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# GLOSSARY

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**abbey:** a large religious building where monks or nuns typically live and study

(synonym: convent)

You can often hear the sounds of the nuns' choir coming from the abbey.

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**ability:** the skill or physical capability to do something

(synonyms: skill, talent, flair)

Though difficult, the climber knew she had the ability to make it to the top of the wall.

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**abyss:** a deep cavity or steep slope to a canyon or hole

(synonyms: canyon, gorge)

I was afraid that with one wrong step, I would fall hopelessly into the abyss.

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**academy:** a school, generally private, that offers education on a specific skill or subject, or in a specialized manner

(synonyms: institute, university )

The academy was known for its difficult science courses.

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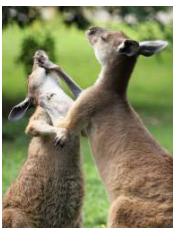


**accountant:** a person whose profession involves carefully maintaining a person's or business' records and financial accounts

(synonym: bookkeeper)

The accountant spent hours making sure every dollar the company had made and spent was accounted for before tax season.

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**acrimony:** characterized by bitterness or ill feelings

(synonym: anger )

In the kangaroo exhibit at the zoo, you could feel the acrimony when both males tried to eat at the same time.

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**acrobat** : a person who entertains through gymnastic performances, often high in the air

During the acrobats' show, I held my breath, terrified they would fall.

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**actress**: a female performer in a play, movie, or show

(synonyms: diva, star)

The actress got a chance to play her favorite princess in the school play.

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**addiction**: having a dependence on a substance or behavior, such as drugs or gambling, which is often harmful but difficult to give up

(synonym: habit)

Though most people know it's bad, the addiction to smoking is hard to overcome.

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**administration**: the people or persons involved in the running of a business or organization

(synonyms: manager, boss)

The administration has asked for each employee to give them detailed records from the past year to determine how the organization is working.

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**adolescent**: a young person, going through the transition from a child to an adult

(synonym: teenager)

The adolescent dreams of being a rock star when she grows up.

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**advice**: information an outsider gives regarding what he or she feels would be ideal for future action

(synonyms: inform, guide)

I called a professional for advice on what to do as my grandparents get older and are less able to care for themselves.

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**advisory:** an official warning, typically about dangerous conditions  
(synonym: warning)

The sign showed a falling rock advisory for the road ahead.

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**advocacy:** publicly giving support for an issue, policy, or specific group

(synonyms: help, champion)

The teachers got together to decide how to provide the best advocacy for a disabled student.

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**affray:** situations of groups fighting in public, often disruptive to the peace

(synonyms: altercation, brawl, fight, fracas, melee, quarrel, uproar)

The affray on school property created quite the crowd of observers.

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**afterlife:** the life many believe occurs following death

(synonym: the beyond)

A person who believes in the afterlife often believes in the difference between heaven and hell.

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**aircraft:** a vehicle capable of flight, also called an airplane or helicopter

(synonyms: plane, helicopter)

The new aircraft can hold nearly 500 passengers.

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**albatross:** generally found in the Southern Hemisphere, a large bird that lives near the sea and hunts for fish

(synonym: sea bird)

The albatross has a diet mainly consisting of fish.

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**albino:** a human or animal born with significantly less pigment in its skin or fur, generally with red or pink eyes because the irises have no color

An albino chipmunk is very rare in nature, with a pale cream coat.

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**alley:** a narrow area between buildings or blocks, such as a small street

(synonyms: bypass, passage, street, road)

The alley is dark and is convenient for bypassing traffic found on the main street.

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**alumnus:** a person who has graduated from a specific educational institution

(synonym: graduate)

On graduation day, she was proud to have earned her alumnus status.

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**amateur:** a beginner, one who has reduced abilities in a specific skill

(synonyms: novice, hobbyist)

After just a few months of learning, the baby was still an amateur at crawling and was far from mastering walking.

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**ambassador:** an official from one country sent to a different country to act as the representative

(synonym: diplomat)

The Australian ambassador spoke with the American government about trade.

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**ambush:** a surprise attack by someone in hiding

(synonym: attack)

The soldiers hid in the trees and behind rocks to get ready for the ambush against the enemies.

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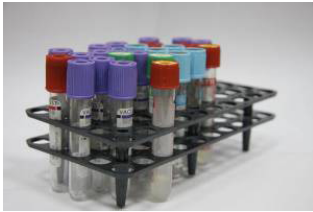


**amigo:** the word for “friend” in Spanish

(synonyms: friend, pal)

My amigo and I like to hang out at the park.

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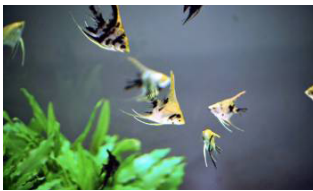


**analysis:** an examination of something down to its finest details

(synonym: examination)

A chemical analysis showed the water had been contaminated with chemicals from the local factory.

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**angelfish:** a freshwater fish with long fins

Angelfish are very popular freshwater aquarium fish.

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**annex:** a building that is added later to an existing building, for additional room

(synonyms: extension, wing)

The company needed more room for its employees, so they added an annex.

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**anniversary:** an annual marker of an event, such as a wedding or opening of a business

(synonym: celebration)

Surrounded by their children, the couple happily celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

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**annoyance:** a thing that is bothering or irritating someone

(synonyms: nuisance, bother)

Her roommate’s music was an annoyance while she crammed for her exam.

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**annually:** something occurring every year

(synonym: yearly)

Birthdays are celebrated annually, though some people like to pretend otherwise.

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**anticipate:** to expect, or take action to be prepared for an event

(synonyms: foresee, predict)

The girl anticipated the game by gathering balloons.

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**apex:** the top part, the highest point of something

(synonyms: summit, top)

Though snow made it difficult, we finally made it to the apex of the mountain.

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**apology:** to offer acknowledgment of having done something wrong

(synonyms: acknowledgment, admission)

The baby cygnet needed to make an apology to its mother.

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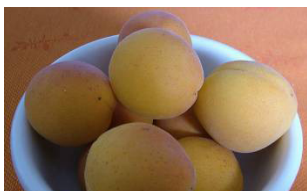


**appliance:** a machine used to perform a specific function, such as make coffee or heat food

(synonyms: machine, instrument)

Though the coffee machine is old, it's been a very reliable appliance.

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**apricot:** a fruit that closely resembles a small peach

One of my favorite summer fruits is the apricot.

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**aquarium:** a container filled with fish and plants

(synonym: tank)

Our saltwater aquarium has many fish, crabs, and coral living in it.

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**arcade:** a business or room filled with video games, usually operated by buying plays with a coin

(synonyms: market, bazaar)

Natasha bought tokens to play games at the arcade.

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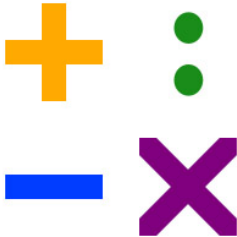


**architect:** a person who draws the design for a building and then oversees its construction

(synonyms: creator, designer )

The architect drew the blueprints for our new school.

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**arithmetic:** mathematics dealing with adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying numbers

(synonyms: math, figures)

Arithmetic can be as easy as addition or can become much more complex.

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**armada:** a large fleet of ships generally armed for naval battle

(synonyms: fleet, navy)

The navy keeps a whole armada ready in case of attack.

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**army:** (1) a group of soldiers trained to use weapons and defend a country

(synonyms: soldiers, troops)

The army sent its best-trained soldiers to the conflict zone.

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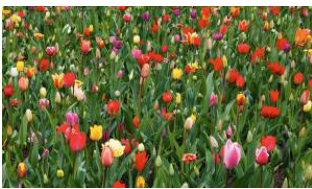


**army:** (2) a large number of people or animals

(synonyms: flock, mass)

The army of turkeys seemed to take over the restaurant's patio.

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**array:** a large set or assortment of something

(synonyms: display, exhibition)

The field had an array of beautiful wild flowers.

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**arroyo:** a deep cut in the earth made by the movement of water

(synonym: gully)

The arroyo was formed by the fast-moving water following the rainstorm.

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**article:** a written piece giving information on a subject, often found in magazines or newspapers, but can also be found online

(synonyms: essay, report)

The article in the magazine covered the oil spill and its damage to the environment.

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**artistry:** the creative skill of the artist, or the amount of skill or creativity put into a product

(synonyms: talent, skill)

The artistry of the stained glass artist can be seen in her beautiful pieces.

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**ash:** the powder left when something has been burned completely

(synonym: cinder)

It is best to clean the ash from the barbecue, or it could limit airflow to the next batch of coals.

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**assembly:** a group brought together for one purpose

(synonyms: crowd, gathering)

An assembly of geese showed up at the pond right before soccer season, as they knew kids would bring bread before practice.

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**assessment:** the process of checking something to determine its qualities

(synonyms: appraisal, evaluation, test)

The nurse performed an assessment on the newborn to make sure he was healthy.

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**assistant:** a person who gives help to someone in need

(synonyms: aide, helper)

In the train station, the woman would have been lost without her assistant.

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**astronaut:** a person who is trained to take part in work outside of the atmosphere

(synonyms: explorer, spaceman)

The astronaut's favorite part of the job was the feeling of being without gravity.

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**attorney:** a person with special training in the ways of the law, often representing others in court

(synonyms: lawyer, counsel)

When writing a contract, it is often helpful to talk to an attorney, just to make sure everything is legal.

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**attorney-general:** the individual who represents the state or country in legal affairs and gives advice to the government

The attorney-general for the state of California is responsible for the actions in all the local courts.

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**audience:** those who are watching or listening to an event or performance

(synonym: gathering)

The audience watched as the young girl tried to pass the test.

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**authority:** someone with the power to make decisions and make sure others are obeying

(synonyms: power, boss)

The cat knew she wasn't allowed on the counter, so I had to use my authority to punish her.

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**automobile:** a vehicle with four wheels, powered by a motor, that is built to carry passengers

(synonym: car)

In addition to the classic car, the family needed another automobile to get everyone to school and work on time.

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**avocado:** a fruit with oily flesh and a large, hard seed

Avocados are the main ingredient in guacamole.

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**awareness:** having knowledge of something, or raising other people's knowledge of something

(synonym: knowledge)

People who have an awareness of how the organization helps those in need, are more likely to volunteer.

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**axis:** a line or point in an object that marks the center of rotation

The center of the Ferris wheel is the axis that the cars rotate around.

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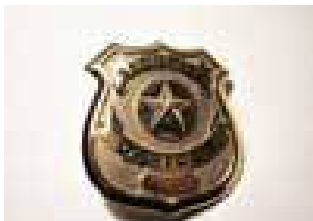


**baggage:** the luggage or containers used to pack and store personal belongings during travel

(synonyms: luggage, suitcase)

The airline lost our baggage on the trip. I'm hoping to get it back tomorrow.

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**bailiff:** a legal official who keeps order in the courtroom, including watching the prisoner

The bailiff escorted the defendant into the courtroom.

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**bakery:** a building or company where baked goods, such as cakes, bread, or cookies, are made and sold

I was very pleased with the cake we got from the bakery.

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**balance:** having, or having found, a system of stability; can be physical, mental, or spiritual

(synonyms: steadiness, equableness)

The balance of many rocks was successful because of the stability.

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**balcony:** a platform enclosed by a short wall

(synonym: terrace)

We planted tomatoes on our balcony, where the sun and fresh air have been great!

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**bambino:** a baby, infant, or very young child

(synonyms: infant, baby)

The sweet bambino was very happy riding in the car.

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**bamboo:** a tall, strong, lightweight woody plant in the grass family with a hollow stem

Many people keep a bamboo plant in their house or office, as it's considered lucky.

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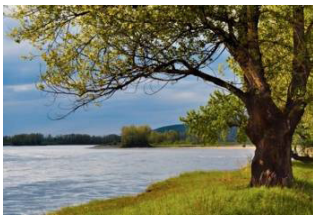


**bandage:** a covering, usually made from cloth, used to protect or bind an injured area of the body

(synonym: dressing)

My mom put a bandage over my cut.

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**bank:** (1) the sloping ground leading to a body of water, such as a river, creek, or lake

(synonyms: shore, beach)

We made a rope swing on one of the tree's branches on the river bank.

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**bank:** (2) a place where customers invest or store their money, take out loans, and pay interest on the money borrowed.

(synonym: financial institution)

I have to go to the bank to deposit my check.

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**barbecue:** (1) a get-together or party, generally outdoors, where the food is prepared on an outdoor grill or over a fire

(synonym: gala)

We had a barbecue with some friends of ours over the weekend.

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**barbecue:** (2) a grill or a stove using a rack over an open flame, from charcoal or gas, used to cook meat and vegetables

(synonym: grill)

It will take a few minutes to get the barbecue ready to start cooking.

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**barracks:** a building where military service members sleep and often store their belongings

(synonym: dormitory)

The soldiers returned to the barracks after a long day of training.

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**barrel:** a cylindrical container for storing liquids made from wooden slats held together by metal rings

(synonym: cask)

I'm thinking of getting an old barrel and using it for a planter.

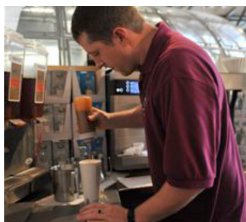
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**barrio:** an area of a town inhabited mainly by Spanish-speaking people

The barrio is a place where people can retain a lot of their cultural traditions.

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**bartender:** a person whose profession involves pouring or mixing drinks in a bar or restaurant

(synonym: barman)

Can you ask the bartender to bring us three glasses of water?

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**basement:** a floor in a building that is typically underground

(synonym: cellar)

A basement can be used for many things such as a playroom and an area for storing items.

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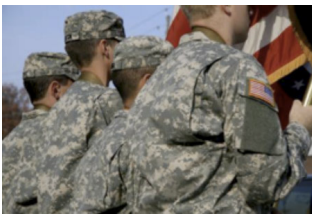


**basis:** the foundation or supportive base for something, such as an idea or building

(synonyms: foundation, footing)

When the storm hit, we were happy they had a sound basis established before putting up the fence.

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**battalion:** a large collection of military service members, usually consisting of several associated units

(synonyms: company, troop)

They decided to deploy the entire battalion to war; previously we thought it would be just a few units.

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**bellows:** a bag, which fills with air, and can be squeezed to force the air out into a specific spot

It is rare to see someone fuel a fire using a bellows in this day and age.

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**beverage:** a substance one drinks

(synonym: drink)

We should meet at the coffee shop for a warm beverage.

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**bevy:** a large group of birds or people gathered together

(synonyms: flock, cluster)

The bevy of birds flocked to the pond just before nightfall.

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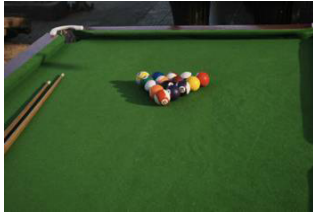




**bill-of-fare:** the list of foods available for order or consumption

(synonym: menu)

We checked out the bill-of-fare at the restaurant but decided to go somewhere else.



**billiards:** a game using long sticks to hit a white ball at other colorful balls, in an attempt to hit the colored balls into pockets

(synonym: pool)

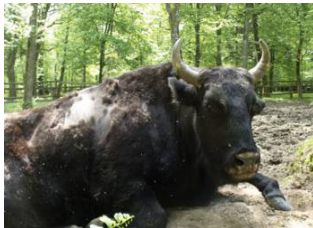
I'm getting together with the guys for a game of billiards.



**biopsy:** cutting a piece of living tissue from a body part of a human or animal to examine and determine the presence of disease

(synonym: observation)

The doctors performed a biopsy to see if the growth was caused by cancer or something else.



**bison:** a large, generally wild animal with a humped back and shaggy mane, related to cattle, often called buffalo in the U.S.

(synonym: buffalo)

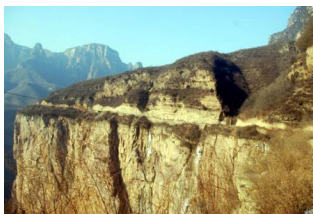
Bison roam free in Yellowstone; they used to roam all over the United States.



**bistro:** a small business serving food or drink, such as a café or bar

(synonyms: café, restaurant)

There is something charming about sipping coffee at a little bistro.



**bluff:** a hill or cliff, with very steep, near vertical sides

(synonyms: cliff, bank, ridge)

Some nights I like to drive out to the edge of the bluff and just look out as far as I can.



**bonus:** an added amount of money, can be seasonal, a holiday bonus, or a reward for good performance, which is added to one's general paycheck

(synonyms: perk, prize, reward)

For having the highest sales this year, she received a nice bonus.

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**booth:** a table or seating area in a restaurant, with a table between two benches

(synonym: table)

I prefer to sit in a booth at a restaurant; the benches are so much more comfortable.

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**bouncer:** a person whose profession is to remove disruptive people from a business, generally a bar or nightclub

(synonym: guard)

The bouncer kept an eye on him as he became more and more unruly.

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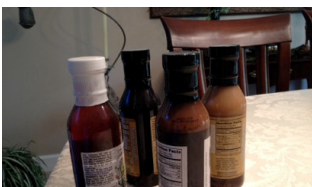


**bouquet:** an arrangement of flowers, usually given as a gift or carried in a ceremony

(synonym: posy)

She was given a beautiful bouquet for their anniversary.

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**brand:** a product made by a specific company

(synonyms: make, variety)

We have several different brands of barbecue sauce.

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**bravado:** an exaggerated behavior meant to portray boldness, often used to intimidate

(synonyms: boast, brag)

His bravado often made people enjoy working with him less.

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**bribery:** offering or accepting something that has been promised in order to convince another person to do something

(synonyms: extortion, blackmail)

Her parents used bribery to encourage her to raise her grades, \$50 per A on a report card.

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**briefs:** short, legless underpants that fit higher on the waist

(synonyms: underwear, trunks)

The boy's briefs were too tight.

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**broker:** a person in the profession of acting as an intermediary between sellers and buyers, often stocks or loans

(synonyms: agent, financier)

The broker bought and sold stocks on Wall Street.

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**bronco:** a wild horse, or one who is partially tamed

I wouldn't recommend trying to ride a bronco.

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**brood:** a family of newly born or newly hatched animals or birds born to the same mother

(synonyms: offspring, young)

The brood of young chicks waited for their mother to return with food.

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**broomstick:** the handle attached to a broom

I nearly tripped over the broomstick while walking through the park; apparently someone spilled popcorn.

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**brownie:** a small, often chewy, cake-like bar often made with chocolate

I'm making brownies for tomorrow's potluck.

