

| WORD | PART OF SPEECH | DEFINITION |
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| Aardvark | Noun | An African badger-sized burrowing mammal. |
| Abacus | Noun | A frame with beads used for calculating. |
| Abandon | Verb | To give up completely. |
| Abandoned | Adjective | Deserted or left. |
| Abattoir | Noun | A slaughterhouse. |
| Abbess | Noun | A woman who is the head of an abbey of nuns. |
| Abbreviation | Noun | A shortened form of a word or phrase. |
| Abdomen | Noun | The part of the body of a vertebrate containing the digestive and reproductive organs. |
| Abductee | Noun | A person who has been abducted. |
| Aberrant | Adjective | Departing from an accepted standard. |
| Aberration | Noun | A departure from what is normal. |
| Abeyance | Noun | A state of temporary disuse or suspension. |
| Abhorrence | Noun | A feeling of revulsion. |
| Abhorrent | Adjective | Inspiring disgust and loathing. |
| Able | Adjective | Having the power, skill, means or opportunity to do something. |
| Abloom | Adjective | In bloom. |
| Abnormal | Adjective | Deviating from what is normal. |
| Abominable | Adjective | Causing moral revulsion. |
| Aborigine | Noun | An inhabitant of a country who has lived there since its earliest times, especially Australia. |
| Above | Preposition | Over. |
| Abracadabra | Exclamation | A word used by conjurors. |
| Abrasion | Noun | The process of scraping or wearing something away. |
| Abrasive | Adjective | Harsh or rough in manner. |
| Abreaction | Noun | In psychoanalysis, the expression and consequent release of a previously repressed emotion. |
| Abridgement | Noun | The action of abridging a text. |
| Abroad | Adverb | In or to a foreign country or countries. |
| Abrogate | Verb | To abolish formally. |
| Abruption | Noun | The sudden breaking away of a portion from a mass. |

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| Abscess | Noun | A swollen area within body tissue containing an accumulation of pus. |
| Abscond | Verb | To leave hurriedly and secretly. |
| Abseil | Verb | To descend a near-vertical surface using a rope. |
| Absence | Noun | The state of being away from a place or person. |
| Absolutely | Adverb | With no qualification, restriction or limitation. |
| Absorbent | Adjective | Able to soak up liquid easily. |
| Absorption | Noun | The taking in or soaking up of a liquid or other substance by chemical or physical action. |
| Abstemious | Adjective | Not self-indulgent, especially in food and drink. |
| Abstinence | Noun | The practice of restraining oneself from indulging in something. |
| Abstruse | Adjective | Difficult to understand. |
| Absurd | Adjective | Wildly unreasonable. |
| Abundance | Noun | A very large quantity of something. |
| Abysmal | Adjective | Extremely bad. |
| Abyss | Noun | A very deep chasm. |
| Accelerant | Noun | A substance used to aid the spread of fire. |
| Accelerate | Verb | To begin to move more quickly. |
| Accentuate | Verb | To make more noticeable or prominent. |
| Acceptance | Noun | The act of taking what is offered. |
| Accessible | Adjective | Approachable. |
| Acclaim | Verb | To praise enthusiastically and publicly. |
| Accolade | Noun | An award or privilege granted as a special honour. |
| Accommodation | Noun | Somewhere to live. |
| Accompaniment | Noun | A musical part that supports an instrument, voice or group. |
| Accompany | Verb | To go somewhere with someone as a companion or escort. |
| Accomplice | Noun | A person who helps another commit a crime. |
| Accomplish | Verb | To achieve or complete successfully. |
| Accordingly | Adverb | As a result. |
| Accordion | Noun | A musical instrument played by stretching and squeezing with the hands. |
| Accumulate | Verb | To acquire an increasing number or quantity of. |
| Accustomed | Adjective | Customary or usual. |
| Achievement | Noun | A thing done successfully with effort, skill or courage. |

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| Achromatic | Adjective | Without colour. |
| Acknowledge | Verb | To accept or admit the existence or truth of something. |
| Acknowledgements | Plural Noun | A statement printed at the beginning of a book expressing the author's gratitude to others. |
| Acquaint | Verb | To make someone familiar with. |
| Acquaintance | Noun | A person you know slightly. |
| Acquiesce | Verb | To accept something reluctantly but without protest. |
| Acquire | Verb | To buy or obtain. |
| Acquittal | Noun | A judgement or verdict that a person is not guilty of a crime with which they have been charged. |
| Acreage | Noun | An area of land. |
| Acrimonious | Adjective | Angry and bitter. |
| Acronym | Noun | A word or name formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word in its own right. |
| Acropolis | Noun | A citadel or fortified part of an ancient Greek city, typically one built on a hill. |
| Acrylic | Adjective | Made from polymers of acrylic acid or acrylates. |
| Actually | Adverb | Truly or really. |
| Acupuncture | Noun | A system of complementary medicine in which fine needles are inserted into the skin. |
| Adaptation | Noun | A film or play adapted from a written work. |
| Addendum | Noun | An extra item added at the end of a book. |
| Addition | Noun | The process of adding. |
| Adequate | Adjective | Enough or good enough. |
| Adhere | Verb | To stick fast to. |
| Adhesive | Adjective | Sticky or causing things to stick together. |
| Adjacent | Adjective | Next to or adjoining something else. |
| Adjudicate | Verb | To act as a judge in a competition. |
| Admittance | Noun | Entering or being allowed to enter a place or institution. |
| Adolescence | Noun | The period where a young person develops from a child into an adult. |
| Adroit | Adjective | Clever or skilful. |
| Adult | Noun | A person who is fully grown or developed. |
| Adventure | Noun | An unusual, exciting or daring experience. |

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| Adversary | Noun | An opponent. |
| Advertisement | Noun | A public notice or announcement, especially one promoting goods or services. |
| Aerial | Noun | In radio and television, a rod, wire or other structure by which signals are transmitted or received. |
| Aerobatics | Plural Noun | Feats of spectacular flying performed by one or more aircraft. |
| Aerodynamics | Plural Noun | The study of the properties of moving air. |
| Aeronautics | Plural Noun | The study or practice of travel through the air. |
| Aeroplane | Noun | A powered flying vehicle. |
| Aesthetic | Adjective | Concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty. |
| Affection | Noun | A feeling of fondness. |
| Affectionate | Adjective | Readily feeling or showing fondness or tenderness. |
| Affidavit | Noun | A written statement confirmed by oath, for use as evidence in court. |
| Affiliate | Verb | To attach officially or connect to an organization. |
| Affluent | Adjective | Wealthy. |
| Afford | Verb | To have enough money to pay for. |
| Aficionado | Noun | A person who is very knowledgeable about an activity or subject. |
| Aforementioned | Adjective | Denoting a person or thing previously mentioned. |
| Again | Adverb | Another time, once more. |
| Agglomerate | Verb | To collect or form into a mass or group. |
| Aggravate | Verb | To make a thing worse or even more serious. |
| Aggregate | Noun | A whole formed by combining several separate elements. |
| Aggression | Noun | Feelings of anger or antipathy resulting in hostile or violent behaviour. |
| Aggrieved | Adjective | Feeling resentment at having been unfairly treated. |
| Aghast | Adjective | Filled with horror or shock. |
| Aisle | Noun | A passage between rows of seats. |
| Album | Noun | A collection of recordings issued as a single item on record, cassette or CD. |
| Alcohol | Noun | The intoxicating constituent of wine, beer, spirits etc. |

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| Algebra | Noun | The part of mathematics in which letters and symbols are used to represent numbers. |
| Algorithm | Noun | A process or set of rules to be followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations. |
| Alibi | Noun | Evidence that an accused person was elsewhere when a crime was committed. |
| Alkaline | Adjective | Having the properties of an alkali, or containing alkali. |
| Allegation | Noun | A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong. |
| Allegiance | Noun | Loyalty of a subordinate to a superior. |
| Alleviate | Verb | To make pain or difficulty less severe. |
| Alligator | Noun | A large semiaquatic reptile similar to a crocodile. |
| Alliteration | Noun | The repetition of the same sound at the beginning of several words in succession. |
| Allowance | Noun | The amount of something that is permitted. |
| Allowed | Adjective | Permitted. |
| Alopecia | Noun | The partial or complete absence of hair from areas of the body where it normally grows. |
| Alphabetical | Adjective | Relating to an alphabet. |
| Alphanumeric | Adjective | Consisting of or using both letters and numerals. |
| Altercation | Noun | A noisy argument or disagreement. |
| Alternate | Verb | To occur in turn repeatedly. |
| Although | Conjunction | In spite of the fact that. |
| Altogether | Adverb | In total. |
| Aluminium | Noun | The chemical element of atomic number 13. |
| Alumni | Plural Noun | The former pupils of a particular school, college or university. |
| Amalgam | Noun | A mixture or blend. |
| Amateurish | Adjective | Done in an unskilful or inept way. |
| Ambassador | Noun | An accredited diplomat sent by a state as a permanent representative in a foreign country. |
| Ambidextrous | Adjective | Able to use the right and left hands equally well. |
| Ambivalent | Adjective | Having mixed feelings about something or someone. |
| Amend | Verb | To correct or alter. |
| Amethyst | Noun | A precious stone consisting of a violet or purple variety of quartz. |

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| Amnesia | Noun | A partial or total loss of memory. |
| Amoeba | Noun | A single-celled animal. |
| Amphibious | Adjective | Living in, or designed for, both land and water. |
| Amphitheatre | Noun | An open, round building with a central space for the presentation of dramatic or sporting events. |
| Amusement | Noun | The state or experience of finding something funny. |
| Anachronism | Noun | A thing belonging or appropriate to a period other than that in which it exists. |
| Anaesthetic | Noun | A substance that induces insensitivity to pain. |
| Analogue | Adjective | In computing and electronics, the opposite of 'digital'. |
| Analysis | Noun | Detailed examination of something. |
| Analytical | Adjective | Relating to, or using, analysis or logical reasoning. |
| Anarchy | Noun | A state of disorder. |
| Ancestral | Adjective | Of, belonging to, or inherited from an ancestor. |
| Anchovy | Noun | A small shoaling fish of commercial importance as a food fish and bait. |
| Ancient | Adjective | Belonging to the very distant past. |
| Angle | Noun | The space between two intersecting lines or surfaces. |
| Anguish | Noun | Severe mental or physical suffering. |
| Annihilate | Verb | To destroy utterly. |
| Annihilation | Noun | Complete destruction. |
| Anniversary | Noun | The date on which an event took place in a previous year. |
| Announcement | Noun | A formal public statement. |
| Annoyance | Noun | Irritation. |
| Anonymous | Adjective | Not identified by name. |
| Anorak | Noun | A waterproof jacket. |
| Antarctic | Adjective | Relating to the south polar region. |
| Antecedent | Noun | A thing that existed before or logically precedes another. |
| Anthropomorphism | Noun | The attribution of human characteristics to an animal or object. |
| Anticoagulant | Adjective | Having the effect of retarding or inhibiting the coagulation of the blood. |
| Antiquarian | Adjective | Relating to or dealing in antiques or rare books. |

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| Antique | Noun | An object that is valuable because of its age and quality. |
| Antisocial | Adjective | Contrary to the customs of society and causing annoyance to others. |
| Apartheid | Noun | In South Africa, a former system of segregation on grounds of race. |
| Aperitif | Noun | An alcoholic drink taken before a meal to stimulate the appetite. |
| Apex | Noun | The highest part of something. |
| Apocalypse | Noun | An event involving destruction or damage on a catastrophic scale. |
| Apostrophe | Noun | The punctuation mark used to show that letters have been missed out. |
| Appalling | Adjective | Horrifying or shocking. |
| Apparatus | Noun | Equipment. |
| Apparel | Noun | A formal word for clothing. |
| Apparent | Adjective | Clearly visible or understood. |
| Appearance | Noun | The way that someone or something looks. |
| Appellation | Noun | A name or title. |
| Appendage | Noun | A thing that is added or attached to something larger or more important. |
| Appendicitis | Noun | A serious medical condition in which the appendix becomes inflamed and painful. |
| Applaud | Verb | To show approval or praise by clapping. |
| Apply | Verb | To make a formal application or request. |
| Appoint | Verb | To assign a job or role to someone. |
| Appointment | Noun | An arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place. |
| Apposition | Noun | The positioning of things side by side or close together. |
| Appraisal | Noun | An act of assessing something or someone. |
| Appreciable | Adjective | Large or important enough to be noticed. |
| Appreciation | Noun | Recognition and enjoyment of the good qualities of someone or something. |
| Apprehensive | Adjective | Anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen. |
| Aquatic | Adjective | To do with water. |

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| Arachnid | Noun | A member of the animal group that includes spiders and scorpions. |
| Arctic | Adjective | Relating to the north polar region. |
| Argumentative | Adjective | Fond of arguing. |
| Array | Noun | An impressive display or range of a particular type of thing. |
| Arthropod | Noun | A member of the group of animals that possess a hard external skeleton and jointed legs. |
| Artificial | Adjective | Produced by humans rather than occurring naturally. |
| Artist | Noun | A person who creates paintings or drawings. |
| Ascend | Verb | To go up or climb. |
| Ashen | Adjective | Very pale with shock. |
| Assemble | Verb | To gather together things or people. |
| Assent | Noun | The expression of approval. |
| Assessment | Noun | Estimation of the value of a person or thing. |
| Assign | Verb | To allocate a task or duty to someone. |
| Assignment | Noun | A secret arrangement to meet. |
| Assignment | Noun | A task or duty allocated as part of a job. |
| Assist | Verb | To help. |
| Associate | Verb | To connect two or more things in one's mind. |
| Association | Noun | A group of people organised for a joint purpose. |
| Assume | Verb | To suppose to be the case. |
| Assure | Verb | To tell someone something for certain. |
| Asthma | Noun | A respiratory condition. |
| Astronaut | Noun | A person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft. |
| Atmosphere | Noun | The air around the earth. |
| Atom | Noun | The smallest possible particle of a chemical element. |
| Atomic | Adjective | Relating to atoms. |
| Attire | Noun | Clothes, especially fine or formal ones. |
| Attraction | Noun | The power of evoking interest in something or someone. |
| Attractive | Adjective | Pleasing or appealing to the senses. |
| Aubergine | Noun | A purple egg-shaped vegetable. |
| Audible | Adjective | Loud enough to be heard. |
| Audience | Noun | People who have gathered to watch or listen to something. |

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| Auditorium | Noun | The part of a theatre where the audience sits. |
| August | Noun | The eighth month of the year. |
| Author | Noun | A writer of a book. |
| Authority | Noun | The power or right to give orders. |
| Autograph | Noun | A signature, particularly one written by a celebrity for an admirer. |
| Automatic | Adjective | Working by itself, with little or no direct human control. |
| Autumn | Noun | The season between summer and winter. |
| Avoid | Verb | To keep away from, or stop oneself from, doing something. |
| Awkward | Adjective | Causing difficulty or hard to deal with. |
| Axis | Noun | An imaginary line around which a body rotates. |
| Baboon | Noun | A large monkey with a dog-like snout and big teeth. |
| Baby | Noun | A very young child. |
| Bachelor | Noun | A man who is not and has never been married. |
| Back | Noun | The rear surface of the human body. |
| Badge | Noun | A small piece of metal or other material worn to show membership or rank. |
| Baggage | Noun | Suitcases and bags. |
| Baguette | Noun | A long, narrow French loaf. |
| Bailiff | Noun | A sheriff's officer who executes writs. |
| Bake | Verb | To cook by dry heat. |
| Balaclava | Noun | A close-fitting hat covering the whole head. |
| Balance | Noun | An even distribution of weight enabling someone or something to remain upright and steady. |
| Ball | Noun | A spherical item of games equipment. |
| Ballet | Noun | An artistic dance performed to music. |
| Ballistic | Adjective | Relating to projectiles or their flight. |
| Balloon | Noun | A small rubber bag that is inflated with air and then sealed at the neck. |
| Banana | Noun | A long curved fruit with a yellow or green skin. |
| Bank | Noun | The land alongside or sloping down to a river or lake. |
| Barbecue | Noun | An outdoor meal at which food is grilled over an open fire. |
| Barn | Noun | A large farm building. |
| Barnacle | Noun | A marine crustacean with an external shell. |

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| Battery | Noun | One or more cells for converting chemical energy into electricity. |
| Beak | Noun | A bird's bill. |
| Beautiful | Adjective | Attractive to the senses or mind. |
| Beggar | Noun | A person who lives by asking for food or money. |
| Beginning | Noun | The start of something. |
| Behaviour | Noun | The way in which someone acts. |
| Believe | Verb | To think that something is true or someone is telling the truth. |
| Beneath | Adverb and Preposition | Below. |
| Benefit | Noun | An advantage or profit gained from something. |
| Bereave | Verb | To deprive of a close relation or friend by death. |
| Berserk | Adjective | Out of control or frenzied. |
| Bibliophile | Noun | A person who collects or has a great love of books. |
| Biceps | Noun | A large muscle in the upper arm. |
| Bicycle | Noun | A vehicle consisting of two wheels one behind the other. |
| Biennial | Adjective | Taking place every other year. |
| Bifocal | Adjective | Denoting a lens of two parts with different focal lengths. |
| Bikini | Noun | A woman's two-piece swim suit. |
| Bilateral | Adjective | Having or relating to two sides. |
| Bind | Verb | To tie or fasten. |
| Binge | Noun | A period of excessive indulgence. |
| Bingo | Noun | A game in which players mark off numbers on cards. |
| Binoculars | Plural Noun | An optical instrument with a lens for each eye. |
| Biscuit | Noun | A small, flat, crisp unleavened cake. |
| Blancmange | Noun | A dessert made with flavoured cornflour and milk. |
| Blaspheme | Verb | To speak irreverently about God or sacred things. |
| Blossom | Noun | A flower or a mass of flowers. |
| Bludgeon | Noun | A thick stick with a heavy end used as a weapon. |
| Blue | Noun | A colour between green and violet. |
| Bobsleigh | Noun | A mechanically steered and braked sledge. |
| Bonsai | Noun | The art of growing ornamental, artificially dwarfed trees. |

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| Bouffant | Adjective | Denoting hair styled so as to stand out from the head in a rounded shape. |
| Bough | Noun | A main branch of a tree. |
| Boundary | Noun | A line that marks the limits of an area. |
| Bouquet | Noun | A bunch of flowers. |
| Bourgeoisie | Noun | The middle class. |
| Bout | Noun | A short period of intense activity. |
| Bowel | Noun | The intestine. |
| Bowl | Noun | A round, deep dish or basin. |
| Boycott | Verb | To withdraw from commercial or social relations with. |
| Bracelet | Noun | An ornamental band worn on the wrist or arm. |
| Braces | Plural Noun | A pair of straps that hold up trousers. |
| Braking | Noun | Using a brake to slow down a vehicle. |
| Brand | Noun | A product manufactured by a particular company. |
| Brass | Noun | A yellow alloy of copper and zinc. |
| Bravado | Noun | Boldness intended to impress or intimidate. |
| Breadth | Noun | The distance from side to side of something. |
| Break | Verb | To divide or fall into pieces as a result of a blow, shock or strain. |
| Breathe | Verb | To take air into the lungs and then expel it. |
| Brewery | Noun | A place where beer is made commercially. |
| Brief | Adjective | Of short duration. |
| Brightest | Adjective | Giving out the most light. |
| Brilliant | Adjective | Exceptionally clever or talented. |
| Brochure | Noun | A small book or magazine containing information about a product or service. |
| Brogue | Noun | An outdoor shoe with perforated patterns in the leather. |
| Bronchitis | Noun | Inflammation of the bronchial tubes, typically causing coughing. |
| Brooch | Noun | An ornament fastened to clothing with a hinged pin. |
| Bruise | Noun | An injury appearing as an area of discoloured skin. |
| Brusque | Adjective | Abrupt or offhand. |
| Buccaneer | Noun | A pirate, originally one operating in the Caribbean. |
| Buddhism | Noun | A widespread Asian religion. |
| Burden | Noun | A heavy load. |

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| Bureaucracy | Noun | An excessively complicated administrative procedure. |
| Burette | Noun | A graduated glass tube with a tap at one end. |
| Burlesque | Noun | A comically exaggerated imitation. |
| Burst | Verb | To break open suddenly. |
| Business | Noun | Commercial activity. |
| Bust | Verb | To break, split or burst. |
| Buttress | Noun | A structure built against a wall to support it. |
| Cabin | Noun | A private room or compartment on a ship. |
| Cacophony | Noun | A harsh discordant mixture of sounds. |
| Cage | Noun | A structure of bars in which birds or other animals are confined. |
| Cake | Noun | A sweet bakery product. |
| Calamity | Noun | Disaster. |
| Calculator | Noun | An electronic device used for arithmetical calculations. |
| Calendar | Noun | A chart showing the days, weeks and months of a year. |
| Calf | Noun | The back of a human leg below the knee. |
| Calligraphy | Noun | Decorative handwriting. |
| Calumny | Noun | An untrue statement that damages someone's reputation. |
| Calves | Plural Noun | Young cows or bulls. |
| Camouflage | Noun | A way of hiding things by making them look part of the surroundings. |
| Campaign | Noun | An organised course of action to achieve a goal. |
| Cancel | Verb | To decide or announce that an event won't take place. |
| Cannibal | Noun | A person who eats the flesh of other human beings. |
| Cantankerous | Adjective | Bad-tempered. |
| Capacious | Adjective | Having a lot of space inside. |
| Cappuccino | Noun | Milky coffee made frothy by pressurised steam. |
| Capriciousness | Noun | Unaccountable and sudden changes of mood or behaviour. |
| Capsize | Verb | To overturn. |
| Captious | Adjective | Pointing out small mistakes or faults. |
| Capture | Verb | To take into one's possession by force. |

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| Carafe | Noun | A glass bottle holding wine or water used at the table. |
| Caravan | Noun | A vehicle equipped for living in, typically towed by a car. |
| Carbohydrate | Noun | An energy-producing compound, such as starch, in food. |
| Carboniferous | Adjective | Producing coal. |
| Caribbean | Noun | A sea in the western Atlantic Ocean. |
| Caricature | Noun | An amusing or exaggerated portrait. |
| Carnivore | Noun | An animal that feeds on flesh. |
| Carnivorous | Adjective | Meat-eating. |
| Carry | Verb | To support and move something from one place to another. |
| Cartilage | Noun | Tough white flexible tissue attached to bone. |
| Cartoon | Noun | A simple drawing, especially a humorous one. |
| Cascade | Noun | A small waterfall, especially one in a series. |
| Case | Noun | A container designed to hold or protect something. |
| Cash | Noun | Money in coin or notes. |
| Cassette | Noun | A sealed plastic unit containing a length of audio tape or videotape. |
| Cataclysm | Noun | A violent upheaval or disaster. |
| Catafalque | Noun | A decorated platform for a coffin. |
| Catalogue | Noun | A complete list of items. |
| Catalyst | Noun | Something that speeds up a chemical reaction but is itself unchanged by it. |
| Catapult | Noun | A forked stick with an elastic band fastened to the two prongs. |
| Catch | Verb | To intercept and hold something that has been thrown. |
| Catechism | Noun | A set of questions and answers that give the basic beliefs of a religion. |
| Caterwaul | Verb | To make a shrill howling or wailing noise. |
| Caucus | Noun | A small group in a political party influencing decisions and policy. |
| Caught | Part of a Verb | Seized or taken hold of. |
| Cautious | Adjective | Careful to avoid potential problems. |
| Cave | Noun | A natural underground chamber. |

