

1. a blind alley	a direction that leads nowhere	32. adamant	inflexible, unyielding
2. a bolt from the blue	a great surprise	33. adherent	supporter, backer
3. a cat's paw	a person used as a tool or dupe	34. admonish	to scold, warn
4. a feather in one's cap	something to be proud of	35. adroit	clever; skillful
5. a flash in the pan	promising at the start but then disappointing	36. advent	coming of an important event
6. a fly in the ointment	something that spoils or lessens the enjoyment	37. adversary	enemy, foe, opponent
7. a lick and a promise	to do something in a hasty and superficial manner	38. adverse	unfavorable
8. a pig in a poke	an item you purchase without having seen; a disappointment	39. advocate	to support
9. a pretty kettle of fish	a messy situation, a problem	40. aegis	protection, sponsorship, shield
10. a pretty kettle of fish	a mess, trouble	41. afflict	to trouble greatly
11. a red herring	something that diverts attention from the main issue	42. affluent	wealthy
12. a sacred cow	a person who cannot be criticized	43. alacrity	quick willingness
13. a square peg in a round hole	an able man in the wrong job	44. allay	soothe, calm
14. a wet blanket	one who spoils the fun; killjoy; spoilsport	45. alleged	supposed, reported
15. a white elephant	a costly and useless possession	46. alleviate	lighten, make easier
16. abhor	to utterly hate	47. allude	suggest, hint
17. abjure	abstain from, renounce	48. aloof	reserved, apart, distant
18. abortive	fruitless, failing	49. altruistic	unselfish
19. abound	to exist in great numbers	50. ambiguous	undefined, vague, not specific
20. abrogate	repeal by law	51. ameliorate	relieve, improve
21. abstemious	moderate in eating or drinking	52. amicable	friendly
22. absurd	ridiculous	53. amnesty	a general pardon
23. access	admittance	54. amorous	full of love
24. accommodate	to make fit, adjust to	55. an ax to grind	having a selfish motive in the background
25. accomplice	an associate in crime	56. analogous	comparable, similar
26. accost	to greet first; to approach and speak to	57. anathema	a curse
27. Achilles heel	weak spot	58. annals	historical records
28. acknowledge	admit	59. anomaly	abnormality, irregularity
29. acme	zenith, pinnacle, peak	60. anthropologist	person who studies mankind's customs
30. acrimonious	caustic, bitter	61. antipathy	hate, distaste, dislike
31. acute	severe, keen, sharp	62. antiquated	out-of-date, obsolete
		63. antithesis	exact opposite
		64. apathy	unconcern, lack of interest
		65. appalled	shocked, dismayed
		66. appellation	a name
		67. apple polishing	trying to gain favor by gifts or flattery
		68. arbiter	judge
		69. arbitrary	based on whim

70.	archaic	out of date	108.	belated	delayed, late
71.	ardent	eager, passionate	109.	belittle	speak of as unimportant
72.	array	system, arrangement	110.	belligerent	seeking war, hostile
73.	artifact	a hand-made object	111.	benevolent	charitable, kindly
74.	artifice	strategy, trickery	112.	bereft	deprived of
75.	artless	naive, innocent	113.	besiege	to surround
76.	as broad as it is long	"it makes very little difference"	114.	besmirch	stain, soil, dim the reputation
77.	ascend	to rise	115.	bias	prejudice
78.	ascertain	find out about, discover	116.	bigot	one who is not tolerant of others' ideas
79.	ascetic	one who practices self-denial	117.	bigot	prejudiced person
80.	asinine	stupid, silly	118.	bitter pill to swallow	a humiliating defeat
81.	asperity	bitterness of temper	119.	bizarre	fantastic, odd
82.	aspirant	candidate for better job	120.	bizarre	weird
83.	aspire	to strive for	121.	blase	indifferent, not responsive to excitement
84.	asset	something of value	122.	blatant	disagreeably loud
85.	assiduous	busy, attentive	123.	bliss	pleasure, happiness
86.	astute	keen, shrews	124.	blow hot and cold	swing for and against something"
87.	atrophy	waste away	125.	blue chip	a highly valuable asset, stock, or property
88.	attenuated	decreased, weakened, thinned	126.	blunt	plain spoken
89.	attest	confirm as accurate, vouch for	127.	bogus	fake, counterfeit
90.	atypical	nonconforming	128.	bona fide	genuine
91.	au courant	up-to-date	129.	brash	insolent
92.	audacity	daring, boldness	130.	brass tacks	the real problem or situation
93.	augment	increase, enlarge	131.	break the ice	to make a start by overcoming initial difficulties
94.	austere	unadorned, simple, hard	132.	brigand	bandit, robber
95.	automaton	a robot; a mechanical person	133.	bring home the bacon	to earn a living, to succeed
96.	avarice	passion for riches, greed	134.	bristle	to have one's hair stand up
97.	aversion	opposition, strong dislike	135.	buff (n)	a fan, follower, enthusiast
98.	avid	enthusiastic; eager	136.	bulwark	protection
99.	awesome	inspiring terror, weird	137.	burgeoned	grew, flourished
100.	badger	to pester; nag; annoy persistently	138.	burn the midnight oil	study or work late into the night
101.	bagatelle	a trifle	139.	bury the hatchet	to make peace
102.	balk	to refuse to move	140.	by hook or by crook	at any cost, any way at all
103.	banal	meaningless from overuse, trivial	141.	cache	secret hiding place
104.	barometer	instrument for measuring change			
105.	bedlam	uproar, confusion			
106.	begudge	to be resentful or reluctant			
107.	behind the eight ball	in trouble			