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**bruise:** an injury that does not break the skin, but often creates a wound under the surface of the skin

(synonyms: injury, wound)

I hit my finger with a hammer; thankfully it didn't break the bone, but I did get a nice purple bruise.

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**bully:** someone who uses power or fear of harm to intimidate others

(synonyms: thug, browbeater, annoyer)

The rhinoceros was a bully and scared the other animals away.

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**bunch:** a group of the same type of thing, often fastened together

(synonyms: group, batch)

I keep a bunch of colored pencils in my bag in case I want to draw.

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**burglary:** the act of breaking into a home or building and taking items in theft

(synonyms: robbery, thievery)

We returned from our vacation to find we had been the victims of burglary.

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**busboy:** a man or boy employed in a restaurant to clean dishes or wipe down tables

The busboy knew he had to be quick on Saturday nights to make sure the tables were cleaned and ready for new customers.

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**butler:** an employee or servant who is responsible for running the household

(synonym: server, steward)

The butler tends to the needs of the family he serves.

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**byway:** a road other than the main route, a side road

(synonyms: path, channel)

In many areas, taking the byway is often much more scenic than the highway.

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**cabby:** the driver or operator of a taxicab

(synonym: taxi driver)

After a few months, the cabby became very familiar with the city's traffic.

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**cactus:** a thick plant with no leaves, which requires less water than many other plants; typically grown in hot, dry areas of the United States and other countries

(synonym: succulent)

The cactus holds water in its arms, making some nontoxic varieties valuable to stranded individuals.

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**café:** a casual restaurant or coffee shop with simple foods and deserts, typically serving coffee

(synonyms: bistro, coffeehouse)

We should meet at the café for a coffee and muffin after school.

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**cafeteria:** a dining area or restaurant where patrons are served their food at a counter and typically carry it on a tray

(synonyms: commissary, lunchroom)

Over the last few years, the school cafeteria has become better about serving healthier, tastier foods.

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**calm:** an absence of activity, movement, or worry

(synonyms: restful, still)

The lake is very calm today, barely a ripple.

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**cameo:** a single stone with colored layers, carved to show an image with a different-colored background

(synonym: brooch)

The cameo was carved into a beautiful woman.

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**canal:** a man-made waterway created to make travel by boat, or the movement of water for irrigation, convenient

(synonyms: ditch, aqueduct)

We took a boat ride through the canals of the old city.

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**cancer:** a quickly spreading disease where cells divide before they are fully matured, resulting in an inability to perform their natural functions

She suddenly fell very ill, and the doctor confirmed a diagnosis of lung cancer.

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**candidate:** a person who is a possibility for a job, or a possible choice in an election

(synonyms: nominee, applicant)

I enjoyed listening to the candidate speak, though I'm not sure if I will be voting for him.

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**canine:** an animal in the family of dogs, such as domestic dogs, coyotes, or wolves

(synonym: dog)

The canine was swimming in the lake.

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**cannery:** a building or company working to create canned goods

(synonym: plant)

My mother works in a cannery.

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**canopy:** a cloth covering over the door or dining area of a restaurant, or a cloth and frame over a bed

(synonym: covering)

The restaurant has a canopy covering their outdoor dining area; it keeps the sun out of your eyes while eating.

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**canto:** a section of a long poem

The poem was divided into several cantos, each about eight lines long.

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**canvas:** a piece of strong cloth, stretched tightly to create a smooth surface for painting

The artist turned a blank canvas into a beautiful painting.

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**capability:** the extent of what someone can do, or is able to do

(synonyms: ability, capacity)

Her capability of climbing the rock wall was amazing.

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**capacity:** the limit to the amount something can hold

(synonym - capability)

The lake was at full capacity because of the runoff from the snow.

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**cape:** (1) a portion of land that extends into a body of water

(synonyms: peninsula, point)

We had to take the boat around the cape in order to get into the cove.

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**cape:** (2) an item of clothing draped around the shoulders

(synonyms: cloak, mantle)

The little girl made her own superhero cape.

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**capital:** a city where government offices are housed

Washington, DC is the capital of the United States.

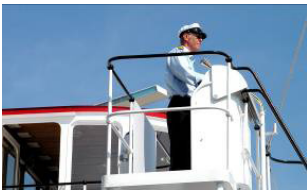
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**capitol:** a building where government officials work and determine a course of action

There are many protestors at the capitol looking to get the attention of officials.

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**captain:** the individual in command of a ship or other vessel

(synonyms: chief, commander)

The captain set a course for the cruise ship.

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**carafe:** an open glass container generally used for serving wine or another beverage

(synonyms: bottle, container)

We kept the carafe filled with ice water for the party.

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**caravan:** a group of vehicles or animals traveling together, often in a single-file line

(synonyms: procession, fleet)

They traveled in a caravan of horses and carriages across the meadow.

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**caretaker:** (1) an individual responsible for the maintenance of an area of land or a building

(synonyms: custodian, janitor)

The caretaker groomed the grounds outside of the mayor's home.

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**caretaker:** (2) a person who provides care to an ill, injured, or elderly person

(synonyms: nurse, warden)

Family caretakers are common, and often work long hours caring for their family members for free.

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**cargo:** goods or other freight carried by ship, train, or other vehicle

(synonyms: freight, goods)

The cargo was loaded into the containers and then onto the ship.

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**case:** a container made for a specific item to keep it secure and safe

(synonyms: container, box)

The camera case was padded inside to protect the equipment.

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**casino:** a building or company where patrons are able to come together and often participate in gambling activities

Though Las Vegas is known for many things, the casinos are often a popular attraction.

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**cast:** (1) a covering made from soft fabric covered in hard plaster for the purpose of protecting a broken bone while it heals

(synonym: splint)

After recovering from the pain of breaking her arm, she was happy to have a colorful cast.

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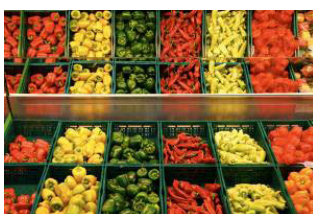


**cast:** (2) a group of actors in a play or movie

(synonyms: actors, players)

The cast went out to celebrate after the last performance.

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**category:** a grouping of like items among other items

(synonyms: class, kind)

The grocery store has aisles featuring a variety of produce in their own category.

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**cavern:** a large, dark, open space, typically a large room of a cave

(synonyms: cave, den)

When entering the cavern, they were surprised by how dark and cold it was.

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**cavity:** a hollow space within a solid object, or an area of decay in a tooth

(synonyms: pit, hole)

The cavity required a trip to the dentist to be filled.

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**celebration:** marking an event through a party or other joyful activity

(synonyms: festival, party)

Though she didn't understand what was going on, we had quite the celebration for her first birthday.

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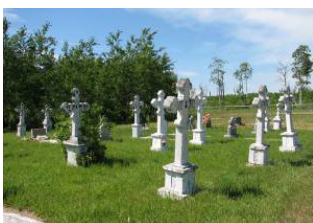


**cellar:** a storage space or room below ground, often used for storing foods or wine

(synonym: basement)

It is common practice to keep wine in the cellar as it keeps it at an ideal temperature.

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**cemetery:** a place where people are buried after death

(synonym: graveyard)

We are going to the cemetery to visit my aunt's gravesite this weekend.

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**century:** a measure of time equal to 100 years

(synonym: 100 years)

The family portrait was taken over a century ago.

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**chairman:** a person responsible for a meeting, or the head of a committee

(synonyms: chair, leader)

She shared her findings with the chairman before the meeting.

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**chandelier:** a light fixture suspended from the ceiling, often with multiple branches for several light bulbs or candles

(synonym: candelabrum)

My favorite thing about the house was the chandelier hanging above the front door.

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**chant:** a phrase typically repeated in unison by a group or crowd

(synonyms: song, canto)

The monks repeated their daily chant as they went about their day.

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**chaos:** a state of disorganization or disorder

(synonyms: mess, turmoil)

While waiting for the competition to begin, the kids were in a state of chaos.

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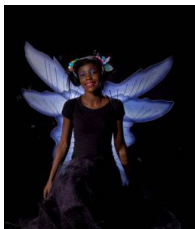


**character:** a particular person featured in a book, play, or movie

(synonyms: player, actor)

For Halloween, she dressed up as Red Riding Hood, her favorite storybook character.

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**charlatan:** a person who claims to have skills or knowledge that others do not

(synonyms: impostor, quack)

She said she could fly, but we all knew she was a charlatan.

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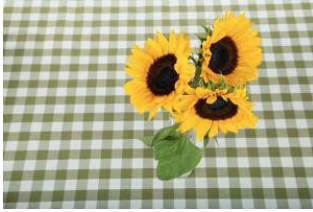


**chatterbox:** a person known for speaking for a long time with little substance

(synonyms: jabberer, prattler)

The teen was a chatterbox on the phone.

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**checkered:** made into a pattern of squares in different or alternating colors

The vase of flowers was set on the checkered tablecloth.

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**chef:** the head cook in a fine restaurant

(synonym: cook)

The chef was very picky about the food served in the restaurant.

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**chemical:** a substance made from the interaction of other substances

The chemicals in fertilizer can burn the skin if not properly washed away.

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**chico:** a Spanish word for a young boy

(synonyms: boy, male)

The chico was excited to celebrate his birthday.

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**chief:** the person identified as a leader within a tribe, organization, or group

(synonyms: leader, boss)

He became the chief executive of the organization after many years of employment.

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**chief-of-staff:** the head or senior officer within a command

(synonyms: boss, leader)

The chief-of-staff was called to a meeting with the President.

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**childhood:** the period of time where one is considered a child

(synonym: juvenility)

I have many fond memories from childhood, mainly of playing outside.

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**chimney:** the hollow upright pipe or structure used to funnel smoke from a fireplace out of a house or other building

(synonym: stack)

It is important to keep the chimney clean, as it can fill with soot.

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**china:** fine dishes made of a special type of porcelain

(synonyms: chinaware, porcelain)

I was pleased when we received my grandparent's wedding china as a wedding present.

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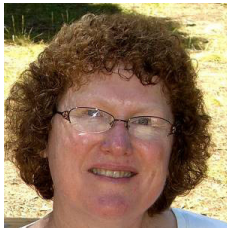


**cineplex:** a movie theater featuring many different screens or rooms

(synonyms: movies, theater)

The cineplex was packed on Saturday, though with all the new movies that came out on Friday, I'm not surprised.

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**citizen:** a person who is lawfully recognized as an inhabitant of a country

(synonyms: native, naturalized member)

The woman was born a citizen of the United States.

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**clan:** a group of people, generally family or a collection of related families

(synonyms: family, kin)

They took the whole clan to the theme park for a special vacation.

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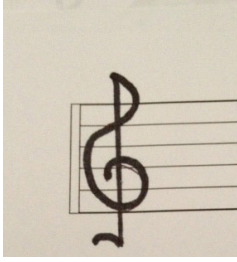
**classy:** known as being stylish with sophistication or elegance

(synonyms: elegant, stylish)

She looked classy in the new dress, which was beautiful and didn't show a lot of skin.

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**clef:** a musical notation showing what pitch a piece of music is played in

The use of the treble clef told us to play in a higher key than had a bass clef been used.

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**client:** one who pays another for a job, or service performed

(synonyms: patron, customer)

The masseuse had a client coming in during her normal lunch break.

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**cliff:** an area of land with a steep drop-off

(synonym: bluff)

We had to be careful walking down by the beach, as there were areas where the sand dunes had been eroded by water and formed into cliffs.

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**cloth:** a material made by weaving threads of fiber, such as cotton, together

(synonyms: fabric, textile)

The cloth was made of a beautiful woven silk that shone in the sunlight.

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**cloverleaf:** having a shape that mimics that of a clover plant, usually with three or four loops

We scoured the field looking for a lucky cloverleaf.

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**cluster:** a group of like things held closely together

(synonyms: bunch, group)

The vines held many clusters of ripened grapes.

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**clutch:** a grouping of eggs that were fertilized or laid at the same time, and incubated together

(synonyms: hatch, brood)

The duck closely guarded her clutch from predators.

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**clutter:** an unorganized collection of items

(synonyms: litter, disorder)

The longer I went without putting stuff away, the worse the clutter became.

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**cochlear implant:** a surgically implanted device that provides sound to the inner ear in a person with profound or total hearing loss

The use of a cochlear implant helped her hear her mother's voice for the first time.

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**cod:** a large ocean fish

(synonym: codfish)

Though it's not my favorite fish, we are having cod for dinner.

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**coffin:** a long box, typically made out of wood, in which a dead body is laid to rest

(synonym: casket)

The pallbearers carried the coffin to the graveyard site.

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**coif:** an arrangement or style of hair, usually elaborate

(synonyms: coiffure, hairstyle)

Some days, she spends an hour in the morning working on perfecting her coif.

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**collection:** a large amount of similar items that have been accumulated into one area

(synonyms: accumulation, set)

The bazaar had many vendors; one had quite the collection of wooden shoes.

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**colonel:** an officer in the military, ranking below a general but above a lieutenant colonel

The colonel ordered his troops into action.

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**colony:** a group of people, or animals of the same species who live together in a tight-knit community

(synonym: swarm)

An ant colony took over my front yard; I think they're trying to get into the garbage can.

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**column:** (1) an upright cylindrical structure made to bear the weight of an upper floor or roof of a building

(synonym: pillar)

The building had beautiful, fifty-foot-tall columns in front.

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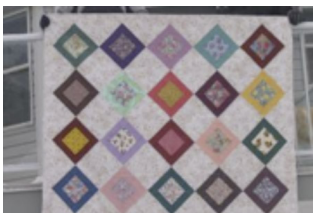


**column:** (2) an article in a newspaper or magazine, generally one person's point of view or opinion, appearing in regular intervals

(synonym: article)

Many people enjoy reading the advice column in the Sunday newspaper.

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**comforter:** a warm bed covering or quilt

(synonyms: spread, blanket)

The best part of winter is curling up under a warm comforter with a good book.

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**commander:** the officer in charge of leading a group of military service members

(synonyms: leader, officer)

The commander led his troops through their training exercises.

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**commercial:** an advertisement for an organization, or company's products

(synonyms: advertisement, ad)

Going down the street and seeing signs for eight different things made me feel like I was walking through a commercial.

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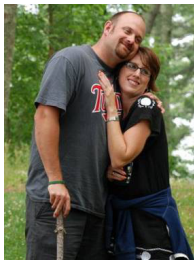


**committee:** a group of people who work together to complete a common goal

(synonym: board)

The fundraising committee got together to discuss the upcoming bake sale.

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**companion:** the chosen animal or person whom one travels or spends a lot of time with

(synonyms: friend, buddy)

Though they'd been married for years, she still knew he would always be her closest companion.

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**company:** (1) a business, agency, or organization working to produce goods or perform services

(synonyms: business, agency)

The construction company is known for its work on our side of town.

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**company:** (2) being in the presence of a friend or relative; companionship

(synonyms: friendship, fellowship)

The cousins enjoyed being in each other's company.

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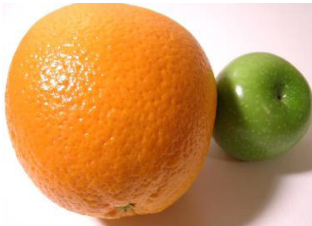


**company:** (3) having a guest or guests over

(synonyms: family, friends)

As the holidays come to an end, I keep thinking of the fun we had with all our company.

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**compare:** to note the similarities or differences between two or more different things

(synonyms: liken, contrast)

If you were to compare the two, it would be like apples and oranges.

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**compassion:** feeling something similar to someone else who is in pain, or concern for the suffering of others

(synonyms: kindness, sympathy)

Though we commonly view them as animals, cats can show compassion for their companions by licking wounds.

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**complain:** to state annoyance or vocalize suffering

(synonyms: grumble, moan)

Though she hadn't studied at all, the student decided to complain about her bad grades.

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**concern:** having feelings of worry or anxiety, generally about another person or animal

(synonyms: anxiety, worry)

The older dog showed concern for his friend.

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**concert:** a musical performance attended by many people

(synonyms: recital, performance)

That was one awesome concert by the band last night!

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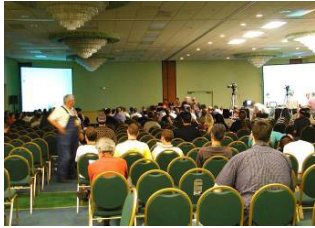


**concourse:** an open space, usually at an airport or train station, where people gather and pass while in transit

(synonyms: passageway, path)

The airport concourse was crowded with people waiting for their flights.

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**conference:** a formal meeting or training with a large group of people

(synonyms: convention, session)

We were invited to this year's conference in Hawaii!

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**confident:** showing confidence or belief in oneself

(synonyms: certain, assured)

He was confident in his ability to make it across the monkey bars.

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**congregation:** (1) the people who make up the membership in a church or other religious organization

(synonyms: assembly, flock)

The congregation actively listened to the sermon this morning.

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**congregation:** (2) a large crowd of people

(synonyms: gathering, group)

There was a large congregation of people on the beach this morning.

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**Congress:** a branch of the federal or state government responsible for the writing and passing of laws

(synonyms: legislature, house)

Congress passed a law to change the speed limit on the highways.

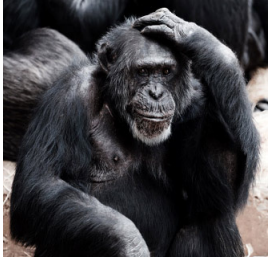
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**congresswoman:** a female member of the United States Congress known as the House of Representatives

The congresswoman represents her state.

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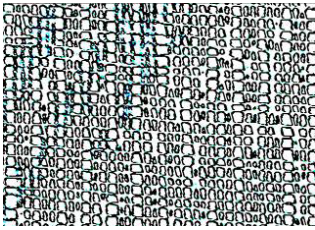


**consider:** to think about something carefully; to weigh the options before making a decision

(synonyms: think, ponder)

The baboon needed to consider whether to take a nap or eat a snack.

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**constantly:** something that occurs over and over without change

(synonyms: continually, regularly)

The same sequence was constantly featured in the computer's program.

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**construction:** the putting together of something

(synonym: building)

We documented every step in the construction of the house.

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**consume:** to use, eat, or drink

(synonyms: eat-up, spend)

She was excited to be a big sister and frequently watched as her baby sister consumed her bottle.

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**container:** a box, bag, bucket, or other item used for holding other items

(synonyms: receptacle, case)

A watering can makes an excellent container for holding water as you move from plant to plant.