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| Cease | Verb | To come or bring to an end. |
| Ceiling | Noun | The upper interior surface of a room. |
| Celebrate | Verb | To acknowledge publicly a happy or significant event. |
| Celebration | Noun | The action of celebrating an important day or event. |
| Celestial | Adjective | To do with the sky or with heaven. |
| Celluloid | Noun | A transparent flammable plastic made into sheets, formerly used for film. |
| Cemetery | Noun | A place where people are buried. |
| Centenary | Noun | A 100th anniversary. |
| Centennial | Noun | A 100th anniversary. |
| Centipede | Noun | A creepy-crawly with a long body and many legs. |
| Ceramic | Adjective | To do with or made of pottery. |
| Cereal | Noun | A grain used for food. |
| Cerebral | Adjective | Intellectual. |
| Ceremony | Noun | A formal religious or public occasion. |
| Chaffinch | Noun | A common garden bird. |
| Chagrin | Noun | Annoyance or distress at having failed. |
| Champion | Noun | The winner of a sporting contest. |
| Chandelier | Noun | A large decorative hanging light. |
| Changeable | Adjective | Liable to unpredictable variation. |
| Character | Noun | A person in a novel, play or film. |
| Charismatic | Adjective | Having a compelling charm that inspires devotion. |
| Charity | Noun | An organisation set up to help people in need. |
| Charlatan | Noun | A person falsely claiming to have a special skill. |
| Chasm | Noun | A deep fissure in the earth's surface. |
| Chauvinism | Noun | Exaggerated or aggressive patriotism. |
| Cheque | Noun | A written order to a bank to pay a stated sum of money. |
| Chief | Noun | A leader or ruler of a people. |
| Chieftain | Noun | The leader of a people or a clan. |
| Chiffon | Noun | A thin, almost transparent fabric. |
| Chimney | Noun | A vertical pipe that conducts smoke up from a fire. |
| Chimpanzee | Noun | An African ape. |
| Chintz | Noun | Shiny cotton cloth used for making curtains etc. |
| Chiropody | Noun | Medical treatment of the feet. |

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| Chivalrous | Adjective | Being considerate and helpful towards people less strong than yourself. |
| Chivalry | Noun | The medieval system of knighthood. |
| Chocolate | Noun | A food made from roasted cacao seeds. |
| Cholesterol | Noun | A fatty animal substance thought to cause hardening of the arteries. |
| Choreography | Noun | The sequence of steps in dance, especially ballet. |
| Chorus | Noun | The words repeated after each verse of a song. |
| Chromium | Noun | A shiny silvery metal. |
| Chronicle | Noun | An account of historical events in chronological order. |
| Chronological | Adjective | Arranged in the order of time. |
| Chrysanthemum | Noun | A garden flower that blooms in autumn. |
| Cinnamon | Noun | A yellowish-brown spice. |
| Circuitous | Adjective | Going a long way round, not direct. |
| Circumference | Noun | The boundary line of a closed curve such as a circle. |
| Circumnavigate | Verb | To sail completely round something. |
| Circumstantial | Adjective | A word used to describe evidence that strongly suggests something but does not actually prove it. |
| Circus | Noun | A travelling company of acrobats, clowns and other performers. |
| Cistern | Noun | A tank for storing water. |
| Citrus | Noun | A tree bearing lemons, oranges or similar fruit. |
| Clairvoyant | Noun | A person who is able to see things not visible to the senses. |
| Clause | Noun | A part of a sentence with a subject and a predicate. |
| Claustrophobia | Noun | A morbid dread of confined spaces. |
| Cleanliness | Noun | Being clean. |
| Clergy | Noun | Collectively, the ministers of a religion. |
| Client | Noun | A person using the services of another professional person or company. |
| Climb | Verb | To go up or over or down something, or to go higher. |
| Clique | Noun | A small exclusive group of people. |
| Clout | Noun | Influence or power. |

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| Clown | Noun | A comic entertainer in a circus. |
| Clumsy | Adjective | Awkward in movement. |
| Coagulant | Noun | A substance that causes blood to clot. |
| Coalition | Noun | A temporary alliance, especially of two or more political parties. |
| Coarse | Adjective | Rough, or the opposite of 'fine'. |
| Codicil | Noun | An addition to a will. |
| Coerce | Verb | To compel by using threats or force. |
| Cognition | Noun | The mental process by which knowledge is acquired. |
| Coincidence | Noun | A remarkable concurrence of unconnected events. |
| Colander | Noun | A perforated bowl used for straining liquid from food. |
| Cold | Adjective | At a relatively low temperature. |
| Coleslaw | Noun | A salad dish of shredded cabbage. |
| Collapsible | Adjective | Able to be folded down. |
| Collateral | Noun | Something pledged as security for repayment of a loan. |
| Collection | Noun | The action or process of collecting. |
| College | Noun | An educational institution. |
| Colloquial | Adjective | Used in conversation but not in formal speech or writing. |
| Colonel | Noun | An army rank. |
| Colonialism | Noun | The policy of acquiring and keeping colonies. |
| Column | Noun | A pillar, or a regular article in a newspaper. |
| Comb | Noun | A hairdressing implement. |
| Combustible | Adjective | Able to be set on fire and burnt. |
| Comic | Adjective | Causing laughter. |
| Commemorate | Verb | To preserve or celebrate the memory of some past event or person. |
| Commiserate | Verb | To sympathise. |
| Commissionaire | Noun | An attendant in uniform at the entrance of a theatre or other building used by the public. |
| Communicative | Adjective | Willing to talk. |
| Communism | Noun | A social system in which property is owned communally. |
| Compendious | Adjective | Giving much information concisely. |
| Competitive | Adjective | Full of rivalry in games, races or contests. |

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| Complementary | Adjective | Together making up a whole. |
| Comprehensive | Adjective | Inclusive or wide-ranging in scope. |
| Computer | Noun | An electronic device programmed to process data. |
| Conceal | Verb | To hide. |
| Conceivable | Adjective | Able to be imagined or thought of. |
| Concentration | Noun | Keeping the mind fixed on something, or the strength of a solution. |
| Concerto | Noun | A piece of music for solo instrument and orchestra. |
| Concession | Noun | The act of conceding, or a reduction in price for a certain category of person. |
| Conciliate | Verb | To win over a hostile person with friendliness, or to help people who disagree to come to an agreement. |
| Conclusion | Noun | An ending, or a judgement formed by reasoning. |
| Concrete | Noun | A building material made from stone, sand, cement and water. |
| Condense | Verb | To change from a vapour to a liquid. |
| Congregation | Noun | A group of people assembled for religious worship. |
| Connoisseur | Noun | An expert, especially in artistic subjects. |
| Conquer | Verb | To overcome and take control of by military force. |
| Conqueror | Noun | A victor, especially a military one. |
| Conscience | Noun | Moral sense with regard to one's own actions. |
| Conscientious | Adjective | Careful and honest about doing work properly. |
| Conscious | Adjective | Awake and knowing what is happening. |
| Consecutive | Adjective | Following one after another. |
| Consequence | Noun | A result or effect. |
| Conservation | Noun | The action of conserving something, especially in the environment. |
| Consign | Verb | To deliver to someone's keeping. |
| Consignment | Noun | A batch of goods sent to someone. |
| Continent | Noun | Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land. |
| Continuous | Adjective | Going on and on without a break. |
| Contraption | Noun | A strange-looking device or machine. |
| Controversial | Adjective | Causing controversy. |
| Convalesce | Verb | To recover from an illness. |
| Convenient | Adjective | Easy to use or deal with. |

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| Convention | Noun | An accepted way of doing things, or a formal assembly. |
| Conventional | Adjective | In accordance with what is generally done or believed. |
| Cook | Verb | To prepare food. |
| Cope | Verb | To deal effectively with something difficult. |
| Coral | Noun | A hard substance built by tiny sea creatures. |
| Corner | Noun | A place or angle where two sides or edges meet. |
| Coronation | Noun | The crowning of a king or queen. |
| Correspond | Verb | To communicate by exchanging letters. |
| Corroborate | Verb | To confirm a statement. |
| Cost | Verb | To have a price of. |
| Couch | Noun | A long upholstered piece of furniture. |
| Council | Noun | An advisory or administrative body of people. |
| Counsel | Noun | Advice, especially that given formally. |
| Count | Verb | To determine the total number. |
| Courageous | Adjective | Brave. |
| Courteous | Adjective | Polite, respectful or considerate in manner. |
| Cove | Noun | A small sheltered bay. |
| Coward | Noun | A person who is lacking in courage. |
| Cram | Verb | To completely fill to the point of overflowing. |
| Create | Verb | To bring into existence. |
| Creation | Noun | The act or process of creating, or something that has been made. |
| Credentials | Plural Noun | Qualifications. |
| Creditable | Adjective | Praiseworthy. |
| Creosote | Noun | An oily brown liquid used to prevent wood from rotting. |
| Crescendo | Noun | A gradual increase in loudness in a piece of music. |
| Criminology | Noun | The scientific study of crime and criminals. |
| Crimson | Noun | A deep red colour. |
| Croquet | Noun | A game played with balls and mallets. |
| Cross | Noun | A mark formed by two short intersecting lines. |
| Crotchet | Noun | A musical note, half a minim. |
| Crustacean | Noun | A member the animal group that includes crabs and shrimps. |
| Cryogenics | Plural Noun | The branch of physics dealing with very low temperatures. |

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| Cryptology | Noun | The art of writing and solving codes. |
| Crystal | Noun | A clear, transparent mineral. |
| Culpable | Adjective | Deserving blame. |
| Cultivate | Verb | To use land for growing crops. |
| Cumbersome | Adjective | Unwieldy. |
| Curb | Noun | A check or restraint. |
| Curd | Noun | Coagulated milk. |
| Curiosity | Noun | A strong desire to know and learn something. |
| Curl | Verb | To form into a curved or spiral shape. |
| Curmudgeon | Noun | A bad-tempered or surly person. |
| Currant | Noun | A small dried grape used in cookery. |
| Current | Adjective | Belonging to the present time. |
| Curriculum | Noun | The subjects in a course of study at a school or college. |
| Curry | Noun | A dish cooked in an Indian-style sauce of strong spices. |
| Curt | Adjective | Rudely brief. |
| Curtain | Noun | A piece of material covering a window. |
| Curvaceous | Adjective | Having a shapely figure. |
| Curve | Noun | A line that gradually deviates from being straight. |
| Cushion | Noun | A stuffed bag of cloth used for sitting or leaning on. |
| Cyberphobia | Noun | Extreme or irrational fear of computers or technology. |
| Cycle | Noun | A series of events that are regularly repeated in the same order. |
| Cylinder | Noun | A 3-D shape with straight parallel sides and a circular or oval cross section. |
| Cytoplasm | Noun | The material that surrounds the nucleus of a living cell. |
| Daft | Adjective | Silly or foolish. |
| Dairy | Noun | A place where milk, butter etc are produced or sold. |
| Daisies | Plural Noun | Small white and yellow flowers. |
| Damning | Adjective | Used to describe evidence that strongly suggests guilt. |
| Damp | Adjective | Slightly wet. |
| Dart | Noun | A small pointed missile that can be thrown or fired. |
| Dash | Verb | To travel somewhere in a great hurry. |

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| Data | Plural Noun | Facts and statistics collected for reference. |
| Daughter | Noun | A girl or woman in relation to her parents. |
| Dead | Adjective | No longer alive. |
| Deaf | Adjective | Lacking the power of hearing. |
| Debonair | Adjective | Confident, stylish and charming. |
| Decadence | Noun | The process of moral or cultural decline. |
| Decay | Verb | To rot or decompose. |
| Decelerate | Verb | To begin to move more slowly. |
| Decide | Verb | To make up your mind or settle an argument. |
| Deciduous | Adjective | Said of a tree that loses its leaves in autumn. |
| Decisive | Adjective | Final or positive. |
| Declaration | Noun | A formal or explicit statement or announcement. |
| Decomposition | Noun | Rotting or breaking down. |
| Deconstruct | Verb | To analyse a text using the methods of deconstruction. |
| Decontamination | Noun | Getting rid of poisonous chemicals. |
| Decrepit | Adjective | Worn out through age and neglect. |
| Decrescent | Adjective | Used to describe the moon when it is waning. |
| Defendant | Noun | An individual sued or accused in a court of law. |
| Deference | Noun | Humble submission and respect. |
| Definite | Adjective | Clearly stated or exact. |
| Degenerative | Adjective | Describing a disease in which the body deteriorates. |
| Delectable | Adjective | Delicious. |
| Delete | Verb | To cross out or erase text from a document. |
| Delicate | Adjective | Very fine in texture or structure. |
| Delicatessen | Noun | A shop that sells cooked meats, cheeses and unusual and foreign foods. |
| Delicious | Adjective | Highly pleasant to the taste. |
| Delinquent | Noun | A person who breaks the law. |
| Deltoid | Noun | The thick triangular muscle in the shoulder. |
| Demagogue | Noun | A leader who wins support by making emotional speeches rather than by careful reasoning. |
| Democracy | Noun | Government of a country by representatives elected by the whole people. |
| Dense | Adjective | Compact and heavy for its volume. |
| Denunciation | Noun | Speaking strongly against something. |

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| Depilation | Noun | Removal of hair. |
| Deprecate | Verb | To express extreme disapproval of something. |
| Derogatory | Adjective | Showing a critical or disrespectful attitude. |
| Descend | Verb | To move or fall downwards. |
| Desert | Noun | A large area of dry, often sandy, land. |
| Desiccate | Verb | To remove the moisture from. |
| Desiccated | Adjective | Dried. |
| Design | Noun | A drawing that shows how something is to be made. |
| Designate | Verb | To nominate or specify. |
| Designation | Noun | An official title or description. |
| Designer | Noun | A person who designs things. |
| Dessert | Noun | Fruit or sweet food served as the last course of a meal. |
| Destroy | Verb | To annihilate. |
| Detective | Noun | A person who investigates and solves crimes. |
| Detector | Noun | A device for detecting the presence of something. |
| Detergent | Noun | A water-soluble cleaning agent. |
| Development | Noun | The process of developing. |
| Deviate | Verb | To turn aside from a certain course or from a standard. |
| Diagram | Noun | A kind of drawing or picture used to explain something rather than represent appearance. |
| Dialogue | Noun | A conversation between two or more people. |
| Diamond | Noun | A very hard precious stone, consisting of pure carbon, or a playing card suit. |
| Diaphragm | Noun | The muscular layer inside the body that separates the chest from the abdomen and is used in breathing. |
| Diarrhoea | Noun | Too frequent and too watery emptying of the bowels. |
| Diary | Noun | A book either for appointments or for a record of the day's events. |
| Diatribes | Noun | A forceful and bitter verbal attack. |
| Dice | Verb | In cooking, to cut into small cubes. |
| Dichotomy | Noun | A division between two things that are entirely different. |
| Dictation | Noun | Reading out words to be written down or typed. |

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| Didactic | Adjective | Having the manner of a teacher. |
| Diesel | Noun | An internal-combustion engine in which fuel is ignited by highly compressed air. |
| Diffuse | Verb | To spread over a wide area. |
| Digital | Adjective | To do with or using digits. |
| Dilapidated | Adjective | In a state of disrepair as a result of age or neglect. |
| Diligence | Noun | Careful and persistent work or effort. |
| Dinosaur | Noun | An extinct prehistoric reptile, often of enormous size. |
| Diphthong | Noun | Two vowel sounds pronounced as one syllable. |
| Diplomacy | Noun | The business of an ambassador, or skill in dealing with people tactfully. |
| Diptych | Noun | A painting on two hinged wooden panels that may be closed like a book. |
| Direct | Adjective | Extending or moving from one place to another without changing direction. |
| Directory | Noun | A book containing a list of people with their telephone numbers, addresses etc. |
| Disable | Verb | To limit in movement. |
| Disadvantage | Noun | An unfavourable circumstance or condition. |
| Disadvantageous | Adjective | Involving or creating unfavourable circumstances. |
| Disaffiliate | Verb | To end a group's official connection with a bigger organization. |
| Disagreeable | Adjective | Unpleasant or unenjoyable. |
| Disagreement | Noun | Lack of consensus or approval. |
| Disappear | Verb | To vanish from sight. |
| Disappoint | Verb | To fail to live up to expectations. |
| Disapprove | Verb | To have an unfavourable opinion. |
| Disassemble | Verb | To take to pieces. |
| Disastrous | Adjective | Causing great damage. |
| Discipline | Noun | Orderly and obedient behaviour. |
| Disconnect | Verb | To break a connection. |
| Discount | Noun | A deduction from the usual cost of something. |
| Discourteous | Adjective | Rude. |
| Discreet | Adjective | Not giving away secrets. |
| Discrete | Adjective | Separate and distinct from each other. |

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| Discriminatory | Adjective | Making an unfair distinction between groups of people. |
| Discussion | Noun | A conversation or debate about something. |
| Disease | Noun | An illness. |
| Disequilibrium | Noun | A loss or lack of equilibrium or stability. |
| Disguise | Verb | To change appearance in order to conceal one's identity. |
| Disillusioned | Adjective | Disappointed in someone or something. |
| Disingenuous | Adjective | Not sincere. |
| Disobedience | Noun | Misbehaviour. |
| Disobedient | Adjective | Naughty. |
| Disposable | Adjective | Intended to be thrown away after use. |
| Disproportionate | Adjective | Out of proportion. |
| Dissatisfied | Adjective | Not satisfied. |
| Dissemble | Verb | To conceal or disguise one's true feelings or beliefs. |
| Disseminate | Verb | To spread ideas etc. widely. |
| Dissimilar | Adjective | Not the same. |
| Dissolve | Verb | To be incorporated into a liquid forming a solution. |
| Dissonance | Noun | Lack of harmony among musical notes. |
| Dissuade | Verb | To persuade not to take a particular course of action. |
| Distinguished | Adjective | Illustrious, or dignified in appearance. |
| Distraught | Adjective | Very worried and upset. |
| Distributor | Noun | An agent who supplies goods to retailers. |
| Ditch | Noun | A narrow channel dug at the side of a road or field. |
| Ditty | Noun | A short, simple song. |
| Diva | Noun | A celebrated female singer. |
| Dive | Verb | To plunge head first into water. |
| Diversify | Verb | To give variety or diversity to something. |
| Divertissement | Noun | A minor entertainment or diversion. |
| Dizzy | Adjective | Having a sensation of spinning around and losing one's balance. |
| Dock | Noun | An enclosed area of water in a port. |
| Documentary | Noun | A factual television programme or film. |
| Dogma | Noun | A set of principles laid down as incontrovertibly true. |

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| Dolphin | Noun | A small whale with a beak-like snout. |
| Dome | Noun | A rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure. |
| Domesticated | Adjective | Tame, and trained to live with and be kept by humans. |
| Double | Adjective | Consisting of two equal parts. |
| Dour | Adjective | Relentlessly severe or gloomy in manner. |
| Downy | Adjective | Covered with fine, soft hair or feathers. |
| Draught | Noun | A current of cool air in a room. |
| Drill | Noun | Instruction or training in military exercises. |
| Drive | Verb | To operate and control the direction and speed of a motor vehicle. |
| Drought | Noun | A long period of dry weather. |
| Drudgery | Noun | Hard, dull or menial work. |
| Dubious | Adjective | Doubtful. |
| Dulcet | Adjective | Sweet-sounding. |
| Duplicity | Noun | Deceitfulness or double-dealing. |
| Dwell | Verb | To live in a specified place. |
| Dyeing | Noun | Changing the colour of something. |
| Dynamism | Noun | Energy or drive. |
| Eagle | Noun | A large bird of prey. |
| Earth | Noun | The planet on which we live. |
| Easel | Noun | A wooden frame for holding an artist's work while it's being painted. |
| Easy | Adjective | Achieved without great effort. |
| Ebullient | Adjective | Bubbly and enthusiastic. |
| Eccentric | Adjective | Unconventional and slightly strange. |
| Eccentricity | Noun | Oddity or strangeness. |
| Ecclesiastical | Adjective | Relating to the Church. |
| Echo | Noun | A sound caused by the reflection of sound waves. |
| Eclipse | Noun | The disappearance of the sun or moon when the moon or the earth is in the way. |
| Economically | Adverb | In a way that relates to economics or finance. |
| Ecstasy | Noun | A feeling of great delight. |
| Ecstatic | Adjective | Feeling or expressing overwhelming happiness. |
| Ectomorph | Noun | A person with a lean and delicate body shape. |
| Eczema | Noun | A common itchy skin disease. |
| Edifice | Noun | A building, especially a large one. |

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| Effeminate | Adjective | Having womanly characteristics. |
| Effervesce | Verb | To give off bubbles of gas or fizz. |
| Effervescent | Adjective | Fizzy. |
| Efficacious | Adjective | Effective. |
| Effusive | Adjective | Showing or expressing gratitude. |
| Eiderdown | Noun | A quilt stuffed with the soft feathers of the eider duck. |
| Eclipse | Verb | To pass, often said about time. |
| Elastic | Noun | Fabric containing rubber that returns to its original length after stretching. |
| Elated | Adjective | In high spirits. |
| Elbow | Noun | The joint between the forearm and the upper arm. |
| Elder | Adjective | Of a greater age. |
| Electricity | Noun | A form of energy involving the flow of charged particles. |
| Electronic | Adjective | Operating with components such as microchips and transistors. |
| Elegiac | Adjective | Expressing sadness or sorrow. |
| Elicit | Verb | To draw out information by reasoning or questioning. |
| Eliminate | Verb | To get rid of something. |
| Elixir | Noun | A magical or medicinal potion. |
| Ellipsis | Noun | The omission of words that are superfluous. |
| Elliptical | Adjective | Shaped like an ellipse. |
| Elocution | Noun | The art of speaking clearly and correctly. |
| Eloquent | Adjective | Fluent or persuasive in speaking. |
| Elucidate | Verb | To make something clear by explaining it. |
| Emaciated | Adjective | Abnormally thin or weak. |
| Emasculate | Verb | To deprive a man of his male role or identity. |
| Embarrassment | Noun | The state of feeling embarrassed. |
| Embezzle | Verb | To steal money with which one has been entrusted. |
| Embryo | Noun | A baby or young animal as it starts to grow in the womb. |
| Embryology | Noun | The branch of biology dealing with embryos. |
| Emetic | Noun | A medicine used to make a person vomit. |
| Emigrate | Verb | To go to live permanently in another country. |
| Eminence | Noun | Acknowledged superiority within a particular |

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| Emissary | Noun | A diplomatic representative on a special mission. |
| Emphasis | Noun | Special value or prominence given to something. |
| Enchilada | Noun | A tortilla served with chilli sauce and a meat or cheese filling. |
| Encrypt | Verb | To convert data into code. |
| Encumbrance | Noun | An impediment or burden. |
| Endeavour | Verb | To try hard to do or achieve something. |
| Endorphin | Noun | A hormone secreted within the nervous system. |
| Endosperm | Noun | The part of a seed that acts as a food store. |
| Engagement | Noun | A betrothal or appointment. |
| Engineering | Noun | The branch of science concerned with machines. |
| Enlightened | Adjective | Having or showing a rational and well-informed outlook. |
| Enormous | Adjective | Very large. |
| Enough | Pronoun | As much or as many as required. |
| Enthusiasm | Noun | Intense and eager enjoyment or interest. |
| Enthusiastic | Adjective | Keen. |
| Enthusiastically | Adverb | Eagerly or rapturously. |
| Entirely | Adverb | Completely. |
| Entrails | Plural Noun | Intestines. |
| Entrepreneur | Noun | A person in business who takes on financial risks. |
| Entry | Noun | An act of going or coming in. |
| Enumerate | Verb | To count, or list one by one. |
| Envelope | Noun | A folded cover for a letter. |
| Environment | Noun | Surroundings, or the natural world. |
| Environmentalist | Noun | A person who wishes to protect or improve the environment. |
| Envisage | Verb | To picture in the mind. |
| Ephemeral | Adjective | Short-lived. |
| Epicentre | Noun | The point on the earth's surface vertically above the focus of an earthquake. |
| Epidemiology | Noun | The study of diseases in populations. |
| Epiphany | Noun | A moment of sudden and great revelation. |
| Episcopal | Adjective | Of a bishop or bishops. |
| Epitaph | Noun | An inscription on a tombstone. |
| Epitome | Noun | A short summary or a perfect example of something. |

