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	Word	Pronunciation	Part of Speech	Definition	Sentence
1	frothy	\ 'frō-thē \	adjective	bubbly or covered in bubbles	The young child was extremely frothy after his long stint in the bubble bath his mom had prepared.
2	chafe	\ 'chāf \	verb	to worry or fret	Ann is a constant complainer who is always looking for a reason to chafe.
3	cuckoo	\ 'kük-ü \ or \ 'kü-(,)kü \	adjective	crazy; mentally unstable	The young boy insisted that he could see ghosts and swore he wasn't cuckoo or crazy.
4	ware	\ 'wa(ə)r, \ or \ 'wer \	noun	a good that can be purchased	Until the ware passes its safety inspection, it will not be sold as a children's toy.
5	unimaginable	\ ,ən-ə-'maj-nə-bəl \	adjective	something that is difficult to believe	The man racked up a huge amount of debt in one year, spending an unimaginable amount on a Ferrari and yacht.
6	stuffy	\ 'stə-fē \ or \ 'stəf-ē \	adjective	describing someone that is unwelcoming of new ideas or concepts	He suggested that this country, since the war, had suffered from the continuation of too many stuffy attitudes.
7	retentive	\ ri-'tent-iv \ or \ ri-'ten-tiv \	adjective	able to remember facts and other information	Sarah obviously does not have a retentive memory because she can barely remember her own birthday.
8	surfeit	\ 'sər-fət \	noun	an overabundant supply	The charity would like to collect a surfeit of clothing to distribute to the homeless.



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9	assorted	\ ə- 'sɔrt-əd \ or \ ə- 'sɔr-təd \	adjective	to be combined with mixed things	Apples, oranges, plums, and other kinds of fruits could be found in the assorted bin at the fruit stand.
10	pervasive	\ pər- 'vā-siv \	adjective	capable of affecting or influencing everything	Voters are concerned about the pervasive rate of unemployment that is harming both the rich and the poor.
11	ruth	\ 'rūth \	noun	feeling of sorrow for someone else who is suffering	People lose their sense of ruth for the homeless when they find out that these people make more money than they do by panhandling.
12	expulsion	\ ik- 'spəl-shən \	noun	a circumstance in which an individual or thing is ejected from a position, place, or group	Jack's expulsion from the law firm was brought on by his unwillingness to enter rehab for his drinking problem.
13	luster	\ 'lə-stər \	noun	shine, polish or sparkle	The hairstylist promised that the conditioner would add luster to the client's hair.
14	nominate	\ 'nām-ə-, nāt \ or \ 'nā-mə- nət, -, nāt \ or \ 'nā-mə-, nāt \	verb	to elect someone as a potential candidate for a position	If I had to nominate someone for the position of annoying younger sibling, I would choose both my brother and sister, as I do not know who would win.



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15	admonition	\ ,ad-mə-'ni-shən \	noun	a warning or reprimand given with advice	Gerald's admonition against the other police officers served as a warning to those doing wrong in the organization.
16	revert	\ ri-'vɜrt \	verb	to reverse or turn back	Hopefully John will revert to his normally pleasant self once he completes his rehab program.
17	longevity	\ län-'je-və-tē \ or \ län-'jev-ət-ē, lön- \ or \ län-'jev-ət-ē \	noun	the duration of time that something or someone persists	According to the company, you can still eat those beans because the longevity of the canned produce is two years.
18	tourism	\ 'tūr-,i-zəm \ or \ 'tù(ə)r-,iz-əm \	noun	the business of attracting, accommodating, and entertaining tourists	Certain cities rely on tourism for their economy.
19	corroborate	\ kə-'rä-bə-,rāt \ or \ kə-'rāb-ə-,rāt \	verb	to strengthen or support with other evidence; make more certain	After watching the videotape, the officials were able to corroborate the runner's claim of interference during the race.
20	plaid	\ 'plad \	noun	a checkered or squared pattern that is used on material	Instead of the striped scarf, Caroline decided to wear the plaid one that matched her checkered skirt.
21	cater	\ 'kā-tər \ or \ 'kāt-ər \	verb	to provide food professionally for a special occasion	We cater lunches for groups of 20 or more.