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**continent:** a large body of land not under the ocean; there are seven on the earth

Antarctica is the southernmost continent.

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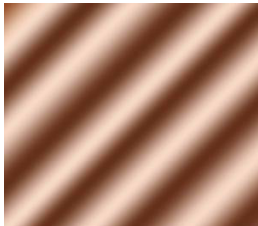


**contractor:** a person who, through a contract, is responsible for a specific job or providing certain goods

(synonym: builder)

The contractor gave us a quote for repairing the damage to our house.

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**copper:** a reddish metal that conducts heat and electricity well, often used in pipes or household goods

Our copper pots must be polished regularly.

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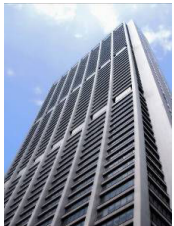


**core:** the hard or dense center of something, such as an apple

(synonyms: heart, middle)

Though it is perfectly safe, many people do not like eating the core of an apple.

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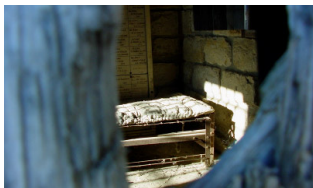


**corporation:** a large company that is legally held separate from its owners

(synonyms: company, association)

The owners decided to form a corporation from their business.

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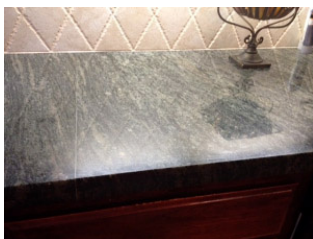


**cot:** a fold-out or temporary bed

(synonyms: gurney, trundle)

While camping, we always sleep on a cot.

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**countertop:** a flat kitchen or bathroom surface, generally above a set of cabinets or drawers

(synonyms: counter, tabletop)

I spilled some sauce on the countertop while making dinner; thankfully I was able to clean it up before company came.

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**course:** (1) a particular plot of land set aside for a particular sport  
(synonym: tract)

This is actually known to be one of the trickier golf courses in our area.

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**course:** (2) a class, or other collection of lessons, on a specific subject  
(synonyms: class, lesson)

He was enjoying his astronomy course.

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**court:** (1) an open space set aside for a particular sport or activity  
(synonym: yard)

The tennis court was surrounded by luscious gardens.

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**court:** (2) the location of a legal decision, often involving a judge, jury, and lawyers

(synonyms: tribunal, courtroom)

Court was in session at 8:00 AM.

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**court-martial:** a military court responsible for trying those who have broken military laws

The court-martial has military police throughout the proceedings.

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**cream puff:** a light pastry with a hollow center that is frequently filled with a pastry cream

The pastry chef worked on making 300 cream puffs for the evening's dessert.

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**creation:** the process of having made or invented something new  
(synonyms: origination, conception)

The infant was a beautiful example of the creation of life.

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**creature:** a living being, such as an animal, or a fictional living being

(synonyms: organism, thing)

Unable to tell if it was a lizard or turtle, we only knew that the creature was hiding in its hole.

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**creep:** to move carefully, slowly, or quietly

(synonym: crawl)

The turtle was known for his ability to escape; he would creep across the floor without us knowing.

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**criminal:** a person who was responsible for committing a crime

(synonyms: felon, delinquent, offender)

The criminal was sent to jail for stealing.

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**crisis:** a situation that is characterized by intense trouble or danger

(synonyms: predicament, emergency)

The weather created an intense crisis situation as more and more areas began to flood.

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**crooked:** something that is bent, or twisted; not straight

(synonyms: bent, curved)

The walkway leading up to the front door was crooked.

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**crossroads:** an intersection of two roads or pathways

(synonym: junction)

I'll meet you at the crossroads between the two streets.

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**crowd:** a large number of people or animals in one place

(synonyms: mass, throng)

There doesn't seem to be too large of a crowd at the airport today.

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**cruise:** a boat trip around an area for pleasure, rather than to transport cargo

(synonym: voyage)

I'd like to take a cruise to Alaska next summer.

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**crux:** the part causing the greatest distress, or of highest importance

(synonyms: heart, core)

Though there were many things bothering her, the crux of the issue was her stress about work.

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**crystals:** solid objects with faceted sides

The beads looked like beautiful crystals when strung together.

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**cuff:** the end of a sleeve or pant leg where the fabric has been folded to prevent fraying

Because I'm so short, we had to hem the cuff of my pants by two inches.

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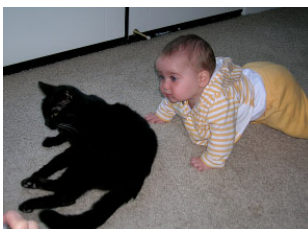


**cupboard:** a cabinet with multiple shelves commonly used to store various items such as food or dishes

(synonym: cabinet)

One of my chores is to put the clean dishes away in the cupboard.

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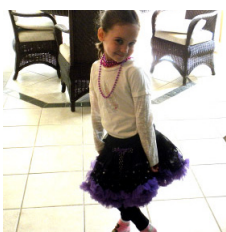


**curiosity:** a desire to learn or to discover more

(synonyms: inquisitiveness, interest)

Having never seen a cat before, the baby was overcome by curiosity.

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**curtsy:** a woman's or young girl's bow made by crossing the legs and bending at the knees

(synonyms: bow, bob)

Following her ballet performance, she gave a curtsy to the crowd.

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**customer:** person who purchases goods or services

(synonyms: consumer, patron)

After saving for months, the customer was thrilled to finally buy her dream shoes.

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**D**



**dairy:** a place where cows are raised and used for their milk

The dairy has over a thousand cows and supplies milk to most of this region.

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**deadline:** a time and date for when something must be finished

(synonym: due date)

The deadline for my midterm is tomorrow at ten.

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**dean:** a college administrator responsible for a department or portion of a university

(synonyms: head, director)

The dean of the department fixed the problem when two professors were assigned to give classes in the same room at the same time.

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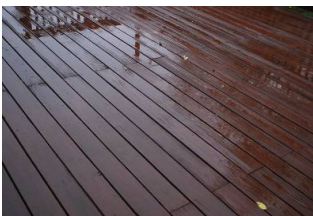


**debut:** the first public introduction of a person, product, or performance

(synonym: opening)

Though she had sung for her family, the local artist event at the park was her public debut.

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**deck:** (1) a flat, roofless outdoor platform

The restaurant has a beautiful deck where you can watch the sun set.

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**deck:** (2) the levels or the floor of a ship or boat; can resemble stories in a building

(synonym: floor)

The cruise ship has 20 decks; our room is on Deck 12.

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**deck:** (3) a full set of playing cards

(synonym: pack)

The deck has 52 cards in four suits.

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**dedication:** the condition of showing oneself to be devoted to something

(synonyms: faithfulness, loyalty)

The students' dedication to their schoolwork is recognized monthly with awards.

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**defeat:** (1) having achieved a win over competition or a foe

(synonyms: conquest, victory)

At the horse race, it was shocking to see the defeat of the favored winner by a horse no one had ever heard of.

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**defeat:** (2) the results of a loss in competition

(synonyms: failure, loss)

Our first football game of the season ended in a sad defeat.

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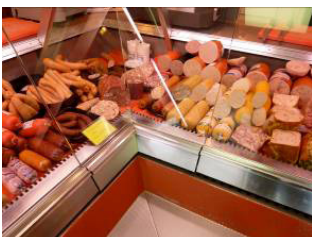


**delay:** a situation that causes a slow-down in the effort of achieving or arriving; the cause of being late

(synonyms: wait, lag)

The freeway accident caused a major delay in my daily commute.

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**deli:** short for delicatessen, a food store selling cheese, cooked or cured meats, and other foods such as sandwiches

(synonym: delicatessen)

We are heading to the deli for lunch; they're famous for their specialty cheese and meats.

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**delivery:** the act of moving something to somewhere or someone else

(synonyms: mail, transport)

The delivery from the deli arrived.

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**demand:** the act of forcibly telling someone what to do or what is acceptable

(synonyms: command, order)

Though the sign was worn, the ranger made the demand clear when he stopped our car.

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**deputy:** an individual selected to assist or work in another's duty

(synonyms: agent, alternate)

The deputy assists the sheriff with all of the duties, including arresting criminals.

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**descent:** ancestry or lineage

(synonyms: pedigree, origin)

The girl is of Indian descent.

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**designer:** a person who plans the look or form of things, such as clothes, furniture, cars, and so on.

(synonyms: creator, planner)

The fashion designer wore her own design to the party.

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**despair:** feeling a complete lack of hope

(synonym: hopelessness)

After her grandmother's funeral, she felt overwhelmed with despair.

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**desperado:** a reckless or desperate person, usually a criminal

(synonyms: bandit, outlaw)

The desperado would go to any length to escape the police.

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**detectives:** people in law enforcement who investigate and attempt to solve crimes

After the break-in, the detectives came to investigate the scene.

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**determination:** showing a quality of wanting to accomplish something

(synonyms: will, purpose)

He set a goal of walking the 40-mile trail in one day, and then showed his determination by hiking daily.

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**diagnosis:** the process or result of determining the cause of a problem by observing the symptoms

(synonyms: interpretation, analysis)

After listening to her symptoms, the doctor ordered an X-ray, which helped him make a diagnosis of pneumonia.

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**dial:** a disk with numbers on it used to measure things, such as time, speed, or pressure

The dial of the clock showed I was going to be late.

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**die:** a small cube with six or more sides showing numbers or symbols for numbers; singular of *dice*

We rolled the die to determine who would go first.

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**dinghy:** a small, open boat similar to a sailboat, often used for racing

(synonyms: skiff, boat)

We took the dinghy out for a day on the lake.

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**dingo:** a wild dog found in Australia, usually with a sand-colored coat

(synonym: dog)

We are adopting a half-dingo, half-domestic dog for the family.

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**disability:** the state of having difficulty or incapacity, generally caused by illness, injury, or birth defect

(synonym: handicap)

Having a disability did not stop him from getting an amazing job after college.

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**display:** to place something where it can be easily seen

(synonyms: exhibit, demonstrate)

The florist put out a lovely display of her work.

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**distracted:** having an inability to concentrate due to having additional things on one's mind

(synonym: confused)

Drivers distracted by texting cause many accidents.

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**district:** an area, or part of a city or county used for a certain purpose or defined by a characteristic

(synonyms: community, territory)

Downtown you will find the financial district, fashion district, and the diamond district.

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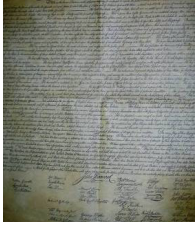
**division:** a unit; usually a portion of government, military, business, sports, or other large institutions

(synonyms: department, branch)

The Internal Revenue Service is a division of the federal government.

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**document:** a piece of writing that is official in nature

(synonym: writing)

The Declaration of Independence is one of the most famous documents in United States history.

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**doily:** a small piece of embroidered fabric or crocheted string made to look like lace

(synonym: napkin)

The doily was my grandmother's; she kept it on the dining room table under the vase.

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**dolly:** a cart or platform used for moving large or heavy objects

There is no way I could have moved all the boxes without the dolly.

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**domino:** a flat rectangular game piece with a number of dots on its face

I was having a hard time deciding where to place my domino.

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**dory:** a small rowboat with a flat bottom, high sides, and pointed bow commonly used for fishing

(synonyms: boat, ship)

The dory's high sides kept us safe from the waves.

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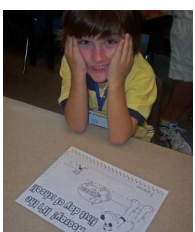


**doubt:** having a feeling of uncertainty

(synonyms: misgiving, reservation)

Pondering his pending move, he felt a lot of doubt regarding whether he was ready to go.

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**dread:** great feelings of apprehension or fear of a future event

(synonyms: fear, apprehension)

He felt a lot of dread when his teacher started talking about the things he and his fellow students would be learning this year.

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**dressing:** (1) a liquid used to flavor other items such as a salad  
(synonym: sauce)

She makes her own salad dressing.

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**dressing:** (2) a bandage; protective cover applied to a wound  
(synonyms: patch, bandage)

The dressing covered the dog's stitches so they could heal.

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**driveway:** a short, drivable space used to connect a house to a public roadway  
(synonym: drive)

My house has a very long driveway.

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**drove:** a herd of animals gathered up in order to move them together  
(synonyms: flock, multitude)

The drove of sheep moved across the farm to their new pen.

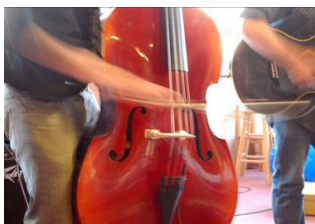
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**duchess:** a woman whose high rank is equal to that of a duke, either through her own heritage or by marriage to a duke

The duchess enjoyed dressing for balls.

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**duet:** a performance consisting of two musicians, dancers, or singers  
(synonym: duo)

The two friends performed a wonderful duet.

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**duke:** a man with the highest social rank below a prince

The duke and his duchess went to all the royal events.

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**dune:** a hill of sand that is built by the wind blowing

Many people love riding quads over the sand dunes at the coast.

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**duplex:** a single building divided into two residences

(synonyms: brownstone, apartment)

Our duplex is very quiet; we rarely hear our neighbors.

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**duty:** an action someone should take due to it being right or fair

(synonyms: responsibility, obligation)

The lifeguard has a duty to protect the swimmers.

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**dwarf:** a person of unusually small height, or a short human-like creature in fairy tales and legends

(synonyms: elf, fairy)

The dwarf mined the magic gems to help the princess.

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**E**



**economy:** the state of money, jobs, and property ownership at a given time

When many stores go out of business, it is a sign of a bad economy.

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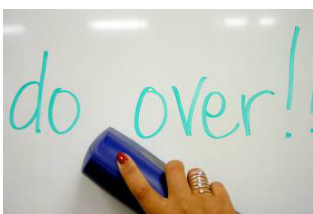


**eddy:** a small portion of liquid or gas that spins in a different direction than the rest of the current

(synonym: whirlpool)

When we took out the stopper in the drain, an eddy formed in the hot tub.

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**edit:** to change something in writing or style

(synonyms: rewrite, refine)

After writing a paper, it is often helpful to have a friend look it over and help you edit it.

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**editor:** someone who looks at the writings for a book, newspaper, or magazine to make sure the writing is clear

(synonym: rewriter)

Before sending tomorrow's newspaper to be printed, the editor must take a final look to check for mistakes.

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**ego:** the part of a person that does the thinking, feeling, or wishing

(synonyms: psyche, egoism)

He feels quite confident, which makes me think his ego is large.

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**electricity:** that which deals with an electrical current; an electric current that brings power to others

(synonym: current)

Due to the terrible storm, our electricity went out.

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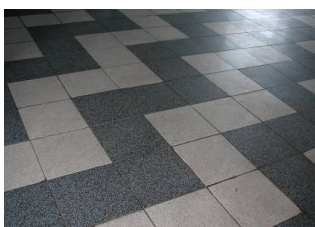


**elegy:** a sad song or poem meant to honor the dead

(synonyms: lament, requiem)

Not knowing what to say when her pet died, the small girl sang an elegy.

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**element:** a part of a whole; or one of many pieces that make up a whole

(synonyms: matter, material)

Each tile is a different element, which makes the floor unique.

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**elf:** an imaginary creature that looks like a small human and has magical powers

(synonyms: dwarf, fairy, sprite)

Santa Claus has an elf working on each toy given to kids at Christmas.

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**embargo:** a government rule that makes it illegal to trade in certain areas

(synonyms: ban, restriction)

After several threats, the United States enacted an embargo against Cuba and would not trade with them.

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**emergency:** an unexpected situation requiring immediate attention to prevent serious negative or dangerous results

(synonym: crisis)

The emergency was a fire at the lodge.

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**emissary:** an agent or representative sent on a secret mission to engage in activity or negotiate on behalf of another party

(synonyms: agent, spy)

The emissary was sent on a secret mission to Russia.

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**emperor:** the male supreme ruler of a realm

(synonyms: king, monarch)

The emperor commanded all of his people to follow his laws.

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**emphasis:** specific stress or special importance attached to something

(synonyms: importance, significance)

The government seal added extra emphasis to the importance of the document.

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**empire:** a group of people or nations ruled by either one person or one government

(synonyms: commonwealth, domain)

Napoleon ruled a large empire until his defeat.

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**empress:** a female who rules a large area of land alone

(synonym: queen)

An empress ruled the Egyptian empire several times during its history.

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**enhancement:** the act of adding something to improve value or beauty

(synonym: improvement)

Though the table was nice to begin with, the candle was a nice enhancement next to the flowers.

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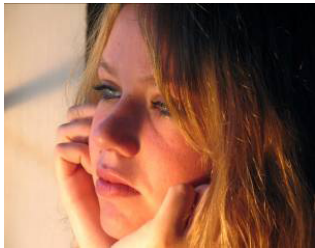


**entice:** to attract by offering something valued

(synonyms: tempt, lure)

Lures weren't working, so I decided a nice juicy worm would entice the fish to bite.

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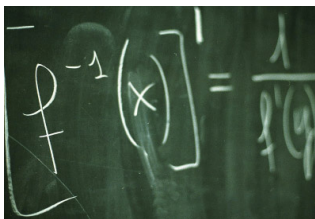


**envy:** a feeling of unhappiness due to not having what someone else has

(synonym: jealousy)

She looked out the bus window at all her friends' cars and felt nothing but envy.

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**equation:** a mathematical phrase where both sides are equal to one another

Algebraic equations can be tricky when solving for X.

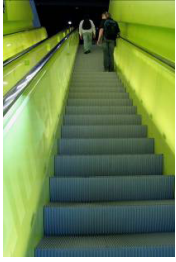
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**equinox:** one of two days a year when the sun is directly over the equator, causing day and night to be of equal length all over the world.

The equinox only occurs in March and September, marking the first day of spring and fall.

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**escalator:** a moving stairway that assists people in going between floors of large buildings

(synonym: moving staircase)

After a long day of shopping, I was thankful the mall had an escalator.

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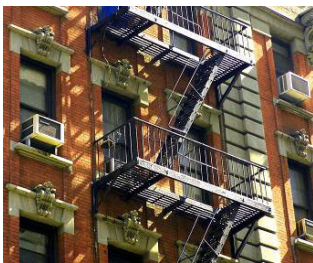


**escape:** (1) the act of getting away from something

(synonyms: flight, getaway)

A good book offered a welcome escape from the stress of work.