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| Epoch | Noun | An era. |
| Equal | Adjective | Being the same in quantity, size or value. |
| Equatorial | Adjective | To do with or near the equator. |
| Equerry | Noun | An officer of the royal household. |
| Equestrian | Adjective | To do with horse-riding. |
| Equilateral | Adjective | Having all its sides equal. |
| Equilibrium | Noun | A state in which opposing forces are balanced. |
| Equinox | Noun | The date when day and night are of equal length. |
| Equitable | Adjective | Fair and impartial. |
| Equivalent | Adjective | Of equal importance or meaning. |
| Equivocal | Adjective | Open to more than one interpretation. |
| Erratic | Adjective | Irregular. |
| Erroneous | Adjective | Incorrect. |
| Erudite | Adjective | Having or showing great knowledge or learning. |
| Erupt | Verb | To break out suddenly and dramatically. |
| Escalate | Verb | To increase rapidly. |
| Escalator | Noun | A moving staircase. |
| Escapee | Noun | A person who has escaped from somewhere. |
| Escarpment | Noun | A steep face of a rock or hill. |
| Eschew | Verb | To avoid using deliberately. |
| Especially | Adverb | Particularly. |
| Essay | Noun | A short piece of writing on a particular subject. |
| Essential | Adjective | Absolutely necessary. |
| Establishment | Noun | A business or institution of some kind. |
| Ethnic | Adjective | Relating to a population sub-group. |
| Etiquette | Noun | The rules of correct behaviour. |
| Eucalyptus | Noun | A fast-growing evergreen Australasian tree. |
| Euphemism | Noun | A mild word or phrase used instead of an offensive or frank one. |
| Euphoria | Noun | A feeling or state of intense excitement or happiness. |
| Eurhythmics | Plural Noun | A system of rhythmical physical movements to music. |
| Evaluation | Noun | Estimation of the value of something. |
| Evangelical | Adjective | According to the teaching of the Christian religion. |
| Evasive | Adjective | Not straightforward. |
| Evidence | Noun | The means of proving a fact, especially in court. |

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| Evocative | Adjective | Bringing strong images or feelings to mind. |
| Evolutionary | Adjective | Pertaining to evolution. |
| Ewe | Noun | A female sheep. |
| Exacerbate | Verb | To make a disease or other problem worse. |
| Exaggerate | Verb | To represent something as greater than it really is. |
| Examination | Noun | A detailed inspection or study. |
| Examiner | Noun | Someone who tests a person's knowledge or skill. |
| Exasperate | Verb | To annoy someone greatly. |
| Exceed | Verb | To be greater in number or size than. |
| Exception | Noun | Something that is excluded from a general statement. |
| Exceptional | Adjective | Not typical. |
| Excerpt | Noun | An extract from a book or other work. |
| Excessive | Adjective | More than is necessary or desirable. |
| Excitable | Adjective | Easily excited. |
| Excitement | Noun | A strong feeling of eagerness or agitation. |
| Exclude | Verb | To deny access to a place, group or privilege. |
| Exclusively | Adverb | To the exclusion of others. |
| Excrement | Noun | Waste matter excreted from the bowels. |
| Excruciating | Adjective | Extremely painful. |
| Excursion | Noun | A short trip made for pleasure. |
| Execute | Verb | To put a plan into effect. |
| Executioner | Noun | An official who carries out a sentence of death. |
| Exemplary | Adjective | Serving as a model or example to others. |
| Exercise | Verb | To do exercises. |
| Exeunt | Part of a Verb | A stage direction meaning 'They leave the stage'. |
| Exfoliate | Verb | To remove dead skin. |
| Exhalation | Noun | Breathing out. |
| Exhaust | Verb | To make someone feel very tired. |
| Exhausted | Adjective | Very tired. |
| Exhibit | Verb | To display publicly. |
| Exhibition | Noun | A public display of works of art or items of interest. |
| Exhibitionist | Noun | A show-off. |
| Exhilarate | Verb | To make someone very happy or excited. |
| Exile | Noun | The state of being barred from one's native country. |
| Exist | Verb | To have reality. |

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| Exit | Noun | A way out of a building. |
| Exodus | Noun | A mass departure of people. |
| Exonerate | Verb | To declare or prove that someone is not to blame for something. |
| Exorbitant | Adjective | Excessive. |
| Expedient | Adjective | Suitable or politic. |
| Expedite | Verb | To make something happen more quickly. |
| Expedition | Noun | A journey made for some definite purpose. |
| Expeditious | Adjective | Quick and efficient. |
| Expel | Verb | To make someone leave a school officially. |
| Expenditure | Noun | An amount of money spent. |
| Experiment | Noun | Something done to test a theory or discover something unknown. |
| Explanation | Noun | The act or process of explaining. |
| Explicit | Adjective | Stated clearly, leaving no room for confusion. |
| Explode | Verb | To go bang. |
| Exploratory | Adjective | Undertaken for the sake of exploration. |
| Explosion | Noun | A violent blowing apart of something. |
| Expostulate | Verb | To make a protest. |
| Expulsion | Noun | Banishment. |
| Extension | Noun | A part added to a structure or building to enlarge it. |
| Exterior | Adjective | On the outside. |
| Exterminate | Verb | To destroy utterly. |
| Extortionate | Adjective | Charging or demanding far too much. |
| Extra | Adjective | Added to an existing amount or number. |
| Extraneous | Adjective | Added from the outside. |
| Extraordinary | Adjective | Very unusual or remarkable. |
| Extravaganza | Noun | A very spectacular show. |
| Extreme | Adjective | Very great. |
| Extricate | Verb | To free from a difficult position. |
| Exuberant | Adjective | Very lively and cheerful. |
| Fable | Noun | A short story conveying a moral. |
| Fabric | Noun | Cloth produced by weaving or knitting textile fibres. |
| Fabulous | Adjective | Wonderful. |
| Face | Noun | The front part of a person's head. |
| Facetious | Adjective | Trying to be funny and failing. |
| Facile | Adjective | Done or produced easily or with little effort. |

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| Facilitate | Verb | To make something easy or easier to do. |
| Facsimile | Noun | An exact copy, especially of written or printed material. |
| Fact | Noun | A thing that is known or proved to be true. |
| Fade | Verb | To grow faint gradually and disappear. |
| Fahrenheit | Noun | A temperature scale. |
| Fail | Verb | To be unsuccessful in achieving one's goal. |
| Fake | Adjective | Not genuine. |
| Fallacy | Noun | A false or mistaken idea or belief. |
| Fallible | Adjective | Liable to make mistakes. |
| Familiar | Adjective | Well-known from long or close association. |
| Fanciable | Adjective | Physically attractive. |
| Fanciful | Adjective | Whimsical or imaginary. |
| Farcical | Adjective | Absurd. |
| Farewell | Exclamation | Goodbye. |
| Farinaceous | Adjective | Consisting of or containing starch. |
| Fascinate | Verb | To bewitch or enchant. |
| Fascinating | Adjective | Irresistibly attractive or charming. |
| Fascist | Noun | An extreme right-winger, especially in Italy between the world wars. |
| Fashionable | Adjective | Stylish or trendy. |
| Fastidious | Adjective | Fussy, squeamish or hard to please. |
| Fathom | Noun | A unit used to measure the depth of water, equal to six feet. |
| Fatigue | Noun | Tiredness, or weakness in metals caused by stress. |
| Fatuous | Adjective | Silly or foolish. |
| Fauna | Noun | The animals of a certain area or period of time. |
| Feasible | Adjective | Practicable. |
| February | Noun | The second month of the year. |
| Feminine | Adjective | To do with women. |
| Feminism | Noun | The advocacy of women's rights. |
| Ferocious | Adjective | Fierce or savage. |
| Fervent | Adjective | Passionately intense. |
| Festivity | Noun | A festive occasion or celebration. |
| Feudal | Adjective | To do with the medieval social system based on the tenure of land. |
| Feudalism | Noun | The dominant social system in medieval Europe. |

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| Fiasco | Noun | A complete failure, especially a humiliating one. |
| Fibrous | Adjective | Consisting of or characterized by fibres. |
| Fictitious | Adjective | Imagined or untrue. |
| Fierce | Adjective | Angry, violent or intense. |
| Fifteen | Cardinal Number | The number immediately after 14. |
| Figurative | Adjective | Metaphorical. |
| Filament | Noun | A slender thread-like fibre. |
| Filthy | Adjective | Disgustingly dirty. |
| Financier | Noun | A person dealing with large amounts of money. |
| Finesse | Noun | Impressive delicacy and skill. |
| Firmament | Noun | The heavens or sky. |
| Fission | Noun | Splitting into two or more parts. |
| Fissure | Noun | A long, narrow opening created by a split. |
| Fixation | Noun | An obsessive interest in someone or something. |
| Flabbergast | Verb | To astonish. |
| Flamboyant | Adjective | Very showy in appearance or manner. |
| Flamingo | Noun | A pink wading bird with long legs and neck. |
| Flap | Verb | To move the wings up and down when flying. |
| Flatulent | Adjective | Suffering from a build-up of gas in the alimentary canal. |
| Flaunt | Verb | To display something ostentatiously. |
| Flawless | Adjective | Without a flaw, or perfect. |
| Flibbertigibbet | Noun | A frivolous, flighty or excessively talkative person. |
| Flirtatious | Adjective | Playfully suggesting an attraction to someone. |
| Florist | Noun | A shopkeeper who sells flowers. |
| Flowery | Adjective | Covered with flowers, or having a floral design. |
| Flummox | Verb | To baffle or perplex. |
| Fluorescent | Adjective | Absorbing radiation and emitting it as light. |
| Foe | Noun | An enemy. |
| Fold | Verb | To bend something over on itself so that one part of it covers another. |
| Foliage | Noun | The leaves of plants. |
| Folk | Plural Noun | People in general. |
| Folklore | Noun | The traditional beliefs and customs of a community. |
| Forecast | Noun | A prediction. |
| Foreigner | Noun | A person from another country. |

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| Forensic | Adjective | To do with or used in courts of law. |
| Foreseeable | Adjective | Able to be foreseen. |
| Forfeit | Verb | To pay or give something up as a penalty. |
| Fork | Noun | An eating implement with two or more prongs. |
| Formidable | Adjective | Difficult to deal with. |
| Formulaic | Adjective | Constituting or containing a set form of words. |
| Fortification | Noun | A wall or building constructed to make a place strong against attack. |
| Fortuitous | Adjective | Happening by chance. |
| Fortunately | Adverb | Luckily. |
| Forty | Cardinal Number | The number after 39. |
| Fossil | Noun | The petrified impression of a prehistoric plant or animal. |
| Foul | Noun | A breach of the rules of a game. |
| Fourth | Ordinal Number | Constituting number four in a sequence. |
| Fowl | Noun | A bird, especially one kept on a farm. |
| Fractious | Adjective | Easily irritated or bad tempered. |
| Fracture | Verb | To break, especially a bone. |
| Fragmentation | Noun | A breaking into small pieces. |
| Franchise | Noun | An authorisation to sell a company's products. |
| Frankincense | Noun | An aromatic gum resin burnt as incense. |
| Fraudulent | Adjective | Deceitful or dishonest. |
| Fray | Verb | To unravel or become worn at the edge. |
| Free | Adjective | Available without charge. |
| Freezer | Noun | A cabinet for preserving food at very low temperatures. |
| Freight | Noun | Goods transported as cargo. |
| Frequency | Noun | How often something happens. |
| Friend | Noun | A pal or chum. |
| Friendly | Adjective | Kind and pleasant. |
| Friendship | Noun | The state of being friends. |
| Frisbee | Noun | A small plastic disc for skimming through the air. |
| Frown | Verb | To furrow the brow in an expression of displeasure. |
| Frugal | Adjective | Thrifty. |
| Fulfil | Verb | To accomplish or carry out. |
| Fulfilled | Adjective | Happy because of fully developing one's abilities. |

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| Fulfilling | Adjective | Making someone happy through allowing their abilities to develop fully. |
| Fulfilment | Noun | The achievement of something desired or predicted. |
| Fumigate | Verb | To disinfect using fumes. |
| Function | Noun | What somebody or something is there to do. |
| Fundamentally | Adverb | Basically. |
| Fungicide | Noun | A chemical that destroys fungus. |
| Furious | Adjective | Extremely angry. |
| Furl | Verb | To roll up a sail or an umbrella. |
| Furnish | Verb | To provide with furniture. |
| Furniture | Noun | Tables, chairs and other household articles. |
| Furore | Noun | An excited or angry uproar. |
| Furthermore | Adverb | Moreover. |
| Furtive | Adjective | Stealthy or secret. |
| Fuselage | Noun | The body of an aircraft. |
| Fusillade | Noun | A series of shots fired at the same time. |
| Fusion | Noun | Melting or blending together. |
| Futuristic | Adjective | Very modern, as if belonging to the future rather than the present. |
| Gaelic | Noun | The Celtic language of Scotland. |
| Gain | Verb | To obtain or secure. |
| Gaiter | Noun | A leather or cloth covering for the lower part of the leg. |
| Gala | Noun | A social occasion with special entertainments. |
| Galaxy | Noun | A system of millions of stars held together by gravity. |
| Gall | Noun | Bold and impudent behaviour. |
| Gallant | Adjective | Brave or heroic. |
| Gallantry | Noun | Courageous behaviour, especially in battle. |
| Galling | Adjective | Annoying or humiliating. |
| Gallivant | Verb | To gad about. |
| Gambol | Verb | To run or jump about playfully. |
| Gang | Noun | An organised group of criminals. |
| Gangly | Adjective | Tall and awkward. |
| Gangrene | Noun | Decay of body tissue in a living person. |
| Gargantuan | Adjective | Gigantic. |

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| Gargoyle | Noun | A grotesque water spout projecting from the gutter of a building. |
| Garish | Adjective | Gaudy or vulgarly bright in colour. |
| Garrulous | Adjective | Talkative. |
| Gaseous | Adjective | In the form of a gas. |
| Gash | Noun | A long, deep cut or wound. |
| Gastronomy | Noun | The art or science of good eating. |
| Gauche | Adjective | Unsophisticated and socially awkward. |
| Gauntlet | Noun | A glove with a wide cuff, traditionally thrown down as a challenge. |
| Gawky | Adjective | Nervously awkward and ungainly. |
| Gawp | Verb | To stare openly in a stupid or rude manner. |
| Gazebo | Noun | A small building especially one in a garden. |
| Gazette | Noun | A journal or newspaper, especially an official one. |
| Gazump | Verb | To make a higher offer on a property than one already accepted. |
| Gelignite | Noun | A powerful explosive. |
| Genealogical | Adjective | Relating to the study of family descent. |
| Genealogy | Noun | A list or diagram showing how people are descended from an ancestor. |
| Generator | Noun | An apparatus for producing electricity. |
| Generic | Adjective | General, applicable to a whole group or class. |
| Genetics | Plural Noun | The study of heredity. |
| Genius | Noun | An unusually clever or creative person. |
| Genre | Noun | A style or category of art, music or literature. |
| Genuflect | Verb | To bend the knee as a sign of respect. |
| Genuine | Adjective | Real and not faked. |
| Geometry | Noun | The branch of maths dealing with lines and angles. |
| Geranium | Noun | A garden plant with red, pink or white flowers. |
| Geriatric | Adjective | To do with the care of old people and their health. |
| Germ | Noun | A micro-organism that causes disease. |
| Germinate | Verb | What a seed does when it begins to sprout and grow. |
| Gerontology | Noun | The scientific study of old age and the process of ageing. |
| Gesticulate | Verb | To make expressive movements with the hands and arms. |

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| Geyser | Noun | A hot spring that intermittently ejects water and steam. |
| Ghastly | Adjective | Causing great horror or fear. |
| Gherkin | Noun | A small cucumber used for pickling. |
| Ghost | Noun | An apparition of a dead person. |
| Ghoul | Noun | An evil spirit or phantom. |
| Giant | Noun | An imaginary being of human form but superhuman size. |
| Gibberish | Noun | Unintelligible or meaningless speech or writing. |
| Giblets | Plural Noun | The internal eatable parts of a bird. |
| Gift | Noun | A thing given willingly to someone without payment. |
| Gigantic | Adjective | Extremely large. |
| Giggle | Noun | A silly laugh. |
| Gilt | Adjective | Gilded or gold-coloured. |
| Gimmick | Noun | Something tricky or silly done to attract people's attention. |
| Glacial | Adjective | Made from or produced by ice. |
| Glacier | Noun | A mass of ice that moves very slowly. |
| Glamorous | Adjective | Beautiful, attractive and appealing. |
| Glandular | Adjective | Relating to or affecting the glands. |
| Glaucoma | Noun | A disease causing gradual loss of sight. |
| Glean | Verb | To obtain from various sources often with difficulty. |
| Glide | Verb | To move with a smooth, continuous motion. |
| Glisten | Verb | To shine like something wet or oily. |
| Glitterati | Noun | The celebrities of fashionable society. |
| Gloaming | Noun | The evening twilight. |
| Gloat | Verb | To be pleased in an unkind way, especially over someone else's misfortune. |
| Globular | Adjective | Shaped like a globe. |
| Globulin | Noun | A type of simple protein. |
| Glockenspiel | Noun | A musical percussion instrument. |
| Glorious | Adjective | Splendid or noble. |
| Glucose | Noun | A simple sugar. |
| Glue | Noun | An adhesive substance used for sticking things together. |
| Glut | Noun | An excessively abundant supply of something. |
| Glutinous | Adjective | Gluey or sticky. |

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| Glycerol | Noun | A liquid that is a by-product of soap manufacture. |
| Gnarled | Adjective | Twisted and knobbly, like an old tree. |
| Gnash | Verb | To grind your teeth together. |
| Gnaw | Verb | To keep on biting at something so that it wears away. |
| Gnome | Noun | A kind of dwarf in fairy tales, usually living underground. |
| Gnostic | Adjective | Relating to knowledge. |
| Gnu | Noun | An antelope with a long head, a beard and a mane. |
| Gondolier | Noun | A person who rows a gondola. |
| Gooney | Adjective | Soft and sticky. |
| Goose | Noun | A large water bird. |
| Gorgeous | Adjective | Magnificent or showy. |
| Gorilla | Noun | A large powerful African ape. |
| Gormless | Adjective | Lacking sense or initiative. |
| Goujons | Plural Noun | Deep-fried strips of chicken or fish. |
| Gourmand | Noun | A person who enjoys eating and often eats too much. |
| Gourmet | Noun | A connoisseur of food and drink. |
| Government | Noun | The group of people who rule a country. |
| Governor | Noun | A person who governs a state or colony. |
| Gracious | Adjective | Charming and elegant. |
| Graduate | Noun | Someone with a university or college degree. |
| Graffiti | Plural Noun | Writing or drawings on a wall or other public surface. |
| Grammatical | Adjective | Following the rules of grammar. |
| Grandeur | Noun | Splendour or impressiveness. |
| Granular | Adjective | Consisting of small grains or particles. |
| Granulated | Adjective | Consisting of grains. |
| Grape | Noun | A berry eaten as a fruit or used for making wine. |
| Graphically | Adverb | Vividly. |
| Grateful | Adjective | Thankful. |
| Gratify | Verb | To please or satisfy. |
| Gratuitous | Adjective | Done without good reason. |
| Gratuity | Noun | A tip. |
| Gravitas | Noun | Dignity or solemnity of manner. |
| Gravitate | Verb | To move towards a centre of gravity. |
| Gravitation | Noun | Movement towards a centre of gravity. |

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| Gravitational | Adjective | Relating to the force of gravity. |
| Gravy | Noun | A hot sauce made from meat juices. |
| Grease | Noun | A thick oily substance. |
| Gregarious | Adjective | Fond of company. |
| Grief | Noun | Deep sorrow, particularly at someone's death. |
| Grievance | Noun | Something that people are discontented about. |
| Grievous | Adjective | Causing grief, or severe. |
| Gristle | Noun | Tough, rubbery tissue in meat. |
| Grizzle | Verb | To whimper or whine. |
| Grotesque | Adjective | Fantastically or absurdly shaped. |
| Grovel | Verb | To act obsequiously to a superior. |
| Gruelling | Adjective | Exhausting. |
| Gruesome | Adjective | Horrible or grisly. |
| Guarantee | Noun | A surety or warrant. |
| Guarantor | Noun | A person who gives a guarantee. |
| Guard | Verb | To watch over or take care of. |
| Guardian | Noun | Someone who guards. |
| Guidance | Noun | Direction, or advice on problems. |
| Guide | Noun | A person who shows the way to others. |
| Guidelines | Plural Noun | General advice on how something should be done. |
| Guildhall | Noun | The meeting place of a guild or corporation. |
| Guillotine | Noun | A machine with a heavy blade for cutting paper or metal. |
| Guilt | Noun | The fact that you have committed an offence, or the feeling that you are to blame for something. |
| Guilty | Adjective | Criminal and deserving punishment. |
| Guitar | Noun | A musical instrument played by having its strings plucked. |
| Gurgle | Verb | To make a low bubbling sound. |
| Guttural | Adjective | Describing a sound produced in the throat. |
| Gymkhana | Noun | A meeting consisting of horse-riding contests. |
| Gymnasium | Noun | A place for gymnastics. |
| Gymnastics | Plural Noun | Exercises performed to develop the muscles or to show the performer's agility. |
| Gynaecology | Noun | The branch of medicine dealing specifically with women. |
| Gyrate | Verb | To revolve or move in a circle. |
| Gyratory | Adjective | Denoting or involving circular or spiral motion. |

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| Habit | Noun | Something you do without thinking because you have done it so often. |
| Habitat | Noun | Where an animal or plant lives naturally. |
| Habitation | Noun | A place to live in. |
| Habitual | Adjective | Done constantly or as a habit. |
| Hack | Verb | To cut with rough or heavy blows. |
| Hackneyed | Adjective | Used so often that it is no longer interesting. |
| Halal | Adjective | Prepared according to Muslim law. |
| Halcyon | Adjective | Calm and peaceful and usually applied to the word 'days'. |
| Hallucinate | Verb | To think you see or experience something that is not really there. |
| Hallucination | Noun | An illusion. |
| Halve | Verb | To divide something into two equal parts. |
| Hamper | Verb | To hinder. |
| Handkerchief | Noun | A small square of cloth used for wiping the nose or face. |
| Handle | Noun | The part of a thing by which it is carried or controlled. |
| Handsome | Adjective | Good-looking. |
| Haphazard | Adjective | Random. |
| Happiness | Noun | Contentment. |
| Harass | Verb | To pressurise or intimidate. |
| Harlequin | Adjective | Multi-coloured. |
| Harmonious | Adjective | Combining together in a pleasant or attractive way. |
| Haughty | Adjective | Proud and supercilious. |
| Haulage | Noun | Transporting goods. |
| Headache | Noun | A pain in the head. |
| Health | Noun | The state of being free from illness or injury. |
| Heap | Noun | An untidy collection of objects. |
| Heat | Noun | The quality of being hot. |
| Heaven | Noun | In religion, a place regarded as the abode of God. |
| Heavenly | Adjective | Divine. |
| Heavier | Adjective | Of greater weight. |
| Heavy | Adjective | Weighing a lot. |
| Hectare | Noun | A unit of area equal to 10,000 square metres. |
| Hedge | Noun | A fence or boundary formed by closely growing shrubs. |