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22	invigorating	\ in- 'vi-gə-, rā- tiŋ \	adjective	giving strength, energy, or good health	The invigorating jog gave me extra energy.
23	concord	\ 'kän-, kórd \ or \ 'kän- kò(ə)rd \	noun	a state of accord or agreement	Because the military is a diverse body, its personnel must work in concord with people of all races and cultures.
24	rococo	\ rə- 'kō-(,)kō \	adjective	an ornate and fancy style of architecture and decoration that originated in France in the early 18th century	The graceful rococo furniture was elegantly crafted with curving legs and natural form.
25	tortuous	\ 'tòrch- (ə-)wəs \ or \ 'tòrch-wəs \	adjective	containing coils, turns and curves	Taking the tortuous pathway at night always made it difficult to see if anyone was behind or in front of us.
26	festive	\ 'fe-stiv \ or \ 'fes-tiv \	adjective	cheerful or celebratory	Nino has always been known for her festive personality, as the girl gleefully partakes in any holiday with everything she has.
27	hybrid	\ 'hī-brid \ or \ 'hī-brəd \	noun	made of mixed components	The hybrid plant has features similar to those found in a rose and a carnation.
28	permissive	\ pər- 'mi-siv \ or \ pər- 'mis-iv \	adjective	giving permission, or predisposed to give it; lenient	Timmy's mother was too permissive, allowing him to do what he wanted when he wanted.



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29	propagate	\ 'präp-ə-, gāt \ or \ 'prä-pə-, gāt \ 	verb	to share broadly	During the protest, the organizer attempted to propagate the employees' message by handing out informational flyers.
30	pungent	\ 'pən-jənt \ 	adjective	having an intense flavor or odor	Naturally, the flies were drawn to the pungent scent of the picnic food.
31	inverse	\ (' )in- 'vərs \ or \ 'in-, vərs, \ or \ (, )in- 'vərs \ 	adjective	contrasting in influence or direction	The app will provide me with inverse directions so I can return home without getting lost.
32	tenuous	\ 'ten-yə-wəs \ 	adjective	weak and likely to change; having little substance or strength	Although the frozen lake was quite tenuous and unstable, Henry still decided to cross it on foot.
33	crystalline	\ 'kris-tə-lən also - , līn, - , lēn \ or \ 'kri-stə- lən \ or \ 'kris- tə-lən \ 	adjective	describes something that is clear like crystal	A sheet of crystalline ice caused the woman to slip and fall since she did not see it on the roadway.
34	ministration	\ , mi-nə- 'strā- shən \ 	noun	the act of giving care or help	It was the diligent nurturing and ministration of the infant's loving mother that allowed him to thrive even though he was born several weeks early.



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35	pallor	\ 'pal-ər \ or \ 'pa-lər \	noun	an unhealthy pale appearance	Even though she made an effort to act indifferent to his sudden attentiveness, a deep pink flush gradually overcame her usual pallor.
36	caress	\ kə-'res \	verb	to touch or kiss lovingly	The cat hated being petted; even when the baby tried to caress him gently, he would dart off.
37	inaugurate	\ in-'ò-g(y)ə-rāt \ or \ i-'nò-gyə-rāt \	verb	to dedicate ceremoniously; to initiate something in a formal manner	Sir Oliver stood ramrod straight and at attention as they began to inaugurate the new college building.
38	unquestionable	\ ,ən-'kwes-chə-nə-bəl \ or \ ,ən-'kwəs-chə-nə-bəl \	adjective	something that cannot be questioned, debated, or disbelieved	The intellectual dominance of humans is unquestionable, but there are many animals physically superior to us.
39	peculiarity	\ pi-,kyül-'yar-ət-ē \ or \ pi-,kyül-'yer-ə-tē \	noun	having an odd or strange way or action	Uncomfortable laughter from the audience was a direct result from the peculiarity of the speaker's words.
40	immaterial	\ ,im-ə-'tir-ē-əl \ or \ ,i-mə-'tir-ē-əl \	adjective	not relevant	Because physical appearances are immaterial to me, I judge people on their personalities.
41	antithesis	\ an-'ti-thə-səs \ or \ an-'tith-əs-əs \	noun	the total opposite of an object or person	During his sermon, the minister asked his clergy members to practice the antithesis of hate and love even their worst enemies.