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**escape:** (2) a means for getting away from something that could cause harm

(synonym: exit)

A fire escape is important for evacuating during a fire or other emergency.

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**ethics:** the social rules based on morals, respect, and good judgment

(synonym: morals)

Many laws are built on social ethics.

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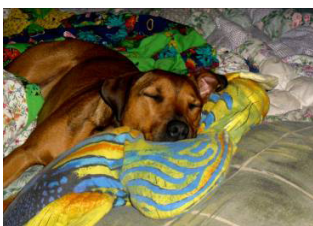


**exam:** to perform a medical inspection

(synonyms: test, evaluation, inspection)

The newborn was quiet during her first exam, which made it easier for the nurse to hear her heartbeat.

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**exhausted:** to have used up one's energy resources

(synonyms: tired, worn-out)

After a day playing ball and swimming in the lake, the poor dog was exhausted.

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**expansion:** the act of enlarging something

(synonym: extension)

Increased traffic made the bridge expansion a necessary improvement.

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**expert:** a person known for having large amounts of knowledge about something specific

(synonyms: authority, master, specialist)

A doctor must become an expert in anatomy if he or she wishes to become a surgeon.

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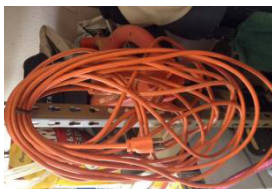


**explosive:** an item with qualities likely to cause an explosion

(synonym: ammunition)

Hand grenades, like most explosives, must be handled with caution.

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**extension:** a part added to an item to make it longer or larger

(synonym: addition)

The extension to the cord added an extra 100 feet.

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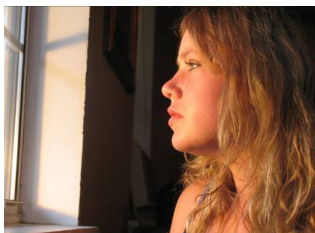


**exuberance:** the quality of showing a large amount of joy or enthusiasm

(synonyms: enthusiasm, liveliness)

Her exuberance was easily seen when she ran to hug her new puppy.

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**eyewitness:** person who saw an event happen and can tell others what happened as he or she saw it

(synonyms: spectator, bystander)

After watching her neighbor's house being robbed, the woman acted as an eyewitness in the case.

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**F**

**fabric:** a material most commonly made of woven fibers and used to make clothing

(synonyms: cloth, material)

I love tie-dyeing fabric, especially for shirts.

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**factory:** a place where items are made by machines, such as cheese, cars, or shoes

(synonym: plant)

We went to a cheese factory while in Wisconsin.

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**failure:** the result of doing something unsuccessfully, or not doing anything at all

(synonyms: flop, bomb)

His attempt to jump over the chair resulted in failure when he fell and broke his arm.

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**faint:** to lose consciousness, usually due to a drop in blood pressure

(synonym: pass out)

The sight of blood caused him to faint.

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**faith:** a strongly held belief or trust in a person, entity, or idea

(synonyms: confidence, belief)

The religious man has faith in a superior being.

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**farrier:** a person who creates or fits shoes for horses

(synonym: blacksmith)

The farrier bent the hot metal into the correct shape to fit the prize-winning stallion.

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**fascination:** the state of having one's attention completely directed at something

(synonyms: allure, romance)

His fascination with the small frog left him unaware of his mother's calls.

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**fate:** an event or ending that is predetermined by destiny

(synonyms: destiny, fortune)

As fate would have it, the tornado missed the houses nearby but hit the local shopping center.

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**favor:** a helpful and kind act

(synonyms: kindness, courtesy)

Her daughters did her a favor by pushing her wheelchair through the park.

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**fax:** a machine used to send and receive pages electronically to or from another of the same machine

(synonym: facsimile)

We received a fax with all of our travel plans.

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**feature:** (1) any recognizable part of a face, such as the eyes, nose, or lips

(synonyms: trait, characteristic)

The baby's eyes are her most striking feature.

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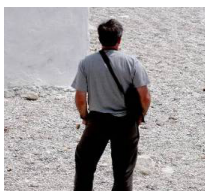


**feature:** (2) a part of an item that makes it distinct

(synonyms: quality, attribute)

The statue was made of beautiful white porcelain, an attractive feature.

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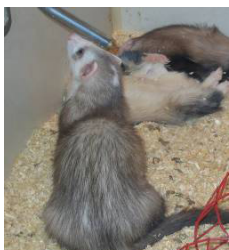


**fella:** word for a boy or man, generally less formal

(synonyms: fellow, guy)

He was one cool fella.

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**ferret:** a type of weasel that has been made into a pet; they typically feature light fur and a long body.

A ferret can make a good pet because it has lots of energy and a curious personality.

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**fertilizer:** a substance, natural or chemical, used to make soil better for growing plants

(synonym: manure)

On big corn farms, adding fertilizer helps farmers grow more plants.

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**fiancé:** a man who has agreed to be married

Though wedding planning is hard, the bride-to-be often looked at her fiancé with adoration.

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**fiancée:** a woman who has agreed to be married

His fiancée was a photographer.

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**fiasco:** a situation that has an unplanned and bad end result

(synonyms: disaster, bust)

Though originally planned to be a pleasant dinner, it became a fiasco when the food started to burn.

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**flamingo:** a tropical bird with long legs and pink or red feathers

The flamingo gets its pink coloring from the red brine shrimp it eats.

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**flee:** to run away quickly due to a need to escape

(synonyms: escape, run away, shun)

The deer began to flee when they saw the bear.

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**fleet:** a large group of ships, airplanes, trucks, or cars owned or operated by one company, or otherwise working together

(synonyms: armada, group)

The fleet of sailboats left the island at the same time, trying to reach the harbor before the storm.

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**flesh:** (1) the part of the body that lays between the skin and bones, often made of muscles and fatty tissue

(synonym: fat)

The legs are known for having more flesh than the hands.

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**flesh:** (2) the soft part of a fruit or vegetable that is commonly eaten

(synonym: meat)

When eating cantaloupe, the seeds or rind are not good to eat; the flesh, however, is sweet.

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**flock:** a large group of animals, usually birds or sheep, which are typically kept together

(synonyms: herd, drove)

It is not uncommon for a flock of sheep to come visit when they see you have food.

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**fluff:** a soft and small part of something that is light in texture

If you want your wish to come true, you should not tell people what you wished for when you blow on the dandelion fluff.

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**focus:** the area that holds a person's attention or the level of clarity of a photo

(synonyms: center, spotlight)

The curious boy focused on bugs in his yard.

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**foggy:** having an unclear vision due to a haze; natural fog comes from tiny droplets of water in the air

(synonyms: hazy, gray, cloudy)

During the spring, it is foggy in the mornings in certain parts of the country.

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**fort:** a large, strongly defended space occupied by military individuals for defense or protection

(synonyms: fortress, castle, citadel)

The fort had tall walls and a thick door so that the soldiers could see out but enemies could not get in.

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**fortress:** a large, secured building, or walls around a community that provide protection

(synonym: fort)

The fortress walls are all that remain of some medieval castles.

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**fortune:** (1) a large amount of property or wealth

(synonyms: riches, treasure)

The new owners hoped the change in menu would attract customers and bring in a fortune.

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**fortune:** (2) the results of luck, which could be either good or bad

(synonyms: fate, luck)

Though four-leaf clovers are considered to bring good luck, as fortune would have it, we could only find clovers with three leaves.

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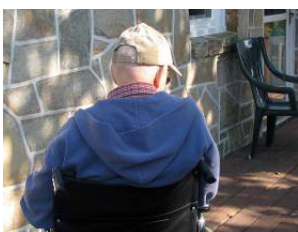


**fortune:** (3) a person's fate, destiny, or the results of experiences during a person's life

(synonym: destiny)

The psychic told the young woman her fortune, that she would one day have four children.

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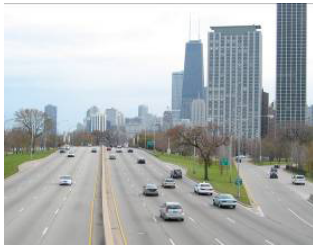


**frailty:** the state or quality of being weak

(synonyms: fragility, weakness)

The frailty of the man meant that he had to use a walker to get around.

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**freeway:** an express highway with more than two lanes and no stop signs, traffic lights, or intersections, allowing traffic to move at high speeds

(synonym: expressway)

The traffic on the freeway was stop-and-go with rush hour traffic.

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**freezer:** a very cold refrigerator or refrigerator compartment that freezes foods or stores frozen foods at or below 32 degrees (Fahrenheit)

(synonyms: cooler, icebox)

The freezer can be on the top, on the bottom, or alongside the refrigerator, depending on the model.

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**frighten:** making someone afraid or anxious

(synonym: scare)

The mask will frighten the children.

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**fungus:** one of a diverse group of single-celled organisms that appear similar to plants, but cannot make their own food using sunlight in the way plants do; fungi (plural form) consume plant, animal, and other living matter; mushrooms, yeasts, and molds are fungi; fungi help decompose dead plants and animals.

The fungus grew on the trunk of the tree.

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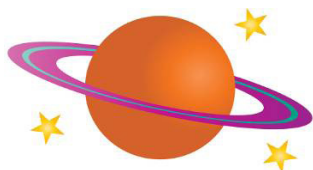


**gaggle:** typically refers to a group of geese

(synonym: flock)

When we went to the park to feed the geese, we were greeted loudly by a whole gaggle!

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**galaxy:** a group of many stars, usually in the thousands or millions, grouped together through gravity

Earth is part of the Milky Way, a spiral-shaped galaxy made of millions of stars.

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**gale:** a strong gust of wind that usually measures 30 or more miles per hour

(synonyms: squall, tempest)

We decided to stay in and play board games; looking at the way the trees were nearly sideways outside told us it wasn't just windy, but that there were gale-force winds!

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**gallows:** a platform and frame, usually made of wood, used to hang criminals

Though no longer used, many criminals were hung on the gallows.

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**gangster:** a person who participates in criminal behavior as part of a large organized group or gang

(synonyms: hoodlum, thug, mobster)

Al Capone is one of the most famous gangsters in history, though gang activity has changed a lot since then.

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**gecko:** a small lizard with a large head and sticky fingers that help it to climb walls or travel upside-down

(synonym: lizard)

The gecko enjoys teasing cats by sitting on a branch outside the window while they watch from inside.

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**general:** one of the highest ranking people in the United States military

(synonym: officer)

The general works to keep thousands of soldiers safe at war.

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**genius:** a person who is much smarter than other people

(synonyms: intelligence, ability)

It would take quite a genius to figure out how to end world hunger.

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**ghetto:** an area of town where houses cost less to live in but where there are often fewer jobs and less upkeep on streets and parks

(synonyms: slum, hood)

There are many things the city could do to freshen up this area; instead, it is turning into a ghetto.

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**glacier:** a large piece of ice or compacted snow that forms in cold areas, usually slowly moving down a mountain

Glaciers only move a few inches a year, but they are so big that they can create huge valleys.

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**go-between:** a person who is placed in the middle of two people to communicate information, often when people are angry with one another

(synonyms: liaison, intermediary)

Often a mutual friend will act as the go-between when two people fight.

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**goddess:** a female god

(synonym: muse)

Athena is a famous Greek goddess.

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**goodness:** the state of being decent, or the place from which respectable actions originate

(synonyms: kindness, righteousness)

She bought special presents for each family member out of the goodness of her heart.

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**goods:** items that can be sold or that people need to buy

(synonyms: possessions, cargo)

Many of the goods we buy are made in other countries.

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**goodwife:** a woman who is the head of her household (archaic)

(synonyms: wife, missus)

When her husband had cancer, she became the goodwife, making sure the kids went to school on time, and going to work to pay the bills.

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**goof:** a mistake or careless error

(synonyms: blunder, bloop)

She put too much paint on the star stamp, and the goof caused drip marks on her artwork that she didn't like.

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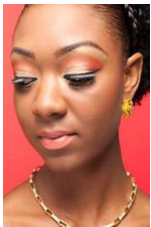


**goof-off:** a person who rarely does what is expected of him or her, often choosing to relax or make jokes rather than work.

(synonyms: shirker, idler)

Though at work, that didn't stop her from being a goof-off, as she was talking on the phone the whole day rather than working on reports.

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**gorgeous:** extremely attractive or beautiful

(synonyms: glorious, superb, grand)

I wish I could do gorgeous makeup, but my mom won't let me wear it.

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**gourmet:** food that would please even the most sophisticated tastes

(synonym: epicurean)

Along with the average waffle with syrup, they served gourmet waffles with fruits and chocolate.

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**grace:** to have an elegance in motion; to move in a beautiful manner

(synonyms: elegance, charm)

The couple danced with such grace.

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**grave:** a place where a person is buried after he or she dies

(synonyms: tomb, burial)

I like to think my uncle knows I'm visiting when I go to his grave.

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**griddle:** a pan or flat surface used in cooking over direct heat such as a stove or fire

(synonym: pan)

The house smells amazing; I bet Mom's got biscuits and gravy cooking on the griddle!

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**grief:** great sadness or distress resulting from a loss

(synonyms: despair, sorrow)

Looking at pictures in his photo album helped, but he still felt a lot of grief over the death of his wife.

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**grip:** a strong hold on something

(synonyms: clasp, clutch)

It takes a strong grip to hammer in a nail without dropping the hammer.

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**grotto:** a small or artificial cave

(synonyms: cave, cavern)

The waves in the grotto made a beautiful echoing sound.

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**guard:** a person or group who watch out for danger or bad changes

(synonyms: warden, security)

The guard kept a good eye out for danger while keeping the gold safe.

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**gulch:** a cut in the ground with steep sides and rocks, sometimes with a creek or stream in the bottom

(synonyms: chasm, gorge, ditch, channel)

While hiking, we had to be careful not to fall in the gulch.

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**gulf:** a large part of the sea surrounded on three sides by land

(synonyms: bay, opening)

The land around the gulf provides some shelter from storms for boats.

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**gully:** a small valley made by running water such as a creek or stream

(synonyms: trench, ravine)

Having so much water from rain, the gully is full of beautiful green plants such as ferns.

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**gutter:** a small channel used to move excess rainwater

You can tell there was a storm; there is water near the gutter.

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**gypsies:** an ethnic group known for frequently moving from place to place; gypsies are also known for their dances and colorful clothing.

(synonyms: nomad, vagrant)

The young women, dressed as gypsies, danced for the performance.

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## H



**handcuff:** one of two metal rings that are joined to each other by a short chain or bar that can be locked around a person's wrist

(synonyms: shackles, fetter, restraint)

The handcuff kept the prisoner restrained.

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**handkerchief:** a piece of fabric used for wiping the nose or face; can be used as a pocket decoration

(synonym: kerchief)

After sneezing, she was happy she had a handkerchief, since there were no tissues available.

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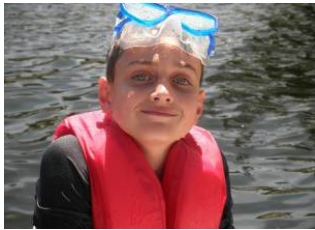


**handle:** part of an object made for fitting in the hand and used to operate or carry an item, such as a fabric loop on a bag or a lever used to open a door

(synonyms: hold, shaft)

Fearful of dropping her computer bag, the girl held tightly to its handle.

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**handsome:** a description of appearance commonly used to describe an attractive male

(synonym: dapper)

The boy was handsome, especially with his deep blue eyes.

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**harness:** a set of straps made of leather or fabric that are used with an animal, usually to help direct it or attach it to something else, such as a cart

(synonyms: bridle, halter)

The horse turns when he feels a pull on one side of his harness.

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**haul:** an amount of items collected at one time and moved

(synonyms: loot, cache)

The moving truck was weighed down by the couple's furniture, which was quite a haul.

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**hawk:** a large bird typically known for its eyesight and hunting ability

The hawk dove out of the sky and caught a mouse for dinner.

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**headline:** to be the main performer or the star of the act

(synonyms: lead, star, feature)

The dancer headlined the night.

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**headquarters:** the main place where an organization's offices and meetings are held

(synonyms: base, post)

Though she liked working in her little office, it was a big deal to go to the next town to meet the big boss at headquarters.

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**headscarf:** a piece of cloth or other material worn over the head to cover the hair

(synonym: kerchief)

The girl wore a colorful headscarf that looked beautiful with her outfit.

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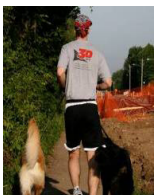


**headstone:** a stone or other heavy object used to mark the place where someone is buried

(synonyms: tombstone, monument)

The headstone had the man's birth date and death date on it.

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**health:** the way one's body is affected by illness or fitness

(synonyms: fit, condition)

Not only good for humans, running is also good for a dog's health.

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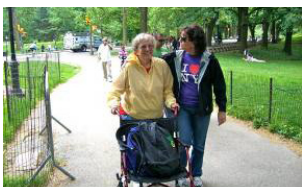


**hearsay:** information gained through hearing about an event from someone else who was not there him- or herself

(synonyms: rumor, gossip)

Even though she wasn't there, the girl heard about her brother's embarrassing fall through hearsay from her friends.

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**helpfulness:** the action of providing assistance

(synonyms: aid, help, usefulness)

Her daughter's helpfulness was definitely appreciated.

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**hem:** the bottom edge of a piece of fabric, such as a dress or pants, made by folding and sewing the cloth to keep it from fraying

The hem of the pants was perfectly even, and high enough to show off the shoes.

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**herd:** a group of animals that live and travel together

(synonyms: flock, pack)

At the sight of the bear, the herd of horses ran the other way.

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**highway:** a large road without stop signs or stoplights where people can drive between cities and towns

(synonyms: route, freeway, thoroughfare)

Normally, taking the highway to Grandma's rather than the back roads is faster.

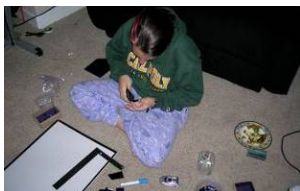
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**hive:** the home built by a colony of bees where they bring the pollen and make honey

When walking in the woods, keep your eyes open for a hive of bees in the trees.

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**hobby:** something one does during his or her free time for fun

(synonym: interest)

Enjoying arts and crafts is a common hobby.

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**hobo:** a homeless person who often travels looking for work or shelter

(synonyms: vagrant, bum)

The hobo scavenges in the dumpster for cans to recycle for money.