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| Heifer | Noun | A young cow. |
| Height | Noun | How high something is. |
| Heinous | Adjective | Very wicked. |
| Heiress | Noun | A female heir, especially to great wealth. |
| Heirloom | Noun | A valuable object passed down in a family. |
| Heist | Noun | A robbery. |
| Helicopter | Noun | A type of aircraft using overhead rotors. |
| Heliotrope | Noun | A plant with small fragrant purple flowers. |
| Hellebore | Noun | A poisonous winter-flowering plant. |
| Help | Verb | To make a task easier for someone. |
| Hemisphere | Noun | Half a sphere. |
| Henceforth | Adverb | From now on. |
| Heptathlon | Noun | An athletic contest consisting of seven different events. |
| Herb | Noun | Any plant with leaves, seeds or flowers used for flavouring food. |
| Herbaceous | Adjective | Said of a border containing many flowering plants. |
| Herbivorous | Adjective | Plant-eating. |
| Heredity | Noun | Inheritance. |
| Hero | Noun | A man admired for courage and outstanding achievements. |
| Hesitate | Verb | To pause before deciding. |
| Heterogeneous | Adjective | Composed of people or things of different kinds. |
| Hiatus | Noun | A break in continuity. |
| Hide | Verb | To put or keep out of sight. |
| Hierarchy | Noun | An organisation classified in successively subordinate grades. |
| Hieroglyphics | Plural Noun | Symbols used in picture-writing in ancient Egypt. |
| Hilarious | Adjective | Very funny. |
| Hind | Adjective | Situated at the back. |
| Hippopotamus | Noun | A very large African animal that lives near water. |
| Hirsute | Adjective | Hairy. |
| Hoarse | Adjective | Harsh-voiced. |
| Hologram | Noun | A 3-D image created by the light beams from a laser. |
| Home | Noun | The place where one lives permanently. |
| Homogeneous | Adjective | Alike or of the same kind. |

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| Homonym | Noun | A word spelt or pronounced the same as another word. |
| Honey | Noun | A sweet, sticky, yellowish-brown fluid made by bees. |
| Honorary | Adjective | Given or received as an honour. |
| Honourable | Adjective | Bringing or deserving honour. |
| Hooligan | Noun | A rough and violent young person. |
| Horizontal | Adjective | Level, so as to be parallel to the horizon. |
| Horrendous | Adjective | Extremely unpleasant or horrifying. |
| Horror | Noun | Fear, shock or disgust. |
| Horticulture | Noun | Gardening. |
| Hospitality | Noun | Friendly welcome and entertainment of guests. |
| Host | Noun | A person who receives other people as guests. |
| Hovel | Noun | A small squalid or simply constructed dwelling. |
| Hovercraft | Noun | A vehicle or craft that travels on a cushion of air. |
| Humane | Adjective | Compassionate or benevolent. |
| Humanitarian | Adjective | Concerned with people's welfare. |
| Humorist | Noun | A humorous writer, performer or artist. |
| Humorous | Adjective | Full of humour or amusing. |
| Humus | Noun | The organic component of soil. |
| Hyacinth | Noun | A fragrant flower that grows from a bulb. |
| Hydraulic | Adjective | Denoting a liquid moving in a confined space under pressure. |
| Hydrophobia | Noun | Extreme fear of water, a symptom of rabies. |
| Hygiene | Noun | Cleanliness in order to prevent disease. |
| Hymn | Noun | A religious song of praise. |
| Hype | Noun | Extravagant publicity or promotion. |
| Hyperbole | Noun | A dramatic exaggeration that is not meant to be taken literally. |
| Hypochondriac | Noun | A person who constantly imagines that he or she is ill. |
| Hypocrite | Noun | A person who pretends to be more virtuous than he or she really is. |
| Hypotenuse | Noun | The longest side of a right-angled triangle. |
| Hypothesis | Noun | A theory to be proved. |
| Hypothetical | Adjective | Based on an unproved theory. |
| Hysterical | Adjective | In a state of hysteria. |
| Iconography | Noun | The visual images and symbols used in a work of |

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| | | art. |
| Idea | Noun | A thought or suggestion as to a possible course of action. |
| Identification | Noun | A document that proves you are who you say you are. |
| Ideology | Noun | A set of beliefs and ideas, especially in politics. |
| Idiocy | Noun | Being an idiot or stupid behaviour. |
| Idiosyncrasy | Noun | A person's individual way of behaving or doing something. |
| Idle | Adjective | Avoiding work. |
| Idolatry | Noun | The worship of idols. |
| Igneous | Adjective | Produced by a volcano when hot liquid rock solidifies. |
| Ignominious | Adjective | Deserving public shame. |
| Ignoramus | Noun | An ignorant person. |
| Iguana | Noun | A large tree-climbing tropical lizard. |
| Illegal | Adjective | Against the law. |
| Illegible | Adjective | Impossible to read. |
| Illicit | Adjective | Unlawful or unlicensed. |
| Illiterate | Adjective | Unable to read or write. |
| Illuminate | Verb | To light something up. |
| Illumination | Noun | Lighting or light. |
| Illusionist | Noun | A conjuror. |
| Illustrate | Verb | To provide a book with pictures. |
| Illustration | Noun | A picture in a book. |
| Illustrious | Adjective | Highly distinguished. |
| Imaginable | Adjective | Capable of being thought of or believed. |
| Imaginary | Adjective | Existing only in the imagination. |
| Imaginative | Adjective | Having or showing imagination. |
| Imbecile | Noun | An idiot. |
| Imbibe | Verb | To drink or absorb. |
| Imitate | Verb | To copy or mimic something. |
| Imitation | Noun | Using someone or something as a model. |
| Immaculate | Adjective | Perfectly clean and spotless. |
| Immature | Adjective | Not fully developed. |
| Immediate | Adjective | Happening or done without delay. |
| Immediately | Adverb | At once. |

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| Immense | Adjective | Extremely large. |
| Immigrate | Verb | To come to settle in a country. |
| Imminent | Adjective | About to happen at any moment. |
| Immoderate | Adjective | Not sensible or restrained. |
| Immunity | Noun | Exemption from obligation or penalty. |
| Impalpable | Adjective | Unable to felt by touch. |
| Impartial | Adjective | Not favouring one side more than the other. |
| Impeccable | Adjective | Faultless. |
| Impediment | Noun | A hindrance. |
| Impenetrable | Adjective | Impossible to get through. |
| Imperceptible | Adjective | Too small or gradual to be noticed. |
| Imperialism | Noun | The policy of creating and ruling an empire. |
| Imperious | Adjective | Haughty and tyrannical. |
| Impermeable | Adjective | Impassable, especially to fluids. |
| Impetuous | Adjective | Acting hastily without thinking. |
| Impetus | Noun | The force that makes an object start and keep moving. |
| Impinge | Verb | To strike or have an impact. |
| Implausible | Adjective | Not seeming reasonable or probable. |
| Implement | Verb | To perform or carry out. |
| Implicate | Verb | To involve someone else in a crime. |
| Implicit | Adjective | Implied but not stated openly. |
| Impossibility | Noun | The state of being impossible. |
| Impossible | Adjective | Not able to occur, exist or be done. |
| Impoverished | Adjective | Reduced to poverty. |
| Impregnable | Adjective | Unable to be captured or broken into. |
| Impresario | Noun | A person who organizes public entertainments. |
| Impression | Noun | An idea, feeling or opinion about something or someone. |
| Impressionism | Noun | A style of painting that gives the general effect of a scene. |
| Impunity | Noun | Freedom from punishment or injury. |
| Inadvertent | Adjective | Unintentional. |
| Inappropriate | Adjective | Not suitable. |
| Inattentive | Adjective | Not paying attention. |
| Inaugurate | Verb | To initiate something important. |
| Inauspicious | Adjective | Ill-omened. |

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| Incalculable | Adjective | Too great to be calculated or estimated. |
| Incendiary | Adjective | Starting or designed to start a fire. |
| Inception | Noun | The establishment or starting point of something. |
| Incessant | Adjective | Continual. |
| Incinerator | Noun | A furnace for burning rubbish. |
| Inclement | Adjective | Cold, wet or stormy. |
| Incommunicado | Adjective | Not communicating with other people. |
| Incomprehensible | Adjective | Not able to be understood. |
| Inconceivable | Adjective | Not able to be imagined. |
| Incongruous | Adjective | Out of place or unsuitable. |
| Inconsequential | Adjective | Not important or significant. |
| Incontrovertible | Adjective | Unable to be denied. |
| Inconvenient | Adjective | Unsuitable. |
| Incredible | Adjective | Impossible to believe. |
| Incubator | Noun | An apparatus for rearing babies born prematurely. |
| Indecipherable | Adjective | Not able to be made out. |
| Indefensible | Adjective | Unable to be defended or justified. |
| Indelible | Adjective | Impossible to rub out or remove. |
| Independent | Adjective | Free from outside control. |
| Indestructible | Adjective | Unable to be destroyed. |
| Indeterminate | Adjective | Not fixed or decided. |
| Indigenous | Adjective | Growing or originating in a particular country. |
| Indigestible | Adjective | Difficult or impossible to digest. |
| Indignity | Noun | Humiliating treatment. |
| Indiscriminate | Adjective | Showing no discrimination. |
| Indispensable | Adjective | Essential. |
| Indoctrinate | Verb | To fill someone's mind with particular ideas or beliefs. |
| Indomitable | Adjective | Resolute and not able to be overcome. |
| Indulge | Verb | To allow oneself to enjoy the pleasure of something. |
| Indulgence | Noun | The act of indulging. |
| Industrious | Adjective | Diligent and hard-working. |
| Inebriated | Adjective | Drunk. |
| Inexcusable | Adjective | Too bad to be justified or tolerated. |
| Inexhaustible | Adjective | Unable to be used up. |
| Inexorable | Adjective | Impossible to stop or prevent. |

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| Inexpedient | Adjective | Not practical, suitable or advisable. |
| Inexperience | Noun | Lack of experience. |
| Inexplicable | Adjective | Unable to be explained. |
| Inextricable | Adjective | Impossible to disentangle or separate. |
| Infant | Noun | A very young child. |
| Inferior | Adjective | Lower in rank, status or quality. |
| Influenza | Noun | Flu. |
| Information | Noun | Facts told, heard or discovered. |
| Infrastructure | Noun | The basic facilities needed for an enterprise. |
| Infuriate | Verb | To make someone very angry. |
| Ingredient | Noun | One of the parts of a mixture. |
| Inhabit | Verb | To live in or occupy. |
| Inhibition | Noun | A feeling that prevents you from doing something. |
| Inhospitable | Adjective | Unwelcoming. |
| Initiative | Noun | The ability to act without the prompting of others. |
| Innocuous | Adjective | Harmless. |
| Inoculate | Verb | To inject or treat someone with a vaccine. |
| Inquisition | Noun | A detailed questioning or investigation. |
| Insatiable | Adjective | Impossible to satisfy. |
| Insidious | Adjective | Causing harm gradually and imperceptibly. |
| Insinuate | Verb | To hint something unpleasant. |
| Inspid | Adjective | Lacking flavour. |
| Insomnia | Noun | Sleeplessness. |
| Instantaneous | Adjective | Happening immediately. |
| Instructor | Noun | A teacher. |
| Instrumentalist | Noun | A person who plays a musical instrument. |
| Insulation | Noun | The act of insulating something. |
| Insuperable | Adjective | Unable to be overcome. |
| Insurance | Noun | A scheme providing protection against possible loss. |
| Intangible | Adjective | Unable to be touched. |
| Integer | Noun | A whole number. |
| Integral | Adjective | Necessary to make a whole complete. |
| Integrate | Verb | To combine one thing with another to form a whole. |
| Intelligence | Noun | The ability to acquire and apply knowledge. |
| Intelligent | Adjective | Having or showing intelligence. |
| Intense | Adjective | To an extreme degree. |

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| Interchangeable | Adjective | Very similar or equivalent. |
| Interfere | Verb | To meddle. |
| Interior | Adjective | Internal. |
| Interject | Verb | To say something abruptly, especially as an interruption. |
| Intermediate | Adjective | Coming between two things. |
| Intermittent | Adjective | Happening at intervals. |
| International | Adjective | Occurring between nations. |
| Interrupt | Verb | To stop the continuous progress of an activity. |
| Intimate | Adjective | Closely acquainted. |
| Intravenous | Adjective | Introduced into a vein. |
| Intrigue | Verb | To fascinate. |
| Invertebrate | Noun | An animal without a backbone. |
| Invidious | Adjective | Causing resentment because of unfairness. |
| Invigorate | Verb | To give a person strength or courage. |
| Irascible | Adjective | Easily roused to anger. |
| Iridescent | Adjective | Displaying colours like those of the rainbow. |
| Irrational | Adjective | Not logical or reasonable. |
| Irreconcilable | Adjective | Too different to be made compatible. |
| Irregular | Adjective | Uneven or erratic. |
| Irreproachable | Adjective | Blameless or faultless. |
| Irreverent | Adjective | Not reverent or respectful. |
| Irrevocable | Adjective | Incapable of being reversed. |
| Isosceles | Adjective | Said of a triangle that has two sides of equal length. |
| Issue | Noun | An important topic or problem. |
| Isthmus | Noun | A neck of land. |
| Itinerary | Noun | A route to be taken on a journey. |
| Jabberwocky | Noun | Invented or meaningless language. |
| Jack | Noun | A device for lifting heavy objects. |
| Jacobean | Adjective | Denoting the architectural style of the reign of King James I of England. |
| Jacuzzi | Noun | Large bath in which underwater jets of water massage the body. |
| Jaded | Adjective | Bored after having had too much of something. |
| Jamboree | Noun | A large party or a Scout rally. |
| Jaundice | Noun | A disease in which the skin becomes yellow. |
| Jazz | Noun | A type of music involving improvisation. |

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| Jealous | Adjective | Envious, or suspicious of a rival or lover. |
| Jest | Noun | A thing said or done for amusement. |
| Jettison | Verb | To throw or drop from an aircraft or ship. |
| Jetty | Noun | A landing stage or small pier at which boats can moor. |
| Jewellery | Noun | Personal ornaments such as necklaces and rings. |
| Jingoism | Noun | Blustering patriotism or chauvinism. |
| Jinx | Noun | A person or thing that brings bad luck. |
| Jocular | Adjective | Humorous or playful. |
| Joker | Noun | A person who is fond of joking. |
| Jolly | Adjective | Happy and cheerful. |
| Journalist | Noun | A person who writes for a newspaper or magazine. |
| Joust | Noun | A medieval sporting contest on horseback. |
| Jovial | Adjective | Cheerful and friendly. |
| Jowl | Noun | The lower part of a cheek, especially when fleshy. |
| Jubilation | Noun | A feeling of great happiness and triumph. |
| Jubilee | Noun | An anniversary, especially a 25th or 50th one. |
| Judicial | Adjective | To do with law courts, judges or judgements. |
| Judicious | Adjective | Done with good judgement or sense. |
| Juggernaut | Noun | A large heavy vehicle, especially an articulated truck. |
| Jugular | Adjective | To do with the throat or neck. |
| Junction | Noun | A point where two or more things are joined. |
| Junk | Noun | Old or discarded articles that are considered useless or of little value. |
| Junket | Noun | A dish of sweetened and flavoured curds of milk. |
| Jurisdiction | Noun | The official power to make legal judgements. |
| Juror | Noun | A member of a jury. |
| Juvenile | Noun | Childish. |
| Juxtaposition | Noun | The placing of things side by side. |
| Kaleidoscope | Noun | An optical instrument producing brightly coloured patterns. |
| Karaoke | Noun | A form of entertainment in which songs are sung with a pre-recorded backing. |
| Karma | Noun | In Asian religions, the sum of a person's actions in this and previous states of existence. |
| Kayak | Noun | A small canoe with a waterproof covering. |
| Keep | Verb | To have or retain possession of. |

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| Kennel | Noun | A small shelter for a dog. |
| Kerb | Noun | A stone edging to a pavement. |
| Kerfuffle | Noun | A commotion or fuss. |
| Kernel | Noun | The usually edible part of a nut inside the hard shell. |
| Kestrel | Noun | A small falcon that hunts by hovering. |
| Khaki | Noun | A dull brownish-yellow fabric used for army uniforms. |
| Kick | Verb | To strike forcibly with the foot. |
| Kilojoule | Noun | 1,000 joules, a measure of the energy value of foods. |
| Kimono | Noun | A long, loose traditional Japanese robe. |
| Kinetic | Adjective | Relating to or resulting from motion. |
| Kitchen | Noun | A room where food is prepared. |
| Kiwi | Noun | A flightless New Zealand bird. |
| Klaxon | Noun | A vehicle horn or warning hooter. |
| Kleptomaniac | Noun | Someone who has an irresistible urge to steal. |
| Knack | Noun | An acquired or natural skill at performing a task. |
| Knave | Noun | A rogue. |
| Knead | Verb | To press and stretch something soft, especially dough in bread-making. |
| Knee | Noun | The joint between the thigh and the lower leg in humans. |
| Knife | Noun | A cutting instrument. |
| Knight | Noun | In the Middle Ages, a mounted soldier. |
| Knives | Plural Noun | Cutting instruments. |
| Knowledge | Noun | Information, or what is known. |
| Knuckle | Noun | A part of a finger at a joint. |
| Koala | Noun | An Australian animal that looks like a small bear. |
| Kookaburra | Noun | A very large Australasian kingfisher. |
| Label | Noun | A small piece of paper attached to an object and giving information about it. |
| Laboratory | Noun | A room or building for scientific research or teaching. |
| Laborious | Adjective | Involving a lot of hard work. |
| Labrador | Noun | A breed of dog, usually with a black or golden coat. |
| Labyrinth | Noun | A maze. |
| Labyrinthine | Adjective | Like a labyrinth, irregular and twisting. |

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| Lace | Noun | A cord passed through eyelets on either side of a shoe. |
| Lacerate | Verb | To tear or cut deeply. |
| Lachrymal | Adjective | To do with tears, producing tears. |
| Lachrymose | Adjective | Tearful. |
| Lackadaisical | Adjective | Lacking energy or determination. |
| Lacklustre | Adjective | Lacking vitality, force or conviction. |
| Lacquer | Noun | A hard glossy varnish. |
| Lacrosse | Noun | A game played with a long stick with a net on the end. |
| Lactation | Noun | The secretion of milk. |
| Lactose | Noun | A sugar present in milk. |
| Lacuna | Noun | A gap. |
| Ladle | Noun | A large long-handled spoon with a cup-shaped bowl. |
| Lady | Noun | A polite or formal way of referring to a woman. |
| Lagoon | Noun | A stretch of salt water separated from the sea. |
| Lamb | Noun | A young sheep. |
| Lamentable | Adjective | Deplorable. |
| Laminated | Adjective | Made of thin layers or sheets. |
| Lampoon | Verb | To satirise or ridicule publicly. |
| Langoustine | Noun | The Norway lobster. |
| Language | Noun | The method of human communication using words. |
| Languid | Adjective | Listless and lacking energy. |
| Languish | Verb | To live in miserable conditions and become weak. |
| Languor | Noun | Tiredness or inactivity, especially when pleasurable. |
| Lapse | Noun | A brief failure of concentration, memory or judgement. |
| Larceny | Noun | Theft of personal property. |
| Larva | Noun | An active immature form of an insect. |
| Laryngitis | Noun | Inflammation of the larynx. |
| Larynx | Noun | The voice box. |
| Lassitude | Noun | Physical or mental weariness. |
| Lasso | Noun | A rope with a noose at one end. |
| Latch | Noun | A device used for fastening a door or gate. |
| Lather | Noun | A frothy mass of bubbles produced by soap in water. |

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| Latitude | Noun | The angular distance of a place north or south of the equator. |
| Latrine | Noun | A toilet, especially a communal one in an army camp. |
| Laudable | Adjective | Deserving praise. |
| Laughter | Noun | The act of laughing. |
| Launch | Verb | To set in motion on the water. |
| Laundry | Noun | Clothes that need to be, or have just been, washed. |
| Laureate | Noun | A person who is honoured for outstanding achievement. |
| Lavatory | Noun | A toilet. |
| Lavender | Noun | A small aromatic evergreen shrub. |
| Lawyer | Noun | A person who practises law. |
| Layer | Noun | A sheet or thickness of material covering a surface. |
| Leaf | Noun | A part of a plant, usually green. |
| League | Noun | A group of sports clubs who all play each other. |
| Lease | Noun | A contract by which property is let. |
| Leather | Noun | A material made from the skin of an animal by tanning. |
| Lecture | Noun | An educational talk to an audience. |
| Legendary | Adjective | Described in or based on legends. |
| Legible | Adjective | Clear enough to read. |
| Legion | Noun | A division of the Roman army. |
| Legionary | Noun | A soldier in a Roman legion. |
| Legionnaire | Noun | A member of a legion. |
| Legislature | Noun | The legislative body of a country. |
| Legitimate | Adjective | Conforming to the law or rules. |
| Leguminous | Adjective | Relating to or denoting plants of the pea family. |
| Leisure | Noun | Relaxation. |
| Lenient | Adjective | Merciful. |
| Leopard | Noun | A big cat with a spotted coat. |
| Lepidopterous | Adjective | To do with butterflies and moths. |
| Leprechaun | Noun | An Irish elf. |
| Lesion | Noun | In medicine, a damaged region in an organ or tissue. |
| Less | Pronoun | A smaller amount of. |
| Lethal | Adjective | Sufficient to cause death. |

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| Lethargy | Noun | Mental and physical sluggishness. |
| Letter | Noun | A character representing one or more of the sounds used in speech. |
| Lettuce | Noun | A salad vegetable. |
| Leukaemia | Noun | A malignant disease affecting the bone marrow. |
| Levelling | Noun | Flattening out. |
| Levitate | Verb | To rise or cause to rise and hover in the air. |
| Liability | Noun | The state of being legally responsible for something. |
| Liaise | Verb | To cooperate on a matter of mutual concern. |
| Liaison | Noun | Communication in a close working relationship. |
| Librarian | Noun | A person working in a library. |
| Licence | Noun | An official permit. |
| Liege | Noun | A superior in the feudal system. |
| Lieutenant | Noun | An officer in the army or navy. |
| Ligament | Noun | A band of tissue connecting two bones or cartilages. |
| Lightning | Noun | A bright flash accompanying thunder. |
| Lilliputian | Adjective | Very small. |
| Lily | Noun | A plant with large trumpet-shaped flowers. |
| Limber | Adjective | Supple or flexible. |
| Limerick | Noun | A humorous five-line poem. |
| Limitation | Noun | A limiting rule or circumstance. |
| Limousine | Noun | A large luxurious car. |
| Line | Noun | A long, narrow mark or band. |
| Lineage | Noun | Ancestry or pedigree. |
| Linear | Adjective | In a straight line. |
| Lingerie | Noun | Women's underwear. |
| Lingering | Adjective | Slow to come to an end. |
| Linguine | Plural Noun | Small pieces of ribbon-shaped pasta. |
| Linguist | Noun | A person skilled in foreign languages. |
| Linguistics | Plural Noun | The study of languages. |
| Link | Noun | A relationship between two things or situations. |
| Linoleum | Noun | A material used as a floor covering. |
| Liqueur | Noun | A strong, sweet alcoholic drink. |
| Liquid | Noun | A substance between a solid and a gas. |
| Liquidate | Verb | To close down a business and apportion its assets. |
| Liquor | Noun | Alcoholic drink, especially spirits. |

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| Liquorice | Noun | A black chewy sweet. |
| List | Noun | A number of connected items written consecutively. |
| Listen | Verb | To pay attention to a sound. |
| Listening | Noun | Paying attention in order to hear something. |
| Listeria | Noun | A bacterium that can infect humans. |
| Literacy | Noun | The ability to read and write. |
| Literary | Adjective | Concerning literature. |
| Literate | Adjective | Able to read and write. |
| Literature | Noun | Books and other writings, especially classics. |
| Lithe | Adjective | Flexible and supple. |
| Litigate | Verb | To resort to legal action. |
| Litigious | Adjective | Tending to take legal action to settle disputes. |
| Litre | Noun | A metric unit of capacity. |
| Liturgical | Adjective | Relating to religious worship. |
| Liverpudlian | Noun | A native of Liverpool. |
| Livery | Noun | A special uniform worn by a servant or an official. |
| Llama | Noun | A South American animal with woolly fur. |
| Loafer | Noun | An idler. |
| Loathe | Verb | To feel hatred or disgust for. |
| Loathsome | Adjective | Exciting hatred and disgust. |
| Loaves | Plural Noun | Individually baked portions of bread. |
| Locomotive | Noun | A railway engine. |
| Logarithm | Noun | A mathematical quantity. |
| Logistics | Plural Noun | The detailed organization of a complex operation. |
| Loiter | Verb | To stand around without apparent purpose. |
| Lonely | Adjective | Sad because you are on your own. |
| Longevity | Noun | Long life. |
| Longitude | Noun | The angular distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich meridian. |
| Loofah | Noun | A bath sponge made from a dried marrow-like fruit. |
| Loose | Adjective | Not firmly or tightly fixed in place. |
| Loot | Noun | Private property taken from an enemy in war. |
| Loquacious | Adjective | Talkative. |
| Loser | Noun | A person who has lost something, especially a game. |
| Lottery | Noun | A means of raising money based on chance. |
| Louche | Adjective | Disreputable. |