142.	cacophony	harsh sound, discord, dissonance	179.	compatible	well-matched, harmonious
143.	cajole	coax; wheedle	180.	compensatory	servicing to pay back
144.	callous	unfeeling	181.	complacent	self-satisfied
145.	callous	unfeeling, hardened	182.	complicity	partnership in wrongdoing
146.	callow	inexperienced, youthful	183.	component	element, part
147.	calumny	slander, false accusation	184.	compound	to increase or add to
148.	canard	a made-up sensational story	185.	comprehensive	thorough
149.	candid	open, honest, frank	186.	concoct	devise
150.	candor	honesty, frankness	187.	concomitant	attending, accompanying
151.	cant	insincere or almost meaningless talk	188.	concur	agree
152.	capitulate	make terms, surrender	189.	condescend	lower oneself, stoop
153.	capricious	fanciful, whimsical	190.	condolence	expression of sympathy
154.	carnage	slaughter	191.	condone	pardon, excuse
155.	castigate	punish, chastise	192.	conductive	leading, helpful
156.	castles in the air	to dream about a wonderful future	193.	confidant(e)	person you tell your secrets too
157.	catastrophic	disastrous	194.	conflagration	great fire
158.	cause celebre	a famous law case or controversy	195.	confront	come face to face with
159.	caustic	stinging	196.	congenial	agreeable, sympathetic
160.	celerity	rapidity, speed	197.	conjecture	guess
161.	cessation	a pause	198.	conjugal	relating to marriage, connubial
162.	chagrin	disappointment	199.	connoisseur	expert
163.	charisma	quality of leadership inspiring enthusiasm	200.	connubial	related to marriage
164.	charlatan	fraud, pretender	201.	consternation	dread, dismay
165.	chicanery	underhandedness, trickery	202.	constrict	bind, limit, squeeze
166.	chimerical	imaginary, fantastic	203.	construe	to interpret
167.	chip off the old block	a son who is like his father	204.	consummate	perfect, complete
168.	clandestine	hidden, secret	205.	contemptuous	looking down on someone or something
169.	cliche	a commonplace phrase	206.	contort	twist violently
170.	clique	small, exclusive group of people	207.	controversial	debatable
171.	coerce	to force	208.	cope	to be a match for
172.	cogent	forceful, convincing, persuasive	209.	copious	plentiful, abundant, ample
173.	cognizant	aware	210.	corpulent	excessively fat, fleshy, obese
174.	cold feet	to hesitate because of fear or uncertainty	211.	corroborate	confirm
175.	cold shoulder	to disregard or ignore	212.	coterie	small exclusive group
176.	comely	handsome, beautiful	213.	countenance	approve, tolerate
177.	commodious	spacious, large	214.	coup	revolution, overthrow
178.	compassion	kindness, sympathetic feeling	215.	coup de grace	the finishing stroke
			216.	covert	secret

217.	covet	wish, envy, want
218.	crave	to desire
219.	criterion	test, model, standard
220.	crocodile tears	insincere tears
221.	cryptic	puzzling
222.	culminate	reach the highest point
223.	culpable	deserving blame
224.	culprit	one who commits a crime
225.	cumbersome	burdensome, unwieldy
226.	cumulative	accumulated
227.	cupidity	greed
228.	curry	to seek favor by flattery
229.	cursory	not thorough, hasty
230.	curtail	cut short
231.	cynic	skeptic, pessimist
232.	dearth	lack, scarcity
233.	debacle	collapse, ruin
234.	debilitate	weaken
235.	debris	ruins, fragments
236.	decade	ten years
237.	decadence	decay
238.	decapitate	behead
239.	declaim	speak loudly
240.	decorum	correct behavior, politeness
241.	decrepit	worn out, broken down
242.	deem	believe, to judge
243.	defamatory	damaging character by false reports
244.	degrade	lower, make contemptible
245.	deleterious	harmful, bad
246.	delineation	description in words, sketch
247.	delude	to fool
248.	deluge	flood
249.	delve	to do research, dig
250.	demeanor	bearing, conduct
251.	demur	to object
252.	denote	mean, show, indicate
253.	depict	portray, picture, describe clearly
254.	deplorable	sad, pitiable

255.	deploy	spread out in battle formation
256.	deprecate	express disapproval
257.	deride	to make fun of
258.	derived	received from a source, descended from
259.	derogatory	expressing a low opinion
260.	desist	cease
261.	destitution	extreme poverty
262.	desultory	disconnected, random
263.	deter	discourage, hinder
264.	detriment	hurt, damage, injury
265.	devout	sincere, religious
266.	dexterity	physical or mental skill
267.	diatribe	bitter criticism
268.	dilettante	one with little knowledge and great interest
269.	diminutive	small, tiny
270.	discern	recognize
271.	disciple	follower
272.	discreet	prudent, careful, cautious
273.	disdain	scorn
274.	disgruntled	displeased, unhappy
275.	disheveled	disorderly clothing or hair
276.	dismantle	take apart, disassemble
277.	disparage	to discredit
278.	disparate	different
279.	dispersed	broken up, scattered, spread
280.	disseminate	scatter, spread
281.	dissent	protest, differ, disagree
282.	distraught	harassed
283.	diversity	change, variety
284.	divulge	reveal, disclose
285.	docile	easy to manage
286.	doddering	trembling, shaking with old age
287.	doleful	sad
288.	domicile	home
289.	dormant	asleep, resting
290.	Draconian Code	a very severe set of rules
291.	draw in one's horns	to check one's anger, to restrain oneself

