drop, deteriorate, damage, abate, contract
- indecorous:** (adj) indecent, unbecoming, impolite, unseemly, coarse, indelicate, inappropriate, untoward, immodest, unsuitable, tasteless. ANTONYMS: (adj) polite, decorous, proper, dignified, correct, decent
- indeed:** (adv) certainly, exactly, in reality, surely, of course, assuredly, as a matter of fact, admittedly; (adj, adv) really, much; (n) yes.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) possibly, doubtfully
- indian:** (n) American Indian, Red Indian, redskin, India, Amerindian, Shoshones, Aleut, squaw, sannup, creeks; (adj, n) Amerind
- indifferent:** (adj) apathetic, impassive, cold, cool, callous, fair, insensible, unconcerned, careless, dull, average. ANTONYMS: (adj) enthusiastic, fervent, keen, obsessive, energetic, eager, involved, surprised, exceptional, concerned, shocked
- indigestion:** (n) upset stomach, symptom, heartburn, gripes, stomach pain, stomach upset, tummy ache, tummy pain, bellyache, colic
- indignant:** (adj) angry, incensed, furious, enraged, wrathful, hurt, rage, provoked, hot, anger, irate.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) cool, content, unaffected
- indignantly:** (adv) irately, angrily, wrathfully, enragedly, sorely, acrimoniously, cynically, sulkily, hotly, exasperatedly, furiously
- indignation:** (n) anger, resentment, displeasure, grudge, umbrage, rage, outrage, exasperation, cholera, dudgeon; (adj, n) wrath.
 ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, pleasure
- indiscretion:** (n) foolishness, fault, rashness, inconsideration, carelessness, injudiciousness, faux pas, hastiness, indiscreteness, flippancy; (adj, n) temerity.
 ANTONYMS: (n) discretion, diplomacy, forethought
- induce:** (v) generate, tempt, cause, impel, bring, create, draw, engender, beget, get, infer.
 ANTONYMS: (v) prevent, restrain
- inexcusable:** (adj) irremissible, unpardonable, reprehensible, unwarrantable, unforgivable, unwarranted, unfair, untenable, not excusable, intolerable, unexcusable.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) understandable, forgivable, justifiable, justified, laudable, wonderful
- inexperienced:** (adj) naive, young, callow, ignorant, unsophisticated, new, unexperienced, clumsy; (adj, v) raw; (v) green; (n) inexperience.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) trained, sophisticated, skilled,
- knowledgeable, expert, accustomed, sharp, seasoned
- infant:** (n) child, babe, minor, nursing, youngster, chick, toddler, suckling, kid, pappoose; (adj, n) juvenile
- infinitely:** (adv) greatly, vastly, immensely, immeasurably, boundlessly, enormously, unboundedly, hugely, ceaselessly, unendingly; (adj, adv) incalculably.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) finitely
- influence:** (v) determine, affect, incline, dispose, direct, govern, persuade; (n) authority, domination; (n, v) control, effect. ANTONYMS: (n) powerlessness, repulsion, feebleness, weakness
- inform:** (v) acquaint, impart, advise, enlighten, announce, tell, familiarize, explain, advertise, apprise, warn
- information:** (n) communication, data, evidence, datum, note, tidings, report, enlightenment, complaint, counsel, announcement
- informed:** (adj) cognizant, educated, conscious, knowledgeable, familiar, apprised, wise, conversant, experienced, sensible; (adv) abreast.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) uninformed, unconcerned
- injury:** (n, v) harm, grievance, detriment, damage, hurt; (n) disservice, wound, impairment, ill, bruise, affront. ANTONYMS: (n) reparation, justice, help, defense, benefit
- innocent:** (adj) chaste, artless, clear, ingenuous, innocuous, guileless, guiltless, ignorant, unsophisticated, spotless, naive. ANTONYMS: (adj) culpable, responsible, wicked, wary, experienced, corrupt, worldly, unfair, meaningful, offensive, jaded
- inquiries:** (n) investigation, examination, study, enquiries, enquiry, inquiry, exploration
- inquiry:** (n, v) search; (n) investigation, enquiry, query, hearing, inquest, research, exploration, trial, question, demand
- inquisitive:** (adj) inquiring, speculative, nosy, prying, questioning, nosey, meddling, investigative, meddlesome, quizzical, overcurious.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) apathetic, uninterested
- inscription:** (n) epigraph, entry, dedication, autograph, epitaph, registration, lettering, writing,

- record, superscription, title
inside: (adj, n) interior, middle, center; (adj) internal, indoor; (prep) per; (adv) inwardly, indoors, within, at heart, inwards. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) exterior; (adj) free, external, outdoor, public; (adj, adv) outer; (prep) out; (adv) outwardly; (n) edge
- insist:** (v) affirm, assert, contend, demand, claim, asseverate, declare, maintain, urge, importune, press. ANTONYMS: (v) request, deny
- inspection:** (n) check, review, surveillance, study, scrutiny, inquiry, survey, exploration, search, checkup; (n, v) sight
- inspire:** (adj, v) cheer, enliven, exhilarate; (v) encourage, excite, inhale, incite, affect, infuse, hearten, actuate. ANTONYMS: (v) extinguish, disenchant, douse, knock, dampen, calm, dishearten
- instance:** (n) exemplar, case, time, illustration, sample, affair, pattern, chance, cause; (v) exemplify, illustrate
- instead:** (adv) instead of, alternatively, as an alternative, in place of, more willingly, to compensate for, sooner, preferably, otherwise, on the other hand; (n) lieu
- instinct:** (n) impulse, urge, aptitude, gift, feeling, sixth sense, inherent aptitude, knack, inspiration, talent, genius
- instinctively:** (adv) involuntarily, mechanically, spontaneously, automatically, intuitively, inherently, automatically, unconsciously, impulsively, unthinkingly, instinctually. ANTONYMS: (adv) consciously, objectively
- insuperable:** (adj) unconquerable, indomitable, impassable, invincible, unsurmountable, unbeatable, impregnable, overwhelming, formidable, inexsuperable, unassailable. ANTONYM: (adj) vulnerable
- intellectual:** (n) intellect, brain, thinker, scholar; (adj) rational, mental, cerebral, learned, spiritual; (adj, n) mind, academic. ANTONYMS: (adj) nonintellectual, intuitive, emotional, dim, ignorant, physical, thick, lowbrow; (n) dunce
- intend:** (v) destine, design, mean, aim, determine, denote, contemplate, plan, purpose, consider, believe. ANTONYM: (v) improvise
- intended:** (adj) deliberate, calculated, destined, knowing, meant, planned, premeditated, prospective, willful, designed; (adj, v) voluntary. ANTONYMS: (adj) accidental, involuntary, unintended, spontaneous, unconscious
- intention:** (n) idea, intent, goal, purpose, cause, motive, mind; (n, v) aim, end, design, drift
- interested:** (adj) concerned, involved, inquiring, inquisitive, keen, interesting, attentive, fascinated, responsive, partial, eager. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninterested, bored, indifferent, unconcerned, hostile
- interesting:** (adj) entertaining, amusing, attractive, absorbing, delightful, fascinating, exciting, readable, diverting; (adj, v) charming, engaging. ANTONYMS: (adj) boring, dull, unremarkable, unappealing, repulsive, repellent, normal, ordinary
- interment:** (n) burial, sepulture, entombment, funeral, sepulcher, committal, obsequies, arenation, burying, grave, humation
- interrupting:** (adj) cross, interchanged, interpellating, meddlesome, adverse, defensive, contrary, interpellant, interruptive
- intimately:** (adv) nearly, familiarly, personally, secretly, internally, privately, narrowly, thoroughly, near, well, thickly. ANTONYM: (adv) superficially
- introduce:** (v) interject, inject, advance, infuse, initiate, acquaint, implant, inaugurate, bring in, present, enter. ANTONYMS: (v) end, terminate, remove, export
- introduced:** (adj) exotic, familiar, foisted in, imported
- intrude:** (v) interfere, trespass, encroach, infringe, impose, obtrude, disturb, interrupt, impinge, barge in, butt in. ANTONYM: (v) disregard
- invalid:** (adj) false, illogical, unreasonable, null, weak, void, unhealthy, sick, flawed; (n) infirm; (v) disable. ANTONYMS: (adj) valid, legitimate, current, healthy, true, watertight, correct
- invaluable:** (adj) valuable, inestimable, incalculable, precious, costly, rare, unvalued, beyond price, unvaluable, serviceable, unprizable. ANTONYM: (adj) dispensable
- invariably:** (adv) constantly, ever, forever, permanently, continually, incessantly; (adj) never otherwise, unflinching, without exception, without fail; (adj, adv) uniformly
- invented:** (adj) fictional, fabricated, imaginary, unreal, fake, mythical, legendary, fictive, fancied, fabulous, ben trovato. ANTONYMS: (adj) genuine, factual, true, actual
- investments:** (n) funds, money, assets, cash, savings, capital
- involuntary:** (adj) instinctive, unconscious, unintentional, forced, mechanical, unthinking, reluctant, unwilling, compulsory, inadvertent, accidental. ANTONYMS: (adj) voluntary, intentional, intended, willing
- irreligious:** (adj) blasphemous, heathen, wicked, profane, ungodly, godless, irreverent, unholy, unreligious, unbelieving, pagan. ANTONYMS: (adj) pious, religious, spiritual, devout, reverent
- irresistible:** (adj) resistless, invincible, irrefragable, irrefutable, overpowering, overwhelming, impregnable, indomitable, charming, fascinating; (adj, v) uncontrollable. ANTONYMS: (adj) resistible, insignificant, unappealing, weak
- irretrievably:** (adv) permanently, for all time, irremediably, forever, irrevocably, once and for all, irrevocably, irreversibly
- irrevocable:** (adj) irrecoverable, final, irreparable, irremediable, irredeemable, conclusive, ir reclaimable, unchangeable, fixed; (adj, v) retrievable, inevitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) revocable, superficial, provisional, flexible, impermanent
- irritably:** (adv) splenetically, cholericly, cholericly, impatiently, angrily, heatedly, irately, pettishly, petulantly, snappily, sulkily. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, cheerily, lightly
- itself:** (adj) herself, self, oneself, personally, myself, themselves, yourself
- jack:** (n) flag, jackass, mariner, fellow, jackfruit, sailor, jackscrew, socket, blue Peter, amberfish, crevalle jack
- jacket:** (n) sheath, cover, case, covering, envelope, coat, blazer, doublet, dust cover, skin, shield
- jacks:** (n) knucklebones, carangids, Carangidae

james: (n) interrupt, William James, St James, saint James the apostle, saint James, Jesse James, James river, Henry James, epistle of James, St James the apostle

john: (n) can, bathroom, convenience, customer, privy, loo, lav, lavatory, Saint John the Apostle, Saint John; (adj, n) toilet

join: (v) unite, connect, associate, combine, graft, assemble, attach, affiliate, meet, get together; (n, v) link. ANTONYMS: (v) separate, secede, detach, undo, disjoin, exclude, leave, disconnect, diverge, refrain, untie

journey: (n, v) jaunt, go, travel, cruise, fare; (n) excursion, way, expedition, trip, passage, voyage. ANTONYM: (v) settle

joyful: (adj) gay, glad, elated, cheerful, gleeful, cheery, delighted, joyous, jolly, blissful, blithe. ANTONYMS: (adj) miserable, sorrowful, unhappy, despairing, unpleasant, staid, sorry,

disappointed, depressed, heavy

judicial: (adj) legal, judiciary, judicatory, critical, dispassionate, lawful, juridical, judicially, juridic, judicious, discriminative

keep: (n, v) hold; (v) preserve, retain, defend, guard, maintain, continue, have, save, confine, observe. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, neglect, entrust, return, let, discontinue, reimburse, allow, stop, destroy, break

keeping: (n) care, conservation, charge, guardianship, maintenance, holding, observance, storage, conformation, consistency, conformity

kill: (n, v) assassinate, destroy; (v) erase, annihilate, eliminate, extinguish, finish, blast, decimate, execute, eradicate. ANTONYMS: (v) revitalize, revive; (n) hunter

killed: (n) casualty; (adj) fallen

kind: (n) sort, form, class, variety, breed; (adj, n) helpful, good, humane, friendly, gentle; (adj) generous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unkind, cruel, hardhearted, mean, merciless, nasty, spiteful, uncaring, upsetting, callous, disagreeable

kindly: (adj) kind, amiable, genial, charitable; (adv) sympathetically, benevolently, tenderly; (adj, n) benign, gentle, sympathetic, benevolent. ANTONYMS: (adv) harshly, nastily, callously, cruelly,

sharply, disagreeably, grumpily, malevolently; (adj) upsetting, unfeeling, sour

kiss: (n, v) caress, brush, embrace, touch; (n) osculation, salute, lip, Kiss of peace, kiss hands; (v) osculate, love

kneeling: (n) homage, kowtow, kneelingly, prostration, genuflection, genuflection, curtsy, courtesy, obeisance

knees: (n) knee

knew: (adj) known; (v) recognize, wist

knot: (n) bow, cluster, lump, gang, joint; (v) entangle, knit, bind; (n, v) tie, loop, tangle. ANTONYMS: (v) unravel, undo, unknot, disentangle

knowing: (adj, v) canny, crafty, wise; (adj, n) clever; (adj) conscious, aware, ingenious, intelligent, bright, conversant, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) naive, uncomprehending, unconscious

knowledge: (n) information, comprehension, science, lore, understanding, intelligence, grasp, erudition, acquaintance; (n, v) cognition; (adj, n) art. ANTONYMS: (n) foolishness, inexperience

known: (adj) familiar, knew, conscious, certain, famous, know, eminent, plain, accepted, published, acknowledged. ANTONYMS: (adj) unknown, secret, unidentified, unfamiliar

lady: (n) gentlewoman, Mrs, duchess, countess, spouse, madam, ma'am, milady, matron, woman; (v) squaw. ANTONYM: (n) Lord

laid: (adj) layed, lay, place, placed, put, situated, arranged, determined, dictated, hardened, ordered

land: (n) country, earth, soil, kingdom, field, nation, estate, domain; (v) disembark, debark, get. ANTONYMS: (adj) aquatic, amphibious; (n) sea; (v) lose, depart, embark

lane: (n) alley, road, path, passage, avenue, way, track, aisle, side street, line, artery

language: (n) speech, expression, lingo, diction, tongue, idiom, jargon, conversation, word, words, terminology

large: (adj) ample, generous, considerable, broad, capacious, high, bulky, heavy, capacious, roomy; (adj, n) extensive. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, cramped, insignificant, narrow, microscopic,

compact, tiny, thin, short, slim, paltry

largely: (adv) chiefly, extensively, widely, mostly, generally, for the most part, spaciouly, broadly, liberally, capaciously, voluminously. ANTONYM: (adv) insignificantly

larger: (adj) bigger, big, more, major, large, greater, largest, exceed, superior, generously proportioned, excel

late: (adj, adv) dilatory, fresh, behindhand, backward; (adj) former, deceased, dead, slow, delayed, modern; (adv) belatedly. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) early,

punctual; (adv) punctually, promptly; (adj) ahead, existing, alive, initial, middle, old, premature

later: (adv) afterward, subsequently, afterwards, then; (adj) following, last, future, ensuing, subsequent, latter; (adj, adv) next. ANTONYMS: (adv) immediately, before, now; (adj, adv) prior; (adj) early, previous, preceding, former

latest: (adj) last, fresh, modern, new, current, hot, ultimate, contemporary, newest, stylish; (adj, n) vogue. ANTONYM: (adj) first

laugh: (n, v) joke, giggle, chortle, titter, snicker; (v) smile; (n) jest, gag, jape, laughter, cackle. ANTONYM: (v) weep

laughing: (adj) merry, smiling, laughable, jolly, gay, lighthearted, frolicsome, playful, pleased, dizzy; (adv) laughingly. ANTONYM: (adj) serious

lead: (n, v) guide; (v) conduct, direct, contribute, go, control, conduce, govern, chair, bring; (n) clue. ANTONYMS: (v) follow, trail, descend; (n) disadvantage, inferiority

leading: (adj, v) first, foremost; (adj) outstanding, head, great, capital; (adj, n) main, cardinal, principal; (adj, adv) ahead; (n) lead.

ANTONYMS: (adj) secondary, subordinate, following, junior, innocent, last, lousy, unimportant, worst; (adv) behind, losing

leads: (n) slating, pieced leads, slates, pile driving leads, tiling

learned: (adj) educated, knowledgeable, scholarly, academic, cultured, literary, bookish, lettered; (adj, v) enlightened, wise, knowing.

ANTONYMS: (adj) innate, unconditioned, foolish, unlearned

least: (n) minimum; (adj) smallest,

- minimal, littlest, lowest, insignificant, minutest, negligible; (adj, n) smallest amount; (adv) at least, fully. ANTONYMS: (adj) maximum, greatest; (adj, adv) most
- leather:** (n) fur, fleece, skin, buckskin, fell, pelt, doeskin; (v) drub, thresh, thrash; (n, v) hit
- leave:** (v) depart, go, abandon, desert, lead; (adj, v) forsake, quit; (n) furlough, permission, holiday; (n, v) escape. ANTONYMS: (v) enter, arrive, stay, remain, come, approach, change, reposition, disinherit, occupy, participate
- leaves:** (n) departure, leaving, plants, trees, vegetation
- leaving:** (n) leave, exit, desertion, going, going away, farewell, departing, abandonment, withdrawal, boarding; (v) depart. ANTONYMS: (n) arrival, greeting, Reunion; (adj) incoming
- lecture:** (n, v) discourse, harangue, reprimand, sermon, rebuke, talk, censure; (n) speech, oration; (v) chide, preach. ANTONYMS: (v) praise; (n) compliment
- left:** (adj) gone, absent, port, odd, remaining, larboard, gauche, sinister; (n) left hand, left wing, mitt. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv, n) right; (adj) remaining, center, starboard, present
- legally:** (adv) lawfully, legitimately, justly, statutorily, licitly, validly, constitutionally, rightfully, judicially, juridically, correctly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unlawfully, illegally
- legislation:** (n) enactment, lawmaking, law, laws and regulations, government, gubernation, conduct, passage, legislative, statute, regulation
- lengthy:** (adj) extended, long, wordy, protracted, copious, exuberant, elongated, prolonged, verbose, largiloquent, wiredrawn. ANTONYMS: (adj) brief, easy, quick, concise
- less:** (adj) inferior, wanting, minor, secondary, subordinate, deficient, minus, few; (adj, adv) lesser, lower; (adv) below. ANTONYMS: (adj) additional; (prep) plus
- lesson:** (n) example, education, instruction, class, learning, sermon, recitation, task, study, message; (n, v) rebuke
- lessons:** (n) classes, coaching, tuition, schoolwork, revision, learning, education, training
- letters:** (n) erudition, literature, correspondence, lore, script, scholarship, post, print, mail, letter, polite literature
- liar:** (n) deceiver, fibber, fabricator, falsifier, trickster, prevaricator, con artist, phony, lie, impostor, swindler
- liberal:** (adj) bountiful, handsome, benevolent, large, abundant, big, kind, broad, charitable, tolerant; (adj, n) free. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) conservative; (adj) totalitarian, oppressive, intolerant, reactionary, proactive, miserly, rigid, insufficient, stingy, tightfisted
- library:** (n) program library, collection, depository library, atheneum, athenaeum, room, repository, series, public library, study, subroutine library
- lieutenant:** (n) captain, assistant, vicegerent, help, helper, first lieutenant, commodore, chancellor, commander, levetenant, delegate
- life:** (adj, n) animation; (n) energy, spirit, activity, dash, enthusiasm, being, biography, existence, exuberance, live. ANTONYMS: (n) death, apathy, extinction, nonexistence, lifelessness
- lifetime:** (n) life, life span, lifespan, life expectancy, generation, hour, decade, day, time, animation; (adj) lifelong
- lifted:** (adj) raised, elevated, lift, lofty, upraised, steep
- lights:** (n) illumination, burn, lung, spacing material
- liked:** (adj) popular, loved, favorite, preferred. ANTONYM: (adj) disliked
- likelihood:** (n) chance, odds, probability, eventuality, expectation, likeliness, prospect, expectancy, verisimilitude, appearance, option. ANTONYM: (n) improbability
- likes:** (n) kind, sort, type
- line:** (n) cord, house, course, family, lineage, breed, field, ancestry, row; (adj, n) file; (n, v) order
- linen:** (n) fabric, flax, lingerie, doily, doyley, doyley, cambric, underwear, underclothes, hemp; (v) muslin
- lining:** (n) liner, backing, bushing, insulation, covering, coating, bearing lining, babbitting, inside, protection, cladding
- lips:** (n) lip, inlet, logical inference per second, chops, porch, portal, portico, propylon, snout, door, orifice
- list:** (n) catalogue, catalog, inclination, index, calendar, enumeration; (n, v) file, tilt, schedule; (v) enter, itemize
- listen:** (v) hear, heed, harken, attend, harken, list, listening, eavesdrop, mind, concentrate, pay attention
- listening:** (v) listen, hear, obey; (n) auscultation, perception, sensing, audition, audience, earshot, auditory modality; (adj) attentive
- lists:** (n) circus, Flavian amphitheater, cockpit, Corso, hippodrome, gymnasium, bear garden, playground, race course, turf, palestra
- literature:** (n) letters, science, writing, belles lettres, letter, printed matter, muses, novel, polite literature, republic of letters, profession
- little:** (adj, adv) small; (adj) diminutive, insignificant, short, tiny, some, brief, petty, minute, exiguous; (adv) rather. ANTONYMS: (adj) enormous, large, important, huge, high, giant, older, old, tall; (adv) frequently, well
- live:** (adj) alive, living; (adj, v) reside, active, dwell, stay; (n, v) subsist; (v) exist, be, abide, endure. ANTONYMS: (adj) inanimate, inactive, silent, dummy, blank, recorded; (v) die, perish, expire
- lives:** (n) life, living, estate, existence, earnest living
- living:** (adj) alive, live, extant, animated, active, fresh, animate, quick; (n) livelihood, life, being. ANTONYMS: (adj) inanimate; (n) death, leisure
- load:** (adj, n, v) charge, fill; (n) cargo, freight, weight, consignment; (n, v) stack, heap, pack, pile; (v) encumber. ANTONYMS: (v) unpack, remove, eject, relieve, empty, alleviate; (n) lightness
- loathe:** (v) detest, hate, abominate, execrate, despise, loathing, dislike, disgust, disdain, contempt, nauseate. ANTONYMS: (v) like, admire, adore
- locality:** (n) vicinity, area, place, spot, position, district, point, region, stead, section; (n, v) quarter
- lock:** (n, v) bar, hug; (v) close, latch, fasten, engage, hold; (adj, n) hair; (n) curl, padlock, hook. ANTONYMS: (v) open, undo, disengage, flex; (n) key; (adv) partially, partly
- London:** (n) British capital, jack London, John Griffith Chaney, Greater London, capital of the