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| Loud | Adjective | Producing much noise. |
| Lousy | Adjective | Very bad. |
| Louvre | Noun | An angled slat fixed on a door, shutter or screen. |
| Lovely | Adjective | Beautiful. |
| Lozenge | Noun | A rhombus or diamond shape. |
| Lubrication | Noun | The application of an agent, usually oil or grease, to diminish friction. |
| Lucid | Adjective | Clear and easy to understand. |
| Luck | Noun | Good or bad fortune brought about by chance. |
| Ludicrous | Adjective | Ridiculous or laughable. |
| Luggage | Noun | Suitcases and other travelling bags. |
| Lugubrious | Adjective | Looking or sounding sad and dismal. |
| Lumbago | Noun | Pain in the muscles and joints of the lower back. |
| Luminary | Noun | A prominent person. |
| Luminescence | Noun | The emission of light by an unheated substance. |
| Luminescent | Adjective | Giving out light. |
| Luminous | Adjective | Giving off light. |
| Lunacy | Noun | Insanity. |
| Lunar | Adjective | Relating to the moon. |
| Lunch | Noun | A meal eaten in the middle of the day. |
| Luncheon | Noun | The midday meal. |
| Lure | Verb | To tempt by offering some sort of reward. |
| Lurgy | Noun | An unspecified illness. |
| Lurid | Adjective | Unpleasantly bright in colour. |
| Lurk | Verb | To hide and wait in ambush. |
| Luscious | Adjective | Having a pleasantly rich, sweet taste. |
| Lush | Adjective | Growing luxuriantly. |
| Lustre | Noun | Gloss or sheen. |
| Luxuriate | Verb | To live in luxury. |
| Luxury | Noun | Great comfort and extravagance. |
| Lycanthrope | Noun | A werewolf. |
| Lymph | Noun | A colourless bodily fluid containing white blood cells. |
| Lymphatic | Adjective | In physiology, relating to the bodily fluid lymph. |
| Lynch | Verb | To hang someone for an alleged offence without a trial. |
| Lyrical | Adjective | Like a song. |
| Lyricism | Noun | The expression of emotion in an imaginative way. |

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| Lyricist | Noun | A person who writes the words of popular songs. |
| Macabre | Adjective | Gruesome. |
| Macaroon | Noun | A sweet biscuit made with almonds or coconut. |
| Machiavellian | Adjective | Very cunning or deceitful. |
| Machinations | Noun | Plots and schemes. |
| Machinery | Noun | Machines collectively. |
| Machinist | Noun | A person who operates a machine. |
| Machismo | Noun | Strong or aggressive masculine pride. |
| Macrocosm | Noun | The whole of a complex structure, especially the universe. |
| Macromolecule | Noun | A molecule containing a very large number of atoms. |
| Madrigal | Noun | A Renaissance song for several voices. |
| Maelstrom | Noun | A great whirlpool. |
| Maestro | Noun | A master, especially in music. |
| Magenta | Noun | A light mauvish-crimson colour. |
| Magic | Noun | The power of apparently influencing events by using mysterious powers. |
| Magician | Noun | A conjuror or person with magical powers |
| Magisterial | Adjective | Masterly and authoritative. |
| Magma | Noun | Molten rock that erupts as lava from a volcano. |
| Magnanimous | Adjective | Generous and not petty-minded. |
| Magnificent | Adjective | Imposing or superb. |
| Magnify | Verb | To make something appear larger than it is. |
| Maintenance | Noun | Keeping something in good condition. |
| Maisonette | Noun | A flat, usually self-contained and on two floors. |
| Make | Verb | To form by putting parts together. |
| Maladapted | Adjective | Not adjusted adequately to the environment. |
| Malady | Noun | A disease or ailment. |
| Malaise | Noun | A general feeling of illness or unease. |
| Malapropism | Noun | A ludicrous confusion of words. |
| Malarkey | Noun | Nonsense. |
| Malcontent | Noun | A dissatisfied and rebellious person. |
| Malefactor | Noun | A person who commits a crime. |
| Malevolent | Adjective | Wishing harm. |
| Malfunction | Verb | To break down or fail to function normally. |
| Malice | Noun | Ill will. |
| Malicious | Adjective | Intending or intended to do harm. |

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| Malign | Adjective | Harmful or showing malice. |
| Malignant | Adjective | Full of malice. |
| Malingering | Verb | To pretend to be ill in order to escape work. |
| Malingerer | Noun | A person who pretends to be ill in order to avoid work. |
| Malleable | Adjective | Able to be hammered into shape. |
| Malnutrition | Noun | Lack of adequate food. |
| Malodorous | Adjective | Smelling unpleasant. |
| Manacle | Noun | A metal shackle for fastening the hands or ankles. |
| Manage | Verb | To be in charge of a business or organisation. |
| Manageable | Adjective | Able to be dealt with without difficulty. |
| Management | Noun | The act of managing, or the people in charge. |
| Managerialism | Noun | A belief in the use of professional managers. |
| Mandible | Noun | The lower jawbone of mammals and fishes. |
| Maniac | Noun | A wild or violent person. |
| Manifesto | Noun | A political party's proposals at an election. |
| Manipulate | Verb | To handle something skilfully. |
| Mannequin | Noun | A dummy used to display clothes in a shop window. |
| Manoeuvre | Noun | A skilful movement, or a large-scale tactical exercise. |
| Manse | Noun | A church minister's house, especially in Scotland. |
| Manufacture | Verb | To make things, usually on a large scale. |
| Manuscript | Noun | A document written or typed but not printed. |
| Marathon | Noun | A long-distance running race. |
| Marauding | Noun and Adjective | Going about in search of plunder. |
| March | Verb | To walk in a military manner, in regular and measured steps. |
| Margarine | Noun | A substitute for butter. |
| Mark | Noun | A small area on a surface having a different colour from its surroundings. |
| Marmoset | Noun | A small tropical American monkey. |
| Marquee | Noun | A large tent used for parties and exhibitions. |
| Marriage | Noun | A wedding, or the state of being married. |
| Marsupial | Noun | A mammal that carries its new-born young in a pouch. |
| Martial | Adjective | Warlike. |

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| Martyr | Noun | A person who is killed because of his or her beliefs. |
| Marvel | Verb | To be filled with wonder. |
| Marzipan | Noun | A sweet yellowish almond paste used on cakes. |
| Mascara | Noun | A cosmetic for darkening and thickening eyelashes. |
| Mascarpone | Noun | A soft, mild Italian cream cheese. |
| Masculine | Adjective | Man-like. |
| Masquerade | Noun | A masked ball, or a pretence. |
| Masseur | Noun | A person who provides massage professionally. |
| Masticate | Verb | To chew. |
| Material | Noun | Something used for making something else. |
| Materialism | Noun | A way of life stressing the importance of material possessions. |
| Mathematics | Plural Noun | Arithmetic, algebra and geometry. |
| Maudlin | Adjective | Tearfully sentimental. |
| Mausoleum | Noun | A magnificent tomb. |
| Mawkish | Adjective | Sentimental in a false way. |
| Maxilla | Noun | The upper jawbone. |
| Mayonnaise | Noun | A creamy dressing made of eggs, oil and vinegar. |
| Mayor | Noun | The ceremonial head of a local council. |
| Mazurka | Noun | A Polish dance. |
| Meanwhile | Adverb | In the time between two events, or while something else is happening. |
| Measles | Plural Noun | An infectious disease. |
| Measurement | Noun | The process of measuring something. |
| Mechanic | Noun | A worker who repairs and maintains vehicle engines. |
| Mechanical | Adjective | To do with machines or mechanics. |
| Medal | Noun | A coin-like piece of medal commemorating an event or achievement. |
| Medallion | Noun | A medal-shaped piece of jewellery, worn as a pendant. |
| Media | Plural Noun | The means of mass communication. |
| Medication | Noun | Medicine. |
| Mediocre | Adjective | Of only average quality. |
| Meerkat | Noun | A small African mongoose. |
| Megahertz | Noun | A unit of frequency. |

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| Megalith | Noun | A large stone that forms a prehistoric monument. |
| Megalomania | Noun | Delusions of grandeur and lust for power. |
| Megalopolis | Noun | A heavily populated city. |
| Megaton | Noun | A unit of explosive power equal to a million tons of TNT. |
| Meiosis | Noun | In biology, a type of cell division. |
| Melancholy | Noun | Sadness or depression. |
| Mellifluous | Adjective | Pleasant-sounding and musical. |
| Melt | Verb | To make or become liquefied by heating. |
| Memorabilia | Noun | Souvenirs of memorable people or events. |
| Memorandum | Noun | A note to remind yourself of something. |
| Menagerie | Noun | A zoo. |
| Mendacious | Adjective | Telling lies. |
| Menial | Adjective | Degrading and requiring little skill. |
| Mercantile | Adjective | Relating to trade or commerce. |
| Mercenary | Adjective | Motivated primarily by the desire for gain. |
| Mercurial | Adjective | Having a volatile or restless nature. |
| Meretricious | Adjective | Superficially attractive, but of no real value. |
| Meritocracy | Noun | Rule by people selected according to merit. |
| Merrily | Adverb | In a cheerful way. |
| Mesmeric | Adjective | Hypnotic. |
| Mesomorph | Noun | A person with a compact and muscular body. |
| Messenger | Noun | A person who carries a message. |
| Metabolism | Noun | The chemical processes by which food is converted into living material or energy in a plant or animal. |
| Metal | Noun | A solid material that is typically hard and shiny. |
| Metamorphic | Adjective | In geology, a type of rock. |
| Metamorphosis | Noun | The radical change undergone by a caterpillar when it becomes a butterfly. |
| Metaphor | Noun | The use of a word or phrase in a way that is not literal. |
| Meteorite | Noun | The remains of a meteor that have landed on the earth. |
| Meticulous | Adjective | Very careful and precise. |
| Metonym | Noun | In English grammar, a figure of speech. |
| Metre | Noun | The fundamental unit of length in the metric system. |

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| Metric | Adjective | Relating to or based on the metre as a unit of length. |
| Metropolis | Noun | The capital or chief city of a country or region. |
| Mezzanine | Noun | An intermediate storey in a building. |
| Microbe | Noun | A micro-organism. |
| Microchip | Noun | A tiny wafer of semiconducting material. |
| Microcosm | Noun | Something small encapsulating a much larger entity. |
| Microphone | Noun | A device that converts sound into electrical energy. |
| Microscope | Noun | An optical instrument used for viewing tiny objects. |
| Microwave | Noun | An oven using short-wavelength radiation for cooking. |
| Militarism | Noun | Belief in the use of military power and methods. |
| Millennium | Noun | A period of a thousand years. |
| Milliner | Noun | A person who makes women's hats. |
| Millionaire | Noun | A person who has at least a million pounds. |
| Minestrone | Noun | An Italian soup containing vegetables and pasta. |
| Miniature | Adjective | Very small. |
| Minuscule | Adjective | Extremely small. |
| Miracle | Noun | An extraordinary event inexplicable by science. |
| Miraculous | Adjective | Inexplicable and incredible. |
| Mire | Noun | A swamp, or deep mud. |
| Misanthropist | Noun | A hater of mankind. |
| Miscellaneous | Adjective | Mixed, or consisting of several kinds. |
| Mischief | Noun | Naughty or troublesome behaviour. |
| Mischievous | Adjective | Disposed to causing trouble in a playful way. |
| Miscreant | Noun | A person who behaves badly or unlawfully. |
| Misery | Noun | A state or feeling of great physical or mental distress. |
| Misogynist | Noun | A person who hates women. |
| Mission | Noun | An important assignment. |
| Missionary | Noun | A person sent on a religious mission. |
| Mississippi | Noun | A river in the United States of America. |
| Misspell | Verb | To spell incorrectly. |
| Mistaken | Adjective | Based upon a misunderstanding. |
| Mistletoe | Noun | A plant used in Christmas decorations. |
| Mitigate | Verb | To make a thing less intense or severe. |
| Mitochondrion | Noun | In biology, a structure found in most cells. |

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| Mnemonic | Noun | A memory aid. |
| Moderation | Noun | Freedom from excess. |
| Modern | Adjective | Belonging to the present or recent times. |
| Moisture | Noun | Water in tiny drops in the air or on a surface. |
| Molecule | Noun | The smallest part into which a substance can be divided without changing its chemical nature. |
| Mollify | Verb | To appease the anger or anxiety of. |
| Monarch | Noun | A hereditary head of state. |
| Monocle | Noun | A single eyeglass. |
| Monogamy | Noun | The custom of being married to only one person at a time. |
| Monoglot | Adjective | Using or speaking only one language. |
| Monolith | Noun | A single large block of stone. |
| Monolithic | Adjective | Formed from a single block of stone. |
| Monosyllabic | Adjective | Consisting of one syllable. |
| Monotheism | Noun | The doctrine that there is only one god. |
| Monstrosity | Noun | A monstrous thing. |
| Monumental | Adjective | Very large, or built as a monument. |
| Moraine | Noun | A mass of stones and other debris carried down by a glacier. |
| Moratorium | Noun | A temporary ban. |
| Moreover | Adverb | Furthermore. |
| Moribund | Adjective | At the point of death. |
| Morose | Adjective | Sour-tempered and miserable. |
| Morsel | Noun | A small piece of food. |
| Mortgage | Noun | A loan for the purchase of property. |
| Mosaic | Noun | A picture or design made from small coloured pieces of glass or stone. |
| Mosque | Noun | A building where Muslims worship. |
| Mosquito | Noun | A long-legged fly whose bite can transmit malaria. |
| Moss | Noun | A small green plant that lacks true roots. |
| Motif | Noun | A repeated design or theme. |
| Motive | Noun | A reason for doing something. |
| Mourn | Verb | To feel or show sorrow at someone's death. |
| Mousse | Noun | A frothy creamy pudding flavoured with fruit or chocolate. |
| Moustache | Noun | A strip of hair left to grow above the upper lip. |

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| Muesli | Noun | A mixture of cereals, fruit and nuts eaten at breakfast. |
| Muffler | Noun | A warm scarf. |
| Mule | Noun | The offspring of a donkey and a horse. |
| Multifarious | Adjective | Very varied. |
| Multilateral | Adjective | Involving three or more parties. |
| Multiprocessor | Noun | A computer with more than one central processor. |
| Multitudinous | Adjective | Very numerous. |
| Multivalent | Adjective | Having many applications or interpretations. |
| Munificent | Adjective | Extremely generous. |
| Murmur | Verb | To make a low, indistinct sound. |
| Muscle | Noun | A band or bundle of fibrous tissue that contracts and relaxes to produce movement in the body. |
| Musculature | Noun | The arrangement of muscles in a body or organ. |
| Musculoskeletal | Adjective | Relating to the muscles and skeleton together. |
| Museology | Noun | The practice of organising and managing museums. |
| Museum | Noun | A building in which objects of interest are exhibited. |
| Musician | Noun | A person who plays a musical instrument. |
| Mutation | Noun | A change in the form of a living creature because of changes in its genetic material. |
| Myriad | Adjective | Very many, countless. |
| Myrrh | Noun | A resin used in perfume, incense and medicine. |
| Mysterious | Adjective | Full of mystery, or puzzling. |
| Mystify | Verb | To puzzle or bewilder. |
| Mystique | Noun | An aura of mystery, glamour or power. |
| Myth | Noun | A traditional story about the early history of a people. |
| Mythology | Noun | Myths or the study of myths. |
| Nadir | Noun | The lowest point. |
| Naevus | Noun | A birthmark. |
| Name | Noun | A word or set of words by which a person is known. |
| Nanotechnology | Noun | Engineering on a scale of less than 100 nanometres. |
| Nape | Noun | The back of a person's neck. |
| Napkin | Noun | A serviette. |
| Narcissism | Noun | Excessive interest in one's own physical appearance. |

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| Narcissus | Noun | A garden flower like a daffodil. |
| Narcolepsy | Noun | An extreme tendency to fall asleep. |
| Narrative | Noun | A story. |
| Nascent | Adjective | Just coming into existence. |
| Nasturtium | Noun | A garden plant with red, yellow or orange flowers. |
| Nasty | Adjective | Very bad or unpleasant. |
| Nationalism | Noun | Patriotism. |
| Nativity | Noun | A birth. |
| Naturally | Adverb | In a natural way. |
| Naturopathy | Noun | A system of alternative medicine that eschews drugs. |
| Naughty | Adjective | Badly behaved. |
| Nausea | Noun | A feeling of sickness or disgust. |
| Nautical | Adjective | To do with ships or sailors. |
| Navel | Noun | The belly-button. |
| Navigate | Verb | To direct the course of a ship or aircraft. |
| Neanderthal | Noun | An extinct species of human. |
| Nebulous | Adjective | Hazy or ill-defined. |
| Necessary | Adjective | Essential. |
| Necessity | Noun | The principle that something must be so. |
| Nectarine | Noun | A kind of peach with a smooth skin. |
| Nefarious | Adjective | Wicked. |
| Negligent | Adjective | Failing to take proper care over something. |
| Negligible | Adjective | Insignificant. |
| Negotiable | Adjective | Open to discussion or modification. |
| Neighbour | Noun | A person living next door. |
| Neither | Pronoun | Not one thing and not the other. |
| Nemesis | Noun | The inescapable agent of someone's downfall. |
| Neologism | Noun | A newly coined word or expression. |
| Neon | Noun | The chemical element of atomic number 10. |
| Neoprene | Noun | A synthetic polymer resembling rubber. |
| Nepotism | Noun | Showing favouritism to relatives, especially in giving them jobs. |
| Nervous | Adjective | Easily upset or agitated. |
| Nervousness | Noun | Agitation or anxiety. |
| Nest | Noun | A place made by a bird for laying eggs and sheltering its young. |

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| Neurosis | Noun | A mild mental illness involving symptoms of stress. |
| Neurotic | Adjective | Excessively anxious or tense. |
| Niche | Noun | A shallow recess, especially one in a wall. |
| Nickelodeon | Noun | A jukebox. |
| Nightingale | Noun | A small brown bird that sings sweetly. |
| Nihilism | Noun | The rejection of all religious and moral principles. |
| Nimbostratus | Noun | Cloud forming a thick uniform grey layer. |
| Nincompoop | Noun | A stupid person. |
| Nobility | Noun | The aristocracy, or the state of being noble. |
| Noble | Adjective | Belonging to the aristocracy. |
| Nocturnal | Adjective | Done, occurring or active at night. |
| Noggin | Noun | A small quantity of alcoholic drink. |
| Noise | Noun | A sound, especially one that is loud or unpleasant. |
| Noisome | Adjective | Smelling disgusting. |
| Nominate | Verb | To propose someone in an election or for a post. |
| Nonchalant | Adjective | Calm and casual. |
| Nondescript | Adjective | Lacking distinction. |
| Nonentity | Noun | An unimportant person. |
| Nonsense | Noun | Words that do not mean anything. |
| Nosegay | Noun | A small bunch of fragrant flowers. |
| Nostalgia | Noun | Sentimental longing for a period in the past. |
| Noticeable | Adjective | Easily seen or noticed. |
| Notifiable | Adjective | Said of a disease that must reported. |
| Nougat | Noun | A chewy sweet made from nuts, sugar, honey and egg white. |
| Nourish | Verb | To keep a person or animal alive and well by means of food. |
| Nourishment | Noun | The food necessary for growth and good health. |
| Novel | Noun | A fictitious prose narrative. |
| Novelist | Noun | A writer of fiction. |
| Novelty | Noun | Newness and originality. |
| Nozzle | Noun | A cylindrical or round spout at the end of a hose pipe. |
| Nuance | Noun | A slight difference in shade or meaning. |
| Nuclear | Adjective | Relating to the nucleus of an atom. |
| Nucleus | Noun | The central and most important part of something. |
| Nuisance | Noun | An annoying person or thing. |

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| Numeration | Noun | The action or process of numbering. |
| Numerical | Adjective | Relating to numbers. |
| Numismatics | Noun | The study of coins. |
| Nuptial | Adjective | Relating to marriage. |
| Nursery | Noun | A place where young children are looked after. |
| Nutrients | Plural Noun | Nourishing substances. |
| Nutritious | Adjective | Nourishing. |
| Nyctophobia | Noun | A fear of darkness. |
| Nylon | Noun | A synthetic polymer. |
| Nymph | Noun | A young goddess living in the sea, rivers or woods. |
| Oasis | Noun | A fertile spot in a desert, where water is found. |
| Obedience | Noun | Compliance with an order, request or law. |
| Obedient | Adjective | Doing what you are told. |
| Obeisance | Noun | A deep bow or curtsy showing respect. |
| Obelisk | Noun | A tall pillar set up as a monument. |
| Obese | Adjective | Grossly overweight. |
| Obey | Verb | To submit to the authority of someone. |
| Obituary | Noun | A brief biography in a newspaper of a recently deceased person. |
| Objectionable | Adjective | Unpleasant or nasty. |
| Obligatory | Adjective | Compulsory. |
| Oblique | Adjective | Slanting, or indirectly expressed. |
| Obliterate | Verb | To blot out and remove all traces of something. |
| Oblivious | Adjective | Completely unaware of something. |
| Obnoxious | Adjective | Very unpleasant and objectionable. |
| Oboe | Noun | A woodwind instrument. |
| Obscenity | Noun | Indecency. |
| Obscurity | Noun | The state of being unknown. |
| Obsequious | Adjective | Sycophantic and fawning. |
| Observant | Adjective | Quick at observing or noticing things. |
| Obsessive | Adjective | Compulsively preoccupied. |
| Obsolescent | Adjective | Becoming obsolete. |
| Obsolete | Adjective | No longer produced or used. |
| Obstacle | Noun | An obstruction. |
| Obstetrics | Plural Noun | The branch of medicine concerned with childbirth. |
| Obstinate | Adjective | Stubborn. |
| Obstreperous | Adjective | Noisy and unruly. |

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| Obtuse | Adjective | Annoyingly insensitive or slow to understand. |
| Obvious | Adjective | Self-evident. |
| Occasion | Noun | A particular event. |
| Occasional | Adjective | Happening from time to time, but not regularly or frequently. |
| Occupant | Noun | The resident of a house at a given time. |
| Occupation | Noun | A job or profession. |
| Occurrence | Noun | An incident or event. |
| Occurring | Part of a Verb | Happening. |
| Ocean | Noun | A vast expanse of sea. |
| Oceanic | Adjective | Relating to the ocean. |
| Ocelot | Noun | A leopard-like animal of Central and South America. |
| Ochre | Noun | An earthy pigment. |
| Octahedron | Noun | A 3-D shape with eight faces. |
| Octogenarian | Noun | A person aged between 80 and 89. |
| Ode | Noun | A lyric poem. |
| Odious | Adjective | Hateful. |
| Odorous | Adjective | Having or giving off a distinctive smell. |
| Odour | Noun | A distinctive smell. |
| Odyssey | Noun | A long and adventurous journey. |
| Oesophagus | Noun | The gullet. |
| Oestrogen | Noun | A female hormone. |
| Offal | Noun | The edible internal organs of an animal. |
| Offence | Noun | A breach of a law or rule. |
| Official | Adjective | Relating to an authority or public body. |
| Officially | Adverb | In a formal and public way. |
| Officious | Adjective | Bossy and too ready to give orders. |
| Often | Adverb | Frequently. |
| Ogre | Noun | A man-eating giant. |
| Ointment | Noun | A medicinal cream applied to the skin. |
| Oligarchy | Noun | In politics, rule by a small group of people. |
| Ombudsman | Noun | A public official who investigates complaints. |
| Omega | Noun | The last letter of the Greek alphabet. |
| Omelette | Noun | A dish of beaten eggs cooked in a frying pan. |
| Omen | Noun | An event regarded as a sign of good or evil. |
| Ominous | Adjective | Inauspicious. |