292.	dregs	most worthless part
293.	drudgery	unpleasant,dull, or hard work
294.	dubious	uncertain
295.	dulcet	sweet or melodious to the ear
296.	dupe	an easily fooled person
297.	duplicity	double-dealing
298.	duress	force, coercion
299.	dyed-in-the-wool	set in one's ways
300.	edifice	building
301.	efficacy	power to produce an effect
302.	effigy	a likeness
303.	effrontery	boldness
304.	egotist	a conceited, vain person
305.	egregious	outstanding for undesirable quality
306.	elapse	to pass by
307.	elicit	extract
308.	elucidate	to make clear
309.	elusive	hard to grasp
310.	emaciated	wasted away
311.	embellish	adorn
312.	eminent	of outstanding reputation
313.	emissary	an agent
314.	emit	to give off
315.	emulate	strive to equal, rival
316.	encomium	high praise
317.	encumbrance	load, handicap, burden
318.	engrossed	absorbed
319.	enhance	to make greater; intensify; heighten
320.	enigma	a riddle, puzzle
321.	ennui	boredom
322.	entourage	followers
323.	entreaty	plea, appeal
324.	enunciate	to utter, proclaim
325.	epithet	descriptive name
326.	epitome	person or thing that represents the best
327.	equanimity	self-control
328.	equanimity	composure, evenness of mind
329.	eradicate	wipe out

330.	erudite	very scholarly
331.	eruption	bursting out
332.	escalation	intensification
333.	eschew	keep away from
334.	ethics	moral philosophy
335.	euphemism	saying something in a less direct way
336.	evaluate	find the value of, review
337.	evanescent	momentary, passing, fleeting
338.	eventuate	to result finally
339.	evince	show plainly, exhibit
340.	exacerbate	to irritate
341.	excoriate	criticize severely
342.	excruciating	agonizing
343.	exhort	urge strongly, advise
344.	exonerate	to free from guilt
345.	expatriate	an exile
346.	expedient	fit, adviseable
347.	expedite	carry out promptly
348.	exploit	utilize, profit by
349.	expunge	erase
350.	expurgate	to remove objectionable parts or passages
351.	extant	still existing
352.	extinct	no longer existing
353.	extol	praise highly
354.	extortion	getting money by threats
355.	extraneous	not belonging, foreign
356.	extrinsic	coming from outside, foreign
357.	exult	rejoice greatly
358.	exultation	triumphant joy
359.	fabricate	to make up a lie; to construct; to lie
360.	fabricate	to lie
361.	facade	superficial appearance, front
362.	facet	one side or view of person or situation
363.	facetious	humorous, comical, witty
364.	facile	easily accomplished or attained
365.	factitious	artificial, sham
366.	fair-weather friends	unreliable, they fail one in time of distress

367.	fallacious	misleading, false	405.	frugal	thrifty
368.	falter	hesitate, waver, stumble	406.	fruitless	useless
369.	fastidious	choosy, particular	407.	frustrate	foil
370.	fat is in the fire	the mischief is done	408.	fulsome	excessive
371.	fatal	disastrous, deadly	409.	furtive	sly; secret; stealthy
372.	fatuous	inane, foolish, silly	410.	futility	uselessness
373.	feasible	uncertain	411.	galvanize	arouse or excite to activity
374.	feeling no pain	drunk	412.	gamut	range
375.	feint	a false attack; pretense; sham	413.	garbled	confused, mixed up
376.	felicitous	happy	414.	garrulous	wordy, talkative
377.	felon	criminal	415.	gaudy	showy, flashy
378.	ferment	agitation, turmoil, uproar	416.	gaunt	haggard, thin
379.	fervid	enthusiastic, passionate, intense	417.	genocide	planned destruction of an entire people
380.	fetish	a magical object	418.	genre	a certain form or style in painting or literature
381.	fetter (v)	to hamper, to chain	419.	germane	in close relationship to, appropriate
382.	fiasco	complete failure	420.	gesticulate	to use lively gestures
383.	fiat	an official order, a decree	421.	gild the lily	to praise extravagantly
384.	flabbergasted	astounded	422.	gist	main point, essence
385.	flagrant	notorious	423.	glean	collect, gather
386.	flamboyant	colorful	424.	glib	smooth of speech
387.	flay	scold harshly, strip off the skin	425.	go against the grain	to irritate
388.	fledgling	little known, newly developed	426.	gratuity	tip
389.	flout	to show contempt	427.	gregarious	enjoying the company of others
390.	fluctuate	alternate, shift	428.	grimace	facial expression of disgust
391.	foist	pass as genuine, pass off slyly	429.	grotesque	fantastic, strange, bizarre
392.	foment	stir up, instigate	430.	guise	mien, appearance, manner
393.	forthwith	immediately	431.	gullible	easily fooled
394.	fortuitous	accidental	432.	gusto	zest, enjoyment, enthusiasm
395.	forty winks	a short nap	433.	habitat	natural environment
396.	fracas	brawl, noisy fight	434.	halcyon	calm, peaceful
397.	fractious	quarrelsome	435.	hapless	unlucky; unfortunate
398.	frail	weak, delicate	436.	harass	to torment
399.	fraught	filled	437.	harbinger	forerunner
400.	fray	a conflict, fight	438.	have the upper hand	to gain control
401.	frenetic	frenzied, frantic	439.	haven	place of safety
402.	frenzy	frantic outburst	440.	havoc	ruin
403.	fretful	worrisome	441.	heinous	hatefully evil
404.	from pillar to post	from one place to another			