- united kingdom
- long:** (v) yearn, desire, hanker, languish, ache, wish; (adj, n) extensive; (n, v) hunger; (adj) extended, lengthy; (n) length. ANTONYMS: (adj) short, brief, concise
- longer:** (adj) longest, better, lengest; (adv) farther; (n) yearner, thirster
- look:** (n, v) gaze, aspect, figure; (adj, v) seem; (v) appear, expect; (n) appearance, expression, view, glance, guise. ANTONYMS: (v) back, study; (n) perusal
- looking:** (n) face, sensing, aspect, approximation, appearance, watching, outlook; (v) look at, examine; (adv) about; (adj) superficial
- looks:** (n) aspect, countenance, expression, manner, complexion, fashion, costume, garb
- lord:** (n) chief, king, noble, sir, duke, master, God, seignior, nobility, Mister, potentate. ANTONYM: (n) lady
- lorgnette:** (n) glass, eyeglasses, spectacles, specs, telescope, glasses
- lose:** (v) drop, forfeit, mislay, miss, sacrifice, fall behind, fail, to lose, forget, clear, hurt. ANTONYMS: (v) find, secure, recover, earn, obtain, acquire, get, win, beat, keep, succeed
- loss:** (adj, n) detriment, damage, injury, harm; (n) defeat, deprivation, deficit, destruction, forfeit, forfeiture, bereavement. ANTONYMS: (n) retrieval, appearance, victory, recovery, gaining, income, gain, accumulation, win, benefit, fortune
- lost:** (adj, v) forlorn, extinct, gone, missing, helpless; (adj) hopeless, bewildered, forgotten, disoriented, broken; (n) loss. ANTONYMS: (adj) present, found, existing, won, saved, aware
- lots:** (adj, n) plenty, heaps; (adj) a lot, galore; (n) many, scores, scads, oodles, much, masses; (adv) a great deal. ANTONYM: (n) few
- loudly:** (adv) vociferously, noisily, loud, clamorously, showily, strongly, flamboyantly, obstreperously, luridly, boisterously; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, thinly, silently, piano, pleasantly
- love:** (n) desire, fondness, affection, dear, liking, benevolence, charity, honey, devotion; (v) enjoy; (n, v) worship. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dislike; (n) abhorrence, hatred, aversion, detestation, detachment, indifference; (v) abhor; (adv) roughly
- loved:** (adj) beloved, pet, cherished, precious, liked, adored, respected, treasured, esteemed, valued; (n) darling. ANTONYM: (adj) hated
- loving:** (adj) fond, devoted, amorous, kind, friendly, ardent, attached, admiring, gentle, fatherly; (adj, v) tender. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, uncaring, malicious, cruel, unloving, rough, paternal, indifferent, distant, disapproving, callous
- lower:** (adj, v) debase, frown, abase, scowl; (adj, n, v) degrade, diminish, humble; (v) dip, drop, cut; (adj, n) inferior. ANTONYMS: (v) raise, improve, glorify, augment, straighten, upgrade, uplift; (adj) higher, senior, over, superior
- luggage:** (n) baggage, bag, gear, grip, thing, goods, stuff, things, trunk, suitcase, pack
- lumps:** (n) repulse, deserts, due, grit, punishment
- luxuriously:** (adv) richly, sumptuously, extravagantly, opulently, magnificently, voluptuously, lushly, lavishly, palatially, sensually, gorgeously. ANTONYMS: (adv) meagerly, cheaply, simply
- luxury:** (n) comfort, luxuriousness, extravagance, opulence, wealth; (adj, n) delicacy, gratification, elegance; (adj) luxurious, deluxe, indulgence. ANTONYMS: (n) paucity, necessity, poverty, filth, discomfort, bareness, shabbiness; (adj) basic, inferior, cheap, Spartan
- machinations:** (n) intrigues
- madam:** (n) dame, lady, ma'am, gentlewoman, missis, Mrs, brothel keeper, madames, signora, female, bawd
- maid:** (n) damsel, chambermaid, lass, lassie, girl, domestic, amah, virgin, maiden, housemaid, handmaid
- majestic:** (adj) grand, awesome, stately, imperial, royal, exalted, glorious, kingly, August; (adj, v) imposing; (adj, adv) regal. ANTONYMS: (adj) pathetic, pitiful, modest, lowly, undignified
- making:** (n) creation, construction, production, fabrication, manufacture, cartography, devising, fashioning, manufacturing, formation; (v) to make. ANTONYMS: (n) undoing, destruction
- male:** (n) fellow, boy, chap, guy, man, lad, gent; (adj) masculine, manly, virile, manlike. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) female; (n) woman; (adj) feminine, androgynous
- mamma:** (n) breast, mother, ma, knocker, boob, mum, mammy, mom, mamma, mommy, mummy
- manage:** (n, v) direct, govern, guide; (v) do, administer, cope, accomplish, deal, work, arrange, lead. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, lose, bungle
- manager:** (n) head, executive, coach, leader, administrator, superior, boss, governor, supervisor, chief, handler. ANTONYMS: (n) worker, inferior, subordinate
- mania:** (n) passion, craze, delirium, fad, fury, enthusiasm, rage, obsession; (adj, n) insanity, lunacy, madness
- manna:** (n) honey, nutrient, sap, godsend, miraculous food, treacle, syrup, sugar, molasses, bonanza, boom
- manner:** (adj, n) kind; (n) bearing, demeanor, method, form, appearance, carriage, way; (n, v) custom, style, habit
- manners:** (n) conduct, etiquette, propriety, behavior, deportment, manner, courtesy, custom, decorum, good manners, usage. ANTONYM: (n) vulgarity
- manor:** (n) land, mansion, manor house, castle, hall, residence, estate, seignior, demesne, manse, dominion
- manuscript:** (n, v) writing; (n) book, handwriting, record, copy, text, document, Ms, holograph, transcript, palimpsest
- march:** (n, v) hike, parade, trek, ramble, journey, tramp, course; (n) demonstration; (v) process, pace, stride
- marechal:** (n) field marshal
- market:** (n) fair, emporium, marketplace, bazaar, grocery store; (n, v) shop, trade; (v) demand, sell, commercialize, exchange
- marriage:** (adj, n) bridal, nuptial; (n) matrimony, espousal, union, wedlock, intermarriage, alliance, coupling; (n, v) match; (v) marry. ANTONYM: (n) separation
- marriages:** (n) marriage, matrimony
- married:** (adj) wedded, conjugal, matrimonial, connubial, nuptial, united, mixed, connected, marrying,

- attached, unite. ANTONYMS: (adj) unmarried, unattached, divorced, public
- marry:** (n, v) wed, espouse; (v) get married, link, conjoin, wive, splice, tie, unite, couple; (n) marriage. ANTONYMS: (v) divorce, separate, split
- marrying:** (adj) married
- marvellous:** (adj) fantastic, extraordinary, terrific, tremendous, wondrous, marvelous, wonderful, tall, miraculous, improbable, thumping
- mary:** (n) Elizabeth, Virgin Mary, Blessed Virgin, bloody shame, Madonna Louise Ciccone, the Virgin; (int) marry
- mask:** (n, v) cover, veil, hide, conceal, disguise, screen, camouflage; (v) dissemble; (n) guise, blind, curtain. ANTONYMS: (v) unmask, enhance, reinforce, reveal, expose, amplify
- matrimony:** (n) wedding, union, marriage ceremony, nuptials, endogamy, bigamy, intermixture, alloyage, exogamy, intermarriage; (n, v) wedlock
- matter:** (n) business, substance, issue, material, affair, concern, incident, article, subject; (n, v) case; (adj, n) import
- matters:** (n) affairs, materials, dealings, proceedings
- maturity:** (n) matureness, adulthood, perfection, due date, majority, development, age, readiness, prime, state, culture. ANTONYMS: (n) childhood, youth, immaturity, childishness, infancy, coarseness, decrease, inexperience
- meals:** (n) nourishment, fare, food, meal, the food we eat, provisions
- mean:** (adj, n) middle, low, contemptible, average, medium, common; (v) design; (n, v) imply, denote; (adj) ignoble, hateful. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, kind, extravagant, charitable, luxurious, rich, expansive, extreme, great; (n) maximum, minimum
- meaning:** (n) intent, gist, implication, design, essence, consequence, significance, content, intention, connotation, aim. ANTONYM: (n) triviality
- means:** (n) instrument, agency, income, assets, manner, funds, capital, channel, property, resource, resources. ANTONYM: (n) poverty
- meant:** (adj) destined, implied, sincere, preordained, intentional, predestined; (v) intend, designate
- measles:** (n) morbilli, rubeola, rubella, leprosy, contagion, contagious disease; (adj) polio, mumps
- medical:** (adj) aesculapian, medicinal, medic, therapeutic, remedial; (n) checkup, health check, examination, scrutiny, healing; (adv) medically. ANTONYMS: (adj) surgical, theoretical
- meditative:** (adj, v) thoughtful, pensive; (adj) wistful, reflective, broody, museful, ruminative, musing, brooding; (v) philosophical, sedate
- meet:** (v) find, converge, assemble, gather, fulfill, congregate, answer, cross, confront, intersect; (adv, v) encounter. ANTONYMS: (v) diverge, disperse, separate, part, leave, differ, disband
- meeting:** (n) confluence, convention, concourse, assembly, conference, congress, council, meet, caucus, appointment, junction. ANTONYMS: (n) parting, trough
- melancholy:** (adj, v) dreary; (adj, n) gloom, melancholic; (adj) depressed, dejected, dismal, gloomy, doleful; (n, v) low spirits; (n) gloominess, depression. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, cheerfulness, hopefulness, optimism; (adj) happy, bright, cheery, satisfied
- melodramatic:** (adj) theatrical, histrionic, sensational, exaggerated, overemotional, affected, buskined, comic, farcical, melodramatics, operatic. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, natural, quiet, restrained
- member:** (n) limb, supporter, extremity, portion, phallus, personnel, appendage, employee, section, fellow, constituent. ANTONYMS: (n) nonmember, observer, skeptic, whole, opponent
- memories:** (n) recollections, reminiscences, nostalgia, memento Mori
- memory:** (n) memento, reminiscence, remembrance, recollection, recall, commemoration, anamnesis, storage, retrospect; (adj, n) posthumous fame; (v) mind
- mental:** (adj) ideal, psychic, inner, subjective, spiritual, psychical, psychological, insane, genial, cerebral, psychotic. ANTONYMS: (adj) physical, bodily, sane
- mention:** (n, v) comment, name, remark, call, hint; (v) cite, observe, commend; (n) allusion, citation, reference. ANTONYM: (v) conceal
- mentioned:** (adj) spoken
- mercenary:** (adj, n) hiring; (adj, v) sordid; (adj) mercantile, materialistic, covetous, commercial, greedy, venal, avaricious, selfish; (v) illiberal. ANTONYMS: (adj) altruistic, philanthropic
- merely:** (adj, adv) only, barely, purely, simply, exclusively; (adv) but, absolutely, entirely, simply, completely, unmixedly. ANTONYM: (adv) intensely
- merriment:** (n) fun, amusement, cheerfulness, hilarity, glee, jollity, frolic, gaiety, happiness, festivity; (adj, n) mirth. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, gloom, seriousness, despondency, boredom
- metallic:** (adj) metal, harsh, metalline, metallics, hard, basic, actual, absolute, certain, chalybeate, clearly expressed. ANTONYM: (adj) soft
- metaphor:** (n) figure of speech, analogy, parable, simile, image, trope, figure, fable, comparison, symbol, metonymy
- metaphorically:** (adv) allegorically, symbolically, tralatitiously, tropically, parabolically, parabolically, symbolically, typically
- metaphysical:** (adj) theoretical, supernatural, mental, immaterial, mystical, nooscopic, abstract, metaphysical, subjective, unworldly, theological. ANTONYM: (adj) empirical
- metropolitan:** (adj) municipal, civic, town, public, community; (n) occupier, occupant, primate, archbishop, city slicker, metropolite. ANTONYMS: (adj) country, private
- midnight:** (n) dark, noon, hour
- might:** (n) power, energy, ability, influence, strength, puissance, vehemence, intensity; (v) may, can, could. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, feebleness, meekness
- military:** (n) armed forces, force, army, troop, personnel; (adj) militant, warlike, soldierly, militaristic, armed, combatant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unmilitary, unarmed
- mind:** (n, v) intellect, notice, regard; (v) care, look, attend, beware, keep, listen, look after; (n) disposition. ANTONYMS: (v) forget, neglect, disregard, disobey, Miss, ignore; (n) emotion, inattention; (adj) physical
- mine:** (adj, v) excavate, sap; (n)

excavation, pit, fund, land mine, vein; (v) exploit, burrow; (adj) my, delve

minor: (adj) little, lower, insignificant, junior, small, lesser, slight, petty; (adj, n) inferior; (n) child, juvenile. ANTONYMS: (adj) significant, important, overriding, leading, superseding, main, fundamental, chief, basic, serious; (adj, n) senior

minutes: (n) record, transactions, records, memorandum, journal, minute, report, proceeding, legal proceeding, judicial proceeding, Hansard

misanthrope: (n) misanthropist, cynic, pessimist, skeptic, misogynist, misanthropos, Timon, grump, man hater, hermit, egotist

misconception: (n) misapprehension, error, mistake, fallacy, delusion, illusion, mirage, fantasy, fancy, misinterpretation, paralogism. ANTONYMS: (n) concept, fact

misfortune: (n) accident, hardship, misadventure, disaster, calamity, mischance, catastrophe, mishap, bad luck, misery, affliction.

ANTONYMS: (n) joy, bonus, opportunity, privilege, success, happiness

mislaid: (adj) misplaced, absent, disordered, gone astray, not there, missing, lost temporarily.

ANTONYM: (adj) found

miss: (v) lose, fail, jump, omit, overlook, long, forget; (n) maid, girl; (adj, v) fault; (n, v) want.

ANTONYMS: (v) perceive, attend, achieve, have, succeed, hit, make, see, find, take; (n) success

missed: (adj) lost, irretrievable, incomprehensible, bemused, confounded, befuddled, baffled, disoriented, helpless, at sea, bewildered

mission: (n) job, delegation, deputation, goal, legation, assignment, duty, charge, chore, errand, task

mistake: (n, v) miss, blunder, err, slip; (n) failure, error, misconception, misapprehension, defect, demerit; (v) misapprehend.

ANTONYMS: (v) appreciate, distinguish, interpret

misunderstanding: (n) misapprehension, disagreement, misconception, misinterpretation, error, misconstruction, dispute, quarrel, mistaking; (n, v) dissension,

difference. ANTONYMS: (n) harmony, fact, agreement, understanding

modern: (adj) new, fashionable, late, advanced, current, latest, recent, novel, present, contemporary, stylish. ANTONYMS: (adj) ancient, antiquated, traditional, prehistoric, conservative, neurotic, primordial, past, stale, dated

moment: (n, v) consequence, weight; (adj, n) instant; (n) flash, jiffy, minute, import, second, time, bit, hour. ANTONYMS: (n) inconsequence, age, triviality

momentary: (adj) brief, fugitive, transient, short, instantaneous, ephemeral, passing, momentaneous, temporary, impermanent, temporal. ANTONYMS: (adj) lasting, lengthy, long

monday: (n) Sunday, Whitmonday
money: (n) currency, capital, kale, funds, means, lucre, assets, legal tender, pelf, cash, dough

monster: (n) beast, fiend, devil, freak, brute, demon, ogre, leviathan, behemoth, monstrosity; (adj) huge

monthly: (adj) menstrual, mensal, periodic; (adv) each month, every month, month by month; (n) magazine, periodical, journal, series, review

mood: (adj, n) humor, frame of mind; (n) atmosphere, climate, disposition, attitude, air, feeling, mode, temper, temperament

moral: (n) lesson, meaning; (adj) good, decent, right, honest, virtuous, proper, chaste, upright, righteous.

ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, unwholesome, unethical, amoral, decadent, wrong, unjust, sinful, irreverent, dishonorable, degenerate

morbid: (adj) diseased, gruesome, macabre, corrupt, pathologic, unwholesome, peccant, sick, unhealthy, pathological; (adj, v) sickly

morbidity: (n) deadliness, mortality, lethality, jejunity, deathrate, disease, toxicity, putrescence, death rate, mortality rate; (adj) morbosity.

ANTONYM: (n) wholesomeness
morning: (n) dawn, sunrise, morn, forenoon, daylight, first light, am, dayspring, aurora, cockcrow, dawning. ANTONYMS: (n) sunset, nighttime, nightfall

mother: (n) mamma, mommy, origin, mama, ma, mammy, mummy; (n, v) father; (v) engender, generate, beget

mourning: (n) lament, lamentation, bereavement, gloom, woe, memorial, sorrowfulness, sadness, sorrow; (adj) grieving; (v) lamenting

move: (v) excite, go, affect, carry, touch, instigate, travel; (n, v) act, drive, transfer, maneuver.

ANTONYMS: (v) stay, restore, refrain, remain, rest, withdraw, stop, repel, come, leave

movement: (n) move, action, campaign, crusade, activity, advancement, cause, passage, drive, drift, flow. ANTONYMS: (n) stillness, inertia, motionlessness, inactivity, retreat

moving: (adj) affecting, exciting, emotional, impressive, mobile, pitiful, poignant, touching; (n) movement, motive, transport. ANTONYMS: (adj) motionless, depressing, stationary, unemotional, fixed, unmoving, everyday, immobile, nonmoving, ridiculous, boring

muffin: (n) gem, cake, jewel, gemstone, English muffin, bran muffin, corn muffin

music: (n) melody, chorus, musical, sound, composition, monody, folk music, medicine, euphony, drumming, ballet

myself: (pron) me, itself, herself, oneself, themselves, yourself; (n) I, yourselves; (adv) in person, for myself, in my opinion.

ANTONYMS: (adv) universally, generally

myth: (n) fable, story, fairy tale, tale, allegory, fiction, figment, fabrication, folk tale, tradition, maggot. ANTONYMS: (n) fact, truth

name: (v) appoint, describe, baptize, list, enumerate, identify, cite, mention; (n, v) title, entitle; (n) epithet. ANTONYMS: (n) nobody, indelicacy

names: (n) calumny, defamation, hatchet job

natural: (adj) inherent, innate, unaffected, instinctive, artless, congenital, inborn, normal, intrinsic, essential, native. ANTONYMS: (adj) affected, refined, false, cultivated, unnatural, paranormal, supernatural, abnormal, forced, exceptional, strained

naturally: (adv, int) of course; (adv) spontaneously, unaffectedly, natively, openly, essentially, course, by nature, understandably, normally; (adj, adv) innately.