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42	ingratitude	\ (,)in-'gra-tə-tüd \ or \ ('in-'grat-ə-,t(y)üd \	noun	a lack or absence of gratitude; thanklessness	Kevin's constant complaints after receiving so much help showed a surprising level of ingratitude.
43	twofold	\ 'tü-,föld \ or \ -,föld \	adjective	multiplied by two; two reasons	The reasons for the increase in ticket prices are twofold – to increase security and to hire more employees.
44	monumental	\ ,män-yə-'ment-əl \ or \ ,män-yə-'men-təl \	adjective	important; significant	A monumental and historic decision was made by the Supreme Court regarding marriage rights.
45	subtraction	\ səb-'trak-shən \	noun	a removal or deduction	In Ms. Fisher's first grade math class, she showed the students subtraction by placing 5 apples on her desk and then putting two away.
46	bewitching	\ bi-'wi-chiŋ \	adjective	charming and attractive in a seductive way	Flashing a bewitching smile, it wasn't hard for the persuasive princess to get people to do her bidding.
47	intermittent	\ ,int-ər-'mit-ənt \ or \ ,in-tər-'mi-tənt \	adjective	displaying in a random pattern; not consistent	Because my spasms are intermittent and occur randomly, it is hard for the doctor to diagnose my condition.
48	agonizing	\ 'a-gə-,nī-ziŋ \	adjective	distressing; painful	It was a long and agonizing journey to climb Mount Everest.



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49	outdo	\ ,aüt-'dü \	verb	exceed or surpass	As my mother cooked all day in the kitchen, she did outdo herself by making the meal for dinner.
50	immersion	\ i-'mər-zhən \	noun	the act of submerging something completely in a liquid	Immersion is somewhat vital for fish, considering the fact that they can only breathe when they are underwater.
51	ulcer	\ 'əl-sər \	noun	an open sore or blister on the internal surface of the body	Because the open sore in his small intestine wouldn't heal on its own, Charles had to see a specialist about the ulcer.
52	clamorous	\ 'klam-rəs \	adjective	noisy; loud	As soon as the home team scored, the fans became clamorous in their excitement.
53	morbidity	\ mór-'bi-də-tē \ or \ mór-'bid-ət-ē \	noun	the quality of being unhealthful	A tax hike angered the citizens, but the mayor explained the need for the money due to the increase in the morbidity rate.
54	predominant	\ pri-'dä-mə-nənt \ or \ pri-'däm-ə-nənt \	adjective	being the main thing or issue	During the summer months, ants are the predominant insects that bother most homeowners.
55	tidal	\ 'tī-dəl \ or \ 'tīd-əl \	adjective	pertaining to the flow and ebb of the tides in ocean waves	Since the tidal stream of water is located near the coastline, people began to worry that it might be problematic.





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56	ideally	\ ɪ- 'dē-ə-lē \	adverb	preferably; in a perfect world	Ideally, I should exercise at least five days a week, but I don't always get to the gym as I should.
57	impregnable	\ im- 'preg-nə- bəl \	adjective	not able to be defeated or demolished	During the battle, the soldiers were unable to breach the impregnable castle walls.
58	remorseless	\ ri- 'mòrs-ləs \ or \ ri- 'mòr- sləs \	adjective	without guilt or regret	His remorseless behavior shocked everyone at the event.
59	inkling	\ 'iŋ-klɪŋ \	noun	an idea, thought, or suggestion	The detective had an inkling the witness was lying because she kept avoiding his eye contact.
60	unforeseen	\ ,ən-för- 'sēn \	adjective	unexpected; sudden	An unforeseen storm approached and surprised the weathermen who had not called for rain.
61	bourgeois	\ 'bürzh- ,wä , \ or \ бүрzh- 'wä \ or \ 'bü(ə)rzh- ,wä \	adjective	characteristic of the social middle class or relating to one who likes to put on airs	Although he came from a poor family, Charles always acted bourgeois when he was out with his friends.
62	slacken	\ 'sla-kən \ or \ 'slak-ən \	verb	to loosen or lessen	Please slacken the rope for the rock climbers so that they can move freely.
63	tincture	\ 'tɪŋ(k)-chər \	noun	a small hint of something	After the chef put a small pinch of cinnamon in the recipe, the customers tasted a tincture of the spice.



