

**Barron GRE
word list --- a**

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| 2 | abase | v. ~ oneself/sb lower oneself/sb in dignity; degrade oneself/sb ; |
| 3 | abash | to destroy the self-possession or self-confidence of:disconcert |
| 4 | abate | v. make or become less |
| 5 | abbreviate | v. ~ sth shorten (a word, phrase, etc), esp by omitting letters |
| 6 | abdicate | v. resign from or formally renounce the throne |
| 7 | aberrant | adj. not following the normal or correct way |
| 8 | aberration | n. deviation from what is accepted as normal or right |
| 9 | abet | v. ~ sb (in sth) help or encourage sb to commit an offence or do sth wrong |
| 10 | abeyance | n. be in abeyance; fall/go into abeyance (of a right, rule, problem, etc) be suspended temporarily; not be in force or use for a time |
| 11 | abhor | v. feel hatred and disgust for (sb/sth); detest |
| 12 | abide | v. (esp with can/could, in negative sentences or questions can/could) tolerate (sb/sth); endure; bear |
| 13 | abject | adj. wretched; hopeless |
| 14 | abjure | v. promise or swear to give up (a claim, an opinion, a belief, etc); renounce formally |
| 15 | ablution | n. (fml or joc) ceremonial washing of the body, hands, sacred vessels, etc |
| 16 | abnegation | n. denial or renunciation (of a doctrine) |
| 17 | abode | n. house; home |
| 18 | abolish | v. end the existence of |
| 19 | abominable | adj. ~(fml) causing disgust; detestable |
| 20 | abominate | v. feel hatred or disgust for (sth/sb); detest; loathe |
| 21 | aboriginal | adj. inhabiting a land from a very early period, esp before the arrival of colonists |
| 22 | abortive | adj. coming to nothing; unsuccessful |
| 23 | abrasive | adj. that scrapes or rubs sth away; rough |
| 24 | abridge | v. make shorter, esp by using fewer words; condense |
| 25 | abrogate | v. cancel, repeal or annul (sth) |
| 26 | abscission | The act of cutting off, as in a surgical operation. |
| 27 | abscond | v. ~go away suddenly and secretly, esp in order to avoid arrest |
| 28 | absolute | adj. complete; total |
| 29 | absolve | v. ~ sb (fml esp law ,) clear sb (of guilt); declare sb free (from blame, a promise, a duty, etc) |
| 30 | abstain | v. ~ keep oneself from doing or enjoying sth, esp from taking alcoholic drinks; refrain ; |
| 31 | abstemious | adj. not taking much food or drink; not self-indulgent; moderate |
| 32 | abstinence | n. ~ abstaining, esp from food or alcoholic drinks |
| 33 | abstract | adj. existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical or practical existence |
| 34 | abstruse | adj. difficult to understand |
| 35 | abusive | adj. criticizing harshly and rudely; insulting |
| 36 | abut | v. ~ on/against sth (of land or a building) have a common boundary or side with sth; adjoin sth |
| 37 | abysmal | adj. extremely bad |
| 38 | abyss | n. hole so deep that it seems to have no bottom |
| 39 | academic | adj. of schools, colleges, etc |
| 40 | accede | v. ~ (fml) take office |
| 41 | accelerate | v. make move faster or happen earlier; increase the speed of |
| 42 | accessible | adj. ~ that can be reached, used, etc |
| 43 | accessory | n. thing that is a useful or decorative extra but that is not essential; minor fitting or attachment |
| 44 | acclaim | v. welcome (sb/sth) with shouts of approval; applaud loudly |
| 45 | acclimate | to adapt to a new temperature, altitude, climate, environment, or situation |
| 46 | acclivity | n. upward slope |
| 47 | accolade | n. praise; approval |
| 48 | accommodate | v. provide lodging or room for |
| 49 | accomplice | n. person who helps another to do sth wicked or illegal |
| 50 | accord | n. peace treaty; agreement |
| 51 | accost | v. approach and speak to (sb) boldly |

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| 52 | accoutre | equip |
| 53 | accretion | n. growth or increase by means of gradual additions |
| | accrue | v. ~ (from sth) come as a natural increase or advantage, esp financial; accumulate |
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| 55 | acerbity | Sourness of taste, character, or tone. |
| 56 | acetic | adj. of, containing, producing, or derived from acetic acid or vinegar |
| 57 | acidulous | adj. rather sharp or bitter in taste or manner |
| | acknowledge | v. accept the truth of admit (sth) |
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| 59 | acme | n. highest stage of development; point of perfection |
| | acne | n. inflammation of the oil-glands of the skin, producing red pimples on the face and neck |
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| 61 | acoustics | n. qualities of a room, hall, etc that make it good or bad for carrying sound |
| | acquiesce | v. ~ (fml) accept sth without protest; offer no opposition (to a plan, conclusion, etc) |
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| | acquittal | n. judgement that a person is not guilty of the crime with which he has been charged |
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| 64 | acrid | adj. having a strongly bitter smell or taste |
| 65 | acrimonious | adj. bitter |
| 66 | acrophobia | "acro'phobic adjectiv |
| 67 | actuarial | calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics |
| 68 | actuary | n. expert who calculates insurance risks and premiums |
| | actuate | v. make (a machine, an electrical device, etc) move or work; make (a process) begin , ; |
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| 70 | acuity | n. (esp of thought or the senses) sharpness; acuteness |
| 71 | acumen | n. ability to understand and judge things quickly and clearly; shrewdness |
| 72 | acute | adj. very great; severe |
| 73 | adage | n. traditional saying; proverb ; |
| 74 | adamant | adj. firmly or stubbornly determined; unwilling to be persuaded |
| 75 | adapt | v. ~ sth (for sth) make sth suitable for a new use, situation, etc; modify sth |
| 76 | addendum | n. thing that is to be added |
| | addiction | n. ~ condition of taking drugs, etc habitually and being unable to stop doing so without suffering adverse effects |
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| 78 | addle | v. confuse (sth/sb); muddle |
| | address | n. details of where a person lives, works or can be found, and where letters, etc may be delivered |
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| 80 | adept | adj. ~ ~ (at/in doing sth) expert or skilful in (doing) sth |
| 81 | adhere | v. ~ (to sth) remain attached (to sth); stick (as if) by means of glue or suction |
| 82 | adherent | n. supporter of a party or doctrine |
| 83 | adjacent | having a common endpoint or border also immediately preceding or following |
| 84 | adjoin | v. be next or nearest to and joined with |
| 85 | adjourn | v. stop (a meeting, etc) for a time; postpone |
| | adjunct | n. ~ thing that is added or attached to sth else but is less important and not essential |
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| 87 | adjuration | solemn urging |
| 88 | adjutant | n. army officer responsible for administrative work in a battalion |
| | admonish | to express warning or disapproval to especially in a gentle, earnest, or solicitous manner |
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| 90 | adore | v. love deeply and respect (sb) highly |
| 91 | adorn | v. ~ sth/sb/oneself add beauty or ornament to sth/sb/oneself |
| 92 | adroit | adj. ~ skilful; clever |
| 93 | adulation | n. excessive admiration or praise; flattery |
| 94 | adulterate | v. make poorer in quality by adding another substance |
| 95 | Advent | n. the ~ of sth/sb the approach or arrival of |
| 96 | adventitious | adj. not planned; accidental |
| 97 | adversary | n. opponent in a contest; enemy |
| 98 | adverse | adj. not favourable; contrary |
| 99 | adversity | n. unfavourable conditions; trouble |
| 100 | advert | n. = advertisement |
| 101 | advocacy | n. ~ giving of support (to a cause, etc) |
| 102 | advocate | v. speak publicly in favour of (sth); recommend; support |
| | aegis | n. under the aegis of sb/sth with the protection or support of sb/sth, esp a public institution |
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| 104 | aerie | = eyrie |
| 105 | aesthetic | adj. concerned with beauty and the appreciation of beauty |
| 106 | affable | adj. polite and friendly |
| 107 | affected | adj. not natural or genuine; pretended; artificial |
| 108 | affidavit | n. written statement that can be used as evidence in court, made by sb who swears that it is true |
| 109 | affiliation | n. affiliating or being affiliated |
| 110 | affinity | n. ~ ~ (between A and B) structural resemblance or similarity of character; relationship |
| 111 | affirmation | n. affirming |
| 112 | affix | v. ~ sth (fml) stick, fasten or attach sth |
| 113 | affliction | n. pain; suffering; distress |
| 114 | affluence | n. abundance of money, goods or property; wealth |
| 115 | affront | n. ~ (to sb/sth) deliberately insulting or disrespectful remark, action, etc, esp in public |
| 116 | afterlife | n. existence that is thought by some to follow death |
| 117 | agape | adj. ~ (of the mouth) wide open, esp with wonder |
| 118 | agenda | n. matters of business to be discussed at a meeting, etc |
| 119 | agglomeration | n. action of agglomerating |
| 120 | aggrandize | to make appear great or greater:praise highly |
| 121 | aggregate | v. ~ sb (fml) be formed or bring sb into an assembled group or amount |
| 122 | aghast | adj. ~ filled with horror or amazement |
| 123 | agility | nimbleness |
| 124 | agitate | v. cause anxiety to (a person, his feelings, etc); disturb; excite |
| 125 | agnostic | n. person who believes that nothing can be known about the existence of God or of anything except material things |
| 126 | agog | adj. eager; excited |
| 127 | agrarian | adj. of land |
| 128 | airy | adj. having plenty of fresh air moving about; well-ventilated |
| 129 | alacrity | n. prompt and eager readiness |
| 130 | alchemy | n. medieval form of chemistry, the chief aim of which was to discover how to turn ordinary metals into gold , |
| 131 | alcove | n. small space in a room, etc formed by part of the wall being set back; recess |
| 132 | alias | n. name by which a person is called at other times or in other places; false name |
| 133 | alienate | v. ~ sb cause sb to become unfriendly or indifferent; estrange sb |
| 134 | alimentary | adj. of food and digestion |
| 135 | alimony | n. allowance that a court may order a man to pay to his wife or former wife before or after a legal separation or divorce |
| 136 | allay | v. make (sth) less; relieve |
| 137 | allege | v. state (sth) as a fact but without proof; give as an argument or excuse |
| 138 | allegiance | n. ~ (to sb/sth) support of or loyalty to a government, ruler, cause, etc |
| 139 | allegory | n. story, painting or description in which the characters and events are meant as symbols of purity, truth, patience, etc , |
| 140 | alleviate | v. make less severe; ease |
| 141 | alliteration | n. occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of two or more words in succession, as in sing a song of sixpence or as thick as thieves , sing a song of sixpence as thick as thieves |
| 142 | allocate | v. ~ sth allot or assign sth (to sb/sth) for a special purpose |
| 143 | alloy | n. metal formed of a mixture of metals or of metal and another substance |
| 144 | allude | v. ~ to sb/sth (fml) mention sb/sth briefly or indirectly |
| 145 | allure | v. tempt or attract (sb) by the expectation of gaining sth |
| 146 | allusion | n. ~ indirect reference |
| 147 | alluvial | adj. made of sand, earth, etc left by rivers or floods, esp in a delta |
| 148 | alms | n. money, clothes, food, etc given to poor people |
| 149 | aloft | adv. up in the air; overhead |
| 150 | aloof | adj. ~ cool and remote in character; unconcerned |
| 151 | altercation | n. (act of) quarrelling or arguing noisily |
| 152 | altruistic | (adj.) unselfish |
| 153 | amalgam | n. alloy of mercury with another metal |
| 154 | amalgamate | v. ~ (with sb/sth) (cause people or things to) combine or unite |
| 155 | amass | v. gather together or collect (sth), esp in large quantities |

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| 156 | amazon | n. tall strong athletic woman |
| 157 | ambidextrous | adj. able to use the left hand or the right hand equally well |
| 158 | ambience | n. environment; atmosphere of a place |
| 159 | ambiguous | adj. having more than one possible meaning |
| 160 | ambivalence | the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes |
| 161 | amble | v. ride or walk at a slow, leisurely pace |
| 162 | ambrosia | n. food of the gods |
| 163 | ambulatory | walking |
| 164 | ambush | n. waiting in a hidden position to make a surprise attack |
| 165 | ameliorate | v. (cause sth to) become better |
| 166 | amenable | adj. ~ (of people) willing to be influenced or controlled (by sth) |
| 167 | amend | v. correct an error in (sth); make minor improvements in; change slightly |
| 168 | amenities | [amenity:] [often pl] a useful or pleasant facility or service |
| 169 | amiable | adj. showing and inspiring friendliness; pleasant and good-tempered |
| 170 | amicable | adj. showing friendliness; without hostility |
| 171 | amiss | adj. , adv wrong(ly); inappropriate(ly) |
| 172 | amity | n. friendly relationship between people or countries |
| 173 | amnesia | n. partial or total loss of memory |
| 174 | amnesty | n. general pardon, esp for offences against the State |
| 175 | amok | adv. run amok rush about in a wild and angry frenzy |
| 176 | amoral | adj. not based on moral standards; not following any moral rules ; |
| 177 | amorous | adj. readily showing or feeling love; relating to love |
| 178 | amorphous | adj. having no definite shape or form; not organized |
| 179 | amphibian | n. animal able to live both on land and in water |
| 180 | amphitheater | oval building with tiers of seats |
| 181 | ample | adj. enough |
| 182 | amplify | v. increase (sth) in size or strength |
| 183 | amputate | v. cut off by surgical operation |
| 184 | amulet | n. piece of jewellery, etc worn as a charm1(|
| 185 | anachronism | n. mistake of placing sth in the wrong historical period |
| 186 | analgesia | n. loss of ability to feel pain while still conscious |
| 187 | analgesic | adj. n substance that relieves pain |
| 188 | analogous | adj. ~ partially similar or parallel; offering an analogy |
| 189 | analogy | n. ~ partial similarity between two things that are compared |
| 190 | anarchist | n. person who believes in anarchism |
| 191 | anarchy | n. absence of government or control in society; lawlessness |
| 192 | anathema | n. detested person or thing |
| 193 | anathematize | declare to be evil or anathema |
| 194 | ancestry | n. line of ancestors |
| 195 | anchor | n. heavy metal device attached to a rope, chain, etc and used to moor a ship or boat to the sea-bottom or a balloon to the ground |
| 196 | ancillary | adj. ~ helping in a subsidiary way |
| 197 | anecdote | n. short, interesting or amusing story about a real person or event , |
| 198 | anemia | condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles |
| 199 | anesthetic | = anaesthesia, anaesthetic |
| 200 | anguish | n. severe physical or mental pain |
| 201 | angular | adj. having angles or sharp corners |
| 202 | animadversion | n. criticism |
| 203 | animated | adj. lively |
| 204 | animosity | n. ~ ~ (between A and B) (instance of) strong dislike or of hostility |
| 205 | animus | n. animosity shown in speech or action |
| 206 | annals | n. story of events year by year; historical records |
| 207 | anneal | v. make tough by cooling slowly after heating |
| 208 | annex | v. take possession of |
| 209 | annihilate | v. destroy completely |
| 210 | annotate | v. add notes to giving explanation or comment |

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| 211 | annuity | n. fixed sum of money paid to sb yearly, usu for the remaining part of his lifetime |
| 212 | annul | v. declare (sth) no longer valid; abolish; cancel |
| 213 | anodyne | n, adj that can relieve pain |
| 214 | anoint | v. ~ sb apply oil or ointment to sb (esp as a religious ceremony) |
| 215 | anomalous | adj. different from what is normal; irregular |
| 216 | anomaly | n. anomalous thing; irregularity |
| 217 | anonymity | n. state of being anonymous |
| 218 | antagonism | n ~ ~ (between A and B) (instance of) active opposition or hostility, esp between two people |
| 219 | antagonistic | adj. ~ showing or feeling antagonism; hostile |
| 220 | antecede | be earlier in time; go back further |
| 221 | antecedents | ancestr |
| 222 | antediluvian | adj. of the time before Noah's Flood |
| 223 | anthem | n. short musical composition, usu for a choir and an organ, to be sung in religious services, often with words taken from the Bible , |
| 224 | anthology | n. collection of poems or pieces of prose on the same subject or by the same writer |
| 225 | anthropoid | adj. man-like in form |
| 226 | anthropologist | n. student of or expert in anthropology |
| 227 | anthropomorph hic | adj. treating gods, animals, etc as human in form and personality , |
| 228 | anticlimax | n. disappointing end to a series of events which had seemed likely to become more interesting, exciting or impressive |
| 229 | antidote | n. ~ substance that acts against the effects of a poison or disease |
| 230 | antipathy | settled aversion or dislike: DISTASTE |
| 231 | antiquated | adj. (of things) out of date, obsolete , |
| 232 | antique | adj. belonging to the distant past |
| 233 | antiquity | n. ancient times, esp before the Middle Ages |
| 234 | antiseptic | n. substance that prevents a wound, etc from becoming septic, esp by destroying bacteria |
| 235 | antithesis | n. ~ (of/to sth/sb) direct opposite |
| 236 | antler | n. branched horn of a stag or of some other deer |
| 237 | anvil | n. iron block on which a smith shapes heated metal by hammering it |
| 238 | apathetic | adj. showing or feeling apathy |
| 239 | apathy | n. ~ lack of interest, enthusiasm or concern; indifference |
| 240 | ape | n. any of the four primates (gorilla, chimpanzee, orang-utan, gibbon) most closely related to man . |
| 241 | aperture | n. narrow opening |
| 242 | apex | n. top or highest point |
| 243 | aphasia | n. partial or total loss of ability to speak or understand spoken language, caused by damage to the brain |
| 244 | aphorism | n. short wise saying; maxim ; |
| 245 | apiarist | n. person who keeps bees |
| 246 | apiary | n. place with a number of hives where bees are kept |
| 247 | apiculture | the cultivation of bees on a commercial scale for the production of honey |
| 248 | aplomb | n. confidence and self-control; poise |
| 249 | apocalyptic | adj. prophesying great and dramatic events like those in the Apocalypse |
| 250 | apocryphal | adj. not likely to be genuine; untrue or invented |
| 251 | apogee | n. position in the orbit of the moon, a planet or a satellite when it is at its greatest distance from the earth , |
| 252 | apolitical | adj. not interested or involved in politics |
| 253 | apologist | n. person who defends a doctrine by logical argument |
| 254 | apoplexy | n. sudden inability to feel or move, caused by the blockage or rupture of an artery in the brain , |
| 255 | apostate | n. person who renounces his former beliefs, etc |
| 256 | apothecary | n. person who prepares and sells medicines and medical goods |
| 257 | apothegm | = apophthegm |
| 258 | apotheosis | n. (of a human being) making or becoming a god or a sain |
| 259 | appall | to overcome with consternation, shock, or dismay |
| 260 | apparent | adj. clearly seen or understood; obvious |
| 261 | apparition | n. appearance, esp of sth startling, strange or unexpected , |

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| 262 | appease | v. make quiet or calm, usu by making concessions or by satisfying demands |
| 263 | appellation | n. name or title; system of naming ; |
| 264 | append | v. ~ sth (fml) attach or add sth (esp in writing) |
| 265 | application | n. ~ (to sb) (for sth) formal request |
| 266 | apposite | adj. ~ (of a remark, etc) very appropriate (for a purpose or an occasion) |
| 267 | appraise | v. assess the value or quality of |
| 268 | appreciate | v. understand and enjoy (sth); value highly |
| 269 | apprehend | v. seize (sb); arrest |
| 270 | apprehensive | adj. ~ ~ (that.../for sb/sth) feeling anxiety; fearful; uneasy |
| 271 | apprise | v. ~ sb of sth inform sb of sth |
| 272 | approbation | n. approval; consent |
| 273 | appropriate | adj. ~ suitable; right and proper |
| 274 | appurtenances | [appurtenance:] a secondary or less significant thing or part |
| 275 | apropos | adv, adj appropriate or relevant to what is being said or done |
| 276 | aptitude | n. ~ natural ability or skill |
| 277 | aquiline | adj. of or like an eagle |
| 278 | arable | n. , adj suitable for ploughing and for growing crops |
| 279 | arbitrator | n. ~ person who has power to decide what will be done, accepted, etc with regard to sth |
| 280 | arbitrary | adj. based on personal opinion or impulse, not on reason |
| 281 | arbitrate | v. ~ (between A and B) make a judgement about or settle (a dispute) between two parties (usu when asked by them to do so) |
| 282 | arboreal | adj. of or living in trees |
| 283 | arboretum | n. place where trees are grown for scientific study or for display |
| 284 | arcade | n. covered passage or area, esp one with an arched roof and shops along one or both sides |
| 285 | arcane | requiring secret or mysterious knowledge |
| 286 | arch- | comb form chief; most important |
| 287 | archaeology | n. study of ancient civilizations by scientific analysis of physical remains found in the ground |
| 288 | archaic | adj. of a much earlier or an ancient period in history |
| 289 | archetype | n. original or ideal model from which others are copied; prototype ; |
| 290 | archipelago | n. (sea surrounding a) group of many islands |
| 291 | archives | n. historical documents or records of a government, town, etc |
| 292 | ardor | extreme vigor or energy:INTENSITY |
| 293 | arduous | adj. needing much effort or energy; laborious |
| 294 | argot | n. words and phrases used by a particular group and not intended to be understood by others; cant ; |
| 295 | aria | n. song for one voice, esp in an opera or oratorio |
| 296 | arid | adj. having little or no rainfall; dry |
| 297 | aristocracy | n. highest social class; the nobility |
| 298 | armada | n. large fleet of ships |
| 299 | aromatic | adj. having a pleasant, distinctive smell; fragrant |
| 300 | arraign | v. ~ sb (law) bring a criminal charge against sb; bring sb to court for trial |
| 301 | array | v. place (esp armed forces, troops, etc) in battle order |
| 302 | arrears | n. money that is owed and should have been paid earlier |
| 303 | arrhythmic | lacking rhythm or regularity |
| 304 | arrogance | a feeling or an impression of superiority manifested in an overbearing manner or presumptuous claims |
| 305 | arroyo | a brook; a creek a water-carved gully or channel |
| 306 | arsenal | n. place where weapons and ammunition are made or stored |
| 307 | artery | n. any of the tubes carrying blood from the heart to all parts of the body |
| 308 | artful | adj. cunningly clever at getting what one wants; crafty |
| 309 | articulate | adj. able to express one's ideas clearly in words |
| 310 | artifacts | something created by humans usually for a practical purpose; especially :an object remaining from a particular period |
| 311 | artifice | n. clever trickery; deception |
| 312 | artisan | a manually skilled worker |
| 313 | artless | adj. simple and natural; without deceit |
| 314 | ascendancy | n. ~ (position of) having dominant power or control |

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| 315 | ascertain | v. discover (sth) so that one is certain; get to know |
| 316 | ascetic | adj. not allowing oneself pleasures and comforts; having or involving a very austere life |
| 317 | ascribe | v. ~ sth to sb/sth consider sth to be caused by, written by or belonging to sb/sth |
| 318 | aseptic | adj. free from bacteria that cause a thing to become septic; surgically clean |
| 319 | ashen | adj. like ashes in colour; very pale |
| 320 | asinine | adj. stupid or stubborn |
| 321 | askance | adv. look |
| 322 | askew | adj. , adv not in a straight or level position; crooked |
| 323 | asperity | n. harshness or severity, esp of manner |
| 324 | aspersion | slandering remark |
| 325 | aspirant | n. ~ (fml) person who is ambitious (for fame, promotion, success, etc) |
| 326 | aspiration | n. ~ ~ (to do sth) strong desire or ambition |
| 327 | aspire | v. ~ after/to sth desire strongly to achieve sth; have ambition for sth |
| 328 | assail | v. ~ sb (fml) attack sb violently or repeatedly |
| 329 | assay | n. testing of esp metals for quality |
| 330 | assent | n. ~ (fml) agreement; approval |
| 331 | assert | v. make others recognize (sth) by behaving firmly and confidently |
| 332 | assessment | n. action of assessing |
| 333 | assiduous | adj. showing constant and careful attention |
| 334 | assimilate | v. (cause sth to) become absorbed into the body after digestion |
| 335 | assuage | v. make (sth) less severe; soothe |
| 336 | assumption | n. thing accepted as true or as sure to happen, but not proved |
| 337 | assurance | n. confident belief in one's own abilities and powers |
| 338 | asteroid | n. any of many small planets revolving round the sun, esp between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter |
| 339 | astigmatism | n. defect in an eye or a lens that prevents correct focusing |
| 340 | astral | adj. of or from the stars |
| 341 | astringent | n. substance, used medically or in cosmetics, that makes skin or body tissue contract and so stops bleeding |
| 342 | astronomical | adj. of astronomy |
| 343 | astute | adj. clever and quick at seeing how to gain an advantage; shrewd |
| 344 | asunder | adv. into pieces; apart |
| 345 | asylum | n. safety; refuge |
| 346 | asymmetric | adj. not having parts that correspond to each other in size, shape, etc; lacking symmetry |
| 347 | atavism | n. reappearance in a person of a characteristic or quality that has not been seen in his family for many generations |
| 348 | atheistic | adj. |
| 349 | atone | v. ~ (fml) act in a way that compensates for a previous wrong, error, etc |
| 350 | atrocious | n. great wickedness or cruelty |
| 351 | atrophy | n. wasting away of the body or part of it through lack of nourishment or use |
| 352 | attentive | adj. ~ giving attention (to sb/sth); alert and watchful |
| 353 | attenuate | v. make (sth/sb) thin or slender |
| 354 | attest | v. ~ (to) sth be or give clear proof of sth |
| 355 | attire | n. clothes; dress |
| 356 | attribute | v. ~ sth to sb/sth regard sth as belonging to, caused by or produced by sb/sth |
| 357 | attrition | n. process of gradually weakening sb's strength and confidence by continuous harassment |
| 358 | atypical | adj. not representative or characteristic of its type; not typical |
| 359 | audacious | adj. showing a willingness to take risks; daring; fearless |
| 360 | audit | n. official examination of accounts to see that they are in order |
| 361 | augment | v. make (sth) larger in number or size; increase |
| 362 | augury | omen; prophecy |
| 363 | august | majestic, venerable |
| 364 | aureole | sun's corona; halo |
| 365 | auroral | [aurora:] an atmospheric phenomenon consisting of bands, curtains, or streamers of light, usually green, red, or yellow, that move across the sky in polar regions. |
| 366 | auspicious | adj. showing signs of future success; favourable; promising |

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| 367 | austere | adj. severely and strictly moral; having no pleasures or comforts |
| 368 | austerity | n. quality of being austere |
| 369 | authenticate | Practical experience of sth |
| 370 | authoritarian | adj. favouring complete obedience to authority before personal freedom |
| 371 | authoritative | adj. having authority; that can be trusted; reliable |
| 372 | autocrat | n. ruler of an autocracy |
| 373 | autocratic | adj. |
| 374 | automaton | n. = robot 1 |
| 375 | autonomous | adj. self-governing; acting independently |
| 376 | autopsy | n. examination of a dead body to learn the cause of death; post-mortem () |
| 377 | auxiliary | adj. giving help or support; additional |
| 378 | avalanche | n. mass of snow, ice and rock that slides rapidly down the side of a mountain |
| 379 | avarice | n. greed for wealth or gain |
| 380 | avenge | v. take or get revenge for |
| 381 | aver | v. (fml) state (sth) firmly and positively; assert ; |
| 382 | averse | adj. ~ to sth not liking sth; opposed to sth |
| 383 | aversion | n. ~ strong dislike |
| 384 | avert | v. ~ sth turn sth away |
| 385 | aviary | n. large cage or building for keeping birds in, eg in a zoo , |
| 386 | avid | adj. ~ eager; greedy |
| 387 | avocation | secondary or minor occupation |
| 388 | avow | v. declare (sth) openly; admit |
| 389 | avuncular | adj. of or like an uncle, esp in manner |
| 390 | awe | n. feeling of respect combined with fear or wonder |
| 391 | awful | adj. extremely bad or unpleasant; terrible |
| 392 | awl | n. small pointed tool for making holes, esp in leather or wood |
| 393 | awry | adv. crookedly; out of position; askew ; |
| 394 | axiom | n. statement that is accepted as true without further proof or argument |
| 395 | azure | n. , adj bright blue, as of the sky |
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| 397 | babble | v. talk in a way that is difficult or impossible to understand |
| 398 | bacchanal | n. (dated or fml) bout of noisy, drunken merrymaking . bacchana-lian adj |
| 399 | bacchanalia | orgiastic rites associated with Bacchus |
| 400 | bacchanalian | [bacchanalia:] [often cap] orgiastic rites associated with Bacchus |
| 401 | backslide | v. lapse from good ways into one's former bad ways of living |
| 402 | badger | n. animal of the weasel family, grey with black and white stripes on its head, living in holes in the ground and moving about at night . |
| 403 | badinage | n. playful teasing; banter ; |
| 404 | baffle | v. be too difficult for to understand; puzzle |
| 405 | bait | n. food or imitation food put on a hook to catch fish or placed in nets, traps, etc to attract prey |
| 406 | baleful | adj. threatening evil or harm; menacing |
| 407 | balk | n. thick, roughly-squared wooden beam |
| 408 | ballast | n. heavy material placed in a ship's hold to keep it steady |
| 409 | balm | n. sweet-smelling oil or ointment obtained from certain types of tree, used for soothing pain or for healing , |
| 410 | balmy | adj. (of air) gentle and pleasantly warm |
| 411 | banal | adj. commonplace; uninteresting |
| 412 | bandy | v. (idm) bandy ` words (with sb) (dated) exchange words, etc, esp when quarrelling |
| 413 | bane | n. the bane of sb's existence/life cause of sb's ruin or trouble |
| 414 | bank | n. land sloping up along each side of a river or canal; ground near a river |
| 415 | bantering | adj. playfully teasing |
| 416 | bar | n. piece of solid material |
| 417 | barb | n. point of an arrow, a fish-hook, etc curved backwards to make it difficult to pull out . |
| 418 | bard | n. minstrel |

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| 419 | barefaced | adj. impudent; shameless |
| 420 | bargain | n. agreement in which both or all sides promise to do sth for each other |
| 421 | baroque | adj. n highly ornate style fashionable in the arts (esp architecture) in Europe in the 17th and 18th centuries , |
| 422 | barrage | n. barrier built across a river to store water for irrigation, prevent flooding, etc |
| 423 | barrister | n. lawyer who has the right to speak and argue as an advocate in higher lawcourts |
| 424 | barterer | [barter:] to trade (goods, services, etc.) in exchange for other goods, services, etc., rather than for money |
| 425 | base | n. lowest part of sth, esp the part on which it rests or is supported |
| 426 | bask | v. ~ sit or lie enjoying warmth |
| 427 | bastard | n. illegitimate child |
| 428 | bastion | n. part of a fortification that projects from the rest |
| 429 | bate | let down; restrain |
| 430 | battalion | n. army unit composed of several companies and forming part of a regiment or brigade |
| 431 | bauble | n. showy ornament of little value |
| 432 | bawdy | adj. amusing in a coarse or indecent way |
| 433 | bearing | n. way of standing, walking, etc; deportment |
| 434 | beatific | adj. showing or giving great joy and serenity; blissful |
| 435 | beatitude | n. great happiness; blessedness ; |
| 436 | bedizen | dress with vulgar finery |
| 437 | bedraggle | wet thoroughly |
| 438 | beeline | the most direct route between two places |
| 439 | befuddle | confuse thoroughly |
| 440 | beget | v. (arch) be the father of (sb) |
| 441 | begrudge | v. resent or be dissatisfied with |
| 442 | beguile | charm (sb) |
| 443 | behemoth | huge creature; something of monstrous size or power |
| 444 | beholden | adj. ~ to sb (dated or fml) owing thanks or indebted to sb |
| 445 | behoove | n. suited to ; incumbent upon |
| 446 | belabor | to explain or insist on excessively |
| 447 | belated | adj. coming very late or too late |
| 448 | beleaguer | v. besiege |
| 449 | belie | v. give a wrong or an untrue idea of (sth) |
| 450 | belittle | v. make seem unimportant or of little value |
| 451 | bellicose | adj. eager to fight; warlike; aggressive |
| 452 | belligerent | adj. waging war; engaged in a conflict |
| 453 | bemoan | v. show sorrow for or complain about (sb/sth) |
| 454 | bemused | adj. bewildered or confused |
| 455 | benediction | n. blessing, esp one said before a meal or at the end of a church service |
| 456 | benefactor | n. person who gives money or other help to a school, hospital, charity, etc |
| 457 | beneficent | adj. showing active kindness; generous; charitable |
| 458 | beneficial | adj. ~ having a helpful or useful effect; advantageous |
| 459 | beneficiary | n. person who receives sth, esp one who receives money, property, etc when sb dies |
| 460 | benefit | n. profit; gain; future good (used esp with the vs and preps shown) |
| 461 | benevolent | adj. ~ being, or wishing to be, kind, friendly and helpful |
| 462 | benign | adj. kindly; gentle |
| 463 | benison | blessing |
| 464 | bent | n. ~ (for sth/doing sth) natural skill (at sth); liking or inclination (for sth/doing sth) |
| 465 | bequeath | v. ~ sth (to sb) arrange, by making a will, to give (property, money etc) (to sb) when one dies |
| 466 | berate | v. scold sharply |
| 467 | bereaved | [bereave:] [usually foll by of] to deprive (of) something or someone valued, esp. through death |
| 468 | bereavement | n. state of being bereaved |
| 469 | bereft | adj. ~ (fml) deprived of (a power or quality) |
| 470 | berserk | adj. wild with rage |
| 471 | beseech | v. ~ sb (for sth) ask sb earnestly; implore sb; entreat sb |

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| 472 | beset | v. (fml) surround (sb/sth) on all sides; trouble constantly; threaten |
| 473 | besiege | v. surround with armed forces in order to make it surrender |
| 474 | besmirch | v. dishonour (sb/sth); slander |
| 475 | bestial | adj. of or like a beast; brutish; cruel |
| 476 | bestow | v. ~ sth (fml) present sth as a gift (to sb); confer |
| 477 | betoken | v. be a sign of (sth); indicate |
| 478 | betray | v. ~ sb/sth hand over or show sb/sth disloyally (to an enemy) |
| 479 | betroth | become engaged to marry |
| 480 | bevy | n. large group |
| 481 | beware | v. ~ (of sb/sth) be cautious (of sb/sth); take care (about sb/sth) ; |
| 482 | bewitch | v. put a magic spell on |
| 483 | bicameral | adj. having two legislative chambers |
| 484 | bicker | v. ~ (over/about sth) quarrel about unimportant things |
| 485 | bid | v. ~ (sth) (for sth); esp US ~ (sth) (on sth) offer (a price) in order to buy sth, esp at an auction |
| 486 | biennial | adj. happening every second year |
| 487 | bifurcated | [bifurcate:] to fork or divide into two parts or branches |
| 488 | bigot | n. person who holds strong beliefs and opinions, and is intolerant of anyone who disagrees |
| 489 | bigotry | n. bigoted attitude or behaviour |
| 490 | bilious | adj. caused by or suffering from too much bile |
| 491 | bilk | v. ~ sb of sth) avoid paying money to sb; cheat sb (out of sth) |
| 492 | billow | n. large wave |
| 493 | billowing | [billow:] a large sea wave |
| 494 | bitter | adj. having a sharp taste like aspirin or unsweetened coffee; not sweet |
| 495 | bivouac | n. temporary camp without tents or any other cover, esp used by soldiers or mountaineers |
| 496 | bizarre | adj. strange in appearance or effect; grotesque; eccentric ; |
| 497 | blackball | v. prevent from joining a club or group by voting against him in a ballot |
| 498 | blanch | v. prepare by putting briefly in boiling water; scald |
| 499 | bland | adj. gentle or casual in manner; showing no strong emotions; suave ; |
| 500 | blandishment | n. (fml) flattering or coaxing words and actions |
| 501 | blare | v. ~ make a loud harsh sound like a trumpet |
| 502 | blasphemous | adj. showing contempt or irreverence for God and sacred things |
| 503 | blasphemy | n. blasphemous behaviour or language |
| 504 | blatant | adj. very obvious; unashamed; flagrant |
| 505 | bleak | adj. (of a landscape) bare; exposed; wind-swept |
| 506 | blemish | n. mark or stain that spoils the beauty or perfection of sb/sth |
| 507 | blight | n. disease that withers plants |
| 508 | blighted | (adj.) causing frustration or destruction |
| 509 | bliss | n. perfect happiness; great joy |
| 510 | blithe | adj. happy and carefree; casual |
| 511 | bloated | adj. swollen with fat, gas or liquid |
| 512 | blotch | n. large discoloured mark, usu irregular in shape |
| 513 | blowhard | a very boastful and talkative person |
| 514 | bludgeon | n. short thick stick with a heavy end, used as a weapon |
| 515 | blue | adj. having the colour of a clear sky or the sea on a sunny day |
| | blues | [blue:] any of a group of colours, such as that of a clear unclouded sky, that have wavelengths in the range 490--445 nanometres. Blue is the complementary colour of yellow and with red and green forms a set of primary colours |
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| 517 | bluff | v. try to deceive by pretending to be stronger, braver, cleverer, etc than one is |
| 518 | blunder | n. stupid or careless mistake |
| 519 | blunt | adj. without a sharp edge or a point |
| 520 | blurt | v. blurt sth out say sth suddenly and tactlessly |
| 521 | blush | v. ~ (at sth) become red in the face (because of sth) |
| 522 | bluster | v. blow fiercely or in strong gusts |
| 523 | bode | v. be a sign of (sth coming) |
| 524 | bog | n. wet spongy ground formed of decaying vegetation |

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| 525 | bogus | adj. not genuine; false |
| 526 | Bohemian | n, adj having or displaying a very informal and unconventional way of life , |
| 527 | boisterous | adj. noisy, lively and cheerful |
| 528 | bolster | n. long pillow, usu shaped like a roll, across the head of a bed |
| 529 | bolt | n. metal bar that slides into a socket to lock a door, window, etc |
| 530 | bombardment | n. |
| 531 | bombast | n. pompous and meaningless words |
| 532 | bombastic | adj. pompous and empty |
| 533 | bookish | adj. fond of reading; studious |
| 534 | boon | n. request or favour (used esp with the vs shown) |
| 535 | boor | n. rough, rude or insensitive man |
| 536 | boorish | adj. of or like a boor |
| 537 | boost | v. increase the strength or value of help or encourage (sb/sth) |
| 538 | botch | v. ~ sth spoil sth by poor or clumsy work; repair sth badly |
| 539 | bouillon | n. thin clear soup or broth; stock ; |
| 540 | bound | v. form the boundary of (sth); limit |
| 541 | bountiful | adj. giving generously |
| 542 | bourgeois | adj. of or relating to the property-owning middle class |
| 543 | bout | n. ~ short period of a specified activity |
| 544 | bovine | adj. of or relating to cattle |
| 545 | bowdlerize | expurgate |
| 546 | brackish | adj. slightly salty |
| 547 | brag | v. ~ (about/of sth) talk with too much pride (about sth); boast |
| 548 | braggadocio | a:empty boasting b:arrogant pretension:COCKINESS |
| 549 | braggart | n. person who brags |
| 550 | braid | n. number of threads of silk, cotton, etc woven together in a narrow band for decorating clothes and material |
| 551 | brand | n. particular make of goods or their trade mark |
| 552 | brandish | v. wave in a triumphant or threatening way; display |
| 553 | bravado | n. display of boldness |
| 554 | brave | adj. (of a person) ready to face and endure danger, pain or suffering; having no fear; courageous |
| 555 | brawl | n. noisy quarrel or fight |
| 556 | brawn | n. strong muscles; muscular strength |
| 557 | brawny | adj. strong and muscular |
| 558 | brazen | adj. shameless; insolent |
| 559 | breach | n. breaking or neglect |
| 560 | breadth | n. distance or measurement from side to side; width |
| 561 | breed | v. (of animals) produce young |
| 562 | brevity | n. shortness or briefness |
| 563 | bridle | n. part of a horse's harness that goes on its head, including the metal bit for the mouth, the straps and the reins |
| 564 | brim | n. top edge of a cup, bowl, glass, etc |
| 565 | brindled | adj. brown with streaks of another colour |
| 566 | brink | n. edge at the top of a steep high place, eg a cliff |
| 567 | brisk | adj. quick; active; energetic |
| 568 | bristle | n. short stiff hair |
| 569 | bristling | rising like bristles; showing irritation |
| 570 | brittle | adj. hard but easily broken; fragile |
| 571 | broach | v. make a hole in to draw off the liquid inside; open (a bottle, etc) to use the contents |
| 572 | brocade | n. fabric woven with a raised pattern, esp of gold or silver threads |
| 573 | brochure | n. booklet or pamphlet containing information about sth or advertising sth |
| 574 | broil | v. cook (meat) on a fire or gridiron; grill |
| 575 | bromide | n. chemical compound of bromine, used in medicine to calm the nerves |
| 576 | brooch | n. ornament with a hinged pin and clasp, worn on women's clothes , |
| 577 | brood | n. all the young birds or other animals produced at one hatching or birth |
| 578 | brook | n. small stream |
| 579 | browbeat | v. ~ sb (into doing sth) frighten sb with stern looks and words; bully ; intimidate |
| 580 | browse | v. examine books in a casual, leisurely way |

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| 581 | bruise | n. injury caused by a blow to the body or to a fruit, discolouring the skin but not breaking it |
| 582 | brunt | n. bear the brunt of sth |
| 583 | brusque | adj. rough and abrupt; curt |
| 584 | buccaneer | n. pirate |
| 585 | bucolic | adj. of country life or the countryside; rustic ; |
| 586 | buffet | n. counter where food and drink may be bought and consumed, esp in a railway station or on a train |
| 587 | buffoon | n. ridiculous but amusing person; clown |
| 588 | buffoonery | n. ridiculous behaviour; clowning ; |
| 589 | bugaboo | bugbear; object of baseless terror |
| 590 | bulge | n. rounded swelling; outward curve |
| 591 | bulk | n. size, quantity or volume, esp when great |
| 592 | bullion | n. gold or silver in bulk or bars, before it is made into coins, etc |
| 593 | bully | n. person who uses his strength or power to frighten or hurt weaker people |
| 594 | bulwark | n. wall, esp of earth, built as a defence |
| 595 | bump | v. ~ against/into sb/sth knock or strike sth with a dull-sounding blow; collide with sth |
| 596 | bungle | v. do badly or clumsily; spoil (a task) through lack of skill |
| 597 | buoyant | adj. (of an object) able to float |
| 598 | bureaucracy | n. system of government through departments managed by State officials, not by elected representatives |
| 599 | burgeon | v. (of a plant) put out leaves; sprout |
| 600 | burlesque | n. comic or exaggerated imitation; parody |
| 601 | burly | adj. with a strong heavy body; sturdy |
| 602 | burnish | v. make smooth and shiny by rubbing; polish |
| 603 | bust | n. sculpture of a person's head, shoulders and chest |
| 604 | buttress | n. support built against a wall . |
| 605 | buxom | adj. (of women) plump and healthy-looking; having a large bosom ; |
| 606 | Barron GRE word list - c | |
| 607 | cabal | n. secret political plot |
| 608 | cache | n. place for hiding food, treasure or weapons |
| 609 | cacophonous | (adj.) sounding jarring |
| 610 | cacophony | n. loud unpleasant mixture of discordant sounds |
| 611 | cadaver | n. dead body of a person; corpse ; |
| 612 | cadaverous | adj. looking like a corpse; very pale and gaunt ; |
| 613 | cadence | n. rhythm in sound |
| 614 | cadet | n. young person training to become a policeman or an officer in the armed forces |
| 615 | cajole | v. ~ sb(into/out of sth); ~ sb (into/out of doing sth) persuade sb (to do sth) by flattery or deceit; coax sb |
| 616 | calamity | n. serious misfortune or disaster |
| 617 | calculated | undertaken after considering the likelihood of success or failure |
| 618 | caldron | = cauldron |
| 619 | caliber | ability; capacity |
| 620 | calligraphy | n. beautiful handwriting |
| 621 | callous | adj. cruelly insensitive or unsympathetic |
| 622 | callow | adj. immature and inexperienced |
| 623 | callus | n. area of thick hardened skin |
| 624 | calorific | adj. of or producing heat |
| 625 | calumny | n. false statement about sb, made to damage his character |
| 626 | camaraderie | n. friendship and mutual trust; comradeship ; |
| 627 | cameo | n. small piece of hard stone with a raised design, esp one with two coloured layers so that the background is of a different colour from the design |
| 628 | camp | n. place where people (eg holiday-makers, Scouts or explorers) live temporarily in tents or huts |
| 629 | canard | n. false report or rumour |
| 630 | candor | unreserved, honest, or sincere expression:FORTHRIGHTNESS |
| 631 | canine | adj. of, like or relating to dogs |
| 632 | canker | n. disease that destroys the wood of plants and trees |