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**homelessness:** the condition of having no house or residence due to lack of money

Homelessness is a problem in our town, with many families living in cars or on the street.

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**hostess:** a woman who holds a party; the greeter of guests or customers in a restaurant

She was the perfect hostess, welcoming and cheerful; she even made sure to have everyone's favorite food!

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**humiliate:** to make someone else, or yourself, feel foolish or embarrassed

While in class he would never raise his hand, even when he knew the answer; he was too afraid he would humiliate himself if he got it wrong.

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**humility:** being humble or modest

(synonym: modesty)

Though proud of her accomplishment, she showed her humility by not making it obvious.

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**hummed:** having sung to oneself with lips closed, or making a noise such as that of a bee

Learning to read music, he hummed along with the teacher to show he understood how long a note should be.

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**humor:** the instance of being able to express or understand what is funny or amusing

(synonym: wit)

Her humor made everyone around her laugh and smile.

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**hut:** a small, humble dwelling or shelter made of grass, mud, or logs

(synonyms: home, hovel)

The hut was made up of one large room that was big enough for an entire family.

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**hygienist:** a person who cleans teeth to avoid decay

The hygienist cleans my teeth every six months.

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**hypothesis:** a proposition or educated guess that can be tested and can be used to guide further study

(synonyms: theory, guess)

The scientist's hypothesis was tested in the laboratory.

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**ignorance:** to not have information regarding a specific subject

(synonyms: bewilderment, innocence)

Sadly, the fire got out of control when the workers' ignorance on how to use the fire extinguisher kept them from using it.

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**imagination:** the ability to pretend something

(synonyms: inventiveness, originality)

In her imagination, she was a beautiful princess being wooed by her prince.

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**immaturity:** the characteristic of acting younger than one is

(synonym: youth)

Every once in a while, immaturity can make boring moments more fun.

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**imperialism:** to spread one government's power to another area, usually using military force

The Roman Empire is an example of imperialism, as the army took over other areas all across Europe.

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**impressively:** the state of having a trait that is admirable due to size, strength, or beauty

Though the boulder looked heavy; impressively, he wasn't scared standing below it.

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**improvement:** the actions that have taken place to make something better

(synonyms: advance, upgrading)

Though the planter looked okay to begin with, the new plants and bricks were a big improvement.

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**infamous:** to be known for a bad quality, such as meanness or having done something bad

(synonyms: atrocious, evil, rotten)

Probably one of the most infamous characters of all time, the Wicked Witch of the West is known for being mean to children.

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**infatuation:** having a large amount of love or admiration for someone or something

(synonyms: fascination, obsession)

Given that Ariel is the best character ever, the infatuation of every little girl is unsurprising.

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**inferior:** the state of feeling smaller or less valued

(synonyms: lower, peon)

Standing next to the performer in stilts and his much taller friends, the short boy felt inferior.

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**infestation:** having a large population of unwanted insects

(synonyms: disease, affliction)

Unfortunately, the aphid infestation caused much of the tree to wilt.

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**information:** facts or needed knowledge for assisting someone

(synonyms: advice, knowledge)

When completely lost, the information gathered from signs can help you find your way.

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**ingredient:** an item combined with other, different items in a recipe

(synonym: additive)

The most common ingredient in spaghetti sauce is the tomato.

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**injury:** a painful area caused by damage or accident

(synonym: affliction)

When he fell off his bike, he got quite an injury to his knee.

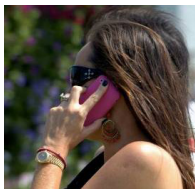
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**inlet:** small cove or sheltered area in a lake or sea

Given the waves on the rest of the lake, the water of the inlet was peaceful.

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**inquiry:** the act of asking questions or looking for information

(synonyms: inquisition, investigation)

The woman made an inquiry regarding her purchase.

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**inspiring:** the process of filling someone with a belief that he or she can do something

(synonyms: impress, arouse)

Listening to a favorite song can be inspiring to many future radio stars.

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**institution:** an organization or foundation set up for a specific purpose, such as a hospital, prison, or school

(synonyms: agency, foundation)

The institution had strict rules to follow.

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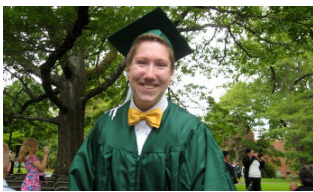


**instructor:** a person who teaches or informs; a teacher

(synonyms: teacher, professor, advisor, lecturer)

The instructor is giving the people a lesson on how to train their dogs.

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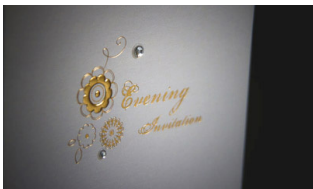


**intelligence:** ability to learn, understand, and reason

(synonyms: cleverness, smarts)

Intelligence is a characteristic most graduates possess.

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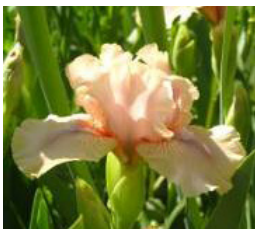


**invitation:** the request to attend an event

(synonyms: invite, request)

The invitation invited the workers to the company picnic.

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**iris:** a plant that has sword-shaped leaves and large flowers

The iris, my favorite flower, blooms in a variety of colors in the springtime.

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**J**



**jack-in-the-box:** a toy made of a box with a puppet that springs up when the lid is opened

The jack-in-the-box scared the baby when the toy popped out.

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**jealousy:** a feeling of envy or resentment towards an enemy or person because of what he/she has or can do

(synonym: envy)

Her jealousy over her friend's new boyfriend was obvious.

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**jester:** a professional fool or clown hired to tell jokes or do pranks, especially during the Middle Ages in royal courts

(synonyms: fool, clown)

The jester entertained the court with his jokes.

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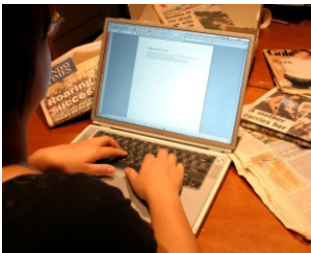


**journal:** a daily record of a person's observations, experiences, or thoughts

(synonyms: diary, record)

The woman writes in her journal every evening.

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**journalist:** the job of reporting, writing, editing, photographing, or broadcasting news and information to the public through newspaper, magazines, radio, television or other media

(synonym: reporter)

The journalist wrote a story about the top soccer team in the county.

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**journey:** a trip from one place to another, usually taking a long time

(synonyms: trip, ride)

The family took a journey in an airplane across the states.

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**judgment:** the ability to judge; a decision made by someone in power; an official decision; verdict

(synonyms: decision, sentence, verdict)

The judgment was in support of the plaintiff and against the defendant.

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**justice:** the quality of what is fair, just, and right

(synonyms: fairness, equity)

The court's duty is to uphold justice for all.

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**justification:** a reason that explains, rationalizes, or defends

(synonyms: cause, defense, excuse)

She cited his cruelty to her as justification for her violent action against him.

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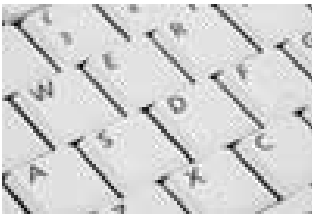


**keeper:** a person who is responsible for maintenance, care, and keeping

(synonyms: caregiver, warden)

The keeper takes care of the bees to get honey.

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**keyboard:** a row of keys set in tiers for operating a computer, piano, cell phones and so on

The keyboard's middle row is called the home row.

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**kickoff:** the start or beginning; the initial stage of something

(synonyms: start, beginning)

The kickoff to his new business was the cutting of the ribbon.

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**kiddo:** slang for a child

(synonyms: child, kid)

"Hey, kiddo, do you want to help with mowing the lawn?" the father asked.

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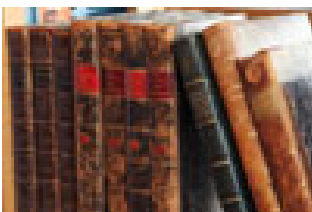


**kin:** a group of people in the same family; relatives

(synonyms: family, relatives)

Their kin lived all over the country but came together at least once a year.

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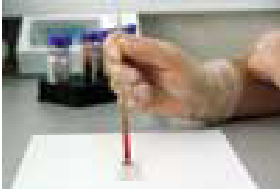
**knowledge:** the fact or state of learning or knowing; education, or awareness and understanding

(synonyms: intelligence, wisdom)

Knowledge can be found in books if you read them.

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# L



**laboratory:** a place for scientific experiments

Blood samples are tested in the laboratory.

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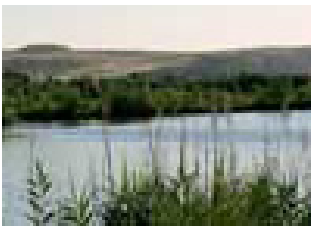


**lady-in-waiting:** a lady of a royal court who works for the queen or princess

(synonym: princess)

The lady-in-waiting hoped to one day become a queen.

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**lagoon:** a body of shallow, fresh water that connects to a larger lake or river

(synonym: gulf)

The lagoon was clear and the water was warm.

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**lampshade:** protective covering for a light

The lampshade kept the bright light out of my eyes.

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**laptop:** a computer that can be moved around and rests on a person's lap

The student used his laptop on his bed.

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**lash:** an eyelash

(synonym: eyelash)

The long lash fell into my eye.

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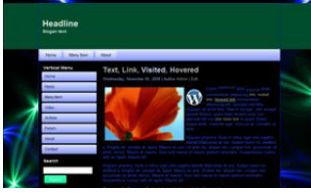


**latch:** a fastener or lock with a bar or bolt that fits into a notch or hole for holding a door or gate closed

(synonyms: lock, bolt)

The latch held the gate closed.

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**layout:** a composition, design, or plan

(synonyms: arrangement, design)

The staff decided the layout of their new website.

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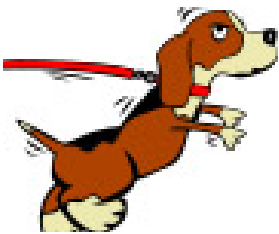


**leak:** to let something escape or come in by accident through an opening, crack, or flaw

(synonyms: drip, trickle, seep out)

The toilet leaked and left water on the bathroom floor.

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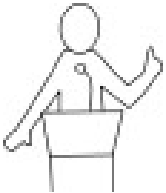


**leash:** a chain, strap, or rope attached to the collar or harness of an animal used for controlling or leading it

(synonym: tether)

The leash on the dog kept him from running away.

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**lecture:** to give a long talk or presentation

(synonyms: speak, address)

The professor lectures from behind her podium.

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**leech:** a kind of worm that lives in water or mud and sucks blood from animals

Leeches were once used in medicine to take out blood from sick people.

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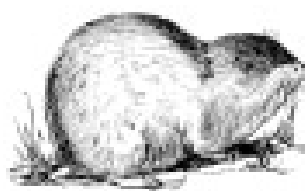


**legislation:** the act of making laws by a body of government; the act or process of passing laws

(synonym: act)

The legislation that passed gave more money to education.

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**lemming:** very small mammal that looks like a mouse with a short tail

Lemmings are rodents that live in Europe, Asia, and North America.

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**levy:** the collection, by the government, of money or property

(synonyms: tax, tariff)

The levy on the goods helps to support government spending.

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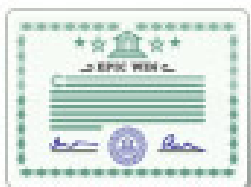


**liberty:** the right or power to act and choose freely without restriction or control

(synonyms: freedom, independence)

Liberty is a right all United States citizens possess.

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**license:** legal permission to do something or own something

(synonyms: permission, sanction)

The teenager got her driver's license on her sixteenth birthday.

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**limitation:** a restriction; that which limits, confines, or restricts

(synonyms: restriction, limit)

The young boy's limitation was the end of his street.

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**lingo:** language and speech that is specialized to a specific field, work, or study

(synonyms: jargon, idiom)

Business lingo is filled with acronyms.

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**linguistics:** pertaining to language

The linguistics of an individual language are intriguing.

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**litter:** (1) a mess of waste materials; objects thrown away improperly

(synonyms: garbage, refuse)

The litter on the beach was disgusting.

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**litter:** (2) a number of young animals, such as puppies, born to one mother at one birth

(synonyms: brood, young)

There were five puppies in the mother's litter.

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**loathing:** a strong dislike; revulsion

(synonyms: hatred, disgust)

Her loathing was so strong that she wanted to punch the man.

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**location:** a place where something can be found

(synonyms: place, site)

The location of our hotel was down the path from the beach.

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**loch:** a lake, or an arm of the sea, that is largely surrounded by land; bay

(synonyms: bay, fjord)

The loch was too shallow to boat near the bridge.

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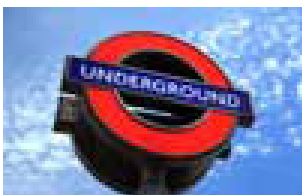


**logic:** a system of solving a problem using precise thought and reasoning

(synonyms: reason, sense)

His use of logic helped him to solve many problems.

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**logo:** a name, symbol, or graphic representation for a company

(synonym: trademark)

A logo is unique to one company.

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**loss:** a decrease of an amount or number in size

(synonyms: shrinkage, reduction)

Her weight loss was over ten pounds.

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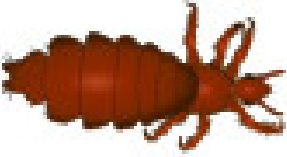


**lounge:** to pass time by sitting or reclining in a relaxed way

(synonyms: recline, laze)

Around the pool is the perfect place to lounge.

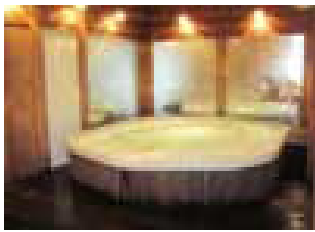
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**louse:** a parasite or wingless insect with a flat body that sucks and bites, and that lives on humans and other animals

A single louse turns into many lice.

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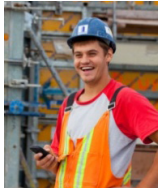
**luxury:** a service or material that is for pleasure or comfort but is not necessary

(synonym: treat)

The bubble bath at the expensive hotel was a luxury.

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**M**



**machinist:** a person who is skilled in operating machines

The machinist was taking his break.

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**magician:** someone who performs magic

(synonyms: wizard; sorcerer)

The magician levitated the woman above the ground.

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**maiden:** unmarried girl or woman

The maiden worked in the castle and hoped to find her own prince.

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**malady:** a chronic illness or disorder of the body or mind

(synonyms: ailment, condition)

The boy's malady often made it difficult to walk.

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**mallet:** a short-handled hammer with a large head shaped like a barrel, most often made of wood

(synonym: hammer)

A mallet can be used to hit a surface without damaging it.

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**mammal:** a warm-blooded animal with fur or hair on its skin, a backbone, the ability to make milk to feed its babies, and that gives live birth

The mammal has white fur on his body.

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**manager:** the person who handles, controls, or directs a business or acts as the leader of a plan or project

(synonyms: director, supervisor)

The manager led the team to finishing by their deadline.

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**maniac:** an insane, wild, or violent person who can be a danger to others

(synonyms: kook, crazy)

The maniac frightened everyone with his look.

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**manicured:** trimmed, shaped, or polished

(synonym: clipped)

The lawns of the park were manicured.

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**manners:** the socially correct way of doing something

(synonyms: etiquette, norms)

Jason used his manners when eating at the table.

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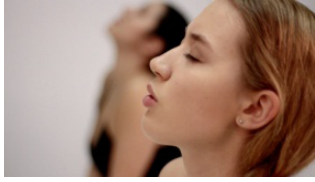


**mansion:** a large, grand, impressive, and expensive home

(synonyms: estate, villa)

The mansion has over 30 bedrooms and 20 bathrooms.

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**mantra:** a commonly repeated phrase of sacred words to be spoken or sung as in a prayer

The women chanted their mantra while doing yoga.

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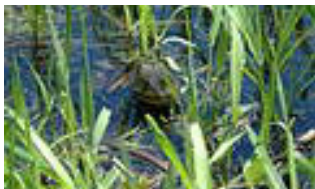


**mare:** a female horse

(synonym: horse)

The mare roamed the field.

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**marsh:** a low, wet area with tall grasses and cattails; bog

(synonyms: wetland, swamp)

The marsh was filthy and filled with alligators.

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**mascot:** the symbol of a team or organization; thought to bring good luck

The mascot of the baseball team is a moose.

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**mass:** large amount, number, or quantity

(synonyms: abundance, many)

The mass of tacks would hurt you if you tried to pick them up.

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**massive:** large and heavy; a lot of one thing

(synonyms: enormous, vast, colossal)

The tree was massive.

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**mastiff:** breed of large, strong dogs originally from Asia

The mastiff sat quietly and looked at her owner.

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**mattress:** a rectangular pad made of heavy cloth filled with soft material, usually used as a bed

(synonym: bed)

The mattress at the hotel was soft.

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**mayor-elect:** the up-and-coming mayor (highest official in a town or city)

The mayor-elect will take office in January.

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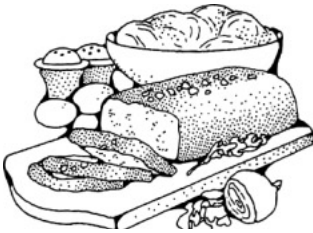


**means:** assets, resources, riches, wealth

(synonyms: resources, provision)

The Trump family has the means to help others when they are in need.

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**meatloaf:** a baked loaf of ground beef, pork, and/or veal mixed with egg, bread crumbs, and other ingredients

The meatloaf cooked in the oven for two hours.

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**mechanic:** a person who is skilled in making, using, repairing, and maintaining tools, machines, and engines

The mechanic fixed the problem with my car.

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**medicine:** a substance used to treat a disease or illness, injury, pain, or other symptoms; remedy

(synonyms: drug, pills)

The woman takes her medicine faithfully every morning.

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**memento:** an object or item that reminds a person of a past event, period of time, or relationship

(synonyms: favor, souvenir)

He collected a memento from every place he visited.

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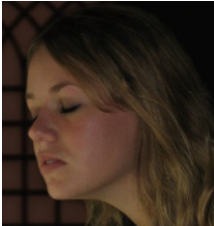


**memo:** (the shortened word for memorandum) a short note for remembering something that needs to be done

(synonyms: note, reminder)

His desk was filled with memos to himself.