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64	permanence	\ 'pər-mə-nən(t)s \	noun	the state of being fixed or stable	Shocked by the illness's permanence, the doctors are looking for a way to get rid of the sickness once and for all.
65	undiminished	\ ,ən-də-'mi-nisht \	adjective	not lessened; not made weaker	Even in his eighties, the man's eyesight was undiminished and he could see as well as his grandson.
66	rivalry	\ 'rī-vəl-rē \	noun	competition	The parents were stumped on how to control the sibling rivalry.
67	telegram	\ 'tel-ə-'gram, \ or \ 'te-lə-'gram \	noun	a message or information sent by telegraph	During World War I, secret coded messages were sent in telegram form through the use of a telegraph.
68	irrepressible	\ ,ir-i-'pre-sə-bəl \ or \ ,ir-i-'pres-ə-bəl \	adjective	not controllable	Jeremy has an almost irrepressible urge to take care of everyone, coupled with a natural tendency to fret.
69	egotistical	\ ,ē-gə-'ti-sti-kəl \	adjective	believing oneself to be better, more talented, and more important than others	When describing her many talents, she came off as very egotistical.
70	impudence	\ 'im-pyəd-ən(t)s \ or \ 'im-pyə-dən(t)s \	noun	the state or quality of being disrespectful and rude	Offended by the rude car salesman's impudence, the couple decided to take their business to a dealership where they felt respected.



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71	grail	\ 'grāĭ \	noun	the object of an extended or difficult quest	Stumbling upon the holy grail of all amusement parks, the thrill seeker was sure he had found the greatest place in the world.
72	mincing	\ 'min(t)-siŋ \	adjective	dainty and refined, especially in the way that one walks	Mincing in the way that she walks, the secretary likes to attract the attention of everyone in the office.
73	deflect	\ di-'flekt \	verb	to cause something to be rerouted or directed to a different path	Since the young child never filtered anything he said, the parents were ready to deflect any embarrassing topic the child would start to discuss.
74	sweeten	\ 'swē-tʰn \ or \ 'swēt-ʰn \	verb	to make something sweeter in taste	If you don't like bitter coffee you should try to sweeten it with sugar.
75	fission	\ 'fiʃ-ən \ or \ 'fi-shʰn \ or \ 'fiʃ-ən also 'fizh- \	noun	splitting something into two or more parts	In binary fission, the fully-grown parent cells produce two new cells by splitting into two halves.
76	unassuming	\ ,ən-ə-'sü-miŋ \	adjective	not putting on airs; modest	The supermodel turned down an arrogant football player to marry an unassuming auditor.
77	referee	\ ,ref-ə-'rē \ or \ ,re-fə-'rē \	noun	an arbitrator or mediator	During the mediation meeting, the attorney acted like a referee as he mediated between both sides of the table.



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78	disdainful	\ dis- 'dān-fəl \	adjective	showing that one feels that someone/something else isn't valuable or worthy of respect	Because of his disdainful attitude, the disrespectful teenager's mother punished him.
79	nimble	\ 'nim-bəl \	adjective	quick in action or comprehension	The nimble hamster enjoyed running on his wheel.
80	neutralize	\ 'nü-trə-, līz \ or \ 'n(y)ü-trə-, līz \	verb	to make unsuccessful or ineffective	The police will neutralize the suspect by taking all of his weapons.
81	caveman	\ 'kāv-, man \	noun	a prehistoric man of the Stone Age who lived in a cave	Grunting and pointing at the pictures on the cavern wall, the caveman tried to communicate his primal desires to the other barbarian.
82	accelerator	\ ik- 'sel-ə-, rāt-ər, ak- \ or \ ik- 'sel-ə-, rāt-ər \ or \ ik- 'se-lə-, rā-tər \	noun	someone or something that makes a process happen faster	The only real accelerator for the speed of building construction is having more workers available to work on it every day.
83	overhang	\ 'ō-vər-haŋ \	noun	something that projects over something else	Even though it looked like it was suspended in the air, the overhang of the porch on our second floor allowed us to walk under it.
84	shrew	\ 'shrü \	noun	a woman with an unpleasant personality	Because my sister is a shrew with a disagreeable personality, she'll probably never get married.