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| 633 | canny | adj. shrewd and careful, esp in business matters |
| 634 | cant | n. insincere talk, esp about religion or morality; hypocrisy ; |
| 635 | cantankerous | adj. bad-tempered; quarrelsome ; |
| 636 | cantata | n. short musical work, often on a religious subject, sung by soloists and usu a choir, accompanied by an orchestra |
| 637 | canter | n. (of a horse) movement that is faster than a trot but slower than a gallop |
| 638 | canto | n. any of the main divisions of a long poem |
| 639 | canvass | v. ~ (for sth) go around an area asking (people) for (political support) |
| 640 | capacious | adj. that can hold much; roomy |
| 641 | capacity | n. ability to hold or contain sth |
| 642 | capillary | n. any of the very narrow blood vessels connecting arteries and veins in the body |
| 643 | capitulate | v. ~ surrender (to sb), esp on agreed conditions |
| 644 | caprice | n. sudden change in attitude or behaviour with no obvious cause; whim ; |
| 645 | capricious | adj. characterized by sudden changes in attitude or behaviour; unpredictable; impulsive |
| 646 | capsize | v. overturn or be overturned |
| 647 | caption | n. short title or heading of an article in a magazine, etc , |
| 648 | captious | adj. fond of criticizing or raising objections about unimportant matters; quibbling ; |
| 649 | carafe | n. glass container in which wine or water are served at meals . |
| 650 | carapace | n. shell on the back of a tortoise or crustacean |
| 651 | carat | n. unit of weight (|
| 652 | carcinogenic | [carcinogen:] "carcino'genic adjective |
| 653 | cardinal | adj. most important; chief; fundamental |
| 654 | cardiologist | n. |
| 655 | careen | v. turn on its side (esp for cleaning or repairing) |
| 656 | career | n. profession or occupation with opportunities for advancement or promotion |
| 657 | carefree | adj. without responsibilities or worries; cheerful |
| 658 | caricature | n. picture,description or imitation of sb/sth that exaggerates certain characteristics in order to amuse or ridicule |
| 659 | carillon | n. set of bells sounded either from a keyboard or mechanically |
| 660 | carnage | n. killing of many people |
| 661 | carnal | adj. of the body; sexual or sensual |
| 662 | carnivorous | adj. flesh-eating |
| 663 | carousal | (noisy party with) drinking and merry-making |
| 664 | carping | adj. tending to make petty complaints; fault-finding |
| 665 | carrion | n. dead and decaying flesh |
| 666 | cartographer | n. person who draws maps and charts |
| 667 | cascade | n. waterfall, esp one of a series forming a large waterfall |
| 668 | caste | n. any of the hereditary Hindu social classes |
| 669 | castigation | severe punishment |
| 670 | castrate | v. remove the testicles of (a male animal or person); geld |
| 671 | casual | adj. happening by chance |
| 672 | casualty | n. person who is killed or injured in war or in an accident |
| 673 | cataclysm | n. sudden violent change or disaster, eg a flood, an earthquake, a revolution or a war |
| 674 | catalyst | n. substance that speeds up a chemical reaction without itself changing |
| 675 | catapult | n. Y-shaped stick with a piece of elastic attached to it, used esp by children for shooting stones . |
| 676 | cataract | n. large steep waterfall |
| 677 | catastrophe | n. sudden great disaster or misfortune |
| 678 | catcall | n. shrill whistle expressing disapproval |
| 679 | catechism | n. summary of the principles of a religion in the form of questions and answers |
| 680 | categorical | adj. unconditional; absolute; explicit |
| 681 | cater | v. ~ (for sth/sb) provide food and services, esp at social functions |
| 682 | catharsis | n. (instance of the) release of strong feelings through the effect of art, esp drama |
| 683 | cathartic | adj. causing catharsis; purgative ; n. purgative drug |
| 684 | catholic | adj. = Roman Catholic (Roman) |

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| 685 | caucus | n. (meeting of the) parliamentary members of a particular political party or any other legislature |
| 686 | caulk | v. make (esp a boat) watertight by filling the seams or joints with waterproof material |
| 687 | causal | adj. of or forming a cause; relating to cause and effect ; |
| 688 | caustic | adj. that can burn or destroy things by chemical action |
| 689 | cauterize | burn with hot iron or caustic |
| 690 | cavalcade | n. procession of people on horseback, in cars, etc |
| 691 | cavalier | n. Cavalier supporter of Charles I in the English Civil War |
| 692 | cavil | v. ~ (at sth) (fml) make unnecessary complaints (about sth) |
| 693 | cede | v. ~ sth give up one's rights to or possession of sth |
| 694 | celerity | n. quickness |
| 695 | celestial | adj. of the sky |
| 696 | celibate | adj. remaining unmarried, esp for religious reasons |
| 697 | cemetery | n. area of land, not a churchyard, used for burying the dead , |
| 698 | censor | n. person authorized to examine books, films, plays, letters, etc and remove parts which are considered indecent, offensive, politically unacceptable or a threat to security |
| 699 | censorious | adj. tending to find faults in people or things; severely critical ; |
| 700 | censure | v. ~ sb criticize sb severely; rebuke sb formally |
| 701 | centaur | n. one of a tribe of creatures with a man's head, arms and upper body on a horse's body and legs |
| 702 | centigrade | adj. of or using a temperature scale with the freezing-point of water at 0 and the boiling-point at 100 |
| 703 | centrifugal | adj. moving away from the centre or axis |
| 704 | centrifuge | n. rotating machine using centrifugal force to separate substances, eg milk and cream |
| 705 | centripetal | adj. moving towards the centre or axis |
| 706 | centurion | n. officer commanding a unit of 100 soldiers |
| 707 | cerebral | adj. of the brain |
| 708 | cerebration | n. working of the brain; thinking ; |
| 709 | ceremonious | adj. full of ceremony; very formal ; |
| 710 | certitude | n. feeling of certainty; lack of doubt ; |
| 711 | cessation | n. action or act of ceasing; pause |
| 712 | cession | n. action of ceding sth, esp land or rights |
| 713 | chafe | v. ~ become irritated or impatient (because of sth) |
| 714 | chaff | n. outer covering of corn, etc, separated from the grain by threshing or winnowing |
| 715 | chaffing | (n.) banter; teasing |
| 716 | chagrin | n. feeling of disappointment or annoyance |
| 717 | chalice | n. large cup for holding wine, esp one from which consecrated wine is drunk at the Eucharist |
| 718 | chameleon | n. any of various types of small lizard that can change colour according to its surroundings |
| 719 | champion | n. person, team, animal or plant that has defeated or excelled all others in a competition |
| 720 | championship | n. contest to decide who is the champion |
| 721 | chancellor | n. head of government in Austria etc |
| 722 | chant | n. simple tune to which psalms or canticles are fitted by singing several syllables or words to the same note |
| 723 | chaotic | adj. in a state of chaos; completely disorganized |
| 724 | chapel | n. small building or room used for Christian worship, eg in a school, prison, large private house, etc |
| 725 | chaperon | n. older person, usu a woman, who looks after a girl or a young unmarried woman on social occasions |
| 726 | chaplain | n. clergyman attached to the chapel of a school, prison, etc, or serving in the armed forces |
| 727 | char | v. (cause sth to) become black by burning; scorch |
| 728 | charisma | n. power to inspire devotion and enthusiasm |
| 729 | charlatan | n. person who falsely claims to have special knowledge or skill, esp in medicine |
| 730 | charm | n. power of pleasing, fascinating or attracting people; attractiveness |
| 731 | chary | adj. ~ (of sth) cautious; wary |
| 732 | chase | v. ~ sb/sth run after in order to capture or overtake sb/sth |

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| 733 | chasm | n. deep opening in the ground; abyss; gorge ; |
| 734 | chassis | n. framework on which the body and working parts of a vehicle, radio or television are built , ; . |
| 735 | chaste | adj. not having had sexual intercourse; virgin ; |
| 736 | chasten | v. punish in order to correct or improve; discipline ; |
| 737 | chastise | v. punish (sb) severely, esp by beating |
| 738 | chauvinist | n, adj displaying or feeling chauvinism |
| 739 | check | v. ~ (up) make sure of sth by examining or investigating it |
| 740 | checkered | adj. chequered |
| 741 | cherubic | adj. with a plump and innocent face |
| 742 | chicanery | n. use of clever but misleading talk in order to trick sb, esp in legal matters; dishonest practice |
| 743 | chide | v. ~ sb (for sth) (dated or fml) rebuke; scold |
| 744 | chimerical | adj. unreal; fanciful |
| 745 | chip | n. thin piece cut or broken off from wood, stone, china, glass, etc |
| 746 | chisel | n. tool with a sharp cutting edge at the end, for shaping wood, stone or metal |
| 747 | chivalrous | adj. showing the qualities of a perfect knight |
| 748 | choice | n. ~ act of choosing between two or more possibilities |
| 749 | choir | n. organized group of singers, esp one that performs in church services |
| 750 | choleric | adj. easily angered; bad-tempered ; |
| 751 | chore | n. small routine task |
| 752 | choreography | n. steps for ballet and dancing on stage |
| 753 | chortle | n. loud chuckle of pleasure or amusement |
| 754 | chorus | n. group of singers; choir |
| 755 | chronic | adj. lasting for a long time; continually recurring |
| 756 | chronicle | n. record of historical events in the order in which they happened |
| 757 | chuckle | v. laugh quietly or to oneself |
| 758 | churlish | adj. It seems churlish to refuse such a generous offer |
| 759 | ciliated | having minute hairs |
| 760 | cipher | n. (method of) secret writing in which a set of letters or symbols is used to represent others; code |
| 761 | circlet | n. circular band, eg of precious metal, flowers, etc, worn round the head as an ornament |
| 762 | circuit | n. line, route or journey round a place |
| 763 | circuitous | adj. long and indirect; roundabout |
| 764 | circumlocution | n. use of many words to say sth that could be said in a few words |
| 765 | circumscribe | v. restrict (sth) within limits; confine |
| 766 | circumspect | adj. considering everything carefully before acting; cautious; wary ; |
| 767 | circumvent | v. find a way of overcoming or avoiding (sth) |
| 768 | cistern | an artificial reservoir (as an underground tank) for storing liquids and especially water (as rainwater) |
| 769 | citadel | fortress |
| 770 | cite | quote; commend |
| 771 | civil | adj. of or relating to the citizens of a country |
| 772 | clairvoyant | n, adj having such power |
| 773 | clamber | v. climb, esp with difficulty or effort, using the hands and feet |
| 774 | clamor | shout, complain with a lot of noise |
| 775 | clandestine | adj. done secretly; kept secret; surreptitious |
| 776 | clangor | make a loud resonant noise |
| 777 | clap | v. ~ sth (together) strike (the palms of one's hands) together |
| 778 | clapper | n. piece of metal, etc fixed loosely inside a bell and making it sound by striking the side |
| 779 | clarion | adj. loud, clear and rousing |
| 780 | clasp | n. device for fastening things together |
| 781 | claustrophobia | n. abnormal fear of being in an enclosed space |
| 782 | clavicle | n. collar-bone . |
| 783 | cleave | v. break or split, esp along a natural line |
| 784 | cleft | n. crack or split occurring naturally |

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| 785 | clemency | n. mildness (esp of weather) |
| 786 | cliche | n. phrase or idea which is used so often that it has become stale or meaningless |
| 787 | clientele | n. customers or clients as a group |
| 788 | climactic | adj. forming a climax |
| 789 | clime | n. (arch or joc) country; climate(1b) |
| 790 | clip | n. any of various wire or metal devices used for holding things together |
| 791 | clipper | n. clippers instrument for clipping nails, hair, hedges, etc |
| 792 | clique | n. small group of people, often with shared interests, who associate closely and exclude others from their group |
| | cloister | n. covered passage around an open court or quadrangle, with a wall on the outer side and columns or arches on the inner side, esp within a convent or college, or attached to a cathedral |
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| | clot | n. half-solid lump formed from a liquid, eg from blood when it is exposed to the air |
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| 795 | clout | n. heavy blow with the hand or a hard object |
| | clown | n. comic entertainer who paints his face and dresses in a ridiculous way and performs funny or foolish tricks |
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| 797 | cloying | adj. sickeningly sweet |
| 798 | coagulate | v. change from a liquid to a thick and semi-solid state; clot |
| 799 | coalesce | v. combine and form one group, substance, mass, etc |
| 800 | coalition | n. action of uniting into one body or group |
| 801 | coax | v. (~ sb sth) persuade sb gently or gradually |
| 802 | coda | n. final passage of a piece of music |
| 803 | coddle | v. treat with great care and tenderness |
| 804 | codicil | n. later addition to a will, esp one that changes part of it |
| 805 | codify | v. arrange (laws, rules, etc) systematically into a code(3a) |
| 806 | coercion | n. coercing or being coerced |
| | coeval | adj. ~ (fml) existing at the same time or having the same age as sb/sth else; contemporary ; |
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| | cog | each of a series of teeth on the edge of a wheel, that fit between those of a similar wheel, so that each wheel can cause the other one to move |
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| 809 | cogent | adj. convincing; strong |
| 810 | cogitate | v. ~ sth (fml or joc) think deeply about sth |
| | cognate | adj. ~ (linguistics) (of a word or language) having the same source or origin as another one |
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| 812 | cognitive | adj. of or relating to cognition |
| 813 | cognizance | n. knowledge; awareness |
| 814 | cohabit | v. ~ (fml) (usu of an unmarried couple) live together |
| 815 | cohere | v. stick together in a mass or group |
| 816 | cohesion | n. tendency to stick together; unity |
| | cohorts | [cohort:] one of the ten units of between 300 and 600 men in an ancient Roman Legion |
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| 818 | coiffure | n. way in which (esp a woman's) hair is arranged; hairstyle ; |
| 819 | coin | n. piece of metal used as money |
| 820 | coincidence | n. occurrence of similar events or circumstances at the same time by chance |
| 821 | coincident | adj. happening at the same time by chance |
| | colander | n. metal or plastic bowl with many small holes in it, used to drain water from vegetables, etc, esp after cooking |
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| 823 | collaborate | v. ~ (on sth) work together (with sb), esp to create or produce sth |
| 824 | collage | n. fixing pieces of paper, cloth, photographs, etc to a surface |
| | collate | v. ~ A and B/~ A with B examine and compare in order to find the differences between them |
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| 826 | collateral | adj. side by side; parallel ; |
| 827 | collation | n. action of collating |
| 828 | collected | adj. in control of oneself; calm |
| | colloquial | adj. belonging to or suitable for normal conversation but not formal speech or writing |
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| 830 | colloquy | n. conversation |
| | collusion | n. ~ ~ (between sb and sb) (fml) secret agreement or co-operation between two or more people with the aim of deceiving or cheating others |
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| 832 | colossal | adj. very large; immense; huge |
| 833 | colossus | n. statue much larger than life size |
| | coma | n. state of deep unconsciousness, usu lasting a long time and caused by severe injury or illness |
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| 835 | comatose | adj. in a coma; deeply unconscious ; |
| 836 | combustible | adj. that can catch fire and burn easily |
| 837 | comeback | a return to a former position, status, etc. |
| 838 | comely | having a pleasing appearance: not homely or plain |
| 839 | comestible | something fit to be eaten |
| 840 | comeuppance | desert punishment |
| 841 | comity | friendly social atmosphere: social harmony |
| 842 | commandeer | v. take possession or control of forcibly or for official (esp military) purposes |
| 843 | commemorate | v. keep (a great person, event, etc) in people's memories |
| 844 | commemorative | adj. helping to commemorate |
| 845 | commensurate | adj. ~ (fml) in the right proportion (to sth); appropriate |
| 846 | commiserate | v. ~ (on/over sth) (fml) feel, or say that one feels, sympathy |
| 847 | commodious | adj. having a lot of space available for use; roomy |
| 848 | commonplace | adj. ordinary; not interesting |
| 849 | commonwealth | n. independent State or community |
| 850 | communal | adj. for the use of all; shared |
| 851 | commune | v. ~ ~ (together) talk to sb intimately; feel close to sb/sth |
| 852 | compact | adj. closely packed together |
| 853 | compartment | n. any of the sections into which a larger area or enclosed space, esp a railway carriage, is divided |
| 854 | compassion | n. ~ pity for the sufferings of others, making one want to help them |
| 855 | compatible | adj. ~ (of people, ideas, arguments, principles, etc) suited; that can exist together |
| 856 | compelling | adj. extremely interesting and exciting, so that one has to pay attention |
| 857 | compendium | n. ~ (of sth) brief but full account; summary |
| 858 | compilation | n. compiling |
| 859 | compile | v. ~ sth (for/from sth) collect (information) and arrange it in a book, list, report, etc |
| 860 | complacency | n. ~ (usu derog) calm feeling of satisfaction with oneself, one's work, etc |
| 861 | complacent | adj. ~ (usu derog) calmly satisfied with oneself, one's work, etc |
| 862 | complaisant | adj. ready to please; obliging |
| 863 | complement | n. ~ thing that goes well or suitably with sth else, or makes it complete |
| 864 | complementary | adj. ~ combining well to form a balanced whole |
| 865 | compliance | n. ~ action in accordance with a request or command; obedience |
| 866 | compliant | adj. ~ (usu derog) (too) willing to comply (with other people, with rules, etc) |
| 867 | complicity | n. ~ action of taking part with another person (in a crime or some other wrongdoing); shared responsibility |
| 868 | component | n. any of the parts of which sth is made |
| 869 | comport | v. ~ oneself with sth conduct oneself in the specified way; behave |
| 870 | compost | n. mixture of decayed organic matter, manure, etc added to soil to improve the growth of plants |
| 871 | composure | n. state of being calm in mind or behaviour |
| 872 | compound | n. thing made up of two or more separate things combined together |
| 873 | comprehend | v. understand fully |
| 874 | comprehensive | adj. that includes everything |
| 875 | compress | v. ~ sth press sth together; force sth into a small(er) space |
| 876 | comprise | v. have as parts or members; be made up of |
| 877 | compromise | n. giving up of certain demands by each side in a dispute, so that an agreement may be reached which satisfies both to some extent |
| 878 | compulsion | n. ~ compelling or being compelled |
| 879 | compulsive | adj. extremely interesting; fascinating |
| 880 | compulsory | adj. that must be done; required by the rules, etc; obligatory |
| 881 | compunction | n. ~ (fml) (usu in negative sentences) feeling of guilt or regret for one's action |
| 882 | compute | v. ~ sth calculate sth with a computer |

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| 883 | concatenate | to link together in a series or chain |
| 884 | concave | adj. curved inwards like the inner surface of a sphere or ball . |
| 885 | concede | v. ~ sth admit that sth is true, valid, proper, etc |
| 886 | conceit | n. excessive pride in oneself or in one's powers, abilities, etc |
| 887 | concentric | adj. ~ (of circles) having the same centre |
| 888 | conception | n. conceiving or being conceived |
| 889 | concerted | adj. arranged or done in co-operation |
| 890 | concession | n. ~ conceding |
| 891 | conciliatory | adj. intended or likely to conciliate |
| 892 | concise | adj. giving a lot of information in few words; brief |
| 893 | conclave | n. private meeting |
| 894 | conclusive | adj. convincing; ending doubt |
| 895 | concoct | v. make (sth) by mixing ingredients (esp ones that do not usu go together) |
| 896 | concomitant | adj. ~ (fml) accompanying; happening together |
| 897 | concord | n. harmony between people; lack of quarrelling and unfriendliness |
| 898 | concordat | n. agreement, esp between a State and the Church on church affairs |
| 899 | concur | v. (fml) ~ (with sb/sth) (in sth) agree; express agreement |
| 900 | concurrent | adj. ~ existing, happening or done at the same time |
| 901 | condescend | v. do sth that one regards as undignified or below one's level of importance |
| 902 | condign | adj. (of punishment, etc) severe and well deserved |
| 903 | condiments | [condiment:] any spice or sauce such as salt, pepper, mustard, etc. |
| 904 | condole | v. ~ with sb (fml) express sympathy (for a misfortune, bereavement, etc) , |
| 905 | condone | v. treat or regard as if it were not serious or wrong; overlook; forgive |
| 906 | conducive | adj. ~ to sth allowing or helping sth to happen |
| 907 | conduit | n. large pipe through which liquids flow |
| 908 | confidant | n. trusted person to whom one speaks about one's private affairs or secrets |
| 909 | confide | v. ~ sth to sb tell (a secret) to sb |
| 910 | confidence | n. ~ (in sb/sth) firm trust (in sb, in sb's ability, or in what is said, reported, etc) |
| 911 | confidential | adj. to be kept secret; not to be made known to others |
| 912 | confine | v. ~ sb/sth keep (a person or an animal) in a restricted space |
| 913 | confiscate | v. take possession of by authority, without payment or compensation |
| 914 | conflagration | n. great and destructive fire |
| 915 | confluence | n. place where two rivers flow together and become one |
| 916 | conformist | n. person who conforms to accepted behaviour, the established religion, etc |
| 917 | conformity | n. ~ (fml) (behaviour, etc) conforming to established rules, customs, etc , |
| 918 | confound | v. puzzle and surprise (sb); perplex |
| 919 | congeal | v. (cause to) become thick or solid, esp by cooling |
| 920 | congenial | adj. pleasing because of similarities in temperament, interests,etc |
| 921 | congenital | adj. present from or before birth |
| 922 | conglomerate | n. materials gathered together into a rounded mass |
| 923 | conglomeratio n | n. assortment of different things gathered together or found in the same place |
| 924 | congruence | correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship |
| 925 | congruent | adj. having the same size and shape |
| 926 | conifer | n. type of tree that bears cones (cone 3) |
| 927 | conjecture | v. ~ (fml) form (and express) an opinion not based on firm evidence; guess |
| 928 | conjugal | adj. of marriage or the relationship between a husband and a wife |
| 929 | conjure | v. do clever tricks which seem magical, esp with quick movements of the hands |
| 930 | connivance | n. ~ conniving (at a wrong action) |
| 931 | connoisseur | n. person with good judgement on matters in which appreciation of fineness or beauty is needed, esp the fine arts |
| 932 | connotation | n. idea which a word makes one think of in addition to the main meaning |
| 933 | connubial | adj. of marriage; of husband and wife |
| 934 | consanguineou s | adj. Descended from the same parent or ancestor. |
| 935 | consanguinity | n. relationship by being descended from the same family |
| 936 | conscientious | adj. careful to do what one ought to do, and do it as well as one can |

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| 937 | conscript | v. ~ sb force sb by law to serve in the armed forces |
| 938 | consecrate | v. bring into religious use or (sb) into a religious office by a special ceremony |
| 939 | consensus | n. ~ agreement in opinion; collective opinion |
| 940 | consequential | adj. following as a result or an effect (esp indirect) |
| 941 | conservatory | n. room with glass walls and roof used to protect plants from cold, built against an outside wall of a house, and with a door into the house . |
| 942 | consign | v. ~ sb/sth to sb/sth hand over sb/sth to sb/sth; give sb/sth up to sb/sth |
| 943 | consistency | n. (approv) quality of being consistent(1) |
| 944 | console | v. ~ sb give comfort or sympathy to (sb who is unhappy, disappointed, etc) |
| 945 | consolidation | n. consolidating or being consolidated |
| 946 | consonance | n. harmony |
| 947 | consonant | n. speech sound produced by completely or partially obstructing the air being breathed out through the mouth |
| 948 | consort | n. husband or wife, esp of a ruler |
| 949 | conspiracy | n. ~ act of conspiring, esp joint planning of a crime |
| 950 | conspire | v. ~ (against sb); ~ (together) (against sb) make secret plans (with others), esp to do wrong |
| 951 | consternation | n. surprise and anxiety; great dismay |
| 952 | constituency | n. (body of voters living in a) district having its own elected representative in parliament |
| 953 | constituent | adj. forming or helping to make a whole |
| 954 | constitution | n. laws and principles according to which a state is governed |
| 955 | constraint | n. con-straining or being constrained |
| 956 | construe | v. ~ sth (fml) explain the meaning of (words, sentences, actions, etc); interpret sth |
| 957 | consummate | adj. highly skilled; perfect |
| 958 | contagion | n. spreading of disease by being close to or touching other people |
| 959 | contaminate | v. ~ sth/sb make sth/sb impure by adding dangerous or disease-carrying substances |
| 960 | contempt | n. ~ (for sb/sth) feeling that sb/sth is completely worthless and cannot be respected |
| 961 | contend | v. ~ with/against sb/sth; ~ for sth struggle in order to overcome a rival, competitor or difficulty |
| 962 | contention | n. ~ contending (contend 1); competition |
| 963 | contentious | exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes |
| 964 | contest | dispute |
| 965 | context | writings preceding and following passage quoted |
| 966 | contiguous | adj. ~ (fml) touching; neighbouring; near |
| 967 | continence | n. control of one's feelings, esp in sexual matters |
| 968 | contingent | adj. ~ on/upon sth dependent on sth that may or may not happen |
| 969 | contortions | [contortion:] the act or process of contorting or the state of being contorted |
| 970 | contraband | n. goods brought into or taken out of a country illegally |
| 971 | contravene | v. act or be contrary to (a law, etc); break |
| 972 | contrite | adj. filled with or showing deep regret for having done wrong; repentant |
| 973 | contrivance | n. ~ device or tool, esp one made by an individual for a particular purpose |
| 974 | contrive | v. plan (sth) cleverly or deceitfully; invent; design |
| 975 | contrived | adj. planned in advance rather than being spontaneous or genuine |
| 976 | controvert | v. deny the truth of (sth); argue about |
| 977 | contumacious | adj. obstinate and disobedient |
| 978 | contusion | n. bruise |
| 979 | conundrum | n. question, usu with a pun in its answer, that is asked for fun; riddle ; |
| 980 | convene | v. summon to come together; arrange (a meeting, etc) |
| 981 | convention | n. conference of members of a profession, political party, etc |
| 982 | conventional | adj. (often derog) based on convention(2a) |
| 983 | converge | v. ~ ~ (at sth) (of lines, moving objects, etc) (come towards each other and) meet at a point |
| 984 | conversant | adj. ~ with sth having knowledge of sth; familiar with sth |
| 985 | converse | v. ~ (about sth); ~ (together) (fml) talk |
| 986 | convert | v. ~ (sth) (from sth) (into/to sth) change (sth) from one form or use to another |

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| 987 | convex | adj. with a curved surface like the outside of a ball |
| 988 | conveyance | n. conveying |
| 989 | conviction | n. ~ the convicting of a person for a crime |
| 990 | convivial | adj. cheerful and sociable; fond of being with others |
| 991 | convoke | v. call together or summon (a meeting, etc) |
| 992 | convoluted | adj. coiled; twisted |
| 993 | convulsion | n. sudden violent uncontrollable body movement, caused by contraction of muscles |
| 994 | copious | adj. plentiful; abundant |
| 995 | coquette | n. girl or woman who flirts |
| 996 | cordial | adj. sincere and friendly |
| 997 | cordon | n. line or ring of policemen, soldiers, etc, esp one which guards sth or prevents people entering or leaving an area |
| 998 | cornice | n. ornamental moulding, eg in plaster, round the walls of a room, just below the ceiling . |
| 999 | cornucopia | n. ornamental animal's horn shown in art as overflowing with flowers, fruit and corn, symbolizing abundance , |
| 1000 | corollary | n. ~ (fml) natural consequence or result; thing that logically must be so, once sth else has been established |
| 1001 | coroner | n. official who investigates any violent or suspicious death |
| 1002 | corporeal | adj. of or for the body; bodily |
| 1003 | corpulent | adj. (of a person or his body) fat |
| 1004 | corpus | n. collection of written (or sometimes spoken) texts |
| 1005 | corpuscle | n. any of the red or white cells in the blood |
| 1006 | correlate | v. ~ ~ A and/with B have a mutual relation or connection, esp of affecting or depending on each other; (try to) show such a relation or connection between sth and sth else |
| 1007 | correlation | n. ~ ~ (between A and B) mutual relationship |
| 1008 | corroborate | v. confirm or give support to |
| 1009 | corrode | v. ~ (away) be destroyed or destroy (sth) slowly, esp by chemical action |
| 1010 | corrosive | n, adj that corrodes |
| 1011 | corrugated | adj. folded, wrinkled or furrowed |
| 1012 | cosmic | adj. of the whole universe or cosmos |
| 1013 | coterie | n. small group of people with shared activities, interests, tastes, etc, esp one that tends to be exclusive |
| 1014 | countenance | n. (expression on sb's) face |
| 1015 | countermand | v. cancel (a command or an order already given), esp by giving a new and opposite one , |
| 1016 | counterpart | n. person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as sb or sth else |
| 1017 | coup | n. surprising and successful action |
| 1018 | couple | n. two people or things that are seen together or associated, esp a man and woman together |
| 1019 | courier | n. person employed to guide and assist a group of tourists |
| 1020 | court | n. place where trials or other law cases are held |
| 1021 | covenant | n. formal agreement that is legally binding |
| 1022 | covert | adj. concealed; not open; secret |
| 1023 | covetous | adj. ~ (derog) having or showing a strong desire to possess (esp sth that belongs to sb else) |
| 1024 | cow | n. fully-grown female of any animal of the ox family, esp the domestic kind kept by farmers to produce milk and beef |
| 1025 | cower | v. crouch down or move backwards in fear or distress |
| 1026 | coy | abbr. = company |
| 1027 | cozen | cheat; hoodwink; swindle |
| 1028 | crabbed | adj. small and difficult to read |
| 1029 | craft | n. occupation, esp one that needs skill in the use of the hands; such a skill or technique |
| 1030 | crass | adj. (fml derog ,) complete; very great; utter |
| 1031 | crave | v. ~ sth have a strong desire for sth |
| 1032 | craven | adj. cowardly |
| 1033 | credence | n. attach/give credence to sth (fml) believe (gossip, reports, etc) |
| 1034 | credential | something that entitles a person to confidence, authority, etc. |
| 1035 | credo | n. creed |
| 1036 | credulity | n. too great a readiness to believe things |

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| 1037 | creed | n. system of beliefs or opinions, esp religious beliefs |
| 1038 | creep | v. move slowly, quietly or stealthily, esp crouching low |
| 1039 | cremate | v. burn to ashes, esp ceremonially at a funeral |
| 1040 | crescendo | adj. adv of or with increasing loudness |
| 1041 | crest | n. tuft of feathers on a bird's head |
| 1042 | crestfallen | adj. sad because of unexpected failure, disappointment, etc |
| 1043 | crevice | n. narrow opening or crack in a rock, wall, etc , |
| 1044 | cringe | v. ~ move back or lower one's body in fear; cower |
| 1045 | crinkle | n. wrinkle or thin crease, esp in material such as tin foil or paper, or in skin , |
| 1046 | criteria | n. (pl of criterion) standard by which sth is judged |
| 1047 | crochet | n. method of making fabric by looping thread into a pattern of connected stitches, using a hooked needle (called a crochet-hook) |
| 1048 | crone | n. ugly withered old woman |
| 1049 | cross | n. mark made by drawing one line across another, eg x or + + |
| 1050 | crossbreed | Also: interbreed to breed (animals or plants) using parents of different races, varieties, breeds, etc. |
| 1051 | crotchety | adj. bad-tempered |
| 1052 | crust | n. hard outer surface of a loaf of bread; pastry covering of a pie, tart, etc |
| 1053 | crux | n. most vital or difficult part of a matter, an issue, etc |
| 1054 | crypt | n. room beneath the floor of a church |
| 1055 | cryptic | adj. with a meaning that is hidden or not easily understood; mysterious |
| 1056 | cubicle | n. small compartment made by separating off part of a larger room, eg for dressing, undressing or sleeping in |
| 1057 | cue | n. ~ thing said or done to signal sb's turn to say or do sth, esp in a theatrical or other performance |
| 1058 | cuisine | n. (style of) cooking |
| 1059 | culinary | adj. of or for cooking |
| 1060 | cull | v. kill (a certain number of usu weaker animals) in a herd, in order to reduce its size |
| 1061 | culmination | n. eventual conclusion or result |
| 1062 | culpable | adj. ~ deserving blame; blameworthy |
| 1063 | culprit | n. person who has done sth wrong; offender |
| 1064 | culvert | n. drain that crosses beneath a road, railway, etc; underground channel for electrical cables ; |
| 1065 | cumbersome | adj. heavy and difficult to carry, wear, etc |
| 1066 | cumulative | adj. gradually increasing in amount, force, etc by one addition after another |
| 1067 | cunning | adj. clever at deceiving people |
| 1068 | cupidity | n. greed, esp for money or possessions |
| 1069 | curator | n. person in charge of a museum, an art gallery, etc |
| 1070 | curb | n. ~ thing that restrains or controls |
| 1071 | curfew | n. signal or time after which people must stay indoors until the next day |
| 1072 | curmudgeon | n. bad-tempered person |
| 1073 | cursive | adj. with letters rounded and joined together |
| 1074 | cursor | adj. done quickly and not thoroughly; (too) hurried |
| 1075 | curtail | v. make shorter or less; reduce |
| 1076 | cynical | adj. of or like a cynic |
| 1077 | cynosure | n. person or thing that attracts everybody's attention or admiration; centre of attraction |
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| 1079 | dabble | v. ~ sth splash (hands, feet, etc) around in water |
| 1080 | dainty | adj. (of things) small and pretty |
| 1081 | dais | n. raised platform, esp at one end of a room, for a speaker, etc |
| 1082 | dally | v. ~ (over sth) waste time |
| 1083 | damn | v. condemn (sb) to suffer in hell |
| 1084 | dank | adj. unpleasantly damp and cold |
| 1085 | dapper | adj. (usu of a small person) neat and smart in appearance; nimble in movement |
| 1086 | dappled | adj. having patches of different colour or shades of colour |
| 1087 | dart | n. small pointed missile used as a weapon or in the game of darts |
| 1088 | daub | v. ~ A on ~ B (with A) put (a soft substance) on (a surface) in a rough or careless way |

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| 1089 | daunt | v. discourage (sb); frighten |
| 1090 | dauntless | adj. not easily discouraged or frightened |
| 1091 | dawdle | v. be slow; waste time |
| 1092 | daze | v. make (sb) confused and unable to react properly |
| 1093 | dazzle | v. blind (sb) briefly with too much light, brilliance, etc |
| 1094 | deadlock | n. complete failure to reach agreement or to settle a quarrel or grievance |
| 1095 | deadpan | marked by an impassive matter-of-fact manner, style, or expression |
| 1096 | dearth | n. ~ shortage; scarcity |
| 1097 | debacle | n. sudden and complete failure; fiasco |
| 1098 | debar | to exclude from a place, a right, etc.; bar |
| 1099 | debase | v. lower the quality, status or value of |
| 1100 | debauch | v. make act immorally by using bad influence |
| 1101 | debilitate | v. make very weak |
| 1102 | debonair | adj. cheerful and self-assured |
| 1103 | debris | n. scattered fragments; wreckage |
| 1104 | debunk | v. show that the reputation of is undeserved or exaggerated |
| 1105 | debut | n. first appearance in public as a performer |
| 1106 | debutante | n. young woman making her first appearance in fashionable society |
| 1107 | decadence | n. (falling to a) lower level (in morals, art, literature, etc) esp after a period at a high level |
| 1108 | decant | v. ~ sth pour (wine, etc) from a bottle into another container, esp slowly so that the sediment is left behind |
| 1109 | decapitate | v. cut the head off |
| 1110 | decelerate | v. slow down |
| 1111 | deciduous | adj. that loses its leaves annually, usu in autumn |
| 1112 | decimate | v. kill or destroy a large part of (sth) |
| 1113 | decipher | v. succeed in understanding |
| 1114 | declivity | n. downward slope |
| 1115 | decomposition | n. |
| 1116 | decorous | adj. dignified and socially acceptable |
| 1117 | decorum | n. dignified and socially acceptable behaviour |
| 1118 | decoy | n. (real or imitation) bird or animal used to attract others so that they can be shot or trapped |
| 1119 | decree | n. order given by a ruler or an authority and having the force of a law |
| 1120 | decrepit | adj. made weak by age or hard use |
| 1121 | decrepitude | n. state of being decrepit |
| 1122 | decry | v. ~ sb/sth (as sth) speak critically of sb/sth to make him/it seem less valuable, useful, etc; |
| 1123 | deducible | adj. that may be deduced |
| 1124 | deface | v. spoil the appearance or legibility of by marking or damaging the surface |
| 1125 | defalcate | misuse money held in trust |
| 1126 | defamation | n. defaming or being defamed |
| 1127 | defame | v. attack the good reputation of say bad things about (sb) |
| 1128 | default | n. failure to do sth, esp to pay a debt or appear in court |
| 1129 | defeatist | n. person who shows defeatism . -- adj |
| 1130 | defect | n. fault or lack that spoils a person or thing |
| 1131 | defection | n. ~ deserting a party, cause, religion, etc , |
| 1132 | defer | v. ~ sth (to sth) delay sth until a later time; postpone sth |
| 1133 | deference | n. giving way to the views, wishes, etc of others, usu out of respect; respect |
| 1134 | defiance | n. open disobedience or resistance; refusal to give way to authority or opposition; defying |
| 1135 | defile | v. make (sth) dirty or impure |
| 1136 | definitive | adj. clear and having final authority; that cannot or need not be changed |
| 1137 | deflect | v. ~ (from sth) (cause sth to) turn from its direction of movement |
| 1138 | defoliate | v. destroy the leaves of |
| 1139 | defray | v. provide money for (sth); pay for (sth) |
| 1140 | defrock | v. = unfrock |
| 1141 | deft | adj. ~ skilful and quick, esp with the hands |
| 1142 | defunct | adj. (of people) dead |

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| 1143 | degenerate | v. ~ (into sth) pass into a worse physical, mental or moral state than one which is considered normal or desirable |
| 1144 | degradation | n. degrading or being degraded |
| 1145 | dehydrate | v. remove water or moisture from |
| 1146 | deify | v. make a god of (sb/sth); worship as a god |
| 1147 | deign | v. be kind or gracious enough (to do sth); condescend |
| 1148 | delete | v. ~ sth cross out or deliberately omit (sth written or printed) |
| 1149 | deleterious | adj. ~ (fml) harmful |
| 1150 | deliberate | adj. done on purpose; intentional |
| 1151 | delineate | v. show (sth) by drawing or describing; portray |
| 1152 | delirium | n. mental disturbance caused by illness, resulting in restlessness and often wild talk |
| 1153 | delta | n. the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet } |
| 1154 | delude | v. ~ sb deliberately mislead sb; deceive sb |
| 1155 | deluge | n. great flood or rush of water |
| 1156 | delusion | n. deluding or being deluded |
| 1157 | delusive | adj. not real; misleading |
| 1158 | delve | v. ~ in/into sth search or rummage in sth |
| 1159 | demagogue | n. political leader who tries to win people's support by using emotional and often unreasonable arguments |
| 1160 | demean | v. ~ oneself lower oneself in dignity; deprive oneself of others' respect |
| 1161 | demeanor | behavior; bearing ; behavioral attributes |
| 1162 | demented | adj. mad |
| 1163 | demerit | n. fault; defect |
| 1164 | demise | n. death |
| 1165 | demographic | related to population balance |
| 1166 | demolition | the act of demolishing; especially :destruction in war by means of explosives |
| 1167 | demoniac | adj. very evil; devilish |
| 1168 | demotic | adj. of or used by ordinary people |
| 1169 | demur | v. ~ (at sth) (fml) express a doubt (about sth) or an objection (to sth) |
| 1170 | demure | adj. (pretending to be) quiet, serious and modest |
| 1171 | denigrate | v. claim that (sb/sth) is inferior, worthless, etc; belittle |
| 1172 | denizen | n. person or type of animal or plant living or growing permanently in a place |
| 1173 | denomination | n. name, esp of a general class or type; classification |
| 1174 | denotation | meaning; distinguishing by name |
| 1175 | denouement | n. last part, esp of a novel, play, etc, in which everything is settled or made clear |
| 1176 | denounce | v. ~ sb (to sb) (as sth) give information (to the authorities) against sb |
| 1177 | depict | v. show (sb/sth) as a picture; portray |
| 1178 | deplete | v. reduce greatly the quantity, size, power or value of |
| 1179 | deplore | v. be shocked or offended by (sth); condemn |
| 1180 | deploy | v. (cause troops, etc to) move into the correct position for battle |
| 1181 | deport | v. ~ sb legally force (a foreigner, criminal, etc) to leave a country |
| 1182 | depose | v. remove from power |
| 1183 | deposition | n. removing from power; dethronement |
| 1184 | depravity | n. state of being depraved; corruption |
| 1185 | deprecate | v. feel and express disapproval of (sth) |
| 1186 | depreciate | v. become less valuable |
| 1187 | depredation | n. damage caused by an attack, accident, etc |
| 1188 | deputize | verb to appoint or act as deput |
| 1189 | deranged | adj. unable to act and think normally, esp because of mental illness; seriously disturbed |
| 1190 | derelict | adj. deserted and allowed to fall into ruins; dilapidated |
| 1191 | dereliction | n. being derelict |
| 1192 | deride | v. ~ sb/sth treat sb/sth as funny and not worthy of serious attention; mock sb/sth |
| 1193 | derision | n. ridicule or mockery |
| 1194 | derivation | n. development or origin |
| 1195 | derivative | adj. derived from sth else; not original |

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| 1196 | dermatologist | n. expert in dermatology |
| 1197 | derogatory | adj. showing a hostile or critical attitude (to sb's reputation, etc); insulting |
| 1198 | descry | v. (fml) see (sth) esp a long way away; catch sight of |
| 1199 | desecrate | n. treat in an unworthy or evil way |
| 1200 | deserts | n. what one deserves |
| 1201 | desiccate | v. remove all the moisture from to preserve it |
| 1202 | desolate | adj. deserted and miserable |
| 1203 | desperado | n. (dated) man who commits dangerous, esp criminal, acts without worrying about himself or other people |
| 1204 | desperate | adj. feeling or showing great despair and ready to do anything regardless of danger |
| 1205 | despicable | adj. ~ (to do sth) deserving to be despised; contemptible |
| 1206 | despise | v. ~ sb/sth (for sth) feel contempt for sb/sth; consider sb/sth as worthless |
| 1207 | despoil | v. ~sth (fml) rob (a place) of sth valuable; plunder sth |
| 1208 | despondent | adj. ~ having or showing loss of hope; wretched |
| 1209 | despot | An absolute and irresponsible monarch. |
| 1210 | despotism | tyranny |
| 1211 | destitute | adj. without money, food, etc and other things necessary for life; impoverished |
| 1212 | desultory | adj. going from one thing to another, without a definite plan or purpose; unmethodical |
| 1213 | detached | adj. not influenced by others; impartial |
| 1214 | detain | v. prevent from leaving or doing sth; delay |
| 1215 | determinate | adj. limited in range or scope; definite ; |
| 1216 | determination | n. ~ quality of being firmly committed to doing sth; resoluteness |
| 1217 | deterrent | n, adj that deters or is meant to deter |
| 1218 | detonation | n. explosion |
| 1219 | detraction | n. unfair criticism of sb/sth; belittling ; |
| 1220 | detrimental | adj. ~ harmful |
| 1221 | deviate | v. ~ from sth stop following |
| 1222 | devious | adj. cunning; dishonest |
| 1223 | devise | v. think out (a plan, system, tool, etc); invent |
| 1224 | devoid | adj. ~ of sth without sth; completely lacking in sth |
| 1225 | devolve | v. ~ on/upon sb (of work, duties) be transferred or passed to sb |
| 1226 | devotee | n. person who is devoted to sth; enthusiast |
| 1227 | devout | adj. sincerely religious; pious |
| 1228 | dexterous | adj. skilful with one's hands |
| 1229 | diabolical | adj. = diabolic |
| 1230 | diadem | n. crown worn as a sign of royal power |
| 1231 | dialectic | n. (philosophy) art of discovering and testing truths by discussion and logical argument |
| 1232 | dialectical | adj. of or relating to dialectic |
| 1233 | diaphanous | adj. light, very fine and almost transparent |
| 1234 | diatribe | n. ~ lengthy and bitter attack in words |
| 1235 | dichotomy | n. ~ (fml) separation into or between two groups or things that are opposed, entirely different, etc |
| 1236 | dictum | n. saying; maxim |
| 1237 | didactic | adj. intended to teach |
| 1238 | die | n. block of hard metal with a design, etc cut into it, used for shaping coins, printing-type, medals, etc or for stamping paper, leather, etc so that designs stand out from the surface |
| 1239 | diffidence | shyness |
| 1240 | diffuse | v. spread all around; send out in all directions |
| 1241 | diffusion | n. diffusing or being diffused |
| 1242 | dignitary | n. person with a high rank or position |
| 1243 | digression | n. digressing |
| 1244 | dilapidated | adj. falling to pieces; in a bad state of repair |
| 1245 | dilate | v. become wider, larger or further open |
| 1246 | dilatory | adj. ~ (in doing sth) slow in acting |
| 1247 | dilemma | n. situation in which one has to choose between two undesirable things or courses of action |

