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abide	(a-bide)	v	bear, stand, tolerate, put up with, endure “I can’t abide loud noise”
voice	(voice)	n	sound produced by the vocal organs of a person or animal “When the man caught a cold he lost his voice”
jungle	(jung´-ul)	n	rain forest, wilderness, unexplored territory, bush, swampy forest “Tarzan lived in the jungle.”
scramble	(skram´-bul)	v	go forward using the hands and knees “See the children scramble under the slide.”
welcome	(well´-kum)	adj	causing pleasure, received with pleasure “The news of the baby’s birth was welcome.”
laugh	(laff)	v	make sounds which show amusement or pleasure “The girl began to laugh when the clown fell down”
bicker	(bick´-er)	v	squabble, quarrel, argue, spat “The children constantly bicker over their toys.”
clutter	(klut´-er)	n	pile, heap, mess, litter, disorder “A clutter of dirty dishes filled the sink.”
location	(low-kay´-shun)	n	position, site, spot, place, situation “This corner would make a good location for an ice cream store.”
fitful	(fitt´-ful)	adj	irregular, intermittent, sporadic, now-and-then “The rain has been fitful all afternoon.”
mountain	(moun´-tun)	n	a very high hill “The mountain was too high to climb.”
juggle	(jug´-l)	v	practice jugglery, keep aloft, keep objects in play “He was able to juggle five plates all at the same time.”
pitch	(pitch)	v	throw “Can you pitch the ball to the other end of the field?”
racket	(rack´-it)	n	a bat strung with nylon or catgut used in tennis or badminton “The girl took her racket with her to play tennis.”
vowel	(vow´-el)	n	vocal sound shown by the letters a,e,i,o,or u “The students knew their vowels.”

	canteen	(kan-teen´)	n	flask, pocket flask, bottle "Each Boy Scout took a canteen of water on the hike."
	quote	(kwote)	v	repeat or write the exact words of another "The man likes to quote Robert Munsch."
	abrupt	(ab-rupt´)	adj	sudden, unexpected, unforeseen, unanticipated "The car came to an abrupt stop at the drawbridge."
	pastel	(pass-tell´)	adj	soft and light in color "The light colored dress was pastel."
	machine	(muh-sheen´)	n	something made with moving parts to do a certain job "A bulldozer is an interesting machine."
	holiday	(holl´-i-day)	n	day when business is suspended to mark an event "Labor Day is an annual holiday."
	known	(no-n)	adj	recognized, acknowledged, familiar, popular, famous "It is a known fact that he is a famous athlete."
	ambition	(am-bish´-un)	n	goal, aim, intent, objective, purpose "His ambition is to be a fire fighter."
	palace	(pall´-iss)	n	a large house for a ruler "The queen lives in a huge palace."
	whisper	(hwiss´-purr)	v	speak softly, using only the breath, not the voice "He would whisper so no one could hear him."
	thimble	(thim´-bul)	n	a small cover put on the finger to protect it when using a needle "The tailor used a thimble when doing his sewing."
	kingdom	(king´-dum)	n	country ruled by a king, realm, nation, country "He ruled his small kingdom fairly and justly."
	hectic	(heck´-tick)	adj	frenetic, frantic, furious, wild, mad "Moving day was rather hectic."
	tailor	(tay´-lur)	n	person who makes clothes "The tailor made a beautiful suit."
	joyous	(joy´-uss)	adj	happy, glad, joyful, wonderful, merry "Their 50th anniversary was a joyous occasion."
	knight	(nite)	n	soldier, man-at-arms, warrior, fighter, horseman "The knight wore his suit of armor to battle."

	fantastic	(fan-tass´-tick)	adj	coming from the imagination or fancy, illusory, unreal “The story about the goblins and witches was fantastic.”
	humor	(hyoo´-mur)	n	funniness, comedy, ridiculousness “The humor of the situation had everyone laughing.”
	junior	(joon´-yer)	adj	younger, minor “The junior basketball team played well against the seniors.”
	identify	(eye-den´-ti-fie)	v	recognize, know, determine, place, pick out “You can identify me by my red hair.”
	opinion	(oh-pin´-yun)	n	a conclusion that has no positive basis in truth “The coach had her own opinion.”
	vegetable	(vej´-uh-tuh-bul)	n	edible plant “Broccoli is my favorite vegetable.”
	usual	(yoo´zhoo-ul)	adj	often happening or being done, common “Everything was the same as usual.”
	vanilla	(vuh-nil´-uh)	n	substance obtained from a plant used to flavor food and drink “I always add vanilla to my chocolate chip cookie recipe.”
	weather	(weth´-er)	n	condition of the air in a particular place at a particular time “Take an umbrella today, the weather is rainy.”
	legend	(ledge´-end)	n	an unproved story from an earlier period “The legend tells of dragons and knights.”
	diminish	(di-min´-ish)	v	become smaller, lessen, shrink, dwindle, reduce “Over time the number of sharks will diminish.”
	gadget	(gaj´-it)	n	device, tool, contraption, object, gimmick “This new gadget peels apples in a jiffy.”
	natural	(nach´-ur-uhl)	adj	existing in nature, not artificial “The girl was natural in her behavior.”
	liquid	(lick´-wid)	n	matter like water or oil “The green liquid spilled out of the bottle onto the floor.”
	hesitate	(hezz´-i-tate)	v	pause, stop briefly, halt, falter, be undecided “I hesitate to enter the marathon.”
	wealth	(welth)	n	riches, large amount of money “A millionaire is a man of wealth.”