442. heresy	lack of faith, dissent, unbelief	479. in the doldrums	in a bored or depressed state
443. heterogeneous	dissimilar	480. in the lap of the gods	out of one's own hands
444. hirsute	hairy	481. inadvertent	due to an oversight, negligent
445. histrionics	display of emotions	482. inane	silly
446. hoard	accumulate, save, store up	483. inanimate	without life
447. hoax	a trick	484. incapacitated	disabled
448. Hobson's choice	to have no choice at all	485. inchoate	in an early stage
449. homogenous	uniform, same	486. incipient	just starting
450. hook, line, and sinker	completely, all the way	487. incisive	keen, acute
451. hostile	angry, antagonistic	488. inclement	stormy, harsh
452. humility	modesty, meekness, humbleness	489. incoherent	disjointed
453. hyperbole	exaggerated figure of speech	490. incompatibility	lack of harmony
454. I'm from Missouri	a skeptic, one who is not easily convinced	491. incongruous	having inconsistent elements
455. iconoclast	attacker of beliefs, image-breaker	492. incontrovertible	undeniable
456. idyllic	peaceful, simple	493. incredulous	skeptical
457. ignominious	disgraceful, humiliating	494. incumbent	morally required
458. ilk	kind, sort	495. Indian summer	warm autumn weather
459. imbibe	drink	496. indict	accuse
460. imminent	about to happen	497. indifference	lack of concern
461. impeccable	faultless	498. indigenous	native
462. impede	hinder, interfere, block	499. indigent	poverty-stricken
463. imperative	necessary	500. indiscriminate	choosing at random without careful selection
464. imperceptible	extremely slight or gradual	501. indoctrinate	to teach certain principles
465. imperturbable	serene, steady, calm	502. indolent	lazy
466. impetuous	impulsive	503. inebriated	intoxicated, drunk
467. impious	irreverent, lacking respect	504. ineffectual	not effective
468. implacable	relentless, unappeasable	505. inert	powerless to move
469. implore	to plead urgently for aid or mercy	506. inevitable	unavoidable, certain, sure
470. importune	ask urgently	507. inexorable	cannot be moved by persuasion, inflexible
471. impresario	organizer	508. infallible	exempt from error, right
472. impromptu	offhand, spur of the moment	509. infamous	evil
473. imprudent	unwise	510. infraction	violation
474. impunity	exemption	511. ingratiate	charm, win confidence
475. in a bee line	take the straightest, shortest route	512. inherent	inborn, natural
476. in apple pie order	in neat order, good condition	513. inhibition	restraint
477. in seventh heaven	the highest happiness or delight	514. iniquity	wickedness, injustice
478. in the arms of Morpheus	asleep	515. initiate	set going, start

516.	innate	natural, inborn	553.	keep a stiff upper lip	keep up courage, stand up to trouble
517.	innocuous	mild, innocent, harmless	554.	keep the pot boiling	to see that interest doesn't die down
518.	inordinate	excessive	555.	know the ropes	to be fully acquainted with the procedures
519.	insatiable	cannot be satisfied	556.	labyrinth	winding passages
520.	insidious	treacherous, sly, seductive	557.	laceration	rough cut
521.	integral	essential	558.	lackluster	lacking brightness
522.	interject	interrupt	559.	laconic	concise, pithy
523.	interloper	an unauthorized person	560.	lampoon	ridicule
524.	interminable	unending	561.	landmark (adj)	historic
525.	internecine	mutually destructive, involving conflict in a group	562.	largess	liberality, gift, gratuity
526.	interrogate	question	563.	lassitude	fatigue, weariness
527.	intimidate	to make afraid	564.	lassitude	weakness, weariness
528.	intrepid	courageous; brave	565.	latent	lying hidden
529.	intrinsic	inherent, within itself	566.	laudable	commendable
530.	intrinsic	inborn, natural, essential	567.	lax	careless
531.	introspective	looking into one's own feelings	568.	left holding the bag	to be left to suffer the blame
532.	inundate	to flood, to swamp	569.	legerdemain	deceptive adroitness, sleight of hand
533.	invalidate	to deprive of legal force, cancel	570.	legion	large number
534.	invective	insulting, abusive speech	571.	let sleeping dogs lie	to let well enough alone, to avoid stirring up old hostilities
535.	inveigh	attack verbally	572.	lethal	deadly
536.	inveterate	firmly established, habitual	573.	lethargic	lazy, indifferent
537.	inviolable	completely protected	574.	levity	humor, lightness of disposition
538.	irascible	irritable	575.	libel	degradation by writing or publishing
539.	irate	angry; incensed	576.	like Caesar's wife	above suspicion
540.	irrational	absurd, unreasonable	577.	lily-livered	cowardly
541.	irrelevant	not related to the subject	578.	liquidation	destruction, disposal of
542.	it's an ill wind that blows nobody good	someone usually benefits from another person's misfortune	579.	lithe	graceful
543.	itinerant	going from place to place	580.	livid	pale
544.	ivory tower	out of touch with life	581.	loaded for bear	to be well prepared
545.	jaunty	sprightly	582.	loath	unwilling
546.	jeopardize	endanger	583.	loathe	despise
547.	jettison	throw overboard, discard	584.	lock, stock, and barrel	entirely, completely
548.	jocose	merry, humorous	585.	longevity	long duration of life
549.	jostle	to push, to elbow	586.	look a gift horse in the mouth	to be critical of a present
550.	jubilant	in high spirits, joyful	587.	lucrative	profitable
551.	jurisdiction	range of authority			
552.	juxtapose	to place side by side			