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| 1248 | dilettante | n. (often derog) person who studies or does sth, but without serious interest or understanding |
| 1249 | diligence | n. ~ steady effort; careful hard work |
| 1250 | dilute | v. ~ sth make (a liquid or colour) thinner or weaker (by adding water or another liquid) |
| 1251 | diminution | n. diminishing or being diminished; reduction |
| 1252 | din | n. continuing loud confused noise |
| 1253 | dinghy | n. any of various types of small open boat |
| 1254 | dingy | adj. dirty-looking; not cheerful or bright; drab |
| 1255 | dint | n. = dent |
| 1256 | diorama | a picture (or series of pictures) representing a continuous scene |
| 1257 | dire | adj. dreadful; terrible |
| 1258 | dirge | n. song sung at a burial or for a dead person |
| 1259 | disabuse | v. ~ sb of sth free sb of (false ideas) |
| 1260 | disaffected | adj. discontented; disloyal |
| 1261 | disapprobation | n. disapproval |
| 1262 | disarray | n. state in which people or things are no longer properly organized |
| 1263 | disavowal | n. |
| 1264 | disband | v. stop operating as an organization; break up |
| 1265 | disbar | remove from the bar; expel from the practice of law by official action |
| 1266 | disburse | v. pay out (money) |
| 1267 | discernible | adj. that can just be discerned |
| 1268 | discerning | adj. showing careful judgement |
| 1269 | disclaim | v. say that one does not have (sth); renounce |
| 1270 | disclose | v. ~ sth (to sb) allow sth to be seen |
| 1271 | discombobulated | [discombobulate:] (informal) (chiefly U.S. and Canadian) to throw into confusion |
| 1272 | discomfit | v. confuse or embarrass (sb) |
| 1273 | discompose | v. make (sb) feel uneasy or uncomfortable |
| 1274 | disconcert | v. cause to feel confused, upset or embarrassed |
| 1275 | disconsolate | adj. unhappy, esp at the loss of sb/sth; refusing to be comforted |
| 1276 | discord | n. disagreement; quarrelling |
| 1277 | discordant | adj. not in agreement; conflicting |
| 1278 | discount | n. amount of money taken off the cost of sth |
| 1279 | discourse | n. lengthy and serious treatment of a subject in speech or writing |
| 1280 | discredit | v. damage the good reputation of |
| 1281 | discrepancy | n. ~ difference; failure to agree |
| 1282 | discrete | adj. separate; distinct |
| 1283 | discretion | n. quality of being discreet; good judgement |
| 1284 | discriminate | v. ~ ~ A from B see or make a difference (between two things) |
| 1285 | discriminating | adj. showing good judgement and perception |
| 1286 | discrimination | n. good judgement and perception |
| 1287 | discursive | adj. wandering from one point to another |
| 1288 | disdain | n. feeling that sb/sth is not good enough to deserve one's respect; contempt |
| 1289 | disembark | v. ~ (from sth) (of people) leave a ship or an aircraft |
| 1290 | disenfranchise | v. = disfranchise |
| 1291 | disengage | v. ~ sth/sb (fml) free or disconnect sth/sb from sth/sb that holds it/him firmly |
| 1292 | disfigure | v. spoil the appearance of |
| 1293 | disgorge | v. ~ sth throw out (food, etc) from the stomach or throat; vomit sth |
| 1294 | disgruntle | to make ill-humored or discontented usually used as a participial adjective |
| 1295 | dishearten | v. cause to lose hope or confidence |
| 1296 | disheveled | [dishevel:] di'shevelment nou |
| 1297 | dishonor | [dishonour:] to treat with disrespect |
| 1298 | disinclination | n. ~ (fml) unwillingness; reluctance |
| 1299 | disingenuous | adj. insincere, esp in pretending that one knows less about sth than one really does |
| 1300 | disinter | v. (fml) dig up (sth buried) |

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| 1301 | disinterested | adj. not influenced by personal feelings or interests; unbiased |
| 1302 | disjointed | adj. in which it is difficult to understand how the ideas, events, etc follow each other and develop |
| 1303 | disjunction | Also called: dis'juncture the act of disconnecting or the state of being disconnected; separation |
| 1304 | dislodge | v. ~ sb/sth move or force sb/sth from a previously fixed position |
| 1305 | dismantle | v. take to pieces |
| 1306 | dismember | v. cut or tear off the limbs of |
| 1307 | dismiss | v. ~ sb remove sb (esp an employee) from a position |
| 1308 | disparage | v. suggest, esp unfairly, that is of little value or importance |
| 1309 | disparate | adj. so different in kind or degree that they cannot be compared |
| 1310 | disparity | n. difference or inequality |
| 1311 | dispassionate | adj. not influenced by emotion; impartial |
| 1312 | dispatch | v. ~ sb/sth send sb/sth off to a destination or for a special purpose |
| 1313 | dispel | v. drive (sth) away; cause to vanish |
| 1314 | dispense | v. ~ sth give sth out; distribute sth |
| 1315 | disperse | v. go in different directions; scatter; break up |
| 1316 | dispirited | adj. |
| 1317 | disport | v. ~ oneself amuse oneself energetically |
| 1318 | disproportion | n. ~ (instance of) being out of proportion |
| 1319 | disputatious | adj. fond of arguing; inclined to argue ; |
| 1320 | disquietude | a feeling or state of anxiety or uneasiness |
| 1321 | disquisition | n. ~ long elaborate spoken or written report or account |
| 1322 | dissection | n. dissecting or being dissected |
| 1323 | dissemble | v. hide or disguise (one's true thoughts and feelings); dissimulate |
| 1324 | disseminate | v. spread widely |
| 1325 | dissension | n. angry disagreement |
| 1326 | dissent | n. holding opinions which differ from common or officially held ones |
| 1327 | dissertation | n. ~ long essay on a particular subject, esp one written for a doctorate or similar degree; thesis |
| 1328 | dissident | n. person who strongly disagrees with or opposes official views and policies |
| 1329 | dissimulate | v. hide or disguise (one's thoughts and feelings); dissemble |
| 1330 | dissipate | v. scatter or vanish |
| 1331 | dissolution | n. ~ breaking up (of sth); dissolving |
| 1332 | dissonance | n. discord |
| 1333 | dissuade | v. ~ sb (try to) stop sb by advice or persuasion |
| 1334 | distant | adj. far away in space or time |
| 1335 | distend | v. (cause sth to) swell by means of pressure from inside |
| 1336 | distill | undergo distillation; of liquids |
| 1337 | distinct | adj. easily heard, seen, felt or understood; definite |
| 1338 | distinction | n. ~ difference or contrast between one person or thing and another |
| 1339 | distinctive | adj. ~ that distinguishes sth by making it different from others |
| 1340 | distort | v. pull or twist out of its usual shape |
| 1341 | distortion | n. distorting or being distorted |
| 1342 | distract | v. ~ sb stop sb concentrating on sth |
| 1343 | distract | adj. absent-minded; not paying attention ; |
| 1344 | distraught | adj. very troubled in mind with grief or worry |
| 1345 | diurnal | adj. of the daytime; not nocturnal |
| 1346 | diva | operatic singer; prima donna |
| 1347 | diverge | v. ~ (of lines, roads, etc) separate and go in different directions, becoming further apart |
| 1348 | divergent | adj. divergent paths, opinions |
| 1349 | diverse | adj. of different kinds; varied |
| 1350 | diversion | n. action of turning sth aside or changing its direction |
| 1351 | diversity | n. state of being varied; variety |
| 1352 | divest | v. ~ sb of sth take off (sb's clothes) |
| 1353 | divine | adj. of, from or like God or a god |
| 1354 | divulge | v. ~ sth make known (sth secret) |

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| 1355 | docile | adj. easy to control |
| | docket | n. document or label listing goods delivered, jobs done, contents of a package, etc , |
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| 1357 | doctrinaire | adj. rigidly applying a theory with no concern for practical problems |
| 1358 | doctrine | n. set of beliefs held by a church, political party, group of scientists, etc |
| 1359 | document | n. paper, form, book, etc giving information about sth, evidence or proof of sth |
| 1360 | doddering | adjs weak and uncertain in movement |
| 1361 | doff | v. take off (one's hat) |
| 1362 | dogged | adj. determined; not giving up easily |
| 1363 | doggerel | n. verse that produces a clumsy and ridiculous effect |
| 1364 | dogmatic | adj. of or based on dogma |
| | doldrums | n. the doldrums parts of the ocean near the equator where there is little or no wind |
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| 1366 | dolorous | adj. sorrowful |
| 1367 | dolt | n. stupid person |
| | domicile | n. a person's place of residence, esp as officially established for purposes of taxation, etc , |
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| 1369 | dominant | adj. ~ most important or prominent; dominating |
| 1370 | dominate | v. have control of or a very strong influence on (people, events, etc) |
| | domineer | v. ~ (derog) try to make sb do exactly what one wants by ordering him about, regardless of what he wants to do |
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| 1372 | don | n. teacher at a university, esp at an Oxford or a Cambridge college |
| 1373 | doom | n. death or ruin; any terrible and inevitable fate |
| 1374 | dormant | adj. temporarily inactive |
| 1375 | dormer | n. upright window built in a sloping roof |
| 1376 | dorsal | adj. of or on the back of an animal or a plant |
| 1377 | dossier | n. set of documents containing information about a person, an event, etc; file , |
| 1378 | dotage | n. in one's dotage confused in one's mind because of old age |
| 1379 | dote | v. ~ on sb/sth show (too) much fondness for sb/sth |
| 1380 | dour | adj. stern; severe; gloomy-looking; joyless |
| 1381 | douse | v. ~ sb/sth put sb/sth into (water); throw (water) over sb/sth ; |
| 1382 | dowdy | adj. (derog) (of clothes, etc) dull; unfashionable; drab , |
| 1383 | downcast | adj. looking downwards |
| 1384 | dowry | n. property or money brought by a bride to her husband |
| 1385 | dowse | = douse |
| 1386 | doze | v. sleep lightly |
| 1387 | drab | adj. dull; uninteresting |
| 1388 | draconian | adj. very harsh |
| 1389 | draft | n. rough preliminary written version of sth |
| 1390 | drama | n. play for the theatre, radio or TV |
| 1391 | drastic | adj. having a strong or violent effect |
| 1392 | draught | n. current of air in a room or some other enclosed space |
| | draw | n. (usu sing) ~ (for sth) act of picking at random tickets in a lottery, matches in a tournament, etc |
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| 1394 | dregs | n. solid particles that sink to the bottom of certain liquids, esp wine and beer |
| 1395 | dribble | v. allow saliva to run from the mouth |
| 1396 | drip | v. fall in drops |
| 1397 | drivel | n. silly nonsense |
| 1398 | droll | adj. amusing in an odd or a quaint way |
| 1399 | drone | n. male honey-bee |
| 1400 | droop | v. bend or hang downwards through tiredness or weakness |
| 1401 | dross | n. scum of waste matter on melted metals |
| 1402 | drudge | n. person who has to do long hard boring jobs |
| 1403 | drudgery | n. hard boring work |
| 1404 | dubious | adj. ~ not certain and slightly suspicious about sth; doubtful |
| | ductile | adj. that can be pressed, beaten or pulled into fine strands without being heated , |
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| | ductility | the malleability of something that can be drawing into wires or hammered into thin sheets |
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| 1407 | dulcet | adj. sounding sweet; pleasing to the ear |
| 1408 | dull | adj. not bright or clear |

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| 1409 | dumbfound | v. make speechless with surprise; astonish |
| 1410 | dummy | n. model of the human figure, used for displaying or fitting clothes, etc |
| 1411 | dupe | v. ~ sb deceive or trick sb (into doing sth) |
| 1412 | duplicity | n. deliberate deception |
| 1413 | duration | n. time during which sth lasts or continues |
| 1414 | duress | n. threats or force used to make sb do sth; compulsion |
| 1415 | dutiful | adj. showing respect and obedience; fulfilling all one's obligations |
| 1416 | dwindle | v. ~ (to nothing) become gradually less or smaller |
| 1417 | dynamic | adj. of power or forces that produce movement |
| 1418 | dynamo | n. device for converting steam-power, water-power, etc into electricity; generator . |
| 1419 | dys- | [dys- prefix :] prefix :] diseased, abnormal, or faulty |
| 1420 | dysentery | n. inflammation of the bowels, causing severe diarrhoea, usu with a discharge of mucus and blood |
| 1421 | dyslexia | n. (also word-blindness) abnormal difficulty in reading and spelling, caused by a brain condition |
| 1422 | dyspeptic | adj. n person suffering from dyspepsia or the irritability that it causes |
| 1423 | Barron GRE word list - e | |
| 1424 | earmark | v. ~ sb/sth (for sth/sb) assign or set aside sb/sth (to or for a special purpose) |
| 1425 | earn | v. get (money) by working |
| 1426 | earthly | adj. of this world; not spiritual |
| 1427 | earthy | adj. of or like earth or soil |
| 1428 | ebb | v. ~ (of the tide) go out; recede ; |
| 1429 | ebullient | adj. full of energy and excitement; exuberant ; |
| 1430 | eccentric | adj. unusual; peculiar; not conventional or normal |
| 1431 | eccentricity | n. quality of being eccentric; strangeness of behaviour, etc |
| 1432 | ecclesiastic | n. clergyman |
| 1433 | eclectic | adj. (of people, beliefs, etc) not restricted to one source of ideas, etc, but choosing from or using a wide range |
| 1434 | eclipse | n. blocking of the light of the sun or of the moon (when the earth's shadow falls on it) |
| 1435 | ecliptic | (Astronomy) a the great circle on the celestial sphere representing the apparent annual path of the sun relative to the stars. |
| 1436 | economy | n. avoidance of waste (of money, strength, time, resources, etc) |
| 1437 | ecosystem | n. ecological unit consisting of a group of plants and living creatures interacting with each other and with their surroundings |
| 1438 | ecstasy | n. great joy or happiness |
| 1439 | eddy | n. circular or spiral movement of water, air, fog, dust, etc |
| 1440 | edict | n. order or proclamation issued by an authority |
| 1441 | edifice | n. large or imposing building |
| 1442 | edify | v. (fml or joc) improve the mind or character of (sb) |
| 1443 | eerie | adj. causing a feeling of mystery and fear |
| 1444 | efface | v. rub or wipe (sth) out; cause to fade |
| 1445 | effective | adj. having an effect; producing the intended result |
| 1446 | effectual | adj. (not used of people) producing the intended result |
| 1447 | effectuate | to cause to happen; effect; accomplish |
| 1448 | effeminate | adj. (of a man or his behaviour) like a woman; unmanly |
| 1449 | effervescence | (n.) liveliness; spirit; enthusiasm; bubbiness |
| 1450 | effete | adj. weak, having lost power |
| 1451 | efficacy | n. state or quality of being efficacious |
| 1452 | effigy | n. carved figure or model representing a person or animal |
| 1453 | effluvium | noxious smell |
| 1454 | effrontery | n. boldness or rudeness without shame; impertinence |
| 1455 | effulgent | radiant splendor:BRILLIANCE |
| 1456 | effusion | n. pouring out, esp of liquid |
| 1457 | effusive | adj. showing (too much) feeling; too emotional |
| 1458 | ego | n. individual's perception or experience of himself, esp in relation to other people or to the outside world; part of the mind that can think, feel and act |
| 1459 | egoism | n. state of mind in which one is always thinking about oneself and what is best for oneself |
| 1460 | egotism | n. practice of talking too often or too much about oneself; selfishness ; |

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| 1461 | egotistical | [egotist:] a conceited boastful person |
| 1462 | egregious | adj. (usu of sb/sth bad) exceptional; outstanding |
| 1463 | egress | n. (right of) going out |
| 1464 | ejaculation | n. sudden discharge or ejection of fluid, esp semen, from the body |
| 1465 | elaborate | adj. very detailed and complicated; carefully prepared and finished |
| 1466 | elaboration | addition of details; intricacy |
| 1467 | elastic | adj. returning to its normal or previous size or shape after being pulled or pressed |
| 1468 | elated | adj. ~ in high spirits; very happy or proud |
| 1469 | elegy | n. poem or song expressing sorrow, esp for the dead; lament ; |
| 1470 | elevation | n. elevating or being elevated |
| 1471 | elicit | v. ~ sth (fml) draw (facts, a response, etc) from sb, sometimes with difficulty |
| 1472 | elixir | n. imaginary substance with which medieval scientists hoped to change metals into gold or make people live for ever |
| 1473 | ellipsis | n. (grammar) (instance of) leaving out a word or words from (the grammatical structure of) a sentence when the meaning can be understood without it/them |
| 1474 | elliptical | adj. containing ellipsis |
| 1475 | elope | v. ~ run away with a lover, esp to get married |
| 1476 | eloquence | n. expressive language, esp to impress or persuade an audience |
| 1477 | elucidate | v. make (sth) clear; explain |
| 1478 | elusive | adj. tending to escape or disappear; difficult to capture |
| 1479 | elysian | adj. the Elysian fields |
| 1480 | Elysium | n. (in Greek myths) home of the blessed after death |
| 1481 | emaciated | adj. made thin and weak |
| 1482 | emanate | v. ~ from sth/sb come or flow from sth/sb |
| 1483 | emancipate | v. ~ sb set sb free, esp from political, legal or social restrictions |
| 1484 | emasculate | v. remove the sexual organs of (a male animal); castrate ; |
| 1485 | embargo | n. (on sth) official order that forbids sth, esp trade, the movement of ships, etc |
| 1486 | embark | v. ~ (cause sb/sth to) go or be taken on board a ship or an aircraft |
| 1487 | embed | to enclose closely in or as if in a matrix |
| 1488 | embellish | v. ~ sth make sth beautiful by adding ornaments, etc |
| 1489 | embezzlement | n. embezzling |
| 1490 | embitter | v. fill with bitter feelings |
| 1491 | emblazon | v. decorate with heraldic or other devices |
| 1492 | embody | v. ~ sth (in sth) (fml) express or give visible form to (ideas, feelings, etc) |
| 1493 | emboss | raise in a relief |
| 1494 | embrace | close encircling with the arms and pressure to the bosom especially as a sign of affection:HUG |
| 1495 | embroider | v. ~ A ~ B (with A) decorate (cloth) with needlework |
| 1496 | embroil | throw into confusion; involve in strife; entangle |
| 1497 | embryonic | adj. in an early stage of development |
| 1498 | emend | v. remove errors from |
| 1499 | emendation | n. action of emending |
| 1500 | emetic | n, adj causing vomiting |
| 1501 | eminent | adj. famous and distinguished |
| 1502 | emissary | n. person sent to deliver a message or to conduct negotiations |
| 1503 | emollient | n, adj that soothes and softens the skin |
| 1504 | emolument | n. (fml or rhet) profit made from being employed; fee or salary |
| 1505 | empathy | n. ability to imagine and share another person's feelings, experience, etc |
| 1506 | empirical | adj. based on observation or experiment, not on theory |
| 1507 | emulate | v. ~ sb (fml) try to do as well as or better than sb |
| 1508 | enact | v. perform (a part, play, etc) on, or as if on, the stage of a theatre |
| 1509 | enamored | (adj.) filled with love and desire |
| 1510 | encipher | convert ordinary language into code |
| 1511 | encircle | v. form a circle round; surround |
| 1512 | enclave | n. small territory of one state surrounded by that of another |
| 1513 | encomiastic | [encomiast:] en"comi'astic, en"comi'astical adjective |
| 1514 | encomium | n. (fml) very high praise in speech or writing |
| 1515 | encompass | v. include or comprise sth |

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| 1516 | encroachment | n. ~ (fml) action of encroaching |
| 1517 | encumber | to impede or hamper the function or activity of:HINDER |
| 1518 | endear | v. ~ sb/oneself to sb make sb/oneself loved or liked by sb |
| 1519 | endearment | n. word or expression of affection |
| 1520 | endemic | n, adj that is regularly found in a particular country or area, or among a particular group of people |
| 1521 | endorse | v. write one's name on the back of |
| 1522 | endue | v. ~ sb with sth provide or supply sb with a good quality, ability etc |
| 1523 | enduring | adj. continuing in existence; lasting |
| 1524 | energize | invigorate; make forceful and active |
| 1525 | enervate | v. cause to lose strength or energy |
| 1526 | enfranchise | v. give (sb) political rights, esp the right to vote at parliamentary elections |
| 1527 | engage | v. ~ sb (fml) arrange to employ sb; hire sb |
| 1528 | engaged | adj. busy; occupied |
| 1529 | engaging | adj. likely to attract or occupy the attention; charming |
| 1530 | engender | v. be the cause of (a situation or condition) |
| 1531 | engross | v. occupy all the time or attention of (sb) |
| 1532 | engulf | v. (of the sea, flames, etc) surround (sth) or cause (sth) to disappear; envelop |
| 1533 | enhance | v. increase make (sb/sth) look better |
| 1534 | enigma | n. question, person, thing, circumstance, etc that is difficult to understand; mystery |
| 1535 | enigmatic | adj. difficult to understand; mysterious |
| 1536 | enjoin | v. ~ sth (fml or law) impose (an action or prohibition) on sb; order |
| 1537 | enlist | v. ~ (in/for sth); ~ (sb) (as sth) enter or cause (sb) to enter the armed forces |
| 1538 | enliven | v. make more lively or cheerful |
| 1539 | enmity | n. condition or feeling of being an enemy; hostility |
| 1540 | ennui | n. weariness of mind caused by lack of anything interesting or exciting to do; feeling of boredom |
| 1541 | enormity | n. great wickedness |
| 1542 | enrapture | v. fill (sb) with great delight or joy |
| 1543 | ensconce | v. ~ oneself/sb in sth establish or settle oneself in a safe, secret, comfortable, etc place |
| 1544 | ensue | v. ~ happen afterwards or as a result; follow |
| 1545 | entail | v. make necessary; involve |
| 1546 | enterprise | n. project or undertaking, esp one that is difficult or needs courage |
| 1547 | enterprising | adj. having or showing enterprise(2) |
| 1548 | enthrall | capture; make slave |
| 1549 | entice | v. ~ sb (from sth); ~ sb (into sth/doing sth) try to tempt or persuade sb, usu by offering sth pleasant or a reward |
| 1550 | entity | n. thing with distinct and real existence |
| 1551 | entomology | n. scientific study of insects |
| 1552 | entourage | n. all those who accompany and attend an important person |
| 1553 | entrance | n. ~ opening, gate, door, passage, etc by which one enters sth |
| 1554 | entreat | v. ~ sb (fml) ask sb (for sth) earnestly and feelingly; beg |
| 1555 | entree | n. ~ (into sth) right or privilege of admission or entry |
| 1556 | entrepreneur | n. person who starts or organizes a commercial enterprise, esp one involving financial risk |
| 1557 | enumerate | v. name one by one; count |
| 1558 | enunciate | v. say or pronounce clearly |
| 1559 | environ | enclose; surround |
| 1560 | eon | n. an indefinitely long period of time |
| 1561 | epaulet | an ornamental cloth pad worn on the shoulder |
| 1562 | ephemeral | adj. living, lasting, etc for a very short time |
| 1563 | epic | n. long poem about the deeds of one or more great heroes, or a nation's past history |
| 1564 | epicure | n. person who takes a special interest in and gets great pleasure from food and drink |
| 1565 | epicurean | n, adj fond of pleasure and luxury |
| 1566 | epigram | n. short poem or saying expressing an idea in a clever and amusing way |
| 1567 | epilogue | n. part or section added at the end of a book, play, film, programme, etc, as a comment on the main action |

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| 1568 | episodic | adj. occurring irregularly; sporadic |
| 1569 | epistemologist | [epistemology:] e"piste'mologist nou |
| 1570 | epitaph | n. words written or said about a dead person, esp words inscribed on a tombstone |
| 1571 | epithet | n. adjective or descriptive phrase that refers to the character or most important quality of sb/sth eg Alfred the Great, Attila the Hun , |
| 1572 | epitome | n. thing that shows on a small scale all the characteristics of sth much larger |
| 1573 | epoch | n. period of time in history, life, the history of the earth, etc, esp one marked by notable events or characteristics |
| 1574 | equable | adj. free from extremes of heat or cold; moderate |
| 1575 | equanimity | n. calmness of mind or temper |
| 1576 | equestrian | adj. of horse-riding |
| 1577 | equilibrium | n. state of being balanced |
| 1578 | equine | adj. of or like a horse or horses |
| 1579 | equinox | n. either of the two times in the year (around |
| 1580 | equipoise | n. balanced state, esp of the mind; equilibrium ; |
| 1581 | equitable | adj. fair and just; reasonable |
| 1582 | equity | n. fairness; right judgement |
| 1583 | equivocal | adj. having a double or doubtful meaning; ambiguous |
| 1584 | equivocate | v. speak in an ambiguous way to hide the truth or mislead people |
| 1585 | erode | v. destroy or wear (sth) away gradually |
| 1586 | erotic | adj. of or arousing sexual desire |
| 1587 | errant | adj. doing wrong; misbehaving |
| 1588 | erratic | adj. irregular or uneven in movement, quality or behaviour; unreliable |
| 1589 | erroneous | adj. incorrect; mistaken |
| 1590 | erudite | adj. having or showing great learning; scholarly |
| 1591 | escapade | n. daring, mischievous or adventurous act; prank |
| 1592 | eschew | v. keep away from (sth); abstain from; avoid |
| 1593 | esoteric | adj. likely to be understood by only those with a special knowledge or interest; mysterious; obscure |
| 1594 | espionage | n. practice of spying or using spies to obtain secret information |
| 1595 | espouse | v. give one's support to (a cause, theory, etc) |
| 1596 | esteem | v. (not used in the continuous tenses) have a high opinion of (sb/sth); respect greatly |
| 1597 | estimable | adj. worthy of great respect |
| 1598 | estranged | [estrange:] [usually passive; often foll by from] to separate and live apart from (one's spouse) |
| 1599 | ethereal | adj. of unearthly delicacy and lightness; seeming too spiritual or fairy-like for this world |
| 1600 | ethnic | adj. of a national, racial or tribal group that has a common cultural tradition |
| 1601 | ethnology | n. science of the different human races, their characteristics, relations to one another, etc |
| 1602 | ethos | n. characteristic spirit, moral values, ideas or beliefs of a group, community or culture |
| 1603 | etymology | n. study of the origin and history of words and their meanings |
| 1604 | eugenic | pertaining to the improvement of race |
| 1605 | eulogistic | adj. full of high praise |
| 1606 | eulogy | n. (speech or piece of writing containing) high praise of a person or thing |
| 1607 | euphemism | n. use of pleasant, mild or indirect words or phrases in place of more accurate or direct ones |
| 1608 | euphony | n. pleasantness of sound, esp in words |
| 1609 | euphoria | n. intense feeling of happiness and pleasant excitement |
| 1610 | euthanasia | n. gentle and painless death for a person suffering from a painful incurable disease, extreme old age, etc |
| 1611 | evanescent | adj. quickly fading; soon disappearing from memory |
| 1612 | evasive | adj. having the aim or intention of avoiding capture, of not giving a direct answer, etc |
| 1613 | evenhanded | without partiality |
| 1614 | eventual | adj. happening at last as a result; ultimate |
| 1615 | evince | v. show clearly that one has (a feeling, quality, etc); exhibit |
| 1616 | evocative | adj. ~ that evokes or is able to evoke memories, feelings, etc (of sth) |
| 1617 | evoke | v. bring to mind (a feeling, memory, etc); summon up |

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| 1618 | ewe | n. female sheep |
| 1619 | exacerbate | v. make (pain, disease, a situation) worse; aggravate |
| 1620 | exact | adj. correct in every detail; precise |
| 1621 | exacting | adj. making great demands; requiring great effort |
| 1622 | exalt | v. make (sb) higher in rank or greater in power |
| 1623 | exasperate | v. irritate or annoy greatly |
| 1624 | except | prep ~ ~ (that...) not including (sb/sth); but not |
| 1625 | exceptionable | adj. that sb can object to |
| 1626 | excerpt | n. ~ passage, extract, from a book, film, piece of music, etc |
| 1627 | exchequer | n. the Exchequer government department in charge of public money |
| 1628 | excise | n. government tax on certain goods manufactured, sold or used within a country |
| 1629 | exclaim | v. cry out suddenly and loudly from pain, anger, surprise, etc |
| 1630 | excoriate | to censure scathingly |
| 1631 | exculpate | v. ~ sb (fml) free sb from blame; say that sb is not guilty |
| 1632 | execrable | adj. verybad; terrible |
| 1633 | execrate | to declare to be evil or detestable:DENOUNCE |
| 1634 | execute | v. carry out, perform (what one is asked or told to do) |
| 1635 | executioner | n. public official who carries out a death sentence |
| 1636 | executive | adj. concerned with the management and carrying out of plans, decisions, etc |
| 1637 | executor | n. person who is appointed by the maker of a will to carry out the terms of the will |
| 1638 | exegesis | n. (fml) explanation and interpretation of a written work, esp the Bible , |
| 1639 | exemplary | adj. serving as an example; suitable for imitation |
| 1640 | exemplify | v. be a typical example of (sth) |
| 1641 | exempt | adj. ~ free from an obligation, duty or payment; not liable |
| 1642 | exertion | n. action of applying influence, etc |
| 1643 | exhale | v. breathe (sth) out |
| 1644 | exhilarating | adj. very exciting; causing happiness |
| 1645 | exhort | v. ~ sb (fml) advise sb strongly or earnestly; urge sb |
| 1646 | exhume | v. take from the ground (for examination) |
| 1647 | exigency | n. (condition of) urgent need or demand; emergency |
| 1648 | exiguous | adj. very small (in amount); scanty |
| 1649 | existential | adj. of or relating to (esp human) existence |
| 1650 | exodus | n. ~ (to...) (fml or joc) departure of many people at one time |
| 1651 | exonerate | to relieve of a responsibility, obligation, or hardship |
| 1652 | exorbitant | adj. (of a price, charge, etc) much too high or great; unreasonable |
| 1653 | exorcise | drive out evil spirits |
| 1654 | exotic | adj. introduced from another country; not native |
| 1655 | expansive | adj. able or tending to expand |
| 1656 | expatiate | v. ~ on/upon sth write or speak at great length or in detail about a subject |
| 1657 | expatriate | n. person living outside his own country |
| 1658 | expedient | adj. useful, helpful or advisable for a particular purpose, though not necessarily fair or moral |
| 1659 | expedite | v. help the progress of (work, business, etc); hasten or speed up |
| 1660 | expeditious | adj. done with speed and efficiency |
| 1661 | expenditure | n. action of spending or using |
| 1662 | expertise | n. expert knowledge or skill, esp in a particular field |
| 1663 | expiate | v. accept punishment for (wrong one has done) and do something to show one is sorry; make up for |
| 1664 | expletive | n. violent (often meaningless) exclamation said in anger, pain, etc; swear-word |
| 1665 | explicate | v. explain and analyse (esp an idea, a statement or a work of literature) in detail |
| 1666 | explicit | adj. (of a statement, etc) clearly and fully expressed |
| 1667 | exploit | n. brave or adventurous deed or action |
| 1668 | expository | serving to expound or set fourth |
| 1669 | expostulation | n. protest; reasoned persuasion, etc |
| 1670 | exposure | n. action of exposing or state of being exposed |
| 1671 | expound | v. ~ sth (fml) explain or make sth clear by giving details |

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| 1672 | expropriate | v. ~ sth (from sb) take away (property, etc) for public use without payment to the owner |
| 1673 | expunge | v. ~ sth (fml) remove or wipe out (words, names, etc) from a list, book, etc |
| 1674 | expurgate | v. remove improper or objectionable parts from (a book, etc) |
| 1675 | exquisite | adj. extremely beautiful or delicate; finely or skilfully made or done |
| 1676 | extant | adj. still in existence |
| 1677 | extemporaneo us | adj. spoken or done without preparation; extempore ; |
| 1678 | extenuate | v. make (wrongdoing) less serious (by providing an excuse) |
| 1679 | extirpate | v. remove or destroy (sth) completely |
| 1680 | extol | v. ~sb (as sth) (fml) praise (sb/sth) highly |
| 1681 | extort | v. ~ sth obtain sth by violence, threats, etc |
| 1682 | extradition | surrender of prisoner by one state to another |
| 1683 | extraneous | adj. ~ not belonging to or directly connected with the subject or matter being dealt with |
| 1684 | extrapolation | n. ~ (fml) |
| 1685 | extricate | v. ~ sb/sth (fml) set sb/sth free; release sb/sth ; |
| 1686 | extrinsic | adj. ~ (fml) (of qualities, values, etc) not belonging to or part of the real nature of a person or thing; coming from outside |
| 1687 | extrovert | n. person more interested in what is happening around him than in his own thoughts and emotions |
| 1688 | extrude | v. ~ sth (fml) force or squeeze out sth under pressure |
| 1689 | exuberance | n. state or quality of being exuberant |
| 1690 | exuberant | adj. overflowing with happiness and excitement; very lively and cheerful |
| 1691 | exude | v. ~ (sth) (from/through sth) (of drops of liquid, etc) come or pass out slowly; ooze out |
| 1692 | exult | v. ~ (at/in sth) get great pleasure from sth; rejoice greatly |
| 1693 | Barron GRE word list - f | |
| 1694 | fabricate | v. invent |
| 1695 | facade | n. front (of a building) |
| 1696 | facet | n. any of the many sides of a cut stone or jewel |
| 1697 | facetious | adj. intended to be amusing, often inappropriately |
| 1698 | facile | adj. easily obtained or achieved (and so not highly valued) |
| 1699 | facilitate | v. (of an object, a process, etc but not of a person) make (sth) easy or less difficult |
| 1700 | facsimile | n. exact copy or reproduction of writing, printing, a picture, etc |
| 1701 | faction | n. small united group within a larger one, esp in politics |
| 1702 | factious | adj. of or caused by faction |
| 1703 | factitious | adj. deliberately created or developed; unnatural; artificial |
| 1704 | factotum | n. person employed to do all kinds of work |
| 1705 | faculty | n. any of the powers of the body or mind |
| 1706 | fake | n. object (eg a work of art) that seems genuine but is not |
| 1707 | fallacious | adj. misleading; based on error |
| 1708 | fallible | adj. liable to make mistakes |
| 1709 | fallow | adj. ploughed but left unplanted to restore its fertility |
| 1710 | falsify | make false by mutilation or addition; as of a message or story |
| 1711 | falter | v. move, walk or act hesitantly, usu because of weakness, fear or indecision |
| 1712 | fanaticism | n. great or obsessive enthusiasm |
| 1713 | fancied | imaginary; unreal |
| 1714 | fancier | n. person with a special interest in and love for sth |
| 1715 | fanciful | adj. using the imagination rather than reason |
| 1716 | fancy | n. power of the mind to imagine |
| 1717 | fanfare | n. short ceremonial piece of music, usu played on trumpets |
| 1718 | fantastic | adj. wild and strange |
| 1719 | farce | n. funny play for the theatre based on unlikely situations and events |
| 1720 | far-fetched | adj. (of a comparison) strained; unnatural |
| 1721 | fashion | n. manner or way of doing sth |
| 1722 | fastidious | adj. selecting carefully; choosing only what is good ; |
| 1723 | fatalism | n. belief that events are decided by fate(1); acceptance of all that happens as inevitable ; |

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| 1724 | fathom | n. measure of the depth of water , 61.8 |
| 1725 | fathomless | adj. too deep to measure |
| 1726 | fatuous | adj. stupid and silly; foolish |
| 1727 | fauna | n. all the animals of an area or a period of time |
| 1728 | favoritism | [favouritism:] the practice of giving special treatment to a person or group |
| 1729 | fawning | [fawn:] a young deer of either sex aged under one year |
| 1730 | faze | v. fluster (sb) |
| 1731 | feasible | adj. that can be done; practicable; possible |
| 1732 | feature | n. one of the named parts of the face (eg nose, mouth, eyes) which together form its appearance |
| 1733 | febrile | adj. caused by a fever |
| 1734 | feckless | adj. inefficient; irresponsible ; |
| 1735 | fecundity | n. |
| 1736 | feeble-minded | |
| 1737 | feign | v. pretend |
| 1738 | feint | n. pretended attack to distract an opponent's attention from the main attack |
| 1739 | felicitous | adj. (esp of words) well-chosen; apt |
| 1740 | felicity | n. great happiness |
| 1741 | feline | adj. n animal of the cat family |
| 1742 | fell | pt of fall ¹ |
| 1743 | felon | n. person guilty of felony |
| 1744 | feral | adj. (of animals) wild or savage, esp after escaping from captivity or from life as a pet |
| 1745 | ferment | v. change chemically through the action of organic substances (esp yeast) |
| 1746 | fermentation | n. fermenting |
| 1747 | ferocious | adj. fierce, violent or savage |
| 1748 | ferret | n. small animal of the weasel family, kept for driving rabbits from their burrows, killing rats, etc |
| 1749 | fertile | adj. able to produce much; rich in nutrients |
| 1750 | fervent | adj. showing warmth and sincerity of feeling; enthusiastic; passionate |
| 1751 | fervid | adj. = fervent |
| 1752 | fervor | intensity of feeling or expression |
| 1753 | fester | v. become infected and filled with pus |
| 1754 | festive | adj. of or suitable for a feast or festival; joyous |
| 1755 | fete | n. outdoor entertainment or sale, usu to raise money for a special purpose |
| 1756 | fetid | adj. smelling foul or unpleasant; stinking |
| 1757 | fetish | n. object that is worshipped, esp because a spirit is believed to live in it |
| 1758 | fetter | n. chain put round the feet of a person or animal to limit movement |
| 1759 | feud | n. long and bitter quarrel between two people, families or groups |
| 1760 | fiasco | n. complete and ridiculous failure |
| 1761 | fiat | n. formal authorization, order or decree |
| 1762 | fickle | adj. often changing; not constant |
| 1763 | fictitious | adj. imagined or invented; not real |
| 1764 | fidelity | n. ~ loyalty; faithfulness |
| 1765 | fiend | n. evil spirit; devil |
| 1766 | figment | n. thing that is not real but only imagined |
| 1767 | figurative | adj. (of words) used in an imaginative or a metaphorical way rather than literally |
| 1768 | figure | n. written symbol for a number, esp 0 to 9 09 |
| 1769 | figurine | n. small ornamental statue, esp of a person |
| 1770 | filch | v. steal (esp sth of small value) |
| 1771 | filial | adj. of or expected from a son or daughter |
| 1772 | filibuster | n. person who tries to delay or prevent the making of decisions in (esp parliamentary) meetings by making long speeches |
| 1773 | filigree | n. fine ornamental work using gold, silver or copper wire |
| 1774 | filing | [card:] an index in which each item is separately listed on systematically arranged cards |
| 1775 | filth | n. disgusting dirt |
| 1776 | finale | n. last part of a piece of music or a drama, etc |
| 1777 | finery | n. gay and elegant clothes or decoration |

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| 1778 | finesse | n. skill in dealing with people or situations cleverly or tactfully |
| 1779 | finicky | adj. too fussy about food, clothes, etc |
| 1780 | finish | v. come or bring (sth) to an end |
| | finished | adj. ~ (infml) in a state of having completed sth or no longer dealing with sb/sth |
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| 1782 | finite | adj. having bounds; limited; not infinite |
| 1783 | firebrand | n. piece of burning wood |
| 1784 | fissure | n. long deep crack in rock or in the earth |
| | fit | adj. ~ for sb/sth; ~ to do sth suitable or suited for sb/sth; well adapted for sb/sth; good enough for sb/sth |
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| 1786 | fitful | adj. occurring in short periods, not regularly and steadily |
| 1787 | flaccid | adj. soft and weak; loose and limp; not firm ; |
| | flag | n. piece of cloth with a particular design, that can be attached by one edge to a rope, pole, etc and used as a symbol of a country, party, etc or as a signal |
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| 1789 | flagrant | adj. particularly bad, shocking and obvious |
| | flail | n. tool consisting of a stick swinging from a long handle, used esp formerly to separate grain from chaff , |
| 1790 | | |
| 1791 | flair | n. ~ for sth natural ability to do sth well |
| 1792 | flamboyant | adj. showy, very confident and extravagant |
| 1793 | flashy | adj. attractive but usu not in good taste; showy |
| | flaunt | v. show (sth considered valuable) in order to gain the admiration of other people |
| 1794 | | |
| 1795 | flay | v. remove the skin from (a dead animal) |
| 1796 | fleck | n. ~ very small patch or spot of a colour |
| 1797 | fledgling | inexperienced |
| 1798 | fleece | n. woolly hair of a sheep or similar animal |
| 1799 | fleet | n. group of warships, submarines, etc under one commander |
| 1800 | flick | n. quick light blow, eg with a whip or the tip of a finger |
| 1801 | flicker | v. (of a light or flame) burn or shine unsteadily |
| 1802 | flighty | adj. (esp of a woman or her behaviour) changeable and unreliable; not serious |
| 1803 | flinch | v. move or draw back suddenly, from shock, fear or pain |
| | flip | v. toss (sth) with a sharp movement of the thumb and forefinger so that it turns over in the air |
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| 1805 | flippancy | n. being flippant |
| 1806 | flippant | adj. not showing sufficient respect or seriousness |
| | flirt | v. ~ behave (towards sb) in a romantic or suggestive way but without serious intentions |
| 1807 | | |
| 1808 | flit | v. fly or move lightly and quickly from one place to another |
| 1809 | floe | n. sheet of floating ice, usu on the sea |
| 1810 | flora | n. all the plants of a particular area or period of time |
| 1811 | florescence | the process, state, or period of flowering |
| 1812 | florid | adj. elaborate and ornate; excessively decorated or colourful |
| 1813 | flotsam | n. parts of a wrecked ship or its cargo found floating in the sea |
| | flounder | v. move or struggle helplessly or clumsily; move with difficulty, as through mud or deep snow |
| 1814 | | |
| 1815 | flourish | v. be successful, very active, or widespread; prosper |
| 1816 | flout | v. disobey openly and scornfully |
| 1817 | flowery | adj. covered with or having a lot of flowers |
| 1818 | fluctuate | v. ~ (of a price, number, rate, etc) rise and fall; change irregularly |
| 1819 | fluctuation | n. ~ (of/in sth) |
| 1820 | fluency | n. quality or condition of being fluent |
| 1821 | fluke | n. (infml) thing that is accidentally successful; lucky stroke in a game |
| 1822 | flush | n. flow of blood to the face that causes a red colouring; blush |
| 1823 | fluster | v. make nervous and confused |
| 1824 | fluted | (esp. of the shaft of a column) having flutes |
| 1825 | flutter | v. (of the wings of birds, butterflies, etc) move lightly and quickly |
| 1826 | flux | n. continuous change or succession of changes; unsettled state |
| 1827 | fodder | n. dried food, hay, etc for horses and farm animals , |
| 1828 | foible | n. small, usu harmless, peculiarity or weakness in a person's character |
| 1829 | foil | n. metal rolled or hammered into a very thin flexible sheet |
| 1830 | foist | v. foist sth on sb force sb into accepting sth not wanted |
| 1831 | foliage | n. leaves of a tree or plant; leaves with their stems and branches |

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| 1832 | foment | v. arouse or increase |
| 1833 | foolhardy | adj. foolishly bold or rash; reckless |
| 1834 | foppish | adj. of or like a fop |
| 1835 | foray | n. sudden attack, esp to obtain sth; raid |
| 1836 | forbearance | n. patient self-control; tolerance |
| 1837 | ford | n. shallow place in a river where one can walk or drive across |
| 1838 | forebears | n. person from whom one is descended; ancestor |
| 1839 | foreboding | n. ~ strong feeling that danger or trouble is coming |
| 1840 | forensic | adj. of, related to or used in law |
| 1841 | forerunner | n. person or thing that prepares the way for the coming of sb or sth else more important; sign of what is to follow |
| 1842 | foreshadow | v. be a sign or warning of |
| 1843 | foresight | n. ability to see what one's future needs are likely to be; careful planning |
| 1844 | forestall | v. act before so as to prevent him from doing sth |
| 1845 | forfeit | v. lose or give up (sth) as a consequence of or punishment for having done sth wrong, or in order to achieve sth |
| 1846 | forge | n. workshop with a fire and an anvil where metals are heated and shaped, esp one used by a smith for making horseshoes |
| 1847 | forgo | v. give up or do without (esp sth pleasant) |
| 1848 | forlorn | adj. lonely and unhappy; uncared for |
| 1849 | formality | n. careful observance of rules, conventions, etc of language or behaviour |
| 1850 | formidable | adj. causing fear or great anxiety; frightening; awesome |
| 1851 | forsake | v. (fml) give (sth) up; renounce |
| 1852 | forswear | v. (promise to) give up (sth); renounce |
| 1853 | forte | n. thing that sb does particularly well; strong point |
| 1854 | forthcoming | adj. about to happen or appear in the near future |
| 1855 | forthright | adj. clear and honest in manner and speech; straightforward |
| 1856 | fortitude | n. courage, endurance and self-control in facing pain, danger or difficulty |
| 1857 | fortuitous | adj. happening by chance or coincidence |
| 1858 | forum | n. place where important public issues can be discussed |
| 1859 | forward | adj. directed or moving towards the front |
| 1860 | foster | v. help the growth or development of (sth); encourage or promote |
| 1861 | foul | adj. having a bad smell or taste; dirty and disgusting |
| 1862 | founder | n. person who founds or establishes sth |
| 1863 | fracas | n. (usu sing) noisy quarrel, fight, or disturbance |
| 1864 | fractious | adj. irritable; bad-tempered |
| 1865 | frail | adj. physically weak or delicate |
| 1866 | frailty | n. physical weakness |
| 1867 | franchise | n. right to vote at public elections |
| 1868 | frantic | adj. in an extreme state of emotion, esp fear or anxiety |
| 1869 | fraudulent | adj. deceitful or dishonest |
| 1870 | fraught | adj. ~ with sth filled with sth; charged with sth |
| 1871 | fray | n. the fray fight, contest or argument; lively or challenging action |
| 1872 | freebooter | buccaneer |
| 1873 | frenetic | adj. very excited; frenzied; frantic |
| 1874 | frenzied | adj. wildly excited or agitated; frantic |
| 1875 | fresco | n. picture painted in water-colour on a wall or ceiling before the plaster is dry |
| 1876 | fret | v. ~ (about/at/over sth) (cause sb to) become unhappy, bad-tempered, or anxious about sth; worry |
| 1877 | friction | n. rubbing of one surface or thing against another |
| 1878 | frieze | n. band of sculpture or decoration round the top of a wall or building |
| 1879 | frigid | adj. very cold |
| 1880 | fringe | n. (US bang) front hair cut so that it hangs over the forehead |
| 1881 | frisk | v. pass one's hands over (sb) in a search for hidden weapons, drugs, etc |
| 1882 | fritter | v. fritter sth away (on sth) waste (esp one's time or money) foolishly (on small useless things) |
| 1883 | frivolous | adj. not sensible or serious; foolish and light-hearted |
| 1884 | frock | n. dress worn by women or girls |
| 1885 | frolic | v. ~ (about) play about in a lively happy way |
| 1886 | frolicsome | adj. merry; playful |
| 1887 | frond | n. leaf-like part of a fern or palm |