- ANTONYMS: (adv) artificially, surprisingly, uncharacteristically, pretentiously, unusually, abnormally, affectedly, shyly
- nature:** (n) disposition, essence, quality, creation, breed, temperament, type, attribute; (adj, n) character, class, manner
- nearer:** (adj) adjacent, narre, hither; (adv) more rapidly, sooner, quicker, nigher, NER, faster, earlier, Neer
- nearly:** (adv) closely, intimately, nightly, virtually; (adj, adv, prep) about, just about; (adj, adv) near, all but, close, most; (adv, prep) approximately
- necessary:** (adj, n, v) requisite; (adj, v) important; (adj) inevitable, compulsory, mandatory, fundamental, main, indispensable; (n) necessity, demand; (adj, n) basic. ANTONYMS: (adj) optional, surplus, needless, unjustified, dispensable, possible, unimportant, voluntary, nonessential, inappropriate; (n) inessential
- need:** (adj, n, v) lack, want; (n, v) demand, desire, deficiency, must, destitution; (n) necessity, requirement; (v) require, claim. ANTONYMS: (v) obviate, dislike, have; (n) option, luxury, glut, unimportance, affluence, prosperity
- neglect:** (n, v) disregard, slight, default; (v) ignore, fail, overlook, miss, forget, drop; (n) carelessness, omission. ANTONYMS: (n) development, surveillance, caution, affection, cherish; (v) do, protect, complete, remember, heed; (n, v) care
- neighbourhood:** (n) neighborhood, adjacency, locality, near, nearness, proximity, place, community, street, vicinity, nearby
- neighbours:** (n) neighborhood
- neither:** (conj) either, no-one, not either, nor, no other
- nephew:** (n) aunt, grandnephew, brother's son, niece, cousin, uncle, kinsman
- nervous:** (adj) anxious, excitable, afraid, uneasy, shy, fearful, apprehensive, firm; (adj, v) tense; (adj, adv) cowardly, excited. ANTONYMS: (adj) brave, relaxed, bold, composed, confident, fearless, untroubled, unflappable, still, unconcerned, carefree
- nervously:** (adv) edgily, anxiously, timidly, worriedly, uneasily, restlessly, timorously, skittishly, excitedly, neurotically, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (adv) confidently, boldly, fearlessly, unconcernedly, nonchalantly, trustingly
- never:** (adv) ne'er, Nevers, always, not ever, by no means, at all times, not at all, not, NE. ANTONYMS: (adv) always, forever
- news:** (n) advice, message, information, intelligence, tidings, story, report, notice, communication, gossip; (adj) new
- newspaper:** (n) magazine, paper, gazette, news, periodical, print, publisher, press, publication, newsprint, weekly
- newspapers:** (n) press, papers, the media, journalists, reporters
- next:** (adj) nearest, adjacent, contiguous, following, future, coming, ensuing, after; (adv, conj) then, afterward; (adj, v) subsequent. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) previous, previously, preceding; (adj) outgoing, distant; (adv) before
- nice:** (adj) fastidious, dainty, fine, good, lovely, kind, likable, delicious, difficult, precise; (adj, n) neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) horrible, nasty, unlikable, rough, mean, loathsome, approximate, unsavory, unfriendly, inelegant, bad
- nigh:** (adj, adv, prep) near; (adj, adv) close, nearly, almost, nearby, most, all but, about, adjacent; (prep) by; (adj) approximate
- night:** (n) dark, dusk, darkness, gloaming, twilight, nighttime, Nox, eventide, period; (adj) nocturnal, gloomy. ANTONYMS: (n) day, light, sunrise
- noble:** (adj, n) grand, glorious, patrician; (adj) imposing, impressive, elevated, majestic, generous, high; (adj, v) dignified, great. ANTONYMS: (adj) shameful, humble, dishonorable, lowly, lowborn, disgraceful, unimpressive, ignoble, modest, petty; (n) lady
- nobody:** (n) cipher, naught, zero, nil, nothing, nonentity, cypher, zip, whippersnapper, none; (n, pron) no one. ANTONYMS: (n) celebrity, notable, somebody; (pron) everyone, anyone, everybody
- noise:** (n, v) clatter, echo; (n) clamor, hubbub, racket, sound, disturbance, uproar, din, buzz, clang. ANTONYMS: (n) silence, quiet, quietness, sense
- none:** (n) nought, naught, nobody, zilch, anything; (adv) not, neither, any; (adj) whatsoever, no, whatever
- nonsense:** (n) bosh, absurdity, humbug, balderdash, foolishness, drivel, folderol, baloney, falderal, jargon, claptrap. ANTONYMS: (n) sense, wisdom, substance, fact
- note:** (n, v) comment, mind, remark, mention, heed, mark, look, report; (n) indication, annotation; (v) detect. ANTONYMS: (v) disregard; (n) disgrace, invoice
- nothing:** (adv, n) naught; (adj, n) nil, null; (n) nobody, cipher, nihil, nonentity, trifle, nix, aught, cypher. ANTONYMS: (pron) anything, everything, some; (n) all
- notice:** (n, v) note, mind, regard; (n) advertisement, information, declaration, attention; (adj, v) look, attend; (v) find, detect. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, overlook, Miss; (n) ignorance, inattention, appointment, unconsciousness
- noticing:** (n) observation, look; (adj) conscious
- notorious:** (adj, v) notable; (adj) known, infamous, illustrious, disreputable, flagrant, egregious, prominent, celebrated, noted; (adj, n) errant. ANTONYMS: (adj) anonymous, reputable, famous
- novel:** (adj) fresh, curious, modern, unprecedented, different, original, newfangled, recent, strange; (n) fiction, romance. ANTONYMS: (adj) traditional, hackneyed, stale, unoriginal, familiar
- nowadays:** (adv) currently, presently, at present, at the moment, immediately; (adv, n) today; (adj, n) present; (n) moment, modern times, these days, nonce. ANTONYMS: (adv) formerly, then
- nuisance:** (adj, n) annoyance; (n) harassment, irritation, pain, pest, hassle, inconvenience, mischief, irritant, plague, pain in the neck. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, help, delight, blessing, balm, advantage, satisfaction, ease
- number:** (n, v) amount, figure; (v) calculate, total, aggregate, enumerate, come; (n) score, act, volume, issue
- object:** (n) cause, intent, meaning, mark, subject, objective, substance; (n, v) aim, end, intention; (v) except. ANTONYMS: (v) agree, approve, praise; (n) notion
- objection:** (n) dissent, complaint, grievance, exception, gripe,

- disagreement, outcry, difficulty, expostulation, disapproval, criticism. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, agreement, praise, acceptance
- obliged:** (adj) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable, compelled; (adj, v) bound, under obligation; (adj, prep) indebted; (v) oblige, binding. ANTONYM: (adj) ungrateful
- observance:** (adj, n) observance; (n) remark, comment, attention, contemplation, perception, conception; (n, v) inspection, notice, note, consideration. ANTONYMS: (n) disregard, omission, neglect
- observed:** (adj) ascertained, empirical, discovered, viewed, experimental, experiential, determined, visual, disclosed
- obtained:** (adj) fulfilled, derivative
- obvious:** (adj, v) clear; (adj) distinct, conspicuous, open, evident, flagrant, glaring, blatant, discernible; (adj, adv) apparent, manifest. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconspicuous, obscure, unclear, undetectable, hidden, imperceptible, slight, subtle, concealed, unobvious, furtive
- obviously:** (adv) clearly, patently, plainly, openly, apparently, manifestly, markedly, transparently, naturally, distinctly, prominently. ANTONYMS: (adv) imperceptibly, inconspicuously, secretly, ambiguously, covertly, furtively, unclearly, invisibly, questionably, surprisingly
- occasion:** (n, v) cause; (n) case, event, juncture, episode, incident; (v) bring about, create, beget, make, induce
- occasionally:** (adv) now and then, from time to time, accidentally, every so often, now and again, sometimes, irregularly, uncommonly, casually, every now and then, fortuitously. ANTONYMS: (adv) regularly, usually, often, recurrently, constantly
- occupation:** (n) occupancy, business, craft, calling, job, place, vocation, career, function, line; (n, v) affair. ANTONYM: (n) surrender
- occur:** (v) happen, come, fall, befall, betide, chance, be, materialize, develop, come up, appear. ANTONYM: (v) disappear
- o'clock:** (n) period, hours
- offend:** (v) irritate, affront, insult, contravene, injure, disgust, infringe, displease, abuse, wound, anger. ANTONYMS: (v) please, delight, praise, attract
- offer:** (v) give, bestow, put, tender, extend, impart, introduce, advance, propose; (n) proposal, proposition. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, withhold, take
- offering:** (n, v) gift, grant; (n) oblation, contribution, donation, presentation, offer, present, endowment, gratuity, bestowal
- often:** (adj, adv) oft; (adv) much, again and again, repeatedly, oftentimes, oftentimes, many times, always, commonly, again; (adj) frequent. ANTONYMS: (adv) seldom, infrequently, never
- older:** (adj) old, aged, elderly, ancient, adult, earlier, big, preceding, former, oldest; (adj, n) senior. ANTONYMS: (adj) younger, immature, youthful, present, young
- old-fashioned:** (adj) obsolete, antiquated, archaic, outmoded, outdated, ancient, old, musty, corny, behind the times, superannuated
- omit:** (adv, v) neglect, disregard; (adj, v) miss, skip, jump, pretermit; (v) delete, forget, exclude, except, leave. ANTONYMS: (v) add, remember
- omnibus:** (n, v) bus, autobus; (n) motorbus, coach, charabanc, collection, anthology, compilation, jitney, car, motorcoach
- once:** (adv, n) formerly; (adv) before, ever, previously, one time, at one time, already, erst; (adj, adv) erstwhile; (adj) former; (n) whilom. ANTONYM: (adv) future
- oneself:** (n) herself, himself, themselves, personal, private, selfness, self, yourself, me, person, own
- open:** (adj, n) frank, candid; (adj, n, v) clear; (adj) obvious, exposed, artless, free, honest, guileless, forthright, naked. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) shut; (v) close, end; (adj) devious, secretive, concealed, furtive, restricted, limited, reserved, secret
- openly:** (adv) frankly, publicly, clearly, candidly, directly, straightforwardly, evidently, publically, plainly, outspokenly; (adj, adv) manifestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) furtively, secretly, clandestinely, mysteriously, ambiguously, reticently, covertly, discreetly, affectedly, craftily, deceitfully
- opera:** (n) opera house, bouffe, drama, or movie script, opera bouffe, operetta, theater, script, dramatic work, dramatic composition, theatre
- opinion:** (adj, n, v) judgment, feeling, notion; (n) idea, belief, conjecture, advice, guess, impression, view; (n, v) meaning
- opportunity:** (n) chance, opening, luck, occasion, crack, room, event, time, circumstance, shot, alternative. ANTONYMS: (n) past, disaster
- ordeal:** (n) trial, suffering, experience, martyrdom, affliction, test, tribulation, misery, trouble, water-ordeal, distress. ANTONYM: (n) pleasure
- order:** (n, v) command, direct, decree, dictate, sort, rank, array, commission, charge; (n) instruction, edict. ANTONYMS: (n, v) request; (n) mayhem, confusion, chaos, mess, anarchy, disorderliness, disarray; (v) disturb, deregulate, supply
- ordered:** (adj) regular, arranged, methodical, trim, orderly, lawful, logical, consistent, coherent, commanded, organized. ANTONYMS: (adj) disordered, disarranged, inconsistent
- orders:** (n) holy orders, information, preparation, remit, briefing, guidelines
- ordinary:** (adj, n, v) customary, usual; (adj) middling, mediocre, average, normal, everyday; (adj, n) familiar, accustomed, habitual; (adj, v) general. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, strange, peculiar, outstanding, incredible, special, famous, distinguished, abnormal, particular, exotic
- origin:** (n, v) lineage; (n) birth, beginning, descent, base, source, well, commencement, extraction, derivation, foundation. ANTONYMS: (n) demise, conclusion, culmination, effect
- originally:** (adv) primitively, in the beginning, formerly, inventively, creatively, initially, firstly, at first, primordially, primevally, fundamentally. ANTONYMS: (adv) finally, lastly, unimaginatively
- ostentatiously:** (adv) pretentiously, pompously, flamboyantly, gaudily, haughtily, flashily, arrogantly, extravagantly, loudly, conspicuously, grandiosely. ANTONYM: (adv) humbly
- others:** (n) rest, cessation, lie, lave, LAN, ease, acquiesce, intermission

outfit: (n, v) dress, gear, garb, attire, apparel; (n) kit, costume, company, ensemble; (v) furnish, equip

outlying: (adj) faraway, remote, far, outer, isolated, outdoor, outward, exterior, peripheral, outstanding, secluded. ANTONYMS: (adj) central, metropolitan, nearby, neighboring

outrage: (n, v) insult, affront, dishonor, anger; (v) offend, violate, desecrate; (adj, n, v) abuse; (n) atrocity, indignity, enormity

overhead: (adv) aloft, on high, over, up, high up; (n) expense, ceiling, budget items, command processing overhead, operating cost; (adj) upper. ANTONYM: (adj) surface

overlook: (v) disregard, excuse, omit, ignore, forget, fail, command, dominate, oversee, control, miss. ANTONYMS: (v) remember, notice, spot, acknowledge, see, accept, punish

pack: (n, v) crowd, bundle, bunch, load; (n) herd, company, bevy, batch; (v) heap, compress, jam. ANTONYMS: (v) unpack, unload, disperse, empty, loosen

pagan: (adj, n) gentile, ethnic, agnostic; (n) idolater, infidel, paynim, heretic; (adj) heathenish, irreligious, ethnical, profane

page: (n) footboy, waiter, attendant, boy, note, bellhop, pageboy, folio, varlet; (v) paginate, summon

pain: (n, v) hurt, afflict, ache, bother, torment, trouble, grieve, anguish; (n) ill, agony, nuisance. ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, cheer; (n) joy, peace, content, balm, ecstasy

painful: (adj) hard, difficult, sharp, harrowing, grievous, afflictive, bad, irritating; (adj, v) distressing, harsh, bitter. ANTONYMS: (adj) content, heartwarming, soothing, comfortable, bearable, agreeable, effortless, dull, slight, wonderful, happy

painfully: (adv) sorely, grievously, distressingly, severely, tenderly, badly, agonizingly, laboriously, sadly, bitterly, poignantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) easily, tolerably

pains: (n) nisis, labor, trouble, effort, exertion, labour, pain, care, struggle, attempt, strain

pale: (adj) faint, wan, dull, weak, light, bloodless, pallid; (adj, v) dim; (n) boundary, confine; (v) blanch. ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, rosy, brown, well, glowing, vivid,

healthy, clear, colorful; (v) redden, darken

papa: (n) father, pa, daddy, Dada, sire, pappa, pop, old man, paterfamilias, cardinal, high priest

papers: (n) paper, documents, document, credentials, identification, newspaper, credential, inclosure, copyright, confession, charter

parasol: (n) sunshade, canopy, awning, umbrella, marquee, beach umbrella, shade, cover, tilt, tent

parcel: (n) bale, pack, bundle, package, packet, section, division, batch; (n, v) portion; (v) distribute, apportion

pardon: (v) excuse, condone, forgive, acquit, spare; (n) amnesty, forgiveness, grace; (adj, v) justify, exonerate, exculpate. ANTONYMS: (n, v) blame; (v) punish, castigate, condemn, convict; (n) intolerance

parent: (n, v) father; (n) mother, begetter, ancestor, origin, genitor, source; (v) foster, rear, nurture, bring up

paris: (n) genus Paris, French capital, City of Light, capital of France

parish: (n) community, congregation, county, region, province, township, borough, church, grazing land, area, arrondissement

park: (v) deposit, locate, set, place, put; (n) parking lot, common, parkland, green, arena, orchard

part: (adj, n) constituent; (n) piece, article, section; (v) break, disjoin, divide, divorce; (n, v) branch, division, character. ANTONYMS: (n) whole, entirety; (v) join, unite, meet, arrive, connect; (adv) wholly

particular: (n) detail, item; (adj) fastidious, fussy, finicky, exact, individual, careful, definite, delicate, detailed. ANTONYMS: (adj) careless, easy, vague, ordinary, collective, generalized, slapdash, universal, strong, normal, indeterminate

particularly: (adj, adv) specially, only; (adv) peculiarly, specifically, individually, expressly, separately, curiously, markedly, unusually, definitely. ANTONYMS: (adv) slightly, generally, vaguely, somewhat, unexceptionally

parting: (n) adieu, division, leave, departure, disunion, goodbye, leaving, segregation, dying, rupture; (adj) valedictory. ANTONYMS: (n) joining, meeting, connection,

Reunion

pass: (adj, n, v) run; (v) flow, give, deliver, lead, happen, overtake, proceed; (adj, v) move; (n, v) offer, live. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, make, take, veto; (n) failing, rejection, exclusion

passionate: (adj, v) ardent, impetuous; (adj) hot, excited, burning, angry, fervent, fierce, animated, earnest; (adj, adv) fiery. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, mild, passionless, unenthusiastic, cold, calm, halfhearted, cool, lukewarm, weak, uninterested

passionately: (adv) fervently, vehemently, violently, fiercely, eagerly, zealously, fervidly, fierily, enthusiastically, heatedly, stormily. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, apathetically, calmly, halfheartedly, impassively, jokingly, gently

past: (n) history, yesterday; (adj, adv, prep) beyond; (adj) former, bygone, old, prior, over, gone by; (adv) before; (adv, pref) along.

ANTONYMS: (adj, n) future, present; (prep) within; (adj) current, contemporary, modern, upcoming, following, subsequent, later; (n) prospect

pathetic: (adj) deplorable, miserable, pitiful, wretched, forlorn, lamentable, tragic, distressing; (adj, v) touching, affecting, sad.

ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, comical, effective, impressive, admirable, spirited, praiseworthy, generous, fine, brilliant, decisive

patronising: (adj) patronizing, condescending, arch, superior

pause: (n, v) halt, interruption, adjournment, delay, respite, stop; (adj, n, v) rest; (n) intermission, gap; (adj, v) discontinue; (v) hesitate.

ANTONYMS: (n) decisiveness, continuation, start; (v) proceed

peace: (adj, n) calm, quiet; (n) harmony, hush, repose, ease, amity, agreement, rest, pacification, order. ANTONYMS: (n) noise, chaos, conflict, uproar, commotion, agitation, war, distress, suffering, disruption, turbulence

peculiarly: (adj, adv) particularly, curiously, unusually, uncommonly, singularly; (adv) especially, oddly, strangely, specifically, weirdly, specially. ANTONYMS: (adv) typically, ordinarily, slightly

pencil: (n) beam, Pleiades, gleam, light, group, cluster; (v) brush,

- draw, design, paint, limn draw
perambulator: (n) baby carriage, carriage, baby buggy, pushchair, pram, stroller, ambler, equipage, ambulator, cart; (v) pedometer
perfect: (adj, n, v) consummate, complete; (adj, n) absolute, full, entire; (adj) exact, utter, thorough, faultless, integral, exquisite. ANTONYMS: (adj) flawed, faulty, wrong, inferior, misshapen, incorrect, defective, used, everyday, unhappy, partial
perfection: (n) maturity, ideal, consummation, paragon, completeness, finish, completion, crown, flawlessness, development, ne plus ultra. ANTONYMS: (n) imperfection, fault, abandonment, ugliness, deterioration
perfectly: (adj, adv) entirely; (adv) fully, thoroughly, consummately, utterly, flawlessly, absolutely, purely, totally, faultlessly, wholly. ANTONYMS: (adv) badly, imperfectly, incorrectly, wrong, inaccurately, partially, partly, poorly, unpleasantly, wrongly
perform: (v) execute, fulfill, accomplish, do, achieve, complete, carry out, behave, make, play, appear. ANTONYMS: (v) omit, rehearse, malfunction, stop
performed: (adj, v) done, finished; (adj) fulfilled
perhaps: (adv) mayhap, perchance, peradventure, possibly, probably, conceivably, by chance, haply, if, presumably; (n) might. ANTONYM: (adv) certainly
period: (n) dot, epoch, era, point, duration, generation, day, conclusion, cycle, length, stage
permanent: (adj, v) lasting, fixed, fast, constant, continuous; (adj) everlasting, eternal, perennial, invariable, enduring, immutable. ANTONYMS: (adj) fleeting, temporary, transitory, provisional, impermanent, brief, superficial, fragile, freelance, ephemeral, mobile
permit: (adj, n, v) give, allow, consent; (adj, v) grant; (n, v) license, leave; (v) admit, let, bear; (n) licence, permission. ANTONYMS: (n, v) ban; (v) prevent, prohibit, stop, refuse, veto, outlaw, disagree, debar, bar; (n) prohibition
permitted: (adj) allowed, permissible, allowable, admissible, lawful, free, approved, legitimate, legal, legalized, venial. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlawful, constrained
persistently: (adv) stubbornly, constantly, continually, firmly, tenaciously, unremittingly, continuously, incessantly, insistently, doggedly, pertinaciously. ANTONYMS: (adv) sporadically, acutely, aimlessly, inconsistently, spasmodically, halfheartedly
person: (n) individual, human, man, mortal, character, soul, human being, being, creature, body; (n, v) party
personification: (n) incarnation, avatar, epitome, personation, prosopopoeia, figure of speech, manifestation, trope; (adj, n) type; (adj) metalepsis, anagoge
persons: (n) folk, public, society, world
pessimist: (adj) croaker, alarmist, pessimistic; (n) cynic, defeatist, skeptic, doomster, wet blanket, sceptic, washout; (v) optimism. ANTONYM: (n) believer
philanthropic: (adj) benevolent, charitable, humanitarian, humane, kind, eleemosynary, generous, beneficent, kindly, munificent, good. ANTONYMS: (adj) selfish, miserly, nasty, mean
phrase: (v) formulate, couch, put, articulate; (n) expression, idiom, diction, speech, passage, locution; (n, v) word
physical: (adj) bodily, actual, tangible, corporeal, carnal, concrete, real, corporal, animal, palpable; (adv) fleshly. ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritual, mental, intangible, cerebral, intellectual, mystical, gentle, unfit, insubstantial, refined, ethereal
piano: (adj) soft, gentle, indulgent, lax; (n) grand piano, pianissimo, softness, upright piano, mechanical piano; (adv) quietly, gently
picking: (n) option, selection, alternative, gathering, collection, choice, harvesting, leavings, collecting, indefinite quantity; (v) choose
picture: (v) describe, draw, imagine, depict; (n, v) photograph, paint, fancy; (n) effigy, drawing, likeness, depiction
pink: (n) rose, crimson, gillyflower, paragon; (v) knock, gore, impale, stab, spike, spear; (adj) flower
pint: (n) dry pint
pity: (n, v) compassion, ruth; (n) mercy, commiseration, condolence, sympathy, clemency, remorse; (v) sympathize, compassionate, feel sorry for. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, cruelty, indifference, harshness, joy
place: (n, v) post, order; (v) fix, lay, arrange, locate, install; (adj, n, v) rank, station; (n) domicile, office. ANTONYMS: (v) remove, divest, lift, dismantle
placed: (adj) situated, laid, set, positioned, arranged, fixed, sited, collocate, determined, dictated, hardened
plain: (adj) ordinary, comprehensible, intelligible, apparent, manifest, obvious, clear, simple; (adj, n) flat, homely, humble. ANTONYMS: (adj) elaborate, unclear, multicolored, mottled, ornate, concealed, attractive, confused, fussy, obscure, patterned
plate: (v) gild, cover, coat; (n, v) sheet, dish, leaf; (n) home plate, home, engraving, lamella, disc
platform: (n) dais, stand, stage, rostrum, quay, pulpit, plan, landing, ambo; (adj, n) floor; (n, v) program
play: (n, v) act, frolic, pastime, game, sport, exercise, joke, bet, wager; (v) enact; (adj, v) perform. ANTONYMS: (n) tightness; (v) avoid, leave, real
playing: (n) personation, pitching, performing, hamming, golfing, byplay, enactment, bowling, playacting, portrayal; (adj) playful
pleasant: (adj) jolly, amiable, agreeable, acceptable, nice, charming, kindly, facetious, joyful, pretty; (adj, v) pleasing. ANTONYMS: (adj) disgusting, horrible, repugnant, nasty, gruesome, unwelcome, harsh, shocking, disagreeable, foul, terrible
please: (v) delight, charm, amuse, entertain, oblige, enchant, enrapture; (adj, v) gratify, enjoy, like; (adj) glad. ANTONYMS: (v) displease, annoy, irritate, anger, distress, sicken, disappoint, dissatisfy, sadden, repel, appall
pleased: (adj) contented, glad, delighted, content, joyful, thankful, gratified, appreciative, overjoyed, cheerful; (adj, v) elated. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, annoyed, angry, worried, ashamed, disappointed, frustrated, sad, unsatisfied, ungrateful, uncomplimentary
pleasure: (n) fun, enjoyment,