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| Omnipotent | Adjective | All-powerful. |
| Omnivorous | Adjective | Feeding on food of both plant and animal origin. |
| Once | Adverb | On one occasion or for one time only. |
| Onerous | Adjective | Burdensome. |
| Only | Adverb | Solely. |
| Onomatopoeia | Noun | The formation of a word in imitation of the sound of what it means. |
| Onslaught | Noun | A fierce attack. |
| Onus | Noun | A burden. |
| Onyx | Noun | A semi-precious stone with different coloured layers. |
| Oodles | Plural Noun | A very great number or amount of something. |
| Ooze | Verb | To slowly trickle or seep out of something. |
| Opalescent | Adjective | Showing varying colours like that of precious opal. |
| Opaque | Adjective | Not transparent. |
| Open | Adjective | Allowing access through an empty space. |
| Operational | Adjective | In or ready for use. |
| Operator | Noun | A person who works something, especially a telephone switchboard. |
| Operetta | Noun | A light opera. |
| Opportunist | Noun | A person who is quick to seize opportunities. |
| Opportunistic | Adjective | Exploiting immediate opportunities. |
| Opportunity | Noun | A chance. |
| Oppressive | Adjective | Harsh and tyrannical. |
| Opprobrium | Noun | Harsh criticism or censure. |
| Optician | Noun | A person qualified to prescribe and dispense glasses. |
| Optimism | Noun | Confidence about the future. |
| Optimistic | Adjective | Confident about the future. |
| Optometry | Noun | The measurement of eyesight. |
| Opulent | Adjective | Ostentatiously luxurious. |
| Oral | Adjective | Spoken rather than written down. |
| Orangeade | Noun | A fizzy drink. |
| Orator | Noun | A public speaker, especially an eloquent one. |
| Oratory | Noun | Formal speaking in public. |
| Orca | Noun | A killer whale. |
| Orchard | Noun | A piece of land planted with fruit trees. |
| Orchestra | Noun | A group of instrumentalists playing classical music. |

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| Orchestrate | Verb | To compose or arrange music for an orchestra. |
| Orchid | Noun | A plant with complex, often showy, flowers. |
| Ordinarily | Adverb | Usually. |
| Ordination | Noun | The act of being ordained. |
| Orientate | Verb | To place something to face in a certain direction. |
| Orienteering | Noun | The sport of finding one's way across country with a map and compass. |
| Orifice | Noun | An opening in the body. |
| Original | Adjective | Existing from the start. |
| Ornamentation | Noun | In art, decoration added to something. |
| Ornithology | Noun | The scientific study of birds. |
| Orthodontics | Plural Noun | The treatment of irregularities in the teeth and jaws. |
| Orthodoxy | Noun | Authorised or generally accepted theory or practice. |
| Orthography | Noun | The conventional spelling system of a language. |
| Orthopaedics | Plural Noun | The medical treatment of bone and muscle deformities. |
| Oscillate | Verb | To swing back and forth in a regular rhythm. |
| Osprey | Noun | A large fish-eating bird of prey. |
| Ossify | Verb | To turn into bone or bony tissue. |
| Ostentatious | Adjective | Designed to impress. |
| Osteoporosis | Noun | A medical condition in which the bones become brittle. |
| Ostrich | Noun | A large, flightless African bird. |
| Ought | Modal Verb | Expressing duty. |
| Ounce | Noun | A unit of weight. |
| Outmanoeuvre | Verb | To defeat an opponent by skill and cunning. |
| Outrageous | Adjective | Shocking or atrocious. |
| Outweigh | Verb | To be heavier, greater or more significant than. |
| Oval | Adjective | Having a rounded and slightly elongated outline. |
| Overt | Adjective | Done or shown openly. |
| Overwhelm | Verb | To bury or drown beneath a huge mass. |
| Overwhelming | Adjective | Very great in amount. |
| Oxide | Noun | A compound containing oxygen and one other element. |
| Oxygen | Noun | A colourless gas present in air. |
| Oxygenate | Verb | To treat with oxygen. |

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| Oxymoron | Noun | A figure of speech combining contradictory terms. |
| Oyster | Noun | A bivalve mollusc. |
| Ozone | Noun | A colourless gas. |
| Pace | Noun | A single step taken when walking or running. |
| Pacifier | Noun | A person or thing that pacifies. |
| Pacifist | Noun | A person opposed to war. |
| Pack | Noun | A small cardboard or paper container and the items contained within it. |
| Packaging | Noun | Materials used to wrap goods. |
| Pact | Noun | A formal agreement between individuals or parties. |
| Paddle | Noun | A pole used for propelling a canoe. |
| Padre | Noun | A chaplain in the armed services. |
| Paean | Noun | A song of praise or triumph. |
| Paediatrics | Plural Noun | The branch of medicine dealing with children. |
| Paella | Noun | A Spanish dish cooked and served in a large shallow pan. |
| Pagan | Noun | A heathen. |
| Page | Noun | One side of a leaf of paper in a book. |
| Pageant | Noun | A play or entertainment about historical events and people. |
| Pageantry | Noun | Elaborate display or ceremony. |
| Pagination | Noun | The numbering of the pages of a book. |
| Pagoda | Noun | A Hindu or Buddhist temple. |
| Paid | Adjective | Remunerated. |
| Pail | Noun | A bucket. |
| Painfully | Adverb | In a painful manner. |
| Painstaking | Adjective | Done with great care and thoroughness. |
| Pair | Noun | A set of two things regarded as a unit. |
| Paisley | Noun | In textiles, a pattern of curved feather-shaped figures. |
| Pakora | Noun | An Indian deep-fried dish. |
| Palace | Noun | A large, impressive and often official building. |
| Palaeontology | Noun | The branch of science concerned with fossils. |
| Palatable | Adjective | Pleasant to taste. |
| Palate | Noun | The roof of the mouth. |
| Palatial | Adjective | Resembling a palace in being spacious and splendid. |
| Palaver | Noun | Prolonged and tedious fuss or discussion. |

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| Pale | Adjective | Light in colour or shade. |
| Palette | Noun | A thin board on which an artist mixes colours. |
| Palimony | Noun | Alimony for unmarried couples. |
| Palindrome | Noun | A word or phrase that reads the same backwards as forwards. |
| Palisade | Noun | A fence of wooden stakes or iron railings. |
| Pall | Noun | A cloth spread over a coffin, hearse or tomb. |
| Palladium | Noun | A rare silvery-white metal resembling platinum. |
| Pallet | Noun | A portable platform on which goods can be stacked. |
| Pallid | Adjective | Pale and sickly. |
| Pallor | Noun | An unhealthy pale appearance. |
| Pally | Adjective | Having a close, friendly relationship. |
| Palm | Noun | An evergreen tropical and sub-tropical tree. |
| Palmistry | Noun | Reading the lines on the palms of people's hands. |
| Palomino | Noun | A pale tan-coloured horse with a white mane and tail. |
| Palpable | Adjective | Able to be touched or felt. |
| Palpitation | Noun | The violent and rapid beating of the heart. |
| Palsy | Noun | Paralysis, often accompanied by involuntary tremors. |
| Paltry | Adjective | Very small or meagre. |
| Pampas | Plural Noun | Large treeless plains in South America. |
| Pamper | Verb | To overindulge or spoil. |
| Pamphlet | Noun | A small booklet or leaflet. |
| Pamphleteer | Noun | A writer of pamphlets. |
| Panacea | Noun | A cure for all diseases or troubles. |
| Panache | Noun | Swagger or verve. |
| Pancake | Noun | A thin, flat cake of batter, fried on both sides. |
| Pancreas | Noun | A large gland behind the stomach. |
| Panda | Noun | A large bear-like animal. |
| Pandemonium | Noun | Uproar. |
| Panel | Noun | A flat piece of board or other material. |
| Panic | Noun | Sudden uncontrollable fear or anxiety. |
| Pannier | Noun | A bag or box fitted to the rear wheel of a bicycle. |
| Panorama | Noun | An unbroken view of a whole region. |
| Papaya | Noun | A tropical fruit. |
| Papyrus | Noun | A kind of paper used in Ancient Egypt. |

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| Paracetamol | Noun | A pain-killing drug. |
| Parachute | Noun | An umbrella-like device on which people can slowly descend from an aircraft. |
| Paradoxical | Adjective | Seemingly absurd or self-contradictory. |
| Paraffin | Noun | An oily liquid used as fuel. |
| Parallel | Adjective | Said of lines lying side by side and always at the same distance apart. |
| Parallelogram | Noun | A quadrilateral with its opposite sides equal and parallel. |
| Paralympics | Plural Noun | An international athletics event for disabled competitors. |
| Parapet | Noun | A low protective wall along the edge of a roof. |
| Paraphernalia | Noun | Miscellaneous objects. |
| Parliament | Noun | The assembly that makes a country's laws. |
| Parody | Noun | A comic imitation of the style of a writer or artist. |
| Partial | Adjective | Not total. |
| Participation | Noun | Taking part in something. |
| Particularly | Adverb | Especially. |
| Partner | Noun | A person who is in business with another. |
| Pass | Noun | A route over or through mountains. |
| Passenger | Noun | A traveller on public or private transport. |
| Passion | Noun | Strong and barely controllable emotion. |
| Passionate | Adjective | Full of passion. |
| Past | Noun | The time before the present. |
| Pastille | Noun | A small sweet or lozenge. |
| Pastoral | Adjective | Used for the grazing of sheep or cattle. |
| Paternal | Adjective | Fatherly. |
| Paternity | Noun | The state of being someone's father. |
| Patience | Noun | Being patient. |
| Patriarch | Noun | The male head of a family or tribe. |
| Pattern | Noun | A repeated arrangement of lines, shapes or colours. |
| Peaceable | Adjective | Inclined to avoid conflict. |
| Peaceful | Adjective | Quiet and calm. |
| Peach | Noun | A round stone fruit with juicy yellow flesh. |
| Pearl | Noun | A hard white or bluish-grey gem. |
| Peccadillo | Noun | A small and unimportant fault or offence. |
| Peculiar | Adjective | Strange or unusual. |

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| Peculiarity | Noun | A strange or unusual feature. |
| Pecuniary | Adjective | To do with money. |
| Pedagogue | Noun | A teacher, especially one who teaches in a pedantic way. |
| Pedestal | Noun | The base on which a statue or column is mounted. |
| Pedestrian | Noun | A walker. |
| Pejorative | Adjective | Disparaging or derogatory. |
| Pellet | Noun | A small, rounded, compressed mass of something. |
| Pelmet | Noun | A border to conceal the curtain fittings above a window. |
| Penalty | Noun | A punishment. |
| Pendulum | Noun | A weight hung so that it can swing to and fro, especially in the workings of a clock. |
| Penitent | Adjective | Repentant. |
| Penitentiary | Noun | An American prison. |
| Pentameter | Noun | A line of verse with five rhythmic beats. |
| People | Plural Noun | Human beings. |
| Perambulate | Verb | To walk or travel through or round a place. |
| Perambulator | Noun | A baby's pram. |
| Perceive | Verb | To become conscious of something. |
| Perceptible | Adjective | Able to be noticed. |
| Perch | Noun | An edible freshwater fish. |
| Percolator | Noun | A machine for making coffee. |
| Percussion | Noun | The group of musical instruments played by being struck. |
| Perennial | Adjective | In botany, living for several years. |
| Perfectionist | Noun | A person who is only satisfied if something is done perfectly. |
| Perforate | Verb | To pierce and make holes in. |
| Performance | Noun | Something done in front of an audience. |
| Perfunctory | Adjective | Carried out without any real interest. |
| Perimeter | Noun | The boundary of a closed geometrical figure. |
| Peripheral | Adjective | Marginal or on the edge. |
| Permanent | Adjective | Lasting indefinitely. |
| Permeate | Verb | To spread throughout. |
| Permit | Noun | A licence to do something. |
| Pernicious | Adjective | Very harmful. |
| Pernickety | Adjective | Fussy. |

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| Perpetrate | Verb | To carry out or commit a crime. |
| Perpetuity | Noun | An indefinite period. |
| Perquisite | Noun | Something extra given to a worker, a perk. |
| Perseverance | Noun | Persistence and tenaciousness. |
| Persistence | Noun | Continuing in spite of difficulty or opposition. |
| Personally | Adverb | In person. |
| Personification | Noun | Representation of a quality or idea as a person. |
| Personnel | Plural Noun | People employed in an organisation. |
| Perspiration | Noun | Sweat. |
| Persuade | Verb | To make someone believe or agree to something. |
| Persuasion | Noun | The act of persuading. |
| Pertain | Verb | To be applicable to. |
| Pertinent | Adjective | Relevant. |
| Pessimism | Noun | A tendency to see the worst aspect of things. |
| Pessimist | Noun | A person who expects things to turn out badly. |
| Pessimistic | Adjective | Tending to believe that the worst will happen. |
| Pesticide | Noun | A substance for killing harmful insects and other pests. |
| Pestilence | Noun | A fatal epidemic disease. |
| Petition | Noun | A formal written request signed by many people. |
| Petroleum | Noun | A mineral oil refined and used as fuel. |
| Petticoat | Noun | A woman's undergarment. |
| Pewter | Noun | A grey alloy consisting chiefly of tin. |
| Phalanx | Noun | A body of troops or police officers in close formation. |
| Phantasm | Noun | An illusion, apparition or ghost. |
| Pharaoh | Noun | A ruler in ancient Egypt. |
| Pharmaceutical | Adjective | Relating to medicinal drugs. |
| Pharmacist | Noun | A professional dispenser of medicinal drugs. |
| Pharmacopoeia | Noun | An official list of medicinal drugs. |
| Pheasant | Noun | A long-tailed game bird. |
| Phenomenal | Adjective | Remarkable or exceptional. |
| Phenomenon | Noun | A remarkable person or thing. |
| Philosophical | Adjective | To do with philosophy. |
| Philosophy | Noun | The study of the nature of reality and existence. |
| Phlegm | Noun | Mucus secreted in the breathing passages during a cold. |

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| Phlegmatic | Adjective | Having an unemotional and stolid disposition. |
| Phlox | Noun | A plant with dense clusters of colourful scented flowers. |
| Phoenix | Noun | A mythical Arabian bird that rose from its own ashes. |
| Phonetic | Adjective | To do with speech sounds. |
| Phosphorus | Noun | A chemical substance that glows in the dark. |
| Photography | Noun | Taking photographs. |
| Physical | Adjective | To do with the body rather than the mind or feelings. |
| Physiognomy | Noun | A person's facial features or expression. |
| Physiotherapy | Noun | The treatment of disease or weakness by massage and exercises. |
| Piccalilli | Noun | A pickle of chopped vegetables, mustard and spices. |
| Pickle | Noun | A relish. |
| Picturesque | Adjective | Quaintly attractive. |
| Piece | Noun | A portion. |
| Pipe | Noun | A tube used to convey fluid substances. |
| Piquant | Adjective | Having a pleasantly sharp taste. |
| Pirouette | Noun | In ballet, a spinning movement of the whole body while balanced on one foot. |
| Pistachio | Noun | A nut with an edible green kernel. |
| Pitch | Noun | An area marked out for an outdoor team game. |
| Pitiful | Adjective | Deserving or arousing pity. |
| Pizzicato | Adjective | Played by plucking the strings of a musical instrument. |
| Plaque | Noun | A film of saliva and bacteria on the teeth. |
| Plastic | Noun | A synthetic material that can be moulded into shape. |
| Plasticine | Noun | A soft modelling material, used especially by children. |
| Plateau | Noun | An area of fairly flat high ground. |
| Plausible | Adjective | Seeming reasonable or probable. |
| Playwright | Noun | A dramatist. |
| Pleasurable | Adjective | Giving pleasure. |
| Plenipotentiary | Adjective | Having full authority to make decisions on behalf of the government. |

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| Plethora | Noun | Too large a quantity of something. |
| Plough | Noun | A farming implement for turning the soil over. |
| Pluck | Verb | To take hold of something and quickly remove it from its place. |
| Plutonium | Noun | A radioactive chemical element. |
| Pneumatic | Adjective | Containing or operated by air. |
| Pneumonia | Noun | Inflammation of the lungs. |
| Poignant | Adjective | Touching and painful. |
| Pollution | Noun | Contamination of the environment. |
| Poltergeist | Noun | A ghost or spirit that throws things about noisily. |
| Polyanthus | Noun | A kind of cultivated primrose. |
| Polyester | Noun | A synthetic resin used chiefly to make textiles. |
| Polyglot | Adjective | Knowing or using several languages. |
| Polystyrene | Noun | A kind of plastic used for insulating or packing things. |
| Polytheism | Noun | The belief in more than one God. |
| Polythene | Noun | A tough, light, flexible synthetic resin. |
| Pomegranate | Noun | A tropical fruit with many seeds. |
| Pommel | Noun | The upward projecting front part of a saddle. |
| Pond | Noun | A small body of water. |
| Pony | Noun | A small breed of horse. |
| Porpoise | Noun | A sea mammal similar to a dolphin. |
| Port | Noun | A town or city with access to navigable waters. |
| Positive | Adjective | The opposite of 'negative'. |
| Possession | Noun | Something you own. |
| Possibility | Noun | Likelihood. |
| Postpone | Verb | To put off until a later date. |
| Potato | Noun | A starchy tuber grown underground, used as a vegetable. |
| Potatoes | Plural Noun | Starchy plant tubers eaten as vegetables. |
| Potential | Adjective | Capable of happening or being used or developed. |
| Potty | Adjective | Mad or crazy. |
| Poultice | Noun | A soft hot dressing put on a sore or inflamed area of the skin. |
| Practice | Noun | The professional business of a doctor or dentist. |
| Prairie | Noun | A large open area of grassland in North America. |
| Precede | Verb | To come before something in time. |

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| Precinct | Noun | An area in a town designated for specific use. |
| Precious | Adjective | Of great value. |
| Precipitous | Adjective | Dangerously high or steep. |
| Precursor | Noun | A forerunner. |
| Predecessor | Noun | The person who held a job before the current holder. |
| Prejudice | Noun | Preconceived bias. |
| Preuptial | Adjective | Before marriage. |
| Preparation | Noun | Getting something ready. |
| Preposterous | Adjective | Contrary to reason or common sense. |
| Prerequisite | Noun | Something that is a prior condition for something else. |
| Prescription | Noun | An instruction to provide medicine written by a doctor. |
| Preservative | Noun | A substance used to preserve materials against decay. |
| President | Noun | The elected head of a republic. |
| Pressure | Noun | Continuous physical force exerted on an object. |
| Previous | Adjective | Existing before in time. |
| Prey | Noun | An animal that is hunted and killed by another for food. |
| Price | Noun | The amount of money required to buy something. |
| Primordial | Adjective | Existing at the beginning of time. |
| Principal | Adjective | First in order of importance |
| Principally | Adverb | Chiefly. |
| Principle | Noun | A fundamental truth or proposition. |
| Privilege | Noun | A special right or advantage. |
| Proceed | Verb | To move forward. |
| Process | Verb | To put something through a manufacturing or other process. |
| Procession | Noun | A number of people moving forward in line. |
| Prodigy | Noun | A young person of exceptional ability. |
| Professional | Adjective | To do with a profession. |
| Proficient | Adjective | Competent. |
| Profited | Part of a Verb | Made a financial gain. |
| Profiterole | Noun | A dessert served with chocolate sauce. |
| Programme | Noun | An item broadcast on radio or television. |

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| Pronunciation | Noun | The way a word is pronounced. |
| Prophet | Noun | A person who predicts the future. |
| Prophetic | Adjective | Accurately predicting what will happen in the future. |
| Proportion | Noun | A part or a share of a whole thing. |
| Proposition | Noun | A suggestion or offer. |
| Proprietor | Noun | The owner of a business. |
| Prospect | Noun | The likelihood of some future event's occurring. |
| Provisional | Adjective | Existing for the time being. |
| Prow | Noun | The pointed front part of a ship. |
| Prowl | Verb | To move about restlessly and stealthily. |
| Psalm | Noun | A sacred song or hymn. |
| Pseudonym | Noun | A fictitious name, especially one used by an author. |
| Psychological | Adjective | Arising in or affecting the mind. |
| Psychology | Noun | The scientific study of the human mind. |
| Psychotherapy | Noun | A form of treatment of mental disorders. |
| Pterodactyl | Noun | A prehistoric flying reptile. |
| Publicity | Noun | The giving out of information for promotional purposes. |
| Pugnacious | Adjective | Eager or quick to fight. |
| Pulmonary | Adjective | Relating to the lungs. |
| Purgatory | Noun | Mental anguish or suffering. |
| Purple | Noun | A colour between red and blue. |
| Pursue | Verb | To chase. |
| Pursuit | Noun | The action of pursuing. |
| Putrescent | Adjective | Rotting. |
| Putrid | Adjective | Rotten. |
| Pyjamas | Plural Noun | A loose jacket and trousers for sleeping in. |
| Pylon | Noun | A tall tower-like structure for carrying electricity cables. |
| Pyramid | Noun | A great Egyptian monument. |
| Pyrotechnic | Adjective | Relating to fireworks. |
| Quadrangle | Noun | A four-sided plane figure. |
| Quadrennial | Adjective | Recurring every four years. |
| Quadriceps | Noun | The large muscle at the front of the thigh. |
| Quadrilateral | Noun | A flat geometric shape with four sides. |
| Quadruple | Verb | To multiply by four. |

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| Quaff | Verb | To drink heartily. |
| Quagmire | Noun | A soft boggy area of land that gives way underfoot. |
| Quake | Verb | To shake or tremble. |
| Qualification | Noun | A quality or talent required for a particular purpose. |
| Qualitative | Adjective | Relating to quality rather than quantity. |
| Quango | Noun | A semi-public administrative body. |
| Quarantine | Noun | A period of isolation to prevent the spread of disease. |
| Quarter | Noun | An equal fourth part. |
| Quartz | Noun | A hard mineral consisting of silica. |
| Quaternary | Adjective | Fourth in order or rank. |
| Quay | Noun | A landing place where ships can be tied up. |
| Queasy | Adjective | Nauseous. |
| Queen | Noun | The female ruler of an independent state. |
| Querulous | Adjective | Complaining or peevish. |
| Questionable | Adjective | Doubtful, or open to suspicion. |
| Questionnaire | Noun | A written set of questions asked to provide information for a survey. |
| Queue | Noun | A line of people or vehicles waiting for something. |
| Quick | Adjective | Moving fast or doing something in a short time. |
| Quiet | Adjective | Making little or no noise. |
| Quiff | Noun | A piece of hair brushed upwards and backwards from a person's forehead. |
| Quintessential | Adjective | Representing the most perfect or typical example. |
| Quintuplet | Noun | Each of five children born at one birth. |
| Quixotic | Adjective | Impractically idealistic or fanciful. |
| Quotation | Noun | A passage quoted from a text or speech. |
| Quote | Verb | To repeat words from a text or speech by another person. |
| Quotient | Noun | The result of dividing one number by another. |
| Race | Noun | A competition between runners to see who is the fastest over a set distance. |
| Racial | Adjective | Relating to race. |
| Rack | Noun | A framework for holding things. |
| Racketeer | Noun | A criminal operating on a large scale. |
| Raconteur | Noun | A skilful teller of anecdotes. |
| Radar | Noun | A system of detecting the presence of something. |
| Radiance | Noun | Light or heat emitted by something. |