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85	module	\ 'mä-(,)jül \ or \ 'mäj-ü(ə)l \	noun	a scholastic part which focuses on a topic that is part of a larger unit	Dr. Kim finished writing each component of the module on the scientific method before moving on to parts of the cell.
86	headway	\ -,wā \ or \ 'hed-,wā \	noun	progress or forward movement	Without a deadline, the procrastinating carpenter made no headway.
87	sodden	\ 'säd-ə̃n \ or \ 'sä-də̃n \	adjective	soaked in fluid	After the marathon, Harold's clothing was sodden with sweat.
88	swerve	\ 'swərv \	verb	to change direction very suddenly	The two planes that were flying at each other had to swerve at the last second during the air show.
89	fluorescence	\ ,flü(-ə)r-'es- ə̃n(t)s \ or \ - 'es-ə̃n(t)s \ or \ flü-'re-sə̃n(t)s \	noun	the ability of something to give off light because it has absorbed light	Because the desk was covered with a fluorescence-based paint, the furniture was able to glow in the dark.
90	unsophisticated	\ ,ən-sə-'fī-stə- ,kā-təd \ or \ ,ən(t)-sə-'fīs- tə-,kāt-əd \	adjective	basic; not complicated or highly developed	The unsophisticated factory version of the vehicle sells for a much lower price than one purchased with all the bells and whistles.
91	demonic	\ di-'mä-nik \	adjective	to act or be controlled by a wicked spirit usually causing evil	Once the demonic feelings subsided, the girl was able to sense a more spiritual divinity in her soul.



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92	imprint	\ im-'print \ or \ 'im-,print \	verb	to mark or stamp something using pressure	Without a way to imprint the logo on the bags, the team began to brainstorm other marketing ideas.
93	arable	\ 'ar-ə-bəl \ or \ 'a-rə-bəl \	adjective	adequate for cultivating	The soil in the front yard is arable and perfect for planting a rose garden.
94	differentiate	\ ,dif-ə-'ren- chē-,āt \ or \ ,di-fə-'ren(t)- shē-,āt \	verb	to identify as dissimilar	When the twins go outside, they differentiate themselves by dressing in unique outfits.
95	irreparable	\ i-'re-p(ə)rə- bəl \ or \ i-'re- pə-rə-bəl, -prə- bəl \ or \ ('ir- '(r)ep-(ə)rə- bəl \	adjective	not capable of being fixed	When my mother realized her favorite sculpture was broken and irreparable, she started to cry.
96	flailing	\ 'flā-liŋ \	adjective	to move uncontrollably in the air	Her flailing sign flapped in the heavy wind since it was only secured to the post with two staples.
97	glib	\ 'glib \	adjective	speaking easily but without thinking carefully; speaking in a smooth, easy way that is insincere	I was sure that my comments sounded glib over the phone, so I followed up with a letter to let the chairman know that I understood the significance of the project and I was sincere about helping out.



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98	infinity	\ in- 'fɪn-ət-ē \ or \ in- 'fɪ-nə-tē \ \	noun	endlessness, unlimitedness; an eternity	There are people who refuse to believe there is such a thing as infinity because all things must have a beginning and an end.
99	effusion	\ i- 'fyü-zhən \ or \ i- 'fyü- zhən, e- \ \	noun	the action of giving off or emitting something, such as light, a smell, or liquid	Some flowers have very potent effusion, giving off powerful smells and stench, but some are difficult to smell at all.
100	caption	\ 'kæp-shən \ \	noun	a title or short explanation under a picture in a book or magazine	The caption incorrectly identified the man in the picture as Mr. Waterford.
101	agrarian	\ ə- 'grer-ē-ən \ \	adjective	associated with land cultivation	There are some religious sects who believe in an agrarian way of life and obtain all of their necessities from the land.
102	scold	\ 'skōld \ \	verb	to strongly criticize	Jill can only scold herself for not properly preparing for the exam.
103	interstellar	\ ,ɪnt-ər- 'stel- ər \ or \ ,ɪn-tər- 'ste-lər \ \	adjective	between or among the stars	According to astronomers, interstellar matter is scattered throughout the solar system.
104	sever	\ 'se-vər \ or \ 'sev-ər \ \	verb	to detach by cutting figuratively or literally	National leaders may sever ties with other countries who do not properly negotiate trade with them.