	minimum	(min´-I-mum)	n	smallest amount or number of something that is possible "To form a basketball team, you need a minimum of five players."
	refrigerator	(ri-frij´-uh-ray-tur)	n	a cold box used for storing perishable food "It is best to keep milk in the refrigerator."
	luggage	(lug´-idj)	n	a bag that one travels with "The family had a lot of luggage for their trip."
	lagoon	(lug-goön´)	n	lake joined by a narrow channel to the sea "The children enjoyed swimming in the lagoon."
	cease	(seess)	v	stop, halt, leave off, quit "The soldiers were ordered to cease fire."
	patience	(pay´-shuns)	n	willingness to put up with a delay "The girl showed great patience in waiting so long in line."
	wreck	(reck)	n	something which has been severely damaged or destroyed "Everyone jumped from the wreck before it sank."
	alcove	(al´-kove)	n	recess, niche, nook, corner, bay "The living room had a dining room alcove at one end."
	shriek	(shreek)	n	a loud, sharp, cry "The girl gave a loud shriek when she saw the mouse."
	burrow	(burr´-oh)	n	hole, den, tunnel, cave "The squirrel's burrow is under the flower bed."
	extreme	(ecks-treem´)	adj	severe, intense, very great, excessive "Extreme sports are very dangerous."
	carnival	(kar´-ni-val)	n	fair, festival, jamboree, celebration "Every fall there was a carnival at the farm."
	weigh	(way)	v	find out how heavy something is "I wonder how much that giant pumpkin weighs."
	gracious	(gray´-shuss)	adj	kindly, courteous, cordial, amiable "She was the most gracious hostess yet."
	mosquito	(muss-kee´-toe)	n	small flying insect which sucks blood "The mosquito bit the campers arm."
	squirrel	(skwirl)	n	type of small animal with a bushy tail "The squirrel sat on a tree eating a nut."

	guidance	(guyd´-unce)	n	advice, counsel, help, information, instruction “The young man asked for guidance on the choice of a career.”
	exceed	(eck-seed´)	v	go beyond, go over, outrun, overdo “If you exceed the speed limit you will get a ticket.”
	neutral	(noo-truhl)	adj	not supporting either side in a war or a quarrel “One country remained neutral and would not join the war.”
	impossible	(im-poss´-I-bul)	adj	out of the question, not possible, unable to bring about “It is impossible to get to the airport with this traffic.”
	retrieve	(ri-treev´)	v	get back something which has been lost “The dog was able to retrieve the ball from the river.”
	leisure	(lee´-zure)	n	time when one is free from work “The boy enjoys his leisure time after his homework is done.”
	baritone	(bare´-I-tone)	n	male singer of range between tenor and bass “The singer was a baritone.”
	perplex	(purr-plecks´)	v	puzzle or confuse “I should not let this problem perplex me.”
	character	(kare´-ack-ter)	n	qualities, traits, attributes, nature “Each person should be judged on his or her own character.”
	paragraph	(pare´-uh-graff)	n	a division of a piece of writing “Always remember to start a new paragraph with a new idea.”
	challenge	(chal´-enj)	n	summons, dare, defiant bid “He received a challenge to a tennis game.”
	historic	(hiss-tore´-ick)	adj	important in history, well known, famed “The Statue of Liberty is a historic monument.”
	liberty	(lib´-er-tee)	n	freedom, permission, leave “Employees have liberty to use all the museum facilities.”
	language	(lang´-gwidg)	n	medium of verbal communication between people “They could communicate because they spoke the same language.”
	cherish	(chair´-ish)	v	love, hold dear, care for, nurture “The boy knew he would cherish his new pet dog.”



lethal (lee´-thul) adj causing or able to cause death
 “A gun is a lethal weapon.”



lollipop (loll´-I-pop) n type of candy at the end of a stick
 “The girl wanted the purple lollipop.”



morgue (morg) n place where the bodies of dead people are kept until buried
 “The morgue was a scary place for the children.”



government (gov´-ern-ment) n governing system, rule, administration
 “Government is essential to our society.”



molecule (moll´-uh-kyool) n a small part of an element
 “The scientist looked at the molecule under the microscope.”



confident (kon´-fid-ent) adj convinced, certain, sure, positive
 “The team is confident it will win the game.”



magnificent (mag-niff´-uh-sent) adj presenting an imposing appearance, splendid
 “The fireworks were magnificent.”



occupation (ock´-yuh-pay´-shun) n one’s regular job or business
 “The man’s occupation was teaching.”

demolition (dem-oh-li´-shun) n destruction, wrecking, levelling
 “We watched the demolition of the bridge.”