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| Radiation | Noun | The emission of energy as electromagnetic waves. |
| Radiator | Noun | A part of a central heating system. |
| Radio | Noun | Sound broadcasting. |
| Rage | Noun | Violent uncontrollable anger. |
| Raise | Verb | To lift or move to a higher position. |
| Rakish | Adjective | Debauched or dissolute. |
| Rambunctious | Adjective | Uncontrollably exuberant. |
| Ramekin | Noun | A small dish. |
| Ramifications | Plural Noun | Complex consequences of an action or event. |
| Rampage | Verb | To rush around in a violent and uncontrollable manner. |
| Rankle | Verb | To cause continuing resentment. |
| Rapacious | Adjective | Aggressively grasping. |
| Rapid | Adjective | Happening in a short time or at a great rate. |
| Rapier | Noun | A light sword. |
| Rapscallion | Noun | A mischievous person. |
| Rare | Adjective | Not occurring very often. |
| Rarefied | Adjective | Describing air that is of lower pressure than usual. |
| Rash | Adjective | Done without careful consideration. |
| Ratatouille | Noun | A French vegetable stew. |
| Rate | Noun | A measure or quantity, typically one measured against another measure or quantity. |
| Rationale | Noun | A logical basis for a course of action. |
| Raucous | Adjective | Making a loud noise. |
| Razor | Noun | An instrument used for shaving. |
| Reaction | Noun | The action of one chemical compound on another. |
| Reactionary | Adjective | Opposing political or social progress. |
| Reactor | Noun | An apparatus for producing nuclear energy. |
| Readjust | Verb | To adjust something again. |
| Realign | Verb | To change to a different position. |
| Reams | Plural Noun | A large quantity of paper, especially if it has writing on. |
| Reassign | Verb | To allocate or distribute differently. |
| Rebellious | Adjective | Resisting authority. |
| Receipt | Noun | A written statement that money has been paid or something has been received. |
| Receive | Verb | To take possession of something that is given or sent to you. |

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| Receiver | Noun | A person or thing that receives something. |
| Receptacle | Noun | A container. |
| Recession | Noun | A period of temporary economic decline. |
| Recipe | Noun | Instructions for preparing or cooking food. |
| Recipient | Noun | A person who receives something. |
| Reciprocal | Adjective | Mutual. |
| Reciprocate | Verb | To respond to an action with a corresponding one. |
| Recommend | Verb | To promote someone or something as suitable. |
| Recommendation | Noun | A forceful suggestion. |
| Recompense | Verb | To compensate. |
| Reconciliation | Noun | The restoration of friendly relations. |
| Reconnaissance | Noun | Preliminary research, especially of a place. |
| Reconquer | Verb | To conquer again. |
| Reconstitute | Verb | To build up again from parts. |
| Reconstruct | Verb | To rebuild. |
| Reconvene | Verb | To bring together again. |
| Recoup | Verb | To regain. |
| Recreational | Adjective | Relating to leisure. |
| Recrimination | Noun | An accusation in response to one from someone else. |
| Rectilinear | Adjective | In a straight line or lines. |
| Rectitude | Noun | Righteousness. |
| Recuperate | Verb | To get better after an illness. |
| Recuperation | Noun | Recovery from illness or exertion. |
| Recuperative | Adjective | Having the effect of restoring health or strength. |
| Redemption | Noun | Freeing someone or something by payment. |
| Redemptive | Adjective | Acting to save someone from error or evil. |
| Reducible | Adjective | Capable of being simplified. |
| Reduction | Noun | Making something smaller in amount. |
| Redundancy | Noun | The state of being no longer needed. |
| Referee | Noun | An official who polices a game. |
| Reference | Noun | The act of referring, or a testimonial. |
| Referendum | Noun | A direct vote by the electorate on a single question. |
| Referential | Adjective | Containing a reference. |
| Reflexology | Noun | A system of massage. |

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| Refrigeration | Noun | Making a thing extremely cold, especially in order to preserve it. |
| Refugee | Noun | A person who has gone abroad to escape danger. |
| Refute | Verb | To disprove. |
| Regeneration | Noun | The action or process of regenerating. |
| Regent | Noun | A stand-in for a monarch who is not capable of ruling. |
| Reggae | Noun | A Jamaican style of music. |
| Regimen | Noun | A prescribed course of medical treatment. |
| Register | Noun | An official list or record of names or items. |
| Regrettable | Adjective | Unwelcome. |
| Regurgitate | Verb | To bring swallowed food back into the mouth. |
| Rehabilitate | Verb | To restore to normal life. |
| Rehabilitation | Noun | Restoring a person to a normal life after imprisonment or illness. |
| Rehearsal | Noun | A practice for a later public performance. |
| Rehearse | Verb | To practise for a later public performance. |
| Reign | Verb | To hold royal office. |
| Reimburse | Verb | To refund. |
| Reincarnated | Adjective | Reborn in another body. |
| Reincarnation | Noun | Being born again into a new body. |
| Reincorporate | Verb | To make something a part of something else once again. |
| Reindeer | Noun | A large arctic deer. |
| Reinforcement | Noun | The action of strengthening. |
| Reinstate | Verb | To restore to their former position. |
| Reintegrate | Verb | To restore to a state of wholeness. |
| Reiterate | Verb | To say something again. |
| Rejuvenate | Verb | To make someone feel younger. |
| Rejuvenescence | Noun | Renewal of youth and vitality. |
| Relief | Noun | The ending or lessening of pain, trouble, boredom or stress. |
| Relieve | Verb | To reduce pain or difficulty. |
| Religion | Noun | A belief in a divine ruling power. |
| Religious | Adjective | Believing in a religion. |
| Relinquish | Verb | To give something up. |
| Reliquary | Noun | A container for holy relics. |
| Relocate | Verb | To move to a new place. |

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| Reluctance | Noun | Unwillingness. |
| Rely | Verb | To depend on with full trust. |
| Remainder | Noun | A part, number or quantity that is left over. |
| Remarkable | Adjective | Worthy of attention. |
| Remedy | Noun | A medicine. |
| Remember | Verb | To retain something in your mind. |
| Remembrance | Noun | The action of remembering something. |
| Reminisce | Verb | To think or talk about past experiences. |
| Reminiscence | Noun | A story told about a remembered past event. |
| Reminiscent | Adjective | Full of memories. |
| Remittance | Noun | A sum of money sent in payment. |
| Remonstrate | Verb | To protest forcefully. |
| Remorseless | Adjective | Without regret or guilt. |
| Remunerate | Verb | To pay for work done. |
| Renaissance | Noun | The revival of European culture after the Middle Ages. |
| Rendezvous | Noun | A meeting at an agreed time and place. |
| Renewable | Adjective | Capable of being renewed. |
| Renunciation | Noun | The formal rejection of something such as a belief. |
| Reorient | Verb | To change the focus or direction of. |
| Repaginate | Verb | To renumber the pages of a printed item. |
| Reparation | Noun | The action of making amends. |
| Repercussion | Noun | An unintended consequence. |
| Repertoire | Noun | In the theatre, a company's stock of plays. |
| Repertory | Noun | The performance of plays by a theatre company at regular intervals. |
| Replenish | Verb | To fill up again. |
| Reply | Verb | To respond. |
| Repository | Noun | A place where things are stored. |
| Repossess | Verb | To retake possession of. |
| Reprehensible | Adjective | Deserving condemnation. |
| Repressive | Adjective | Restraining personal freedom. |
| Reprieve | Noun | Postponement or cancellation of a punishment. |
| Reprimand | Noun | A formal expression of disapproval. |
| Reprise | Noun | A repeated passage in music. |
| Reproach | Verb | To rebuke or upbraid. |
| Reprobate | Noun | An unprincipled person. |

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| Repudiate | Verb | To refuse to accept. |
| Repugnance | Noun | Intense disgust. |
| Repulsion | Noun | The opposite of attraction. |
| Requisite | Adjective | Necessary. |
| Rescue | Verb | To save someone from danger. |
| Research | Noun | Careful study or investigation of something. |
| Resemblance | Noun | Similarity. |
| Resent | Verb | To feel bitterness at. |
| Resentment | Noun | Indignation at having been treated unfairly. |
| Reservoir | Noun | A large lake used as a source of water supply. |
| Residence | Noun | A person's home, especially an impressive one. |
| Residency | Noun | The fact of living in a place. |
| Resign | Verb | To give up your job or position. |
| Resignation | Noun | The act of resigning from a job. |
| Resilient | Adjective | Able to recoil after bending or stretching. |
| Resin | Noun | A sticky organic substance. |
| Resolute | Adjective | Admirably purposeful. |
| Resolution | Noun | A promise made to yourself at New Year, or a formal decision made by a committee. |
| Resonance | Noun | Reverberation. |
| Resort | Noun | A place that is frequented for holidays. |
| Resources | Plural Noun | Reserves upon which one can draw when necessary. |
| Respiration | Noun | Breathing. |
| Resplendent | Adjective | Sumptuous. |
| Responsibility | Noun | Accountability. |
| Restoration | Noun | Returning something to its original state. |
| Restriction | Noun | A limiting condition. |
| Resurrect | Verb | To restore to life. |
| Resurrection | Noun | Coming back to life after death. |
| Resuscitate | Verb | To revive from apparent death. |
| Retaliate | Verb | To strike back. |
| Reticulation | Noun | A net-like pattern. |
| Retrieval | Noun | The process of getting something back. |
| Retrograde | Adjective | Moving backwards. |
| Revelation | Noun | Disclosure of a previously unknown fact. |
| Reverence | Noun | Deep respect. |

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| Reverse | Verb | To move backwards. |
| Reversible | Adjective | Able to be turned the other way round. |
| Reversion | Noun | A return to a previous state. |
| Review | Noun | A formal assessment of something. |
| Revise | Verb | To amend. |
| Revive | Verb | To restore to life. |
| Revivify | Verb | To give new life and vigour to. |
| Revolutionary | Adjective | Involving or causing a complete change. |
| Revue | Noun | A theatre show consisting of sketches. |
| Revulsion | Noun | A sense of disgust and loathing. |
| Reward | Noun | Something given in recognition of service or effort. |
| Rhapsody | Noun | An ecstatic utterance. |
| Rhetoric | Noun | The act of using words persuasively, especially in public speaking. |
| Rhetorical | Adjective | Describing a question to which no answer is expected. |
| Rheumatism | Noun | A disease that causes pain and stiffness in joints and muscles. |
| Rheumy | Adjective | Used to describe watery eyes. |
| Rhinoceros | Noun | A large heavy animal with one or two horns on its nose. |
| Rhododendron | Noun | An evergreen shrub with large trumpet-shaped flowers. |
| Rhomboid | Adjective | Resembling the shape of a rhombus. |
| Rhubarb | Noun | A plant with thick reddish stalks used as fruit. |
| Rhythm | Noun | A regular pattern of beats, sounds or movements. |
| Rhythmic | Adjective | Having rhythm. |
| Ricochet | Verb | To bounce off something glancingly. |
| Ridicule | Noun | Mockery. |
| Rigmarole | Noun | A lengthy and complicated procedure. |
| Rigorous | Adjective | Extremely thorough. |
| Riot | Noun | Crowd violence. |
| Riotous | Adjective | Involving public disorder. |
| Risotto | Noun | An Italian rice dish. |
| Rissole | Noun | A fried cake of chopped meat. |
| Ritualistic | Adjective | Involving rituals. |
| Rivulet | Noun | A small stream. |
| Rostrum | Noun | A raised platform. |

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| Rotary | Adjective | Revolving around a centre or axis. |
| Rottweiler | Noun | A large and powerful dog. |
| Rotunda | Noun | A round building or room. |
| Roughage | Noun | Fibre in food that aids digestion. |
| Roulade | Noun | A dish cooked or served in the form of a roll. |
| Rousing | Adjective | Exciting. |
| Royal | Adjective | Having the status of a king or queen or member of their family. |
| Rubbish | Noun | Waste material, refuse or litter. |
| Rude | Adjective | Offensively impolite. |
| Rudimentary | Adjective | Limited to basic principles. |
| Rudiments | Plural Noun | The first principles of a subject. |
| Ruffle | Verb | To disorder or disarrange someone's hair. |
| Rumbustious | Adjective | Boisterous. |
| Ruminant | Noun | An animal that chews the cud. |
| Sabbatical | Noun | A period of leave granted to a university teacher for study or travel. |
| Saboteur | Noun | A person who engages in sabotage. |
| Saccharine | Adjective | Sickly sweet. |
| Sacramental | Adjective | Relating to a sacrament. |
| Sacred | Adjective | Holy. |
| Sacrilegious | Adjective | Disrespectful or damaging to something people regard as sacred. |
| Sacrosanct | Adjective | Too important or valuable to be interfered with. |
| Safety | Noun | The condition of being safe. |
| Saga | Noun | A long story of heroic achievement. |
| Sagacious | Adjective | Shrewd and wise. |
| Sagittarius | Noun | The constellation of the Archer. |
| Salmon | Noun | An edible fish with pink flesh. |
| Salmonella | Noun | A bacterium that causes food-poisoning. |
| Salopettes | Plural Noun | Trousers worn for skiing. |
| Salubrious | Adjective | Healthy. |
| Sanatorium | Noun | A convalescent hospital. |
| Sanctimonious | Adjective | Making a show of moral superiority. |
| Sanctuary | Noun | Refuge. |
| Sandwich | Noun | Two pieces of bread with a filling. |
| Sanguine | Adjective | Cheerfully optimistic. |

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| Sapphire | Noun | A blue precious stone. |
| Sarcophagus | Noun | A stone coffin. |
| Sasquatch | Noun | A large hairy creature, also known as Bigfoot, reported to live in North America. |
| Satellite | Noun | A body orbiting the earth or another planet. |
| Satisfactory | Adjective | Fulfilling expectations or needs. |
| Satisfy | Verb | To meet the expectations of. |
| Saturated | Adjective | Thoroughly soaked. |
| Saturation | Noun | The state of being saturated. |
| Saturday | Noun | The day of the week after Friday. |
| Sauce | Noun | A liquid served with food. |
| Scabbard | Noun | A sheath for a blade. |
| Scaffolding | Noun | A temporary structure on the outside of a building. |
| Scallion | Noun | A long-necked onion with a small bulb. |
| Scallop | Noun | An edible bivalve mollusc. |
| Scaly | Adjective | Covered in scales. |
| Scan | Verb | To look at all parts of something carefully. |
| Scandalous | Adjective | Outrageous. |
| Scarcely | Adverb | Only just. |
| Scarifier | Noun | A garden tool. |
| Scarlet | Noun | A brilliant red colour. |
| Scenario | Noun | A film script, or a hypothetical series of events. |
| Scene | Noun | A subdivision of an act of a play, or a section of a film. |
| Scent | Noun | A distinctive smell. |
| Sceptical | Adjective | Not easily convinced. |
| Schedule | Noun | A detailed plan. |
| Scheme | Noun | A plan of work or action. |
| Scheming | Adjective | Involved in making underhand plans. |
| Schizophrenia | Noun | A mental disorder involving withdrawal from reality. |
| Scholastic | Adjective | Concerning schools and education. |
| School | Noun | An institution for educating children. |
| Scintillating | Adjective | Sparkling or shining brightly. |
| Scissors | Plural Noun | An instrument used for cutting. |
| Scold | Verb | To remonstrate with or rebuke. |
| Scorch | Verb | To burn the surface of something. |
| Scorpion | Noun | Terrestrial arachnid with a sting at the end of its tail. |

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| Scout | Noun | A soldier sent ahead to gather information. |
| Scribble | Verb | To write carelessly or hurriedly. |
| Scrumptious | Adjective | Extremely appetizing or delicious. |
| Scrupulous | Adjective | Extremely attentive to detail. |
| Scullery | Noun | A small room off a kitchen used for washing dishes. |
| Sculptor | Noun | An artist who carves, casts or shapes works of art. |
| Scurrilous | Adjective | Vulgarily abusive. |
| Scythe | Noun | A tool with a long curved blade for cutting grass or corn. |
| Seal | Noun | A fish-eating aquatic mammal. |
| Seasonable | Adjective | Usual for the time of year. |
| Secateurs | Plural Noun | Pruning clippers. |
| Secondary | Adjective | Of lesser importance. |
| Secretariat | Noun | A permanent government department. |
| Secrete | Verb | To discharge - for example, into the bloodstream. |
| Sedentary | Adjective | Spending too much time sitting down. |
| Sedimentary | Adjective | In geology, describing rock formed from sediment. |
| Sedition | Noun | Conduct inciting people to rebel against authority. |
| Segmented | Adjective | Consisting of or divided into segments. |
| Segregation | Noun | Separation. |
| Seismic | Adjective | Relating to earthquakes. |
| Seismology | Noun | The branch of science concerned with earthquakes. |
| Seize | Verb | To take hold of suddenly and forcibly. |
| Semantics | Plural Noun | The branch of linguistics concerned with meaning. |
| Semaphore | Noun | A system of sending messages with flags. |
| Semiconductor | Noun | An essential component of most electronic circuits. |
| Senior | Adjective | Older. |
| Sensational | Adjective | Causing great public interest or excitement. |
| Sensibility | Noun | Sensitivity, especially to emotional or aesthetic stimuli. |
| Sensitivity | Noun | The condition of being sensitive. |
| Sentimental | Adjective | Arousing feelings of tenderness or sadness. |
| Separate | Adjective | Distinct. |
| Separation | Noun | Moving or being moved apart. |
| Sepulchre | Noun | A tomb. |
| Sequence | Noun | The following of one thing after another. |

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| Sequential | Adjective | Forming a logical order or sequence. |
| Sequester | Verb | To confiscate property until the owner pays a debt or obeys a court order. |
| Sequin | Noun | A small shiny disc sewn on clothing. |
| Serendipity | Noun | The faculty of making pleasant or interesting discoveries by accident. |
| Serene | Adjective | Calm and peaceful. |
| Sergeant | Noun | An N.C.O. in the Army or R.A.F. |
| Serious | Adjective | Demanding careful consideration. |
| Serpentine | Adjective | Like a snake. |
| Serrated | Adjective | Having a jagged edge. |
| Serviceable | Adjective | Usable. |
| Servile | Adjective | Behaving like a slave. |
| Servitude | Noun | Slavery. |
| Sesame | Noun | A herb whose seeds are used on hamburger buns. |
| Seventeen | Cardinal Number | The number immediately after 16. |
| Several | Pronoun | More than two, but not many. |
| Severance | Noun | Ending a connection or relationship. |
| Shadow | Noun | An area of darkness. |
| Shaman | Noun | A person seen as having access to the spirit world. |
| Shambolic | Adjective | Chaotic. |
| Shamelessly | Adverb | Brazenly. |
| Shampooing | Noun | The usual way of washing one's hair. |
| Shapely | Adjective | Having an attractive form. |
| Sheet | Noun | A piece of fabric used to cover a bed. |
| Shenanigans | Plural Noun | Secret or dishonest activity. |
| Shepherd | Noun | A person who tends sheep. |
| Shining | Adjective | Glowing. |
| Shipwreck | Noun | The destruction of a ship at sea. |
| Shiver | Verb | To shake from cold. |
| Shoal | Noun | A large number of fish swimming together. |
| Shogun | Noun | A hereditary commander in feudal Japan. |
| Short | Adjective | Measuring a small distance from end to end. |
| Shoulder | Noun | The part of the human body between the neck and the arm. |
| Shove | Verb | To push. |

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| Shovel | Noun | A tool like a spade. |
| Shrapnel | Noun | Fragments of a bomb or shell. |
| Shrewd | Adjective | Having common sense and good judgement. |
| Shriek | Verb | To scream. |
| Shrivelled | Adjective | Wrinkled and contracted. |
| Shrubbery | Noun | An area in garden planted with shrubs. |
| Shut | Verb | To close. |
| Shuttle | Noun | A form of transport that travels regularly between two places. |
| Siege | Noun | The surrounding of a town by an enemy army. |
| Sieve | Noun | A kitchen utensil used for straining solids from liquids. |
| Signatory | Noun | A party that has signed an agreement. |
| Signature | Noun | A person's name written as a form of identification. |
| Significance | Noun | Importance. |
| Silhouette | Noun | A dark shape and outline against a light background. |
| Silicon | Noun | The chemical element of atomic number 14. |
| Silver | Noun | A precious shiny metal. |
| Similarity | Noun | Resemblance. |
| Simpleton | Noun | A foolish or gullible person. |
| Simultaneous | Adjective | Occurring at the same time. |
| Sincerely | Adverb | Genuinely. |
| Sinfonietta | Noun | A small symphony orchestra. |
| Singularity | Noun | The state of being singular. |
| Sinister | Adjective | Suggestive of something evil. |
| Sinuous | Adjective | Having many curves. |
| Sinus | Noun | A cavity within a bone, especially in the face. |
| Sirloin | Noun | A cut of beef. |
| Situation | Noun | A state of affairs. |
| Sixteen | Cardinal Number | The number one more than 15. |
| Skateboard | Noun | A short narrow board on two wheels. |
| Skeletal | Adjective | Relating to a skeleton. |
| Skeleton | Noun | The framework of bones of an animal. |
| Skied | Part of a Verb | The past tense of the verb 'to ski'. |
| Skirmish | Noun | A brief fight. |

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| Skirt | Noun | A woman's garment. |
| Skittish | Adjective | Frivolous. |
| Skivvy | Noun | A female domestic servant who performs menial tasks. |
| Sky | Noun | The region of the atmosphere seen from the earth. |
| Slalom | Noun | A ski race down a winding course between poles. |
| Slaughter | Verb | To kill. |
| Sleeve | Noun | The part of a garment that covers the arm. |
| Sleight | Noun | The use of dexterity, especially to deceive. |
| Slight | Adjective | Inconsiderable. |
| Slip | Verb | To lose one's footing. |
| Slot | Noun | A slit in a machine for coins. |
| Slovenly | Adjective | Untidy and dirty. |
| Sluice | Noun | A sliding gate for controlling the flow of water. |
| Snivelling | Part of a Verb | Crying and sniffing. |
| Snooker | Noun | A game played with cues on a billiard table. |
| Snorkel | Noun | A tube for an underwater swimmer to breathe through. |
| Sociable | Adjective | Friendly. |
| Socialite | Noun | A person who is well-known in fashionable society. |
| Sojourn | Noun | A temporary stay. |
| Solar | Noun | Relating to the sun. |
| Soldier | Noun | A member of an army. |
| Solemn | Adjective | Formal and dignified. |
| Solemnity | Noun | The state of being serious and dignified. |
| Solicitor | Noun | A type of lawyer. |
| Solicitude | Noun | Care or concern. |
| Soliloquy | Noun | Talking to oneself. |
| Solitaire | Noun | A game for one player played with pegs on a board. |
| Soluble | Adjective | Able to be dissolved. |
| Somersault | Noun | A head-over-heels acrobatic movement. |
| Somnambulism | Noun | Sleepwalking. |
| Somniferous | Adjective | Inducing sleep. |
| Sonorous | Adjective | Giving a loud deep sound. |
| Soothe | Verb | To calm gently. |
| Sophisticated | Adjective | Worldly-wise and cultured. |

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| Soporific | Adjective | Causing sleep or drowsiness. |
| Sorcerer | Noun | A wizard or magician. |
| Source | Noun | The starting point of a river. |
| Souvenir | Noun | A memento. |
| Sovereign | Noun | A monarch. |
| Sovereignty | Noun | The power a country has to govern itself and make its own laws. |
| Spaghetti | Plural Noun | Pasta made in long thin strings. |
| Spasmodic | Adjective | Scattered, or happening at irregular intervals. |
| Spatula | Noun | A tool like a knife with a broad, blunt, flexible blade. |
| Species | Noun | A group of living organisms capable of interbreeding. |
| Specific | Adjective | Clearly defined. |
| Specify | Verb | To identify clearly. |
| Specimen | Noun | A sample. |
| Spectacle | Noun | A visually striking performance or display. |
| Spectrum | Noun | A band of colours, as seen in the rainbow. |
| Sphere | Noun | A round solid figure. |
| Spherical | Adjective | Shaped like a sphere. |
| Sphinx | Noun | The huge statue near the Pyramids in Egypt. |
| Spider | Noun | An arachnid. |
| Spin | Verb | To turn rapidly on an axis. |
| Spiritual | Adjective | Relating to the human spirit. |
| Spirograph | Noun | A toy used to draw intricate curved patterns. |
| Splint | Noun | A strip of rigid material used for supporting a broken bone. |
| Splurge | Verb | To spend money extravagantly. |
| Spontaneous | Adjective | Done without premeditation. |
| Sport | Noun | An activity involving competition and physical exertion. |
| Spot | Noun | A small round mark. |
| Squalor | Noun | The state of being extremely dirty and unpleasant. |
| Squeamish | Adjective | Easily disgusted. |
| Squeegee | Noun | A scraping tool used for cleaning windows. |
| Squeeze | Verb | To press firmly. |
| Squirrel | Noun | A tree-dwelling rodent. |
| Stalactite | Noun | A downward-growing structure in a cave. |