- delectation, joy, comfort, happiness, mirth, inclination; (n, v)
 contentment, content; (adj, n, v)
 gratification. ANTONYMS: (n)
 irritation, nuisance, boredom, ache, displeasure, dissatisfaction, misery, pain, sadness, worry, anguish
- pleasures:** (n) pleasure
- pocket:** (v) take, appropriate, steal, lift, catch; (n, v) sack, pouch; (n) cavity, hole, hollow; (adj) digest. ANTONYM: (v) return
- point:** (n, v) grade, head, nib, level, aim, degree; (n) peak, article, dot; (adj, n) edge; (v) direct. ANTONYM: (n) middle
- pointing:** (n) punctuation, indication, scoring
- points:** (n) turnout, handicap, interest, percentage, brownie points, commendation, credit, eight points, share, terms
- police:** (v) guard, watch, patrol; (n) law, constabulary, policeman, bobby, police force, gendarmery, law enforcement, gendarmerie
- polite:** (adj) cultured, gentle, courtly, civil, refined, proper, genteel, kind, attentive, friendly, complaisant. ANTONYMS: (adj) rude, discourteous, boorish, improper, abusive, common, authoritative, disobedient, uncivilized, uncivil, curt
- politely:** (adv) kindly, civilly, respectfully, properly, graciously, urbanely, elegantly, gallantly, genteelly, refinedly, considerately. ANTONYMS: (adv) rudely, brusquely, discourteously, disagreeably
- politeness:** (n) civility, courteousness, courtliness, manners, decorum, gentility, good manners, niceness, refinement, gallantry, decency. ANTONYMS: (n) vulgarity, rudeness, incivility, neglect
- political:** (adj) national, civil, state, government, diplomatic, governmental, supporting, following, cunning
- poor:** (adj) bad, miserable, piteous, destitute, pitiful, insufficient, penniless, pathetic; (adj, v) meager; (adj, n) paltry, mean. ANTONYMS: (adj) wealthy, excellent, privileged, admirable, good, adequate, satisfactory, outstanding, favorable, dignified, comfortable
- poorer:** (adj) lesser, substandard, subordinate, of inferior quality, not as good as, lower, junior, minor. ANTONYMS: (adj) superior, higher
- popular:** (adj) general, current, fashionable, democratic, customary, plain, known, pop, celebrated; (adj, v) favorite; (n) folk. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpopular, aristocratic, disliked, companionless, out, unknown, unpleasant, minority, forgettable, highbrow, unfashionable
- position:** (n, v) grade, locate, fix, lay, post, set, rank; (v) arrange; (n) attitude, condition, placement. ANTONYM: (v) dismiss
- positively:** (adv) absolutely, definitely, decidedly, unequivocally, expressly, emphatically, categorically, clearly, confidently; (adv, int) surely; (adj, adv) really. ANTONYMS: (adv) disapprovingly, pessimistically, uncertainly, doubtfully, inauspiciously, ill
- possession:** (n) occupation, ownership, keeping, goods, substance, tenure, property, grasp, estate, domain; (n, v) acquisition. ANTONYMS: (n) vacancy, sale
- possibilities:** (n) potential, field
- possible:** (adj) imaginable, likely, feasible, practicable, earthy, maybe, probable, practical, potential, tolerable, thinkable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlikely, compulsory, actual, implausible, unrealistic, unattainable
- possibly:** (adv) probably, perhaps, peradventure, likely, perchance, may, might, or, mayhap, conceivably, potentially. ANTONYMS: (adv) impossibly, definitely, certainly, indeed, implausibly
- post:** (n, v) place, position, stake, station; (n) office, function, pillar, attitude; (v) locate, enter, lay
- postal:** (adj) card, Universal Postal Union
- posture:** (n) attitude, condition, stance, deportment, aspect, circumstance, manner, figure, mien; (n, v) pose, place
- practical:** (adj) practicable, realistic, pragmatic, functional, feasible, efficient, helpful, active, expedient, useful, handy. ANTONYMS: (adj) impractical, theoretical, unrealistic, useless, impossible, passive, idealistic, impracticable, unimaginative, unprofessional, destructive
- practically:** (adv) usefully, nearly, pragmatically, almost, effectively, functionally, conveniently, about, much, in reality, as a matter of fact. ANTONYMS: (adv) theoretically, unrealistically, foolishly, romantically, irrationally, barely, awkwardly, unreasonably, recklessly
- practice:** (n, v) exercise, drill, discipline, use; (n) fashion, convention, habitude, habit, experience, form, observance. ANTONYMS: (n) theory, innovation; (v) perform
- practiced:** (adj) practiced, expert, adept, good, trained, proficient, seasoned, skilful, skilled, skillful, versed
- pray:** (v) beg, implore, entreat, crave, invite, plead, beseech, appeal, importune, adjure, invoke. ANTONYM: (v) reject
- precept:** (n) canon, decree, command, mandate, charge, lesson, injunction, law, commandment, principle; (adj, n) rule
- prefer:** (v) pick, elevate, like, elect, opt, advance, favor, want, select, promote, favour. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, refuse
- preliminary:** (adj) prefatory, early, inaugural, elementary, preparatory, first; (n) prelude, prelim, preface, introduction, overture. ANTONYMS: (n) finale, closing; (adj) concluding
- premature:** (adj) untimely, early, immature, inopportune, forward, previous, rash, unripe; (n) precocity, precociousness, prematurity. ANTONYMS: (adj) overdue, timely, late
- prepared:** (adj) willing, disposed, fitted, fain, finished, ready, ripe, primed, competent, inclined, efficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) spontaneous, unarmed, reluctant, unwilling
- presence:** (n) front, manner, mien, bearing, carriage, figure, air, comportment, demeanor, company; (n, v) attendance. ANTONYMS: (n) absence, nonattendance
- present:** (adj, n, v) gift, grant; (n, v) donation, display; (adj, v) confer, bestow; (v) introduce, give, prefer, offer, perform. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, withhold, consume, take; (adj) missing, lost, dated, historical; (adj, n) past, future; (n) history
- presenting:** (adj) featuring
- preserve:** (v) maintain, keep, save,

- guard, hold, defend, uphold, keep up; (n) jam, jelly, preserves.
ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, discontinue, damage, lose, attack, endanger, use, end
- preserved:** (adj) kept, conserved, whole, pickled, condite, safe.
ANTONYM: (adj) fresh
- presume:** (v) dare, consider, believe, think, infer, guess, expect, esteem, conclude, suppose, conjecture.
ANTONYMS: (v) appreciate, despair, speculate
- presumptuous:** (adj) arrogant, audacious, forward, assuming, insolent, impertinent, assumptive, familiar, haughty, proud; (adj, n) bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, shy, timid, humble, modest
- pretence:** (n) deceit, pretext, dissimulation, pretense, affectation, falsehood, deception, hypocrisy, bluff, appearance, pretension
- pretend:** (adv, v) assume; (adj, v) sham, counterfeit, fake, play; (v) dissimulate, dissemble, make believe, imagine, affect, act.
ANTONYMS: (adj, v) real; (adj) genuine, natural, sincere
- pretended:** (adj, v) sham, mock, counterfeit, pseudo, spurious; (adj) assumed, fake, feigned, fictitious, bogus, affected
- pretending:** (n, v) pretense; (n) affectation, appearance, acting, pretence, mannerism, dissembling, pretension, deception, deceit; (adv) pretendingly
- pretty:** (adj) fair, graceful, lovely, handsome, attractive, charming, good-looking, picturesque, dainty; (n) nice; (adv) very. ANTONYMS: (adj) plain, unattractive, modern, inelegant; (adv) extremely
- prevent:** (n, v) hinder, bar; (v) anticipate, block, forbid, avert, avoid, preclude, arrest, hamper, obviate. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, permit, promote, advance, attract, cause, let, drive, help, support, include
- prevention:** (n) avoidance, bar, preclusion, impediment, protection, deterrence, exclusion, debarment, obstacle, interference, prohibition. ANTONYMS: (n) incitement, permission, help
- primary:** (adj) basic, original, foremost, elementary, major, first, preliminary, fundamental; (adj, n) paramount, main, essential.
ANTONYMS: (adj) last, minor, subordinate, advanced, special, subsequent, worst
- primitive:** (adj, v) primeval, primary; (adj) original, archaic, crude, first, early, antediluvian, aboriginal, primordial, primal. ANTONYMS: (adj) civilized, recent, complicated, factual, advanced
- principle:** (n) rule, method, fundamental, cause, doctrine, ground, precept, reason, law, essence, tenet. ANTONYM: (n) baseness
- principles:** (n) principle, cause, morals, conscience, law, philosophy, dogma, doctrine, honor, ideas, knowledge
- prior:** (adj) preceding, former, foregoing, previous, earlier, anterior, past, preliminary, antecedent, advance; (n) abbot. ANTONYMS: (adj) later, following
- prism:** (n) optical prism, parallelepiped, parallelepipedon, paralleloiped, prismatic glass, pyramid, spectroscope, polyhedron, pattern cylinder, optical device, erecting prism
- private:** (adj) clandestine, personal, secret, individual, hidden, inner, exclusive, intimate, esoteric; (adj, v) covert, close. ANTONYMS: (adj) official, nationalized, community, communal, shared, civic, state, open, external, commercial, collective
- privately:** (adv) covertly, privily, confidentially, personally, closely, stealthily, secludedly, domestically, informally, retiredly; (adj, adv) quietly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, officially
- probable:** (adj) likely, plausible, possible, potential, presumable, feasible, hopeful, convincing, believable, to be expected, specious. ANTONYMS: (adj) improbable, implausible, unbelievable
- probably:** (adv) presumably, perhaps, maybe, in all probability, in all likelihood, unlike, believably, credibly; (adj, adv) doubtless; (adj) like; (n) may. ANTONYM: (adv) implausibly
- problematic:** (adj) difficult, debatable, doubtful, moot, troublesome, knotty, questionable, unsettled, disputable, fishy, problematical. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, straightforward, convenient, indisputable
- problems:** (n) trouble, difficulties, difficulty, troubles, effort, struggle, sweat, nuisance, ills, harms, exertion
- produce:** (n, v) effect, gain, make, cause; (v) bring, present, procreate, bring about, generate, breed, construct. ANTONYMS: (v) dampen, consume, halt
- profession:** (n) employment, declaration, occupation, affirmation, calling, career, vocation, job, position, assertion, assurance.
ANTONYM: (n) denial
- profile:** (n) contour, outline, form, shape, silhouette, figure, soil profile, line, section, cast of countenance, ambit
- profit:** (n, v) gain, produce, net, increase, help; (adj, n, v) benefit, advantage; (n) account, earnings, lucre; (adj, n) good. ANTONYMS: (n) loss, detriment, insignificance
- profitless:** (adj) fruitless, gainless, ineffectual, futile, idle, vain, useless, unprofitable, barren, inutile, bootless
- profligate:** (adj) debauched, lavish, corrupt, extravagant, immoral, wasteful, abandoned; (adj, n) prodigal, licentious, spendthrift, libertine. ANTONYMS: (adj) frugal, upright, moral, economical, parsimonious, sensible, cautious, innocent
- programme:** (n) design, broadcast, plan, playbill, device, arrangement, computer programme, computer program, compiler, instalment, episode
- promise:** (n, v) covenant, guarantee, contract, vow, bargain; (v) augur, assure; (n) engagement, assurance, plight, word
- promised:** (adj) pledged, affianced, betrothed, busy, devoted, employed, greatly interested, intended, involved; (v) benempt, named
- proof:** (n) confirmation, probation, authentication, sign, substantiation, evidence, verification, validation, argument, experiment, indication. ANTONYM: (n) contradiction
- proper:** (adj) due, decent, modest, agreeable, fitting, legitimate, right; (adj, v) correct, fit, becoming; (adj, n) just. ANTONYMS: (adj) inappropriate, wrong, unseemly, rude, unconventional, unsuitable, false, relaxed, vulgar, unreasonable, undue
- property:** (n) characteristic, capital, peculiarity, feature, character, belongings, goods, wealth; (adj, n) attribute, quality; (n, v) possession

proposal: (n) advice, suggestion, proposition, overture, plan, proffer, offer, hypothesis, presentation, idea, view

propose: (v) bid, nominate, design, plan, proffer, move, intend, mean, aim, suggest; (n, v) advance.
ANTONYMS: (v) reject, improvise, oppose

proposed: (adj) intended, projected, suggested, intentional, jutting, planned, future, projecting, predetermined, prospective; (n) moot

proposing: (adj) prosy, proponent, making proposals

protection: (n, v) care, guard; (n) conservation, shelter, security, defence, custody, cover, guardianship, shield, aegis.
ANTONYMS: (n) destruction, attack, susceptibility, danger

proud: (adj) lofty, disdainful, haughty, exalted, egotistical, gallant, pompous, lordly, majestic, overbearing; (adj, v) dignified.
ANTONYMS: (adj) humble, modest, ashamed, embarrassed, sorrowful, disappointed, miserable

proudly: (adv) haughtily, arrogantly, superciliously, boastfully, vainly, splendidly, stately, loftily, snootily, disdainfully, conceitedly.
ANTONYMS: (adv) humbly, modestly

prove: (v) attest, manifest, evidence, establish, show, examine, verify, essay, check, corroborate; (adj, v) confirm.
ANTONYMS: (v) refute, undermine

proved: (adj) tried, established, tested, qualified, genuine, demonstrable, apparent, confirmed, reliable, faithful

provincial: (adj) country, insular, parochial, unsophisticated, countrified, rural, narrow; (n) bucolic, peasant, churl; (adj, n) rustic.
ANTONYMS: (adj) metropolitan, broadminded, central, national

public: (n) folk, people, populace; (adj) national, overt, civic, communal, popular; (adj, v) general, open; (adj, n) community.
ANTONYMS: (adj) private, confidential, personal, individual, privileged, restricted, unknown, home, secret

publication: (n) issue, book, proclamation, newspaper, periodical, journal, promulgation,

volume, disclosure, declaration, magazine

published: (adj) known, promulgated, public, divulgate
punctual: (adj) accurate, exact, punctilious, prompt, timely, definite, rigorous, precise, nice, mathematical; (adj, v) regular.
ANTONYMS: (adj) early, unpunctual, slow

punctuality: (n) accuracy, precision, nicety, exactitude, truth, fidelity, exactness, promptitude, steadiness; (adj) rigor, mathematical precision.
ANTONYM: (n) tardiness

pupil: (n) learner, student, scholar, disciple, apprentice, trainee, schoolchild, novice, adherent, tyro, collegian.
ANTONYM: (n) expert

purchased: (adj) boughten, not homemade; (prep) bribed

pure: (adj) absolute, natural, faultless, innocent, immaculate, perfect, good, clean; (adj, n) chaste, genuine; (adj, v) mere.
ANTONYMS: (adj) contaminated, dishonored, diluted, tainted, wicked, practical, polluted, flawed, marred, unsaturated, unchaste

purple: (adj) violet, lilac, imperial, regal, royal; (adj, n) empurpled; (v) empurple; (n) magenta, purpleness, ermine, pall

purpose: (n, v) plan, intention, design, project, resolve, purport, end, object; (n) mind, effect, motive.
ANTONYM: (n) weakness

puts: (n) stocks, securities, preferred stock, common stock, bonds

puzzled: (adj) bewildered, confused, baffled, nonplussed, doubtful, bemused, at a loss, curious, mystified, nonplused, dazed.
ANTONYM: (adj) clear

quails: (n) grouse, brush turkeys, chickens, curassows, family Phasianidae, Galliformes, hoatzins, order Galliformes, partridges, Phasianidae

qualities: (n) character, disposition, nature, spirit, tone, quality, role, self, part, traits, individuality

quality: (adj, n) character, faculty; (n) class, characteristic, condition, grade, feature, distinction, description, mark, peculiarity.
ANTONYMS: (adj) cheap; (n) drawback, inferiority, mediocrity

quarter: (n) part, district, neighbourhood, division, mercy, neighborhood, region, direction, portion; (n, v) place; (v) lodge.

ANTONYM: (v) evict

question: (n, v) query, distrust, interrogate, matter, challenge, demand; (n) inquiry; (v) investigate, inquire, contest, examine.

ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, resolution; (n, v) trust; (v) praise, reply, believe, accept

quietly: (adv) stilly, calmly, peacefully, silently, softly, smoothly, tranquilly, serenely, restfully, lully, moderately.
ANTONYMS: (adv) loudly, harshly, raucously, vociferously, anxiously, energetically, manically, unquietly, clearly, heavily, brashly

quite: (adj, adv) altogether, fully, sheer, just; (adv) all, absolutely, completely, entirely, exactly, enough, well.
ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, slightly, insufficiently, partially

quixotic: (adj) impractical, dreamy, visionary, fire eating, cavalier, fantastic, adventurous; (adj, v) utopian, unrealistic; (v) fanatic, extravagant

radical: (adj) basic, exhaustive, extreme, primary, drastic, primordial; (adj, n) revolutionary, base, ultra; (n) basis, foundation.

ANTONYMS: (adj) conventional, minor, cauline, modest, mainstream, reactionary; (n) traditionalist, conformist; (adj, n) conservative

radically: (adv) essentially, fundamentally, revolutionarily, basically, completely, drastically, ultraly, exhaustively, extremely, originally, primarily.
ANTONYMS: (adv) modestly, slightly, insignificantly, superficially

railway: (n) rail, line, railroad track, rails, railway system, sidetrack, funicular, gantlet, railroad line, rail line, tramway

ranks: (n) rank and file

rapidly: (adv) promptly, speedily, swiftly, quick, fleetly, hastily, cursorily, readily, expeditiously, fast; (adj, adv) immediately.

ANTONYMS: (adv) permanently, gradually, thoroughly, eventually, later, now

rarely: (adv) unusually, infrequently, scarcely, seldom, singularly, exceptionally, specially, sparsely, hardly, sporadically; (adj) rare.
ANTONYMS: (adv) frequently, usually, often, commonly

rate: (n) worth, pace; (v) assess, estimate, evaluate, appreciate,

- compute, appraise, count, calculate; (n, v) value
- rather:** (adv) a little, enough, fairly, pretty, moderately, considerably, very, relatively, kind of, instead, kinda. ANTONYMS: (adv) extremely, absolutely; (adj) complete
- reaches:** (n) recess
- read:** (v) say, decipher, understand, learn, construe, perceive, gather, indicate, demonstrate, translate, comprehend. ANTONYM: (v) write
- reading:** (n, v) read; (n) recital, learning, interpretation, lection, construction, version, study, perusal, erudition, exegesis
- ready:** (v) prepare, fix; (adj, v) fit, disposed, willing; (adj) quick, prompt, nimble, apt; (adj, n) available, dexterous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwilling, reluctant, unavailable, unready, unripe, difficult, unenthusiastic, young
- real:** (adj, n, v) actual; (adj, n) true, pure, authentic; (adj) physical, material, natural, concrete, positive, literal, native. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) pretend; (adj) imaginary, artificial, fake, apparent, mock, insubstantial, imitation, fantasy, false, bogus
- realise:** (v) appreciate, perceive, actualize, understand, attain, comprehend, get, bring, see, make, earn
- realised:** (adj) realized, complete, completed, highly skilled, caught, effected, established
- really:** (adj, adv) honestly, genuinely, sincerely; (adv) absolutely, authentically, certainly, substantially, in reality, positively, truly, essentially. ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, falsely, doubtfully, somewhat, unremarkably, nominally
- reap:** (v) harvest, gain, glean, gather, obtain, cut, receive, earn, acquire; (adj, v) mow; (adj) clip. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, scatter
- reason:** (n) account, intellect, occasion, object, understanding, argument, purpose; (n, v) cause; (v) argue, debate; (adj, n) rationality. ANTONYMS: (n) inconsistency, disincentive
- recall:** (adj, v) reverse; (v) revoke, rescind, recognize, recollect, remember, repeal, countermand; (n) memory, amnesia; (n, v) return. ANTONYMS: (v) issue, dissolve
- received:** (adj) acknowledged, conventional, standard, accredited, acceptable, orthodox, canonical, normative; (v) receiving, current, ascertained. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconventional, nonstandard
- receiving:** (n) getting, reception, acceptance, taking, adoption, reciprocity; (v) receive; (adj) received, accepting, admitting, recipient. ANTONYM: (n) rejection
- recently:** (adv) freshly, lately, latterly, new, currently, late, fresh, of late, anew, latest; (n) yesterday
- reception:** (n) acceptance, admission, receiving, greeting, getting, salutation, acceptance, comprehension; (adj, n) entertainment, party; (n, v) adoption. ANTONYMS: (n) dispatch, rejection
- reckless:** (adj) careless, rash, foolhardy, hasty, incautious, extravagant, daring, desperate, brash; (adj, v) imprudent, wanton. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautious, prudent, sensible, wise, responsible, parsimonious, considered, safe, guarded, dutiful, discreet
- reclaim:** (v) recover, reform, cultivate, claim, repossess, claim back, regain, recycle, salvage, correct, redeem. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, discard
- recognised:** (adj) recognized, undisputed, received, noted, known, established, certified, acceptable, accepted
- recollect:** (v) recall, remember, recognize, call to mind, remind, mind, think, call up, reminisce, refresh, retrieve. ANTONYM: (v) forget
- recommending:** (adj) recommendatory, commendatory
- reconciliation:** (n, v) concord, peace, harmony; (n) adjustment, agreement, rapprochement, pacification, reconciliation, conciliation, appeasement, mediation. ANTONYMS: (n) incitement, war
- reconsider:** (v) revise, consider, reassess, consider again, go over, retrace, return, redeliberate, reckon; (n) criticism, critique
- record:** (n, v) register, file, chronicle, list, score; (n) account, disk, book, document, history; (v) enter. ANTONYMS: (n) single; (v) delete
- records:** (n) documents, archive, archives, proceedings, minutes, papers, annals, transactions, documentation, information, dossier
- rector:** (n) minister, pastor, president, manager, principal, governor, clergyman, curate, parson, director, priest
- rectory:** (n) parsonage, manse, vicarage, residence, habitation, home, glebe house, glebe, dwelling house, domicile, deanery
- redoubled:** (adj) ingeminate
- reduced:** (adj) abridged, curtailed, miniature, limited, cheap, prostrate, bated, lower, cut, inexpensive, low. ANTONYMS: (adj) complete, diluted, increased, large, privileged, inflated
- refer:** (v) pertain, allude, apply, deliver, commend, impute, name, advert, relate, invoke, attribute
- reference:** (n, v) mention, quote, connection; (n) citation, quotation, allusion, recommendation, bearing, innuendo; (v) cite, refer
- refined:** (adj) delicate, cultured, graceful, polite, gentle, urbane, courteous, courtly, cultivated; (adj, n) polished, pure. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrefined, raw, uncouth, rough, careless, crude, brute, boorish, plain, lowly, inelegant
- reform:** (v) rectify, better, correct, modify, transform, ameliorate, emend, improve, remodel; (n, v) change; (n) amendment. ANTONYMS: (v) scatter, worsen, maintain
- refreshment:** (n) bite, drink, recreation, collation, repose, relief, rest, entertainment, treat; (v) invigoration; (n, v) regalement
- refuse:** (v) deny, reject, decline, disallow, rebuff, turn down; (adj, n) waste, trash; (n) offal, litter; (n, v) dross. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, receive, permit, offer, dedicate, approve, agree, admit, choose, pass, affirm
- refused:** (adj) forbidden, refuse, prohibited, hence
- refusing:** (adj) negative, dismissive, denying, recusative, noncompliant
- regard:** (n, v) respect, esteem, attention, heed, concern, note; (adj, n, v) notice; (v) estimate, believe; (adj, v) attend; (n) deference. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect, disesteem, inattentiveness, disdain, detachment, infamy; (v) ignore, scorn, disregard
- regarded:** (adj) reputed
- regards:** (v) regard, esteem, respect, consideration, honor, motive; (adj) abroad, devoir; (n) greeting, relation, duty

registration: (n) registering, register, entry, enrolment, entering, record, alignment, notification, registry, adjustment, knife register

regret: (n, v) grieve, sorrow; (v) bewail, lament, mourn, bemoan, deplore; (n) remorse, penitence, compunction, contrition.