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| 1888 | fructify | v. (fml) (cause sth to) bear fruit or be fruitful |
| 1889 | frugality | thrift |
| 1890 | fruitful | adj. having many good results; productive or profitable; successful |
| 1891 | fruition | n. fulfilment of hopes, plans, etc; getting what one wants or has worked for |
| 1892 | frustrate | v. prevent (sb) from doing or achieving sth |
| 1893 | fuddle | v. confuse (sb/sth), esp with alcoholic drink |
| 1894 | fugitive | n. ~ person who is running away or escaping |
| 1895 | fulcrum | n. point on which a lever is supported |
| 1896 | fulminate | v. ~ protest strongly and loudly |
| 1897 | fulsome | adj. excessive and insincere |
| 1898 | fumble | v. touch or handle awkwardly or nervously |
| 1899 | functional | adj. of or having a function or functions |
| 1900 | functionary | n. person with official duties |
| 1901 | fundamental | adj. of or forming the basis or foundation of sth; essential |
| 1902 | funereal | adj. suitable for a funeral; gloomy; dismal |
| 1903 | furor | A general commotion; public disorder or uproar. |
| 1904 | furrow | n. long narrow trench cut in the earth, esp by a plough |
| 1905 | furtive | adj. done secretly and quietly so as not to be noticed |
| 1906 | fusillade | n. continuous or simultaneous shooting of guns |
| 1907 | fusion | n. the blending or uniting of different things into one, by melting, etc |
| 1908 | fuss | n. (esp unnecessary) nervous excitement or activity |
| 1909 | fussy | adj. (usu derog) nervously active or excited about small things |
| 1910 | futile | adj. producing no result; useless; pointless |
| 1911 | Barron GRE word list - a | |
| 1912 | gadfly | n. fly that stings horses and cattle |
| 1913 | gaffe | n. social blunder; indiscreet act or remark |
| 1914 | gainsay | v. (arch) (usu in negative sentences or questions) contradict (sb/sth); deny (sth) |
| 1915 | gait | n. manner of walking or running |
| 1916 | galaxy | n. any of the large systems of stars in outer space |
| 1917 | gale | n. very strong wind storm (at sea) 8 |
| 1918 | gall | n. bitter liquid secreted by the liver; bile |
| 1919 | galleon | n. large Spanish sailing-ship used from the 15th to the 17th century 1517 |
| 1920 | galley | n. long flat ship, usu rowed by slaves or criminals; ancient Greek or Roman warship ; |
| 1921 | gallows | n. wooden framework on which criminals are put to death by hanging |
| 1922 | galvanic | adj. producing an electric current by chemical action |
| 1923 | galvanize | to stimulate or excite as if by an electric shock |
| 1924 | gambit | n. opening move in chess in which a player sacrifices a piece in order to win an advantage later |
| 1925 | gambol | v. (US also -l-) jump or skip about playfully |
| 1926 | gamely | adv: fight, struggle, etc gamely, ie bravely but perhaps unsuccessfully , |
| 1927 | gamut | n. the gamut complete range or scale |
| 1928 | gangrene | n. decay and death of body tissue when the blood supply has been stopped |
| 1929 | gape | v. ~ (often derog) stare with an open mouth, usu in surprise |
| 1930 | garbled | adj. confused or misleading |
| 1931 | gargantuan | adj. enormous; gigantic |
| 1932 | gargoyle | n. stone or metal spout in the form of a grotesque human or animal figure, for carrying rain-water away from the roof of a church, etc |
| 1933 | garish | adj. unpleasantly bright; over-coloured or over-decorated, esp in a vulgar way |
| 1934 | garner | v. ~ sth ~ sth (in/up) (fml) collect sth in and (usu) store it |
| 1935 | garnish | v. ~ sth decorate (food for the table) with small additional amounts of food |
| 1936 | garrulity | garrulousness ns talkativeness |
| 1937 | garrulous | adj. talking too much, esp about unimportant things |
| 1938 | gastronomy | n. art and science of choosing, cooking and eating good food |
| 1939 | gauche | adj. socially awkward or clumsy |
| 1940 | gaudy | adj. (derog) too bright and showy, esp in a vulgar way |
| 1941 | gaunt | adj. made exceptionally thin by hunger or illness; haggard |
| 1942 | gavel | n. small hammer used by an auctioneer or chairman as a signal for order or attention |

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| 1943 | gawk | v. ~ (infml) stare impolitely or stupidly; gawp |
| | gazette | n. official journal with public notices and lists of government, military, legal and university appointments |
| 1944 | genealogy | n. study of family history, showing who the ancestors of particular people were and how they were related to each other |
| 1945 | generality | n. general statement, esp one that is vague or indefinite |
| 1946 | generate | v. cause to exist or occur; produce |
| 1947 | generic | adj. shared by or including a whole group or class; not specific |
| 1948 | genesis | n. (fml) beginning; starting-point; origin |
| 1949 | geniality | n. quality of being genial |
| 1950 | genre | n. particular style or kind, esp of works of art or literature grouped according to their form or subject matter |
| 1951 | genteel | adj. polite or refined in an affected or exaggerated way |
| 1952 | gentility | n. genteel manners and behaviour; social superiority |
| 1953 | gentle | adj. mild; kind; careful; not rough, violent or severe |
| 1954 | gentry | n. people of good social position next below the nobility |
| 1955 | genuflect | v. bend the knee, esp in worship , |
| 1956 | genus | n. (biology) group of animals or plants within a family(4), often itself subdivided into several species(1) |
| 1957 | geriatrics | n. branch of medicine dealing with the diseases and care of old people |
| 1958 | germ | n. portion of a living organism capable of becoming a new organism; embryo of a seed ; |
| 1959 | germane | adj. ~ (fml) relevant |
| 1960 | germinal | adj. in the earliest stage of development |
| 1961 | germinate | v. start growing |
| 1962 | gerontocracy | government ruled by old people |
| 1963 | gerontology | n. scientific study of old age and the process of growing old |
| 1964 | gerrymander | v. arrange the boundaries of or divide (an area) for voting in order to give unfair advantages to one party in an election |
| 1965 | gestate | evolve; as in pre-natal growth |
| 1966 | gesticulation | n. gesticulating |
| 1967 | ghastly | adj. causing horror or fear |
| 1968 | gibberish | n. meaningless sounds; unintelligible talk; nonsense |
| 1969 | gibe | v. ~ (at sb/sth) jeer at or mock sb/sth; make fun of sb/sth |
| 1970 | giddy | adj. having the feeling that everything is turning round and that one is going to fall |
| 1971 | gild | v. cover with gold-leaf(3) or gold-coloured paint |
| 1972 | gingerly | adv. with great care and caution to avoid causing harm or making a noise |
| 1973 | girth | n. distance round sth of approximately cylindrical shape |
| 1974 | gist | n. the gist main point or general meaning |
| 1975 | glacial | adj. of the Ice Age |
| 1976 | glamor | [glamour:] charm and allure; fascination |
| 1977 | glare | n. strong unpleasant dazzling light |
| 1978 | glaring | adj. dazzling |
| 1979 | glaze | v. fit sheets or panes of glass into |
| 1980 | gleam | n. brief appearance of light |
| 1981 | glean | v. gather |
| 1982 | glib | adj. (derog) speaking or spoken fluently and without hesitation, but not sincerely or trustworthily |
| 1983 | glimmer | v. send out a weak unsteady light |
| 1984 | glitter | v. ~ shine brightly with little sharp flashes of light; sparkle |
| 1985 | gloat | v. ~ express or feel selfish delight at one's own success or good fortune or sb else's failure |
| 1986 | gloss | n. brightness or shine on a smooth surface |
| 1987 | glossary | n. list of technical or special words explaining their meanings |
| 1988 | glossy | adj. smooth and shiny |
| 1989 | glow | v. send out light and heat without flame |
| 1990 | glower | v. ~ look in an angry or a threatening way |
| 1991 | glut | v. ~ sth (with sth) supply sth with much more than is needed |
| 1992 | glutinous | adj. of or like gluten; sticky |
| 1993 | glutton | n. person who eats too much |

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| 1995 | gnarl | any knotty protuberance or swelling on a tree |
| 1996 | gnarled | adj. twisted and rough; covered with knobs |
| 1997 | gnome | dwarf; underground spirit |
| 1998 | goad | n. pointed stick for making cattle, etc move on |
| 1999 | gobble | v. ~ sth eat sth fast, noisily and greedily (leaving nothing behind) |
| 2000 | gorge | n. narrow steep-sided valley, usu with a stream or river |
| 2001 | gory | adj. (esp rhet) covered with gore ¹ |
| | gossamer | n. fine silky substance of webs made by small spiders, floating in calm air or spread over grass, etc |
| 2002 | gouge | n. tool with a sharp semicircular edge for cutting grooves in wood |
| 2004 | gourmand | n. lover of food; glutton ; |
| 2005 | gourmet | n. person who enjoys and is expert in the choice of fine food, wines, etc |
| | gracious | adj. ~ (of persons and behaviour) kind, polite and generous (esp to sb who is socially inferior) |
| 2006 | | |
| 2007 | gradation | n. gradual change from one thing to another |
| | graduate | n. ~ person who holds a degree (esp the first or bachelor's) from a university or polytechnic |
| 2008 | | |
| | graduated | [graduate:] n. a person who has been awarded a first degree from a university or college |
| 2009 | | |
| 2010 | granary | n. building where grain is stored |
| 2011 | grandeur | n. greatness; magnificence; impressiveness |
| | grandiloquent | adj. using or being a pompous style of speech, full of words which ordinary people do not understand |
| 2012 | | |
| 2013 | grandiose | adj. planned on a large scale; (intended to seem) imposing |
| 2014 | granulate | v. form into grains or have a granular surface or texture |
| 2015 | graphic | adj. of visual symbols |
| | graphite | n. soft black substance used in making lead pencils, in lubrication, and for slowing down neutrons in atomic reactors |
| 2016 | | |
| 2017 | grapple | v. ~ seize (an opponent) firmly and try to fight |
| 2018 | grate | n. fireplace |
| | gratify | v. (fml) give pleasure or satisfaction to (sb) |
| 2020 | gratis | adv. without payment; free |
| 2021 | gratuitous | adj. done, given or acting unnecessarily, purposely and without good reason |
| 2022 | gratuity | n. money given to sb who has done one a service; tip ; |
| | gravity | n. force that attracts objects in space towards each other, and on the earth pulls them towards the centre of the planet, so that things fall to the ground when dropped |
| 2023 | | |
| 2024 | graze | v. ~ (of cattle, sheep, etc) eat growing grass |
| 2025 | gregarious | adj. liking to be with other people |
| | grievance | n. ~ real or imagined cause for complaint or protest (used esp with the vs shown) |
| 2026 | | |
| | grill | n. device on a cooker that directs heat downwards for cooking meat, toasting bread, etc |
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| 2028 | grim | adj. very serious and unsmiling in appearance |
| | grimace | n. ugly twisted expression (on the face), expressing pain, disgust, etc or intended to cause laughter |
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| 2030 | grisly | adj. causing horror or terror; ghastly |
| 2031 | groom | n. person in charge of horses |
| 2032 | groove | n. long narrow cut or depression in the surface of hard material |
| 2033 | gross | n. (esp commerce) twelve dozen |
| 2034 | grotesque | adj. strangely distorted so as to arouse fear or laughter; fantastic |
| 2035 | grotto | n. cave, esp one made artificially as a garden shelter |
| 2036 | grouch | v. ~ (derog) complain |
| 2037 | grouse | n. small dark bird of northern hilly areas, shot for sport and food |
| | grovel | v. (derog) ~ (to/before sb) lie or crawl with the face downwards in a show of humility or fear |
| 2038 | | |
| 2039 | growl | v. ~ (of animals or thunder) make a low threatening sound |
| 2040 | grudge | v. ~ sth feel resentful about sth; do or give sth very unwillingly |
| 2041 | grudging | adj. unwilling; reluctant |
| 2042 | gruel | n. simple dish made of oatmeal, etc boiled in milk or water |
| 2043 | grueling | exhausting |
| 2044 | gruesome | adj. filling one with horror or disgust; frightful |
| 2045 | gruff | adj. rough; surly |

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| 2046 | grumble | v. ~ (about/at/over sth) complain or protest in a bad-tempered way |
| 2047 | grunt | v. (of animals, esp pigs) make a low rough sound from deep in the throat , |
| 2048 | guffaw | v. give a noisy laugh |
| 2049 | guile | n. deceit; cunning |
| 2050 | guileless | without deceit |
| 2051 | guise | n. style of dress |
| 2052 | gull | n. any of several types of large long-winged sea-bird with usu white and grey or black feathers . |
| 2053 | gullible | adj. willing to believe anything or anyone; easily deceived |
| 2054 | gush | v. ~ (from sth) flow or pour out suddenly in great quantities |
| 2055 | gust | n. sudden violent rush of wind |
| 2056 | gustatory | affecting the sense of taste |
| 2057 | gusto | n. enthusiastic vigour in doing sth |
| 2058 | gusty | adj. with wind blowing in gusts |
| 2059 | guy | n. rope or chain used to keep sth steady or secured, eg to hold a tent in place |
| | gyroscope | n. device containing a wheel which, when its spins fast, always maintains the same orientation regardless of any movement of the supporting structure, often used in ships' stabilizers |
| 2060 | Barron GRE | |
| 2061 | word list - h | |
| 2062 | habitat | n. natural environment of an animal or a plant; home |
| 2063 | habituate | v. ~ sb/oneself to sth accustom sb/oneself to sth |
| | hackles | n. long feathers on the neck of the domestic cock, etc or hairs on the neck of a dog |
| 2064 | | |
| 2065 | hackneyed | adj. used so often that it has become trite and dull |
| 2066 | haggard | adj. looking tired and unhappy, esp from worry, lack of sleep, etc |
| | haggle | v. ~ (over/about sth) argue (esp about the price, etc when agreeing upon the terms of a sale or other transaction) |
| 2067 | | |
| 2068 | hail | n. frozen rain falling in a shower |
| 2069 | halcyon | adj. peaceful and happy |
| 2070 | hale | adj. hale and ` hearty (esp of an old person) strong and healthy |
| 2071 | halfhearted | |
| 2072 | hallowed | set apart as sacred |
| | hallucination | n. illusion of seeing or hearing sth when no such thing is actually present |
| 2073 | | |
| 2074 | halting | adj. slow and hesitant, as if lacking in confidence |
| 2075 | hamper | n. large basket with a hinged lid, esp one containing food, wine, etc |
| 2076 | handsome | adj. (of men) good-looking |
| 2077 | hap | chance; luck |
| 2078 | haphazard | adj. without plan or order; random |
| 2079 | hapless | adj. unlucky; unfortunate |
| 2080 | harangue | n. long, loud, serious and usu angry speech |
| 2081 | harass | v. trouble and annoy continually |
| 2082 | harbinger | n. ~ (rhet) person or thing that announces or shows that sb/sth is coming |
| 2083 | harbor | to give shelter or refuge to |
| 2084 | hardy | adj. able to endure cold or difficult conditions; tough, robust |
| | harping | [harp:] a large triangular plucked stringed instrument consisting of a soundboard connected to an upright pillar by means of a curved crossbar from which the strings extend downwards. |
| 2085 | | |
| | harrow | n. heavy frame with metal spikes or discs dragged over ploughed land to break up lumps of earth, cover seeds, etc |
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| | harrowing | [harrow:] any of various implements used to level the ground, stir the soil, break up clods, destroy weeds, etc., in soil |
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| 2088 | harry | v. annoy (sb) with repeated requests, questions, etc; harass |
| 2089 | hatch | n. opening in a door, floor or ceiling |
| 2090 | haughtiness | n. Pride; arrogance. |
| 2091 | haunt | v. visit (a place) regularly |
| 2092 | haven | n. place of safety or rest; refuge |
| 2093 | havoc | n. widespread damage; great destruction |
| 2094 | hazard | n. ~ (thing that can cause) danger; risk |
| 2095 | hazardous | adj. dangerous; risky |
| 2096 | hazy | adj. misty |

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| 2097 | headfirst | with the head foremost; headlong |
| 2098 | headlong | adv, adj with the head first |
| 2099 | headstrong | adj. obstinately determined to do things in one's own way without listening to others; self-willed ; |
| 2100 | healthful | adj. good for the health |
| 2101 | healthy | adj. having good health; well and able to resist disease |
| 2102 | heckler | n. |
| 2103 | hedonism | n. belief that pleasure should be the main aim in life |
| 2104 | hedonist | n. believer in hedonism |
| 2105 | heed | v. pay attention to (advice, etc); take notice of (sth) |
| 2106 | heedless | not noticing; disregarding |
| 2107 | hegemony | n. leadership, esp by one state in a group of states |
| 2108 | heinous | adj. very wicked |
| 2109 | helm | n. handle or wheel for moving the rudder of a ship or boat |
| 2110 | hem | n. edge of a piece of cloth which has been turned under and sewn or fixed down |
| 2111 | herald | n. person who made important announcements and carried messages from a ruler |
| 2112 | herbivorous | adj. feeding on plants |
| 2113 | herd | n. number of animals, esp cattle, feeding or staying together |
| 2114 | hereafter | adv. (in legal documents, etc) from now on; following this , |
| 2115 | heresy | n. belief or opinion that is contrary to what is generally accepted, esp in religion |
| 2116 | heretic | n. person who is guilty of heresy or who supports a heresy |
| 2117 | hermetic | adj. tightly closed so that air cannot escape or enter; completely airtight ; |
| 2118 | hermitage | n. place where a hermit or a group of hermits lives |
| 2119 | herpetologist | one that a branch of zoology dealing with reptiles and amphibians |
| 2120 | heterodox | adj. not conforming with accepted standards or beliefs |
| 2121 | heterogeneous | adj. made up of different kinds; varied in composition |
| 2122 | hew | v. chop or cut (sth/sb) with an axe, sword, etc |
| 2123 | heyday | n. time of greatest success, prosperity, power, etc |
| 2124 | hiatus | n. gap in a series or sequence, making it incomplete; break in continuity ; |
| 2125 | hibernal | wintry |
| 2126 | hibernate | v. spend the winter in a state like deep sleep |
| 2127 | hide | v. prevent (sth/sb/oneself) from being seen; put or keep out of sight |
| 2128 | hideous | adj. filling the mind with horror; very ugly; frightful |
| 2129 | hierarchy | n. system with grades of authority or status from the lowest to the highest |
| 2130 | hieroglyphic | adj. of or written in hieroglyphs |
| 2131 | high-flown | adj. extravagantly grand and pretentious |
| 2132 | hilarity | n. loud laughter; great amusement |
| 2133 | hindmost | adj. furthest behind |
| 2134 | hindrance | n. ~ thing or person that hinders |
| 2135 | hindsight | n. wisdom about an event after it has occurred |
| 2136 | hinterlands | [hinterland:] land lying behind something, esp. a coast or the shore of a river |
| 2137 | hireling | n. person whose services may be hired |
| 2138 | hirsute | adj. (esp of a man) covered with hair; hairy; shaggy |
| 2139 | historic | adj. famous or important in history |
| 2140 | historical | adj. concerning past events |
| 2141 | histrionic | adj. very theatrical in manner; excessively dramatic; affected |
| 2142 | hive | n. (also `beehive) box or other container for bees to live in |
| 2143 | hoard | n. carefully collected and guarded store of money, food or other treasured objects |
| 2144 | hoary | adj. (also hoar) (esp of hair) grey or white with age |
| 2145 | hoax | n. mischievous trick played on sb for a joke |
| 2146 | holocaust | n. large-scale destruction, esp by fire; great loss of human life |
| 2147 | holster | n. leather case for a pistol, usu fixed to a belt or saddle . |
| 2148 | homage | n. things said or done to show great respect; tribute to a person or his qualities (used esp with the vs shown) |
| 2149 | homely | adj. (approv esp Brit) simple and plain |
| 2150 | homeostasis | tendency of a system to maintain relative stability |
| 2151 | homespun | adj. made of yarn spun at home |

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| 2152 | homily | n. long and boring talk from sb on the correct way to behave, etc |
| | homogeneous | adj. formed of parts that are all of the same type |
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| 2154 | hone | n. stone used for sharpening the cutting edges of tools, etc |
| 2155 | hoodwink | v. ~ sb deceive sb; trick sb |
| 2156 | horde | n. very large group (esp of people); huge crowd; throng |
| | horoscope | n. forecast of a person's future based on a diagram showing the relative positions of the planets, etc at a particular time, eg the time of his birth |
| 2157 | | |
| 2158 | hortatory | encouraging; exhortative |
| 2159 | horticultural | adj. a horticultural show, society, expert |
| | hostage | n. person held as a captive by one or more others who threaten to keep, harm or kill him unless certain demands are met |
| 2160 | | |
| 2161 | hostility | n. ~ being hostile (to sb/sth); antagonism; enmity |
| 2162 | hothead | n. person who often acts too hastily or rashly; impetuous person ; |
| 2163 | hovel | n. small house that is unfit to live in; very poor and squalid dwelling ; |
| 2164 | hover | v. remain in the air in one place |
| 2165 | hubbub | n. loud confused noise, eg of many voices; din ; |
| 2166 | hubris | n. arrogant pride |
| 2167 | hue | n. colour; variety or shade of colour |
| 2168 | hull | n. body of a ship |
| 2169 | humane | adj. having or showing sympathy, kindness and understanding |
| | humanitarian | adj. concerned with improving the lives of mankind and reducing suffering, esp by social reform |
| 2170 | | |
| | humble | adj. (of a person or his words or actions) having or showing a low or modest opinion of one's own importance; not proud |
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| 2172 | humdrum | adj. lacking excitement or variety; dull; monotonous |
| 2173 | humid | adj. containing moisture; damp |
| 2174 | humility | n. humble attitude of mind; modesty |
| 2175 | hummock | n. low hill or hump in the ground; hillock ; |
| 2176 | humor | to soothe or content by indulgence |
| | humus | n. rich dark organic material formed by the decay of dead leaves, etc and essential to the fertility of soil |
| 2177 | | |
| 2178 | hurl | v. throw violently; fling |
| 2179 | hurtle | v. move violently, noisily or with great speed in the specified direction |
| 2180 | husband | n. man to whom a woman is married |
| 2181 | husbandry | n. farming |
| 2182 | hut | n. small roughly-built house or shelter, usu made of wood or metal , |
| 2183 | hybrid | n. animal or plant that has parents of different species or varieties |
| | hydrophobia | n. abnormal fear of water and of drinking, esp as a symptom of rabies in humans |
| 2184 | | |
| | hygiene | n. study and practice of cleanliness as a way of maintaining good health and preventing disease |
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| | hyperbole | n. exaggerated statement that is made for special effect and is not meant to be taken literally, eg I've invited millions of people to my party , |
| 2186 | | |
| 2187 | hypercritical | adj. too critical, esp of small faults |
| | hypnosis | n. state like deep sleep in which a person's actions may be controlled by another person |
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| | hypochondriac | n. person who suffers from hypochondria |
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| 2190 | hypocritical | adj. of hypocrisy or a hypocrite |
| 2191 | hypothetical | adj. of or based on a hypothesis; not necessarily true or real ; |
| | hysteria | n. wild uncontrollable emotion or excitement, with eg laughter, crying or screaming |
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| 2193 | word list - i | |
| 2194 | ichthyology | study of fish |
| 2195 | icon | n. painting, carving, etc of a holy person, itself regarded as sacred |
| 2196 | iconoclastic | attacking cherished beliefs |
| | ideology | n. ideas that form the basis of an economic or political theory or that are held by a particular group or person |
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| | idiom | n. phrase or sentence whose meaning is not clear from the meaning of its individual words and which must be learnt as a whole unit ; , give way, a change of heart, be hard put to it |
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| | idiosyncrasy | n. person's particular way of thinking, behaving, etc that is clearly different from that of others |
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| 2200 | idiosyncratic | a peculiarity of constitution or temperament:an individualizingcharacteristic or quality |
| 2201 | idle | adj. doing or having no work; not employed |
| 2202 | idolatry | n. worship of idols |
| 2203 | idyll | n. short piece of poetry or prose that describes a happy and peaceful scene or event, esp of country life |
| 2204 | idyllic | adj. like an idyll; peaceful and pleasant |
| 2205 | igneous | adj. (of rocks) formed by molten matter (esp from volcanoes) that has become solid |
| 2206 | ignite | v. catch fire |
| 2207 | ignoble | adj. not honourable in character or purpose; shameful |
| 2208 | ignominious | adj. shameful or humiliating; causing disgrace |
| 2209 | ignominy | shame or humiliation; disgrace |
| 2210 | illicit | adj. not allowed by law; illegal |
| 2211 | illimitable | infinite |
| 2212 | illuminate | v. provide with light |
| 2213 | illusion | n. false idea, belief or impression; delusion |
| 2214 | illusive | adjs. based on illusion; deceptive |
| 2215 | illusory | based on or producing illusion:DECEPTIVE |
| 2216 | imbalance | n. lack of balance or proportion; inequality |
| 2217 | imbecility | n. stupidity |
| 2218 | imbibe | v. drink (sth, esp alcohol) |
| 2219 | imbroglio | n. complicated, confused or embarrassing situation, esp a political or an emotional one , |
| 2220 | imbue | v. ~ sb/sth with sth fill or inspire sb/sth with (feelings, etc) |
| 2221 | immaculate | adj. perfectly clean and tidy; spotless |
| 2222 | imminent | adj. about to happen; likely to happen very soon |
| 2223 | immobility | n. state of being immobile |
| 2224 | immolate | v. kill (sb) as a sacrifice |
| 2225 | immune | adj. ~ that cannot be harmed by a disease or illness, either because of inoculation or through natural resistance |
| 2226 | immure | v. imprison (sb); shut in |
| 2227 | immutable | adj. that cannot be changed; that will never change |
| 2228 | impair | v. weaken or damage |
| 2229 | impale | v. ~ sb/sth pierce sb/sth with a sharp-pointed object |
| 2230 | impalpable | adj. that cannot be touched or felt physically |
| 2231 | impart | v. ~ sth (to sth) give (a quality) to sth |
| 2232 | impartial | adj. not favouring one person or thing more than another; fair or neutral |
| 2233 | impassable | adj. impossible to travel on or over |
| 2234 | impasse | n. difficult position or situation from which there is no way out; deadlock |
| 2235 | impassioned | adj. showingstrong deep feeling |
| 2236 | impassive | adj. showing no sign of feeling |
| 2237 | impeach | v. ~ sb accuse (a public official or politician) of committing a serious crime, esp one against the State |
| 2238 | impeccable | adj. free from mistakes; excellent or faultless |
| 2239 | impecunious | adj. having little or no money |
| 2240 | impede | v. hinder or obstruct the progress or movement of |
| 2241 | impediment | n. ~ person or thing that hinders or obstructs the progress or movement of sth |
| 2242 | impel | v. ~ sb (to sth) force or urge sb to do sth |
| 2243 | impending | adj. about to happen; imminent |
| 2244 | impenetrable | adj. ~ that cannot be entered, passed through, etc |
| 2245 | impenitent | adj. not sorry for or ashamed of one's misdoings; not penitent; |
| 2246 | imperative | adj. very urgent or important; needing immediateattention |
| 2247 | imperceptible | adj. that cannot be noticed or felt because so small, slight or gradual |
| 2248 | imperial | adj. of an empire or its ruler(s) |
| 2249 | imperil | v. (fml) put (sb/sth) in danger; endanger |
| 2250 | imperious | adj. proud and arrogant; domineering; expecting obedience |
| 2251 | impermeable | adj. not allowing a liquid to pass through |
| 2252 | impersonal | adj. not influenced by, showing or involving human feelings |

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| 2253 | impertinent | adj. ~ not respectful; rude |
| | imperturbable | adj. not easily troubled or worried; calm |
| 2254 | | |
| 2255 | impervious | adj. ~ not allowing water, gas, etc to pass through |
| 2256 | impetuous | adj. acting or done quickly and with little thought or care; rash or impulsive |
| 2257 | impetus | n. ~ thing that encourages a process to develop more quickly |
| 2258 | impiety | n. lack of respect, esp for God and religion , |
| 2259 | impinge | v. ~ on/upon sth have an effect on sth |
| 2260 | impious | adj. showing a lack of respect, esp for God and religion; not pious , |
| 2261 | implacable | adj. that cannot be changed or satisfied |
| 2262 | implausible | adj. unlikely to be true; not convincing |
| 2263 | implement | n. tool or instrument |
| 2264 | implicate | v. ~ sb show that sb is involved in sth, esp a crime |
| 2265 | implication | n. ~ thing that is suggested or implied; thing not openly stated |
| 2266 | implicit | adj. ~ implied, but not expressed directly; not explicit |
| 2267 | implode | v. burst or collapse inwards |
| 2268 | implore | v. ask or beg earnestly; beseech |
| 2269 | imply | v. suggest (sth) indirectly rather than state it directly; hint |
| 2270 | impolitic | adj. not wise; not politic |
| | imponderable | adj. of which the effect or importance cannot be measured or estimated |
| 2271 | | |
| | import | v. ~ sth ~ sth (into...) bring (goods, ideas, etc) from a foreign country into one's own country |
| 2272 | | |
| 2273 | importunate | adj. persistent, esp in making requests or demands |
| | importune | v. ~ sb (for sth) ask sb persistently (for sth), usu in an annoying manner; beg or demand |
| 2274 | | insistently |
| 2275 | imposture | n. (action of) deliberately deceiving by pretending to be sb else |
| 2276 | impotent | adj. unable to take effective action; powerless or helpless |
| 2277 | impoverish | v. make poor |
| 2278 | imprecation | n. oath or curse |
| 2279 | impregnable | adj. so strong and well-constructed that it cannot be entered or captured |
| | impregnate | v. ~ sth cause (one substance) to be filled in every part with another substance; saturate sth |
| 2280 | | |
| 2281 | impromptu | adj. adv without preparation, rehearsal or thought in advance |
| 2282 | impropriety | n. indecent or unsuitable behaviour; dishonest practice |
| 2283 | improvident | adj. not preparing for future needs; wasteful |
| 2284 | improvise | v. compose or play (music), speak or act without previous preparation |
| 2285 | imprudent | adj. not wise or discreet; not prudent |
| 2286 | impudence | n. being impudent; impudent behaviour or speech |
| 2287 | impugn | v. express doubts about (sth) |
| 2288 | impuissance | n. lack of power or effectiveness; weakness |
| 2289 | impunity | n. with impunity with freedom from punishment or injury |
| 2290 | impute | v. ~ sth to sb/sth put the responsibility for sth on sb/sth; attribute sth to sb/sth ; |
| | inadvertently | adv. by accident; unintentionally |
| 2291 | | |
| 2292 | inalienable | adj. that cannot be taken away |
| 2293 | inamorata | masc. innamorato |
| 2294 | inane | adj. without meaning; silly or stupid |
| 2295 | inanimate | adj. not alive, esp in the way that humans and animals are |
| 2296 | inarticulate | adj. unable to express one's words, ideas or feelings clearly |
| 2297 | inaugurate | v. ~ sb introduce (a new public official or leader) at a special ceremony |
| | incandescent | adj. glowing or shining when heated |
| 2298 | | |
| 2299 | incantation | n. series of words used as a magic spell or charm |
| 2300 | incapacitate | v. ~ sb make sb unable (to do sth); weaken or disable sb |
| 2301 | incarcerate | v. ~ sb (fml) put sb in prison |
| 2302 | incarnate | adj. in the physical form of a human being |
| 2303 | incarnation | n. person that prominently displays a particular quality |
| 2304 | incendiary | adj. designed to set buildings, etc on fire |
| | incense | n. substance that produces a pleasant smell when burnt, used esp in religious ceremonies |
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| 2306 | incentive | n. ~ thing that encourages sb to do sth; stimulus |

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| 2307 | inception | n. start or beginning of sth |
| 2308 | incessant | adj. not stopping; continual |
| 2309 | inchoate | adj. just begun and therefore not fully formed or developed |
| 2310 | incidence | n. ~ of sth extent to which sth happens or has an effect |
| 2311 | incident | n. event or happening, often of minor importance |
| 2312 | incidental | adj. small and relatively unimportant; minor |
| 2313 | incinerate | v. destroy completely by burning; burn to ashes ; |
| 2314 | incipient | adj. in its early stages; beginning to happen |
| 2315 | incisive | adj. clear and precise; direct or sharp |
| 2316 | incite | v. ~ sb urge or persuade sb to do sth by making him very angry or excited |
| 2317 | inclement | adj. cold and stormy; bad |
| 2318 | incline | v. ~ towards sth lean or slope in the direction of sth |
| 2319 | inclined | adj. ~ wanting to behave in a particular way; disposed |
| 2320 | inclusive | adj. ~ including sth; including much or all |
| 2321 | incognito | adj. , adv with one's true identity hidden; in disguise |
| 2322 | incoherent | adj. not clear or logical |
| 2323 | incommodious | adj. uncomfortable, usu because too small; inconvenient; |
| 2324 | incompatible | adj. ~ not able to live or work happily with sb |
| 2325 | incongruity | n. state of being incongruous |
| 2326 | inconsequential | adj. trivial or irrelevant; not important |
| 2327 | inconsistency | n. quality of being inconsistent |
| 2328 | incontinent | adj. unable to control the bladder or bowels in passing waste matter from the body |
| 2329 | incontrovertible | adj. so obvious and certain that it cannot be disputed or denied |
| 2330 | incorporate | v. ~ sth (in/into sth) make sth part of a whole; include |
| 2331 | incorporeal | adj. without a body or material form |
| 2332 | incorrigible | adj. that cannot be corrected or improved |
| 2333 | incredulity | a tendency to disbelief |
| 2334 | incredulous | adj. not willing or able to believe; showing disbelief |
| 2335 | increment | n. increase, esp in money paid as a salary; added amount |
| 2336 | incriminate | v. make appear to be guilty of wrongdoing |
| 2337 | incrustation | n. formation of a hard outer covering; encrusting ; |
| 2338 | incubate | v. keep (eggs) warm, usu by sitting on them, until they hatch |
| 2339 | incubus | n. male evil spirit formerly supposed to have sex with a sleeping woman |
| 2340 | inculcate | v. ~ sth ~ sb with sth (fml) fix (ideas, principles, etc) firmly in sb's mind, esp by repetition |
| 2341 | incumbent | adj. ~ on/upon sb necessary as part of sb's duty |
| 2342 | incur | v. cause oneself to suffer (sth bad); bring upon oneself |
| 2343 | incursion | n. ~ (into/on/upon sth) sudden attack on or invasion of a place (not usu made in order to occupy it permanently) |
| 2344 | indecision | n. ~ state of being unable to decide; hesitation |
| 2345 | indecisive | adj. not final or conclusive |
| 2346 | indefatigable | adj. never giving up or stopping in spite of tiredness or difficulty; tireless |
| 2347 | indelible | adj. that cannot be rubbed out or removed |
| 2348 | indemnify | v. ~ sb (from/against sth) (law or commerce) promise to compensate sb for any harm he may suffer |
| 2349 | indentation | n. indenting or being indented |
| 2350 | indenture | v. ~ sb contract sb to work as an apprentice |
| 2351 | indeterminate | adj. not fixed or exact; vague; indefinite |
| 2352 | indicative | adj. stating a fact or asking questions of fact |
| 2353 | indices | pl of index |
| 2354 | indict | v. ~ sb (law) accuse sb officially (of sth); charge sb |
| 2355 | indifferent | adj. ~ having no interest in sb/sth; neither for nor against sb/sth; not caring about sb/sth |
| 2356 | indigence | n. poverty |
| 2357 | indigenous | adj. ~ (fml) belonging naturally (to a place); native |

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| 2358 | indigent | adj. poor |
| 2359 | indignation | n. ~ (at/over/about sth) anger caused by sth thought to be unjust, unfair, etc |
| 2360 | indignity | n. rude or unworthy treatment causing shame or loss of respect |
| | indiscriminate | adj. ~ (in sth) acting without careful judgement |
| 2361 | | |
| 2362 | indisputable | adj. that cannot be disputed or denied |
| 2363 | indissoluble | adj. that cannot be dissolved or broken up; firm and lasting |
| 2364 | indite | write; compose |
| | indoctrinate | v. ~ sb (usu derog) cause sb to have (a particular set of beliefs), esp by teaching which excludes any other points of view |
| 2365 | | |
| 2366 | indolence | laziness |
| 2367 | indolent | adj. lazy; inactive ; |
| 2368 | indomitable | adj. that cannot be subdued or defeated; unyielding |
| 2369 | indubitable | adj. that cannot be doubted; without doubt ; |
| 2370 | induce | v. persuade or influence (sb) to do sth |
| | induct | v. ~ sb install sb formally or with ceremony in a position or an office; admit sb as a member of sth |
| 2371 | | |
| 2372 | inductive | adj. based on induction |
| | indulge | v. ~ oneself/sb (with sth) allow oneself/sb to have whatever one/he likes or wants |
| 2373 | | |
| 2374 | indulgent | adj. inclined to indulge |
| 2375 | industrious | adj. hard-working; diligent ; |
| 2376 | inebriate | adj. n habitually drunk (person) |
| 2377 | inebriated | adj. drunk; intoxicated |
| 2378 | inebriety | habitual intoxication |
| 2379 | ineffable | adj. too great to be described in words |
| 2380 | ineffectual | adj. lacking confidence and unable to get things done; without effect |
| 2381 | ineluctable | adj. that cannot be escaped from |
| 2382 | inept | adj. ~ (at sth/doing sth) completely unskilful (at sth) |
| 2383 | inequity | n. injustice or unfairness |
| 2384 | inerrancy | (christianity) exemption from error |
| 2385 | inert | adj. without power to move or act |
| 2386 | inertia | n. lack of vigour; lethargy |
| 2387 | inestimable | adj. too great, precious, etc to be estimated |
| 2388 | inevitable | adj. that cannot be avoided; that is sure to happen |
| 2389 | inexorable | adj. continuing unstopably; relentless |
| 2390 | inextricable | adj. so closely linked that separation is impossible |
| 2391 | infallible | adj. incapable of making mistakes or doing wrong |
| 2392 | infamous | adj. ~ well-known as being wicked or immoral; notorious |
| 2393 | infantile | adj. of infants or infancy |
| 2394 | infer | v. ~ sth (from sth) reach (an opinion) from facts or reasoning; conclude sth |
| 2395 | infernal | adj. of hell |
| | infest | To be present in such numbers as to be a source of annoyance, trouble, or danger. |
| 2396 | | |
| | infidel | n. person with no belief in a religion, esp in what is considered to be the true religion , |
| 2397 | | |
| 2398 | infiltrate | v. ~ (into sth) (of liquids, gases, etc) pass slowly by filtering; penetrate |
| 2399 | infinitesimal | adj. extremely small |
| 2400 | infirmity | n. weakness |
| 2401 | inflated | adj. filled with air, gas, etc |
| 2402 | influx | n. ~ arrival of people or things, esp suddenly and in large numbers or quantities |
| 2403 | infraction | n. breaking of a rule, law, etc , |
| 2404 | infringe | v. break (a rule, an agreement, etc) |
| | ingenious | adj. ~ (at sth/doing sth) (of a person) clever at finding new or simple solutions for complex problems |
| 2405 | | |
| 2406 | ingenue | n. simple innocent girl, esp as portrayed in plays, films, etc |
| 2407 | ingenuous | adj. not attempting to deceive or conceal; open; innocent |
| 2408 | ingrained | adj. deeply fixed; thorough |
| 2409 | ingrate | ungrateful person |
| 2410 | ingratiate | to become popular with |
| 2411 | inherent | adj. ~ existing as a natural or permanent feature or quality of sb/sth |

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| 2412 | inhibit | v. ~ sb prevent sb from doing sth that should be natural or easy to do |
| | inhibited | adj. (of people) unable to relax or express one's feelings in a natural and spontaneous way |
| 2413 | | |
| 2414 | inimical | adj. ~ (fml) unfriendly; hostile |
| 2415 | inimitable | adj. impossible to imitate; too good, clever, etc to imitate |
| 2416 | iniquitous | adj. very wicked or unjust |
| 2417 | initiate | v. put (a scheme, etc) into operation; cause (sth) to begin |
| 2418 | injurious | adj. ~ (to sb/sth) causing or likely to cause injury; harmful |
| 2419 | inkling | n. ~ slight knowledge (of sth secret or not previously known); hint |
| 2420 | innate | adj. in one's nature; possessed from birth |
| 2421 | innocuous | adj. causing no harm |
| 2422 | innovation | n. innovating |
| 2423 | innuendo | n. (derog) indirect reference (usu suggesting sth bad or discreditable about sb) |
| 2424 | inopportune | adj. not appropriate or convenient |
| 2425 | inordinate | adj. beyond proper or normal limits; excessive |
| 2426 | inquisitive | adj. fond of inquiring into other people's affairs |
| 2427 | inquisitor | n. investigator, esp an officer of the Inquisition |
| 2428 | inroad | n. ~ (into sth) sudden attack on another's territory; raid |
| 2429 | insalubrious | adj. unhealthy |
| 2430 | insatiable | adj. ~ that cannot be satisfied; very greedy |
| 2431 | inscrutable | adj. that cannot be understood or known; mysterious |
| 2432 | insensate | adj. without the power to feel or experience |
| 2433 | insensible | adj. unconscious as the result of injury, illness, etc |
| 2434 | insidious | adj. spreading or acting gradually and unnoticed but with harmful effects |
| 2435 | insightful | adj. showing insight |
| 2436 | insinuate | v. ~ sth suggest sth (to sb) unpleasantly and indirectly |
| 2437 | insipid | adj. having almost no taste or flavour |
| 2438 | insolence | n. ~ being insolent |
| 2439 | insolvent | adj. unable to pay debts; bankrupt ; |
| 2440 | insomnia | n. inability to sleep |
| 2441 | insouciant | lighthearted unconcern:NONCHALANCE |
| 2442 | instigate | v. cause to begin or happen; initiate |
| | institute | n. society or organization for a special (usu social, professional or educational) purpose |
| 2443 | | |
| 2444 | institution | the act of instituting |
| | institutionalize | to subject to the deleterious effects of confinement in an institution |
| 2445 | | |
| | insubordinate | adj. disobedient; rebellious ; |
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| | insubordination | n. being insubordinate |
| 2447 | n | |
| | insubstantial | adj. not solid or real; imaginary |
| 2448 | | |
| 2449 | insularity | n. state of being insular |
| 2450 | insuperable | adj. (of difficulties) that cannot be overcome |
| 2451 | insurgent | adj. in revolt; rebellious |
| | insurmountable | adj. (of obstacles, difficulties, etc) that cannot be overcome |
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| | insurrection | n. sudden,usu violent, action taken by the population to try to remove the government |
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| 2454 | intangible | adj. that cannot be clearly or definitely understood or grasped; indefinable |
| 2455 | integral | adj. ~ necessary for completeness |
| | integrate | v. ~ sth (into sth); ~ A and B/~ A with B combine sth in such a way that it becomes fully a part of sth else |
| 2456 | | |
| 2457 | integrity | n. quality of being honest and morally upright |
| 2458 | intellect | n. power of the mind to reason and acquire knowledge |
| | intelligentsia | n. the intelligentsia those people within a community who are of high intelligence and concern themselves with matters of culture, learning, etc; intellectuals as a class ; |
| 2459 | | |
| 2460 | inter | v. (fml) put (a corpse) in a grave or tomb; bury |
| 2461 | interdict | v. (esp law) prohibit (an action); forbid the use of (sth) ; |
| 2462 | interim | n. in the interim during the time that comes between; meantime |

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| 2463 | interjection | n. word or phrase used as an exclamation (eg Oh!, Hurray! or For goodness sake!) , !!! |
| 2464 | interloper | n. person who is present in a place where he does not belong, interferes in sth which is not his affair, etc; intruder |
| 2465 | intermediary | n. ~ person who acts as a means of communication between two or more others |
| 2466 | interminable | adj. going on too long, and usu therefore annoying or boring |
| 2467 | intermittent | adj. continually stopping and then starting again; not constant |
| 2468 | internecine | adj. causing destruction to both sides |
| 2469 | interpolate | v. ~ sth (fml) make (a remark, etc) which interrupts a conversation, speech, etc |
| 2470 | interregnum | n. period when a state has no normal or lawful ruler, esp at the end of a sovereign's reign and before the appointment of a successor |
| 2471 | interrogate | v. ~ sb question sb aggressively or closely and for a long time |
| 2472 | intersperse | v. ~ B among/between/in/throughout A; ~ A with B vary sth by placing other things at irregular intervals among it |
| 2473 | interstice | n. ~ (of/between/in sth) (fml) very small gap or crack |
| 2474 | intervene | v. (of time) come or be between |
| 2475 | intimate | adj. ~ having or being a very close and friendly relationship |
| 2476 | intimidate | v. ~ sb frighten sb (in order to make him do sth) |
| 2477 | intolerant | adj. not tolerant |
| 2478 | intoxicate | To make drunk. |
| 2479 | intractable | adj. not easily controlled or dealt with; hard to manage |
| 2480 | intransigence | state of stubborn; unwillingness to compromise |
| 2481 | intrepid | adj. fearless; brave |
| 2482 | intrigue | v. ~ (against sb) make and carry out secret plans or plots to do sth bad |
| 2483 | intrinsic | adj. belonging naturally; existing within, not coming from outside |
| 2484 | intrinsically | adv: He is not intrinsically bad |
| 2485 | introspective | adj. inclined to introspect |
| 2486 | introvert | n. person who is more interested in his own thoughts and feelings than in things outside himself, and is often shy and unwilling to speak or join in activities with others |
| 2487 | intrude | v. ~ on/upon sb/sth; ~ (oneself/sth) into sth (esp fml) put (oneself/sth) into a place or situation where one/it is unwelcome or unsuitable |
| 2488 | intuition | n. (power of) understanding things (eg a situation, sb's feelings) immediately, without the need for conscious reasoning or study |
| 2489 | inundate | v. ~ sth(fml) cover sth with water by overflowing; flood |
| 2490 | inured | accustomed to/adapted |
| 2491 | invalid | adj. not properly based or able to be upheld by reasoning |
| 2492 | invalidate | v. make invalid |
| 2493 | invective | n. violent attack in words; abusive language |
| 2494 | inveigh | v. ~ against sb/sth attack sb or sth violently in words |
| 2495 | inveigle | v. ~ sb into sth/doing sth persuade sb to go somewhere or do sth by using flattery and deception |
| 2496 | inverse | adj. reversed in position, direction or relation |
| 2497 | invert | v. put upside down or in the opposite order, position or arrangement |
| 2498 | inveterate | adj. (of bad feelings, habits, etc) that have lasted a long time and seem likely to continue |
| 2499 | invidious | adj. likely to cause resentment or unpopularity |
| 2500 | invincible | adj. too strong to be overcome or defeated |
| 2501 | inviolable | adj. that must not be violated or dishonoured |
| 2502 | invocation | => invoke |
| 2503 | invoke | v. use (sth) as a reason for one's action |
| 2504 | invulnerable | adj. ~ that cannot be wounded, hurt or damaged by attack |
| 2505 | iota | n. the Greek letter I, i I, i |
| 2506 | irascible | adj. (of a person) easily made angry |
| 2507 | irate | adj. angry |
| 2508 | iridescent | adj. showing colours like those of the rainbow |
| 2509 | irksome | adj. tiresome; annoying |
| 2510 | ironic | adj. using or expressing irony; full of irony |
| 2511 | irony | n. expression of one's meaning by saying the direct opposite of one's thoughts in order to be emphatic, amusing, sarcastic, etc |