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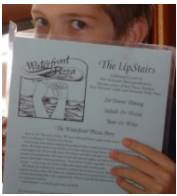


**memory:** the mental ability to recall or remember experiences from the past

(synonyms: recognition, recall)

Her memory of the past made her feel uneasy.

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**menu:** a list of dishes or foods served at a restaurant

The boy looked at the menu to pick what he wanted to order.

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**merchandise:** man-made goods for buying and selling

(synonyms: goods, wares)

The merchandise was placed on the shelves for the customers to buy.

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**merchant:** a person who buys and sells goods for a profit; the owner of a shop

(synonyms: trader, proprietor)

The merchant sold fresh fish daily.

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**metro:** a subway train or system, often underground

(synonyms: subway, train)

The metro can be found in large cities.

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**microphone:** an instrument that transmits sound through an amplifier

The microphone was on a stand for the singer to use.

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**military:** having to do with war; having to do with the armed services

(synonym: armed forces)

The military was deployed to Afghanistan.

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**mill:** someone who owns or works in a mill

The mill worked long, hard hours.

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**misery:** a state of being unhappy; suffering from a need, poverty, sickness; in trouble

(synonyms: agony, torment)

Her misery occurred after she was hit.

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**mission:** buildings, shelters, and/or land used by a group that is given a special job or task, especially a governmental or religious task, offering food and assistance to needy persons

There are missions throughout California.

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**mob:** large group of people who are angry or excited

(synonyms: throng, crowd)

The mob gathered outside the building.

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**mooch:** a person who begs and borrows things, normally money or food, with no intention of repaying or returning

(synonyms: freeloader, sponge)

The mooch always asks to borrow money but never gives it back.

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**morgue:** a place where dead bodies are kept and identified

The morgue is a sterile environment.

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**mortarboard:** a flat cap with a tassel that is fitted to the head; used in graduation and other academic ceremonies

The graduate wore her mortarboard proudly for the commencement ceremony.

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**mountaintop:** the highest part, or top, of a mountain

(synonyms: peak, summit)

The climber successfully reached the mountaintop.

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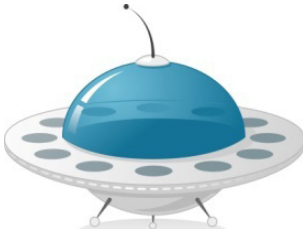


**mug:** a heavy cup with a handle used for drinking

(synonyms: cup)

I have a blue and white mug that I like to drink my coffee out of every morning.

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**mystery:** a subject that is kept a secret, or that cannot be known or explained

(synonyms: puzzle, riddle)

UFOs are a mystery.

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## N



**nanny:** a person who is employed to take care of the children in a household

(synonyms: caretaker, babysitter)

The nanny took the baby to the beach for the day.

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**nation:** a large territory made up of people united under their own government

(synonyms: state, country, people)

Japan is a nation.

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**native:** a person born and raised in a particular place or country, or coming from a specific country or region

(synonyms: citizen, local)

The mask is native to Peru.

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**necessary:** essential; important to achieve a certain result

(synonyms: needed, required)

A life preserver is necessary for all lifeguards.

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**neckerchief:** a cloth folded and tied, then worn around the neck

(synonyms: scarf, bandanna)

The Boy Scout wore a neckerchief as part of his uniform.

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**neighborhood:** a specific area or region within a city that is different from other areas

(synonyms: region, community)

The neighborhood was full of large apartment buildings.

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**nesting:** the act of making a shelter, especially to house eggs or babies

The bird was nesting high up in the tree.

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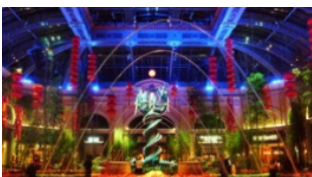


**network:** to connect to an association of people or organizations that are related through a common interest

(synonyms: interact, intermingle)

The student networks with her friends online.

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**nightlife:** entertainment and social activities that people seek and that are available at night

When they went to the city, they experienced its nightlife.

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**nobility:** a group of people born into a noble or prominent rank

(synonyms: royalty, aristocracy, upper class)

The nobility consisted of kings and queens.

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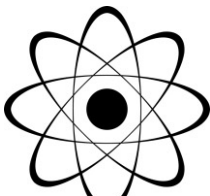


**nomad:** person who has no permanent home and moves from place to place

(synonyms: gypsy, wanderer)

The nomad walked the desert searching for a new home.

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**nucleus:** the central part around which other parts are grouped

(synonyms: core, heart, center, seed)

The nucleus is the core of the structure.

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**nunnery:** a home or buildings for nuns; a convent

(synonyms: abbey, cloister, convent)

The nuns lived at the nunnery.

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**oaf:** a clumsy, stupid person; a blockhead

(synonyms: blockhead, dope)

The oaf dropped all of the boxes.

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**oasis:** a small, green area in a desert where plants can survive

(synonyms: refuge, harbor)

The family spent its vacation at the beautiful oasis.

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**occasion:** a specific date or time that something happens; a special event

(synonyms: event, affair)

At this particular occasion, we watched the fireworks.

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**occupation:** a job or career; a way that a person earns money

(synonyms: vocation, livelihood, avocation)

The gentleman's occupation was as a welder.

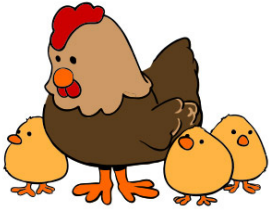
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**ocelot:** a nocturnal wild cat that lives in North and South America

The ocelot sleeps during the day.

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**offspring:** the child or young of a particular human, animal, or plant

(synonyms: product, child)

The chicken and her offspring were walking down the road.

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**omelet:** a cooked dish made of eggs with a filling

I would like a spinach and mushroom omelet.

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**opponent:** one that is against another in battle, combat, or competition

(synonyms: enemy, foe, adversary)

He played his opponent in a long game of chess.

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**opportunity:** a good possibility for a better time

(synonyms: chance, opening, occasion)

He had an opportunity to apply for a new job.

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**opposing:** to be in conflict with another

(synonyms: contrasting, conflicting)

We played the opposing team on their home field.

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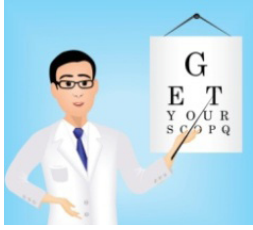


**optimism:** a positive outlook and belief that everything will be okay; a hopeful viewpoint

(synonyms: hopefulness, cheerfulness)

His mother's optimism made his bad mood go away.

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**optometrist:** a doctor who specializes in examining people's eyes and prescribes corrective lenses

The optometrist said to read the eye chart.

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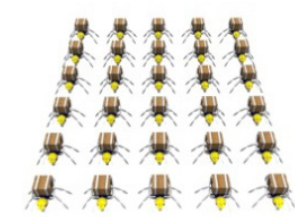


**orchard:** a piece of land for growing fruit or nut trees

(synonyms: grove, woods)

The rancher was in the orchard checking to see if the almonds were ready to be harvested.

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**order:** the visual structure or classifications of how something is organized or arranged in space or time

(synonyms: sort, class, position)

The computer chips were displayed in a certain order.

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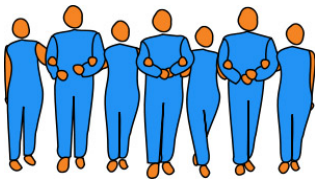


**orderly:** someone who works in a hospital cleaning or doing other basic work that is nonmedical in nature

(synonyms: aide, assistant)

The orderly used a wheelchair to take the patient to physical therapy.

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**organization:** an association or group of people that organize themselves for a common purpose

(synonyms: club, union, outfit, company)

The organization gave scholarships to the high school seniors.

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**outskirts:** the border or fringes of outlying areas of a city or town

(synonyms: fringes, bounds, outer edge)

His ranch is located on the outskirts of town.

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**overseas:** a place across the ocean

(synonym: abroad)

I would like to travel overseas to many countries.

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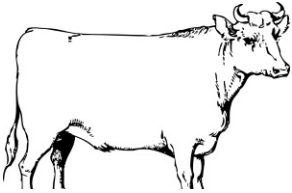


**owner:** one who owns or possesses something

(synonyms: landlord, titleholder, proprietor)

The owner bought a used pickup truck.

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**ox:** member of the bovine family used on farms to pull heavy loads

(synonyms: yak, bison, buffalo, steer)

The ox was needed to prepare the land for seeding.

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**P**



**pace:** to walk back and forth or to set a rate of motion

(synonyms: stride, tread)

The boy paced his jogging.

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**pack:** a bundle; a group of things wrapped together in a container

(synonyms: package, carton, parcel, bundle)

He put his pack of socks in the pack.

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**package:** a container; a wrapped box usually used for storage or shipping

(synonyms: parcel, container, box)

The package was labeled "Fragile" on the side.

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**palace:** the home of royalty or other persons of high rank; a nice, large home

(synonym: castle)

The royal family lives in the palace.

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**panic:** a sudden, frightening fear or terror that often causes a person, or a group of people, to be overly alarmed and act without thinking

(synonyms: fright, scare)

The girl was in a panic because the washer was flooding.

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**paperback:** a book having a soft, flexible paper binding

He always had a paperback handy so that he could read while waiting.



**paralysis:** a loss of feeling in or ability to move a body part, usually due to nerve damage

He suffered paralysis of his legs, so he had to use a wheelchair.



**paralyzed:** to make unable to move

The paralyzed man rode around town in his wheelchair.



**paraphernalia:** personal belongings; furnishings or equipment used for a specific job or activity

(synonyms: gear, equipment)

A chef's paraphernalia is all of her utensils.



**parentheses:** a pair of curved lines used in writing to explain a remark

In writing, authors will use parentheses to set a comment apart from the main information and explain it.



**participant:** a person that is involved or shares in something

(synonyms: member, contestant, partaker)

The participant played in the tennis tournament.



**passer-by:** a person who passes casually or by chance

(synonym: bystander)

The passer-by scared all the birds in the square.



**pasta:** dough made from flour and eggs that is dried in various shapes and then boiled in water

(synonym: noodles)

Mom made pasta almost every night with dinner.

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**pastor:** a minister or priest having spiritual charge of a church or congregation

(synonyms: minister, clergy, priest)

The pastor fired up the congregation at his church.

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**pasture:** an area of grass or vegetation where animals graze

(synonyms: meadow, field, paddock)

The cows were grazing in the pasture.

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**pathology:** the scientific study of a disease and its causes

The doctor studied the pathology of cancer in children.

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**patience:** the quality of staying calm; the ability to wait without complaint; being even-tempered

(synonyms: tolerance, persistence, diligence)

The elderly lady had a lot of patience while waiting for the late train to arrive.

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**patrol:** the act of moving about in an area to observe, especially with authority

(synonyms: beat, watch, guard)

The helicopter patrols the neighborhood for suspicious behavior.

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**pedigree:** line of ancestors; the family tree of an animal or person

(synonyms: pure-bred, lineage, ancestry)

The dog's pedigree makes this breed valuable.

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**penknife:** a small, folding pocketknife

(synonyms: pocketknife, Swiss Army knife)

My son carries a penknife whenever he goes camping.

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**performance:** entertainment done before an audience; the act of performing

(synonyms: show, act, rendition, exhibition)

The actor's performance was fantastic.

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**perfume:** a substance that gives off a fragrant, pleasing odor

(synonyms: cologne, scent, fragrance)

The perfume came in a beautiful spray bottle.

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**permit:** to let or allow

(synonyms: authorize, consent)

The authorization permits her to park close to the entrance.

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**perseverance:** steady persistence in a course of action, task, or belief without giving up

(synonyms: patience, tenacity)

Because of his perseverance, he was able to finish the marathon.

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**pew:** a long bench with a back, usually found in a church

The pews at church are uncomfortable.

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**pharmacist:** a person trained to fill prescriptions

(synonym: druggist)

The pharmacist is knowledgeable about different medications.

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**pharmacy:** a place where medicines and drugs are sold; the art and science of preparing and dispensing drugs and medicines

(synonym: drugstore)

My aunt went to the pharmacy to pick up her medication.

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**phony:** an untrained person who pretends to be someone that he/she is not

(synonyms: fake, imposter, quack)

The woman pretended to be a doctor, but she was a phony.

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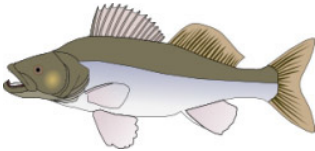


**physician:** a licensed medical doctor

(synonyms: doctor, general practitioner)

The physician specializes in pediatrics.

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**pike:** a northern freshwater fish that has a long, flat snout

(synonym: fish)

Fishermen fish for pike in the small lakes of North America.

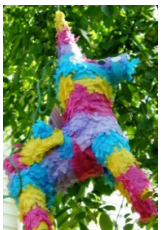
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**pilaf:** a steamed rice dish, often made with onions, celery, meat, and seasonings

Pilaf is cooked many different ways throughout the United States.

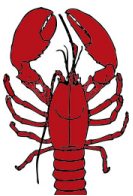
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**piñata:** a decorated container filled with toys and candy that is held up high and hit with a stick

Matt had a colorful piñata for his birthday party.

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**pincers:** claw of an animal, such as a crab, that is used for grasping

(synonyms: claw, forceps)

Lobsters and crabs have pincers.

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**pinky:** the finger farthest from the thumb; little finger

Your pinky is your smallest finger.

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**pitcher:** (1) jug with a handle and a spout for pouring

(synonyms: jug, carafe, decanter)

The beautiful blue pitcher held enough water for everyone.

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**pitcher:** (2) in baseball, the person who throws the ball toward the batter

The pitcher pitched the ball to the batter.

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**pizzeria:** a place where pizzas are made and sold

My family goes to our favorite pizzeria at least once a month.

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**placebo:** a harmless or inactive medication given to a patient, or to the control group in experiments

The placebo was given to the people in the control group to see if their symptoms would improve compared to the real medication.

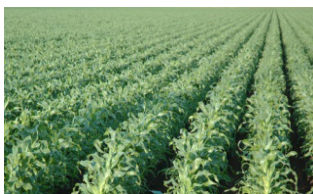
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**planetarium:** a building that houses an optical device that projects images of the solar system, sun, moon, stars, and planets on a dome

Our class visited the planetarium to learn about the solar system.

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**plantation:** a large farm or estate where crops are raised

Cotton was grown on the plantation.

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**planter:** an ornamental container for small plants or trees

The woman had several planters on the balcony of her apartment.

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**platoon:** a military unit that is a subdivision of a company and has two or more squads or sections, usually led by a lieutenant

(synonyms: squad, unit)

The men in the platoon fought in the war together.

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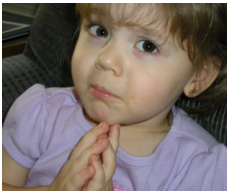


**plaza:** a public square; open area in the center of a town

(synonyms: square, piazza, court)

The people gathered at the plaza to eat and chat.

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**plead:** to beg; to argue sincerely

(synonyms: beg, appeal, beseech)

The little girl pleaded with her dad to stay longer.

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**pleasure:** a feeling of bliss, delight, or joy

(synonyms: delight, enjoyment, happiness)

Seeing the sale at her favorite store brought the woman much pleasure.

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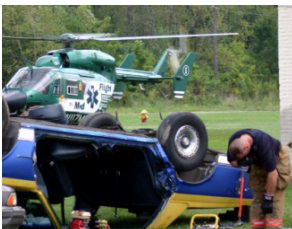


**pliers:** a gripping hand tool that has a pair of pivoting jaws connected to two hinged handles

(synonyms: clamp, pincers)

The pliers were used to loosen the tight top of the jar.

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**plight:** a bad situation; difficult situation that is especially unpleasant or unlucky

(synonyms: troubles, dilemma, predicament)

The plight of the passengers in the car accident seemed hopeless.

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**plumber:** a craftsman who installs and repairs pipes that carry water through buildings

We called a plumber to fix our clogged-up toilet.

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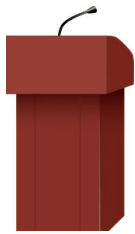


**pod:** a group of marine mammals, such as dolphins or seals, that feed and travel together

(synonyms: school, group)

The pod of whales swims together.

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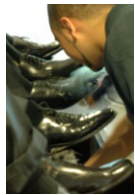


**podium:** an elevated platform, as for a speaker or orchestra conductor, to give importance to the person

(synonyms: platform, dais, stand)

The professor used the podium to give his lesson.

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**polish:** to make smooth and shiny

(synonyms: shine, buff, sparkle)

The attendant polished all of the shoes.

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**poncho:** a blanket-like cloak with a hole in the center for a person's head

(synonyms: cloak, raincoat)

He used his poncho to cover himself in the rain.

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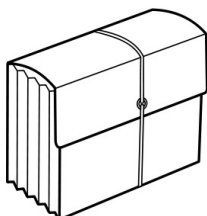


**pontiff:** the head of the Roman Catholic Church; the Pope; a bishop

(synonyms: pope, bishop)

The pontiff gave a great sermon to the large congregation.

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**portfolio:** a portable case for holding papers; the set of pieces of creative work collected by a person

(synonyms: anthology, collection)

The writer put his work in a portfolio to show the publisher.

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**portico:** a porch or entrance to a building with a roof that is supported by columns

(synonym: porch)

The building has a small portico at the entrance.

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**potluck:** all the food available at a meal, often brought in by various people

There was a huge variety of food at the potluck.

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**poverty:** the state of being poor; having little or no money or material possessions

(synonyms: neediness, want)

Many people throughout the city live in poverty.

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**precise:** exact in performance or execution; without mistakes

(synonyms: exact, accurate, specific)

The precise measurements helped him to cut the wood perfectly.

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**prescription:** a form, usually written by a doctor, for medication or a specific treatment

(synonyms; instruction, recommendation, direction)

I picked up my prescription for a new medication from my doctor.

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**presentation:** the act of presenting; a performance; a lecture

(synonyms: lecture, performance)

The exhibitor made his presentation to the audience.

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**presidio:** a military post built to protect missions and other buildings, especially by the Spanish in the southwestern United States; a fortress used for protection

(synonyms: fort, fortress, garrison)

Our class traveled to San Francisco and toured the presidio.

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**principle:** a basic truth that is accepted as a standard on which action or behavior is based

(synonyms: law, code, rule, ideal, theory, doctrine)

Our nation's laws are based on the principles of liberty and justice.

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**product:** the result of something made by man or nature

(synonyms: creation, invention, merchandise)

The store was filled with different kinds of hair care products.