ANTONYMS: (v) welcome, praise; (n) idealism, shamelessness, joy, satisfaction

regular: (adj) normal, general, formal; (adj, n) steady, common, customary, ordinary; (adj, v) orderly, conventional, methodical; (adj, n, v) constant. ANTONYMS: (adj)

irregular, erratic, variable, unusual, inconsistent, straight, extraordinary, asymmetrical, rare, distant, strong

relapse: (n, v) regress, decline, fall; (n) recidivism, recurrence, regression, deterioration; (v) backslide, revert, recur, deteriorate. ANTONYMS: (v) improve, recover, progress; (n) improvement, recovery, regeneration

related: (adj) germane, relevant, cognate, similar, connected, allied, associated, collateral, pertinent, akin, consanguineous.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unconnected, different, irrelevant, separate, disparate, dissimilar

relations: (n) family, dealings, kin, relation, connections, people, kindred, kinsfolk, contact, relationship, folks

relative: (adj) related, comparative, proportionate, proportional, dependent; (n) cousin, kin, brother, connection, kinswoman; (v) kinsman. ANTONYM: (adj) absolute

relatives: (n) relations, kindred, kin, kinsfolk, kinfolk, relationship, affinity, relation, folks, intimates, house

rely: (v) depend, count, lean, believe, bank, confide, entrust, reckon, trust, swear; (n, v) rest

remain: (n, v) abide, endure, continue, last; (v) bide, linger, stay, keep, persist, live, hold.

ANTONYMS: (v) leave, depart, change, move, go, become, stop

remaining: (adj) leftover, left over, odd, surplus, extra, other, enduring, lasting, residual, spare; (adv) over.

ANTONYMS: (adj) spent, finished, left, gross, fleeting, basic, transient

remains: (n) debris, corpse, relic, carcass, body, rest, clay, vestige; (adj, n) remainder, remnant; (n, v)

trace

remark: (n, v) comment, notice, note, mention, regard, mind; (adj, n, v) observe; (v) perceive, mark, discern; (n) observation

remarkably: (adj, adv) outstandingly, markedly, conspicuously, particularly, prominently; (adv) signally, uncommonly, surprisingly, extremely, wonderfully, curiously.

ANTONYMS: (adv) normally, slightly, poorly, unexceptionally

remarks: (n) commentary, explanation

remember: (v) commemorate, recognize, recollect, recall, consider, memorize, think, mind, call to mind, retain, bear in mind. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, neglect, overlook

remind: (v) recollect, prompt, recall, commemorate, call up, memorialize, hint, jog, inform, think; (n, v) mind

remote: (adj) aloof, inaccessible, outside, detached, faint, alien, unapproachable, secluded, far, foreign, isolated. ANTONYMS: (adj) near, nearby, accessible, likely, strong, neighboring, central, close, friendly, relevant, approachable

remotely: (adv) slightly, afar, far, far away, secludedly, removedly, smally, slimly, widely, coolly, coldly. ANTONYMS: (adv) closely, warmly, nearby

remotest: (adj) furthest, uttermost, endmost, extreme, last, utmost

repeat: (v) copy, recapitulate, reduplicate, reiterate, rehearse, return, say, double, renew, iterate, duplicate

repellent: (adj) offensive, disgusting, loathsome, distasteful, foul, repugnant, forbidding, revolting; (adj, v) odious, hateful, repulsive.

ANTONYMS: (adj) alluring, appealing, attractive, pleasant, nice, delightful

repentance: (n) contrition, penance, remorse, regret, compunction, sorrow, guilt, contriteness, grief, attrition, atonement. ANTONYMS: (n) shamelessness, brazenness

reply: (n) echo, response, reaction, repay; (n, v) return, rejoinder; (v)

respond, react, rejoin, retort, counter. ANTONYMS: (n, v) question; (v) interrogate, ignore

reproach: (n, v) blame, rebuke, charge, abuse, disgrace, reprimand, invective; (v) accuse, chide, condemn; (n) condemnation.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v)

commend, approve; (n) compliment, commendation, approval

require: (v) charge, crave, involve, desire, demand, exact, claim, ask, entail; (adj, v) want, lack.

ANTONYMS: (v) obviate, dislike, have

rescue: (n, v) release, ransom, salvage; (n) deliverance, delivery, relieve; (v) extricate, recover, free, save, redeem. ANTONYMS: (n) involvement, loss, abandonment, downfall; (n, v) capture; (v) endanger, lose, aggravate

reserve: (adj) reserve, deducting, save, reservative, prevent, not including, leaving out, keeping, excepting, except

reside: (adj, v) inhabit, dwell; (v) exist, occupy, remain, live, belong, abide, lodge, populate, lie

resigned: (adj) patient, acquiescent, yielding, pessimistic, abject, passive, forbearing, obedient; (adj, v) subdued; (v) bowed down, content.

ANTONYMS: (adj) resentful, optimistic, intolerant

resort: (n, v) repair, haunt; (n) expedient, refuge, holiday resort, playground, covert, retreat; (v) recur, rendezvous, frequent.

ANTONYM: (v) rise

respect: (adj, n, v) regard, worship; (n, v) esteem, heed, notice, reverence; (v) observe, keep, appreciate; (n) homage, deference.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) scorn, dishonor, disregard; (n) cheek, insolence, impudence, disdain; (v) despise, humiliate, break, taint

respectability: (n) reputation, propriety, reputability, decorum, honesty, honourableness, gentility, dignity, repute, politeness; (adj) respectableness. ANTONYMS: (n) decadence, indecency, immorality

respectable: (adj) considerable, decorous, fair, estimable, decent, honorable, good, proper, creditable, passable, honest. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, small, sordid, scruffy,

inadequate, unrespectable, paltry, discourteous, inappropriate, sinful, unacceptable

responsibility: (n, v) duty, care, charge, load; (n) obligation, reliability, affair, onus, fault, job, liability. ANTONYMS: (n)

thoughtlessness, innocence, dishonesty, inexperience

responsible: (adj, v) liable, answerable, amenable; (adj) reliable,

- dependable, trustworthy, culpable, trusty, faithful, responsive; (v) bound. ANTONYMS: (adj) innocent, untrustworthy, reckless, guiltless, thoughtless, unreliable, corrupt
- restored:** (adj) new, healthy, comfortable, convalescent
- restraining:** (adj) binding, astringent, warning, abstemious, continuous, moderate, not interrupted, obligatory, opposing; (n) arrest, penning
- restrains:** (n) manacles, fetters, chains
- result:** (n) fruit, outcome, issue, answer, effect, conclusion, aftermath, produce; (v) ensue, follow; (n, v) end. ANTONYMS: (n) problem; (v) precede
- retain:** (v) keep, reserve, preserve, have, maintain, continue, hold, employ, engage, hire, own. ANTONYMS: (v) expel, dismiss, release, relinquish, fire, destroy, lack
- retire:** (v) resign, retreat, withdraw, leave, abdicate, ebb, depart, turn in, fall back, hit the hay, go to bed. ANTONYMS: (v) remain, enter
- retort:** (n, v) answer, return, riposte; (n) response, rejoinder, repartee, comeback; (v) respond, repay, rejoin, alembic
- return:** (v) recur, reimburse, restore; (n, v) pay, restitution, recompense, refund, restoration, render, retort; (n) proceeds. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, confiscation, abolition, recovery, loss, disappearance, penalty; (v) keep, depart, take, remove
- reveal:** (v) divulge, expose, disclose, impart, betray, detect, convey, exhibit, display, discover, express. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, hide, cover, suppress, withhold
- revolting:** (adj) offensive, loathsome, nasty, foul, detestable, nauseating, nauseous, horrible, hideous, repellent; (adv, v) sickening. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, pleasant, tasty, delicious, edible, lovable, delightful, appealing, lovely
- revolution:** (n) change, rotation, turn, gyration, insurrection, mutiny, rebellion, revolt, alteration, cycle; (n, v) circuit
- revolutionary:** (adj, n) insurgent, rebel, extremist, mutineer, fanatic; (adj) rebellious, mutinous, progressive; (n) insurrectionist, subversive, revolutionist. ANTONYMS: (adj) conventional,
- stale, orthodox, counterrevolutionary
- reward:** (n, v) recompense, return, compensation, guerdon, wage, meed, prize, bribe; (v) repay, requite; (n) payment. ANTONYMS: (n) penalty, sentence; (v) dishonor, penalize
- ribbon:** (n) band, riband, tape, strip, shred, decoration, medal, ribband, thread, fascia, belt
- ridiculous:** (adj) foolish, preposterous, funny, laughable, ludicrous, inane, nonsensical, comical, farcical, amusing, comic. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, inspiring, ordinary, sensitive, acceptable, generous, normal, possible, impressive, sane, worthwhile
- ring:** (n, v) encircle, peal, call, loop, jingle; (v) resound, echo, reverberate; (n) gang, band, rim
- rings:** (n) ornaments, necklaces, jewels, costume jewelry, charms, bracelets
- ripeness:** (n, v) readiness; (n) maturation, maturity, mellowness, perfection, fruition, lusciousness, succulence, full development; (v) preparedness, ripen. ANTONYMS: (n) greenness, dryness
- rise:** (n, v) mount, lift, increase, heave, swell, jump; (v) ascend, arise; (n) elevation, ascent, progress. ANTONYMS: (n, v) decrease, drop; (v) sink, descend, plummet, retire, set; (n) reduction, descent, depreciation, ruin
- rising:** (n) revolt, rebellion, mutiny, ascent, ascension, climb, rise, outbreak, insurrection; (adj) climbing, uphill. ANTONYMS: (adj) plummeting, plunging, decreasing, falling, setting, downward, content; (n) fall
- rites:** (n) money, finances, wake, religion
- romance:** (n) love affair, fiction, story, figment, intrigue, affair, tale, vagary; (v) flirt, court, exaggerate
- romantic:** (adj) amorous, impractical, fanciful, quixotic, unrealistic; (adj, n) visionary, romanticist. ANTONYMS: (n) realist, classicist; (adj) commonplace, graphic, unromantic, unsentimental, unhappy, prosaic, disapproving, cool, realistic
- room:** (n) chamber, occasion, house,
- apartment, opportunity, hall, opening, compartment, expanse, extent; (v) board. ANTONYM: (n) walkway
- rose:** (adj) pink, roseaceous, risen, roseate; (n) pink wine, blush wine, rose wine, rosette, briar; (v) flush, redden
- round:** (n) bout, circuit, beat; (n, v) ring, compass; (adv, prep) about; (adj) circular, entire; (adj, v) plump; (adj, n, v) turn; (v) gird. ANTONYMS: (adj) sharp, slender, thin, square, harsh, reedy, evasive; (prep) exactly
- rule:** (n, v) control, order, govern, decree, influence, line, dominion, regulate, reign; (n) law, ordinance. ANTONYMS: (v) request; (n) option
- rules:** (n) regulations, laws, law, ordinance, statute, etiquette, system, instructions, policy
- runs:** (n) Aztec two-step, sickness, Montezuma's revenge
- rupee:** (n) Mauritian rupee, Nepalese rupee, Pakistani rupee, Seychelles rupee, cent, Sri Lanka rupee
- rushes:** (n) rush, grasses
- sadly:** (adv) pitifully, dolefully, unfortunately, mournfully, sorrowfully, woefully, dejectedly, pathetically, wretchedly, forlornly; (adj, adv) seriously. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, contentedly, gladly, joyfully, fortunately, luckily, enthusiastically
- safe:** (adj) reliable, cautious, good, dependable, sound, harmless, innocuous, correct, innocent, inoffensive; (n) closet. ANTONYMS: (adj) dangerous, risky, unprotected, vulnerable, hurt, insecure, harmful, reckless, unreliable, toxic, injured
- sake:** (n, v) interest, reason, motive, ground; (v) advantage, cause; (n) object, account, design, purpose, saki
- salver:** (n) waiter, server, epergne, tazza, platter, plate, serving dish, patella, urn, attendant, patera
- same:** (adj) identical, equal, like, corresponding, equivalent, similar, uniform, even, consistent, matching; (adv) equally. ANTONYMS: (adj) different, varying, another, unlike, other, varied
- sandwich:** (n) bomber, hoagy, hoagie, hero, beefburger, butty, poor boy, open sandwich, doorstep, hotdog; (v) enter
- satisfaction:** (n, v) pleasure, gratification, contentment, content;

- (n) enjoyment, joy, complacency, amends, reparation, redress, recompense. ANTONYMS: (n) displeasure, discontent, aggravation, sorrow, dismay, anxiety
- satisfactory:** (adj) adequate, competent, sufficient, good, acceptable, ample, fair, tolerable, decent, presentable, plenty. ANTONYMS: (adj) inadequate, unacceptable, poor, appalling, disagreeable, bad, intolerable
- satisfied:** (adj) happy, content, full, pleased, confident, complacent, persuaded, fulfilled; (adj, v) certain, sure; (v) convinced. ANTONYMS: (adj) frustrated, anxious, disgruntled, hungry, insistent, pensive, unsure, dissatisfied, ashamed
- satisfy:** (v) please, persuade, meet, satiate, indulge, sate, appease; (adj, v) content, fill, suffice, do. ANTONYMS: (v) intensify, displease, disappoint, disgruntle, frustrate
- saturday:** (n) sat, sabbath, day of rest
- save:** (v) rescue, hoard, conserve, keep, maintain, preserve, free, protect, liberate; (adv, conj, n, prep) except; (adj, v) economize. ANTONYMS: (v) waste, squander, use, abandon, endanger, capture, asphyxiate, aggravate, destroy
- savour:** (n, v) relish; (v) taste, enjoy, devour; (n) flavour, flavor, sapidity, gusto, piquancy, tang, smack
- saying:** (adj, n, v) maxim; (n) axiom, adage, phrase, dictum, idiom, byword, aphorism, expression; (n, v) saw, proverb
- scandal:** (n) disgrace, dishonor, gossip, outrage, discredit, rumor, infamy, disrepute, ignominy, detraction, shame
- scandalous:** (adj) infamous, disgraceful, ignominious, outrageous, opprobrious, shocking, disreputable, disgusting, dishonorable; (adj, v) base, foul. ANTONYMS: (adj) proper, seemingly, honorable, appealing, complimentary, reputable, admirable
- scepticism:** (n) disbelief, incredulity, agnosticism, doubt, mistrust, distrust, atheism, unbelief, misgiving, suspicion, sceptical
- scheme:** (n, v) plot, design, intrigue, project; (n) contrivance, dodge, device, diagram, method; (v) devise, conspire
- science:** (n) learning, lore, proficiency, dexterity, virtuosity, skill, literature, knowledge, agrology, mathematics; (adj) art
- scissors:** (n) clipper, shears, pair of scissors, scissors hold, compound lever, edge tool, scissor grip, scissors grip; (adj, n) cutters
- scornful:** (adj) disdainful, haughty, arrogant, sarcastic, disparaging, derisive, mocking, abusive, scathing, opprobrious, insulting. ANTONYMS: (adj) approving, complimentary, humble, sympathetic, admiring
- scotland:** (n) scotia, Albyn
- scoundrel:** (n, v) rascal; (n) knave, blackguard, cad, villain, ruffian, miscreant, crook, rapscallion, varlet, scawag
- scrape:** (n, v) scratch, graze, score, mark; (v) rub, pare, rake, grate, chafe, abrade; (n) abrasion
- seaside:** (adj, n) seaboard; (n) beach, seashore, shore, coastline, sand, sea, seabeach; (adj) seacoast, coastal, maritime
- season:** (v) mature, flavor, salt, mellow, moderate; (adj, v) harden, inure, habituate; (n) opportunity, spell, space
- seat:** (n) bench, base, behind, bottom, buttocks, location, position, post, posterior; (v) locate, put
- seated:** (adj) sat, sedentary
- second:** (n) instant, jiffy, flash, minute, sec; (v) back, endorse, help; (n, v) support; (adj) latter, further. ANTONYMS: (adj) top, former; (n) age
- secret:** (adj, v) mysterious, hidden, covert, secluded, confidential; (adj) concealed, furtive, occult, obscure; (adj, n) privacy, secrecy. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) known, public; (adj) open, overt, apparent, unrestricted, external, visible, outermost, transparent, blatant
- secretive:** (adj, v) secret, near, hidden; (adj) silent, reserved, quiet, uncommunicative, clandestine, tightlipped, incommunicative; (v) reticent. ANTONYMS: (adj) revealing, communicative, meaningful, public
- secrets:** (n) secrecy
- secular:** (adj) profane, lay, worldly, earthly, laic, temporal, terrestrial, mundane, unconsecrated; (n) layman; (v) centennial. ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritual, religious, church, heavenly
- seeing:** (prep) because; (adj) Seely, considering; (n) sight, vision, beholding, fusion, visual sense; (v) conceive, comprehend, perceive
- seem:** (v) appear, feel, seeming, loom, expect, show, beseem, sound, glitter, glisten, gleam
- seen:** (adj) visible, clad, beseen, accomplished, discovered, appearing; (v) observe, perceive, conceive, comprehend, understand
- self-sacrifice:** (n) martyrdom, renunciation
- send:** (v) pass, deliver, forward, convey, dispatch, mail, post, give, carry, divert, project. ANTONYM: (v) keep
- sending:** (n) forwarding, dispatch, transmission, transmittal, send, despatch, mailing, transport, dispatching, dispatchment, conveyance
- sensational:** (adj) exciting, lurid, stunning, marvelous, wonderful, sensory, thrilling, terrific, magnificent, fantastic, phenomenal. ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, dull, ordinary, uninteresting, unremarkable, awful, boring
- sense:** (n) perception, meaning, common sense, sensation, logic, understanding, impression, feeling; (n, v) feel, intellect, mind. ANTONYMS: (n) stupidity, garbage, ludicrousness, nonsense, foolishness, gibberish, illogicality, irrationality, numbness, certainty; (v) observe
- sensible:** (adj) aware, sagacious, prudent, rational, judicious, perceptible, sane, wise, intelligent, appreciable, sage. ANTONYMS: (adj) ludicrous, crazy, unreasonable, stupid, silly, ridiculous, reckless, idiotic, outrageous, imprudent, mad
- sent:** (adj) dispatched, imported, ecstatic, blissful, fascinated, intoxicated; (v) transmit. ANTONYM: (adj) unsent
- sentiment:** (n) emotion, mind, notion, feeling, persuasion, opinion, judgment, sense, judgement, attitude, impression
- sentimentality:** (n) bathos, sentiment, sentimentalism, sentimental, emotionalism, emotionality, feeling, schmaltz, tenderness, insincere pathos, mushiness
- sentiments:** (n) breast
- separate:** (v) part, detach, insulate, scatter, dissociate, cut, disperse, disconnect; (adj) individual,