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| 2512 | irreconcilable | adj. ~ (with sb/sth) (of people) that cannot be reconciled |
| 2513 | irrefutable | adj. that cannot be proved false |
| 2514 | irrelevant | adj. ~ not connected (with sth); not relevant (to sth) |
| 2515 | irremediable | adj. that cannot be remedied or corrected |
| 2516 | irreparable | adj. that cannot be put right, restored or repaired |
| 2517 | irrepressible | adj. that cannot be held back or controlled |
| 2518 | irreproachable | adj. free from blame or fault |
| 2519 | irresolute | adj. feeling or showing uncertainty; hesitating ; |
| 2520 | irretrievable | adj. that cannot be retrieved or remedied |
| 2521 | irreverence | The quality showing or expressing a deficiency of veneration, especially for sacred things. |
| 2522 | irreverent | adj. feeling or showing no respect for sacred things |
| 2523 | irrevocable | adj. that cannot be changed or revoked; final |
| 2524 | isotope | n. one of two or more forms of a chemical element with different atomic weight and different nuclear properties but the same chemical properties |
| 2525 | isthmus | n. narrow strip of land joining two larger areas of land that would otherwise be separated by water |
| 2526 | itinerant | adj. travelling from place to place |
| 2527 | itinerary | n. plan for, or record of, a journey; route |
| 2528 | Barron GRE word list - j | |
| 2529 | jab | v. ~ (at sb/sth) (with sth); ~ sb/sth (with sth) poke or push at sb/sth roughly, usu with sth sharp or pointed |
| 2530 | jabber | v. ~ talk rapidly in what seems to be a confused manner |
| 2531 | jaded | adj. tired and lacking zest, usu after too much of sth |
| 2532 | jargon | n. technical or specialized words used by a particular group of people and difficult for others to understand |
| 2533 | jaundice | n. disease caused by an excess of bile in the blood which makes the skin and the whites of the eyes become abnormally yellow |
| 2534 | jaundiced | adj. affected by jealousy, spite, etc; bitter |
| 2535 | jaunt | n. short journey, made for pleasure |
| 2536 | jaunty | adj. feeling or showing cheerfulness and self-confidence; sprightly |
| 2537 | jeopardize | put in danger |
| 2538 | jeopardy | n. in jeopardy in danger of harm, loss or destruction |
| 2539 | jest | n. thing said or done to cause amusement; joke ; |
| 2540 | jetsam | n. goods thrown overboard from a ship in distress to lighten it; such goods washed up ashore ; |
| 2541 | jettison | v. throw or eject from a ship in distress, or from an aeroplane, a spacecraft, etc |
| 2542 | jibe | to be in accord: AGREE |
| 2543 | jingoisism | n. extreme and unreasonable belief that one's own country is best, together with a warlike attitude towards other countries |
| 2544 | jingoiist | n. person who has such a belief |
| 2545 | jocose | adj. humorous; playful ; |
| 2546 | jocular | adj. meant as a joke; humorous |
| 2547 | jocund | adj. merry; cheerful ; |
| 2548 | jollity | n. state of being jolly |
| 2549 | jostle | v. ~ push roughly against (sb), usu in a crowd |
| 2550 | jovial | adj. very cheerful and good-humoured; merry |
| 2551 | jubilation | n. great happiness, esp because of a success |
| 2552 | judiciary | n. judges of a country collectively |
| 2553 | judicious | adj. showing or having good sense |
| 2554 | jug | n. (US pitcher) deep vessel, with a handle and a lip, for holding and pouring liquids |
| 2555 | juggernaut | n. very large articulated lorry |
| 2556 | jumble | to mix into a confused or disordered mass |
| 2557 | juncture | n. at this juncture (fml) at a particular, esp important, stage in a series of events |
| 2558 | junket | n. sweet custard-like pudding made of milk curdled with rennet, and often sweetened and flavoured , |
| 2559 | junta | n. group, esp of military officers, who rule a country after taking power by force in a revolution |

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| 2560 | juridical | adj. of law or legal proceedings |
| 2561 | jurisdiction | n. authority to carry out justice and to interpret and apply laws; right to exercise legal authority |
| 2562 | jurisprudence | n. science or philosophy of law |
| 2563 | juxtapose | v. place (people or things) side by side or very close together, esp to show a contrast |
| 2564 | Barron GRE word list - k | |
| 2565 | kaleidoscope | n. toy consisting of a tube containing small loose pieces of coloured glass, etc and mirrors which reflect these to form changing patterns when the tube is turned |
| 2566 | ken | n. beyond/outside one's ken not within one's range of knowledge |
| 2567 | kernel | n. soft and usu edible part inside a nut or fruit stone . |
| 2568 | killjoy | n. person who spoils the enjoyment of others |
| 2569 | kindle | v. catch fire |
| 2570 | kindred | n. family relationship |
| 2571 | kinetic | adj. of or produced by movement |
| 2572 | kismet | n. destiny; fate ; |
| 2573 | kleptomaniac | n. person suffering from kleptomania ; . adj |
| 2574 | knack | n. skill at performing some special task; ability |
| 2575 | knave | n. = jack1 4 |
| 2576 | knavery | n. dishonesty; trickery ; |
| 2577 | knead | v. press and stretch with the hands to form a firm smooth paste |
| 2578 | kneel | v. =>Usage at dream dream. ~ (down) go down on one or both knees; rest on the knee(s) |
| 2579 | knell | n. sound of a bell rung slowly after a death or at a funeral |
| 2580 | knit | v. ~ sth (for sb) make (a garment or fabric) by forming wool, silk, etc yarn into connecting loops, either by hand (using long needles) or on a machine |
| 2581 | knoll | n. small round hill or mound |
| 2582 | knotty | adj. (of timber) full of knots |
| 2583 | kudos | n. honour and glory; credit |
| 2584 | Barron GRE word list - l | |
| 2585 | labile | readily or continually undergoing chemical, physical, or biological change or breakdown:UNSTABLE |
| 2586 | laborious | adj. needing much effort |
| 2587 | labyrinth | n. complicated network of winding passages, paths, etc through which it is difficult to find one's way |
| 2588 | lace | n. delicate fabric with an ornamental openwork design of threads |
| 2589 | lacerate | v. injure by tearing |
| 2590 | laceration | n. tearing of the flesh |
| 2591 | lachrymose | adj. in the habit of weeping; tearful; mournful |
| 2592 | lackadaisical | adj. lacking vigour and determination; unenthusiastic |
| 2593 | lackluster | lacking brilliance or vitality ; lacking luster or shine |
| 2594 | laconic | adj. using few words; terse |
| 2595 | lag | v. ~ (behind sb/sth); ~ (behind) go too slow; fail to keep pace with others |
| 2596 | laggard | n. person who lags behind |
| 2597 | lagoon | n. salt-water lake separated from the open sea by sandbanks or coral reefs |
| 2598 | laity | n. the laity all the members of a Church who are not ordained clergymen; laymen ; |
| 2599 | lambaste | v. hit (sb) hard and repeatedly; thrash ; |
| 2600 | lament | v. ~ (for/over sb/sth) feel or express great sorrow or regret for (sb/sth) |
| 2601 | lampoon | n. piece of writing that attacks and ridicules a person, a book, an institution, etc |
| 2602 | lance | n. weapon used for catching fish, etc with a long wooden shaft and a pointed steel head |
| 2603 | lancet | n. sharp pointed two-edged surgical instrument used for opening abscesses, etc |
| 2604 | languid | adj. lacking vigour or energy; slow-moving |
| 2605 | languish | v. lack or lose vitality |
| 2606 | languor | n. tiredness or laziness of mind and body; listlessness ; |
| 2607 | lank | adj. straight and limp |
| 2608 | lap | n. area formed by the upper part of a seated person's thighs |

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| 2609 | larceny | n. (instance of) theft of personal goods |
| 2610 | larder | n. cupboard or small room used for storing food |
| 2611 | largess | n. generous giving of money or gifts, esp to sb of lower rank or status |
| 2612 | lascivious | adj. feeling, expressing or causing sexual desire |
| 2613 | lassitude | n. tiredness of mind or body |
| 2614 | latch | n. fastening for a gate or door, consisting of a bar that is lifted from its catch, groove, hole, etc by a lever |
| 2615 | latent | adj. existing but not yet active, developed or visible |
| 2616 | lateral | adj. of, at, from or towards the side |
| 2617 | latitude | n. distance of a place north or south of the equator, measured in degrees . |
| 2618 | laud | v. praise (sb/sth); glorify |
| 2619 | laudable | adj. deserving praise; praiseworthy |
| 2620 | laudatory | adj. expressing or giving praise |
| 2621 | lavish | adj. ~ ~ (in doing sth) giving or producing generously or in large quantities |
| 2622 | lax | adj. not sufficiently strict or severe; negligent |
| 2623 | laxative | n, adj causing or helping the bowels to empty |
| 2624 | layman | n. person who does not have an expert knowledge of a subject |
| 2625 | leash | n. = lead |
| 2626 | leaven | n. substance used to make dough rise before it is baked to make bread |
| 2627 | leave-taking | n. act of saying goodbye |
| 2628 | lechery | n. excessive interest in sexual pleasure |
| 2629 | lectern | n. high sloping desk made to hold a lecturer's notes, a Bible in church, etc |
| 2630 | leery | adj. ~ (informal) wary; suspicious |
| 2631 | leeway | n. amount of freedom to move, change, etc that is left to sb |
| 2632 | legacy | n. money or property left to sb in a will |
| 2633 | legato | adj. adv (to be played) in a smooth even manner |
| 2634 | legend | n. story handed down from the past, esp one that may not be true |
| 2635 | legerdemain | n. skilful performance of tricks using the hands; juggling; conjuring ; |
| 2636 | legislature | n. body of people with the power to make and change laws |
| 2637 | leniency | mercifulness as a consequence of being lenient or tolerant ; a disposition to yield to the wishes of someone |
| 2638 | leonine | adj. of or like a lion |
| 2639 | lethal | adj. causing or able to cause death |
| 2640 | lethargic | adj. Hot weather makes me lethargic |
| 2641 | levee | n. assembly of visitors, esp at a formal reception |
| 2642 | levitate | v. rise and float in the air, esp by means of supernatural powers |
| 2643 | levity | n. lack of proper seriousness or respect |
| 2644 | levy | v. ~ sth (on sb) collect (a payment, etc) by authority or force; impose sth |
| 2645 | lewd | adj. treating sexual matters in a vulgar or indecent way |
| 2646 | lexicographer | n. person who compiles dictionaries |
| 2647 | lexicon | n. dictionary, esp of an ancient language , |
| 2648 | liability | n. ~state of being liable |
| 2649 | liaison | n. communication and co-operation between units of an organization |
| 2650 | libel | n. false written or printed statement that damages sb's reputation |
| 2651 | libelous | defamatory; injurious to the good name of a person |
| 2652 | libertine | n. man who lives an irresponsible and immoral life |
| 2653 | libidinous | adj. having or showing strong sexual feelings; lustful ; |
| 2654 | libido | n. (psychology) emotional energy or urge, esp sexual |
| 2655 | libretto | n. words that are sung and spoken in an opera or musical play |
| 2656 | license | v. give a licence to |
| 2657 | licentious | adj. disregarding the rules of behaviour, esp in sexual matters |
| 2658 | lien | n. ~ (on/upon sth) right to keep sb's property until a debt owed in connection with it (for repair, transport, etc) is paid , |
| 2659 | lignous | adj. woody |
| 2660 | lilliputian | adj. on a small scale; tiny |
| 2661 | limber | adj. supple; flexible ; |
| 2662 | limbo | n. in limbo in an intermediate or uncertain state; neglected |
| 2663 | limn | portray; describe vividly |
| 2664 | limp | adj. not stiff or firm |

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| 2665 | limpid | adj. clear; transparent |
| 2666 | lineage | n. line of descent from an ancestor; ancestry |
| 2667 | lineaments | n. features of the face, etc |
| 2668 | linger | v. stay for a long time; be unwilling to leave |
| 2669 | linguistic | adj. of language or linguistics |
| 2670 | lionize | assign great social importance to |
| 2671 | liquidate | v. pay or settle |
| 2672 | list | n. series of names, items, figures, etc written or printed |
| 2673 | listless | adj. having no energy, vitality or enthusiasm |
| 2674 | litany | n. series of prayers to God for use in church services, spoken by a priest with set responses by the congregation |
| 2675 | lithe | adj. bending or turning easily; supple |
| 2676 | litigation | n. process of going to law |
| 2677 | litotes | n. ironical understatement, esp using a negative to emphasize the contrary, It wasn't easy It was very difficult |
| 2678 | litter | n. light rubbish (eg bits of paper, wrappings, bottles) left lying about, esp in a public place |
| 2679 | livid | adj. of the colour of lead; bluish-grey |
| 2680 | loath | adj. ~ to do sth unwilling; reluctant |
| 2681 | loathe | v. feel great hatred or disgust for (sb/sth) |
| 2682 | lode | n. vein of metal ore |
| 2683 | loft | n. room or space directly under the roof of a house, used for storing things |
| 2684 | lofty | adj. (of thoughts, aims, etc) noble; exalted |
| 2685 | log | n. length of tree-trunk that has fallen or been cut down |
| 2686 | loiter | v. ~ stand about idly |
| 2687 | loll | v. ~ rest, sit or stand lazily, often while leaning against sth |
| 2688 | longevity | n. long life |
| 2689 | lookout | the act of keeping watch against danger, etc. |
| 2690 | loom | n. machine for weaving cloth |
| 2691 | lope | v. run fairly fast with long bounding strides |
| 2692 | lopsided | adj. with one side lower, smaller, etc than the other; unevenly balanced |
| 2693 | loquacious | adj. fond of talking; talkative ; |
| 2694 | lot | n. the `lot, all the `lot, the whole `lot the whole number or amount (of sb/sth) |
| 2695 | lottery | n. way of raising money by selling numbered tickets and giving prizes to the holders of numbers selected at random |
| 2696 | lounge | v. sit or stand in a lazy way, esp leaning against sth; loll |
| 2697 | lout | n. clumsy vulgar man or youth with bad manners |
| 2698 | low | adj. not high or tall; not extending far upwards |
| 2699 | lubricate | v. put oil or grease on or in so that it moves easily |
| 2700 | lucid | adj. clearly expressed; easy to understand |
| 2701 | lucrative | adj. producing much money; profitable |
| 2702 | lucre | n. profit or money-making, as a motive for doing sth |
| 2703 | ludicrous | adj. causing laughter; ridiculous; absurd |
| 2704 | lugubrious | adj. dismal; mournful |
| 2705 | lull | v. ~ sb/sth (to sth) make (a person or an animal) quiet or less active; soothe sb/sth |
| 2706 | lumber | n. unwanted pieces of furniture, etc that are stored away or take up space |
| 2707 | lumen | a unit of luminous flux equal to the light emitted in a unit solid angle by a uniform point source of one candle intensity |
| 2708 | luminary | n. person who inspires or influences others |
| 2709 | luminous | adj. giving out light; bright |
| 2710 | lunar | adj. of the moon |
| 2711 | lunatic | n. insane person |
| 2712 | lurid | adj. having bright glaring colours or combinations of colour |
| 2713 | lurk | v. be or stay hidden, esp when waiting to attack |
| 2714 | luscious | adj. rich and sweet in taste or smell |
| 2715 | lush | adj. growing thickly and strongly; luxuriant |
| 2716 | lust | n. ~ (for sb) strong sexual desire |
| 2717 | luster | shine; gloss |
| 2718 | lustrous | adj. having lustre |
| 2719 | luxuriant | adj. growing thickly and strongly; lush |

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| 2720 | luxuriate | v. ~ in sth take great pleasure in sth; enjoy sth as a luxury |
| 2721 | Barron GRE word list - m | |
| 2722 | macabre | adj. connected with death, and thus causing fear; gruesome |
| 2723 | mace | n. large heavy club formerly used as a weapon, usu having a head with metal spikes , |
| 2724 | macerate | v. (cause sth to) become soft or break up by soaking |
| 2725 | Machiavellian | adj. cunning and deceitful in gaining what one wants; showing such cunning or deceit |
| 2726 | machinations | [machination:] an intrigue, plot, or scheme |
| 2727 | maculated | make dirty or spotty; also used metaphorically ; spot, stain, or pollute |
| 2728 | madrigal | n. song for several voices, usu without instrumental accompaniment, on the themes of love and/or nature 16, |
| 2729 | maelstrom | n. great whirlpool |
| 2730 | magisterial | adj. having or showing authority |
| 2731 | magistrate | n. official who acts as a judge in the lowest courts; Justice of the Peace |
| 2732 | magnanimity | n. being magnanimous |
| 2733 | magnate | n. wealthy and powerful landowner or industrialist |
| 2734 | magniloquent | adj. (of words, speech) pompous-sounding , |
| 2735 | magnitude | n. (usu large) size |
| 2736 | maim | v. wound or injure so that part of the body cannot be used |
| 2737 | makeshift | n, adj used temporarily until sth better is available |
| 2738 | maladroit | adj. not clever or skilful; clumsy; bungling |
| 2739 | malady | n. disease; illness |
| 2740 | malaise | n. general feeling of illness, without clear signs of a particular disease |
| 2741 | malapropism | n. comical confusion of a word with another, similar-sounding, word which has a quite different meaning, eg 'an ingenuous machine for peeling potatoes' |
| 2742 | malapropos | of an inappropriate or misapplied nature or kind |
| 2743 | malcontent | n, adj discontented and rebellious |
| 2744 | malediction | n. prayer that sb or sth may be destroyed, hurt, etc; curse ; |
| 2745 | malefactor | n. wrongdoer; criminal |
| 2746 | maleficient | |
| 2747 | malevolent | adj. ~ wishing to do evil or cause harm to others; spiteful |
| 2748 | malfeasance | a wrongful act that the actor had no right to do; improper professional conduct |
| 2749 | malicious | adj. intended to harm others |
| 2750 | malign | v. say unpleasant or untrue things about |
| 2751 | malignant | adj. feeling or showing great desire to harm others; malevolent |
| 2752 | malingerer | n. person who malingers |
| 2753 | malleable | adj. that can be beaten or pressed into different shapes easily |
| 2754 | malodorous | adj. smelling unpleasant |
| 2755 | mammal | n. any of the class of animals that give birth to live offspring and feed their young on milk from the breast |
| 2756 | mammoth | n. large hairy type of elephant, now extinct |
| 2757 | manacle | n. one of a pair of chains or metal bands for binding the hands or feet; fetter ; |
| 2758 | mandate | n. ~ (to do sth) authority given to a party, trade union, etc by the people who support it |
| 2759 | mandatory | adj. required by law; compulsory |
| 2760 | maneuver | = manoeuvre |
| 2761 | mange | n. skin disease of hairy animals, caused by a parasite |
| 2762 | mangle | v. damage greatly, (almost) beyond recognition; mutilate |
| 2763 | mangy | adj. suffering from mange |
| 2764 | maniacal | adj. violently mad |
| 2765 | manifest | adj. ~ (fml) clear and obvious |
| 2766 | manifestation | outward demonstration; indication |
| 2767 | manifesto | n. (publication containing a) public declaration by a political party, ruler, etc of principles and policy |
| 2768 | manifold | adj. of many types; many and various |
| 2769 | manipulate | v. control or handle with skill |
| 2770 | mannered | adj. having an unnatural style of speaking, writing, etc; affected |

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| 2771 | mannerism | n. peculiar habit of behaviour, speech, etc |
| 2772 | mantle | n. loose sleeveless cloak |
| 2773 | manumit | v. (fml) (formerly) free (a slave) |
| 2774 | mar | v. damage (sth); spoil |
| 2775 | maraud | a sudden short attack ; search for plunder |
| 2776 | margin | n. blank space round the written or printed matter on a page |
| 2777 | marginal | adj. of or in a margin |
| 2778 | marital | adj. of a husband or wife; of marriage |
| 2779 | maritime | adj. of the sea, sailing or shipping |
| 2780 | marked | adj. clear; noticeable; easily seen |
| 2781 | maroon | adj. n brownish red |
| 2782 | marred | [mar:] vt. to cause harm to; spoil or impair |
| 2783 | marrow | n. soft fatty substance that fills the hollow parts of human and animal bones |
| 2784 | marshal | n. officer of high rank |
| 2785 | marsupial | n, adj of the class of mammals which includes the kangaroo, the female of which has a pouch on its body to hold its young |
| 2786 | martial | adj. of or associated with war |
| 2787 | martinet | n. person who imposes strict discipline and demands obedience to orders |
| 2788 | martyr | n. person who is killed or made to suffer greatly because of his beliefs |
| 2789 | mash | n. grain, bran, etc cooked in water until soft, used as food for animals |
| 2790 | masochist | n. |
| 2791 | mason | n. person who builds in or works with stone |
| 2792 | masquerade | n. false show; pretence |
| 2793 | mass | n. celebration of Christ's Last Supper, esp in the Roman Catholic Church |
| 2794 | masticate | v. chew (food) |
| 2795 | mat | n. piece of material, made of straw, rushes, fibre, etc, used to cover part of a floor |
| 2796 | materialism | n. 1 obsession with material possessions, bodily comforts, etc while neglecting spiritual values |
| 2797 | maternal | adj. of or like a mother |
| 2798 | matriarch | n. female head of a family or tribe |
| 2799 | matriculate | v. be admitted or admit as a student to a university |
| 2800 | matrimony | n. state of being married; marriage |
| 2801 | matrix | n. mould into which molten metal, liquid, etc is poured to form shapes for eg printer's type, gramophone records, etc |
| 2802 | maudlin | adj. foolishly or tearfully sentimental or self-pitying, esp when drunk , |
| 2803 | maul | v. ~ sb/sth (about) handle sb/sth roughly or brutally |
| 2804 | mausoleum | n. large, finely built tomb |
| 2805 | mauve | adj. n pale purple colour |
| 2806 | maverick | n. unbranded calf |
| 2807 | mawkish | adj. sentimental in a feeble or sickly way |
| 2808 | maxim | n. saying that expresses a general truth or rule of conduct, eg 'Waste not, want not' , |
| 2809 | mayhem | n. violent disorder or confusion; havoc |
| 2810 | meager | deficient in quality or quantity |
| 2811 | mealymouthed | hesitant to state facts or opinions simply and directly as from e.g. timidity or hypocrisy |
| 2812 | meander | v. follow a winding course, flowing slowly |
| 2813 | meddlesome | adj. fond of or in the habit of meddling |
| 2814 | mediate | v. ~ act as a peacemaker or go-between for two or more people, groups, etc who disagree |
| 2815 | mediocre | adj. not very good; second-rate |
| 2816 | meditation | n. deep thought, esp about spiritual matters |
| 2817 | medium | n. (pl usu media) means by which sth is expressed or communicated |
| 2818 | medley | n. piece of music made up of passages from other musical works |
| 2819 | meek | adj. humble and obedient; submissive |
| 2820 | megalomania | n. form of madness in which a person has an exaggerated view of his own importance, power, etc |
| 2821 | melancholy | n. deep sadness which lasts for some time; depression ; |
| 2822 | melee | n. confused struggle; confused crowd of people |
| 2823 | mellifluous | adj. sweet-sounding; (almost) musical |

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| 2824 | memento | n. thing given, bought, etc and kept as a reminder (of a person, a place or an event) |
| 2825 | memoir | n. written record of events, usu based on personal knowledge |
| 2826 | memorial | n. ~ monument, plaque, ceremony, etc that reminds people of an event or a person |
| 2827 | memorialize | commemorate |
| 2828 | menace | n. threatening quality, tone, feeling, etc |
| 2829 | menagerie | n. collection of wild animals in captivity, esp in a travelling circus or for exhibition |
| 2830 | mendacious | adj. untruthful; lying |
| 2831 | mendicant | n, adj (person) getting a living by begging |
| 2832 | menial | adj. (of work) suitable to be done by servants; unskilled |
| 2833 | mentor | n. experienced and trusted adviser of an inexperienced person |
| 2834 | mercantile | adj. of trade and commerce; of merchants ; |
| 2835 | mercenary | adj. interested only in making money, etc; done from this motive |
| 2836 | mercurial | adj. (of people or their moods, etc) often changing |
| 2837 | meretricious | adj. apparently attractive but in fact valueless |
| 2838 | merger | n. joining together (esp two commercial companies) |
| 2839 | merit | n. quality of deserving praise or reward; worth; excellence |
| 2840 | mesmerize | hypnotize |
| 2841 | metallurgical | [metallurgy:] the scientific study of the extraction, refining, alloying, and fabrication of metals and of their structure and properties |
| 2842 | metamorphosis | n. (fml) change of form or nature, eg by natural growth or development |
| 2843 | metaphor | n. use of a word or phrase to indicate sth different from (though related in some way to) the literal meaning, as in `I'll make him eat his words' or `She has a heart of stone' I'll make him eat his words |
| 2844 | metaphysical | adj. of metaphysics |
| 2845 | mete | v. mete sth out (to sb) (fml) give or administer (punishment, rewards, etc) |
| 2846 | meteoric | adj. of meteors |
| 2847 | meter | n. device that measures the volume of gas, water, etc passing through it, time passing, electrical current, distance, etc |
| 2848 | methodical | adj. done in an orderly, logical way |
| 2849 | meticulous | adj. ~ giving or showing great precision and care; very attentive to detail |
| 2850 | metrical | adj. of or composed in verse, not prose |
| 2851 | metropolis | n. chief city of a region or country; capital |
| 2852 | mettle | n. quality of endurance or courage, esp in people or horses |
| 2853 | miasma | n. (fml) unhealthy or unpleasant mist, etc |
| 2854 | microcosm | n. thing or being regarded as representing the universe, or mankind, on a small scale; miniature representation |
| 2855 | migrant | n, adj person or animal who migrates |
| 2856 | migratory | adj. having or of the habit of migrating |
| 2857 | milieu | n. (usu sing) social surroundings; environment |
| 2858 | militant | adj. using force or strong pressure, or supporting their use, to achieve one's aims |
| 2859 | militate | v. ~ against sth (of evidence, facts, etc) have great force or influence to prevent sth |
| 2860 | militia | n. force of civilians who are trained as soldiers and reinforce the regular army in the internal defence of the country in an emergency |
| 2861 | millennium | n. period of 1000 years |
| 2862 | millinery | n. (trimmings for) women's hats |
| 2863 | mime | n. (in the theatre, etc) use of only facial expressions and gestures to tell a story |
| 2864 | mimicry | n. mimicking |
| 2865 | minatory | adj. threatening |
| 2866 | mincing | adj. affected |
| 2867 | mingle | v. ~ with sth/~ (together) form a mixture with sth; combine |
| 2868 | miniature | n. very small detailed painting, usu of a person |
| 2869 | minion | n. (derog or joc) subordinate or assistant, esp one who tries to win favour by obeying a superior slavishly |
| 2870 | minuscule | adj. very small; tiny ; |
| 2871 | minute | n. one sixtieth part of an hour, equal to 60 seconds , 60 |
| 2872 | minutiae | n. very small or unimportant details |

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| 2873 | mirage | n. optical illusion caused by hot air conditions, esp that of a sheet of water seeming to appear in the desert or on a hot road |
| 2874 | mire | n. swampy ground or bog; soft deep mud |
| 2875 | mirth | n. merriment or happiness; laughter |
| 2876 | misadventure | n. (piece of) bad luck; misfortune |
| 2877 | misanthrope | a person who hates or distrusts mankind |
| 2878 | misapprehension | n. under a misapprehension not understanding correctly |
| 2879 | miscellaneous | adj. of various kinds |
| 2880 | miscellany | n. ~ varied collection of items |
| 2881 | mischance | n. (piece of) bad luck |
| 2882 | mischievous | n. behaviour that is annoying or does slight damage, but is not malicious (used esp as in the expressions shown) |
| 2883 | misconduct | n. (esp law) improper behaviour, esp of a sexual or professional kind |
| 2884 | misconstrue | v. get a wrong idea of or misinterpret (sb's words, acts, etc) |
| 2885 | miscreant | n. villain; wrongdoer ; |
| 2886 | misdemeanor | a crime less serious than a felony |
| 2887 | miserly | adj. like a miser; mean or selfish |
| 2888 | misgivings | [misgiving:] a feeling of uncertainty, apprehension, or doubt |
| 2889 | mishap | n. unlucky accident (usu not serious) |
| 2890 | misnomer | n. wrong use of a name, word or description |
| 2891 | misogamy | hatred of marriage |
| 2892 | misogynist | n. person who hates women |
| 2893 | missile | n. object or weapon that is thrown or fired at a target |
| 2894 | missive | n. letter, esp a long or official one |
| 2895 | mite | n. very small or modest contribution or offering |
| 2896 | mitigate | v. make (sth) less severe, violent or painful; moderate |
| 2897 | mnemonic | adj. of or designed to help the memory |
| 2898 | mobile | adj. that can move or be moved easily and quickly from place to place |
| 2899 | mock | v. ~ make fun of (sb/sth), esp by mimicking him/it contemptuously; ridicule |
| 2900 | mode | n. ~ (fml) way or manner in which sth is done |
| 2901 | modicum | n. ~ small or moderate amount of sth |
| 2902 | modish | adj. fashionable |
| 2903 | modulate | v. vary the strength, volume or pitch of |
| 2904 | modulation | toning down; changing from one key to another |
| 2905 | mogul | n. very rich, important or influential person |
| 2906 | molecule | n. smallest unit into which a substance can be divided without a change in its chemical nature |
| 2907 | mollify | v. lessen the anger of (sb); make calmer; soothe |
| 2908 | mollycoddle | v. treat (sb) with too much kindness and protection; pamper |
| 2909 | molt | the act or process of shedding hair, feathers, shell, horns, or an outer layer periodically; specifically : ECDYSIS |
| 2910 | molten | adj. melted or made liquid by heating to a very high temperature |
| 2911 | momentous | adj. very important; serious |
| 2912 | momentum | n. force that increases the rate of development of a process; impetus |
| 2913 | monarchy | n. system of government by a monarch |
| 2914 | monastic | adj. of or relating to monks or monasteries |
| 2915 | monetary | adj. of money or currency |
| 2916 | mongrel | n. dog of mixed breed |
| 2917 | monochromatic | having or consisting of one color or hue |
| 2918 | monochrome | adj. having or using images in black, white and shades of grey; black and white |
| 2919 | monogram | n. two or more letters combined in one design and marked on handkerchiefs, notepaper, etc , |
| 2920 | monograph | n. detailed scholarly study of one subject |
| 2921 | monolithic | adj. consisting of one or more monoliths |
| 2922 | monotheism | n. belief that there is only one God |
| 2923 | monotony | n. state of being monotonous; lack of variety that causes weariness and boredom |

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| 2924 | monumental | adj. of, related to or serving as a monument |
| 2925 | moodiness | n. |
| 2926 | moratorium | n. ~ (on sth) temporary stopping of an activity, esp by official agreement |
| 2927 | morbid | adj. having or showing an interest in gloomy or unpleasant things, esp disease or death |
| 2928 | mordant | adj. very sarcastic; biting |
| 2929 | mores | n. customs or conventions considered typical of or essential to a group or community |
| 2930 | morgue | n. building in which dead bodies are kept before being buried or cremated; mortuary ; |
| 2931 | moribund | adj. at the point of death; about to come to an end |
| 2932 | morose | adj. very unhappy, bad-tempered and silent; sullen |
| 2933 | mortar | n. mixture of lime or cement, sand and water, used to hold bricks, stones, etc together in building |
| 2934 | mortician | n. =undertaker |
| 2935 | mortify | v. cause (sb) to be very ashamed or embarrassed |
| 2936 | mosaic | n. picture or pattern made by placing together small pieces of glass, stone, etc of different colours |
| 2937 | mote | n. small particle, usu of dust; speck ; |
| 2938 | motif | n. decorative design or pattern |
| 2939 | motility | ability to move spontaneously and independently |
| 2940 | motley | adj. of many different types of people or things |
| 2941 | mottled | adj. marked with patches of different colours without a regular pattern |
| 2942 | motto | n. short sentence or phrase chosen and used as a guide or rule of behaviour or as an expression of the aims or ideals of a family, a country, an institution, etc |
| 2943 | mountebank | n. person who tries to cheat others by clever talk; swindler |
| 2944 | muddle | v. ~ sth (up) put sth into disorder; mix sth up |
| 2945 | muggy | adj. (of weather) oppressively warm and damp |
| 2946 | mulct | defraud a person of something; fine |
| 2947 | multifarious | adj. of many different kinds; having great variety |
| 2948 | multiform | having many forms |
| 2949 | multilingual | adj. speaking or using many languages |
| 2950 | multiplicity | n. ~ of sth large number or great variety of things |
| 2951 | mundane | adj. ordinary and typically unexciting |
| 2952 | munificent | adj. extremely generous; (of sth given) large in amount or splendid in quality |
| 2953 | mural | n. painting done on a wall |
| 2954 | murky | adj. unpleasantly dark; gloomy |
| 2955 | murmur | n. low continuous indistinct sound |
| 2956 | muse | n. the Muses the nine goddesses, daughters of Zeus or Jupiter, who protected and encouraged poetry, music, dancing, history and other branches of art and literature , |
| 2957 | musky | adj. (smelling) like musk |
| 2958 | muster | n. assembly or gathering of people or things, esp for review or inspection |
| 2959 | musty | adj. smelling or tasting stale, mouldy and damp |
| 2960 | mutable | adj. liable to change; likely to change ; |
| 2961 | mutability | |
| 2962 | mute | adj. silent; making no sound |
| 2963 | muted | (of a sound or colour) softened |
| 2964 | mutilate | v. injure, damage or disfigure by breaking, tearing or cutting off a necessary part |
| 2965 | mutinous | adj. guilty of mutiny; refusing to obey; rebellious |
| 2966 | mutter | v. ~ (to sb) (about sth) speak or say (sth) in a low voice that is hard to hear |
| 2967 | myopic | adj. short-sighted |
| 2968 | myriad | n. extremely large number |
| 2969 | mystic | adj. of hidden meaning or spiritual power, esp in religion |
| 2970 | Barron GRE word list - n | |
| 2971 | nadir | n. point in the heavens directly beneath an observer |
| 2972 | narcissist | [narcissism:] an exceptional interest in or admiration for oneself, esp. one's physical appearance |
| 2973 | narrative | n. spoken or written account of events; story |
| 2974 | nascent | adj. beginning to exist; not yet well developed |

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| 2975 | natal | pertaining to birth |
| 2976 | natation | swimming |
| 2977 | natty | adj. (infml) (often derog) smart and tidy; neat |
| 2978 | nausea | n. feeling of sickness or disgust |
| 2979 | nauseate | v. make feel nausea |
| 2980 | nauseous | adj. causing nausea; disgusting ; |
| 2981 | nautical | adj. of ships, sailors or navigation |
| 2982 | navigable | adj. suitable for ships, boats, etc to sail on |
| 2983 | nebula | n. light or dark patch in the night sky caused by a cluster of very distant stars or a cloud of dust or gas |
| 2984 | nebulous | adj. cloudlike; hazy ; |
| 2985 | necromancy | n. art or practice of communicating by magic with the dead in order to learn about the future |
| 2986 | nectar | n. sweet liquid produced by flowers and collected by bees for making honey |
| 2987 | nefarious | adj. wicked; unlawful |
| 2988 | negate | v. deny or disprove the existence of (sb/sth) |
| 2989 | negation | n. action of denying |
| 2990 | negligence | n. lack of proper care or attention; carelessness |
| 2991 | negligible | adj. of little importance or size; not worth considering |
| 2992 | nemesis | n. (usu sing) (fml) deserved and unavoidable punishment for wrong doing |
| 2993 | neologism | n. newly-invented word |
| 2994 | neophyte | n. person recently converted to some belief or religion |
| 2995 | nepotism | n. practice among people with power or influence of favouring their own relatives, esp by giving them jobs |
| 2996 | nether | adj. lower |
| 2997 | nettle | n. common wild plant with hairs on its leaves that sting and redden the skin when touched |
| 2998 | nexus | n. (fml) connected group or series; bond or connection |
| 2999 | nib | n. metal point of a pen |
| 3000 | nicety | n. accuracy; precision |
| 3001 | niggardly | adj. mean; stingy |
| 3002 | niggle | v. ~ give too much time and attention to unimportant details; criticize in a petty way |
| 3003 | nihilism | n. total rejection of all religious and moral beliefs |
| 3004 | nihilist | n. believer in nihilism |
| 3005 | nimble | adj. able to move quickly and neatly; agile |
| 3006 | nip | v. press (sth) hard (eg between the finger and thumb, or the teeth, or with the claws as a crab does); pinch |
| 3007 | nirvana | n. state of perfect bliss in which the individual becomes absorbed into the supreme spirit |
| 3008 | nocturnal | adj. of or in the night; done or happening in the night |
| 3009 | noisome | adj. offensive; disgusting; stinking |
| 3010 | nomadic | adj. of nomads; wandering |
| 3011 | nomenclature | n. system of naming, esp in a particular branch of science |
| 3012 | nominal | adj. existing, etc in name only; not real or actual |
| 3013 | nonchalance | indifference; lack of interest |
| 3014 | noncommittal | neutral; unpledged; undecided |
| 3015 | nondescript | n, adj without a distinctive character and so not easily classified |
| 3016 | nonentity | n. person without any special qualities or achievements; unimportant person |
| 3017 | nonplus | v. surprise or puzzle (sb) greatly |
| 3018 | nonsense | n. meaningless words |
| 3019 | noose | n. loop in one end of a rope, with a knot that allows the loop to be tightened as the other end of the rope is pulled |
| 3020 | nostalgia | n. sentimental longing for things that are past |
| 3021 | nostrum | n. medicine falsely recommended as effective; quack remedy ; |
| 3022 | notable | adj. deserving to be noticed; remarkable |
| 3023 | notch | n. ~ V-shaped cut in an edge or surface V |
| 3024 | notoriety | n. fame for being bad in some way |
| 3025 | nourish | v. keep alive and well with food |
| 3026 | nourishment | n. food |

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| 3027 | nova | n. (astronomy) star that suddenly becomes much brighter for a short period |
| 3028 | novelty | n. quality of being novel; newness; strangeness |
| 3029 | novice | n. person who is new and inexperienced in a job, situation, etc; beginner |
| 3030 | noxious | adj. harmful; poisonous |
| 3031 | nuance | n. subtle difference in meaning, colour, feeling, etc |
| 3032 | nubile | adj. old enough to marry |
| 3033 | nugatory | adj. worthless; pointless; not valid |
| 3034 | nullify | v. make (an agreement, etc) lose its legal force |
| 3035 | numismatist | n. expert in numismatics; collector of coins and medals ; |
| 3036 | nuptial | adj. of marriage or of a wedding |
| 3037 | nurse | n. person, usu female, trained to help a doctor to look after the sick or injured |
| 3038 | nurture | v. care for and educate |
| 3039 | nutrient | n, adj (substance) serving as or providing nourishment, esp for plants or animals |
| 3040 | nutrition | n. nourishment; food |
| 3041 | nutritious | adj. of (high) value as food; nourishing |
| 3042 | Barron GRE word list - o | |
| 3043 | oaf | n. stupid, clumsy and awkward person (usu male) |
| 3044 | oath | n. (words used in making a) solemn promise to do sth or solemn declaration that sth is true (usu appealing to God, etc as a witness) |
| 3045 | oatmeal | n. meal made from crushed oats, used in porridge, oatcakes, etc |
| 3046 | obdurate | adj. impossible to change; stubborn |
| 3047 | obeisance | n. deep bow (of respect or obedience) |
| 3048 | obelisk | n. tall pointed stone pillar with four sides, set up as a monument or landmark |
| 3049 | obese | adj. (of people) very fat |
| 3050 | obfuscate | v. (deliberately) make (sth) confused or difficult to understand |
| 3051 | obituary | n. printed notice (eg in a newspaper) of a person's death, often with a short account of his life and achievements |
| 3052 | objective | adj. not influenced by personal feelings or opinions; unbiased; fair |
| 3053 | obligatory | adj. required by rule, law or custom; compulsory |
| 3054 | oblique | adj. not horizontal or vertical; sloping; slanting |
| 3055 | obliterate | v. remove all signs of (sth); rub or blot out |
| 3056 | oblivion | n. state of forgetting; state of being unaware or unconscious |
| 3057 | oblivious | adj. ~ of/to sth unaware of or not noticing sth; having no memory of sth |
| 3058 | obloquy | n. public shame or disgrace; abuse; discredit ; |
| 3059 | obnoxious | adj. very unpleasant; nasty; offensive |
| 3060 | obscure | adj. not easily or clearly seen or understood; indistinct; hidden |
| 3061 | obsequious | adj. ~ (to sb) too willing to obey or serve; too respectful (esp in the hope of getting a reward or favour from sb) |
| 3062 | obsequy | exequies; funeral; interment |
| 3063 | obsession | n. ~ state of being obsessed |
| 3064 | obsessive | adj. of or having an obsession |
| 3065 | obsidian | black volcanic rock |
| 3066 | obsolete | adj. no longer used; out of date |
| 3067 | obstetrician | n. doctor who specializes in obstetrics |
| 3068 | obstinate | adj. refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action; stubborn |
| 3069 | obstreperous | adj. noisy and uncontrolled; unruly |
| 3070 | obtrude | v. ~ (on/upon sb/sth) (fml) force (oneself, one's opinions, ideas, etc) upon sb/sth, esp when unwanted |
| 3071 | obtrusive | adj. very noticeable or obvious; inclined to obtrude |
| 3072 | obtuse | adj. slow to understand; stupid |
| 3073 | obviate | v. remove (sth); get rid of |
| 3074 | Occident | n. the Occident the countries of the West, ie Europe and America |
| 3075 | occlude | to close up or block off: OBSTRUCT |
| 3076 | occult | adj. only for those with special knowledge or powers; hidden, secret |
| 3077 | oculist | n. specialist in treating diseases and defects of the eye |
| 3078 | odds | n. probability or chance |
| 3079 | odious | adj. disgusting; hateful |
| 3080 | odium | n. general or widespread hatred or disgust felt towards a person or his actions |