588. lugubrious	very sad
589. lurid	sensational
590. lush	luxurious
591. Machiavellian	not principled, governed by opportunity
592. magnanimous	noble, generous
593. maim	cripple, disable
594. make bricks without straw	to attempt to do something without having the necessary materials
595. maladjusted	disturbed
596. malady	disease
597. malevolent	ill-disposed, ill-intentioned
598. malign	slander, abuse
599. malignant	becoming progressively worse
600. malleable	capable of being formed or shaped
601. malnutrition	inadequate diet
602. mammoth	huge
603. mandate	authoritative command
604. manifest	obvious, evident
605. manifold	many
606. martinet	strict disciplinarian
607. masticate	to chew
608. mastiff	large dog
609. materialism	concern with possessions
610. matron	an older married woman
611. maudlin	sentimental
612. megalomania	abnormal desire for power
613. mendacious	false, lying
614. menial	degrading, humble
615. mentor	tutor, counselor, coach
616. mercenary	greedy, motivated by desire for gain
617. metamorphosis	change
618. meticulous	careful
619. mien	bearing, appearance
620. milieu	setting, environment
621. modify	to change
622. mollify	appease, pacify
623. monolithic	having a massive structure
624. moribund	at the point of death, dying
625. mortality	death

626. mortify	humiliate, embarrass
627. motivate	provoke, stimulate, inspire
628. mundane	earthly
629. munificent	generous
630. murky	dark, obscure
631. myriad	countless number
632. nadir	lowest point
633. naive	unsophisticated, unworldly
634. nascent	beginning to develop or exist
635. nebulous	vague, not clear
636. nefarious	villianous
637. negligible	inconsiderable, trifling
638. nepotism	favoritism towards relatives
639. nettle	irritate
640. neurotic	having a nervous disorder
641. neutralize	counteract
642. nirvana	heavenly place
643. noisome	unwholesome, foul
644. nomadic	wandering
645. nominal	in name only, slight
646. nondescript	difficult to describe, undistinguished
647. nonentity	one of no importance
648. nostalgia	yearning for the past
649. nuance	shade of difference
650. nullify	cancel, abolish
651. nurture	nourish
652. nutritive	having nourishing properties
653. obese	very fat
654. obliterate	wipe out, erase
655. obloquy	dishonor, disgrace, shame
656. obscure	unclear, unknown, lowly
657. obsequious	seeking favor
658. obsess	preoccupy
659. obsolescence	process of wearing out
660. obviate	do away with
661. occult	supernatural, mysterious, secret
662. octogenarian	person of eighty
663. of the first water	of the best quality, of the greatest

664. off the beaten track	not usual, out of the ordinary	698. parsimonious	miserly
665. ominous	menacing	699. pass the buck	to evade responsibility
666. omnipotent	unlimited in power or authority, almighty	700. passe	old-fashioned, outmoded
667. omnivorous	eating any kind of food	701. pathetic	pitiful, sad, distressing
668. on pins and needles	to be on edge, jumpy	702. paucity	shortage
669. on tenter hooks	in a state of anxiety	703. pecuniary	financial
670. on the bandwagon	joining with the majority	704. pedagogue	teacher
671. on the carpet	being scolded	705. penance	atonement for sin
672. on the dot	exactly on time	706. penchant	a strong leaning in favor
673. on the qui vive	on the alert	707. penitent	regretful, confessing guilt
674. on the spur of the moment	without thinking, on impulse	708. pensive	reflective, thoughtful
675. once in a blue moon	on a very rare occasion	709. penury	poverty
676. one swallow doesn't make a summer	don't jump to conclusions based on incomplete evidence	710. perceive	to come to have an understanding of
677. opprobrium	insult, scorn	711. peregrination	travel (n)
678. opulence	wealth	712. peremptory	binding, compulsory, absolute
679. originate	begin, arise	713. perfidious	false, treacherous
680. ostensible	seeming, pretend, outward	714. perfunctory	careless
681. ostentatious	showy	715. permeate	to spread through
682. oust	eject	716. pernicious	damaging, harmful
683. out of one's depth	in a situation that is too difficult to handle	717. perpetrate	commit
684. out of the frying pan into the fire	to go from a difficult situation to a worse one	718. perpetuate	to cause to continue
685. out on a limb	in a dangerous or exposed position	719. persevere	persist
686. overt	evident, open	720. perspicacious	shrewd
687. pall	become dull, cease to please	721. pertinent	appropriate
688. palliate	relieve without curing	722. peruse	read carefully
689. paltry	of little importance	723. perverse	contrary
690. panacea	cure-all	724. pesky	annoying
691. pandemonium	uproar, disorder	725. phenomenon	unusual occurrence
692. parable	a moralistic story	726. Philadelphia lawyer	a lawyer of outstanding ability
693. paradox	seemingly self-contradictory situation	727. phlegmatic	calm, sluggish
694. paragon	model of excellence	728. phobia	strong dislike, persistent fear
695. paramount	foremost, supreme	729. pinnacle	peak, crown, summit
696. pariah	social outcast	730. pique	fit of resentment
697. paroxysm	violent outburst	731. pittance	small amount
		732. placard	poster
		733. plaintiff	the complaining party, in law
		734. platitude	trite saying