secluded (si-kloo´-did) adj separated, withdrawn, protected, screened
 “The house was on a secluded lot covered with trees.”

malnutrition (mal-noo-trish´-un) n lack of adequate nutrition, under nourishment
 “The sick child showed signs of malnutrition.”

















octopus (ock´-tuh-puss) n a sea creature with eight arms
 “The diver saw an octopus.”

reluctant (ri-luck´-tunt) adj unwilling
 “The horse was reluctant to go into the river.”

sarcasm (sar´-kazz-um) n an ironical or scornful comment, mockery
 “The reporter’s voice was full of sarcasm.”

recipe (ress´-up-pee) n instructions on how to prepare a certain kind of food
 “My mom has a great recipe for oatmeal cookies.”

photography (fuh-tog´-ruh-fee) n the process of using light to place an image onto photosensitive surface
 “Photography is a wonderful way of studying nature.”

	pictorial	(pick-tore´-ee-ul)	adj	pertaining to or made of pictures "The woman had a pictorial history of her family in the album."
	tentative	(ten´-tuh-tiv)	adj	experimental and subject to change "The schedule for tomorrow is tentative."
	recluse	(reh-kloos´)	n	one who lives alone in seclusion "The old man who lived deep in the woods was a recluse."
	periscope	(pare´-uh-skope)	n	an instrument of mirrors used to guide submarines "The captain raised the periscope to see above the water."
	superstition	(soo´purr-stish´-un)	n	a ritual founded on irrational feelings, especially of fear "The hockey player had a lot of superstition."
	chorus	(kore´-uss)	n	refrain, stanza repeated in a song "Sing the last chorus again."
	sculpture	(skulp´-chur)	n	the art of making figures out of stone, clay, wood "The artist made a beautiful sculpture out of clay."
	pesticide	(pess´-tuh-side)	n	a compound used to destroy insect pests "The gardener sprayed pesticide to kill the bugs."
	fertile	(fur´-tul)	adj	productive, fruitful, vegetative "Apples grow well in this fertile environment."
	elegance	(ell´-e-ganss)	n	luxuriousness, grandeur, richness "The old mansion was furnished with great elegance."
	illegal	(ill-ee´-gull)	adj	unlawful, against the law, not legal "Parking in front of a fire hydrant is illegal."
	temperature	(tem´-purr-uh-cher)	n	the degree of heat in a body, condition of heat or cold "The thermometer showed how cold the temperature was."
	paddock	(pad´-uck)	n	a small grass field used for keeping horses "The horse was in the paddock."
	scheme	(skeem)	n	plan, arrangement of things in an orderly way "The thief had a scheme to steal money."
	tortoise	(tore´-tuss)	n	type of land animal which has a hard shell on its back "The tortoise crawled slowly along the road."
	sapphire	(saff´-ire)	n	a clear blue precious stone "The ring contained a huge sapphire."



aerial (air'-ee-ull) adj in the air, from the air, by air
 "The planes put on a breathtaking aerial show."



imaginary (im-aj'-in-air-ee) adj unreal, invented, made-up, fantastic
 "All characters in this book are imaginary."



evaporate (e-vap'-or-ate) v disappear, vanish, fade away, dissolve, change from liquid to gas
 "Close the bottle or the water will evaporate."



nocturnal (nock-tur'-nul) adj of, pertaining to or occurring at night
 "Owls are nocturnal creatures."



leopard (lep'-erd) n large yellow cat with black spots
 "I like visiting the leopard at the zoo."



exhibit (ecks-ib'-it) n exhibition, display, show, public showing
 "This month the dinosaur exhibit opens at the museum."



umbrella (um-brell'-uh) n light frame covered with a cloth, used as a shelter from the rain
 "The girl opened her umbrella just as the rain started."



facility (fa-sill'-i-tee) n ease, fluency, expertness, skill, readiness, efficiency
 "He repaired the computer with amazing facility."

tuition (too-ish'-un) n fees, act of teaching
 "At university you must pay tuition for your classes."

nausea (naw'-zee-uh) n feeling of sickness
 "Nausea made the girl go lie down."

fusion (few'-shun) n melting, blending
 "Steel is created by the fusion of iron and carbon."

hearth (harth) n fireplace, fireside, chimney corner
 "Sweep the hearth before building a new fire."

ignite (ig-night') v catch fire, catch on fire, burn
 "The wood must be dry before you can ignite it."

trauma (traw'-muh) n a condition of the body or mind caused by severe injury
 "The patient was suffering from a great trauma."

comedian (kuh-mee'-dee-un) n comic, joker, humorist, clown, jester
 "The star of the show was a funny comedian."

ultraviolet (ul'-truh-vie'-uh-let) adj beyond the violet end of the spectrum and not seen
 "Ultraviolet light cannot be seen but can be dangerous."



magician

(muh-jish'-un)

n

one who performs magic
"The magician put on an amazing magic show."



technique

(teck-neek')

n

skills necessary to complete a task or
achieve a result
"The dancer had a wonderful technique."



oxygen

(ock'-suh-jin)

n

a gaseous element of earth's atmosphere essential
to life
"Plants and people require oxygen to live."