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| 3081 | odoriferous | giving off an odor |
| 3082 | odorous | adj. having a (pleasant or unpleasant) smell |
| 3083 | odyssey | n. long adventurous journey |
| 3084 | offensive | adj. upsetting or annoying; insulting |
| 3085 | offhand | adj. too casual; abrupt |
| | officious | adj. too ready or willing to give orders, offer advice or help, or use one's authority; bossy and interfering |
| 3086 | | |
| 3087 | ogle | v. ~ at sb look or stare at (esp a woman) in a way that suggests sexual interest |
| 3088 | olfactory | adj. of or concerned with the sense of smell |
| 3089 | oligarchy | n. form of government in which a small group of people hold all the power |
| 3090 | ominous | adj. suggesting that sth bad is about to happen; threatening |
| 3091 | omnipotent | adj. having unlimited or very great power |
| 3092 | omnipresent | adj. present everywhere |
| 3093 | omniscient | adj. knowing everything |
| 3094 | omnivorous | adj. (of animals) eating both plants and animal flesh |
| 3095 | onerous | adj. needing effort; burdensome |
| | onomatopoeia | n. combination of sounds in a word that imitates or suggests what the word refers to eg hiss, cuckoo, thud ; hiss cuckoo thud |
| 3096 | | |
| 3097 | onslaught | n. ~ fierce attack |
| 3098 | onus | n. the onus duty or responsibility (for doing sth); burden |
| 3099 | ooze | v. ~ from/out of sth; ~ out/away come or flow out slowly |
| 3100 | opalescent | adj. changing colour like an opal; iridescent |
| 3101 | opaque | adj. not allowing light to pass through; not transparent |
| 3102 | opiate | n. drug containing opium, used to relieve pain or to help sb sleep |
| 3103 | opportune | adj. (of time) suitable or favourable for a purpose |
| 3104 | opportunist | n. person who acts like this |
| 3105 | opprobrium | n. public disgrace and shame |
| | optician | n. person who makes and sells optical instruments, esp contact lenses and glasses |
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| 3107 | optimist | n. person who is always hopeful and expects the best in all things |
| 3108 | optimum | adj. best or most favourable |
| 3109 | optional | adj. that may be chosen or not, as one wishes; not compulsory |
| 3110 | optometrist | one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects |
| 3111 | opulence | n. opulently |
| | opus | n. musical composition numbered as one of a composer's works (work1 5b) (usu in order of publication) |
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| 3113 | oracular | adj. of or like an oracle; with hidden meaning |
| 3114 | orator | n. person who makes formal speeches in public |
| | oratorio | n. musical composition for solo voices, chorus and orchestra, usu with a Biblical theme |
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| 3116 | ordain | v. make a priest or minister |
| 3117 | ordeal | n. difficult or painful experience |
| 3118 | ordinance | n. order, rule or law made by a government or an authority |
| 3119 | ordination | n. ceremony of ordaining (a priest or minister) |
| 3120 | orgy | n. wild party, usu with a lot of drinking and/or sexual activity |
| 3121 | orient | n. the Orient countries of the (Far) East (eg Japan, China) |
| 3122 | orientation | n. activity of orientating oneself; state of being orientated |
| 3123 | orifice | n. outer opening in the body, etc |
| 3124 | ornate | adj. richly decorated |
| 3125 | ornithologist | n. expert in ornithology |
| 3126 | orthodox | adj. generally accepted or approved |
| 3127 | orthography | n. (study or system of) spelling |
| 3128 | oscillate | v. move repeatedly and regularly from one position to another and back again |
| 3129 | osseous | adj. of bone; having bones; bony ; |
| 3130 | ossify | v. (fml) (cause sth to) become hard like bone; change into bone ; |
| 3131 | ostensible | adj. stated though perhaps not true; apparent |
| 3132 | ostentatious | adj. showing or liking ostentation |
| 3133 | ostracize | exclude from public favor; ban |
| | oust | v. ~ sb (fml) remove sb (from a position, job, etc) sometimes in order to take his place |
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| | outcast | n, adj ~ (person) driven away from home, friends, society, etc; homeless and friendless |
| 3135 | | (person) |
| 3136 | outfit | n. all the equipment or articles needed for a particular purpose; kit |
| 3137 | outgoing | adj. going out; leaving |
| 3138 | outlandish | adj. looking or sounding strange |
| 3139 | outlaw | n. person who has broken the law and is hiding to avoid being caught |
| 3140 | outlook | n. ~ view on which one looks out |
| 3141 | outmoded | adj. no longer fashionable |
| 3142 | outrage | n. (act of) great violence or cruelty |
| 3143 | outskirts | n. outlying districts (esp of a city or large town); outer areas |
| 3144 | outspoken | adj. ~ saying openly exactly what one thinks; frank |
| 3145 | outstrip | v. run faster than (sb in a race) and leave him behind |
| 3146 | outwit | v. win or defeat (sb) by being cleverer or more cunning than him |
| 3147 | ovation | n. great applause or cheering expressing welcome or approval |
| | overbearing | adj. forcing others to do what one wants (without caring about their feelings); domineering |
| 3148 | | |
| 3149 | overblown | adj. past their best; too fully open |
| 3150 | overhaul | v. examine carefully and thoroughly and make any necessary repairs |
| 3151 | oversee | v. watch over and control (sb/sth); supervise |
| 3152 | overt | adj. done or shown openly or publicly; not secret or hidden |
| 3153 | overthrow | v. cause the downfall or defeat of (sb/sth); put an end to |
| | overture | n. ~ (fml) friendly approach, proposal or offer made (to sb) with the aim of starting discussions |
| 3154 | | |
| 3155 | overturn | v. turn over or upside-down; upset |
| | overweening | adj. showing too much self-confidence or conceit |
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| | overwhelm | v. cover (sth/sb) completely by flowing over or pouring down on it/him; submerge suddenly |
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| 3158 | overwrought | adj. in a state of nervous excitement, anxiety, etc; tense and upset |
| 3159 | ovoid | adj. n egg-shaped (object) |
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| 3160 | word list - p | |
| | pachyderm | n. any of various types of thick-skinned, four-footed animal, eg an elephant or a rhinoceros |
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| 3162 | pacifist | n. person who believes in pacifism |
| 3163 | pacify | v. calm or soothe the anger or distress of (sb) |
| 3164 | padre | n. (used esp as a form of address) clergyman in the armed forces |
| 3165 | paean | n. (fml) song of praise or triumph |
| 3166 | painstaking | adj. done with, requiring or taking great care or trouble |
| 3167 | palatable | adj. pleasant to taste |
| 3168 | palate | n. roof of the mouth |
| 3169 | palatial | adj. like a palace |
| | paleontology | study of prehistoric life |
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| | palette | n. thin board on which an artist mixes colours when painting, with a hole for the thumb to hold it by |
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| | palimpsest | n. manuscript from which the original writing has been removed in order to create space for new writing |
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| 3173 | pall | v. ~ become uninteresting or boring by being experienced too often |
| | pallet | n. large wooden or metal tray or platform for carrying goods, esp one that can be raised using a fork-lift truck |
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| | palliate | v. make (esp a pain or disease) less severe or unpleasant, without removing its cause; alleviate , |
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| 3176 | pallid | adj. pale, esp because of illness |
| 3177 | palm | n. inner surface of the hand between the wrist and the fingers |
| 3178 | palpable | adj. that can be felt or touched |
| 3179 | palpitate | v. beat rapidly |
| 3180 | paltry | adj. very small; unimportant |
| | pan | n. wide flat (usu metal) container, with a handle or handles, used for cooking food in |
| 3181 | | |
| 3182 | panacea | n. ~ remedy for all diseases or troubles |
| 3183 | panache | n. confident stylish manner |
| 3184 | pandemic | n, adj disease occurring over a whole country or the whole world |

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| 3185 | Pandemonium | n. wild and noisy disorder or confusion |
| 3186 | pander | v. pander to sth/sb (derog) try to satisfy (a vulgar, weak or immoral desire, or sb having this); gratify sth/sb |
| 3187 | panegyric | n. speech or piece of writing praising sb/sth |
| 3188 | pang | n. sudden sharp feeling of pain |
| 3189 | panoramic | adj. a panoramic view from the top of the tower |
| 3190 | pantomime | n. type of play with music, dancing and clowning, based on a traditional story or fairy-tale and usu performed at Christmas |
| 3191 | papyrus | n. tall reed-like water-plant with thick fibrous stems used by the Ancient Egyptians to make paper |
| 3192 | parable | n. story told to illustrate a moral or spiritual truth |
| 3193 | paradigm | n. set of all the different forms of a word |
| 3194 | paradox | n. statement that seems to be absurd or contradictory but is or may be true |
| 3195 | paragon | n. ~ of sth person who is a perfect example of a quality (used esp in the expression shown) |
| 3196 | parallel | adj. (of two or more lines) having the same distance between each other at every point |
| 3197 | parallelism | n. state of being parallel; similarity |
| 3198 | parameter | n. quantity that does not vary in a particular case but does vary in other cases |
| 3199 | paramount | adj. having the greatest importance or significance; supreme |
| 3200 | paramour | illicit lover |
| 3201 | paranoia | n. mental illness in which a person is obsessed by mistaken beliefs, esp that he is being badly treated by others or that he is somebody very important |
| 3202 | paraphernalia | n. numerous small articles or personal belongings, esp the equipment needed for a hobby or sport |
| 3203 | paraphrase | n. re-wording of a piece of writing, statement, etc, esp in order to make it easier to understand |
| 3204 | parasite | n. animal or plant (eg mistletoe) that lives on or in another and gets its food from it |
| 3205 | parched | [parch:] to deprive or be deprived of water; dry up |
| 3206 | parchment | n. heavy paper-like material made from the skin of sheep or goats and used for writing on |
| 3207 | pare | v. trim by cutting away the edges |
| 3208 | pariah | n. social outcast |
| 3209 | parish | n. area within a diocese, having its own church and clergyman |
| 3210 | parity | n. state of being equal; equality |
| 3211 | parlance | n. particular way of speaking or use of words; phraseology |
| 3212 | parley | n. (esp formerly) meeting between enemies or opponents to discuss terms for peace, etc |
| 3213 | parochial | adj. of or relating to a church parish |
| 3214 | parody | n. ~ (piece of) speech, writing or music that imitates the style of an author, composer, etc in an amusing and often exaggerated way; comic imitation |
| 3215 | paroxysm | n. sudden attack or outburst |
| 3216 | parquet | n. flooring made of wooden blocks arranged in a pattern |
| 3217 | parry | v. turn aside or ward off (a blow or an attack) by using one's own weapon or one's hand to block it |
| 3218 | parsimonious | adj. very careful in spending money or using resources; mean |
| 3219 | parsimony | n. excessive carefulness in spending money or using resources; meanness ; |
| 3220 | partial | adj. of or forming a part; not complete |
| 3221 | partiality | n. ~ being partial(|
| 3222 | partisan | n. enthusiastic and often uncritical supporter of a person, group or cause |
| 3223 | partition | n. action of dividing or state of being divided into parts, esp the division of one country into two or more nations |
| 3224 | parvenu | n. person who has suddenly risen from a low social or economic position to one of wealth or power |
| 3225 | passive | adj. not active; submissive |
| 3226 | paste | n. moist soft mixture, esp of a powdery substance and a liquid |
| 3227 | pastiche | n. literary, musical or artistic work in the style of another author, composer, etc |
| 3228 | pastoral | adj. relating to or portraying country life, the countryside or shepherds, esp in an idealized way |
| 3229 | pastry | n. mixture of flour, fat and water baked in an oven and used as a base or covering for tarts, pies, etc |
| 3230 | patent | adj. ~ obvious; clear; evident |

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| 3231 | pathetic | adj. causing one to feel pity or sadness |
| 3232 | pathological | adj. of or relating to pathology |
| 3233 | pathos | n. quality, esp in speech, writing, acting, etc that causes a feeling of pity or sadness |
| 3234 | patina | n. green coating that forms on the surface of old bronze or copper |
| 3235 | patois | n. dialect spoken by the common people of a region and differing from the standard language of the country |
| 3236 | patriarch | n. male head of a family or tribe |
| 3237 | patrician | n. member of the aristocracy |
| 3238 | patrimony | n. property inherited from one's father or ancestors |
| 3239 | patronize | to be kind or helpful to, but in a haughty or snobbish way, as if dealing with an inferior |
| 3240 | paucity | n. ~ (fml) smallness of number or quantity |
| 3241 | pauper | n. very poor person |
| 3242 | peccadillo | n. small unimportant offence or sin |
| 3243 | pecuniary | adj. of or concerning money |
| 3244 | pedagogue | n. teacher |
| 3245 | pedagogy | n. study or science of ways and methods of teaching |
| 3246 | pedant | n. person who attaches too much importance to detail or to rules, esp when learning or teaching |
| 3247 | pedantic | adj. of or like a pedant |
| 3248 | peddle | v. go from house to house to sell goods; be a pedlar ; |
| 3249 | pedestal | n. base of a column |
| 3250 | pedestrian | n. person walking in the street |
| 3251 | pediatrician | expert in children's diseases |
| 3252 | pedigree | n. line of ancestors |
| 3253 | peer | n. person who is equal to another in rank, status or merit |
| 3254 | peerless | adj. superior to all others; without equal ; |
| 3255 | peevish | adj. easily annoyed (esp by unimportant things); irritable ; |
| 3256 | pejorative | adj. expressing criticism or scorn; derogatory; disparaging |
| 3257 | pell-mell | adv. in a hurrying, disorderly manner; headlong |
| 3258 | pellucid | adj. transparent or translucent; very clear |
| 3259 | pen | n. instrument for writing with ink, consisting of a pointed piece of split metal, a metal ball, etc, fixed into a metal or plastic holder |
| 3260 | penance | n. ~ punishment that one imposes on oneself to show that one is sorry for having done wrong |
| 3261 | penchant | n. ~ for sth liking or taste for sth |
| 3262 | pendant | n. ornament that hangs from a chain worn round the neck |
| 3263 | pending | adj. waiting to be decided or settled |
| 3264 | pendulous | adj. hanging down loosely so as to swing from side to side |
| 3265 | penetrate | v. ~ sth make a way into or through sth |
| 3266 | penitent | adj. feeling or showing regret or remorse for having done sth wrong |
| 3267 | penology | n. study of crime and its punishment, and the management of prisons |
| 3268 | pensive | adj. thinking deeply about sth, esp in a sad or serious way |
| 3269 | penumbra | n. partly shaded area around the shadow of an opaque object (esp around the total shadow of the moon or earth in an eclipse) |
| 3270 | penurious | adj. very poor |
| 3271 | penury | n. extreme poverty |
| 3272 | peon | n. person employed as a messenger |
| 3273 | perceptive | adj. quick to notice and understand things |
| 3274 | percussion | n. striking of two (usu hard) objects together |
| 3275 | perdition | n. everlasting punishment of the wicked after death |
| 3276 | peregrination | n. travelling |
| 3277 | peremptory | adj. (esp derog) (of a person, his manner, etc) insisting on immediate obedience or submission: domineering |
| 3278 | perennial | adj. lasting for a long time |
| 3279 | perfidious | adj. ~ (fml) treacherous, deceitful or disloyal |
| 3280 | perforate | v. make a hole or holes through |
| 3281 | perfunctory | adj. a) (of an action) done as a duty or routine, without care or interest |
| 3282 | perigee | n. point in the orbit of the moon, a planet or a spacecraft at which it is nearest to the earth |

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| 3283 | perimeter | n. outer edge of a closed geometric shape |
| 3284 | peripatetic | adj. going from place to place |
| 3285 | peripheral | adj. ~ of secondary or minor importance (to sth) |
| 3286 | periphery | n. boundary of a surface or an area |
| 3287 | perjury | n. action of perjuring oneself |
| 3288 | permeable | adj. that can be permeated by fluids or gas; porous ; |
| 3289 | permissive | adj. allowing great freedom of behaviour, esp to children or in sexual matters |
| 3290 | pernicious | adj. ~ (to sb/sth) having a very harmful or destructive effect (on sb/sth) |
| 3291 | peroration | n. last part of a speech; summing up |
| 3292 | perpetrate | v. commit (a crime, etc) |
| 3293 | perpetual | adj. continuing indefinitely; permanent |
| 3294 | perpetuate | v. cause to continue |
| 3295 | perquisite | n. (fml) (infml perk) money or goods given or regarded as a right in addition to one's pay |
| 3296 | persevere | v. ~ ~ (with sb) (usu approv) continue trying to do sth, esp in spite of difficulty |
| 3297 | persist | v. ~ continue to do sth, esp in an obstinate and determined way and in spite of opposition, argument or failure |
| 3298 | personable | adj. having a pleasant appearance or manner |
| 3299 | personify | v. treat (sth) as if it were a human being |
| 3300 | perspicacious | adj. having or showing great insight or judgement; discerning |
| 3301 | perspicuity | plain to the understanding especially because of clarity and precision of presentation |
| 3302 | perspicuous | adj. expressed clearly |
| 3303 | pert | adj. not showing respect; cheeky |
| 3304 | pertinacious | adj. holding firmly to an opinion or a course of action; determined |
| 3305 | pertinent | adj. ~ (fml) relevant (to sth); to the point |
| 3306 | perturb | v. make (sb) very worried; disturb |
| 3307 | peruse | v. read (sth), esp carefully or thoroughly |
| 3308 | pervasive | adj. present and perceived everywhere; pervading |
| 3309 | perverse | adj. (of a person) deliberately continuing to behave in a way that is wrong, unreasonable or unacceptable |
| 3310 | perversion | n. changing sth from right to wrong; perverting |
| 3311 | pervert | v. turn away from its proper nature or use |
| 3312 | pessimism | n. tendency to be gloomy and believe that the worst will happen |
| 3313 | pest | n. annoying person or thing |
| 3314 | pestilential | causing plague; baneful |
| 3315 | pestle | n. heavy round-ended tool used for crushing and grinding things to powder, esp in a special bowl |
| 3316 | petrify | take away power to feel through terror; turn to stone |
| 3317 | petty | adj. (derog) small or trivial; unimportant |
| 3318 | petulant | adj. unreasonably impatient or irritable |
| 3319 | phalanx | n. (in ancient Greece) close formation, esp of infantry ready for battle |
| 3320 | pharisaical | pertaining to the Pharisees who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; hypocritical |
| 3321 | pharisee | (Judaism) a member of an ancient Jewish sect that was opposed to the Sadducees, teaching strict observance of Jewish tradition as interpreted rabbinically and believing in life after death and in the coming of the Messiah |
| 3322 | phenomena | observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation |
| 3323 | philanderer | n. man who does this |
| 3324 | philanthropist | n. person who helps others, esp through charitable work or donations of money |
| 3325 | philatelist | n. person who collects postage stamps |
| 3326 | Philistine | n. person who has no interest in or understanding of the arts, or is hostile to them; uncultured person |
| 3327 | philology | n. science or study of the development of language or of a particular language |
| 3328 | phlegmatic | adj. calm and even-tempered; showing the quality of phlegm |
| 3329 | phobia | n. extreme or abnormal dislike or fear of sth; aversion |
| 3330 | phoenix | n. mythical bird of the Arabian desert, said to live for several hundred years before burning itself and then rising born again from its ashes , |
| 3331 | phylum | n. (biology) major division in the animal or plant kingdom |
| 3332 | physiognomy | n. features of a person's face |

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| 3333 | physiological | adj. of or concerning physiology |
| 3334 | piebald | adj. covered with irregularly-shaped patches of two colours, usu black and white , |
| 3335 | piecemeal | adv. piece by piece; a part at a time |
| 3336 | pied | adj. having mixed colours, esp black and white |
| 3337 | piety | n. devotion to God and respect for religious principles; being pious |
| 3338 | pigment | n. colouring matter used for making dyes, paint, etc |
| 3339 | pilfer | v. ~ (from sb/sth) steal (sth, esp of small value or in small quantities) |
| 3340 | pillage | n. (esp formerly) stealing or damaging of property, esp by soldiers in war , |
| 3341 | pillory | n. wooden framework with holes for the head and hands, into which wrongdoers were locked in former times, so that they could be publicly ridiculed . |
| 3342 | pinch | v. take or hold (sth) in a tight grip between the thumb and finger |
| 3343 | pine | n. (also `pine tree) any of several types of evergreen tree that bear cones and have needle-shaped leaves growing in clusters |
| 3344 | pinion | n. outer segment of a bird's wing |
| 3345 | pinnace | n. small motor boat carried on a ship for taking people ashore, loading goods, etc , |
| 3346 | pinnacle | n. small pointed ornament built on to a roof or buttress |
| 3347 | pious | adj. having or showing a deep devotion to religion |
| 3348 | piquant | adj. having a pleasantly sharp taste |
| 3349 | pique | v. hurt the pride or self-respect of (sb); offend |
| 3350 | piscatorial | adj. of or concerning fishing or fishermen |
| 3351 | pitfall | n. unsuspected danger or difficulty |
| 3352 | pith | n. soft spongy substance that fills the stems of certain plants, eg reeds , |
| 3353 | pithy | adj. concise and full of meaning; terse |
| 3354 | pittance | n. very small or insufficient amount of money paid or received as wages or an allowance |
| 3355 | pivotal | adj. of or forming a pivot |
| 3356 | placate | v. make less angry; soothe or pacify |
| 3357 | placebo | n. (medical) harmless substance given as if it were medicine to calm a patient who mistakenly believes he is ill |
| 3358 | placid | adj. calm and peaceful; undisturbed |
| 3359 | plagiarize | to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own:use (another's production) without crediting the source |
| 3360 | plaintive | adj. sounding sad; sorrowful |
| 3361 | plait | v. weave or twist (three or more lengths of hair, straw, etc) under and over one another to make one rope-like length |
| 3362 | plane | n. (geometry) surfacesuch that a straight line joining any two points in it touches it at all points |
| 3363 | plaster | n. soft mixture of lime, sand, water, etc that becomes hard when dry and is used for making a smooth surface on walls and ceilings |
| 3364 | plasticity | n. state or quality of being able to be moulded or shaped |
| 3365 | platitude | n. commonplace remark or statement, esp when it is said as if it were new or interesting |
| 3366 | platonic | adj. Platonic of or concerning the Greek philosopher Plato or his teachings |
| 3367 | plaudit | n. (fml) applause, praise or some other sign of approval |
| 3368 | plausible | adj. seeming to be right or reasonable; believable |
| 3369 | plebeian | adj. of the lower social classes |
| 3370 | plebiscite | n. (decision made by a) direct vote by all qualified citizens on an important political matter |
| 3371 | plenary | adj. attended by all who have the right to attend |
| 3372 | plenitude | a full supply |
| 3373 | plethora | n. quantity greater than what is needed; over-abundance |
| 3374 | pliable | adj. easily bent, shaped or twisted; flexible |
| 3375 | pliant | adj. bending easily; supple |
| 3376 | plight | n. serious and difficult situation or condition |
| 3377 | ploy | n. words or actions, eg in a game, intended to win an advantage over one's opponent |
| 3378 | pluck | v. ~ sth gather or remove sth by pulling; pick sth |
| 3379 | plumage | n. feathers covering a bird's body |
| 3380 | plumb | n. piece of lead that is tied to a cord and used to find the depth of water or test whether a wall, etc is vertical . |

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| 3381 | plumber | n. person whose job is to fit and repair water-pipes, water-tanks, cisterns, etc in buildings |
| 3382 | plume | n. feather, esp a large one used as a decoration |
| 3383 | plummet | n. plumb-line |
| 3384 | plump | adj. (esp of an animal, a person, parts of the body) having a full rounded shape; fleshy |
| 3385 | plutocracy | n. government by a rich and powerful class |
| 3386 | podiatrist | n. = chiropodist |
| 3387 | podium | n. small platform for the conductor of an orchestra, a lecturer, etc to stand on |
| 3388 | poignancy | n. state or quality of being poignant |
| 3389 | poise | v. be or keep balanced or suspended |
| 3390 | polar | adj. of or near the North or South Pole |
| 3391 | polarity | n. possession or location of negative and positive poles |
| 3392 | polarize | to break up into opposing factions or groupings |
| 3393 | polemic | n. ~ (against/in favour of sth/sb) speech, piece of writing, etc containing very forceful arguments (against or for sth/sb) |
| 3394 | polemical | adj. of polemics |
| 3395 | politic | adj. (of actions) well judged; prudent |
| 3396 | polity | n. form or process of government |
| 3397 | polygamist | man who practices this |
| 3398 | polyglot | adj. knowing, using or written in many languages |
| 3399 | pomposity | n. being pompous |
| 3400 | ponderous | adj. slow and awkward because of great weight |
| 3401 | pontifical | adj. of the Pope |
| 3402 | pore | n. any of the tiny openings in the surface of the skin or of a leaf, through which moisture can pass |
| 3403 | porous | adj. allowing liquid or air to pass through, esp slowly |
| 3404 | porridge | n. soft food made by boiling a cereal in water or milk |
| 3405 | portend | v. be a sign or warning of (sth in the future); foreshadow |
| 3406 | portent | n. ~ (fml) sign or warning of a future (often unpleasant) event; omen |
| 3407 | portly | adj. (esp of an older person) having a stout body; fat |
| 3408 | pose | v. ~ (for sb) sit or stand in a particular position in order to be painted, drawn or photographed |
| 3409 | poseur | n. (derog) person who behaves in an unnatural affected way in order to impress others |
| 3410 | posterity | n. following or future generations |
| 3411 | posthumous | adj. happening or given after death |
| 3412 | postmortem | occurring after death |
| 3413 | postulate | v. put (sth) forward as a fact or accept (sth) as true, esp as a basis for reasoning or argument |
| 3414 | posture | n. attitude or position of the body |
| 3415 | potable | adj. fit for drinking; drinkable ; |
| 3416 | potent | adj. (of drugs, etc) having a strong effect |
| 3417 | potentate | n. ruler with direct power over his people; autocratic monarch |
| 3418 | potential | adj. that can or may come into existence; possible |
| 3419 | potion | n. drink of medicine, poison or a liquid used in magic |
| 3420 | potpourri | heterogeneous mixture; |
| 3421 | poultice | n. soft heated mass spread on a cloth and put on a sore place on the body to soothe pain, reduce swelling, etc |
| 3422 | practicable | adj. that can be put into practice; workable |
| 3423 | practical | adj. concerned with practice and action rather than theory |
| 3424 | pragmatic | adj. treating things in a sensible and realistic way; concerned with practical results |
| 3425 | pragmatist | n. person who acts in a practical way |
| 3426 | prance | v. move jerkily by raising the forelegs and springing forward from the hind legs |
| 3427 | prank | n. playful or mischievous trick |
| 3428 | prate | v. ~ (on about sth) talk or chatter too much (about sth) |
| 3429 | prattle | v. ~ (away) (of a child) talk in a simple way; babble |
| 3430 | preamble | n. ~ opening statement explaining the purpose of the book, document, lecture, etc that follows |
| 3431 | precarious | adj. depending on chance; uncertain |
| 3432 | precedent | n. earlier decision, case, event, etc that is regarded as an example or rule for what comes later |

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| 3433 | precept | n. rule or guide, esp for behaviour |
| | precinct | n. area enclosed by definite boundaries, esp the walls of a cathedral, church or college |
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| 3435 | precipice | n. very steep or vertical face of a cliff, mountain or rock |
| 3436 | precipitant | Moving onward quickly and heedlessly. |
| 3437 | precipitate | v. cause (sth) to happen suddenly or soon(er); hasten |
| 3438 | precipitous | adj. dangerously high or steep |
| 3439 | precise | adj. stated clearly and accurately |
| 3440 | preclude | v. ~ sb from doing sth prevent (sth, or sb doing sth); make (sth) impossible |
| 3441 | precocious | adj. (of a child) having developed certain abilities at an earlier age than usual |
| 3442 | precursor | n. ~ (of sth) person or thing that comes before sth; forerunner |
| 3443 | predator | n. animal that kills and eats other animals |
| 3444 | predatory | adj. (living by) killing other animals for food |
| 3445 | predecessor | n. person who held an office or position before sb else |
| | predetermine | v. decide or fix (sth) in advance; prearrange |
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| 3447 | predicament | n. difficult or unpleasant situation, esp one in which sb is uncertain what to do |
| 3448 | predilection | n. ~ (for sth) special liking (for sth); preference |
| 3449 | predispose | v. ~ sb to/towards sth influence sb (in a specified way) in advance |
| 3450 | preeminent | having paramount rank, dignity, or importance:OUTSTANDING |
| | preempt | to replace with something considered to be of greater value or priority:take precedence over |
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| 3452 | preen | v. clean or smooth (its feathers or itself) with its beak |
| 3453 | prefatory | adj. acting as a preface; introductory |
| 3454 | prefigure | v. represent beforehand (sth that will happen in the future); foreshadow |
| 3455 | prehensile | adj. able to grasp and hold things |
| 3456 | prelate | n. high-ranking clergyman, eg a bishop or an archbishop |
| | prelude | n. ~ action or event that happens before another larger or more important one and forms an introduction to it |
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| 3458 | premeditate | v. plan in advance |
| 3459 | premise | n. statement or idea on which reasoning is based; hypothesis |
| 3460 | premonition | n. ~ feeling that sth unpleasant is going to happen |
| 3461 | premonitory | adj. giving a warning |
| | preponderance | superiority of power, quantity |
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| | prepossessing | adj. making a good impression; attractive |
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| | preposterous | adj. completely contrary to reason or common sense; absurd or outrageous |
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| 3465 | prerogative | n. right or privilege, esp one belonging to a particular person or group |
| 3466 | presage | n. sign that sth (esp sth unpleasant) will happen; omen ; |
| | prescience | foreknowledge of events:a:divine omniscience b:human anticipation of the course of events:FORESIGHT |
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| | presentiment | n. vague feeling that sth (esp sth unpleasant) will happen; foreboding |
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| 3469 | prestige | n. respect based on good reputation, past achievements, etc |
| 3470 | presume | v. suppose to be true; take (sth) for granted |
| | presumptuous | adj. (of a person or his behaviour) too bold or self-confident |
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| 3472 | pretend | v. make oneself appear to be sth in order to deceive others or in play |
| 3473 | pretension | n. ~ (making of a) claim |
| 3474 | pretentious | adj. claiming merit or importance; pompous or showy |
| | preternatural | adj. beyond what is natural or normal; unusual |
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| 3476 | pretext | n. ~ reason given (for doing sth) that is not the real reason; excuse |
| 3477 | prevail | v. ~ exist or happen generally; be widespread |
| 3478 | prevalent | adj. ~ (among/in sth/sb) existing or happening generally; widespread |
| | prevaricate | v. try to avoid telling the (whole) truth by speaking in an evasive or a misleading way; equivocate |
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| 3480 | prey | n. animal, bird, etc hunted and killed by another for food |
| | prim | adj. (usu derog) (of a person) disliking anything that is improper, rude or rough; prudish |
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| 3482 | primal | adj. first or original; primeval |

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| 3483 | primary | adj. earliest in time or order of development |
| 3484 | primate | n. archbishop |
| 3485 | prime | adj. most important; chief; fundamental |
| 3486 | primogeniture | n. fact of being a first-born child |
| 3487 | primordial | adj. existing at or from the beginning, esp of the world or the universe; primeval |
| 3488 | primp | v. (derog) tidy (oneself, one's hair, etc) in a fussy way |
| 3489 | pristine | adj. in its original condition; unspoilt |
| 3490 | privation | n. lack of things necessary for life; deprivation |
| 3491 | privy | adj. private; secret |
| 3492 | prize | n. award given to the winner of a competition, race, etc |
| 3493 | probe | n. tool for examining a place which cannot be reached otherwise, esp a thin implement with a blunt end used by a doctor for examining a wound |
| 3494 | probity | n. quality of being honest and trustworthy; integrity ; |
| 3495 | problematic | adj. difficult to deal with or to understand |
| 3496 | proclivity | n. ~ (fml) natural inclination to do sth (esp sth bad); tendency |
| 3497 | procrastinate | v. delay or postpone action |
| 3498 | procurement | n. obtaining |
| 3499 | prod | v. ~ (at sb/sth) push or poke (sb/sth) with a finger or some other pointed object |
| 3500 | prodigal | adj. spending money or resources too freely; extravagant |
| 3501 | prodigious | adj. very great in size, amount or degree, so as to cause amazement or admiration; enormous |
| 3502 | prodigy | n. person with unusual or remarkable qualities or abilities |
| 3503 | profane | adj. not sacred; secular |
| 3504 | profligate | adj. recklessly extravagant or wasteful |
| 3505 | profound | adj. deep, intense or far-reaching; very great |
| 3506 | profusion | n. ~ of sth abundant supply of sth |
| 3507 | progenitor | n. ancestor (of a person, an animal or a plant) |
| 3508 | progeny | n. offspring |
| 3509 | prognosis | n. (medical) forecast of the likely course of a disease or an illness |
| 3510 | prognosticate | v. tell (sth) in advance; predict |
| 3511 | prohibitive | adj. intended to or tending to prevent the use or purchase of sth |
| 3512 | projectile | n. object (to be) shot forward, esp from a gun |
| 3513 | proletarian | member of the working class |
| 3514 | proliferate | v. produce new growth or offspring rapidly; multiply ; |
| 3515 | prolific | adj. producing much fruit or many flowers or offspring |
| 3516 | prolix | adj. (of a speech, writer, etc) using too many words and so boring to listen to or read |
| 3517 | prolixity | n. |
| 3518 | prologue | n. ~ introductory part of a poem or play |
| 3519 | prolong | v. make longer, esp in time; extend |
| 3520 | prominent | adj. jutting out; projecting |
| 3521 | promiscuous | adj. not carefully chosen; indiscriminate or casual |
| 3522 | promontory | n. area of high land jutting out into the sea or a lake; headland ; . |
| 3523 | promote | to contribute to the growth or prosperity of: FURTHER |
| 3524 | prompt | adj. done without delay; punctual |
| 3525 | promulgate | v. make (sth) widely known; disseminate |
| 3526 | prone | adj. lying flat, esp face downwards |
| 3527 | prong | n. each of the two or more long pointed parts of a fork |
| 3528 | pronounced | adj. very noticeable |
| 3529 | prop | n. rigid support, esp a piece of wood, used to prevent sth falling or sagging |
| 3530 | propagate | v. increase the number of by a natural process from the parent stock |
| 3531 | propellant | n. propelling agent, eg an explosive that propels a bullet from a weapon, a fuel that provides thrust for a rocket, or compressed gas that forces out the contents of an aerosol container |
| 3532 | propensity | n. ~ (for doing/to do sth) (fml) inclination or tendency |
| 3533 | prophetic | adj. of or like a prophet or prophets |
| 3534 | prophylactic | adj. tending to prevent a disease or misfortune |

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| 3535 | propinquity | n. nearness in space or time |
| 3536 | propitiate | v. win the favour or forgiveness of (sb) (esp when he is angry) by a pleasing act; appease or placate |
| 3537 | propitious | adj. ~ (fml) giving or indicating a good chance of success; favourable |
| 3538 | proponent | n. ~ person who supports a cause, theory, etc |
| 3539 | propound | v. put (sth) forward for consideration or solution |
| 3540 | propriety | n. state of being correct in one's social or moral behaviour |
| 3541 | propulsive | adj. that drives sth (esp a vehicle) forward |
| 3542 | prosaic | adj. uninspired; unimaginative |
| 3543 | proscenium | n. the part of the stage in front of the curtain |
| 3544 | proscribe | v. state officially that (sth) is dangerous or forbidden |
| 3545 | proselytize | to recruit or convert especially to a new faith, institution, or cause |
| 3546 | prosody | n. science of verse forms and poetic metres |
| 3547 | prosper | v. be successful; thrive |
| 3548 | prosperity | n. state of being successful or rich; good fortune |
| 3549 | prosperous | adj. successful or thriving, esp financially |
| 3550 | prostrate | adj. stretched out on the ground face downward, esp because of exhaustion or in order to show submission, respect, etc |
| 3551 | protagonist | n. (fml) chief character in a drama; hero |
| 3552 | protean | adj. that can change quickly and easily; variable ; |
| 3553 | protocol | n. system of rules governing formal occasions, eg meetings between governments, diplomats, etc; official etiquette |
| 3554 | prototype | n. first or original example of sth that has been or will be copied or developed; model or preliminary version |
| 3555 | protract | v. make (sth) last a long time or longer; lengthen or prolong |
| 3556 | protrude | v. ~ (from sth) (cause sth to) jut or stick out from a surface; (cause sth to) project |
| 3557 | protuberance | n. being protuberant |
| 3558 | provenance | n. (place of) origin |
| 3559 | provender | n. food for horses and cattle, eg hay or oats; fodder |
| 3560 | proverb | n. short well-known saying that states a general truth or gives advice, eg `It takes two to make a quarrel' or `Don't put all your eggs in one basket' |
| 3561 | providence | n. way in which God or nature cares for and protects all creatures |
| 3562 | provident | adj. having or showing wisdom for future needs; thrifty |
| 3563 | provincial | adj. of a province (1) |
| 3564 | provision | n. ~ of sth giving, lending, supplying or making sth available; providing sth |
| 3565 | provisional | adj. for the presenttime only, with the possibility of being changed, etc later; temporary |
| 3566 | proviso | n. clause, etc that is insisted on as a condition of an agreement |
| 3567 | provocative | adj. tending or intended to arouse anger, annoyance, controversy, etc |
| 3568 | provoke | v. make (sb) angry or annoyed |
| 3569 | prowess | n. outstanding skill or ability; expertise |
| 3570 | proximity | n. ~ (to sth) nearness in space or time; closeness |
| 3571 | proxy | n. person authorized to act on behalf of another |
| 3572 | prude | n. person who behaves in an extremely or unnaturally proper manner, esp one who is (too) easily shocked by sexual matters |
| 3573 | prudent | adj. acting with or showing care and foresight; showing good judgement |
| 3574 | prune | n. dried plum |
| 3575 | prurient | adj. having or showing excessive interest in sexual matters |
| 3576 | pry | v. ~ (into sth) inquire too curiously or rudely about other people's private affairs |
| 3577 | pseudonym | n. person's name that is not his real name, esp one used by an author; pen-name |
| 3578 | psyche | n. human soul or mind |
| 3579 | psychiatrist | n. specialist in psychiatry |
| 3580 | psychic | adj. concerned with processes and phenomena that seem to be outside physical or natural laws |
| 3581 | psychopathic | adj. of or suffering from a severe emotional or mental disorder |
| 3582 | psychosis | n. severe mental illness that affects the whole personality |
| 3583 | psychosomatic | adj. caused or made worse by mental stress |
| 3584 | pterodactyl | n. extinct flying reptile |

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| 3585 | pucker | v. ~ (up) (cause sth to) form small folds or wrinkles |
| 3586 | pudding | n. (Brit) (dish of) sweet food eaten at the end of a meal; dessert |
| 3587 | puerile | adj. showing immaturity; childish and silly |
| 3588 | pugilist | n. professional boxer |
| 3589 | pugnacious | adj. inclined or eager to fight; aggressive |
| 3590 | pugnacity | n. |
| 3591 | puissant | powerful; strong; potent |
| 3592 | pulchritude | physical comeliness |
| 3593 | pulmonary | adj. of, in or affecting the lungs |
| 3594 | pulpit | n. raised and enclosed platform in a church, where a clergyman stands when he is preaching . |
| 3595 | pulsate | v. expand and contract rhythmically; throb |
| 3596 | pulse | n. regular beating of the arteries as blood is pumped through them by the heart, esp as felt at the wrist |
| 3597 | pulverize | to reduce (as by crushing, beating, or grinding) to very small particles: ATOMIZE |
| 3598 | pummel | v. strike (sb/sth) repeatedly, esp with the fist(s); beat |
| 3599 | punctilious | adj. very careful to carry out one's duties, etc correctly; very attentive to details of behaviour or ceremony |
| 3600 | pundit | n. very learned Hindu |
| 3601 | pungency | n. quality or state of being pungent |
| 3602 | pungent | n. having a sharp or strong taste or smell |
| 3603 | punitive | adj. intended as punishment |
| 3604 | puny | adj. (usu derog) small, weak and underdeveloped |
| 3605 | purchase | n. (action of) buying sth |
| 3606 | purgatory | n. (in Roman Catholic teaching) place or condition in which the souls of the dead are purified by suffering in preparation for Heaven |
| 3607 | purge | v. ~ sb ~ sth (away) make sb clean or pure by removing (evil, sin, etc) |
| 3608 | purport | n. ~ (fml) general meaning or intention (of sth) |
| 3609 | purported | adj. alleged; supposed; rumoured |
| 3610 | purse | n. small bag for money |
| 3611 | purveyor | n. person or firm that supplies goods or services |
| 3612 | pushy | adj. (also pushing) adj (infml derog ,) trying constantly to draw attention to oneself and gain an advantage; self-assertive |
| 3613 | pusillanimous | adj. cowardly; timid ; |
| 3614 | putative | adj. generally supposed to be; reputed |
| 3615 | putrefy | v. (cause sth to) rot or decay; become or make putrid |
| 3616 | putrescent | adj. in the process of rotting |
| 3617 | putrid | adj. (esp of animal or vegetable matter) that has become rotten; decomposed |
| 3618 | puzzle | n. question that is difficult to understand or answer; mystery |
| 3619 | pyre | n. large pile of wood, etc for burning a dead body as part of a funeral ceremony |
| 3620 | pyromaniac | n. person who suffers from pyromania |
| 3621 | Barron GRE word list - q | |
| 3622 | quack | interj, n harsh sound made by a duck |
| 3623 | quadruped | n. four-footed animal |
| 3624 | quaff | v. drink (sth) by swallowing large amounts at a time, not taking small sips |
| 3625 | quagmire | n. area of soft wet ground; bog or marsh |
| 3626 | quail | n. small bird, similar to a partridge . |
| 3627 | quaint | adj. attractively odd or old-fashioned |
| 3628 | qualified | adj. having completed the relevant training or examination |
| 3629 | qualify | v. ~ (sb) (for/as sth) have or give (sb) the qualities, training, etc that are necessary or suitable (for sth) |
| 3630 | qualms | [qualm:] a sudden feeling of sickness or nausea |
| 3631 | quandary | n. state of not being able to decide what to do; awkward or difficult situation |
| 3632 | quarantine | n. isolation for people or animals that may carry an infectious disease, until it is known that there is no danger of the disease being passed on to others |
| 3633 | quarry | n. animal or bird that is being hunted |
| 3634 | quash | v. reject (by legal procedure) as not valid; declare (sth) not to be enforceable by law |
| 3635 | quay | n. landing-place, usu built of stone or iron, for loading and unloading ships |
| 3636 | queasy | adj. having a tendency to feel sick; feeling sick |

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| 3637 | queer | adj. different from what is expected; strange, esp in an unpleasant way |
| 3638 | quell | v. put an end to (sth); suppress |
| 3639 | quench | v. extinguish (fire, flames, etc), esp with water |
| 3640 | querulous | adj. complaining; irritable |
| 3641 | query | n. question |
| 3642 | queue | n. line of people, vehicles, etc waiting for sth or to do sth |
| 3643 | quibble | n. objection or criticism, esp trivial one |
| 3644 | quicksilver | n. = mercury |
| 3645 | quiescent | adj. inactive; passive; quiet |
| 3646 | quietude | n. stillness; calm ; |
| 3647 | quintessence | n. the ~ of sth essential part of (a theory, speech, condition, etc) |
| 3648 | quip | n. witty or sarcastic remark |
| 3649 | quirk | n. habit or action that is peculiar to sb/sth |
| 3650 | quisling | n. traitor, esp one who helps an enemy occupying his country , |
| 3651 | quiver | v. tremble slightly or vibrate |
| 3652 | quixotic | adj. noble, unselfish or gallant in an extravagant or impractical way |
| 3653 | quizzical | adj. in a questioning manner, esp when amused |
| 3654 | quorum | n. minimum number of people who must be present at a meeting (of a committee, etc) before it can proceed and its decisions, etc can be considered valid |
| 3655 | quotidian | adj. everyday; commonplace |
| 3656 | Barron GRE word list - r | |
| 3657 | rabble | n. disorderly crowd; mob ; |
| 3658 | rabid | adj. suffering from rabies |
| 3659 | rabies | n. fatal virus disease causing madness in dogs, foxes and other animals, transmitted to humans usu by a bite , |
| 3660 | raconteur | n. person who tells stories skilfully and wittily |
| 3661 | raffle | n. lottery with an article as the prize |
| 3662 | rag | n. odd cloth, usu torn, frayed, etc |
| 3663 | ragamuffin | n. person, esp a small boy, in dirty untidy clothes |
| 3664 | rail | n. level or sloping bar or connected series of bars of wood or metal, eg forming part of a fence, the top of a banister, a protective barrier, etc |
| 3665 | raiment | n. clothing |
| 3666 | rake | n. long-handled tool with a row of prongs at the end for drawing together fallen leaves, smoothing soil, etc |
| 3667 | rakish | adj. of or like a rake |
| 3668 | rally | v. ~ (round/to sb/sth); ~ (round) (of people) come together, esp to make new efforts, eg after a defeat or when there is danger, need, etc |
| 3669 | ram | n. uncastrated male sheep . |
| 3670 | ramble | v. walk for pleasure with no special destination |
| 3671 | ramification | n. part of a complex structure; secondary consequence, esp one that complicates |
| 3672 | ramify | v. (fml) (cause sth to) branch out in many directions; make or become a network |
| 3673 | ramp | n. slope joining two levels of ground, a floor, a road, etc |
| 3674 | rampant | adj. flourishing excessively; unrestrained |
| 3675 | rampart | n. defensive wall round a fort, etc consisting of a wide bank of earth with a path for walking along the top |
| 3676 | ramshackle | adj. almost collapsing |
| 3677 | rancid | adj. tasting or smelling bad because of staleness |
| 3678 | rancor | bitter deep-seated ill will |
| 3679 | random | adj. done, chosen, etc without method or conscious choice; haphazard |
| 3680 | rank | n. position in a scale of responsibility, quality, social status, etc |
| 3681 | rankle | v. cause lasting bitterness or resentment |
| 3682 | ransack | v. ~ sth search (a place) thoroughly |
| 3683 | rant | v. ~ (derog) speak loudly, violently or theatrically |
| 3684 | rapacious | adj. greedy, esp for money; grasping |
| 3685 | rappro | n. ~ sympathetic and harmonious relationship |
| 3686 | rapt | adj. ~ so intent or absorbed that one is unaware of other things; spellbound |
| 3687 | rapture | n. intense delight |