735.	plea bargain	to agree to plead guilty to a lesser charge so as to avoid trial for a more serious offense
736.	plethora	overabundance; excess
737.	plight	predicament
738.	poignant	painful to the feelings, moving
739.	ponder	consider carefully
740.	potent	intense, strong, powerful
741.	potentate	ruler
742.	potential	possible
743.	potpourri	mixture, melody
744.	pragmatic	based on experience, practical
745.	precedent	custom, model
746.	precipitate	hasten
747.	preclude	prevent
748.	precocious	reaching maturity early
749.	prelude	introduction
750.	premise	a proposition for argument
751.	premonition	forewarning
752.	prerogative	an exclusive power or right
753.	prestigious	well-known
754.	pretext	an excuse
755.	prevalent	general, common, prevailing
756.	prevarication	lying, deviation from the truth
757.	privation	lack of necessities
758.	procrastinate	put off, delay
759.	prodigious	enormous, extraordinary
760.	prodigy	phenomenon, marvel
761.	proffer	offer for acceptance
762.	profligate	wasteful
763.	profound	intense, deep
764.	profuse	abundant, overflowing
765.	progeny	descendants
766.	prognosticate	to be able to tell what will happen in the future
767.	prohibition	forbidding of certain actions
768.	prolific	fertile
769.	promulgate	make public, proclaim
770.	propagate	multiply, spread, produce
771.	propensity	bent, inclination, disposition

772.	propinquity	nearness in time and place
773.	propitious	favorable
774.	propriety	correctness, suitability
775.	proximity	nearness
776.	prudent	cautious, wise
777.	pugnacious	combative
778.	puissant	powerful
779.	pungent	sharply stimulating
780.	puny	weak, unimportant
781.	put the cart before the horse	to reverse the proper order, do things backwards
782.	Pyrrhic victory	a too costly victory
783.	qualm	twinge of conscience
784.	quandary	dilemma, doubt
785.	quarry	something hunted or pursued
786.	quell	crush, stop
787.	quip	to joke
788.	rabid	furious, mad, fanatical
789.	raconteur	a skilled storyteller
790.	rail	use abusive language, scold
791.	raiment	clothing, dress
792.	rampant	flourishing
793.	rash	reckless
794.	rationalize	use or give a reason other than the real one
795.	raucous	shrill, harsh
796.	raze	destroy
797.	realm	someone's special field
798.	rebuke	reprimand, reproach, criticize
799.	recant	renounce previous statements
800.	recoil	draw back
801.	recondite	obscure, hidden
802.	red-letter day	day of happiness, time for rejoicing
803.	redolent	fragrant
804.	redress	to right a wrong
805.	refute	prove wrong, disprove
806.	relegate	banish, assign to inferior position
807.	remiss	negligent, careless
808.	remote	distant

809.	renumeration	reward	847.	sally	sudden rushing forth
810.	repent	desire to make ammends, regret	848.	salubrious	wholesome, healthful
811.	repertoire	works that an artist is ready to perform	849.	salvation	deliverance from ruin
812.	replenish	to restock, fill again	850.	sanctimonious	hypocritically religious
813.	replete	completely filled with	851.	sanction	certify, endorse
814.	repose	state of rest	852.	sanctuary	place of protection
815.	reprehensible	blameworthy	853.	sanguine	hopeful
816.	repress	to put down	854.	satiety	surfeit, excess, fullness
817.	reprimand	to scold severely	855.	saturate	fill up completely
818.	reproach	rebuke, reprimand	856.	save face	to avoid disgrace
819.	repudiate	disown, refuse to accept	857.	schism	split
820.	repugnant	repulsive, distasteful	858.	scion	descendant
821.	repulse	drive back	859.	scoff	to mock
822.	reputed	believed, thought, supposed	860.	scrutinize	examine closely
823.	requisite	requirement	861.	scurrilous	vulgar, using indecent language
824.	resourceful	able to meet any situation	862.	scurry	run quickly
825.	respite	postponement	863.	sedate	sober, still, quiet, undisturbed
826.	restrictive	harsh, confining	864.	sedentary	largely inactive
827.	reticent	uncommunicative; silent	865.	senile	infirm, weak as a result of old age
828.	reticent	reserved, silent	866.	serenity	peaceful repose
829.	retort	reply, answer	867.	servile	submissive, slavish
830.	retrospect	looking backward	868.	shibboleth	slogan, pet phrase
831.	reverberating	reechoing	869.	sinecure	soft job
832.	revere	admire, respect, honor	870.	singular	remarkable, uncommon
833.	revert	go back	871.	sinister	evil
834.	reviled	scolded	872.	site	location
835.	rhetoric	use (sometimes exaggerated) of language	873.	Skid Row	disreputable part of town, inhabited by derelicts and people
836.	rife	widespread	874.	skirmish	small battle
837.	rift	an opening, a split	875.	sleep on it	postpone a decision while giving it some thought
838.	romp	move in a lively manner	876.	slovenly	disorderly, carelessly
839.	roster	a list of names	877.	sojourn	temporary stay
840.	rudimentary	basic, elementary	878.	solace	comfort
841.	rue	regret	879.	solicit	seek earnestly
842.	ruminate	reflect upon, ponder	880.	somber	sad, gloomy
843.	rustic	unpolished, countrified	881.	sophistry	false reasoning or argument
844.	saga	heroic story	882.	sordid	filthy, ignoble
845.	sage	wise man, philosopher	883.	sour grapes	to disparage something that you cannot have
846.	salient	outstanding			