- detached; (adj, v) discrete.
ANTONYMS: (v) unite, merge, mix, link, combine, fuse, join, associate; (adj) connected, joined, simultaneous
- separation:** (n) disjunction, detachment, disunion, seclusion, disconnection, rift, isolation, divorce, parting, departure; (n, v) division. **ANTONYMS:** (n) unification, closeness, marriage, union, unity, connection, bond, integration, synthesis, inclusion, meeting
- serious:** (adj, n, v) grave; (adj) heavy, austere, great, hard, dangerous, critical; (adj, v) sedate, important, momentous, considerable.
ANTONYMS: (adj) lighthearted, mild, flippant, cheerful, humorous, minor, slight, playful, trivial, unimportant, brisk
- seriously:** (adv) earnestly, soberly, severely, solemnly, badly, deeply, staidly, sincerely, thoughtfully, greatly, weightily. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) frivolously, playfully, cheerfully, slightly, teasingly, jovially, nonchalantly, lightheartedly, briskly, mildly, lightly
- sermon:** (n) discourse, oration, speech, address, homily, preaching, harangue, preaching, exhortation, predication; (n, v) lecture
- servants:** (n) staff, suite
- serve:** (adj, n, v) avail; (v) assist, aid, act, benefit, tend, attend, operate, function, do; (n, v) officiate
- service:** (n, v) overhaul, serve, refit, assist; (n) aid, employment, assistance, avail, ministrations, ceremony; (v) attendance.
ANTONYMS: (n) disservice, damage, hindrance, uselessness
- settled:** (adj) definite, set, firm, permanent, certain, calm, established, decided, formed, defined, finished. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unsettled, exciting, temporary
- seven:** (adj, n) VII; (n) September, septet, week, nine, knave, king, jack, queen, digit, Severn
- several:** (adj, v) diverse, divers, sundry; (adj, n) a few, some; (adj) various, individual, different, particular, special, numerous.
ANTONYMS: (adj) joint, all, none
- severe:** (adj, n) rigid, austere, inclement, rough, hard; (adj, v) biting, cutting; (adj) rigorous, bad, intense, heavy. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) mild, lenient, slight, easy, lax, cordial, kindly, kind, approving, funny, moderate
- shake:** (n, v) jolt, beat, jar, quiver, wave; (v) agitate, excite, disturb; (adv, v) brandish; (adj, v) quake, totter. **ANTONYMS:** (v) soothe, steady
- shakes:** (n) hangover, jitters, nervousness, tension, anxiety
- shaking:** (adj, n) quivering, tremor, jarring; (n) quiver, palpitation, quake; (adj) quaking, shaky, flutter, unsteady, shivering
- shall:** (n) must, necessity; (v) require, bequeath, leave
- shallow:** (adj) superficial, low, cursory, petty, little, sketchy, flimsy, frivolous, simple, surface, perfunctory. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) bottomless, profound, intense, pensive, serious, inner, weighty
- shame:** (n, v) disgrace, dishonor, discredit, humiliate, degrade, chagrin; (n) humiliation, modesty, scandal, insult; (v) abash.
ANTONYMS: (n) pride, glorification, making, worthiness; (v) acknowledge, glorify, respect, dignify
- shameful:** (adj) scandalous, dishonorable, opprobrious, shocking, ignominious, disreputable, despicable; (adj, v) foul, base, gross, black.
ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, noble, dignified, admirable, faultless, reputable, glorious, compassionate, praiseworthy, commendable, excellent
- sherry:** (v) rye, schnapps, highball, peg, rum, whisky, xeres, sling, usquebaugh; (n) sherris, manzanilla
- shield:** (n, v) shelter, screen, cover, guard, safeguard, buffer; (v) preserve, secure, defend, hide; (n) protection. **ANTONYMS:** (n) danger, exposure; (v) endanger, attack, reveal
- shiver:** (n, v) shake, tremble, shudder, fragment, thrill, splinter, tingle; (v) quake, shatter, palpitate; (adj, v) break
- shocked:** (adj) dismayed, aghast, amazed, surprised, stunned, distressed, afraid, speechless, appalled, bewildered, dumbfounded. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) delighted, indifferent, unaffected
- shoot:** (v) discharge, flash, drive, dart, dash, send, photograph; (n) scion, branch; (n, v) sprout, hunt.
ANTONYM: (v) trickle
- short:** (adj, v) concise, close; (adj) scarce, curt, brusque, sharp, compendious, laconic, deficient, scanty, diminutive. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) long, high, lengthy, unabridged, sufficient, slender, rangy, rambling, overlong, extended, plentiful
- short-sighted:** (adj) shortsighted, unwise, stupid, narrow-minded, crazy, ill-advised, half-baked, foolish, improvident
- show:** (adj, n, v) present, appearance; (n, v) exhibit, produce, broadcast, indicate, parade; (v) point out; (n) presentation, ostentation; (adj, v) guide. **ANTONYMS:** (v) disprove, hide, withhold, suppress, disappear, cover, absorb; (n) concealment
- shudder:** (adj, n, v) shake, quake, tremble; (n, v) quiver, twitch, thrill; (n) quivering, shivering, chill, frisson; (v) flutter
- sick:** (adj) ill, queasy, poorly, ailing, weary, diseased, sickly, morbid; (adj, v) indisposed, unwell; (adj, n) invalid. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) healthy, fond, wholesome
- side:** (n) rim, faction, brink, direction, hand, aspect, margin; (adj, n) part; (n, v) party, border, face.
ANTONYMS: (adj) distant, central, major, primary; (n) back, front, center, middle; (v) straddle
- sign:** (n, v) groan, suspire, murmur; (v) breathe, languish, pine; (n) breath, wail, whimper, whine, suspiration
- sign:** (n, v) vision, glimpse, show, aspect, appearance; (v) aim, spot, see; (n) view, prospect, scene
- sign:** (n, v) mark, motion, gesture; (n) portent, indication, manifestation, imprint, presage, brand, poster; (v) indicate. **ANTONYMS:** (n) successor; (v) dismiss
- signs:** (n) situation, indications, signage, appearances, cipher, cryptogram, discriminating marks, indicia, secret code, secret language, symbols
- silence:** (adj, n, v) calm, still; (int, n, v) hush; (n, v) lull; (n) mum; (adj, v) appease; (v) mute, allay, pacify, muzzle; (int, v) shut up.
ANTONYMS: (n) sound, openness, uproar, movement; (v) amplify, Louden, encourage, rouse
- silly:** (adj) ridiculous, absurd, childish, fatuous, irrational,

- frivolous, idiotic, preposterous, unreasonable; (adj, n) fool; (n) imbecile. ANTONYMS: (adj) mature, wise, rational, clever, advisable, profound, reasonable, responsible, significant
- similar:** (adj) alike, related, comparable, equivalent, analogous, equal, akin, correspondent; (adj, v) like, same, identical. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlike, different, incompatible, opposing, opposite, loose, unlike, complementary, unrelated
- simple:** (adj, n) plain, humble, innocent, rustic; (adj) homely, elementary, natural; (adj, v) pure, clear, mere, downright. ANTONYMS: (adj) complex, complicated, compound, elaborate, difficult, multiple, obscure, ornate, problematical, sophisticated, confusing
- simplicity:** (n) plainness, simpleness, easiness, ease, clarity, austerity, gullibility, severity, artlessness, ignorance; (adj, n) inexperience. ANTONYMS: (n) difficulty, complexity, ambiguity, magnificence, sophistication, dishonesty, clutter, warmth
- simply:** (adj, adv) only, exclusively, barely; (adv) just, alone, directly, purely, absolutely, easily, plainly; (adj) straightforward. ANTONYMS: (adv) elaborately, ornately, majestically, covertly, dishonestly, incoherently, obscurely, pretentiously
- since:** (adv, conj, prep) because, seeing that; (adv, prep) afterwards, before; (adv, conj) for, as; (adj, adv) ago; (conj) whereas; (prep) from, of; (adv) after
- sincere:** (adj, v) earnest, devout; (adj) genuine, faithful, heartfelt, honest, serious, open, artless, candid; (adj, n) cordial. ANTONYMS: (adj) insincere, dishonest, guarded, flippant, affected, disingenuous, hypocritical, cunning, unfaithful, unenthusiastic, unbelievable
- sincerity:** (adj, n) candor, honesty, integrity, probity, faithfulness; (n) earnestness, heartiness, genuineness, candour, frankness, cordiality. ANTONYMS: (n) dishonesty, hypocrisy, flippancy, frivolity, affectedness, caution, reticence, deceit, doubt
- single:** (adj) celibate, odd, particular, separate, solitary, isolated, sole, lone, lonely, simple; (adj, n) one.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) double, multiple, divorced, attached, dual, involved, widowed, general, common; (n) record
- sister:** (n) nurse, nun, brother, sisters, older sister, mate, twin, pair, fellow companion, double, match. ANTONYM: (n) brother
- sits:** (n) sat
- sitting:** (n) session, seat, seance, meeting, seating, conference, posing; (adj) seated, inactive; (v) incubation, batching. ANTONYMS: (adj) standing, active
- situation:** (n) employment, position, post, job, matter, location, circumstance, circumstances, condition, site, office
- size:** (n, v) measure, gauge, dimensions; (n) extent, bulk, quantity, capacity, largeness, dimension, glue, magnitude. ANTONYM: (n) slenderness
- slice:** (n, v) share, part, slash, gash, chip; (n) section, piece, bit, morsel, slab; (v) carve
- slight:** (adj, adv) light; (adj) thin, flimsy, slender, fragile, petty, little; (adv, n, v) neglect; (n, v) insult, scorn; (v) ignore. ANTONYMS: (adj) considerable, major, obvious, thickset, severe, wide, fat, intense, heavy, likely; (v) acknowledge
- slightingly:** (adv) negligently, slightly, lightly
- slowly:** (adj, adv, v) slow; (adv) deliberately, sluggishly, tediously, dully, gradually, unhurriedly, slackly, lethargically, belatedly; (adj, adv) lento. ANTONYMS: (adv) fast, hurriedly, promptly, rapidly, immediately, briefly, intelligently, vigorously, brightly, nimbly, punctually
- small:** (adj) little, narrow, slight, minor, inadequate, petty, fine, insignificant, light, remote; (adj, v) low. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) big; (adj) sizeable, colossal, considerable, enormous, great, huge, bulky, major, giant, important
- smallest:** (adj) least, minimal, littlest, lowest, last, first, negligible, smallest number of, bottom, littler. ANTONYM: (adj) maximum
- smart:** (adj, n) sharp, quick, bright; (n, v) pain; (adj) shrewd, crafty, sly, dapper, prompt, astute, intelligent. ANTONYMS: (adj) stupid, scruffy, unkempt, dim, shabby, slow, naive, unfashionable, unstylish, unintelligent, thick
- smile:** (n) grin, grinning, smiling, luck, facial expression; (v) laugh, beam, chuckle, smirch; (n, v) grimace; (adv) smilingly. ANTONYMS: (n, v) scowl; (v) glower
- smoke:** (n) fumes, cigarette, cigar, smog, fog; (n, v) reek, fumigate, puff; (v) exhale, cure; (adj) tobacco
- smoking:** (n) fume, marijuana, respiration, roll of tobacco, sens; (v) candent, ebullient, glowing; (adj) smoky, rabid; (adv) on a roll
- snare:** (n, v) mesh, gin, ambush, hook; (v) catch, ensnare, entrap, entangle, capture, enmesh; (n) lure
- social:** (adj, n) sociable; (adj) national, public, friendly, companionable, common, neighborly, convivial; (n) mixer, party, society. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsociable, unfriendly, shy
- society:** (n) club, public, community, companionship, company, fraternity, association, corporation, fellowship, circle, people
- sofa:** (n) couch, lounge, divan, bench, davenport, seat, squab, chair, form, convertible, daybed
- sole:** (n) bottom, flounder, base; (adj) single, singular, one, exclusive, individual, only, alone, solitary. ANTONYM: (adj) common
- solid:** (adj, v) dense, compact, consistent, close, fixed; (adj) hard, strong, real, good, secure, substantial. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, unreliable, loose, permeable, runny, gaseous, transparent, watery, slim, weak, brittle
- solitude:** (n) desolation, loneliness, seclusion, privacy, aloneness, isolation, retirement, lonesomeness, retreat, desert, solitariness. ANTONYMS: (n) companionship, closeness
- something:** (n) what, object, thing, article, entity, substance, somebody; (adv, n) somewhat; (adv) rather, a little, kinda. ANTONYM: (pron) nothing
- sometimes:** (adv) from time to time, occasionally, every now and then, now and again, every so often, once, sometime, once in a while, formerly; (n) at times; (adj, adv) on and off. ANTONYM: (adv) regularly
- somewhat:** (adv) slightly, a little, fairly, a bit, reasonably, pretty, moderately, sort of; (adv, v) little; (adv, pron) partly; (adj, adv) something. ANTONYMS: (adv) considerably, very, unreasonably,

- totally, hugely, completely, closely, massively, absolutely, wholly
- somewhere:** (adv) someplace, approximately, anyplace, about, wherever, where, roughly, everywhere, around, passim, ultimately
- soon:** (adv) shortly, presently, anon, immediately, directly, at once, before long, betimes, quickly, promptly; (adj, adv) early. ANTONYMS: (adv) now, eventually, later, slowly
- sooner:** (adj, adv) rather, earlier, before, preferably, instead; (adv) first, before now, faster, previously, beforehand; (adj) prior
- sorrow:** (n, v) regret, lament, grieve; (v) mourn; (n) mourning, heartache, repentance, remorse; (adj, n) sadness, misery; (adj, n, v) distress. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, delight, happiness, peace, hopefulness, cheerfulness, shamelessness, calm, content; (v) rejoice
- sorry:** (adj) pathetic, sorrowful, remorseful, contrite, pitiful, pitiable, piteous, penitent, paltry, base, sad. ANTONYMS: (adj) glad, happy, admirable, unremorseful, fine
- sort:** (adj, n, v) class; (n, v) type, group, rank; (n) variety, breed, assortment, form, pattern; (adj, n) manner, description
- soul:** (n) creature, human, person, personification, ghost, individual, mind, essence, life, self; (adj, n) heart. ANTONYMS: (n) surface, body
- sound:** (n, v) chime, echo, peal; (adj) reasonable, complete, healthy, sensible, sane, rational; (adj, v) fit, fast. ANTONYMS: (adj) illogical, unsound, confused, unreliable, flawed, flimsy, silent, weak, unreasonable; (n) silence; (v) device
- space:** (n) gap, scope, opening, period, place, void, margin, latitude, extent, emptiness, distance. ANTONYM: (n) mess
- spade:** (v) grub, delve, scoop, excavate; (n) nigger, coon, nigra, jigaboo, boy, black person, spit
- spare:** (adj, v) free, reserve, save, thin; (adj) slender, slight, additional, lean; (adj, n) extra, excess; (v) exempt. ANTONYMS: (n) shortfall, original; (adj) principal, fat, basic, abundant, stout; (v) need, include
- speak:** (adj, v) pronounce, utter; (v) converse, say, deliver, articulate, recite, talk, discourse, lecture; (n) language
- speaking:** (n) talk, discourse, speech, public speaking, reading, oral presentation, recital, recitation, disputation; (v) speak; (adj) expressive. ANTONYMS: (adj) nonspeaking, silent
- speaks:** (n) talks
- specially:** (adv) especially, peculiarly, specifically, extraordinarily, exceptionally, unusually, exclusively, expressly, in particular, particular, distinctively. ANTONYM: (adv) generally
- speculating:** (n) conception
- speculation:** (n) guess, venture, reflection, meditation, guesswork, gamble, supposition, theory, surmise, adventure, conjecture. ANTONYM: (n) fact
- spell:** (n) magic, fascination, bout, conjuration, period, incantation, sorcery, enchantment, turn, span, bewitchment. ANTONYM: (n) alertness
- spend:** (v) expend, exhaust, squander, pay out, blow, deplete, pass, wear, lead; (adj, v) waste; (n) outlay. ANTONYMS: (v) conserve, earn, hoard, keep
- sphere:** (n) region, range, province, domain, realm, area, department, round, ball, circle, globe
- spite:** (n) malice, grudge, hatred, malevolence, rancour, venom, rancor, maliciousness, ill will, animosity; (n, v) pique. ANTONYMS: (v) please; (n) benevolence, goodwill, love, affection, harmony
- spoke:** (n) bar, rung, radius, rule, shoe, skid, rundle, line, clog, round; (v) said
- spoken:** (adj) verbal, expressed, speaking, speak, unwritten, vocal, voiced, talk, said, informal, conversational. ANTONYMS: (adj) written, unspoken, tacit, formal, silent
- sprinkling:** (n) sprinkle, scattering, touch, aspersion, smack, spray, bit, scatter, watering; (adj, n) spice; (adj) drop
- square:** (n) area, rectangle; (adj) rectangular, fair, honest; (adj, v) even, correspond, agree; (v) settle; (adv, n) foursquare; (adj, adv) just. ANTONYMS: (adj) round, underhand, trendy, fresh, activist, relaxed
- stain:** (n, v) spot, blemish, tarnish, blot, dye, smear, disgrace, mark, soil, dirt, defile. ANTONYMS: (v) enhance, dignify, clean
- stake:** (n, v) risk, chance, venture, bet, wager, post, pole, gamble, support; (n) interest, shaft
- stamp:** (n, v) print, imprint, mark, seal, brand, impress, cast, punch, shape; (v) trample; (n) impression
- stand:** (v) endure, undergo; (n) rack, booth, attitude, base, pedestal; (n, v) live, position; (adj, v) suffer, tolerate. ANTONYMS: (v) sit, lie, yield, forbid; (n) top
- standing:** (n) fame, position, importance, prestige, place, reputation, footing; (adj) erect, motionless, continuance; (n, v) stand. ANTONYMS: (adj) seated, moving, horizontal, falling, temporary
- state:** (n) nation, position, kingdom, status, country; (n, v) say, show, place; (adj) national; (v) express, expound. ANTONYMS: (adj) private; (n) monarchy; (v) conceal, refute
- station:** (adj, n, v) rank, standing; (v) locate, put; (n, v) post, seat, position, stand, base, site, order
- statistics:** (n) statistic, census, score, correlation, theory of probabilities, theory of chances, figures, numbers, applied math, applied mathematics, regression toward the mean
- stay:** (adj, n, v) remain; (n, v) rest, prop, stop, delay, abide, continue, pause, endure, halt, support. ANTONYMS: (v) change, abscond, depart, move, disappear, become, go
- stayed:** (v) staid, serious, philosophic, sedate, platonic, stoical; (n) stays; (adj) late
- staying:** (n) stays, arrest; (adj) continual, old, left
- steps:** (n) step, stairs, staircase, stairway, flight, stepladder, scale, backstairs, companionway, escalator, stair
- stirred:** (adj) excited, agitated, moved, affected, aroused, emotional, aflame, Stirn, horny, susceptible, stirred up
- stone:** (n) jewel, rock, pebble, gem, calculus, gemstone, kernel, concretion; (n, v) pit; (v) lapidate, pelt
- stony:** (adj) rocky, hard, rough, callous, cold, pitiless, flinty, unfeeling, obdurate, bleak, icy. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, kind
- stop:** (int, n, v) hold, stand; (adj, n, v)

- stay, cease; (n, v) check, end, close, block, bar, arrest; (v) obstruct. ANTONYMS: (n, v) continue; (v) begin, encourage, permit, prolong, persevere, expedite, accelerate; (n) continuation, proceed, go
- stopped:** (adj) stopped up, stoped, congested, unmoving, stop, finished, stopen, stopt, blocked, stopping, stops. ANTONYMS: (adj) unstopped, moving
- stops:** (n) Chicago, Michigan, Newmarket, boodle, halts, stop, stoppages, stopped, stopping, card game, moolah
- story:** (n, v) history, tale, narrative; (n) recital, narration, report, account, level, legend, novel, stage. ANTONYM: (n) fact
- straight:** (adj) erect, honest, upright, even, fair, perpendicular, correct; (adj, adv, v) direct; (adj, adv, n) right; (adj, adv) level, flat. ANTONYMS: (adj) diluted, zigzag, winding, curly, curved, curvy, twisted, wavy, knotted, askew; (adv) indirectly
- strange:** (adj) foreign, peculiar, unusual, abnormal, outlandish, irregular, odd, new, mysterious, extraordinary, curious. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, familiar, typical, usual, conventional, explicable, sensible, mainstream, known, human
- strangely:** (adv) curiously, queerly, unusually, funnily, peculiarly, weirdly, marvelously, uncommonly, extraordinarily, singularly, bizarrely. ANTONYMS: (adv) typically, ordinarily, harmoniously
- street:** (n) road, avenue, way, highway, route, lane, neighborhood, path, track, boulevard, Main Street
- stress:** (n, v) strain, accent; (n) emphasis, tension, pressure, importance, force; (v) emphasize, punctuate, underline; (adj, n) pinch. ANTONYMS: (n) relaxation, unimportance, relief, ease; (v) relax, understate, deny, soothe
- strict:** (adj) severe, stern, rigid, correct, austere, rigorous, harsh, scrupulous; (adj, v) exact, accurate, precise. ANTONYMS: (adj) lenient, lax, free, negligent, imprecise, flexible, relaxed, loose, gentle, inaccurate, liberal
- strictly:** (adv) rigorously, severely, exactly, correctly, stringently, sternly, rigidly, precisely, closely, literally, harshly. ANTONYMS:
- (adv) loosely, leniently, lightheartedly, negligently, inaccurately, unlawfully, falsely, amenably
- stroll:** (n, v) ramble, saunter, walk, amble, wander, promenade, tramp, hike; (v) roam, go for a walk, range
- strong:** (adj) intense, able, firm, stable, steady, solid, hard, lusty; (adj, v) deep, sound; (adj, n, v) steadfast. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, pale, unconvincing, slight, feeble, frail, bland, faint, delicate, mild, lightweight
- strongly:** (adv) firmly, vigorously, robustly, violently, solidly, vehemently, sturdily, hardily, mightily, energetically, severely. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, dimly, faintly, feebly, gently, loosely, slightly, submissively, thinly, languorously, impassively
- struck:** (adj, v) smitten; (v) stroke; (adj) affected, afflicted, doting, doty, enamored, gaga, hurt, in love, infatuated
- struggle:** (n, v) contest, battle, conflict, combat, strain, endeavor, attempt, dispute, quarrel; (n) effort, exertion. ANTONYMS: (v) flourish; (n) ease, surrender, friendship
- study:** (n, v) examine, review, survey, research; (v) learn, check, contemplate, ponder, inquire; (n) consideration, learning. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect; (v) skim
- style:** (n, v) name, call, entitle, cut; (adj, n) manner, sort, kind; (n) form, pattern, method, mode. ANTONYMS: (n) clumsiness, tastelessness, coarseness, crudeness
- subject:** (n) matter, citizen, motif, question, issue, affair, point, national; (adj, v) exposed; (adj, n) dependent, inferior. ANTONYMS: (n) foreigner, resolution; (adj) impervious
- subsequently:** (adj, adv) after; (adv) afterward, next, consequently, behind, afterwards, later on, succeedingly, nextly, thereafter, after that. ANTONYM: (adv) previously
- success:** (n) conquest, prosperity, achievement, hit, passing, victory, effectiveness, accomplishment, triumph, coup, achiever. ANTONYMS: (n) flop, disappointment, prevention, debacle, defeat, fruitlessness, poverty, dissatisfaction, inefficiency, criticism
- sudden:** (adj) precipitous, quick, abrupt, hasty, rash, unexpected, steep, unforeseen, drastic, immediate, swift. ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, slow, gentle, leisurely, protracted, sensible, smooth
- suddenly:** (adj, adv) quickly, rapidly, immediately, presto; (adv) hastily, short, all at once, sudden, sharply, unexpectedly, instantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) increasingly, predictably, slowly, gently, progressively, sensibly, eventually
- suffer:** (v) encounter, stand, accept, undergo, brook, experience, have, endure, abide, sustain; (adj, v) allow. ANTONYMS: (v) enjoy, rejoice, flourish
- suffered:** (adj) permitted, permissive
- suffering:** (n) distress, agony, affliction, anguish, torture, grief, torment, misery, hardship; (adj, n) hurt; (adj) miserable. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) content; (n) peace, ecstasy, joy, pleasure
- sugar:** (n) darling, saccharide, carbohydrate, love, beloved, jaggary; (adj, n) dear; (v) saccharify, sweeten, dulcify, edulcorate
- suggest:** (v) offer, imply, indicate, propose, submit, advise, intimate, hint, counsel, proffer, point. ANTONYMS: (v) contraindicate, oppose, reject
- suit:** (adj, v) fit, please; (adj, n, v) correspond; (n) lawsuit, plea, action, case; (v) adapt, accommodate, become; (n, v) answer. ANTONYM: (v) clash
- sunday:** (n) sun, sabbath, week, day of rest; (adj) not forged, resulting favorably, full, good, right, just, morally admirable
- superior:** (adj) dominant, exceptional, predominant, better, great, proud, arrogant, excellent, select, high; (adj, n) elder. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) inferior, subscript; (adj) humble, worse, poor, adscript, junior, lesser, low; (n) subordinate, associate
- supplies:** (n) food, stores, resources, provender, cache, ways and means, wherewithal, stocks; (n, v) equipment, outfit; (v) furniture
- suppose:** (v) infer, guess, speculate, divine, presume, conjecture, reckon, imagine, estimate, consider, assume. ANTONYMS: (v) disbelieve, know, measure, despair, doubt, speculate
- supposed:** (adj) hypothetical, reputed, alleged, assumed,