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| 3688 | rare | adj. not often happening or seen, etc; unusual |
| 3689 | rarefied | adj. less dense than is normal; thin |
| 3690 | rasp | n. coarse file with rows of sharp points on its surface |
| 3691 | raspy | adj. rough; grating |
| 3692 | ratify | v. make (an agreement, a treaty, etc) officially valid, usu by signing it |
| 3693 | ratiocination | n. process of logical and methodical reasoning |
| 3694 | ration | n. fixed quantity, esp an official allowance of food, etc in times of shortage |
| 3695 | rational | adj. able to reason |
| 3696 | rationale | n. fundamental reason for or logical basis of sth |
| 3697 | rationalize | to provide plausible but untrue reasons for conduct |
| 3698 | raucous | adj. loud and hoarse; harsh-sounding |
| 3699 | ravage | v. damage badly; destroy |
| 3700 | rave | v. ~ talk wildly or furiously as if in a fever or mad |
| 3701 | ravel | v. ~ (sth) (up) (cause threads or fibres to) tangle and become knotted |
| 3702 | ravenous | adj. very hungry |
| 3703 | ravine | n. deep narrow steep-sided valley between mountains |
| 3704 | raze | to destroy to the ground:DEMOLISH |
| 3705 | reactionary | n, adj opposing (esp political) progress or reform |
| 3706 | realm | n. kingdom |
| 3707 | reaper | n. person who reaps |
| 3708 | rebate | n. amount by which a debt, tax, etc can be reduced; discount or partial refund |
| 3709 | rebuff | n. unkind or contemptuous refusal or rejection (of an offer, request, friendly gesture, etc); snub |
| 3710 | rebuke | v. ~ sb express sharp or severe disapproval to sb, esp officially; reprove sb |
| 3711 | rebus | n. puzzle in which a word or phrase has to be guessed from pictures or diagrams representing the letters or syllables in it |
| 3712 | rebuttal | n. act of rebutting or being rebutted |
| 3713 | recalcitrant | adj. resisting authority or discipline; disobedient |
| 3714 | recant | v. formally reject (a former opinion, belief, etc) as being wrong |
| 3715 | recapitulate | v. state again or summarize the main points of |
| 3716 | recast | v. ~ sth (as sth) put (sth written or spoken) into a new form |
| 3717 | receptive | adj. ~ able or quick to receive new ideas, suggestions, etc |
| 3718 | recess | n. (US also vacation) period of time when work or business is stopped, esp in Parliament, the lawcourts, etc |
| 3719 | recession | n. temporary decline in economic activity or prosperity |
| 3720 | recidivism | a tendency to relapse into a previous condition or mode of behavior; especially :relapse into criminal behavior |
| 3721 | recipient | n. ~ person who receives sth |
| 3722 | reciprocal | adj. given and received in return; mutual |
| 3723 | reciprocate | v. give and receive (sth) in return; exchange (sth) mutually ; |
| 3724 | recital | n. public performance of music, dance, etc by a soloist or a small group |
| 3725 | recite | v. ~ (to sb) say (a poem, passage, etc) aloud from memory, esp to an audience |
| 3726 | reckon | v. ~ sb/sth among sth; ~ sb/sth as sth (not used in the continuous tenses) be of the opinion or consider that sb/sth is as specified |
| 3727 | recline | v. lean or lie back in a horizontal or near-horizontal position |
| 3728 | recluse | n. person who lives alone and avoids other people |
| 3729 | reconcile | to make consistent or congruous |
| 3730 | recondite | adj. (of subjects) little known or understood; obscure |
| 3731 | reconnaissance | n. exploration or a survey of an area, esp for military purposes |
| 3732 | recount | v. ~ sth give a detailed account of sth; tell about sth |
| 3733 | recourse | n. possible source of help, eg in an emergency |
| 3734 | recreant | n, adj (person who is) cowardly, unfaithful or treacherous |
| 3735 | recrimination | n. accusation in response to an accusation from sb else; countercharge |
| 3736 | rectify | v. put (sth) right; correct |
| 3737 | rectitude | n. moral correctness or straightforwardness; honesty |
| 3738 | recumbent | adj. (esp of a person) lying down; reclining |
| 3739 | recuperate | v. ~ (fml) recover from illness, exhaustion or loss, etc |
| 3740 | recurrent | adj. recurring often or regularly |
| 3741 | redolent | adj. ~ of/with sth smelling strongly of sth |

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| 3742 | redoubtable | adj. to be feared and respected; formidable |
| 3743 | redress | v. put right (a wrong); compensate for (sth) |
| 3744 | reduce | v. ~ sth (to/by sb) make sth smaller in size, number, degree, price, etc |
| 3745 | redundant | adj. not needed; superfluous; unnecessary |
| 3746 | reek | n. strong bad smell |
| 3747 | refectory | n. dining-hall in a monastery, convent, college, school, etc , |
| 3748 | referendum | n. referring of a political issue to a general vote by all the people of a country for a decision; vote thus taken |
| 3749 | refraction | n. refracting or being refracted . |
| 3750 | refractory | adj. difficult to control or discipline; wilful or unmanageable |
| 3751 | refrain | n. lines of a song or poem which are repeated, esp at the end of each verse |
| 3752 | refulgent | adj. gloriously bright; shining ; |
| 3753 | refurbish | v. make clean or bright again; redecorate |
| 3754 | refuse | n. waste or worthless material; rubbish |
| 3755 | refute | v. prove to be wrong |
| 3756 | regal | adj. of, like or fit for a king or queen; royal |
| 3757 | regale | v. ~ sb with sth amuse or entertain sb (with stories, jokes, etc) |
| 3758 | regatta | n. sporting event at which races are held between rowing-boats or yachts |
| 3759 | regeneration | spiritual rebirth |
| 3760 | regent | n. person appointed to rule a country while the monarch is too young, old, ill, etc, or is absent |
| 3761 | regicide | n. crime of killing a king |
| 3762 | regime | n. method or system of government |
| 3763 | regimen | n. set of rules about diet, exercise, etc aimed at improving sb's health and physical well-being |
| 3764 | regiment | n. (artillery and armour) unit divided into batteries or squadrons |
| 3765 | rehabilitate | v. restore to a normal life by retraining, medical treatment, etc, esp after imprisonment or illness |
| 3766 | reimburse | v. ~ sth ~ sb (for sth) (usu fml) pay back to sb (money that he has spent, lost, etc); refund sth |
| 3767 | reinstate | v. ~ sb restore sb to a previous (esp important) position |
| 3768 | reiterate | v. say or do (sth) again or repeatedly |
| 3769 | rejoinder | n. what is said in reply; retort |
| 3770 | rejuvenate | v. restore youthful appearance, strength, etc to |
| 3771 | relapse | v. ~ fall back into a previous condition or a worse state after making an improvement |
| 3772 | relegate | banish; consign to inferior position |
| 3773 | relent | v. decide to be less strict, determined or harsh |
| 3774 | relevant | adj. ~ (to sth/sb)connected with what is being discussed, what is happening,what is being done, etc |
| 3775 | relic | n. trace or feature surviving from a past age and serving to remind people of it |
| 3776 | religious | adj. of religion |
| 3777 | relinquish | v. give up or cease to practise, feel, etc (sth); abandon |
| 3778 | relish | n. ~ great enjoyment of food, etc; zest |
| 3779 | remediable | adj. that can be remedied |
| 3780 | reminiscence | n. recalling of past events and experiences; reminiscing ; |
| 3781 | reminiscent | adj. ~ of sb/sth reminding one of or suggesting sb/sth |
| 3782 | remiss | adj. ~ (fml) careless of one's duty; lax |
| 3783 | remission | n. pardoning or forgiveness of sins by God |
| 3784 | remit | v. (fml) refrain from inflicting (a punishment, etc) |
| 3785 | remittance | n. remitting of money |
| 3786 | remnant | n. small remaining quantity or part or number of things or people |
| 3787 | remonstrance | n. remonstrating; protest ; |
| 3788 | remonstrate | v. ~ with sb; ~ against sth make a protest or complaint about sb/sth |
| 3789 | remorse | n. ~ sense of deep and bitter regret for having done sth wrong |
| 3790 | remote | adj. ~ (from sth) far away from other communities, houses, etc; isolated |
| 3791 | remunerative | adj. profitable |
| 3792 | rend | v. (arch or fml) tear (sth) apart forcibly; split |

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| | render | v. ~ sth (for sth); ~ sth (to sb) give sth in return or exchange, or as sth which is due |
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| 3794 | rendezvous | n. ~ (with sb) (place chosen for a) meeting at an agreed time |
| 3795 | rendition | n. way in which a dramatic role or piece of music, etc is performed; rendering |
| 3796 | renegade | n. person that deserts a cause, political party, religious group, etc |
| 3797 | renege | v. ~ (on sth) fail to keep a promise, one's word, etc |
| 3798 | renounce | v. agree to give up ownership or possession of (sth), esp formally |
| 3799 | renovate | v. restore to good condition |
| 3800 | renown | n. fame or distinction |
| | rent | n. regular payment made for the use of land, premises, a telephone, machinery, etc; sum paid in this way |
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| 3802 | reparable | adj. (of a loss, etc) that can be made good , |
| 3803 | reparation | n. ~ (for sth) compensating for damage; making amends for loss |
| 3804 | repartee | n. sharp clever retorts |
| 3805 | repast | meal |
| 3806 | repeal | v. withdraw officially; revoke ; |
| 3807 | repel | v. drive (sb/sth) back or away; repulse |
| 3808 | repellent | adj. ~ arousing distaste or disgust; repulsive |
| | repercussion | n. indirect effect or result of an event, etc; consequence |
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| | repertoire | n. all the plays, songs, pieces, etc which a company, actor, musician, etc knows and is prepared to perform |
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| 3811 | repine | v. ~ (fml) feel or show discontent; fret |
| 3812 | replenish | v. ~ sth fill sth again |
| 3813 | replete | adj. ~ (fml) well-fed or full; gorged |
| 3814 | replica | n. exact copy, esp one made by an artist of one of his own pictures, etc |
| 3815 | replicate | v. be or make a copy of (sth); reproduce |
| 3816 | repose | v. rest; lie |
| 3817 | repository | n. place where things are stored or may be found, esp a warehouse or museum |
| | reprehensible | adj. deserving to be reprehended |
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| 3819 | repress | v. restrain or suppress (an impulse); check |
| 3820 | reprieve | v. postpone or cancel a punishment for (sb), esp the death sentence |
| 3821 | reprimand | v. ~ sb rebuke sb (for a fault, etc), esp officially |
| 3822 | reprisal | n. returning an injury, esp political or military, done to oneself; retaliation |
| 3823 | reprise | recurrent action; musical repetition; repeat performance |
| 3824 | reproach | v. ~ sb/oneself (for sth) criticize sb/oneself, esp for failing to do sth |
| 3825 | reprobate | adj. n immoral or unprincipled (person) |
| 3826 | reprobation | severe disapproval |
| 3827 | reprove | v. ~ sb (fml) blame or rebuke sb; censure |
| 3828 | repudiate | v. refuse to have any more to do with (sb); disown ; |
| 3829 | repugnance | n. ~ strong aversion or disgust |
| 3830 | repulse | v. drive back (an attacker or an attack) by fighting; repel ; |
| 3831 | repulsion | n. ~ feeling of loathing or aversion; disgust |
| 3832 | reputable | adj. having a good reputation; respected or trustworthy |
| 3833 | reputed | adj. generally said or considered to be sth/sb |
| | requiem | n. (also requiem `mass) special mass for the repose of the soul of a dead person |
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| 3835 | requisite | adj. required by circumstances or necessary for success |
| | requisition | n. ~ (for sth) official, usu written, demand for (esp) the use of property or materials by an army in wartime or by certain people in an emergency |
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| 3837 | requite | v. ~ sth (with sth) give sth in return for sth else; repay sth |
| 3838 | rescind | v. cancel or repeal (a law, contract, etc); annul |
| 3839 | resentment | n. resenting sb/sth |
| 3840 | reserve | v. ~ sth put aside or keep sth for a later occasion or special use |
| 3841 | residual | adj. left over as a residue(1); remaining |
| 3842 | residue | n. ~ (of sth) what remains after a part or quantity is taken or used |
| 3843 | resign | v. ~ give up (one's job, position, etc) |
| 3844 | resignation | n. ~ (instance of) resigning |
| | resilient | adj. springing back to its original form after being bent, stretched, crushed, etc; springy , |
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| 3846 | resolution | n. quality of being resolute or firm; determination |

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| 3847 | resolve | v. ~ on/upon/against sth/doing sth decide firmly; determine |
| 3848 | resonant | adj. continuing to echo; resounding |
| 3849 | resort | v. ~ to sth make use of sth for help; adopt sth as an expedient |
| 3850 | resound | v. ~ (through/throughout sth) (of a sound, voice, etc) fill a place with sound; produce echoes |
| 3851 | resourceful | adj. clever at finding ways of doing things |
| 3852 | respiration | n. (single act of) breathing air |
| 3853 | respite | n. ~ interval of rest or relief |
| 3854 | resplendent | adj. ~ (fml) brilliant with colour or decorations; splendid |
| 3855 | responsiveness | n. |
| 3856 | restitution | n. ~ (fml) restoration of a thing to its proper owner or original state |
| 3857 | restive | adj. restless or uneasy |
| 3858 | restraint | n. restraining or being restrained |
| 3859 | resumption | n. (instance of) resuming (resume 1) |
| 3860 | resurge | (rare) |
| 3861 | resurgent | adj. rising or reviving after destruction, defeat, disappearance, etc |
| 3862 | resurrect | v. bring (sb) back to life again |
| 3863 | resuscitate | v. bring (sb/sth) back to consciousness |
| 3864 | retain | v. keep (sth) in one's possession or use |
| 3865 | retaliate | v. ~ repay an injury, insult, etc with a similar one |
| 3866 | retard | v. make (sth) slow or late |
| 3867 | retentive | adj. having the ability to remember facts, impressions, etc , |
| 3868 | reticent | adj. ~ not revealing one's thoughts or feelings easily; reserved |
| 3869 | retinue | n. group of attendants accompanying an important person |
| 3870 | retiring | adj. avoiding society; shy |
| 3871 | retort | v. make a quick, witty or angry reply, esp to an accusation or challenge |
| 3872 | retract | v. withdraw (a statement, charge, etc) |
| 3873 | retraction | n. retracting |
| 3874 | retrench | v. make economies or reduce expenses |
| 3875 | retribution | n. ~ (fml) deserved punishment or compensation for injury, etc |
| 3876 | retrieve | v. ~ sth (esp fml) get possession of sth again |
| 3877 | retroactive | adj. effective from a past date |
| 3878 | retrograde | adj. going backwards |
| 3879 | retrospective | adj. looking back on the past |
| 3880 | revelry | n. noisy celebrations; revels |
| 3881 | reverberate | v. ~ echo or resound repeatedly |
| 3882 | reverend | adj. deserving to be treated with respect, esp because of age, etc , |
| 3883 | reverent | adj. feeling or showing reverence |
| 3884 | reverie | n. idle and pleasant thoughts |
| 3885 | revert | v. ~ to sth return to (a former state or condition) |
| 3886 | revile | v. criticize (sb/sth), in angry and abusive language , |
| 3887 | revoke | v. withdraw or cancel (a decree, permit, etc) |
| 3888 | revulsion | n. ~ feeling of disgust or horror |
| 3889 | rhapsodize | recite a rhapsody ; say (something) with great enthusiasm |
| 3890 | rhapsody | n. (often in titles) romantic composition in irregular form |
| 3891 | rhetoric | n. using language impressively or persuasively, esp in public speaking |
| 3892 | ribald | adj. humorous in a vulgar, obscene or disrespectful way |
| 3893 | rickety | adj. weak or shaky, esp in the joints; likely to fall or collapse |
| 3894 | riddle | n. puzzling question, statement or description, esp one intended to test the cleverness of those wishing to solve it |
| 3895 | rider | n. person who rides a horse, bicycle, etc |
| 3896 | rife | adj. (esp of bad things) widespread; common |
| 3897 | rift | n. split, crack, break, etc |
| 3898 | rig | v. ~ sth (with sth) fit (a ship or boat) with masts, spars, ropes, sails, etc |
| 3899 | righteous | adj. doing what is morally right |
| 3900 | rightful | adj. just, proper or legal |
| 3901 | rigid | adj. stiff; not bending or yielding |
| 3902 | rigor | severity |

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| 3903 | rile | v. annoy (sb); irritate |
| 3904 | rip | v. divide or make a hole in (sth) by pulling sharply |
| | rivet | n. metal pin or bolt for fastening two pieces of metal together, its headless end being hammered or pressed flat to prevent slipping |
| 3905 | | adj. that holds the attention; enthralling |
| 3906 | riveting | |
| 3907 | rivulet | n. small stream |
| 3908 | robust | adj. vigorous; healthy and strong |
| | rococo | adj. of a style of decoration in furniture, architecture, music, etc with much elaborated decoration, common in Europe in the 18th century |
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| 3910 | roil | to stir up: DISTURB, DISORDER |
| 3911 | rolling | having gentle rising and falling slopes; undulating |
| 3912 | romp | v. play about together in a lively way, running, jumping, etc |
| 3913 | rooster | n. = cock 1 |
| 3914 | roseate | adj. deep pink |
| | roster | n. (esp in the army, etc) list of names showing duties to be performed and the times at which those named are to perform them |
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| 3916 | rostrum | n. raised platform from which public speeches are made |
| 3917 | rote | n. by `rote by heart; from memory, without thinking of the meaning |
| 3918 | rotund | adj. (of a person) rounded; plump; fat |
| 3919 | rotunda | n. type of round building or hall, esp one with a domed roof |
| 3920 | rotundity | n. state of being rotund |
| 3921 | rousing | adj. vigorous; giving encouragement |
| 3922 | rout | n. utter defeat |
| 3923 | rubble | n. bits of broken stone, rock or bricks |
| 3924 | rubric | n. words put as a heading, esp to show or explain how sth should be done, etc |
| 3925 | ruddy | adj. (approx) (of a person's face) having a fresh healthy colour |
| 3926 | rudimentary | adj. existing in an imperfect or undeveloped form |
| 3927 | rue | n. type of evergreen shrub with bitter leaves formerly used in medicine |
| 3928 | rueful | adj. showing or feeling good-humoured regret |
| 3929 | ruffian | n. violent lawless man |
| 3930 | rumble | v. make a deep heavy continuous sound |
| 3931 | ruminant | n, adj that chews the cud, eg a cow |
| 3932 | ruminate | v. ~ think deeply; meditate; ponder |
| | rummage | v. ~ (for sth); ~ (about/around) turn things over or disarrange them while searching for sth |
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| | run-down | n. act of running down (an industry, a company, etc); reduction of the size of an industry, etc |
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| 3935 | runic | adj. of runes; written in or inscribed with runes |
| 3936 | ruse | n. deceitful way of doing sth or getting sth; trick |
| 3937 | rustic | adj. typical of the country or country people |
| 3938 | rusticate | v. send (a student) away from university temporarily, as a punishment |
| 3939 | rustle | v. make a dry light sound, esp by friction or rubbing together |
| 3940 | ruthless | adj. having or showing no pity or compassion; cruel |
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| 3942 | saboteur | n. person who commits sabotage |
| 3943 | saccharine | adj. very sweet; too sweet |
| 3944 | sacrilegious | desecrating; profane |
| 3945 | sacrosanct | adj. considered too important to be changed, argued about, etc |
| 3946 | sadistic | adj. of or showing sadism |
| 3947 | saga | n. long story of heroic deeds, esp of Icelandic or Norwegian heroes , |
| 3948 | sagacious | adj. showing wisdom and good judgement |
| 3949 | sage | n. very wise man |
| | salacious | adj. (of speech, books, pictures, etc) treating sexual activity, nudity, etc in an obscene way; |
| 3950 | | indecent; lewd , |
| 3951 | salient | adj. most noticeable or important; main |
| 3952 | saline | adj. containing salt; salty |
| 3953 | sallow | adj. (of a person's skin or complexion) yellowish |
| 3954 | salubrious | adj. (esp of the climate) health-giving |
| 3955 | salutary | adj. having a good effect |
| | salvage | n. rescue of a damaged ship or its cargo; rescue of property from damage caused by fire, floods, etc |
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| 3957 | sanctimonious | adj. showing that one feels morally better than other people |
| 3958 | sanction | n. permission or approval for an action, a change, etc |
| 3959 | sanctuary | n. sacred place, eg a church, temple or mosque , |
| 3960 | sanguinary | adj. with much bloodshed; bloody |
| 3961 | sanguine | adj. ~ (about sth/that...) hopeful; optimistic |
| 3962 | sap | n. liquid in a plant that carries food to all its parts |
| 3963 | sarcasm | n. bitter, esp ironic, remarks intended to wound sb's feelings |
| 3964 | sardonic | adj. expressing scorn, usu in a grimly humorous way; mocking |
| 3965 | sartorial | adj. of (usu men's) clothes or a way of dressing |
| 3966 | sate | satisfy to the full; cloy |
| 3967 | satellite | n. natural body in space orbiting round a larger body, esp a planet |
| 3968 | satiate | v. provide (sb) with so much of sth that he wants no more |
| 3969 | satire | n. attacking foolish or wicked behaviour by making fun of it, often by using sarcasm and parody |
| 3970 | satirical | adj. containing or using satire |
| 3971 | saturate | v. ~ sth make sth very wet; soak sth |
| 3972 | saturnine | adj. (of a person or his appearance) gloomy |
| 3973 | satyr | n. god of the woods, half man and half goat |
| 3974 | saunter | v. walk in a leisurely way; stroll |
| 3975 | savant | n. person of great learning |
| 3976 | savor | enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality |
| 3977 | savory | n. herb of the mint family used in cooking |
| 3978 | scabbard | n. cover for the blade of a sword, dagger or bayonet; sheath . |
| 3979 | scad | a great quantity |
| 3980 | scaffold | n. frame made of long metal tubes put up next to a building so that builders, painters, etc can work on it, or to support a platform |
| 3981 | scale | n. any of the thin overlapping plates of hard material covering the skin of many fish and reptiles |
| 3982 | scanty | adj. small in size or amount; hardly large enough |
| 3983 | scapegoat | n. person who is blamed or punished for the wrongdoing of sb else |
| 3984 | scavenge | v. ~ (of an animal or a bird) search for decaying flesh as food; use decaying flesh for food |
| 3985 | scenario | n. written outline of a film, play, etc with details of the scenes and plot |
| 3986 | schematic | adj. in the form of a diagram or chart |
| 3987 | scheme | n. ~ plan for doing or organizing sth |
| 3988 | schism | n. strong disagreement, esp in a religious organization over doctrine, in which one group stops recognizing the authority of the other |
| 3989 | scholarly | adj. showing the learning, care and attention typical of a scholar |
| 3990 | scintilla | n. not a scintilla of sth (fml) not the slightest amount of sth |
| 3991 | scintillate | v. give off sparks; sparkle |
| 3992 | scion | n. young member of a family, esp a noble one , |
| 3993 | scoff | v. I, Ipr] ~ speak contemptuously (about or to sb/sth); jeer or mock |
| 3994 | scorch | v. burn or discolour (a surface) by dry heat |
| 3995 | score | n. number of points, goals, etc made by a player or team in a game, or gained in a competition, etc |
| 3996 | scotch | adj. of Scottish people |
| 3997 | scourge | n. whip for flogging people |
| 3998 | scowl | n. bad-tempered or angry look on the face |
| 3999 | scrap | n. C] small, usu unwanted, piece; fragment |
| 4000 | scrappy | adj. made up of bits and pieces; not well organized; not complete |
| 4001 | scraps | [scrap:] a small piece of something larger; fragment |
| 4002 | screech | v. I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn.pr, Tn.p] ~ (out) (at sb) give a harsh high-pitched cry; call out (sth) in such a wav |
| 4003 | scrimmage | n. confused struggle or fight; tussle |
| 4004 | scruple | n. feeling that prevents one from doing or allowing sth that one thinks may be wrong |
| 4005 | scrupulous | adj. extremely careful and thorough; paying great attention to details |
| 4006 | scrutinize | examine closely and critically |
| 4007 | scuffle | n. confused struggle between people who are close together |
| 4008 | scurrilous | adj. abusive and insulting, esp in a crude or obscene way |
| 4009 | scurry | v. run with short quick steps |

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| 4010 | scurvy | n. disease of the blood caused by a lack of vitamin C in the diet |
| 4011 | scuttle | v. run with short quick steps |
| 4012 | seamy | adj. unattractive and sordid |
| 4013 | sear | v. scorch or burn (a surface) |
| | season | n. part of the year distinguished according to its particular type of weather, esp one of the four traditional periods into which the year is divided, ie spring, summer, autumn and winter |
| 4014 | | |
| 4015 | seasonable | adj. suitable for the time of year |
| 4016 | seasonal | adj. happening during a particular season; varying with the seasons |
| | seasoned | [season:] one of the four equal periods into which the year is divided by the equinoxes and solstices, resulting from the apparent movement of the sun north and south of the equator during the course of the earth's orbit around it. |
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| 4018 | secession | n. ~ (fml) (instance of) seceding |
| 4019 | seclusion | n. secluding or being secluded |
| | secrete | v. (of an organ) produce (a substance, usu liquid) either as waste material or for use within the body |
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| | sect | n. group of people who share (esp religious) beliefs or opinions which differ from those of most people |
| 4021 | | |
| 4022 | sectarian | adj. of a sect or sects |
| 4023 | secular | adj. not concerned with spiritual or religious affairs; worldly |
| 4024 | sedate | adj. calm and dignified; composed |
| 4025 | sedative | n. drug or medicine that sedates |
| 4026 | sedentary | adj. done sitting down |
| | sedition | n. words or actions intended to make people rebel against the authority of the State |
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| 4028 | seduce | v. tempt to have sexual intercourse |
| 4029 | sedulous | adj. showing much hard work, steady effort or care |
| 4030 | seedy | adj. shabby-looking; disreputable |
| 4031 | seemly | / adj (dated or fml) proper and suitable by the standards of polite society |
| | seep | v. ~ through into sth/out (of sth) (of liquids) flow slowly and in small quantities through a substance |
| 4032 | | |
| 4033 | seethe | v. bubble and froth as if boiling |
| 4034 | seine | net for catching fish |
| 4035 | seismic | adj. of earthquakes |
| 4036 | selective | adj. using or based on selection |
| | self-indulgence | n. |
| 4037 | self-righteous | adj. showing in a smug way that one believes that what one does, thinks, etc is right |
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| 4039 | semblance | n. ~ of sth appearance of being sth; likeness to sth |
| 4040 | seminal | adj. of seed or semen |
| 4041 | seminary | n. college for training priests or rabbis |
| 4042 | senility | n. state of being senile |
| 4043 | sensitization | [sensitize:] to make or become sensitive |
| 4044 | sensual | = adj of, suggesting, enjoying or giving physical (often sexual) pleasure |
| 4045 | sensuous | adj. affecting, noticed by or giving pleasure to the senses |
| 4046 | sententious | adj. expressing pompous moral judgements |
| 4047 | sentient | adj. capable of perceiving or feeling things |
| 4048 | sentimental | adj. of or concerning the emotions, rather than the reason |
| 4049 | sentinel | n. sentry |
| 4050 | septic | adj. caused by or causing infection with harmful bacteria |
| 4051 | sepulcher | [sepulchre:] a burial vault, tomb, or grave |
| | sequester | v. ~ sb/oneself (from sth) keep sb/oneself away or apart from other people; seclude |
| 4052 | | |
| 4053 | sere | being dried and withered |
| 4054 | serendipity | n. making pleasant and unexpected discoveries entirely by chance |
| 4055 | serenity | the quality or state of being shining bright and steady |
| 4056 | serpentine | adj. twisting and curving like a snake |
| 4057 | serrated | adj. having notches on the edge like a saw; having a toothed edge |
| 4058 | servile | adj. too ready to obey others; lacking independence |
| 4059 | servitude | n. condition of being forced to work for others and having no freedom |
| 4060 | sever | v. ~ sth (from sth) divide or break or separate sth by cutting |

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| 4061 | severance | n. cutting or being cut; discontinuation |
| 4062 | severity | n. quality of being severe |
| 4063 | sextant | n. instrument used for measuring the altitude of the sun, eg in order to determine the position of one's ship , |
| 4064 | shack | n. roughly built shed, hut or house |
| 4065 | shackle | n. either of a pair of metal rings linked by a chain, used for fastening a prisoner's wrists or ankles together |
| 4066 | shade | n. ~ (place where there is) comparative darkness and often coolness caused by sth blocking direct light or heat, esp of the sun |
| 4067 | sham | v. pretend (sth); feign |
| 4068 | shambles | n. scene of complete disorder; muddle; mess |
| 4069 | Shangri-la | a remote or imaginary utopia |
| 4070 | shard | n. broken piece of pottery, glass, etc |
| 4071 | shaving | [shave:] [also intr] to remove (the beard, hair, etc.) from (the face, head, or body) by scraping the skin with a razor |
| 4072 | sheaf | n. bundle of stalks of corn, barley, etc tied together after reaping |
| 4073 | shear | v. cut the wool off (a sheep) with shears |
| 4074 | sheathe | v. put (sth) into a sheath |
| 4075 | shed | n. one-storey building used for storing things, sheltering animals, vehicles, etc or as a workshop |
| 4076 | sheer | adj. complete; thorough; utter |
| 4077 | sherbet | refreshing drink of weak sweet fruit-juice |
| 4078 | shift | v. ~ (sth/sb/oneself) (from.../to...); ~ (sth/sb/oneself) (about/around) (cause sth/sb/oneself to) change or move from one position or direction to another |
| 4079 | shimmer | v. shine with a soft light that seems to waver |
| 4080 | shirk | v. avoid doing (work, one's duty, etc) through laziness, cowardice, etc |
| 4081 | shoddy | adj. of poor quality or badly made |
| 4082 | shoot | v. ~ (sth) (at sb/sth); ~ sth (from sth); ~ sth (off) fire (a gun or some other weapon); fire (a bullet, an arrow, etc) at sb/sth |
| 4083 | shove | v. push roughly |
| 4084 | shrew | n. small mouse-like animal that feeds on insects |
| 4085 | shrewd | adj. having or showing good judgement and common sense; astute |
| 4086 | shrivel | v. ~ (sth) (up) (cause sth to) shrink and wrinkle from heat, cold or dryness |
| 4087 | shudder | v. ~ (with sth) shiver violently with cold, fear, etc; tremble |
| 4088 | shuffle | v. walk without lifting the feet completely clear of the ground |
| 4089 | shun | v. keep away from (sth/sb); avoid |
| 4090 | shunt | v. move (a railway locomotive, wagons, etc) from one track to another |
| 4091 | shyster | n. unscrupulous and dishonest person, esp a lawyer |
| 4092 | sibling | n. any one of two or more people with the same parents; brother or sister |
| 4093 | sibylline | adj. spoken by or characteristic of a sibyl; mysteriously prophetic |
| 4094 | sidereal | adj. of the stars or measured by them |
| 4095 | sidetrack | to distract or be distracted from a main subject or topic |
| 4096 | sift | v. put (sth) through a sieve |
| 4097 | significant | adj. having a meaning, esp one that is immediately obvious |
| 4098 | silt | n. sand, mud, etc carried by flowing water and left at the mouth of a river, in a harbour, etc |
| 4099 | simian | adj. n (of or like a) monkey or ape |
| 4100 | simile | n. comparison of one thing with another, eg `as brave as a lion', `a face like a mask' |
| 4101 | simper | v. smile in a foolish, affected way |
| 4102 | simplistic | adj. making difficult problems, issues, ideas, etc seem much simpler than they really are; oversimplifying |
| 4103 | simulate | v. pretend to have or feel |
| 4104 | sinecure | n. position that requires no work or responsibility, but gives the holder prestige or money |
| 4105 | sinewy | adj. having strong sinews; tough; muscular |
| 4106 | singular | adj. of the form used when speaking about one person or thing |
| 4107 | sinister | adj. suggesting evil, or that sth bad may happen |
| 4108 | sinuous | adj. having many curves and twists; winding |
| 4109 | siren | n. device that makes a long loud sound as a signal or warning |
| 4110 | skeptic | = sceptic |
| 4111 | skiff | n. small light boat for rowing or sculling, usu by one person , |
| 4112 | skim | v. remove cream, scum, etc from the surface of (a liquid) |

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| 4113 | skimp | v. ~ use or provide less than enough of (what is needed) |
| 4114 | skinflint | n. miser |
| 4115 | skirmish | n. fight between small groups of soldiers, ships, etc, esp one that is not planned |
| 4116 | skittish | adj. lively and playful; difficult to control |
| 4117 | skulduggery | n. deception and planning of evil acts; trickery |
| | skulk | v. hide or move around as if one is ashamed or trying to hide, esp when one is planning sth bad |
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| 4119 | slack | adj. not tight or tense; loose |
| 4120 | slacken | v. become slack |
| | slag | n. waste matter that remains after metal has been extracted from ore by smelting |
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| 4122 | slake | v. satisfy |
| 4123 | slander | n. false statement intended to damage sb's reputation |
| 4124 | slap | v. strike (sb/sth) with the palm of the hand or with sth flat; smack |
| 4125 | slapdash | adj. adv in a careless and hasty way |
| 4126 | slaughter | n. the killing of animals, esp for food |
| 4127 | slavish | adj. lacking in independence or originality |
| 4128 | sleazy | adj. (infml) (esp of a place) dirty and not respectable; sordid |
| | sledge | n. vehicle with long narrow strips of wood, metal, etc instead of wheels, for travelling over ice and snow |
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| 4130 | sleek | adj. smooth and glossy |
| 4131 | sleeper | n. person who sleeps in the specified way |
| 4132 | sleigh | n. sledge, esp one drawn by a horse |
| | sleight | n. ,sleight of `hand great skill in using the hands in performing conjuring tricks, etc |
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| 4134 | slew | pt of slay |
| 4135 | slick | adj. done smoothly and efficiently, apparently without effort |
| 4136 | slight | adj. not serious or important; small |
| 4137 | slink | v. move as if one feels guilty or ashamed, or does not want to be seen |
| 4138 | slipshod | adj. not done or not doing things carefully; careless |
| 4139 | slither | v. slide or slip unsteadily |
| 4140 | sloth | n. laziness; idleness ; |
| 4141 | slough | n. swamp; marsh ; |
| 4142 | slovenly | adj. careless, untidy, dirty, etc in appearance, dress or habits |
| 4143 | sluggard | n. lazy slow-moving person |
| 4144 | sluggish | adj. slow-moving; not alert or lively; lethargic |
| | sluice | n. sliding gate or other device for controlling the flow of water out of or into a canal, lake, lock, etc |
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| 4146 | slur | v. run (sounds, words) into each other so that they are indistinct |
| 4147 | sly | adj. (often derog) acting or done in a secret, often cunning and deceitful, way |
| 4148 | smart | adj. bright and new-looking; well-dressed; neat |
| 4149 | smattering | n. ~ slight knowledge, esp of a language |
| | smear | v. ~ sth on/over sth/sb; ~ sth/sb with sth spread a greasy or sticky substance, eg paint, on sth/sb |
| 4150 | | |
| 4151 | smelt | v. heat and melt in order to obtain the metal it contains |
| 4152 | smirk | n. silly or self-satisfied smile |
| 4153 | smolder | = smoulder |
| 4154 | smother | v. die from lack of air, or from not being able to breathe; suffocate |
| 4155 | smudge | n. dirty or blurred mark, often caused by rubbing |
| | smug | adj. (usu derog) too pleased with or proud of oneself, one's achievements, etc; self-satisfied |
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| | sneak | v. ~ (to sb) (Brit infml derog ,) (used esp by children) tell an adult about the faults, wrongdoings, etc of another child |
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| 4158 | snicker | v. laugh in a suppressed, esp unpleasant, way; snigger |
| 4159 | snip | v. ~ (at) sth cut sth sharply (esp with scissors or shears) in short quick strokes |
| 4160 | snivel | v. (derog) cry and sniff in a miserable, usu self-pitying, way |
| 4161 | snub | v. treat (sb) coldly, rudely or with contempt, esp by paying no attention (to him) |
| 4162 | snuffle | v. make sniffing noises |
| 4163 | soar | v. go up high in the air quickly |
| 4164 | sober | adj. with one's actions and thoughts not affected by alcohol |
| 4165 | sobriety | n. quality or state of being sober |
| 4166 | sodden | adj. soaked through; very wet |

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| 4167 | sojourn | v. stay (with sb) in a place for a time |
| 4168 | solace | n. (thing that gives) comfort or relief (from pain, trouble, distress, etc) |
| 4169 | solder | n. soft mixture of metals used, when melted, for joining harder metals, wires, etc together |
| 4170 | solecism | n. mistake in the use of language, esp one that shows sb to be foreign or of low social class , |
| 4171 | solemnity | n. state or quality of being solemn; seriousness |
| 4172 | solicit | v. ~ (for sth); ~ (sth) (from sb) (fml) ask (sb) for (eg money, help, votes) earnestly; try to obtain (sth) |
| 4173 | solicitor | n. lawyer who prepares legal documents (eg for the sale of land or buildings), advises clients on legal matters, and speaks for them in the lower courts |
| 4174 | solicitous | adj. ~ (fml) very concerned and anxious about (sb's welfare, comfort, etc) |
| 4175 | soliloquy | n. speaking one's thoughts aloud, esp in a play when a character does this without another character being present on stage |
| 4176 | solitude | n. being alone without companions; solitary state |
| 4177 | solstice | n. either of the two times of the year at which the sun is furthest North or South of the equator |
| 4178 | soluble | adj. ~ that can be dissolved |
| 4179 | solvent | adj. having enough money to pay one's debts; not in debt |
| 4180 | somatic | pertaining to the body; physical |
| 4181 | somber | of a dismal or depressing character: MELANCHOLY |
| 4182 | somnambulist | n. person who does this; sleep-walker ; |
| 4183 | somnolent | adj. almost asleep; sleepy; drowsy |
| 4184 | sonic | adj. relating to sound, sound-waves or the speed of sound |
| 4185 | sonnet | n. type of poem containing 14 lines, each of 10 syllables, and with a formal pattern of rhymes |
| 4186 | sonorous | adj. having a full deep sound |
| 4187 | soothsayer | n. fortune-teller; prophet |
| 4188 | sophist | n. person who uses clever but false arguments intended to deceive |
| 4189 | sophisticated | adj. having or showing much worldly experience and knowledge of fashionable life |
| 4190 | sophistication | n. quality of being sophisticated |
| 4191 | sophistry | n. use of sophisms |
| 4192 | sophomoric | conceited and overconfident of knowledge but poorly informed and immature |
| 4193 | soporific | n, adj causing sleep |
| 4194 | sordid | adj. (of conditions, places, etc) dirty and unpleasant; squalid |
| 4195 | sound | adj. in good condition; not hurt, diseased, injured or damaged |
| 4196 | sour | adj. having a sharp taste (like that of vinegar, a lemon or unripe fruit) |
| 4197 | sovereign | adj. (of power) without limit; highest |
| 4198 | sovereignty | n. independent sovereign power |
| 4199 | sow | n. fully grown female pig . |
| 4200 | spangle | n. tiny piece of shining metal or plastic used for decoration on a dress, etc, esp in large numbers |
| 4201 | spare | adj. in addition to what is usu needed or used; kept in reserve for use when needed |
| 4202 | sparse | adj. not dense, thick or crowded; thinly scattered |
| 4203 | Spartan | adj. (of conditions) simple and harsh; without luxury or comforts |
| 4204 | spasmodic | adj. occurring or done at irregular intervals (usu for short periods at a time); not continuous or regular |
| 4205 | spat | pt, pp of spit1 |
| 4206 | spate | n. sudden fast rush |
| 4207 | spatial | adj. of, concerning or existing in space |
| 4208 | spatula | n. tool with a wide flat blunt blade used for mixing and spreading, esp in cooking and painting |
| 4209 | spawn | n. eggs of fish, shellfish and frogs, toads, etc |
| 4210 | specious | adj. seeming right or true but actually wrong or false |
| 4211 | speck | n. very small spot or stain; tiny particle |
| 4212 | spectral | adj. of or like a spectre(1) |
| 4213 | spectrum | n. (usu sing) image of a band of colours as seen in a rainbow (and usu described as red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet), formed by a ray of light that has passed through a prism |
| 4214 | speechless | adj. unable to speak, esp because of strong feeling |

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| 4215 | spendthrift | n. person who spends money extravagantly and wastefully |
| 4216 | sphinx-like | |
| 4217 | spin | v. ~ sth (round) make sth turn round and round rapidly |
| | splice | v. join (two ends of rope) by weaving the strands of one into the strands of the other |
| 4218 | | |
| 4219 | spoilsport | (informal) |
| 4220 | spontaneity | impulsiveness; absence of premeditation |
| 4221 | spoof | n. ~ (of/on sth) humorous imitation or parody |
| | spoonerism | n. result of changing round, esp accidentally, the initial sounds of two or more words when speaking, eg well-boiled icicle for well-oiled bicycle well-oiled bicycle well-boiled icicle |
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| | sporadic | adj. happening or seen only occasionally or in a few places; occurring irregularly |
| 4223 | | |
| 4224 | sportive | adj. playful |
| 4225 | sprightly | adj. lively and full of energy |
| 4226 | sprout | v. ~ (from sth) begin to grow or appear; put out leaves, shoots, etc |
| 4227 | spruce | adj. tidy and clean in appearance; smart ; |
| 4228 | spry | adj. lively and active |
| 4229 | spurious | adj. not genuine or authentic; false or fake |
| 4230 | spurn | v. reject or refuse scornfully or contemptuously |
| | squabble | v. ~ (about/over sth) quarrel noisily (as children do), esp over unimportant matters |
| 4231 | | |
| 4232 | squalid | adj. very dirty and unpleasant (esp because of neglect or poverty) |
| 4233 | squalor | n. squalid state |
| 4234 | squander | v. ~ sth waste (time, money, etc); use sth wastefully |
| 4235 | squash | v. press or squeeze (sb/sth) flat or into a pulp; crush |
| | squat | v. ~ (down) (of people) sit on one's heels or on the ground with the knees drawn up under or close to the body; crouch |
| 4236 | | |
| 4237 | squeamish | adj. having a delicate stomach and easily made sick |
| 4238 | squelch | v. make a sucking sound as when feet are lifted from thick sticky mud |
| | staccato | adj. adv (to be played) with each successive note short, clear and detached; not smooth(ly) |
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| 4240 | stagnant | adj. not flowing and therefore dirty and smelling unpleasant; still and stale |
| | staid | adj. (of people, their appearance, behaviour, tastes, etc) serious, dull and old-fashioned; conservative |
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| | stalemate | n. position of the pieces in the game of chess in which the player whose move it is cannot move without putting his king in check |
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| 4243 | stalwart | adj. (of a person) strong and sturdy |
| | stamina | n. ability to endure much physical or mental strain; long-lasting energy and resilience; staying-power |
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| | stammer | v. speak with sudden pauses and a tendency to repeat rapidly the same sound or syllable (because of a speech defect or from fear, excitement, etc) |
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| | stamp | v. ~ sth put (one's foot) down heavily on (the ground, etc); flatten (sth) by doing this |
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| 4247 | stampede | n. sudden rush of frightened animals |
| 4248 | stanch | v. stop the flow of (esp blood) |
| 4249 | standstill | n. halt; stop |
| 4250 | stanza | n. group of lines forming a unit in some types of poem; verse of poetry |
| | start | n. beginning of a journey, an activity, a plan, a race, etc; process or act of starting |
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| 4252 | stately | adj. dignified; imposing; grand |
| 4253 | static | adj. not moving or changing; stationary |
| | statute | n. law passed by Parliament or a similar law-making body and written down formally |
| 4254 | | |
| 4255 | statutory | adj. fixed, done or required by statute |
| 4256 | steadfast | adj. ~ (fml usu approv ,) firm and not changing or yielding; constant |
| 4257 | stealth | n. acting or behaving in a quiet or secret way |
| 4258 | steep | adj. (of a slope, stairs, etc) rising or falling sharply, not gradually |
| 4259 | stellar | adj. of a star or stars |
| | stem | n. main central part of a plant, bush or tree coming up from the roots, from which the leaves or flowers grow |
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| 4261 | stench | n. very unpleasant smell |
| 4262 | stentorian | adj. (of a voice) loud and powerful |

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| 4263 | stereotype | n. image,idea, character, etc that has become fixed or standardized in a conventional form without individuality |
| 4264 | sterile | adj. not producing or not able to produce seeds, young or children |
| 4265 | stickler | n. ~ for sth person who thinks that a certain goal is very important and tries to make other people aim at it |
| 4266 | stifle | v. feel or make unable to breathe (easily) because of lack of fresh air; suffocate |
| 4267 | stigma | n. mark of shame or disgrace; shameful feeling or reputation |
| 4268 | stilted | adj. (of a manner of talking, writing, behaving, etc) stiff and unnatural; artificial |
| 4269 | stink | v. (infml) ~ (of sth) have a very unpleasant and offensive smell |
| 4270 | stint | v. ~ on sth; ~ sb/oneself (usu in negative sentences) restrict, limit sb/oneself to a small amount of (esp food) |
| 4271 | stipend | n. official income (esp of a clergyman); salary ; |
| 4272 | stipple | v. paint, draw or engrave in small dots (not in lines, etc) |
| 4273 | stipulate | v. state (sth) clearly and firmly as a requirement |
| 4274 | stock | n. store of goods available for sale, distribution or use, in a shop, warehouse, etc |
| 4275 | stockade | n. line or wall of strong upright posts, built as a defence |
| 4276 | stodgy | adj. (infml derog ,) (of food) heavy, solid and difficult to digest |
| 4277 | stoic | n. person who has great self-control and who endures pain, discomfort or misfortune without complaining or showing signs of feeling it , |
| 4278 | stoke | v. ~ sth (with sth) put (coal or some other fuel) on the fire of a furnace, an engine, etc |
| 4279 | stolid | adj. (of a person) not easily excited; showing little or no emotion or interest |
| 4280 | stoop | v. ~ (down) bend forward and down |
| 4281 | stout | adj. strong and thick |
| 4282 | straggle | v. grow or spread in an irregular or untidy manner |
| 4283 | strangle | v. kill by squeezing or gripping the throat tightly; throttle |
| 4284 | stratagem | n. trick, plan or scheme to deceive sb (esp an enemy) |
| 4285 | stratified | [stratify:] to form or be formed in layers or strata |
| 4286 | stratum | n. any of a series of horizontal layers, esp of rock in the earth's crust |
| 4287 | strew | v. ~ A (on/over B); ~ B with A scatter sth (over a surface); cover (a surface) with scattered things; sprinkle |
| 4288 | striated | adj. marked with stripes, lines or furrows |
| 4289 | stricture | n. (fml) severe criticism or condemnation |
| 4290 | strident | adj. loud and harsh; shrill |
| 4291 | stringent | adj. that must be obeyed; strict or severe |
| 4292 | strut | n. rod or bar placed in a framework to strengthen and brace it |
| 4293 | studied | adj. carefully considered; intentional; deliberate |
| 4294 | studious | adj. spending a lot of time studying |
| 4295 | stultify | v. (fml) cause (sth) to be ineffective or seem absurd; negate |
| 4296 | stumble | v. ~ strike one's foot against sth and almost fall |
| 4297 | stump | n. part of a tree left in the ground after the rest has fallen or been cut down |
| 4298 | stun | v. make (a person or an animal) unconscious by a blow, esp to the head |
| 4299 | stupefy | make numb; stun; amaze |
| 4300 | stupor | n. condition of being dazed or nearly unconscious caused by shock, drugs, alcohol, etc |
| 4301 | sturdy | adj. strong and solid |
| 4302 | stygian | adj. very dark; gloomy |
| 4303 | stymie | n. situation on the green in which an opponent's ball is between one's own ball and the hole |
| 4304 | suavity | [suave:] |
| 4305 | subaltern | n. any officer in the army below the rank of captain |
| 4306 | subdue | v. bring under control by force; defeat |
| 4307 | subjective | adj. existing in the mind and not produced by things outside the mind |
| 4308 | subjugate | v. gain control of (a country, etc); subdue; conquer ; |
| 4309 | sublimate | v. express (instinctual urges, esp sexual ones) in more socially acceptable ways |
| 4310 | sublime | adj. of the greatest, most admirable kind; causing awe and reverence |
| 4311 | subliminal | adj. being perceived or affecting the mind without one being aware of it |
| 4312 | submerge | v. go under the surface of a liquid, the sea, etc |
| 4313 | submissive | adj. willing to yield to the authority of others; obedient |
| 4314 | subordinate | adj. ~ (to sb) lower in rank or position |