884.	spate	rush, flood
885.	spew	vomit
886.	spontaneous	on the spur of the moment
887.	sporadic	occasional
888.	spurious	counterfeit, false, specious
889.	squeamish	easily shocked
890.	stagnant	inactive, dull, motionless
891.	staunch	firm, trusty, strong
892.	steal one's thunder	to weaken one's position by stating the argument before that person does
893.	steeped	soaked; saturated; drenched
894.	stentorian	loud
895.	stereotype	conventional custom
896.	stiff upper lip	to be courageous in the face of trouble
897.	stigmatize	to mark with a disgrace
898.	stipulate	make a specific demand
899.	stock in trade	the goods, tools, and other requisites of a trade
900.	straight from the shoulder	in a direct, open way
901.	strident	rough, harsh, shrill
902.	strife	unrest, discord
903.	stunted	held back or checked in natural growth
904.	stupor	insensible condition, daze
905.	stymie	to hinder
906.	subjugate	conquer
907.	subservient	obsequious, servile
908.	substantiate	ratify, confirm
909.	subterfuge	a trick, deception
910.	subterranean	underground
911.	succinct	concise, brief
912.	succulent	juicy
913.	succumb	yield
914.	sullen	grim, ill-humored
915.	sultry	torrid
916.	sumptuous	lavish
917.	superficial	on the surface, slight
918.	superfluous	surplus, excessive
919.	supine	lying on the back
920.	supplication	earnest prayer

921.	surfeit	superabundance, excess
922.	surge	to rush suddenly
923.	surmise	guess
924.	surreptitious	accomplished by secret
925.	susceptible	easily affected
926.	swan song	final or last
927.	swap horses in midstream	to vote against a candidate running for reelection, to change one's mind
928.	symptomatic	indicative
929.	taboo	forbidden
930.	tacit	not stated, understood, implied
931.	taint	contaminate
932.	take the bull by the horns	to face a problem directly
933.	take the wind out of one's sails	to remove someone's advantage
934.	tangible	able to be touched
935.	tantalize	tease or torment by offering something good, but fail to deliver
936.	tantamount	identical, equivalent
937.	taut	on edge, keyed up, tense
938.	technology	related to science of engineering
939.	technology	applied science
940.	temerity	foolish boldness
941.	tenable	supportable; defensible
942.	tenacious	stubborn, tough
943.	termagant	a shrew, a scolding woman
944.	terminate	to end
945.	terra firma	solid, firm land
946.	terse	compact, brief, concise
947.	the acid test	a severe test
948.	the die is cast	an unchangeable decision has been made
949.	the distaff side	women
950.	the grapevine	a secret means of spreading information
951.	the lion's share	the major portion
952.	the sum and substance	the heart or substantial part
953.	the sword of Damocles	any imminent danger

954.	the world, the flesh, and the devil	temptations that cause man to sin	984.	to have at one's fingertips	to have ready, to have a thorough knowledge
955.	the writing on the wall	an event that predicts the future	985.	to hit the nail on the head	to state or guess something correctly
956.	therapy	curing or healing process	986.	to lay one's cards on the table	to talk frankly
957.	throng	great number of people, crowd	987.	to leave no stone unturned	to make every effort, to try one's best
958.	through thick and thin	in spite of all sorts of difficulties	988.	to lionize a person	to make a big fuss over someone
959.	thumbs down	signal of rejection	989.	to live in a fool's paradise	to be happy without a real basis
960.	thwart	to hinder	990.	to maintain the status quo	to keep things as they are
961.	timorous	fearful	991.	to make ends meet	to manage on a given income
962.	tinge	a small amount of; a trace; smattering	992.	to make the best of a bad bargain	to change or go along with a poor situation
963.	to be at large	not confined or in jail	993.	to pay the piper	to bear the consequences
964.	to be in fine fettle	to be in fine spirits, feeling well	994.	to play possum	to try to fool someone; to make believe one is asleep or dead
965.	to be under a cloud	to be in temporary disgrace or trouble	995.	to pour oil on troubled waters	to make peace; to calm someone down
966.	to beard the lion	to visit and oppose a person on his own grounds	996.	to pull one's own weight	to do a fair share of the work
967.	to break the ice	to make a beginning	997.	to pull up stakes	to quit a place
968.	to bring down the house	to cause great enthusiasm	998.	to raise Cain	make a fuss, cause trouble
969.	to build upon sand	to have a poor base, or not sufficient preparation	999.	to rub a person the wrong way	to do something to irritate or annoy
970.	to burn the midnight oil	to study or work until very late	1000.	to rule the roost	to be in charge, to be master
971.	to carry the day	to win the approval of the majority	1001.	to show one's hand	to reveal one's intentions
972.	to cool one's heels	to be kept waiting	1002.	to sow wild oats	to lead a wild, carefree life
973.	to do one's heart good	to make one feel happy or better	1003.	to spill the beans	to give away a secret
974.	to draw in one's horns	to become cautious	1004.	to split hairs	to make fine distinctions
975.	to eat humble pie	to admit your error and apologize	1005.	to strike while the iron is hot	to take action at the right moment
976.	to feather one's nest	to enrich oneself at every opportunity	1006.	to take a leaf out of someone's book	to imitate or follow the example
977.	to feather one's nest	grow rich by taking advantage of circumstances	1007.	to take by storm	to make a fast impression
978.	to flog a dead horse	to continue to make an issue of something that is over	1008.	to take down a peg	to take the conceit out of a braggart
979.	to get off one's high horse	to act like an ordinary person	1009.	to take French leave	to go away without permission
980.	to get one's back up	to become angry	1010.	to take under one's wing	to become responsible for
981.	to get the sack	to be discharged or fired	1011.	to tell tales out of school	to reveal harmful secrets
982.	to get up on the wrong side of the bed	to be in a bad mood	1012.	to throw cold water	to discourage a plan or idea
983.	to go up in smoke	to come to no practical result			