- imaginary, putative, apparent, ostensible, suppositional, supposititious, suppositious.
- ANTONYM:** (adj) actual
- supposing:** (adv) admitting, conditionally, in case; (n) supposition, conjecture, thought, theory, assumption; (conj) although, what if; (v) suppose
- sure:** (adj) secure, reliable, safe, indisputable, dependable, assured, positive; (adj, v) steady, firm; (adv) certainly; (adj, adv) for certain.
- ANTONYMS:** (adj) doubtful, uncertain, unsure, hesitant, humbled, dubious, indefinite, wavering, wobbly, unconvinced; (adv) doubtful
- surely:** (adv) positively, definitely, confidently, securely, undoubtedly, clearly, firmly, assuredly, absolutely; (adj, adv) really; (adv, int) of course. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) questionably, uncertain, weakly
- surmised:** (adj) rude, conjectural, assumed
- surprise:** (n) fright, amazement, wonder, astonishment; (n, v) alarm, shock, jolt; (v) amaze, startle, astonish, stun. **ANTONYMS:** (n) expectation; (v) encourage, comfort
- surprised:** (adj) amazed, dumbfounded, shocked, astounded, stunned, taken aback, bewildered, startled, surprise, aghast, to be astonished. **ANTONYM:** (adj) unsurprised
- surrender:** (v) concede, abandon, give up, capitulate, submit, deliver; (adj, n) resignation; (n, v) resign, render, release; (n) capitulation.
- ANTONYMS:** (v) conquer, appropriate, persevere, subdue, enforce; (n, v) fight, win; (n) capture, confrontation, conquest, victory
- surrey:** (n) carriage
- susceptible:** (adj) impressionable, receptive, sensitive, subject, liable, delicate, susceptible, vulnerable, pliable, irritable, open.
- ANTONYMS:** (adj) resistant, impervious, resisting, safe, invulnerable, indifferent, smart
- suspect:** (v) mistrust, suppose, distrust, conjecture, guess, surmise, divine, disbelieve; (adj) fishy, questionable, shady. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) trustworthy, trusted, innocent, reliable, credible, aboveboard; (n) plaintiff; (v) know, believe
- suspected:** (adj) supposed, doubted, suspicious, suspicion, inspiring
- distrust, distrusted
- suspense:** (n) doubt, expectancy, anticipation, indecision, insecurity, unrest, expectation, irresolution, suspension, tension; (adj, n) hesitation. **ANTONYM:** (n) knowledge
- sweeps:** (n) sweep period
- sweet:** (adj) fresh, mellow, lovable, dear, pleasant, musical, melodious, pleasing, sugary; (adj, v) lovely; (adj, n) beloved. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) discordant, bitter, acid, sharp, acidic, pungent, salty, harsh, detestable, cacophonous, dry
- sweetly:** (adv) pleasantly, sweet, mildly, melodically, melodiously, softly, syrupily, beautifully, pleasingly, dulcetly, fairly.
- ANTONYMS:** (adv) discordantly, horribly, sharply, harshly, unkindly
- sweetness:** (n) sugariness, sweet, redolence, pleasantness, fragrance, aroma, charm, perfume, amenity, niceness, kindness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) sourness, sharpness, unpleasantness, harshness, tastelessness, unkindness
- sympathy:** (n) compassion, kindness, commiseration, mercy, feeling, understanding, rapport, benevolence, agreement; (adj, n) humanity, charity. **ANTONYMS:** (n) indifference, cruelty, coldness, disdain, incompatibility, thoughtlessness, mercilessness, callousness, incomprehension, inhumanity, insensitivity
- system:** (adj, n) method, arrangement; (n) network, plan, organization, order, structure, means, process, form, frame.
- ANTONYMS:** (n) part, disorganization, cog, disarray
- table:** (n) board, schedule, chart, stand, list, desk, plateau, platen; (v) defer, shelve, postpone.
- ANTONYMS:** (v) decide, vote, withdraw
- tableau:** (n) scene, prospect, scenery, perspective, spectacle, landscape, lookout, act, outlook; (v) painting, piece
- taken:** (adj) occupied, full, interpreted, appropriated, seized, overcome, affected, besotted; (v) take, get, receive. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) given, free
- taking:** (adj) fetching, attractive, contagious, winning, catching, fascinating, captivating; (n) capture, receipt, angry mood, acharnement.
- ANTONYM:** (n) rejection
- talk:** (n, v) discourse, gossip, converse, lecture, chatter, chat, address; (v) articulate, speak, prattle; (n) language. **ANTONYMS:** (v) refuse; (n) silence
- talking:** (n) talk, conversation, nothingness, speech, speaking, verbal communication, words, yak, language; (adj) sound, levelheaded.
- ANTONYM:** (adj) silent
- fall:** (adj) elevated, high, exalted, big, lanky, towering, eminent, unbelievable, strapping, long, gangling. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) low, small, sensible, reasonable, little, believable, easy, stocky
- task:** (n) job, assignment, duty, labor, commission, charge, enterprise, project, stint, occupation; (n, v) exercise
- taste:** (n, v) relish, sample, smack, touch; (n) flavor, liking, penchant, morsel, bit, drop, fondness.
- ANTONYMS:** (n) dislike, tastelessness, disinclination, hate, lot, coarseness, uncouthness; (v) abstain, refrain
- tears:** (n) cry, crying, snivel, brine, weeping, activity, bawling, bodily function, bodily process, body process, lacerations
- tedious:** (adj) tiresome, boring, dreary, slow, heavy, humdrum, irksome, lifeless; (adj, v) monotonous, arid, dry.
- ANTONYMS:** (adj) exciting, varied, easy, readable, lively, entertaining, enthralling, brisk, concise, exotic, pleasant
- telegram:** (n) cablegram, wire, telegraph, message, letter telegram, report, overseas telegram, news, marconigram, embassy, conducting wire
- tell:** (n, v) disclose, impart, count; (v) relate, reveal, recount, divulge, explain, communicate; (adj, v) declare, express. **ANTONYMS:** (v) request, misunderstand, estimate, listen, figure, guess, withhold, conceal, suppress, confuse
- telling:** (adj, v) significant; (adj) revealing, emphatic, impressive, effectual, effective, pregnant, cogent; (n) relation, recounting, notice.
- ANTONYMS:** (adj) secretive, unimportant, insignificant, hidden
- temperance:** (n) moderation, abstinence, abstemiousness, control, restraint, moderateness, soberness, forbearance, measure, gravity,

- asceticism. ANTONYMS: (n) intemperance, wildness
- temporary:** (adj) ephemeral, acting, momentary, fleeting, provisional, impermanent, transient, evanescent, transitory, brief; (adj, v) temporal. ANTONYMS: (adj) continuous, enduring, eternal, everlasting, sustained, continued, lasting
- temptation:** (n, v) lure, enticement, bait; (n) attraction, allurements, invitation, seduction, inducement, allure, appeal, pull. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, discouragement
- terminus:** (n) destination, finish, end, goal, terminal, term, depot, conclusion, end point, last, period
- terms:** (n) conditions, provision, stipulation, terminology, price, proposition, lemma, cost, footing, damage, specifications
- terrible:** (adj) horrible, dreadful, horrid, monstrous, abominable, ghastly, dire, appalling, fearful, awful, hideous. ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, pleasant, great, laudable, excellent, superb, mild, slight, minor, brilliant, insignificant
- thank:** (v) give thanks, recognize, bless, thanks, give thanks to, convey, acknowledged, remercy, impart
- theatre:** (n) theater, house, cinema, stage, arena, playhouse, dramaturgy, dramatics, dramatic art, theater of operations, battleground
- theory:** (n) supposition, assumption, conjecture, hypothesis, speculation, guess, idea, opinion, surmise, presumption, belief. ANTONYMS: (n) reality, practice, proof
- thing:** (n) affair, occurrence, object, event, concern, something, article, happening, substance, occasion, being
- things:** (n) gear, belongings, equipment, garb, garment, clothes, paraphernalia, goods, life, property, palliament
- thinking:** (n) consideration, idea, opinion, reasoning, intellection, cogitation, conception, contemplation; (adj) intelligent, thoughtful, meditative
- third:** (n) second, tierce, three, third part, terzetto, hot corner, third base; (adv) thirdly; (adj) triple, thrid, tertial
- thirty:** (n) large integer, termination; (adj) thretty
- thomas:** (n) Aquinas, Dylan Thomas, Lowell Thomas, doubting Thomas, Norman Thomas, Saint Thomas, saint Thomas Aquinas, St Thomas, St Thomas Aquinas, Thomas the doubting apostle, Lowell Jackson Thomas
- thoroughly:** (adv, v) fully; (adv) entirely, totally, soundly, exhaustively, carefully, absolutely, perfectly, deeply, utterly, exactly. ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, incompletely, negligently, partially, partly, barely, halfheartedly, deficiently, inadequately, insufficiently, hastily
- thought:** (n) idea, impression; (conj) still, notwithstanding, nevertheless, albeit, whereas, while; (adv) even, after all, tho'; (adv, conj) tho
- thought:** (n) idea, impression, conception, belief, concept; (adj, n) opinion, feeling, sentiment; (n, v) consideration, reflection, observation. ANTONYMS: (n) thing, vacuity, vacancy, concrete, thoughtlessness, inattention, impulsiveness, certainty, neglect, trust
- thoughtful:** (adj, v) serious, solemn, grave; (adj) kind, careful, pensive, heedful, attentive, discreet, sensible, courteous. ANTONYMS: (adj) thoughtless, careless, heedless, uncaring, unkind, tactless, superficial, stupid, negligent, idiotic, unthinking
- thoughtless:** (adj, v) careless, heedless, rash, improvident; (adj) reckless, inattentive, hasty, unthinking, negligent, neglectful, imprudent. ANTONYMS: (adj) considerate, considered, heedful, prudent, kind, cautious, mindful, responsible, attentive, observant, sensible
- thoughts:** (n) mind, opinion, depth of thought, feelings, reflection, ideas, workings of the mind, view, stance, position, considered opinion
- thousand:** (adj, n) one thousand, k, m; (n) grand, g, thou, cat Valium, constant of gravitation, grounds, curtilage; (adj) a thousand
- thrif:** (n) economy, parsimony, husbandry, frugality, prosperity, prudence, thriftiness, parsimoniousness, sea pink, welfare; (v) gain. ANTONYMS: (n) generosity, spending, waste
- thrill:** (n, v) delight, shudder, quiver, shiver; (v) excite, exhilarate, exalt, stir; (n) shake, excitement, chill.
- ANTONYMS: (v) dishearten, discourage, disappoint, displease; (n) depression, calm, boredom, agony, sorrow; (n, v) bore
- thursday:** (n) thorium
- ticket:** (n) label, card, certificate, ballot, check, slate, tag, warrant, voucher, slip, mark. ANTONYM: (n) exclusion
- tidings:** (n) intelligence, information, message, report, word, advice, communication, dispute, wind, statement, tiding
- tiel:** (adj) bound, connected, laced, united, fixed, even, liable, tight, spiked, responsible, attached. ANTONYMS: (adj) untied, unlaced
- till:** (conj, prep) until, unto; (v) plow, hoe, farm, dig; (adj) up to; (n) tiller, drawer; (adv) so far; (prep) to
- times:** (n) present time, modern times, contemporary world, multiplication, time, period, era, many years duration, epoch, present, arithmetic operation
- together:** (adv) in concert, conjointly, at the same time, at once, simultaneously, mutually, in unison, all together, at the same moment; (adj) united, stable. ANTONYMS: (adv) separately, individually, independently, apart, alone; (adj) separate, upset, unstable, separated, imbalanced, scatterbrained
- told:** (v) related, narrated; (adj) numbered, oral, spoken, legendary, verbal, manifest
- tone:** (n) note, accent, timbre, spirit, tinge, shade, air, sound, tint, manner; (n, v) color. ANTONYMS: (n) atonicity, flaccidity; (v) jar
- tongs:** (n) forceps, pincers, pliers, nippers, poker, lifter, pair of tongs, trivet, vice, ice tongs; (v) clutches
- toothache:** (v) tic douloureux, torticollis, tormina; (n) aerodontalgia
- topic:** (n) theme, question, matter, affair, issue, text, point, business, subject matter, substance, area
- torie:** (n) liberals, socialists
- touch:** (v) hit, affect, border, adjoin, strike, reach; (n, v) contact, stroke, tinge, regard, tap. ANTONYMS: (v) shrink, secrete, separate, diverge, abstain, leave; (n) lot
- touched:** (adj) insane, cracked, tinged, not right, daft, crazy, nutty; (v) compassionate, sympathetic, pitiful, mucid. ANTONYMS: (adj) untouched, sane, unemotional, unmoved, well

towards: (prep) to, facing, until, opposite to, till, unto, upon; (n, prep) against; (adv) about, by; (n) at

town: (adj) municipal, urban; (n) borough, township, village, burgh, burg, municipality, townspeople, metropolis; (adj, n) community. ANTONYMS: (adj) country, private

tradesmen: (n) fellow tradesmen

tragedy: (n) calamity, disaster, misfortune, play, cataclysm, drama, bad luck, bale, apocalypse, farce, tragic. ANTONYMS: (n) humor, blessing, joy, boon, advantage, comedy

tragic: (adj) calamitous, disastrous, dreadful, grievous, catastrophic, unlucky, unfortunate, woeful, tragical, comic, heartbreaking. ANTONYMS: (adj) humorous, heartwarming, blessed, advantageous, lucky, fortunate, joyous

train: (v) aim, exercise, direct, educate, tame, prepare, school; (n, v) coach, trail, tail; (n) chain. ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, forget; (n) head

travel: (adj, n, v) go, pass, run; (adj, v) proceed; (v) roam, move, ride, sail; (n) stroke, tour; (n, v) voyage. ANTONYMS: (v) remain, settle

tray: (n) plate, salver, dish, cheeseboard, tray bar, server, waiter, Cran, inkstand, icetray, jardiniere

treat: (n, v) feast, manage, administer, regale; (v) process, deal, heal, nurse; (n) luxury, delicacy, tidbit. ANTONYMS: (v) harm, hurt, injure, neglect, exacerbate, deprive, deny, contaminate, cloud; (n) necessity

treated: (adj) tempered, hardened, emotionally hardened, inured, baked, physically toughened, enured, burned, tough, burnt, considered. ANTONYM: (adj) untempered

tree: (n) gallows, gibbet, stem, pedigree, kurchee, quandong, poon, platan, lemonwood, lancewood, lacebark

trespassing: (n) interference; (adj) invasive

trivet: (n) bracket, stand, board, shelf, ledge, poker, tongs, hob, shovel, tripod, support

trivial: (adj) trifling, frivolous, little, small, commonplace, superficial, petty, paltry, inconsiderable, piddling, slight. ANTONYMS: (adj) important, vital, major, urgent, profound, crucial, consequential,

considerable, enormous, mature, serious

triviality: (n) trifle, trivia, pettiness, slightness, banality, unimportance, technicality, small beer, levity, detail, frivolity. ANTONYMS: (n) importance, substance, originality, value, responsibility

trot: (n, v) run; (n) crib, canter, pony, gait, ride, lope; (v) gallop, general, frequent, household

trouble: (n, v) inconvenience, pain, bother, disquiet, disorder, worry, annoy, fuss, afflict, torment; (adj, n) difficulty. ANTONYMS: (v) please, help, assist, aid, placate, soothe, comfort; (n) fitness, pleasure, advantage, ease

troubles: (n) dilemma, evils, harms, ills

true: (adj, n) genuine, authentic; (adj) right, faithful, even, correct, accurate, honest, straight, truthful; (adj, v) actual. ANTONYMS: (adj) inaccurate, untrue, bogus, untrustworthy, unrealistic, mythical, fraudulent, faithless, disloyal; (adv) wrongly, dishonestly

trunks: (n) short pants, pants, luggage, Jockey shorts, Jamaica shorts, Bermuda shorts, bathing trunks, bathing suit, costume, drawers, swimming trunks

trust: (n, v) credit, rely, hope; (n) confidence, faith, reliance, belief, cartel, assurance; (v) believe, confide. ANTONYMS: (n, v) distrust, doubt, mistrust; (v) disbelieve, keep, hold, despair; (n) disbelief, suspicion, independence

trusted: (adj) intimate, confidential, sure, bosom, beloved, cherished, familiar, trustworthy, indisputable, trusty, reliable

trusting: (adj) credulous, unsuspecting, naive, confident, confiding, simple, innocent, gullible, relying, give, easy to fool. ANTONYMS: (adj) distrustful, suspicious, doubtful, hesitant, protective, shrewd, disingenuous, smart, jaded

trusty: (adj) trustworthy, honest, faithful, dependable, responsible, constant, loyal, true, authentic, solid, sure. ANTONYMS: (adj) untrustworthy, inconstant, corrupt, disloyal

truth: (n) exactness, actuality, sincerity, verity, fidelity, fact, correctness, genuineness, faithfulness, certainty, honesty.

ANTONYMS: (n) dishonesty, fabrication, falsehood, fiction, lie, inaccuracy, idealism, falsity, disloyalty, fallacy, invention

tune: (n) song, strain, air, harmony, note, concord; (v) adjust, regulate, string, tune up; (n, v) chant. ANTONYMS: (n) silence; (v) untune

turn: (n, v) curve, roll, twist, go, coil, round, change, bent, spin; (n) bout; (v) revolve. ANTONYMS: (n) failure, Miss, stagnation; (v) unbend

turned: (adj) off, curved, rancid, twisted, false, bent, altered, sullen, having inflections, versed, glowering. ANTONYM: (adj) unturned

turning: (n) turn, revolution, bend, rotation, deviation, gyration, conversion, veering; (adj) rotating, revolving, rotary

tutelage: (n) protection, charge, instruction, custody, safekeeping, tuition, care, education, teaching, tutorship, employ

twenty: (adj) vigesimal; (n) large integer, twenty dollar bill

twice: (adv) doubly, bis, two times, in two ways, once more; (adj) twenty

twins: (n) Gemini, couple, brace, duet, cheeks, deuce, twin, two, Siamese twins, siblings, geminy

twopence: (n) tuppence, coin

unalterable: (adj) constant, inalterable, immutable, permanent, invariable, firm, changeless, rigid, stable, irrevocable, unchangeable. ANTONYMS: (adj) alterable, impermanent, temporary, fluid, flexible

unbearable: (adj) insufferable, excruciating, insupportable, unendurable, hateful, unacceptable, repugnant, impossible, grievous, enormous, dreadful. ANTONYMS: (adj) bearable, manageable, imperceptible, tolerable, wonderful, lovable, nice, pleasant

uncertainty: (n) doubtfulness, suspicion, distrust, indecision, suspense, irresolution, hesitation, incertitude, dubiety, question, dubiousness. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, decisiveness, confidence, clarity, sureness, definiteness, resolution, predictability, security, certitude, understanding

uncle: (n) father's younger brother, elder uncle, father's older brother, father's sister's husband, husband of paternal aunt, maternal uncle, niece, benefactor, EME, helper, kinsman

undeceive: (v) unbeguile, unbecool, disabuse, inform

undeceived: (adj) disillusioned, disenchanting

under: (adj) lower, down, nether, bottom, inferior, low, subject; (adv, prep) beneath, underneath; (adv) downstairs, infra. ANTONYMS: (adv, prep) over, above; (adv) primary, higher, major

understand: (v) interpret, hear, see, catch, learn, translate, grasp, construe, gather; (adj, v) realize, take. ANTONYMS: (v) misinterpret, misconstrue, misunderstand, disbelieve, mistake, reject, deny, Miss

undivided: (adj) complete, whole, unbroken, total, single, integral, continuous, united, full, exclusive, solid. ANTONYMS: (adj) partial, separate, broken, imperfect, individual

undoubtedly: (adv) certainly, positively, definitely, indubitably, no doubt, clearly, unquestionably, unquestioned, all right, beyond any doubt; (adj, adv) doubtless. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, indefinite, ambiguously, possibly

unexpectedly: (adv) by chance, suddenly, abruptly, casually, unforeseen, unawares, surprisingly, unanticipatedly, hastily, strangely, circumstantially. ANTONYMS: (adv) intentionally, gradually, normally, predictably

unfair: (adj) unjust, dishonest, inequitable, foul, deceitful, wrongful, undeserved, dishonorable, fraudulent, underhand, unporting. ANTONYMS: (adj) just, reasonable, balanced, rightful, honest, sporting, impartial, evenhanded, unbiased, innocent, justified

unfashionable: (adj) dowdy, unstylish, behind the times, old, out of fashion, outdated, old-fashioned, antiquated, out, styleless, unconventional. ANTONYMS: (adj) in, trendy, fresh

unfortunate: (adj) inauspicious, sad, hapless, bad, inopportune, disastrous, adverse, deplorable, infelicitous, untoward, lamentable. ANTONYMS: (adj) lucky, auspicious, good, opportune, joyous, timely, appropriate, successful, easy, privileged

unfortunately: (adv) wretchedly, unhappily, regrettably, sadly, alas,

badly, unsuccessfully, poorly, disastrously, inauspiciously, inopportune. ANTONYMS: (adv) luckily, thankfully, happily

unfriendly: (adj) inimical, distant, adverse, antagonistic, unkind, cold, inhospitable, icy; (adj, adv) chilly; (adj, v) unfavorable; (adv) hostilely. ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, welcoming, warm, amiable, approachable, sociable, hospitable, kindly, nice, outgoing, pleasant

ungentlemanly: (adj) ribald, discourteous, shabby, uncouth, unrefined, impolite

unhappily: (adv) wretchedly, unluckily, disconsolately, badly, woefully, forlornly, sorrowfully, unfortunately, dismally, dejectedly, despondently. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, contentedly, luckily, willingly, enthusiastically, fortunately

unhappy: (adj) gloomy, dismal, depressed, melancholy, sad, miserable, sorrowful, distressed, disconsolate, infelicitous, low. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, cheerfully, satisfied, pleased, glad, euphoric, fortunate, contented, joyful, timely, lucky

unionist: (n) trade unionist, worker

united: (adj, v) joint; (adj) combined, cooperative, connected, allied, mutual, concerted, mixed, conjunctive, undivided, common. ANTONYMS: (adj) separate, divided, disjointed, separated, rival

university: (n) academy, academe, varsity, Alma mater, Oxford, academic circles, academic world, city university; (adj) college, academic, academical

unkind: (adj) cruel, harsh, unfeeling, inconsiderate, pitiless, heartless, inhuman, hard, thoughtless, brutal, mean. ANTONYMS: (adj) kind, considerate, pleasant, friendly, thoughtful, tactful, mild, gentle, generous, flattering, compassionate

unknown: (adj, n) secret, alien; (adj) hidden, unfamiliar, unidentified, obscure, nameless, foreign, anonymous; (n) stranger, foreigner. ANTONYMS: (adj) familiar, recognized, famous, documented, identified, transparent; (n) native

unlucky: (adj) unfortunate, ill-fated, alone, unattached, individual, separate, celibate, widowed, bachelor, maiden, lone.