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**progress:** development; movement in time or space; advancement towards a goal; growth

(synonyms: development, advancement, improvement, headway)

The economy is making slow progress toward recovery.

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**promo:** (informal word for promotion) a persuasive message that is used to support a product in the media

(synonyms: publicity, packaging)

The giant gorilla was used as a promo to help attract customers to the car lot.

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**proof:** any material or factual evidence that helps to establish truth

(synonyms: evidence, trial, sample)

The detective was looking for proof of who committed the crime.

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**property:** something owned, such as a building or a piece of land

(synonyms: lot, estate)

The family has a "Keep Out" sign on their property.

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**proposal:** (1) an offer of marriage

(synonym: marriage offer)

She was surprised by his proposal.

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**proposal:** (2) the act of presenting a plan for consideration

(synonyms: request, offer, plan, overture)

The partner shared his proposal for the new business.

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**protest:** to express an objection; to be in opposition to someone or something

(synonyms: complaint, grievance)

The students were protesting the increase in school tuition.

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**pucker:** pursed lips; to gather into folds; to wrinkle

(synonyms: gather, wrinkle, pull together)

The girl puckered her lips to kiss the dog.

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**pulley:** a simple machine with a wheel, or a set of wheels, that a rope or chain is pulled over

(synonym: hoist)

The pulley is used for lifting the engine on the factory assembly line.

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**pupil:** (1) the small, dark opening in the middle of the iris of an eye

Your pupils are black and enlarged.

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**pupil:** (2) - a person who is going to a school or academic institution; a learner

(synonyms: student, novice)

The pupil is working on the computer to complete her assignment.

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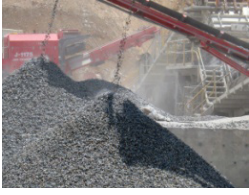


**pursue:** to try hard to accomplish; to chase

(synonyms: follow, engage)

The red car pursued the yellow car.

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**Q**

**quarry:** a large, open hole or pit dug for mining stone or slate

(synonyms: pit, dig)

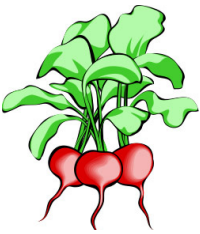
The truck picked up rocks at the quarry.

**R**

**rabbi:** spiritual leader or teacher of the Jewish religion or a Jewish congregation

(synonyms: clergy, minister)

The rabbi helped the young man with his scriptures.



**radish:** a bitter, fleshy, edible plant that has a crisp and strong-tasting root

The radish for our salad was grown in our garden.



**radius:** a straight line from the center to the perimeter of a circle or sphere

(synonyms: range, scope, extent)

The radius of the circle of stones is three inches.



**railway:** a railroad; a line of track providing a runway for wheels

(synonyms: railroad, tramline)

The railway between Sacramento and Reno is popular.



**rally:** a large gathering of people for the common purpose of arousing enthusiasm

(synonyms: assembly, demonstration, meeting)

The police officer arrived at the rally.



**ranch:** a large farm with services where livestock (cattle, horses, or sheep) are raised

(synonyms: farm, plantation, grange)

The farmer had cattle and horses on her ranch.





**rancho:** a ranch; a large farm with services where livestock (cattle, horses, or sheep) are raised

(synonyms: farm, plantation, grange)

He raised cattle on his rancho.

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**range:** (1) a group or series of hills or mountains

(synonyms: hills, ridge)

The smallest mountain range in the world is in Northern California.

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**range:** (2) large kitchen appliance used for cooking that has an oven and a stovetop

She used the range for both cooking and baking.

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**reality:** the state of being real or actual

(synonyms: fact, truth, certainty)

The reality was that they were going to get married on the beach today.

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**reaper:** a machine that cuts standing grain and gathers food from the field

(synonym: harvester)

The farmer used his reaper to harvest his grain.

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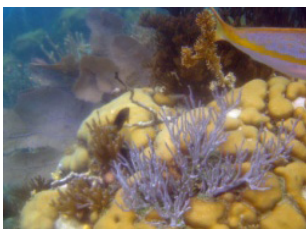


**recognition:** notice, credit, or approval

(synonyms: acknowledgment, tribute)

The athlete received recognition for coming in first place.

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**reef:** a submerged ridge of rock, sand, or coral at or near the surface of ocean waters

(synonyms: cay, key)

It was fun to snorkel around the reef and see exotic fish.

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**refinery:** a manufacturing plant where natural resources or raw substances are purified into usable products

(synonyms: smelter, distillery)

There is an oil refinery located in the next town.

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**reflex:** an automatic, natural reaction of the body that cannot be controlled

(synonyms: reaction, impulse)

The doctor tapped her knee to test her reflexes.

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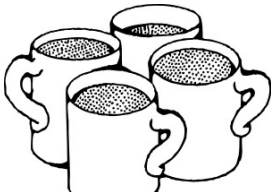


**reformatory:** a correctional institution for the holding, penalizing, and re-educating young offenders; reform school

(synonyms: prison, jail, detention center)

The teen was sent to a reformatory after breaking the law.

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**refreshments:** snacks or drinks served as a light meal

(synonyms: food, beverage)

On cold afternoons, our refreshments were cups of hot chocolate.

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**refrigerator:** an appliance for storing food at a low temperature

(synonyms: icebox, freezer)

Refrigerators keep food cold.

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**region:** an area of the earth's surface that has a certain type of land and climate

(synonyms: zone, space, domain)

The country of Italy has different regions.

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**regretful:** full of regret; sorry; sorrowful

(synonyms: remorseful, apologetic)

The dog was regretful for chewing his master's slipper.

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**relaxation:** the state or process of becoming calm; refreshment of the mind and body

(synonyms: leisure, respite)

She was lying on the grass for relaxation.

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**relay:** a race between two or more teams of people in which each member completes one leg of the race

The co-workers walked in the relay together.

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**released:** to set free from restraint

(synonyms: free, unrestricted)

The fisherman caught the fish and released it back into the lake.

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**relief:** to be released from pain; the feeling of not having the pain or worry that you had before

(synonyms: comfort, solace, remedy)

Shannon felt relief after hearing the good news.

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**remark:** a comment or short statement that states a personal belief or adds information

(synonyms: word, notice, note)

She remarked on the beauty of the horse.

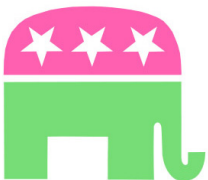
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**remote:** short for “remote control,” a device used to operate a machine, such as a television set, from a distance

I use the remote to change channels on the TV.

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**republican:** relating to the Republican political party

The elephant is the symbol of Republicans.

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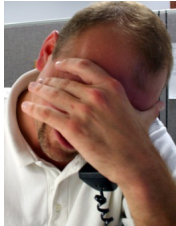


**research:** careful study; investigation; the collecting of information about something to establish facts

(synonyms: inquiry, investigation)

The student performed research on the computer.

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**resentment:** feeling of anger, disapproval, or ill-will because of injury or insult

(synonyms: discontent, grudge, indignation, miff, offense)

His resentment was heavy.

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**resident:** a person who lives in one place for a long time

(synonyms: occupant, tenant)

The resident lived in the cute, two-story, blue house.

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**responsibility:** a duty; an obligation; being accountable to someone else

(synonyms: duty, business, work)

The police officer has the responsibility of keeping order.

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**riches:** an abundance of possessions, or things that occur in nature in large quantities

(synonyms: money, assets, wealth, fortune)

Ed's riches were kept in the bank.

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**riff:** a short, rhythmic phrase, often repeated

The guitar player included a riff in his solo.

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**roach:** a cockroach; a nocturnal insect

(synonym: bug)

The roach was sitting on the windowsill.

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**robbery:** the act of unlawfully taking property

(synonyms: burglary, theft, stealing)

The car window was shattered during the robbery.

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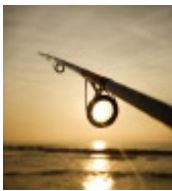


**robe:** long, loose gown or outer garment, such as one worn by officials or during ceremonious occasions

(synonyms: gown)

He wore a robe for the ceremony.

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**rod:** fishing pole used to extend the fishing line

(synonym: shaft)

The fishing rod was over the water.

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**romance:** a love affair; an emotional relationship between two people

(synonyms: passion, involvement)

The couple was celebrating five years of romance.

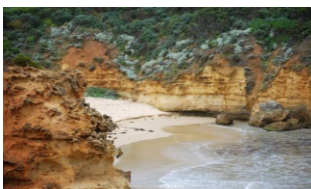
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**ruby:** a valuable, dark red gem that is polished, cut, and worn as jewelry

She got a ruby for her birthday.

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**rugged:** having an irregular surface

(synonyms: rocky, craggy, uneven)

The banks of the river are rugged.

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**rumor:** gossip; a story passed from one person to another by word of mouth that is usually a mixture of truths and untruths

(synonyms: hearsay, talk, chatter)

The girls passed on a rumor.

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**runway:** (1) a flat, level strip of land from which airplanes take off and land

(synonyms: path, track)

The runway was cleared for takeoff.

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**runway:** (2) a narrow platform extending out from a stage into the audience

(synonym: catwalk)

The models showed off the new styles on the runway.

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S



**sacrifice:** the act of giving up something of great value to show devotion or deep affection

(synonyms: loss, cost, offering)

Soldiers sometimes must sacrifice their lives for their countries.

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**safety:** freedom from danger; the condition of being secure

(synonyms: well-being, protection)

The sign is to help ensure the safety of the pedestrians.

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**salmon:** a fish that lives in northern waters and moves from saltwater oceans to freshwater rivers to lay its eggs

Many people enjoy eating salmon.

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**saltiness:** the taste of being briny

(synonyms: salty, salinity)

The saltiness of the popcorn lasted for a long time.

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**sanctuary:** a sacred place; a shelter from danger or hardship

(synonyms: refuge, asylum, haven)

The church sanctuary is a place to relax.

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**sanity:** the quality of being rational; sound powers of mind

(synonyms: lucidity, common sense)

The actress kept her sanity, as can be seen by her smile.

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**satisfaction:** a fulfilled feeling a person gets when one has met a desire, filled a need, or accomplished a goal

(synonyms: contentment, delight, gladness, pleasure)

She felt satisfaction after completing her task.

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**saucer:** a small, circular plate with a lip, usually used for holding a cup

(synonyms: dish, disk, discus)

The saucer holds the cup and spoon for my coffee.

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**savings:** an amount of money, or a fund that a person stores as a reserve

(synonyms: stash, nest egg, account)

The young child had a savings of \$3.10 in her piggy bank.

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**sawmill:** a building in which timber is milled into boards

(synonym: lumber mill)

The sawmill processed the trees to be made into furniture.

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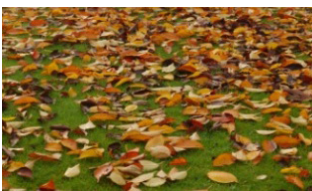


**scarf:** a long piece of cloth worn around the neck, head, or shoulders for warmth or looks

(synonyms: sash, ascot)

The kids put a scarf around the dog's neck.

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**scatter:** to separate; to go in different directions

(synonyms: spread out, distribute, disperse)

The leaves were scattered all across the yard.

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**scenery:** the view of a natural setting

(synonyms: landscape, countryside, vista)

The mountain scenery is beautiful.

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**scholar:** a specialist who has knowledge and mastery in a specific discipline

(synonyms: intellectual, researcher)

The scholar studies geography.

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**scolding:** a harsh reprimand or lecture

(synonyms: admonishment, chiding)

The little girl was sad after the scolding from her mother.

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**scruff:** the back of the neck

(synonym: nape)

The man covered the scruff of his neck with a shirt.

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**seam:** the line where two pieces of material are sewn together

(synonyms: joint, line of stitching)

You can see the seam of the pocket.

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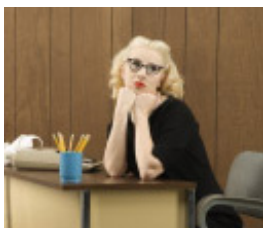


**seasoning:** a spice or herb that is added to food to make it taste better

(synonym: flavoring)

Seasoning is added to food to enhance the flavor.

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**secretary:** an assistant who is hired to write letters, keep records, and manage mail for an organization

(synonyms: clerk, recorder)

The secretary watched the clock, waiting for the end of the day.

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**Secretary-of-State:** a government minister for foreign relations

(synonym: foreign minister)

The Secretary-of-State had an important meeting with the President.

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**self-control:** control of one's feelings or actions

(synonyms: will, calm, composure, steadiness)

The son practiced self-control as his dad beat him at the video game.

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**senior:** a student in the last year of high school or college; an undergraduate

The senior helped the freshman with his homework.

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**senior citizen:** an older person; a person of retirement age

(synonym: elder)

The senior citizen held his grandbaby.

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**sentiment:** a tender or romantic thought based on a feeling or emotion

(synonyms: belief, opinion)

The sentiment she felt about her doll was strong.

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**sentry:** a guard placed at an entrance to keep watch against dangers

(synonyms: lookout, watch)

The sentry was guarding Buckingham Palace.

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**sergeant:** a noncommissioned officer in the military

The sergeant gave orders to the corporal.

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**series:** group of similar things that come one after another, or are placed together

(synonyms: run, set, cycle, string)

There were a series of chairs at the graduation.

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**service:** the work of a person or group who does things that benefit other people

(synonyms: duty, aid)

We depend on the service of police officers to keep our streets safe.

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**sheaf:** a bound bundle tied together for storage

(synonyms: bale, bunch, bundle, batch)

The sheaf of wheat was bound in a bundle.

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**sheriff:** the main law enforcement officer of a county

(synonym: marshal)

The sheriff's badge was left on the table.

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**shipyard:** a place where ships are built or repaired

The shipyard had many ships that needed to be repaired.

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**shock:** a sudden and powerful upset; disappointing surprise

(synonym: jolt)

He was in shock after he saw the bill for dinner.

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**siblings:** brothers and sisters

The siblings hugged for the family photo.

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**sideways:** turned on one's side

(synonyms: to one side, askew)

The picture was turned sideways.

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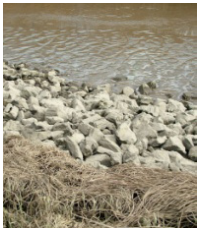


**silo:** a tall, cylindrical building used to store food

(synonyms: tower, bin)

The silo on the farm was near the barn.

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**silt:** sedimentary material made of fine particles such as clay and sand

(synonym: sludge)

The river contained a large quantity of silt.

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**skiff:** a small boat that may have sails or a motor, but can also be rowed

(synonyms: dinghy, rowboat)

The skiff was in the water.

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**slacks:** a pair of pants

(synonyms: trousers, chinos)

He ironed his black slacks.

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**solo:** a performance or musical composition that is performed by one person

(synonyms: unaccompanied, singly)

The guitarist was playing a solo.

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**sophistication:** the state of having worldly knowledge and complexity through experience

(synonyms: style, elegance)

The sophistication of her dress made for a beautiful bride.

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**sorrow:** the feeling of being sad

(synonyms: grief, unhappiness)

The little boy felt sorrow when he couldn't find his parents.

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**sous-chef:** a chef's assistant

(synonyms: subordinate, helper)

The sous-chef assisted the head chef with all of the main dishes.

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**species:** a scientific classification

(synonyms: type, class)

There are many different species of flowers.

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**spectacles:** eyeglasses for correcting vision

(synonyms: glasses, lenses)

His spectacles were expensive.

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**splendor:** brilliance; grandness; majesty; magnificence in display

(synonyms: glory, radiance)

We saw the splendor of the buttes on our drive.

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**sponsor:** to vouch for or pledge to support

(synonyms: back, fund)

The promoter sponsors the auto race.

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**spoof:** a parody; a humorous imitation; nonsense

(synonyms: hoax, joke, satire)

It was fun to walk in the city and see a spoof of Elvis Presley.

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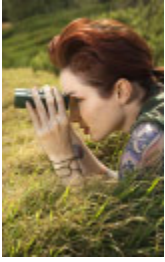


**sprinkler:** a device hooked up to a hose that water comes out of

The sprinklers helped to water the lawn.

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**spy:** a person who works for a government or organization to gain secret information; someone who secretly watches other people

(synonym: undercover agent)

The woman was acting as a spy, watching the other team's practice game.

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**squad:** a small number of persons trained to work cooperatively together; the smallest military unit

(synonyms: crew, team)

The squad was practicing its drill.

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**squadron:** two or more squads put together

(synonyms: team, troop, regiment)

The squadron had twelve soldiers in it.

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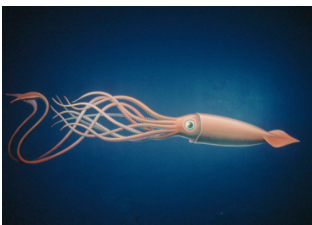


**squatter:** a person who stays or lives on a piece of land or a property, either without a legal right to do so, or under a government program that provides for eventual ownership by the settler

(synonyms: settler, nester)

The squatter worked hard to keep the land.

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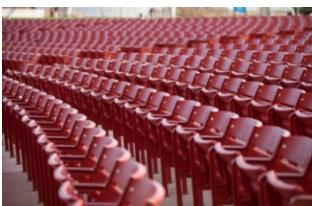


**squid:** a sea animal or mollusk with a long, soft body and ten strong tentacles

(synonym: mollusk)

I saw a squid at the aquarium.

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**stadium:** a large structure with tiered seating, usually open-air, used for sporting events and other outdoor activities

(synonyms: arena, bowl, park, field)

The stadium seats thousands of people.

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**staff:** a group, or the personnel, hired to do work

(synonyms: crew, faculty)

The staff worked together to save the patient.

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**stereo:** equipment designed for reproducing sound

(synonym: Hi-Fi, CD player)

The stereo in her car has a radio and a CD player.

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**stimulus:** something that causes a response, action, feeling, or thought

(synonyms: incentive, motive, impulse)

Watching the hockey players play hockey was a stimulus to play harder.

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**streetlight:** one of a series of lights placed on public streets

The streetlight was green.

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**strife:** conflict or hate, usually intense, and often violent

(synonyms: feud, discord, dispute)

There was strife between the two co-workers.

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**studio:** a room or shop for the purpose of teaching or practicing art; a one-room apartment

(synonyms: workshop, loft)

The artist works at her studio.

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**submission:** the surrender of power to another

(synonyms: obedience, acquiescence)

The submission by one side allowed the other side to win the war.