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| Stalagmite | Noun | An upward-growing column in a cave. |
| Stark | Adjective | Severe or bare in appearance. |
| Static | Adjective | Not moving. |
| Stationary | Adjective | Not moving. |
| Stationery | Noun | Paper, envelopes and other articles used for writing. |
| Statistician | Noun | An expert in statistics. |
| Statue | Noun | A sculpture of a person. |
| Statuesque | Adjective | Tall, graceful and dignified. |
| Steeple | Noun | A church spire. |
| Stereophonic | Adjective | Using two or more audio channels. |
| Stethoscope | Noun | A medical instrument for listening to the heart. |
| Stimulus | Noun | Something that provokes a reaction. |
| Stitch | Noun | In needlework, a single loop of thread. |
| Stoicism | Noun | The endurance of pain without complaint. |
| Stomach | Noun | An important organ in the digestive system. |
| Straight | Adjective | Not crooked or curved. |
| Strategy | Noun | A plan or policy to achieve something. |
| Strength | Noun | How strong a person or thing is. |
| Stretch | Verb | To become bigger without tearing or breaking. |
| Strike | Verb | To hit forcibly. |
| Stubborn | Adjective | Obstinate. |
| Stultifying | Adjective | Emotionally deadening. |
| Suave | Adjective | Charming, confident, and elegant. |
| Subconscious | Adjective | Concerning mental activities of which one is not aware. |
| Subdued | Adjective | Quiet and reflective. |
| Subjugate | Verb | To bring under domination. |
| Subliminal | Adjective | Subconscious. |
| Submarine | Noun | An undersea warship. |
| Submersible | Adjective | Designed to operate while submerged. |
| Subordinate | Noun | Someone of a lower rank. |
| Subpoena | Noun | A writ ordering a person to attend a court. |
| Subsequent | Adjective | Coming after in time. |
| Subservient | Adjective | Slavishly submissive. |
| Subsidiary | Adjective | Less important or secondary. |
| Subterranean | Adjective | Underground. |
| Subtlety | Noun | The quality of being subtle. |

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| Suburb | Noun | An outlying district of a city. |
| Success | Noun | Doing or getting what you wanted or intended. |
| Succession | Noun | A number of similar things following one after the other. |
| Successive | Adjective | Following one after another. |
| Succinct | Adjective | Concise. |
| Succumb | Verb | To fail to resist. |
| Sufficient | Adjective | Enough. |
| Suffragette | Noun | In the last century, a woman campaigning for the right to vote. |
| Sugar | Noun | A sweet substance used as a sweetener for food. |
| Suggest | Verb | To put forward for consideration. |
| Suitable | Adjective | Appropriate for a particular person. |
| Summit | Noun | The top of a mountain. |
| Sumptuous | Adjective | Splendid and expensive-looking. |
| Sunny | Adjective | Bright with sunlight. |
| Super | Adjective | Very good or pleasant. |
| Supercilious | Adjective | Behaving as though one thinks one is superior. |
| Superficial | Adjective | Existing or occurring on the surface. |
| Superfluous | Adjective | Unnecessary and excessive. |
| Superior | Adjective | Higher in status or quality. |
| Supersede | Verb | To take the place of something. |
| Supersonic | Adjective | Above the speed of sound. |
| Superstition | Noun | A belief or action that is not based on reason or evidence. |
| Supplementary | Adjective | Extra. |
| Supposition | Noun | A belief held without certain knowledge. |
| Suppurate | Verb | To fester. |
| Supremacy | Noun | Superiority to all others. |
| Surely | Adverb | Certainly or securely. |
| Surge | Noun | A sudden and powerful forward or upward movement. |
| Surprise | Noun | Something unexpected. |
| Surrealism | Noun | A 20th century movement in art and literature. |
| Surreptitious | Adjective | Underhand. |
| Surveillance | Noun | Close observation, especially of a suspect. |
| Survey | Noun | A general look at something. |

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| Susceptible | Adjective | Likely to be influenced by a particular thing. |
| Suspense | Noun | A state of anxious uncertainty about what may happen. |
| Suspicion | Noun | A feeling that something is possible or true. |
| Suspicious | Adjective | Mistrustful. |
| Sustain | Verb | To strengthen or support. |
| Sustenance | Noun | Nourishment. |
| Swan | Noun | A large water bird. |
| Swat | Verb | To hit hard with something flat. |
| Sweater | Noun | A jumper or pullover. |
| Swig | Verb | To drink in large draughts. |
| Swim | Verb | To propel the body through water by using the limbs. |
| Swimming | Noun | Propelling oneself through water. |
| Swollen | Adjective | Bloated. |
| Sycamore | Noun | A large maple tree. |
| Symmetry | Noun | Regularity of construction. |
| Synagogue | Noun | A building used by Jews for religious worship. |
| Synchronicity | Noun | The simultaneous occurrence of unconnected events. |
| Synonym | Noun | A word that means the same or almost the same as another word. |
| Synonymous | Adjective | Meaning the same as another word or phrase. |
| Syntax | Noun | The arrangement of words to create sentences. |
| Syrup | Noun | A thick sweet liquid. |
| Tabasco | Noun | A pungent sauce. |
| Tabbouleh | Noun | A Middle Eastern salad. |
| Tabernacle | Noun | A religious building. |
| Tablature | Noun | A form of musical notation. |
| Table | Noun | A piece of furniture with a flat top and legs. |
| Tabloid | Noun | A newspaper in a small format. |
| Taciturn | Adjective | Uncommunicative. |
| Tack | Noun | A small, sharp broad-headed nail. |
| Tact | Noun | Skill and sensitivity in dealing with others. |
| Tactile | Adjective | Connected with the sense of touch. |
| Taffeta | Noun | Fine lustrous silk. |
| Tagliatelle | Plural Noun | Pasta in narrow ribbons. |
| Take | Verb | To reach for and hold. |

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| Talisman | Noun | A magic or good-luck charm. |
| Talk | Verb | To speak. |
| Talkathon | Noun | A prolonged discussion. |
| Tambourine | Noun | A percussion instrument. |
| Tangerine | Noun | A small citrus fruit. |
| Tank | Noun | A large storage container. |
| Tantrum | Noun | An uncontrolled outburst of anger. |
| Tapestry | Noun | A piece of textile with woven pictures or designs. |
| Taramasalata | Noun | A dip made from fish roe. |
| Tarantula | Noun | A large hairy spider. |
| Tariff | Noun | A tax or duty to be paid on imports or exports. |
| Tarpaulin | Noun | Heavy-duty waterproof cloth. |
| Taut | Adjective | Stretched or pulled tight. |
| Tautology | Noun | Saying the same thing twice in different words. |
| Tawdry | Adjective | Showy but of poor quality. |
| Technicality | Noun | A point of law. |
| Technique | Noun | A method of doing something skilfully. |
| Technology | Noun | The study of machinery, engineering and how things work. |
| Technophile | Noun | A person who is enthusiastic about new technology. |
| Tedious | Adjective | Boring. |
| Telecommunication | Noun | Communication over a distance. |
| Telephonist | Noun | An operator of a switchboard. |
| Television | Noun | Broadcasting with pictures. |
| Tell | Verb | To communicate information to someone in spoken or written words. |
| Temperamental | Adjective | Liable to unreasonable changes of mood. |
| Tempestuous | Adjective | Emotionally turbulent. |
| Temporary | Adjective | Not permanent. |
| Tenacious | Adjective | Holding fast to something. |
| Tentative | Adjective | Provisional. |
| Tenterhooks | Plural Noun | What you are said to be 'on' when you're in suspense. |
| Terminus | Noun | The end of a railway line. |
| Terracotta | Noun | A type of fired clay. |
| Terrapin | Noun | A freshwater turtle. |

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| Terrestrial | Adjective | Relating to the earth. |
| Terrine | Noun | A kind of pâté. |
| Territorial | Adjective | Relating to an area of land. |
| Testimony | Noun | Evidence. |
| Texture | Noun | The way the surface of something feels. |
| Theatre | Noun | A building in which plays are performed. |
| Theologian | Noun | A student of theology. |
| Therapeutic | Adjective | Healing. |
| Thesaurus | Noun | A kind of dictionary containing words grouped according to their meaning. |
| Thief | Noun | A person who steals. |
| Thieves | Plural Noun | People who steal. |
| Thither | Adverb | To or towards that place. |
| Thorn | Noun | A stiff, sharp-pointed woody projection on a plant. |
| Thorough | Adjective | Complete. |
| Thoroughbred | Noun | A horse of pure breed. |
| Thoroughfare | Noun | A public road or path that is open at both ends. |
| Threadbare | Adjective | Ragged and tattered. |
| Threshold | Noun | The bottom of a doorway. |
| Threw | Part of a Verb | Flung through the air. |
| Thriftless | Adjective | Spending money wastefully. |
| Throes | Plural Noun | Intense or violent pain and struggle. |
| Thrombosis | Noun | Clotting of the blood. |
| Throne | Noun | A sovereign's chair. |
| Through | Adjective | Said of a train going all the way to a destination. |
| Thumb | Noun | The short, thick first digit of the human hand. |
| Tick | Noun | A mark used to indicate that an item in a list is correct. |
| Tillage | Noun | The preparation of land for growing crops. |
| Timorous | Adjective | Shy. |
| Tinge | Verb | To colour slightly. |
| Tinnitus | Noun | Ringling or buzzing in the ears. |
| Tirade | Noun | A long, angry speech of criticism. |
| Tiresome | Adjective | Tedious. |
| Tissue | Noun | A paper handkerchief. |
| Tithe | Noun | One tenth of annual produce or earnings. |

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| Toboggan | Noun | A type of sledge. |
| Toccatà | Noun | A musical composition for a keyboard instrument. |
| Tolerable | Adjective | Bearable. |
| Tolerance | Noun | Broad-mindedness. |
| Tomato | Noun | A soft round red or yellow fruit eaten as a vegetable. |
| Tomatoes | Plural Noun | Red fruits eaten in salad. |
| Tombola | Noun | A game in which players pick tickets out of a drum and win prizes. |
| Tomorrow | Noun | The day after today. |
| Tongue | Noun | The soft muscular organ that moves about inside the mouth. |
| Tonsillitis | Noun | Inflammation of the tonsils. |
| Tooth | Noun | Any of the bony structures in the jaws used for biting and chewing. |
| Topiary | Noun | The art of clipping shrubs into ornamental shapes. |
| Topography | Noun | A detailed description of the features of a locality. |
| Toponymy | Noun | The study of place names. |
| Toreador | Noun | A bullfighter. |
| Torpid | Adjective | Mentally or physically inactive. |
| Torrential | Adjective | Pouring down violently. |
| Torso | Noun | The trunk of the human body. |
| Tortilla | Noun | A Mexican pancake. |
| Tortoise | Noun | A slow-moving land reptile. |
| Totalitarian | Adjective | Dictatorial and tyrannical. |
| Totally | Adverb | Completely. |
| Totem | Noun | An animal adopted by a tribe as its emblem. |
| Touch | Verb | To come into or be in contact with. |
| Toughen | Verb | To make stronger. |
| Toughie | Noun | A difficult question. |
| Tourism | Noun | The business of organising holidays. |
| Tourist | Noun | A holidaymaker or traveller. |
| Tournament | Noun | A series of contests between a number of competitors. |
| Tourniquet | Noun | A device for stopping the flow of blood in an artery. |
| Tousle | Verb | To ruffle, especially someone's hair. |
| Tout | Verb | To attempt to sell something. |
| Tow | Verb | To pull another vehicle. |

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| Towelling | Noun | Thick absorbent cloth. |
| Towering | Adjective | Extremely tall. |
| Toxicology | Noun | The study of poisons. |
| Toxophilite | Noun | A student or lover of archery. |
| Tracery | Noun | Ornamental stonework. |
| Trachoma | Noun | An eye infection. |
| Tractable | Adjective | Easy to control or influence. |
| Trade | Noun | The action of buying and selling goods or services. |
| Traffic | Noun | Vehicles moving on a public highway. |
| Trail | Noun | A mark or a series of signs. |
| Trainer | Noun | A person who trains people or animals. |
| Trajectory | Noun | The path taken by a moving object such as a rocket. |
| Tram | Noun | A passenger vehicle powered by electricity. |
| Trample | Verb | To tread on and crush. |
| Tranche | Noun | A portion of something, especially money. |
| Transcendental | Adjective | Relating to the spiritual realm. |
| Transfiguration | Noun | A complete change into a more beautiful state. |
| Transgressive | Adjective | Involving a violation of moral or social boundaries. |
| Transient | Adjective | Ephemeral. |
| Transmission | Noun | The act of transmitting something. |
| Trapezium | Noun | A quadrilateral with one pair of sides parallel. |
| Traveller | Noun | A person who is on a journey. |
| Treacherous | Adjective | Guilty of betrayal. |
| Triage | Noun | Deciding the order of treatment of hospital patients. |
| Tributary | Noun | A river or stream flowing into a larger river. |
| Tridactyl | Adjective | Having three fingers or toes. |
| Triennial | Adjective | Recurring every three years. |
| Trifle | Noun | A thing of little importance. |
| Trigonometry | Noun | A branch of mathematics. |
| Triumph | Noun | A great victory or achievement. |
| Troop | Noun | A cavalry unit commanded by a captain. |
| Trough | Noun | A long narrow container holding food or water for animals. |
| Trout | Noun | A freshwater fish. |
| Truculent | Adjective | Aggressive. |
| Truncheon | Noun | A short thick stick carried as a weapon. |
| Tune | Noun | A melody. |

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| Tungsten | Noun | A metal used to make electric light filaments. |
| Turquoise | Noun | A greenish-blue colour. |
| Tutu | Noun | A female ballet dancer's costume. |
| Twelfth | Ordinal Number | Constituting number twelve in a sequence. |
| Twilight | Noun | The soft glowing light after sunset. |
| Twinge | Noun | A sudden, sharp localised pain. |
| Tyrannosaur | Noun | A large carnivorous dinosaur. |
| Ubiquitous | Adjective | Found everywhere. |
| Ugly | Adjective | Unpleasant or repulsive, especially in appearance. |
| Ultimatum | Noun | A final demand or statement of terms. |
| Umbrella | Noun | A device used as a protection against rain. |
| Umpire | Noun | In cricket, an official who enforces the laws. |
| Unaccompanied | Adjective | Sung without instrumental accompaniment. |
| Unanimous | Adjective | With everyone agreeing. |
| Unassailable | Adjective | Unable to be attacked or defeated. |
| Uncharacteristic | Adjective | Not typical of a particular person or thing. |
| Uncomplimentary | Adjective | Insulting. |
| Uncomprehending | Adjective | Unable to understand. |
| Unconquerable | Adjective | Not conquerable. |
| Under | Preposition | Directly below. |
| Undisciplined | Adjective | Uncontrolled. |
| Unequivocal | Adjective | Leaving no doubt. |
| Unexceptional | Adjective | Not out of the ordinary. |
| Unfathomable | Adjective | Incapable of being fully explored. |
| Unfortunately | Adverb | Unluckily or regrettably. |
| Ungentlemanly | Adjective | Not appropriate to a gentleman. |
| Unhygienic | Adjective | Not clean or sanitary. |
| Uninhabitable | Adjective | Unfit to live in. |
| Universe | Noun | The cosmos. |
| University | Noun | An educational institution. |
| Unkempt | Adjective | Dishevelled. |
| Unnatural | Adjective | Abnormal. |
| Unnecessary | Adjective | Not needed. |
| Unneighbourly | Adjective | Not neighbourly. |

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| Unnerve | Verb | To make someone lose courage. |
| Unquantifiable | Adjective | Impossible to measure in terms of quantity. |
| Unquenchable | Adjective | Not able to be quenched. |
| Unravelling | Adjective | Said of threads that are coming undone. |
| Unreasonable | Adjective | Beyond the limits of acceptability. |
| Unrighteous | Adjective | Wicked. |
| Unsolicited | Adjective | Not requested. |
| Untidy | Adjective | Disordered. |
| Unusual | Adjective | Uncommon. |
| Uranium | Noun | A radioactive chemical element. |
| Urge | Verb | To persuade forcefully. |
| Urgent | Adjective | Requiring immediate action. |
| Utensil | Noun | A household article, especially in the kitchen. |
| Vaccinate | Verb | To inoculate. |
| Vacuum | Noun | A space entirely devoid of matter. |
| Valid | Adjective | Supporting the intended point or claim. |
| Valuation | Noun | An estimation of the worth of something. |
| Vandalism | Noun | Deliberate damage to property. |
| Vanguard | Noun | The people leading the way in new developments. |
| Varicose | Adjective | Used to describe a swollen or twisted vein. |
| Variegated | Adjective | Irregularly coloured. |
| Vary | Verb | To differ in size, amount, degree or nature. |
| Vascular | Adjective | Relating to blood vessels. |
| Vase | Noun | A container for cut flowers. |
| Vehement | Adjective | Forceful. |
| Vehicle | Noun | A means of transportation. |
| Velocity | Noun | Speed. |
| Velodrome | Noun | A cycle-racing track. |
| Veneer | Noun | A thin decorative covering of fine wood. |
| Venerable | Adjective | Worthy of respect, especially because of age. |
| Vengeance | Noun | Retribution. |
| Venomous | Adjective | Secreting venom. |
| Ventilation | Noun | The provision of fresh air to a room. |
| Ventriloquist | Noun | An entertainer who performs with a dummy. |
| Verbatim | Adverb | In the original words. |
| Verification | Noun | Establishing the truth of something. |
| Vernacular | Noun | The language spoken by ordinary people. |

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| Verruca | Noun | A wart on the sole of the foot. |
| Vest | Noun | An undergarment worn on the upper part of the body. |
| Veterinary | Adjective | To do with the medical treatment of animals. |
| Vicar | Noun | A member of the clergy in charge of a parish. |
| Vicarious | Adjective | Not experienced personally but imagined through the experience of others. |
| Vicissitude | Noun | A change of circumstances or fortune. |
| Victorious | Adjective | Triumphant. |
| Video | Noun | A video cassette or recorder. |
| Vindicate | Verb | To clear someone of blame or suspicion. |
| Violent | Adjective | Brutal and destructive. |
| Virtue | Noun | Moral excellence. |
| Virulent | Adjective | Strongly poisonous or harmful. |
| Virus | Noun | An infective agent. |
| Visa | Noun | An endorsement in a passport. |
| Viscosity | Noun | The state of being thick, sticky and semi-fluid. |
| Visionary | Noun | A person with extremely imaginative ideas. |
| Vital | Adjective | Absolutely necessary. |
| Vitreous | Adjective | Resembling glass. |
| Vivacious | Adjective | Attractively lively. |
| Vocabulary | Noun | A list of words. |
| Vociferous | Adjective | Noisy. |
| Void | Adjective | Not valid or legally binding. |
| Volition | Noun | Using your will in choosing to do something. |
| Volume | Noun | A book forming part of a work or series. |
| Voluminous | Adjective | Bulky. |
| Voluptuous | Adjective | Curvaceous and attractive. |
| Vote | Noun | A formal expression of one's opinion or choice. |
| Vowel | Noun | Any of the letters a, e, i, o, u. |
| Voyage | Noun | A long journey. |
| Vulnerable | Adjective | Susceptible to attack. |
| Wand | Noun | A stick used by magicians. |
| Warm | Adjective | At a comfortably high temperature. |
| Wassail | Verb | To make merry with much drinking of alcohol. |
| Waxy | Adjective | Resembling wax in consistency or appearance. |
| Weak | Adjective | Lacking the power to perform physical tasks. |

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| Wealth | Noun | An abundance of valuable possessions or money. |
| Weather | Noun | The state of the atmosphere with reference to sunshine, rain, wind, etc. |
| Wednesday | Noun | The day of the week following Tuesday. |
| Weigh | Verb | To measure the weight of something. |
| Weight | Noun | How heavy something is. |
| Weir | Noun | A small dam across a river or canal to control the flow of water. |
| Weird | Adjective | Very strange or uncanny. |
| Welfare | Noun | Well-being. |
| Well | Adverb | In a good way. |
| Werewolf | Noun | A person who occasionally changes into a wolf. |
| Whelk | Noun | An edible mollusc. |
| Whether | Conjunction | If. |
| Whetstone | Noun | A stone used for sharpening knives. |
| Whinny | Verb | To neigh. |
| Whisk | Noun | A kitchen utensil used for whipping eggs or cream. |
| Whistle | Verb | To make a shrill or musical sound by blowing through your lips. |
| White | Noun | The colour of milk. |
| Wholly | Adverb | Completely or entirely. |
| Whopper | Noun | Something unusually large. |
| Wicker | Noun | Thin canes or osiers woven together to make baskets or furniture. |
| Wide | Adjective | Of more than average width. |
| Width | Noun | The measurement of something from side to side. |
| Winceyette | Noun | A lightweight flannelette used for nightclothes. |
| Wing | Noun | A modified forelimb that bears feathers and is used for flying. |
| Winsome | Adjective | Charming and attractive. |
| Wise | Adjective | Having wisdom. |
| Woe | Noun | Great sorrow or distress. |
| Wolf | Noun | A wild carnivorous mammal. |
| Women | Plural Noun | Grown-up female human beings. |
| Worse | Adjective | Of poorer quality or lower standard. |
| Wrangle | Verb | To have a noisy argument or quarrel. |
| Wreath | Noun | An arrangement of flowers laid on a grave. |
| Wreck | Noun | A ship destroyed at sea. |

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| Wretched | Adjective | In an unhappy state. |
| Wriggle | Verb | To twist to and fro. |
| Wring | Verb | To squeeze and twist something to force liquid from it. |
| Wrinkle | Noun | A small furrow or ridge in fabric or in the skin. |
| Writhe | Verb | To twist your body in pain. |
| Wrought | Adjective | Beaten out or shaped by hammering. |
| Xenophobia | Noun | Irrational dislike or fear of foreigners. |
| Xylophone | Noun | A percussion instrument. |
| Yacht | Noun | A sailing boat. |
| Yachtsman | Noun | A sailor. |
| Yawn | Verb | To open the mouth wide from drowsiness or fatigue. |
| Year | Noun | The time taken by the earth to make one revolution around the sun. |
| Yearling | Noun | An animal between one and two years old. |
| Yearning | Noun | A feeling of intense longing. |
| Yeast | Noun | A fungus used as a raising agent. |
| Yellow | Noun | A colour between green and orange. |
| Yeoman | Noun | A servant in the Middle Ages. |
| Yesterday | Adverb | The day before today. |
| Yew | Noun | A coniferous tree. |
| Yield | Noun | The amount produced. |
| Yoke | Noun | A curved piece of wood put across the necks of animals pulling a cart or plough. |
| Yolk | Noun | The yellow part of an egg. |
| Youth | Noun | The stage between childhood and adult age. |
| Youthfulness | Noun | Being young. |
| Zany | Adjective | Crazily funny. |
| Zealot | Noun | A fanatic. |
| Zealous | Adjective | Full of zeal. |
| Zeitgeist | Noun | The defining spirit of a particular period of history. |
| Zephyr | Noun | A soft gentle wind. |
| Zilch | Pronoun | Nothing. |
| Zodiac | Noun | The imaginary band in the sky through which the sun, moon and planets appear to move. |
| Zombie | Noun | A corpse said to be revived by witchcraft. |
| Zoology | Noun | The scientific study of animals. |