1013.	to throw down the gauntlet	to challenge someone
1014.	to throw the book at someone	to give maximum punishment
1015.	to tighten one's belt	to get set for bad times or poverty
1016.	to tilt at windmills	to fight imaginary enemies
1017.	to toe the mark	to obey or stick to a rule or policy
1018.	to twist around one's finger	to control completely
1019.	to upset the apple cart	to overturn or disturb a plan or intention
1020.	to whitewash	to cancel defects, to give a falsely virtuous appearance to something
1021.	tolerate	to permit, to put up with
1022.	tongue in cheek	insincerely
1023.	tortuous	winding
1024.	tounge in one's cheek	not to be sincere
1025.	tradition	long-standing practice
1026.	tranquil	peaceful
1027.	transient	fleeting, passing, short-lived
1028.	tremulous	trembling
1029.	trenchant	keen, sharp, biting
1030.	trend	general direction
1031.	trivial	petty, worthless
1032.	truncated	cut short
1033.	turbulent	unruly, agitated, riotous
1034.	turn the tables	to turn a situation to one's own advantage
1035.	turpitude	evil, wickedness, vileness
1036.	tussle	a rough struggle
1037.	two strings to one's bow	two means of achieving one's aim
1038.	tyro	novice, beginner
1039.	ubiquitous	being everywhere at once
1040.	ultimate	final
1041.	umbrage	offense, resentment
1042.	unabated	without subsiding
1043.	unconcionable	unreasonable, without conscience
1044.	unctuous	affectedly emotional

1045.	under the wire	just in time
1046.	underwrite	agree to finance
1047.	universal	widespread
1048.	unkempt	neglected, untidy
1049.	unmitigated	as bad as can be, unrelieved
1050.	unsavory	morally bad, disagreeable, offensive
1051.	unwieldy	difficult to handle, bulky
1052.	urbane	polished, civilized
1053.	usurp	annex, grab, seize
1054.	utopia	place of perfection
1055.	vacillate	fluctuate, hesitate
1056.	valor	courage
1057.	vapid	dull, uninteresting
1058.	vehemently	passionately, violently, eagerly
1059.	veneer	thin covering
1060.	venerable	respected, worshipped
1061.	venial	forgivable, pardonable
1062.	venom	poison
1063.	vertigo	dizziness
1064.	vestige	evidence, trace
1065.	vexatious	annoying
1066.	viable	workable
1067.	vicissitudes	difficulties
1068.	vigil	wakeful watching
1069.	vigilant	alert; watchful
1070.	vilify	slander, malign
1071.	vindicate	justify, absolve
1072.	virile	manly, masterful
1073.	virtuosity	great technical skill
1074.	virulent	harmful
1075.	vitiate	destroy the use or value
1076.	vitriolic	biting, burning
1077.	vituperation	abuse, blame
1078.	vivacious	gay, lively
1079.	vogue	fashion
1080.	volition	willpower; choice
1081.	voluble	talkative
1082.	voluminous	bulky, large

1083.	voracious	desiring huge amount
1084.	vulnerable	susceptible, open to attack
1085.	vulnerable	able to hurt
1086.	wan	pale
1087.	wane	decline, decrease
1088.	wary	watchful, shrewd
1089.	wash dirty linen in public	to openly discuss private affairs
1090.	wear one's heart on one's sleeve	to make one's feelings evident
1091.	wheedle	persuade, coax, cajole
1092.	whet	stir up, stimulate
1093.	whimsical	witty, humorous
1094.	wince	flinch, draw back
1095.	windfall	unexpected financial gain
1096.	wink at	to pretend not to see
1097.	wistful	wishful, pensive, longing
1098.	without rhyme or reason	making no sense
1099.	woolgathering	absentmindedness or daydreaming
1100.	worth one's weight in gold	extremely valuable, very useful
1101.	wrest	seize
1102.	yen	strong desire, strong longing
1103.	zealous	enthusiastic
1104.	zenith	top, prime, summit