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| 4315 | suborn | v. use bribery or some other means to persuade (sb) to do sth illegal, esp tell lies in a court of law |
| 4316 | subpoena | n. written order requiring a person to appear in a lawcourt |
| 4317 | subsequent | adj. later; following |
| 4318 | subservient | adj. ~ (often derog) giving too much respect, obedience, etc; submissive |
| 4319 | subside | v. sink to a lower or to the normal level |
| 4320 | subsidiary | adj. 1~ connected to but smaller, of less importance,etc than sth else; subordinate |
| 4321 | subsidy | n. money paid, esp by a government, to help an industry, to support the arts, to keep prices down, etc |
| 4322 | subsistence | n. subsisting |
| 4323 | substantial | adj. large in amount; considerable |
| 4324 | substantiate | v. give facts to support (a claim, statement, etc); prove |
| 4325 | substantive | adj. genuine or actual; real |
| 4326 | subsume | v. ~ sth (fml) include sth in a particular group, class, etc or under a rule |
| 4327 | subterfuge | n. trick or excuse, esp one used to avoid difficulties, blame, failure, etc |
| 4328 | subtlety | n. quality of being subtle |
| 4329 | subversive | adj. ~ trying or likely to weaken or destroy a political system, an accepted belief, etc |
| 4330 | succinct | adj. expressedbriefly and clearly; concise |
| 4331 | succor | to go to the aid of:RELIEVE |
| 4332 | succulent | adj. (of fruit and meat) juicy and delicious |
| 4333 | succumb | v. ~ (fml) stop resisting (temptation, illness, attack, etc); yield |
| 4334 | suckle | v. feed with milk from the breast or udder |
| 4335 | suffocate | v. die as a result of not being able to breathe |
| 4336 | suffragist | advocate of voting rights (for women) |
| 4337 | suffuse | v. ~ sth (esp of colour or moisture) spread all over sth |
| 4338 | suitor | n. man courting a woman |
| 4339 | sullen | adj. silent, bad-tempered and gloomy |
| 4340 | sully | v. (fml or rhet usu fig ,) make (sth) dirty; stain; ruin or destroy (sb's reputation, etc) |
| 4341 | sultry | adj. (of the weather, air, etc) oppressively hot and humid |
| 4342 | summation | n. summing-up; summary |
| 4343 | sumptuous | adj. looking expensive and splendid |
| 4344 | sunder | v. ~ sth/sb (fml or rhet) separate sth/sb, esp by force or for ever |
| 4345 | sundry | adj. various |
| 4346 | superannuated | adj. old and barely fit for work or use |
| 4347 | supercilious | adj. thinking or showing that one thinks one is better than other people; arrogant and disdainful |
| 4348 | supererogator y | superfluous; more than needed or demanded |
| 4349 | superficial | adj. of or on the surface only |
| 4350 | superfluous | adj. more than is needed or wanted |
| 4351 | superimpose | v. ~ sth put sth on top of sth else, esp so that what is underneath can still be seen, heard, etc |
| 4352 | supernumerar y | adj. in excess of the normal number; extra |
| 4353 | supersede | v. take the place of be introduced so as to be used instead of (sth/sb) |
| 4354 | supine | adj. lying flat on the back,face upwards |
| 4355 | supplant | v. take the place of (sb/sth); replace |
| 4356 | supple | adj. bent or bending easily; not stiff; flexible |
| 4357 | suppliant | n, adj (person) asking humbly for sth |
| 4358 | supplicant | n. person who supplicates; suppliant |
| 4359 | supplicate | v. ~ sth (fml) ask (sb) humbly or pleadingly for sth |
| 4360 | supposition | n. supposing |
| 4361 | supposititious | assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical |
| 4362 | suppress | v. put an end to (sth), esp by force; crush |
| 4363 | surfeit | n. ~ (of sth) too much of sth, esp of food and drink |
| 4364 | surge | v. move forward in or like waves |
| 4365 | surly | adj. bad-tempered and unfriendly |
| 4366 | surmise | v. suppose (sth) without having evidence that makes it certain; guess |

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| 4367 | surmount | v. deal with (a difficulty, etc); overcome |
| 4368 | surpass | v. ~ sb/sth (in sth) (fml) do or be better than sb/sth; exceed sb/sth |
| 4369 | surreptitious | adj. done or acting secretly or stealthily |
| 4370 | surrogate | n. ~ (fml) person or thing that acts or is used instead of another; substitute |
| 4371 | surveillance | n. careful watch kept on sb suspected of doing wrong |
| 4372 | susceptible | adj. ~ to sth easily influenced or harmed by sth |
| 4373 | suspend | v. ~ sth (fml) hang sth up |
| 4374 | suspense | n. feeling of tenseness, worry, etc about what may happen |
| 4375 | sustain | v. bear (weight) without breaking or falling |
| 4376 | sustenance | n. food and drink; nourishment |
| 4377 | suture | n. stitch or stitches made in sewing up a wound, esp following an operation , |
| 4378 | swagger | v. walk or behave in a proud or boastful way |
| 4379 | swamp | n. soft wet land; marsh ; |
| 4380 | swarm | n. large number of insects, birds, etc moving around together, esp bees following a queen bee |
| 4381 | swarthy | adj. dark or dark-skinned |
| 4382 | swathe | n. strip of grass or other plants cut by a mower, scythe, etc |
| 4383 | sway | v. move or lean slowly from side to side |
| 4384 | swear | v. ~ (at sb/sth) use rude or blasphemous words in anger, surprise, etc; curse |
| 4385 | swear-word | n. rude or blasphemous word |
| 4386 | swell | v. ~(to sth); ~ (sth) (up) (with sth) (cause sth to) become larger or bulge outwards, eg because of pressure from inside |
| 4387 | swelter | v. be uncomfortably hot; suffer from the heat |
| 4388 | swerve | v. change direction suddenly |
| 4389 | swill | v. ~ sth (out/down) (esp Brit) rinse or flush sth by pouring large amounts of water, etc into, over or through it |
| 4390 | swindler | n. person who swindles |
| 4391 | swipe | v. (infml) ~ (at) sth/sb (try to) hit sth/sb with a swinging or reckless blow |
| 4392 | sybarite | n. person who is very fond of luxury and comfort |
| 4393 | sycophant | n. person who tries to gain people's favour by insincerely flattering them and always agreeing with them |
| 4394 | syllogism | n. form of reasoning in which a conclusion is drawn from two statements, eg All men must die; I am a man; therefore I must die |
| 4395 | sylvan | => silvan |
| 4396 | symbiosis | n. relationship between two species, organisms, etc that live close together and depend on each other in various ways |
| 4397 | symmetry | n. exact match in size and shape between the two halves of sth |
| 4398 | synchronous | similary timed; simultaneous with |
| 4399 | synoptic | adj. of or forming a synopsis |
| 4400 | synthesis | n. combining of separate parts, elements, etc to form a complex whole |
| 4401 | synthetic | adj. made by synthesis |
| 4402 | Barron GRE word list - t tablet | n. slab or panel with words cut or written on it, esp one fixed to a wall as a memorial , |
| 4403 | tacit | adj. understood without being put into words; implied |
| 4405 | taciturn | adj. saying very little; uncommunicative ; |
| 4406 | tact | n. skill at not offending people or at gaining goodwill by saying or doing the right thing |
| 4407 | tactful | adj. having or showing tact |
| 4408 | tactile | adj. of or using the sense of touch |
| 4409 | taint | n. trace of some bad quality or decay or infection |
| 4410 | takeoff | |
| 4411 | talisman | n. object that is thought to bring good luck, eg a ring or locket |
| 4412 | talon | n. claw, esp of a bird of prey |
| 4413 | tan | v. convert (animal skin) into leather by treating it with tannic acid, etc |
| 4414 | tangential | peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing |
| 4415 | tangible | adj. that can be perceived by touch |
| 4416 | tanner | n. person who tans skins to make leather |
| 4417 | tantalize | to tease or torment by or as if by presenting something desirable to the view but continually keeping it out of reach |
| 4418 | tantamount | adj. ~ to sth equal in effect to sth; as good as sth |

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| 4419 | tantrum | n. outburst of bad temper, esp in a child |
| | taper | n. length of wax-covered thread like a very thin candle burned to give light or to light other candles, etc |
| 4420 | tarantula | n. any of several types of large spider, many of them hairy and some of them poisonous , |
| 4421 | | |
| 4422 | tardy | adj. (fml) slow to act, move or happen |
| 4423 | tarnish | v. lose its brightness by being exposed to air or damp |
| 4424 | tarry | v. (arch or rhet) delay in coming to or going from a place; linger |
| 4425 | tart | adj. sharp-tasting; acid |
| 4426 | tatter | to make or become ragged or worn to shreds |
| 4427 | taunt | v. ~ sb try to provoke sb with scornful or critical remarks; jeer at sb |
| 4428 | taut | adj. tightly stretched; not slack |
| 4429 | tautological | tautologous / tR |
| 4430 | tawdry | adj. showy or gaudy but without real value |
| 4431 | tawny | adj. brownish-yellow |
| 4432 | taxonomist | one who study the general principles of scientific classification |
| 4433 | tedium | n. tediousness; boredom |
| 4434 | teetotalism | the principle or practice of complete abstinence from alcoholic drinks |
| 4435 | temerity | n. audacity; rashness |
| 4436 | temper | n. state of the mind as regards anger or calmness |
| | temperament | n. person's nature as it affects the way he thinks, feels and behaves |
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| 4438 | temperate | adj. behaving with temperance(1); showing self-control |
| | tempestuous | adj. stormy; violently agitated; turbulent |
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| 4440 | tempo | n. speed or rhythm of a piece of music |
| 4441 | temporal | adj. of worldly affairs, ie not spiritual; secular |
| 4442 | temporize | avoid committing oneself; gain time |
| 4443 | tenacious | adj. sticking or clinging firmly together or to an object |
| 4444 | tenacity | firmness; persistency; adhesiveness |
| 4445 | tenancy | use of land or buildings as a tenant(1) |
| 4446 | tenant | n. person who pays rent to a landlord for the use of a room, a building, land, etc |
| 4447 | tend | v. take care of or look after |
| 4448 | tendentious | adj. (of a speech, a piece of writing, etc) aimed at helping a cause; not impartial |
| 4449 | tender | adj. easily damaged or hurt; delicate |
| 4450 | tenet | n. principle; belief; doctrine |
| 4451 | tensile | adj. of tension |
| 4452 | tension | n. state or degree of stretching or being stretched |
| 4453 | tentative | adj. done, said, etc to test sth; hesitant or exploratory; not definite or decisive |
| 4454 | tenuous | adj. thin; slender |
| 4455 | tenure | n. holding of office or land or other property, etc , |
| 4456 | tepid | adj. lukewarm |
| 4457 | terminal | adj. of the last stage in a fatal disease |
| 4458 | terminate | v. come to an end or bring (sth) to an end |
| 4459 | termination | n. point at which or way in which sth ends |
| 4460 | terminology | n. technical terms of a particular subject |
| 4461 | terminus | n. station at the end of a railway line |
| 4462 | terrestrial | adj. of or living on land |
| 4463 | terse | adj. using few words; concise; curt |
| 4464 | tertiary | adj. third in order, rank, importance, etc; next after secondary |
| | tessellated | adj. made from small flat pieces of stone of various colours arranged in a pattern |
| 4465 | | |
| 4466 | testator | n. person who has made a will(4) |
| 4467 | testy | adj. easily annoyed; irritable |
| 4468 | tether | n. rope or chain by which an animal is fastened while it is grazing |
| 4469 | thematic | adj. of or related to a theme |
| | theocracy | n. system of government by priests or a priestly class in which the laws of the State are believed to be the laws of God |
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| 4471 | theoretical | adj. concerned with the theory of a subject |
| 4472 | therapeutic | adj. of the art of healing or the curing of disease |
| 4473 | thermal | adj. of heat |

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| 4474 | thesis | n. statement or theory put forward and supported by arguments |
| 4475 | thespian | adj. of acting or the theatre |
| 4476 | thrall | slave; bondage |
| 4477 | thrash | v. beat with a stick or whip, esp as a punishment |
| 4478 | threadbare | adj. worn thin; shabby |
| 4479 | threat | n. expression of one's intention to punish or harm sb, esp if he does not obey |
| 4480 | thresh | v. beat out or separate from husks of wheat, etc using a machine or (esp formerly) an implement held in the hand |
| 4481 | thrifty | adj. showing thrift; economical ; |
| 4482 | thrive | v. ~ (on sth) grow or develop well and vigorously; prosper |
| 4483 | throb | v. ~ (with sth) (of the heart, pulse, etc) beat, esp faster or stronger than usual |
| 4484 | throes | n. severe pains |
| 4485 | throng | n. crowded mass of people or things |
| 4486 | throttle | v. seize by the throat and stop him breathing; choke; strangle |
| 4487 | thwart | v. prevent doing what he intends; oppose (a plan, etc) successfully |
| 4488 | tickle | v. touch or stroke lightly, esp at sensitive parts, so as to cause a slight tingling sensation, often with twitching movements and laughter |
| 4489 | tightwad | excessively frugal person; miser |
| 4490 | tiller | n. person who tills |
| 4491 | tiltable | |
| 4492 | timbre | n. characteristic quality of sound produced by a particular voice or instrument |
| 4493 | timid | adj. easily frightened; shy |
| 4494 | timidity | timidness ns |
| 4495 | timorous | adj. timid |
| 4496 | tinge | v. ~ sth colour sth slightly |
| 4497 | tint | n. shade or variety of a colour |
| 4498 | tipple | v. be in the habit of drinking alcoholic drinks, esp too often or too much |
| 4499 | tirade | n. long angry speech of criticism or accusation |
| 4500 | titanic | adj. gigantic; immense |
| 4501 | tithe | n. one tenth of the annual produce of a farm, etc formerly paid as a tax to support the clergy and the church |
| 4502 | titillate | v. stimulate or excite (sb), esp sexually |
| 4503 | title | n. name of a book, poem, picture, etc , |
| 4504 | titter | n. short nervous laugh |
| 4505 | titular | adj. having a certain title(|
| 4506 | toady | n. person who flatters another or treats him with excessive respect in the hope of gain or advantage |
| 4507 | toga | n. loose outer garment worn by men in ancient Rome |
| 4508 | toil | v. ~ away (at/over sth) work long or hard |
| 4509 | token | n. sign, symbol or evidence of sth |
| 4510 | toll | n. money paid for the use of a road, bridge, harbour, etc , |
| 4511 | tome | n. large heavy book, esp a scholarly or serious one , |
| 4512 | tonic | n. medicine that gives strength or energy, taken after illness or when tired |
| 4513 | tonsure | n. shaving the top or all of the head of a person about to become a priest or monk |
| 4514 | topography | n. features of a place or district, esp the position of its rivers, mountains, roads, buildings, etc |
| 4515 | topple | v. ~ (over) be unsteady and fall |
| 4516 | torpedo | n. tube-shaped explosive underwater missile launched against ships by submarines, aircraft or surface ships |
| 4517 | torpor | n. torpid condition |
| 4518 | torque | n. twisting force causing rotation in machinery |
| 4519 | torrent | n. violently rushing stream of water, lava, etc |
| 4520 | torrid | adj. very hot and dry |
| 4521 | torso | n. main part of the human body, not including the head, arms and legs; trunk |
| 4522 | tortuous | adj. full of twists and turns |
| 4523 | toss | v. ~ sth (to sb) throw sth lightly or carelessly or easily |
| 4524 | totem | n. natural object, esp an animal, considered by N American Indians as the emblem of a clan or family |
| 4525 | totter | v. walk or move unsteadily; stagger |
| 4526 | touching | adj. arousing pity or sympathy |
| 4527 | touchstone | stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion |

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| 4528 | touchy | adj. easily offended |
| | tout | v. ~ try to get people to buy (one's goods or services), esp in an annoyingly insistent way |
| 4529 | | |
| 4530 | toxic | adj. poisonous |
| 4531 | tract | n. large stretch or area of land |
| 4532 | tractable | adj. easily guided, handled or controlled; docile ; |
| 4533 | traduce | v. saydamaging untrue things about (sb/sth); slander or defame; |
| 4534 | trajectory | n. curved path of sth that has been fired, hit or thrown into the air, eg a missile |
| 4535 | tramp | v. walk with heavy or noisy steps |
| | trample | v. ~ sth/sb (down) tread heavily on sth/sb so as to cause damage or destruction |
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| 4537 | trance | n. sleep-like state, caused eg by being hypnotized |
| 4538 | tranquillity | n. tranquil condition |
| | transcend | v. be or go beyond the range of (human experience, belief, powers of description, etc) |
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| | transcendent | adj. extremely great; supreme |
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| | transcendental | adjgoing beyond the limits of humanknowledge, experience or reason, esp in a mystical or religious way |
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| 4542 | transcribe | v. ~ sth copy sth in writing |
| | transgression | n. transgressing |
| 4543 | | |
| 4544 | transient | adj. lasting for only a short time; brief; fleeting |
| 4545 | transition | n. ~ (to sth) (instance of) changing from one state or condition to another |
| 4546 | transitory | adj. lasting for only a short time; transient |
| 4547 | translucent | adj. allowinglight to pass through but not transparent |
| 4548 | transmute | v. ~sth change sth (into sth completely different) |
| 4549 | transparent | adj. allowinglight to pass through so that objects behind can be seen clearly |
| 4550 | transpire | v. (of an event, a secret, etc) become known |
| 4551 | transport | v. ~ sth/sb (to...) take sth/sb from one place to another in a vehicle |
| 4552 | transpose | v. cause to change places |
| 4553 | trappings | n. outward signs of prestige, wealth, etc |
| 4554 | traumatic | adj. of or causing trauma |
| 4555 | travail | n. painful effort |
| 4556 | traverse | v. travel, lie or extendacross |
| 4557 | travesty | n. ~ absurd imitation of or inferior substitute for sth |
| 4558 | tread | v. ~ (on, etc sth/sb) set one's foot down; walk or step |
| 4559 | treasure | n. gold, silver, jewels, etc |
| 4560 | treatise | n. ~ long written work dealing systematically with one subject |
| 4561 | trek | n. long hard journey, esp on foot |
| 4562 | tremor | n. slight shaking or trembling |
| 4563 | tremulous | adj. tremblingfrom nervousness or weakness |
| 4564 | trenchant | adj. strongly and effectively expressed; penetrating |
| 4565 | trepidation | n. great worry or fear about sth unpleasant that may happen |
| 4566 | tribulation | n. (sad event, accident, illness, etc that causes) great trouble or suffering |
| 4567 | tribunal | n. group of officials with the authority to settle certain types of dispute |
| | tribune | Any champion of the rights and liberties of the people: often used as the name for a newspaper. |
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| 4569 | tribute | n. action, statement or gift that is meant to show one's respect or admiration |
| 4570 | trickle | v. flow in a thin stream |
| 4571 | trickster | n. person who tricks or cheats people; swindler ; |
| 4572 | trident | n. spear with three points |
| 4573 | trifle | n. thing, question or activity that has little value or importance |
| 4574 | trifling | adj. unimportant; trivial |
| 4575 | trigger | n. lever that releases a spring, esp so as to fire a gun |
| 4576 | trilogy | n. group of three related works, esp three novels or operas |
| 4577 | trim | v. make (sth) neat or smooth by cutting away irregular parts |
| 4578 | trinket | n. small ornament, piece of jewellery, etc of little value |
| 4579 | trite | adj. not new or original, because often used; hackneyed; commonplace , |
| 4580 | trivia | n. unimportant things, details or pieces of information |
| 4581 | troth | n. (idm) plight one's troth |

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| 4582 | trough | n. long narrow open box for animals to feed or drink from |
| 4583 | truculence | agressiveness; ferocity |
| 4584 | truism | n. statement that is obviously true, esp one that does not say anything important, eg Nothing lasts for ever , |
| 4585 | truncate | v. shorten by cutting off the top or end |
| 4586 | trunk | n. main stem of a tree, from which the branches grow . |
| 4587 | tryst | meeting |
| 4588 | tumid | adj. (of parts of the body) swollen |
| 4589 | tumult | n. disturbance or confusion, esp of a large mass of people |
| 4590 | tundra | n. vast flat treeless Arctic regions of Europe, Asia and N America where the subsoil is permanently frozen |
| 4591 | turbid | adj. (of liquids) opaque or muddy; not clear |
| 4592 | turbulence | n. unrest or disturbance |
| 4593 | tureen | n. deep dish with a lid from which soup, vegetables, etc are served at table |
| 4594 | turgid | adj. (of language, style, etc) pompous and difficult to follow; boring |
| 4595 | turmoil | n. great disturbance, agitation or confusion |
| 4596 | turncoat | n. person who changes from one side, party, etc to another |
| 4597 | turpitude | n. state or quality of being wicked; depravity ; |
| 4598 | tutelage | n. protection of and authority over a person, country, etc; guardianship |
| 4599 | tutelary | adj. acting as a guardian or protector |
| 4600 | tycoon | n. wealthy and powerful businessman or industrialist; magnate |
| 4601 | typhoon | n. violent tropical hurricane that occurs in the western Pacific |
| 4602 | tyranny | n. cruel, unjust or oppressive use of power or authority |
| 4603 | tyro | beginner; novice |
| 4604 | Barron GRE word list - u | |
| 4605 | ubiquitous | adj. (seeming to be) present everywhere or in several places at the same time |
| 4606 | ulcer | n. open sore containing poisonous matter on the outside of the body or on the surface of an internal organ |
| 4607 | ulterior | adj. beyond what is obvious or admitted |
| 4608 | ultimate | adj. beyond which no other exists or is possible; last or final |
| 4609 | ultimatum | n. final demand or statement of terms to be accepted without discussion, eg one sent to a foreign government and threatening war if the conditions are not accepted |
| 4610 | umbrage | n. give `umbrage; take `umbrage (at sth) (fml or joc) (make sb) feel offended or slighted |
| 4611 | unaccountable | adj. that cannot be explained or accounted for |
| 4612 | unanimity | n. complete agreement or unity |
| 4613 | unassailable | adj. that cannot be attacked or conquered |
| 4614 | unassuaged | |
| 4615 | unassuming | adj. not drawing attention to oneself or to one's merits or rank; modest |
| 4616 | unbridled | adj. not controlled or checked |
| 4617 | uncanny | adj. unnatural |
| 4618 | unceremonious | adj. without proper formality or dignity |
| 4619 | unconscionable | adj. unreasonable or excessive |
| 4620 | uncouth | adj. rough, awkward or ill-mannered; not refined , |
| 4621 | unction | n. action of anointing with oil as a religious rite |
| 4622 | unctuous | adj. insincerely earnest or flattering, esp in an oily way |
| 4623 | undergird | strengthen the base of |
| 4624 | underhand | adj. done or doing things in a sly or secret way; deceitful |
| 4625 | undermine | v. make a hollow or tunnel beneath (sth); weaken at the base |
| 4626 | underscore | v. = underline |
| 4627 | understate | v. state or express in a very controlled way |
| 4628 | undertaker | n. person whose business is to prepare the dead for burial or cremation and arrange funerals |
| 4629 | undulate | v. have a wave-like movement or appearance |
| 4630 | undulating | [undulate:] to move or cause to move in waves or as if in waves |
| 4631 | unearth | v. ~ sth uncover or obtain sth from the ground by digging |
| 4632 | unearthly | adj. supernatural or mysterious or frightening |

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| 4633 | unequivocal | adj. having only one possible meaning; clear and unmistakeable |
| 4634 | unerringly | adv. |
| 4635 | unexceptionable | adj. that cannot be criticized; entirely satisfactory |
| 4636 | unfaltering | steadfast |
| 4637 | unfeigned | adj. not pretended; genuine or sincere |
| 4638 | unfetter | to release from fetters, bonds, etc. |
| 4639 | unfledged | immature |
| 4640 | unfrock | v. dismiss from the priesthood |
| 4641 | ungainly | adj. clumsy or awkward; not graceful |
| 4642 | unguent | ointment |
| 4643 | uniformity | sameness; consistency; monotony |
| 4644 | unilateral | adj. done by or affecting one person, group, country, etc and not another; one-sided |
| 4645 | unimpeachable | adj. that cannot be doubted or questioned; trustworthy |
| 4646 | uninhibited | unrepressed |
| 4647 | unintimating | |
| 4648 | unique | adj. being the only one of its type |
| 4649 | unison | n. in unison (with sb/sth) sounding or singing together the same musical note (or the same note in different octaves) |
| 4650 | universal | adj. of, belonging to, affecting or done by all people or things in the world or in a particular group |
| 4651 | unkempt | adj. not kept tidy; looking dishevelled or neglected |
| 4652 | unmitigated | adj. having no accompanying advantages whatever; complete; absolute |
| 4653 | unobtrusive | adj. not too obvious or easily noticeable; not drawing attention to itself or himself; discreet |
| 4654 | unprecedented | adj. without precedent; never having happened, been done or been known before |
| 4655 | unprepossessing | adj. not attractive or appealing in appearance |
| 4656 | unravel | v. (cause sth woven, knotted or tangled to) separate into strands |
| 4657 | unregenerate | unrepentant; unreformed |
| 4658 | unrequited | adj. (esp of love) not returned or rewarded |
| 4659 | unruly | adj. not easy to control or discipline; disorderly |
| 4660 | unsavory | distasteful; morally offensive |
| 4661 | unscathed | adj. not injured or hurt; unharmed |
| 4662 | unseemly | adj. (of behaviour, etc) not proper or seemly; unbecoming |
| 4663 | unsightly | adj. not pleasant to look at; ugly |
| 4664 | unsullied | |
| 4665 | untenable | adj. that cannot be defended |
| 4666 | untoward | adj. inconvenient or unfortunate; awkward |
| 4667 | unwarranted | adj. unjustified or unauthorized |
| 4668 | unwieldy | adj. awkward to move or control because of its shape, size or weight |
| 4669 | unwitting | adj. not knowing or aware |
| 4670 | unwonted | adj. not customary or usual |
| 4671 | upbraid | v. ~ sb (dated or fml) scold or reproach sb |
| 4672 | upright | adj. in a vertical position; erect |
| 4673 | uproar | n. noise and excitement or anger; tumult |
| 4674 | uproarious | adj. very noisy or high-spirited |
| 4675 | upshot | n. the ~ the final result or outcome |
| 4676 | urbane | adj. having or showing refined manners, smooth elegance and sophistication |
| 4677 | urchin | n. (esp dated) mischievous or naughty child, esp a boy |
| 4678 | urge | v. drive forcibly or hurry in a certain direction |
| 4679 | urgent | adj. needing immediate attention, action or decision |
| 4680 | ursine | bearlike; pertaining to a bear |
| 4681 | usage | n. manner of using sth; treatment |
| 4682 | usurp | v. take (sb's power, right, position) wrongfully or by force |
| 4683 | usury | n. (lending of money at) excessively high interest |
| 4684 | utopia | n. imaginary place or state of things in which everything is perfect |
| 4685 | uxorious | adj. excessively fond of one's wife |

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| 4686 | Barron GRE word list - v | |
| 4687 | vacillate | v. ~ (fml usu derog ,) keep changing one's mind; move backwards and forwards between two emotions |
| 4688 | vacuous | adj. showing or suggesting absence of thought or intelligence; inane |
| 4689 | vagabond | n. wanderer or vagrant, esp an idle or dishonest one |
| 4690 | vagary | n. strange,unusual or capricious change; whim |
| 4691 | vagrant | n. person without a settled home or regular work; tramp |
| 4692 | vain | adj. having too high an opinion of one's looks, abilities, etc; conceited ; |
| 4693 | vainglorious | adj. full of vainglory; conceited and boastful ; |
| 4694 | valediction | n. (words used in) saying farewell, esp on serious occasions |
| 4695 | valedictory | adj. serving as or accompanying a farewell |
| 4696 | valid | adj. legally effective because made or done with the correct formalities |
| 4697 | validate | v. make legally valid; ratify |
| 4698 | valor | bravery |
| 4699 | vampire | n. reanimated corpsebelieved by some to leave its grave at night and suck the blood of living people |
| 4700 | vanguard | n. the vanguard leading part of an advancing army or fleet |
| 4701 | vantage | n. position,etc that gives sb superiority or advantage |
| 4702 | vapid | adj. dull or uninteresting |
| 4703 | vaporize | to convert (as by the application of heat or by spraying) into vapor |
| 4704 | variegate | To mark with different shades or colors. |
| 4705 | variegated | adj. marked irregularlywith differently coloured patches, streaks, spots, etc |
| 4706 | varnish | n. hard shiny transparent coating applied to the surface of esp woodwork or metalwork |
| 4707 | vassal | n. man promising to fight for and be loyal to a king or lord in return for the right to hold land |
| 4708 | vaunted | [vaunt:] vt. to describe, praise, or display (one's success, possessions, etc.) boastfully |
| 4709 | veer | v. (esp of a vehicle) change direction or course |
| 4710 | vegetate | v. live a dull life with little activity or interest |
| 4711 | vehement | adj. showing or caused by strong feeling; passionate |
| 4712 | velocity | n. (usu of inanimate things) speed, esp in a given direction |
| 4713 | venal | adj. ready to accept money for doing sth dishonest |
| 4714 | vendetta | n. hereditary feud between families in which murders are committed in revenge for previous murders |
| 4715 | vendor | n. person who sells food or other small items from a stall in the open air |
| 4716 | veneer | n. decorative wood or plastic glued to the surface of cheaper wood (for furniture, etc) , |
| 4717 | venerable | adj. deserving respect because of age, character, associations, etc |
| 4718 | venerate | v. respect (sb/sth) deeply; regard as sacred |
| 4719 | venial | adj. not serious; excusable |
| 4720 | venison | n. flesh of a deer used as meat |
| 4721 | venom | n. poisonous fluid of certain snakes, scorpions, etc, injected by a bite or sting |
| 4722 | vent | n. opening that allows air, gas, liquid, etc to pass out of or into a confined space , |
| 4723 | ventilate | v. cause air to enter and move freely through |
| 4724 | ventral | adj. of or on the abdomen |
| 4725 | ventriloquist | n. person skilled in this |
| 4726 | venture | n. project or undertaking,esp a commercial one where there is a risk of failure |
| 4727 | venturesome | adj. (of people) ready to take risks; daring |
| 4728 | venue | n. place where people agree to meet, esp for a sports contest or match |
| 4729 | veracious | adj. (of a person) truthful |
| 4730 | veracity | n. truthfulness; truth |
| 4731 | verbalize | put into words |
| 4732 | verbatim | adj. adv exactly as spoken or written; word for word |
| 4733 | verbiage | n. (use of) too many words, or unnecessarily difficult words,to express an idea, etc |
| 4734 | verbose | adj. using or containing more words than are needed |
| 4735 | verdant | adj. (of grass, vegetation, fields, etc) fresh and green |
| 4736 | verdigris | n. greenish-blue substance that forms on copper, brass and bronze surfaces |
| 4737 | verge | n. = soft shoulder (soft) |

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| 4738 | verisimilar | having the appearance of truth probable |
| | verisimilitude | n. appearance or semblance of being true or real |
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| 4740 | veritable | adj. rightly named or called; real |
| 4741 | verity | n. truth (of a statement, etc) |
| | vernacular | n. language or dialect spoken in a particular country or region, as compared with a formal or written language |
| 4742 | | |
| 4743 | vernal | adj. of, in or appropriate to the season of spring |
| 4744 | versatile | adj. turning easily or readily from one subject, skill or occupation to another |
| 4745 | vertebrate | n, adj having a backbone |
| 4746 | vertex | n. (fml) highest point or top; apex |
| | vertigo | n. feeling of losing one's balance, caused esp by looking down from a great height; dizziness |
| 4747 | | |
| 4748 | verve | n. enthusiasm, spirit or vigour, esp in artistic or literary work |
| 4749 | vestige | n. small remaining part of what once existed; trace |
| 4750 | veto | n. constitutional right to reject or forbid a legislative proposal or action |
| 4751 | vex | v. anger or annoy (sb), esp with trivial matters |
| 4752 | viable | adj. sound and workable; feasible |
| 4753 | viand | food |
| 4754 | vibrant | adj. vibrating strongly; resonant |
| | vicar | n. clergyman in charge of a parish where tithes formerly belonged to another person or an institution |
| 4755 | vicarious | adj. felt or experienced indirectly, by sharing imaginatively in the feelings, activities, etc of another person |
| 4756 | vicissitude | n. (fml) change in one's circumstances, esp for the worse |
| 4758 | victuals | n. food and drink; provisions ; |
| | vie | v. ~ with sb (for sth/to do sth); ~ for sth (fml) compete keenly with sb (for sth); rival sb for sth |
| 4759 | | |
| 4760 | vigil | n. staying awake, esp at night, to keep watch or to pray |
| 4761 | vigilance | watchfulness |
| 4762 | vigilant | adj. looking out for possible danger, trouble, etc; watchful or alert |
| | vigilante | n. member of a self-appointed group of people who try to prevent crime and disorder in a community |
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| 4764 | vignette | n. illustration, esp on the title-page of a book, but not in a definite border |
| 4765 | vigor | active bodily or mental strength or force |
| 4766 | vile | adj. extremely disgusting |
| 4767 | vilify | v. (fml) say evil or insulting things about (sb); slander |
| 4768 | vindicate | v. clear (sb/sth) of blame or suspicion |
| 4769 | vindictive | adj. having or showing a desire for revenge; unforgiving |
| 4770 | vintner | n. wine-merchant |
| 4771 | violate | v. break or be contrary to |
| 4772 | viper | n. any of various types of poisonous snake found in Africa, Asia and Europe , |
| 4773 | virile | adj. (of men) having procreative power; sexually potent |
| | virtual | adj. being or acting as what is described, but not accepted as such in name or officially |
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| 4775 | virtue | n. moral goodness or excellence |
| | virtuoso | n. person who is exceptionally skilled in the techniques of a fine art, esp playing a musical instrument or singing |
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| 4777 | virulent | adj. extremely harmful or deadly |
| 4778 | virus | n. simple organism, smaller than bacteria, and causing infectious disease |
| 4779 | visage | n. person's face |
| 4780 | visceral | adj. of the viscera |
| 4781 | viscid | adhesive; gluey |
| 4782 | viscous | adj. not pouring easily; thick and sticky |
| 4783 | vise | tool for holding work in place |
| 4784 | vision | n. power of seeing; sight |
| 4785 | visionary | adj. having or showing foresight or wisdom |
| 4786 | vital | adj. connected with or essential to life |
| 4787 | vitiate | v. weaken or spoil the quality or efficiency of (sth) |
| 4788 | vitreous | adj. having a glass-like texture or finish |
| 4789 | vitriolic | adj. savagely and bitterly hostile |
| 4790 | vituperative | adj. vituperative debate, criticism, etc |

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| 4791 | vivacious | adj. (esp of a woman) lively or high-spirited |
| 4792 | vivid | adj. strong and bright; intense |
| 4793 | vivisection | n. practice of performing surgical experiments on live animals for scientific research |
| 4794 | vixen | n. female fox |
| 4795 | vociferous | adj. loud or noisy; expressing one's views forcibly and insistently |
| 4796 | vogue | n. ~ current or prevailing fashion |
| 4797 | volatile | adj. changing rapidly into vapour |
| 4798 | volition | n. act of using one's will in choosing, making a decision, etc |
| 4799 | volley | n. simultaneous throwing or firing of a number of stones, bullets, etc |
| 4800 | voluble | adj. (of a person) speaking a lot; talkative |
| 4801 | voluminous | adj. (of clothing etc) using much material; loose-fitting or ample |
| 4802 | voluptuous | adj. giving a feeling of luxury or sensual pleasure |
| 4803 | voodoo | n. form of religion based on belief in witchcraft and magical rites, practised by blacks in the W Indies, esp in Haiti , |
| 4804 | voracious | adj. very greedy in eating; ravenous |
| 4805 | vortex | n. whirling mass of water, air, etc, as in a whirlpool or whirlwind |
| 4806 | vouch | v. ~ for sb/sth take responsibility for or express confidence in (a person, his behaviour, etc); quarantee |
| 4807 | vouchsafe | v. ~ sth (dated or fml) grant sth (to sb) as a gift or privilege |
| 4808 | voyeur | n. person who gets pleasure from watching in secret others undressing or engaging in sexual activities |
| 4809 | vulgar | adj. lacking in good taste or refinement |
| 4810 | vulnerable | adj. ~ that can be hurt, wounded or injured |
| 4811 | vulpine | adj. of or like a fox |
| 4812 | vulture | n. large bird, usu with head and neck almost bare of feathers, that lives on the flesh of dead animals |
| 4813 | vying | president part of vie(competite) |
| 4814 | Barron GRE word list - w | |
| 4815 | wade | v. walk with an effort (through water, mud or anything that makes walking difficult) |
| 4816 | waffle | n. small crisp cake made of cooked batter with a pattern of squares on it, often eaten with syrup |
| 4817 | waft | v. be carried lightly and smoothly (as if) through the air |
| 4818 | wag | v. (cause sth to) move quickly from side to side or up and down |
| 4819 | wage | n. regular (usu weekly) payment made or received for work or services |
| 4820 | waggish | adj. of, like, done or made by a wag |
| 4821 | waif | n. homeless person, esp an abandoned child |
| 4822 | waive | v. not insist on (sth) in a particular case; forego |
| 4823 | wake | v. ~(up) stop sleeping |
| 4824 | wallow | v. (~ in sth) lie and roll about in mud, water, etc |
| 4825 | wan | adj. (of a person, his appearance, etc) pale and looking ill or tired; pallid |
| 4826 | wanderlust | n. strong desire to travel |
| 4827 | wane | v. show a gradually decreasing area of brightness after being full |
| 4828 | wangle | v. ~ sth (out of sb) get or arrange sth that one wants by using trickery or clever persuasion |
| 4829 | wanton | adj. done deliberately for no good reason; wilful |
| 4830 | warble | v. (esp of a bird) sing in a continuous gentle trilling way |
| 4831 | ward | n. separate part or room in a hospital for a particular group of patients |
| 4832 | warp | v. become bent or twisted from the usual or natural shape, esp because of uneven shrinkage or expansion |
| 4833 | warrant | n. ~ written order giving authority to do sth |
| 4834 | warranted | [warrant:] anything that gives authority for an action or decision; authorization; sanction |
| 4835 | warranty | n. guarantee, esp one given to the buyer of an article, promising to repair or replace it if necessary |
| 4836 | warren | n. area of land with many burrows in which rabbits live and breed |
| 4837 | wary | adj. ~ (of sb/sth) looking out for possible danger or difficulty; cautious |
| 4838 | wastrel | n. lazy good-for-nothing person |
| 4839 | waver | v. be or become weak or unsteady; falter |
| 4840 | wax | n. soft sticky yellow substance produced by bees and used by them for making honeycombs |

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| 4841 | waylay | v. (pt, pp waylaid)wait for and stop (sb who is passing), esp in order to rob him or to ask him for sth |
| 4842 | wean | v. ~ sb/sth (on to sth) gradually stop feeding (a baby or young animal) with its mother's milk and start feeding it with solid food |
| 4843 | weary | adj. very tired, esp as a result of effort or endurance; exhausted |
| 4844 | weather | n. condition of the atmosphere at a certain place and time, with reference to temperature and the presence of rain, sunshine, wind, etc |
| 4845 | weird | adj. (frightening because it is) unnatural, uncanny or strange |
| 4846 | well-bred | adj. having or showing good manners |
| 4847 | welt | n. strip of leather round the edge of the upper of a shoe, to which the sole is stitched |
| 4848 | welter | n. ~ of sth/sb disorderly mixture of things or people; general confusion |
| 4849 | wheedle | v. ~ sth (out of sb) obtain sth by being pleasant to or flattering sb |
| 4850 | whelp | n. young animal of the dog family; puppy or cub ; |
| 4851 | whet | v. (fml) sharpen (the blade of a knife, an axe, etc), esp by rubbing with a stone |
| 4852 | whiff | n. ~ faint smell or puff of air or smoke |
| 4853 | whim | n. sudden desire or idea, esp an unusual or unreasonable one; caprice |
| 4854 | whimsical | adj. full of whimsy; fanciful, playful or capricious |
| 4855 | whimsy | n. odd or playful behaviour or humour |
| 4856 | whine | n. long high-pitched complaining cry, esp one made by a dog or child |
| 4857 | whinny | n. gentle neighing sound |
| 4858 | whit | n. the smallest amount |
| 4859 | whittle | v. ~ (at) sth cut thin slices or strips off (wood, etc) |
| 4860 | wholesome | adj. good for one's health or well-being |
| 4861 | whorl | n. one turn of a spiral |
| 4862 | wiggle | v. (cause sth to) move from side to side with rapid short movements |
| 4863 | willful | intentional; headstrong |
| 4864 | willowy | adj. tall, lithe and slender |
| 4865 | wilt | v. (of a plant or flower) droop and wither |
| 4866 | wily | adj. crafty or cunning; full of wiles |
| 4867 | wince | v. ~ show pain, distress or embarrassment by a slight involuntary movement, esp of the muscles in the face |
| 4868 | windfall | n. fruit, esp an apple, that has been blown off a tree by the wind |
| 4869 | winnow | v. blow a current of air through (grain) in order to remove (the chaff) |
| 4870 | winsome | adj. attractive and pleasant |
| 4871 | wisp | n. ~ small separate bunch, bundle or twist (of sth) |
| 4872 | wistful | adj. full of or expressing sad or vague longing |
| 4873 | withdrawn | adj. uncommunicative or unsociable |
| 4874 | wither | v. ~ ~ (sth) (up) (cause sth to) become dry, shrivelled or dead |
| 4875 | withhold | v. (fml) ~ sth (from sb/sth) (fml) refuse to give sth; keep sth back |
| 4876 | withstand | v. (often fml) endure (sth) without giving in, collapsing, wearing out, etc; resist |
| 4877 | witless | adj. unintelligent or foolish; out of one's mind |
| 4878 | witticism | n. witty remark |
| 4879 | wizardry | n. practice of magic |
| 4880 | wizened | adj. having a dried-up wrinkled skin; shrivelled |
| 4881 | woe | n. great sorrow or distress |
| 4882 | woeful | adj. full of woe; sad |
| 4883 | wont | adj. ~ to do sth in the habit of doing sth; accustomed to doing sth |
| 4884 | worldly | adj. of (the affairs of) the world, esp the pursuit of pleasure or material gain; not spiritual |
| 4885 | wrangle | n. ~ (about/over sth) noisy or angry argument or dispute (with sb) (about sth) |
| 4886 | wrath | n. extreme anger |
| 4887 | wreak | v. ~ sth (on sb) carry out (revenge or vengeance) on sb; inflict sth |
| 4888 | wrench | v. ~ sth off (sth); ~ sb/sth away twist or pull sb/sth violently away from sth |
| 4889 | wrest | v. ~ sth from sb take sth away from sb violently |
| 4890 | wretch | n. very unfortunate or miserable person |
| 4891 | wring | v. ~ sth (out) twist and squeeze sth in order to remove liquid from it |
| 4892 | wrinkle | n. small fold or line in the skin, esp one of those on the face that are caused by age |
| 4893 | writ | n. formal legal written order to do or not to do sth, issued by a court of law or a person in authority |
| 4894 | writhe | v. twist or roll about, esp because of great pain |

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| 4895 | wrongheaded | adj. Perverse and obstinate. |
| 4896 | wry | adj. (of a person's face, features, etc) twisted into an expression of disappointment, disgust or mockery |
| 4897 | Barron GRE word list - x | |
| 4898 | xenophobia | n. intense dislike or fear of foreigners or strangers |
| 4899 | Barron GRE word list - y | |
| 4900 | yen | n. unit of money in Japan |
| 4901 | yeoman | n. (Brit) (esp arch) farmer who owns and works his land |
| 4902 | yield | v. bear, produce or provide |
| 4903 | yoke | n. shaped piece of wood fixed across the necks of two animals (esp oxen) pulling a cart, plough, etc |
| 4904 | yokel | n. simple-minded country person; bumpkin ; |
| 4905 | yore | n. of yore (arch or rhet) long ago |
| 4906 | Barron GRE word list - z | |
| 4907 | zany | adj. (infml) amusingly ridiculous; eccentric |
| 4908 | zeal | n. ~ (for sth) (usu intense) energy or enthusiasm; keenness |
| 4909 | zealot | n. person who is extremely enthusiastic about sth, esp religion or politics; fanatic , ; |
| 4910 | zenith | n. point in the heavens directly above an observer |
| 4911 | zephyr | n. soft gentle breeze |
| 4912 | zest | n. ~ great enjoyment or excitement; gusto |