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**supermarket:** a large, self-service store that sells food and other household items

(synonyms: shop, superstore)

The family shops at the supermarket weekly.

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**supply:** goods available to use

(synonyms: stock, amount, resource)

The secretary has a large supply of notepads.

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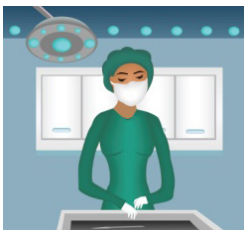


**surf:** ocean waves as they break on a shore or other land barriers

(synonyms: swell, breakers, rollers)

The surf broke along the beach.

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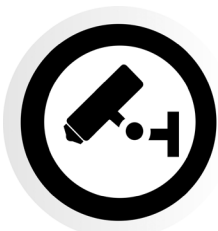


**surgery:** a medical procedure involving the repair or removal of a diseased organ or other body part

(synonym: operation)

The surgery successfully removed the cancer.

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**surveillance:** close observation of a person or group, especially one under suspicion

(synonyms: observation, scrutiny, investigation)

The camera was placed to get good surveillance of the store's entrance.

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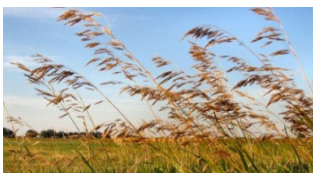


**swarm:** a large number; many things moving in a group

(synonyms: hive, host, nest, teem, crowd, group, horde, colony)

There was a swarm of bees at the park.

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**sway:** to move back and forth; to bend to one side

(synonyms: swing, wave)

The grass sways in the wind.

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**syllabus:** an outline of the main points of an academic study, lecture series, or text

(synonyms: program, summary, abstract, synopsis)

The course syllabus outlines all of the class's goals.

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**synopsis:** a short statement giving an overview, the main principles, or the sequence of events of a narrative, argument, article, or the like; summary; abstract

(synonyms: brief, outline)

The man gave a brief synopsis of his job when they first met.

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**synthesis:** the combining of elements to create a cohesive whole

(synonyms: blend, fusion, merger, union)

The synthesis of the two parts made a whole figure.

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## T



**tablet:** (1) a small dose of medicine in pellet form

(synonyms: pill, capsule, lozenge)

I take a tablet daily to help keep healthy.

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**tablet:** (2) a writing pad consisting of sheets of paper bound together at one edge

(synonyms: booklet, slab, notebook)

I took out my tablet to write my notes in.

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**talent:** an innate ability

(synonyms: gift, flair, knack, skill)

He has a talent for skateboarding.

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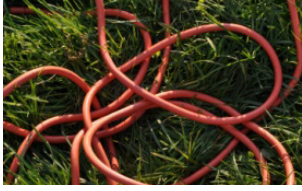
**tanginess:** having a tart, spicy taste or smell

(synonyms: acidity, sharpness)

Lemons give pies a tanginess.

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**tangled:** mixed together into a mess

(synonyms: knotted, snarled, twisted)

The electric cord was tangled after sitting outside for a few days.

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**tariff:** a government tax on imported or exported goods; duty

(synonyms: tax, levy)

The government has a tariff on exported goods.

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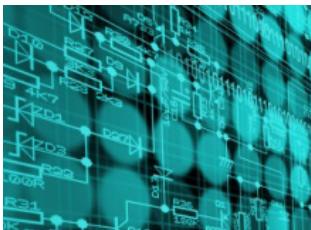


**technique:** a systemic way that a task is completed

(synonyms: system, procedure)

The woodworker used a specific technique to cut the wood.

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**technology:** electronic or digital systems

(synonyms: equipment, tools)

Computers are an excellent example of how far technology has advanced.

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**temple:** a structure or location for religious worship and ceremonies

(synonyms: church, chapel, mosque, pagoda, cathedral, sanctuary, tabernacle, synagogue)

It is customary to take your shoes off before entering the temple.

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**tenant:** one who pays to rent and occupy a building or land

(synonyms: renter, occupant, resident)

The landlord wants the tenant to pay his next month's rent.

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**tenement:** a dilapidated residence often located in poorer, urban neighborhoods

(synonyms: flat, slum, abode, dwelling)

The tenement housed over 40 families.

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**terminus:** the end; the final point

(synonyms: goal, boundary, limit)

The “Dead End” sign was the terminus to the road.

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**termites:** insects that feed on wood

The termites are eating through the boards of our house.

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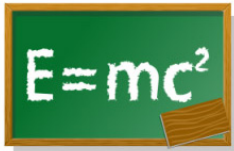


**testimony:** statement made under oath offering confirmation of a fact

(synonyms: declaration, proof, evidence)

The testimony from the woman identified the robber.

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**theory:** a statement to explain something that, if proven true, explains why something happens

(synonyms: idea, plan, guess, hypothesis)

A scientist develops a theory that can be proven true.

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**thermos:** any sealed bottle used to maintain the temperature of food or drink

(synonyms: jug, flask)

The thermos holds drinks and soup.

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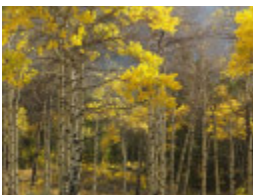


**thesis:** a statement or proposition maintained and supported by proof or argument

(synonyms: theory, argument, essay, dissertation)

The thesis was proven to be true by the doctor.

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**thicket:** a dense patch of shrubs, bushes, or small trees

(synonyms: grove, brush)

The thicket was dense with different kinds of shrubbery.

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**thrill:** something that makes you suddenly feel greatly excited or intense

(synonyms: stir, tingle, throb, sensation, exhilarate)

It was a thrill to ride the high-speed roller coaster.

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**tiff:** a minor argument or unimportant quarrel

(synonyms: spat, squabble, misunderstanding)

The coach was having a tiff with the referee.

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**tío:** the Spanish word for “uncle”

(synonym: uncle)

My tío is from Mexico City.

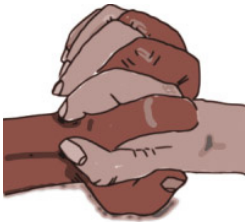
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**toaster:** a kitchen device with coils used to heat bread

The toaster is used to toast bagels in the morning.

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**tolerance:** the capacity for recognizing differences and respecting them

(synonyms: acceptance, open-mindedness)

The co-workers had tolerance for each other’s differences.

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**tomb:** a place of burial; a grave

(synonyms: crypt, mausoleum)

There is a corpse in the tomb.

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**tongs:** a device used for grasping objects

(synonyms: forceps, pincers)

I used tongs to get the hotdogs out of the boiling water.

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**torch:** a cutting tool that makes a light with an extremely hot flame for working with glass or metal

(synonyms: flame, blaze)

The woman used a torch for shaping the iron.

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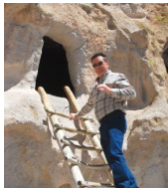


**torpedo:** a long, self-propelled, underwater missile launched from a ship, aircraft, or submarine in order to damage or destroy other vessels

(synonyms: projectile, crampfish, electric ray)

The submarine launched a torpedo at the aircraft carrier.

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**tourist:** someone who travels for pleasure

(synonyms: trekker, voyager, sightseer)

The tourist was visiting the pueblos of New Mexico.

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**tournament:** a series of contests where there is one prevailing winner

(synonyms: match, competition, play-offs)

The players competed in the tournament.

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**tradeoff:** the trading of one thing for another, usually seen as a compromise

(synonyms: swap, transaction, interchange)

The two businessmen felt the tradeoff was equal and fair.

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**translator:** a person whose job is to translate spoken or written words from one language to another language

(synonym: interpreter)

The translator was interpreting for the deaf woman who was speaking to the audience.

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**treasure:** valuable possession; stored wealth, such as jewels and money

(synonyms: riches, booty)

Seth kept his treasure in a chest.

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**trophy:** an award; a prize or memento for winning

(synonyms: medal, plaque)

The winner of the beauty contest received a trophy.

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**trough:** a long, narrow container that holds water or food for animals

(synonyms: trench, drain, ditch)

The goat drank from the trough.

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**trousers:** clothing worn to cover the legs

(synonyms: pants, slacks)

The man wore trousers to work every day.

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**trust:** complete reliance on a person or thing

(synonyms: faith, belief, hope, confidence)

He trusted that the seatbelt on the plane would work.

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**tunnel:** an underground or underwater passageway

(synonyms: tube, subway, burrow, channel)

I walked through the tunnel.

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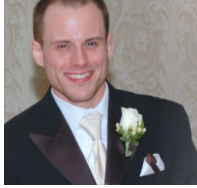


**turf:** the top layer of soil of the grass

(synonyms: sod, peat)

The new turf was laid in the park.

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**tuxedo:** formal clothes for men, to be worn on special occasions

(synonyms: tux, black tie, dinner jacket)

The groom wore a tuxedo at his wedding.

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**tweezers:** a small, metal instrument that has two pinching arms for grasping things

(synonym: pincers)

I used tweezers to get the splinter out of her finger.

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**typewriter:** a hand-operated machine that, when the keys are pressed, prints letters, numbers, and characters

Typewriters are outdated; now we use computers.

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**tyranny:** a government in which the power is in under the control of one ruler

(synonyms: dictatorship, autocracy, totalitarianism)

A tyranny is a government with one oppressing ruler.

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**unanimous:** complete agreement

(synonyms: agreed, undivided)

The vote for the new coffee machine was unanimous.

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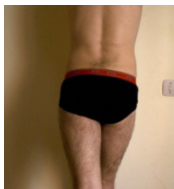


**uncomfortable:** causing uneasiness or pain

(synonyms: painful, unpleasant)

The pain in his chest made him uncomfortable.

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**underpants:** a small garment worn underneath outer clothes

(synonyms: briefs, underwear)

His underpants were black with a red band.

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**underpass:** a passage or road that goes under another passage or road, enabling cars or pedestrians to go through

(synonym: subway)

The car went over the underpass.

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**unemployment:** the condition of not having a job, or the condition of people who do not have jobs

(synonym: jobless)

Frank filed for unemployment after being laid off from the factory where he had worked for twenty years.

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**unicorn:** an imaginary animal with the body of a horse and a horn on its forehead

The unicorn is a mythical creature.

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**uniform:** clothing that is the same for everyone

(synonyms: outfit, attire)

The soldiers wore a uniform in battle.

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**universe:** a whole body of things that exists everywhere, including the earth and stars

(synonyms: cosmos, world, space)

Our universe consists of everything in this world and space.

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**upcoming:** coming soon

(synonyms: future, approaching)

The upcoming dance is on my calendar.

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**urgently:** calling for immediate attention

(synonyms: right away, without delay)

The mom urgently rushed home.

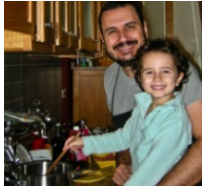
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**uterus:** the muscular organ in a female in which a baby is developed

A baby grows inside the mother's uterus.

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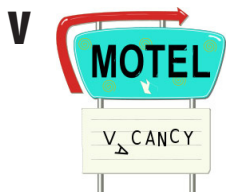


**utilize:** to make use of for a job or task

(synonyms: employ, consume)

The father and daughter utilize the kitchen to make dessert.

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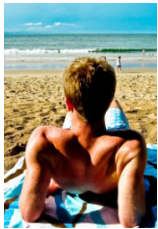


**vacancy:** empty space, place, or position; being unoccupied

(synonyms: opening, void)

The family found a vacancy at the motel.

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**vacationing:** to travel; to take time off work; a break from normal activities

(synonyms: relaxing, escaping)

Jonathan was vacationing at the beach.

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**valley:** an area between mountains

(synonyms: gorge, basin, vale)

The valley floor had a river running through it.

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**vertical:** going straight up and down

(synonyms: upright, erect)

The vertical columns were at the entrance to the building.

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**veto:** the authority to refuse approval

(synonyms: rejection, bar, prohibit)

The president has the right to veto a bill.

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**vicinity:** a surrounding area; somewhere close by

(synonyms: location, neighborhood)

There were many beautiful houses in the vicinity.

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**victory:** success against an opponent; the successful ending of a struggle or a war

(synonyms: triumph, conquest)

The team celebrated its victory at the end of the game.

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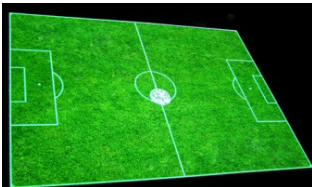


**villain:** an evil or wicked person; a character who struggles against the hero; antagonist

(synonyms: rascal, criminal, scoundrel)

The villain plotted against the hero.

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**virtual:** not real; existing only in essence

(synonym: simulated)

We played virtual hockey.

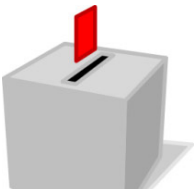
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**vitamin:** organic substance needed for the growth and development of the body

People get vitamins from eating food or by taking a daily pill.

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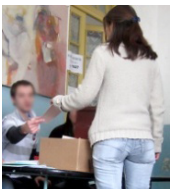


**vote:** the act of expressing one's choice or will

(synonym: choose)

It is important to vote in an election.

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**voter:** a person who votes

(synonyms: supporter, constituent)

Each voter decided on whom he or she wanted for class president.

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## W



**wad:** (1) a large amount, especially money

(synonyms: mass, bundle, bankroll)

He had a wad of money to pay for the new car.

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**wad:** (2) a small mass or bundle

(synonyms: lump, mass)

He stepped on a wad of gum.

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**warehouse:** a large building for the storage of goods or merchandise

(synonyms: depot, storehouse)

The warehouse stored thousands of boxes.

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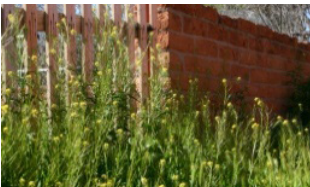


**weariness:** loss of strength or energy

(synonyms: fatigue, boredom, weakness)

The baby's weariness after the long day was obvious, as she was fast asleep in the car.

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**weeds:** a plant that is unwanted and grows quickly

(synonyms: wild plant, wild flower)

The weeds grew all along the fence.

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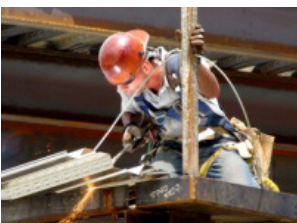


**weld:** to join metals by using heat to melt the edges together

(synonyms: fuse, join, solder)

He wears a mask while he welds.

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**welder:** a person who joins metals together by using heat and allowing the edges to melt together

The welder worked on the high-rise building.

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**werewolf:** in folklore, a person who is able to change into a wolf and back again

(synonym: wolfman)

In the book, the werewolf was spotted running through the forest.

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**wharf:** a structure built along a shore, and often out into the water, where boats and ships can be docked

(synonyms: dock, pier, waterfront)

The wharf is where the boats dock to load and unload.

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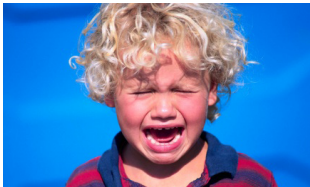


**whiff:** a small odor passed through the air

(synonyms: smell, breath, waft)

The lady got a whiff of the freshly picked flowers.

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**whine:** to complain or cry in protest

(synonyms: moan, gripe)

The young boy whined when he didn't get his way.

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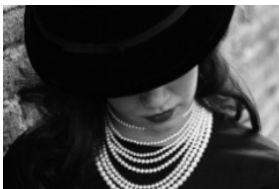


**whirl:** to move in a circular motion

(synonyms: spin, twirl, swivel)

The whirl of colors moved beautifully in a circle.

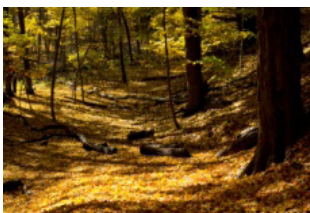
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**widow:** a woman whose husband has died

The widow wore black to her husband's funeral.

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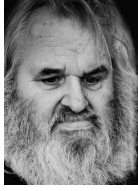


**wilderness:** an area left in its natural state where there are trees and wild animals, but where few-to-no people live

(synonyms: backwoods, wilds)

The wilderness is a great place to experience nature.

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**wisdom:** good judgment gained over a period of time

(synonyms: knowledge, insight)

His wisdom was gained through years of experience.

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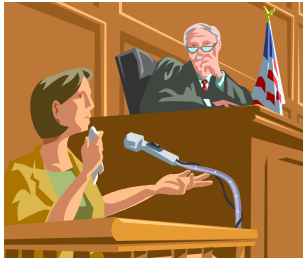


**wit:** a talent for expressing oneself in clever and amusing ways

(synonyms: sarcasm, humor)

The girl's wit had her mother laughing.

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**witness:** a person who sees or hears an event and reports what happened

(synonyms: eyewitness, spectator)

The witness was called up to the witness stand to testify about the accident.

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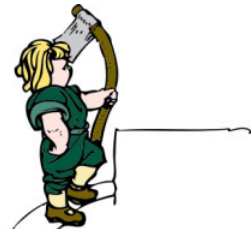


**wizard:** a person who is skilled with magical powers or practices sorcery

(synonyms: magician, sorcerer)

The wizard cast spells on his enemies.

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**woodsman:** a person who visits or works in the woods; a person skilled in making things out of wood

(synonyms: forester, logger, woodworker)

The woodsman cut down the tree.

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**workaholic:** someone who works excessively

The workaholic stayed at his job 80 hours a week.

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**workshop:** (1) a workroom; a place where goods are produced

(synonyms: office, den)

The workshop was used for doing crafts.

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**workshop:** (2) an educational program that focuses on a specific skill

(synonyms: seminar, practicum)

The workshop participants were engaged by the presenter.

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**wrapper:** a covering of something, usually made out of paper or cellophane

(synonyms: package, cover)

Throw the candy wrapper in the garbage.

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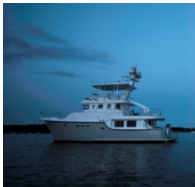
**wrinkled:** to develop small folds

(synonyms: crumpled, creased)

The note was wrinkled.

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**Y**



**yacht:** an expensive small ship used for pleasure cruises or racing

(synonyms: craft, vessel)

The family cruised around the lake on their yacht.

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**Z**



**zombie:** a fictional creature that is formed from a person who has died and been brought back to life

(synonyms: automaton, android)

The zombie tried to eat the heads of the people.

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**zoologist:** a specialist who studies the biology of animals

(synonym: animal scientist)

The zoologist has been studying lions for ten years.

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