unmixed: (adj, v) simple, sheer, mere, downright; (adj) absolute, unmingled, undiluted, straight, uncompounded, single, plain. ANTONYMS: (adj) impure

unnecessary: (adj) redundant, gratuitous, needless, dispensable, surplus, pointless, excessive, excess, undue, spare, useless. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, basic, worthwhile, required, indispensable, helpful, justified, essential, moderate, inevitable

unoccupied: (adj) empty, vacant, unemployed, free, desolate, void, uninhabited, idle, inactive, deserted, abandoned. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, inhabited, overcrowded, solid, working, busy

unpleasant: (adj, n) harsh; (adj) disagreeable, obnoxious, ugly, nasty, sour, awkward, repulsive, forbidding, bad, hard. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, agreeable, wonderful, nice, enjoyable, attractive, comfortable, charming, inoffensive, amicable, cordial

unpleasing: (adj) displeasing, graceless, ungracious, unpleasant, disagreeable, wicked, not grateful, offensive, perturbed, restless, stiff

unpublished: (v) untold, untalked of, unsung, unsaid, unwritten; (adj) unexpressed, undisclosed, unbreathed, not edited, hitherto unpublished, secret. ANTONYMS: (adj) published

unreadable: (adj) unclear, undecipherable, indecipherable, inscrutable, not legible, not readable, inexpressive, impossible to read, impenetrable, impassive, hard to make out. ANTONYMS: (adj) legible, readable, expressive

unromantic: (adj) unexaggerated, unaffected, unflattering, unimaginative, realistic, unloving, practical, utilitarian, not romantic

unsatisfactory: (adj) insufficient, poor, deficient, bad, lame, dissatisfactory, disappointing, empty, mediocre, limited, pitiful. ANTONYMS: (adj) acceptable, reasonable, adequate, satisfying, impressive, perfect

unsound: (adj) false, shaky, fallacious, faulty, rotten, unreliable,

invalid, unsafe, imperfect, unreasonable, weak. ANTONYMS: (adj) valid, sound, well, safe, steady, strong, logical, watertight, stable, good, perfect

unspoiled: (adj) pure, unspoil, uncorrupted, virtuous, estimable, flawless, fresh, fine, financially sound, fresher, expert.

ANTONYMS: (adj) flawed, impure, marred, soiled

until: (prep, v) to; (conj, prep) unto; (adj) up to; (adv) so far, yet, before, meanwhile; (prep) pending, while, during, awaiting

untruthful: (adj) untrue, dishonest, insincere, mendacious, deceitful, lying, incorrect, fictitious, wrong, faithless, unfounded. ANTONYMS: (adj) honest, true, straightforward

unwell: (adj) sick, ill, poorly, ailing, sickly, unhealthy, seedy, bad, diseased, frail; (adj, v) indisposed. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, well, fit

uplifted: (adj) high, raised, noble, not inverted, not prone, proud, undismayed, stately, lofty, sublime, animated

upon: (adv, prep) above; (prep) up, onto, against, towards; (adv) on, on that occasion, then, before, by; (n) at

upper: (adj) top, higher, overhead, over, topmost, highest; (n) stimulant, bennie, meth, speed, amphetamine. ANTONYMS: (adj) lower, below, junior, under, bottom

upright: (adj) perpendicular, erect, fair, good, righteous, just, virtuous, true, honorable, plumb; (adj, n) vertical. ANTONYMS: (adj) prone, disreputable, degenerate, hanging, unwholesome, dishonest, dishonorable, lying, horizontal, falling; (adv) horizontally

upsetting: (adj) disconcerting, disturbing, troublesome, distressing, poignant, sad, perplexing, bewildering; (n) cold heading, overturn, overthrow. ANTONYMS: (adj) comforting, reassuring, heartwarming, kind, happy, attractive, unemotional, lovely, appealing, pleasing, pleasant

upstairs: (adj) upstairs; (adv) on a higher floor, in the mind, in the head, up the stairs, over; (n) heaven, administration, authority, board, eternity. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) downstairs

used: (adj) exploited, old, accustomed, worn, spent, victimized, wont, tried, decrepit,

second hand, exhausted.

ANTONYMS: (adj) new, unused, spanking, misused

useful: (adj) helpful, beneficial, practical, handy, advantageous, valuable, convenient, effective, functional, efficient, gainful.

ANTONYMS: (adj) worthless, ineffective, unusable, negative, decorative, destructive, detrimental, disadvantageous, ineffectual, irrelevant, theoretical

usual: (adj, n, v) ordinary, common, customary; (adj, n) habitual, accustomed, familiar, average, regular; (adj) everyday; (adj, v) frequent, general. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconventional, extraordinary, abnormal, irregular, atypical, exceptional, unprecedented, uncommon, rare, changing, unacceptable

usually: (adv) generally, ordinarily, normally, frequently, habitually, customarily, mostly, regularly, typically, as a rule, in general.

ANTONYMS: (adv) rarely, exceptionally, occasionally
utilitarian: (adj) functional, practical, pragmatic, philanthropic, utile, serviceable, humanitarian, helpful, convenient; (n) Benthamite, philanthropist. ANTONYMS: (adj) surrender, relinquish, soulful, luxury, decorative, useless

utmost: (adj, n) maximum, extreme, uttermost, furthestmost, best, highest; (adj, adv) farthest; (adj, v) supreme; (adj) last, furthest; (adj, n, v) greatest. ANTONYMS: (adj) moderate, worst

utterly: (adv) completely, absolutely, totally, entirely, extremely, altogether, expressly, purely, dead, fully, wholly. ANTONYMS: (adv) partly, uncertain, slightly, incompletely, hardly, somewhat

vaccination: (n) immunization, shot, prevention, preventative medicine, vaccine, jab, immunisation, gamma globulin, booster, injection, medicine

vacillating: (adj) indecisive, changeable, undecided, wavering, giddy, vacillant, hesitating, hesitant; (adj, v) infirm, debilitated, enfeebled. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, strong, consistent, decisive, determined, resolute

vaguely: (adv) hazily, faintly, indistinctly, ambiguously, dimly, mistily, unclearly, loosely,

shadowily, indeterminately, obscurely. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, definitely, unmistakably, exactly, closely, distinctly, alertly, calmly, considerably, intelligibly

valuable: (adj) costly, beneficial, expensive, helpful, useful, admirable, important, invaluable; (adj, n) estimable, worthy; (n) treasure. ANTONYMS: (adj) useless, unimportant, valueless, insignificant, ineffectual, shabby, cheap, detrimental, disadvantageous; (n) trash, garbage

value: (adj, n, v) price; (n) cost, importance, consequence; (n, v) rate, appraise, measure; (v) appreciate, evaluate, esteem, assess.

ANTONYMS: (n) disadvantage, futility, uselessness, insignificance, detriment, inefficiency, inferiority; (v) scorn, disregard, disrespect, hate
valued: (adj) precious, appreciated, respected, dear, prized, priced, treasured, value, esteemed, loved, beloved

vanity: (n) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceitedness, pretension, pomposity; (adj, n) amour propre. ANTONYMS: (n) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness

variety: (adj, n) kind, sort, species, style, class; (n) form, variation, type, diversity, breed; (n, v) change. ANTONYMS: (n) monotony, dearth, likeness

venture: (n, v) hazard, chance, stake, peril, attempt, gamble, adventure; (adj, n, v) dare; (n) speculation, danger; (v) endanger

verify: (v) corroborate, ascertain, confirm, check, prove, support, certify, validate, sustain; (n, v) establish, authenticate.

ANTONYMS: (v) invalidate, discredit, refute, undermine

vestry: (n) nave, quire, convocation, consistory, synod, choir, chapter, chancel, transept, aisle, conclave

vibrations: (n) vibes, atmosphere, ambiance, premonition, undercurrent, feelings, vibraharp, vibraphone, ambience

vicinity: (n) region, district, proximity, place, neighbourhood, locality, environs, vicinage, area, propinquity, nearness

victim: (n) prey, quarry, object, sufferer, dupe, martyr, gull, target, mug, butt, sucker. ANTONYMS: (n)

- culprit, hunter
- victoria:** (n) Tilbury, Iguazu, Iguassu falls, Iguassu, drag, wagonette, Victoria Falls, landau, mail phaeton, Iguazu falls, queen Victoria
- view:** (n, v) sight, scene, regard, opinion, judgment, prospect, outlook, thought; (adj, v) observe, see; (n) idea. ANTONYMS: (v) disbelieve, mistrust
- violence:** (n) force, fury, fierceness, strength, vehemence, intensity, ferocity, impetuosity, might, outrage, power. ANTONYMS: (n) peacefulness, peace, passivity, nonviolence, friendliness, defense, indifference, orderliness, calmness, meekness
- visible:** (adj) obvious, conspicuous, apparent, open, evident, clear, plain, manifest, discernible; (adj, adv) noticeable, observable. ANTONYMS: (adj) invisible, imperceptible, unclear, obscured, concealed, hidden, obscure, undetectable, inconspicuous; (adv) absent
- visit:** (v) frequent, attend, call, view, gossip, jaw, inspect, haunt; (n, v) tour, chat; (n) sojourn
- vital:** (adj) indispensable, critical, animated, crucial, fundamental, main, necessary, lively, alive, important, chief. ANTONYMS: (adj) trivial, unimportant, insignificant, optional, minor, sluggish, peripheral, listless, dull, dead, marginal
- voice:** (n) speech, vox; (v) enunciate, pronounce, speak, say, vocalize, express, utter, articulate; (n, v) sound. ANTONYMS: (v) devoice, block
- volume:** (n) size, book, magnitude, mass, dimension, intensity, capacity, amount, tome; (adj, n) quantity, deal. ANTONYMS: (n) quietness, softness
- vulgar:** (adj) rude, coarse, plebeian, nasty, common, foul, indecent, gross, unrefined; (adj, n) low, vile. ANTONYMS: (adj) refined, sophisticated, tasteful, polite, aesthetic, muted, fashionable, decent, artistic, pleasant, clean
- waist:** (n) waistline, shank, middle, belly, isthmus, hourglass, undersurface; (adj) stricture, middle constriction, neck, wasp
- wait:** (n, v) pause, hold, stop; (v) expect, anticipate, stay, await, lurk, ambush, remain; (adj, v) tarry.
- ANTONYMS: (n) act, continuation, doing; (v) interrupt, leave, begin, depart, continue; (intj) hurry
- waiting:** (n) abeyance, suspense, expectancy, hold, time lag, postponement; (adj) ready and waiting, ready, expectant; (adv) to come, in the making
- walk:** (adj, n, v) step; (n, v) gait, ramble, march, pace, hike, course, saunter, stroll, roam; (n) path. ANTONYMS: (v) run, ride, stride
- want:** (n, v) lack, desire, miss, wish; (n) poverty, deficiency, deprivation, famine, necessity, destitution, shortage. ANTONYMS: (n, v) hate; (n) glut, despise, luxury, option, prosperity, supply; (v) disinterest, answer
- wanted:** (adj) welcome, cherished, precious, treasured, marketable, invited, necessary, needed, desirable, desired, loved. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwanted, unwelcome
- wants:** (n) need, necessities
- ward:** (n) charge, protection, custody, care, quarter, neighborhood, district, defense, keep; (adj, v) shelter; (v) protect
- warn:** (v) counsel, caution, admonish, advise, inform, alert, threaten, exhort, forewarn, tell, notify. ANTONYMS: (v) protect
- washing:** (n) laundry, laundering, ablution, lavation, bathing, cleaning, purification, elutriation, dishwashing, backwash; (adj) cleansing
- wasted:** (adj, v) squandered, rotten, decayed, effete; (adj) thin, cadaverous, emaciated, gaunt, devastated, pointless, haggard. ANTONYMS: (adj) bloated, hypertrophied, strong, plump, obese, fruitful, useful
- watch:** (n, v) view, sentinel, clock, wake, regard, care; (v) observe, look, see; (n) sentry; (adj, n) surveillance. ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, overlook, harm, hurt, glance
- water:** (n) urine, sea, lake, ocean, moisture, juice, river; (n, v) wet; (v) moisten, soak, dampen. ANTONYMS: (v) dehydrate, dry
- watering:** (n) tearing, sprinkle, lachrymation, lacrimation, wetting, irrigation, bodily process, body process, replenishment of water supplies, shedding tears, activity
- weak:** (adj, n) frail; (adj) flat, watery, fragile, flimsy, faint, thin, light, sickly, soft, nerveless. ANTONYMS: (adj) concentrated, firm, brave, safe, forceful, effective, healthy, intense, determined, powerful, robust
- weakness:** (adj, n) failing, fault, debility, defect, infirmity, fragility, feebleness, deficiency, imperfection, foible; (n) flaw. ANTONYMS: (n) power, dislike, intensity, supremacy, determination, advantage, brightness, superiority, resistance, robustness, energy
- wealth:** (adj, n) abundance, plenty, affluence, opulence; (n, v) money, gold; (n) treasure, property, fortune, capital; (adj) richness. ANTONYMS: (n) penury, scarcity, dearth, want, need, lack
- wear:** (n) clothing, clothes, apparel, attire, garb; (v) endure, fatigue, waste, bear, tire, fray. ANTONYMS: (v) refresh, reject, rebuild, please, freshen, disrobe, delight, cheer, refuse; (n) improvement
- wearing:** (adj) tiring, exhausting, tiresome, wearying, trying; (n) detrition, corrosion, attrition, abrasion, eroding, ablation. ANTONYMS: (adj) refreshing, undemanding, pleasant
- weather:** (v) survive, withstand, resist, brave, stand, brave out, wear; (n) climate, atmospheric condition, downfall, inclemency. ANTONYMS: (v) succumb, reject
- wedding:** (adj) bridal, marital, matrimonial; (n) matrimony, nuptials, marriage ceremony, wedding ceremony, wedlock, remarriage, espousal; (adj, n) nuptial
- week:** (n) period, minute, second, hour, rag, day, calendar week, year, sevennight, Wyke, workweek
- welcome:** (adj) pleasant, acceptable, pleasing, agreeable; (n, v) accept; (n) hospitality, reception; (v) receive, greet, invite, hail. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwelcome, unwanted, unacceptable, displeasing, disagreeable, unpleasant; (v) reject, evict, bar; (n) unfriendliness, goodbye
- well-kept:** (adj) neat, clean
- wells:** (n) spring
- went:** (v) walked, proceeded
- whatever:** (adj, pron) whatsoever; (pron) what, partly, whatso; (adv) no matter what, anyway, anyhow, regardless, in any case; (n) aught, anything
- whatsoever:** (adj) any, at all, possible; (pron) what, anything, no matter

- what, partly, somewhat, anything that, whatso
- when:** (adv, conj) once, as soon as; (adv) then, because, than, since, after; (conj) although, while, if; (prep) during
- whenever:** (n) anytime, convenience; (adv) always, when'er.
- ANTONYM:** (adv) immediately
- where:** (adv) there, here, wherever, whither, in which, wherein, in what; (adv, pron) anywhere; (pron) everywhere; (n) point, spot
- whether:** (pron) where
- while:** (adv, conj) whereas, as, although; (n) time, spell, period, moment, interval; (adv) when; (conj) though; (prep) during
- whistle:** (v) sing, twitter, hiss, warble, tweet, cheep, chirp, wheeze; (n, v) cry; (n) whistling, tin whistle
- whole:** (adj, v) entire; (adj, n) total, integral, sum, aggregate, well; (adj, adv, n) all; (adj) complete, healthy, intact, full. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) incomplete, broken, partial, imperfect, unhealthy, deficient, destroyed, fractional, impaired, half, sick
- wholesome:** (adj) healthy, beneficial, salubrious, healthful, salutary, sound, good, nutritious, nourishing, pure, hale. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unwholesome, unhealthy, impure, indecent, sordid, warped, tainted, decadent, deadly, unsavory
- wicked:** (adj) bad, sinful, atrocious, evil, vile, depraved, mischievous, immoral, unholy, nasty, naughty. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) innocent, pure, pious, moral, kind, admirable, kindhearted, helpful, decent, assisting, aiding
- widely:** (adv) broadly, generally, greatly, wide, largely, far, deeply, farly, comprehensively, sweepingly, openly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) secretly, barely
- wife:** (n) matron, missis, partner, married woman, spouse, consort, helpmate, housewife, lady, woman, viscountess
- wilderness:** (adj, n, v) desert; (adj, n) wild; (n) wasteland, solitude, badlands, wildness, frontier, boondocks, backwoods; (adj) Sahara; (v) squandering. **ANTONYM:** (n) metropolis
- wildly:** (adj, adv) madly, extravagantly; (adv) savagely, fiercely, violently, frantically, brutally, furiously, tempestuously, viciously, crazily. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) quietly, peacefully, meekly, cautiously, gently
- window:** (n) casement, pane, skylight, gap, Venetian window, clearstory, transom, windowpane, rosette, clerestory, embrasure
- wine:** (n) vino, spirits, beer, sake, sake, Macon, maconnais, alcohol, liquor, dessert wine; (adj) mauve
- wipe:** (n, v) rub; (v) mop, clean, towel, brush, scour, scrub, clear, dry, wash; (adj) sponge. **ANTONYM:** (v) dirty
- wish:** (adv, n, v) will; (n, v) want, hope, need, inclination, longing, aspiration, aim; (v) like, choose; (n) pleasure. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) dislike, hate; (n) hatred, coercion, disinclination, aversion
- without:** (adv, n, prep) outside; (adj, adv) except; (adj) lacking, save barring; (prep) out of, sans; (n) minus, provisionally; (adv) save, beyond; (adv, prep) besides. **ANTONYMS:** (prep) with, having; (adv) inside
- woman:** (n) girl, female, lady, dame, madam, mistress, matron, maid, gentlewoman, Donna, petticoat. **ANTONYMS:** (n) man, gentleman
- women:** (n) sex, gentle sex
- wonderful:** (adj, n) marvelous, astonishing, incredible; (adj) excellent, remarkable, phenomenal, amazing, fantastic, great, grand, super. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) terrible, unpleasant, dreadful, poor, rotten, abysmal, mundane, devastating, lousy, dire, ordinary
- wonderfully:** (adv) superbly, astonishingly, terrifically, magnificently, fantastically, marvellously, wondrously, amazingly, excellently; (adj, adv) strangely, famously. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) awfully, unpleasantly, poorly, abysmally, unremarkably, mildly, horribly, badly, incompetently
- word:** (n) news, tidings, password, expression, report, vocable, statement, term; (v) formulate, phrase; (n, v) advice
- world:** (n) cosmos, nature, creation, earth, public, sphere, society, realm, globe, macrocosm; (adj) global
- worn:** (adj) haggard, tired, tattered, threadbare, ragged, drawn, jaded, fatigued, exhausted, faded, wasted. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) new, smart, unused, unworn, pristine, original
- worse:** (adj) worse, subordinate, waur, worsened, warre, unrelieved, minor, lesser, junior, poorer; (n) badness. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) improved, healthier, higher
- worst:** (v) whip, trounce, defeat, overcome, vanquish, pip, rack up; (adj, v) best, rout; (adj) floor, lick. **ANTONYMS:** (adj, n) best; (adj) highest, first, secondary
- wounded:** (adj, v) hurt; (n) casualty, maimed; (adj) bruised, injured, bloody, aggrieved, saddened; (v) stricken, wound, struck. **ANTONYM:** (adj) unaffected
- wretched:** (adj) unfortunate, pitiful, sad, pitiable, woeful, pathetic, piteous, lamentable; (adj, v) poor, unhappy, forlorn. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) fine, strong, fortunate, overjoyed, nice, admirable, good, cheery, joyous, lucky, comfortable
- write:** (v) pen, indite, draw up, correspond, spell, record, publish, compile, draw, outline, type
- writing:** (n) script, print, composition, lettering, document, autograph, paper, record, inscription, authorship, handwriting
- written:** (adj) registered, clerical, conscript, enrolled, literal, hard-and-fast, on paper; (n) examination. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) verbal, unscripted, unwritten
- wrong:** (adj, n) evil, ill, injury, injustice; (adj, n, v) damage, injure; (adj) improper, false, incorrect, bad, inappropriate. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) correct, good, proper, honest, appropriate, just, true; (adv) correctly; (n) justice, virtue; (v) sympathize
- wronged:** (adj) upset, hurt, indignant, offended
- yard:** (n) court, courtyard, garden, backyard, barnyard, grounds, farmyard, quadrangle, close, enclosure, junkyard
- yesterday:** (n) past, yesteryear, yore, mean solar day, past times, solar day, day, history, water under the bridge; (adj) pass, stale. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) nowadays; (n) today
- young:** (n, v) offspring; (adj, n) juvenile; (adj) immature, fresh, adolescent, new, raw, baby, childish, early; (n) progeny. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) old, mature, adult, ripe, older, late; (adj, n) aged
- younger:** (adj) Jr, little, petty, young, juvenile, Mickey Mouse, minor, minuscule, niggling, picayune,

unskilled

yours: (adj) own

yourself: (adv) herself, themselves,
itself, myself, ourselves, yourselves,
physically