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105	droop	\ 'drüp \	verb	to hang low; sag	After swaying in the wind, the branches of the willow seemed to droop even lower than before.
106	capillary	\ 'káp-ə-, lér-ē \ or \ 'káp-ə- , lér-ē, British usually kə- 'píl-ə-rē \ or \ 'ka-pə-, lér-ē \	adjective	associated with the tiny vessels of blood that link the arteries to the veins	Rick's eyes appear to be sprinkled with blood because of capillary damage.
107	vapid	\ 'váp-əd \ or \ 'va-pəd \	adjective	lacking liveliness; dull	Although the actress was nominated for several awards, she was still criticized for her vapid portrayal of the world leader.
108	bewitched	\ bi-'wícht \	adjective	to cast a magical spell on someone	Unable to take his eyes off of the train wreck of a show, the entranced onlooker felt he had been bewitched.
109	plummet	\ 'plə-mət \ or \ 'pləm-ət \	verb	to drop abruptly	When the housing bubble burst, many people saw their property values plummet.
110	affirmation	\ ,a-fər-'mā- shən \	noun	an action of approval or support	Words of affirmation include telling someone they did a great job.
111	boon	\ 'bün \	noun	a benefit or blessing for which one should be grateful	The pain medicine is a longed-for boon to the dying woman.
112	artful	\ 'ärt-fəl \	adjective	showing creativity or skill	The photographer's artful shot showed a new side of the great wall.





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113	commentator	\ 'käm-ən-, tāt-ər \ or \ 'kämən-, tāt-tər \	noun	a reporter of the news or sporting events	While watching the football game on the television, a commentator discussed each play that the football players completed.
114	precocious	\ pri-'kō-shəs \	adjective	having mature qualities at an unusually early age	While their peers were running around the playground, one precocious group of elementary school students sat and chatted about the colleges they hoped to attend.
115	paralysis	\ pə-'ra-lə-səs \ or \ pə-'ral-ə-səs \	noun	the lack of mobility in a limb or part of the body	After getting in a bad car accident, the doctor first noticed the boy's paralysis when he did not react to being poked with a needle.
116	judicious	\ jü-'di-shəs \ or \ jü-'dish-əs \	adjective	showing intelligence and good judgment	Without judicious planning, we will not be able to complete the project on time.
117	escalate	\ 'es-kə-, lāt \ or \ 'e-skə-, lāt \	verb	to make stronger or intensify	The veterinarian said it was not unusual for a cat's anxiety to escalate when the animal moves into a new environment.
118	visibility	\ ,viz-ə-'bil-ət-ē \ or \ ,vi-zə-'bi-lə-tē \	noun	the ability to see or be seen	A dense fog lowered visibility and made it hard for me to see the road.



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119	magnanimous	\ mag-'nan-ə-məs \ or \ mag-'na-nə-məs \	adjective	very generous or forgiving; unselfish	Because he believed he was better than everyone else, Hiram was far from magnanimous after losing the competition.
120	dummy	\ 'də-mē \ or \ 'dəm-ē \	noun	an imitation or reproduction of a person	The ventriloquist made it look like his dummy was talking because the puppet looked like Bill Gates.
121	derelict	\ 'der-ə-,likt \	adjective	in bad shape as a result of neglect	Without a huge investment, you will not be able to turn that derelict dwelling into a livable residence.
122	manure	\ mə-'n(y)ü(ə)r \ or \ mə-'nür \	noun	animal dung	Gardeners often will spread manure in the flower beds despite the bad smell, so the flowers will grow.
123	periodical	\ ,pir-ē-'ä-di-kəl \ or \ ,pir-ē-'äd-i-kəl \	adjective	occasional or appearing at different intervals	Taking periodical breaks, the college freshman was able to finish his college paper in one night.
124	pavilion	\ pə-'vil-yən \	noun	a constructed shelter used for certain reasons	Troop 228 relaxed on the benches in the pavilion after a long day of swimming for their water safety badge.
125	sanitary	\ 'sa-nə-,ter-ē \ or \ 'san-ə-,ter-ē \	adjective	to be clean and hygienic	Living next to a landfill was not a sanitary place to live since it is filled with contaminated trash.



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126	copycat	\ 'kāp-ē- ,kat \ or \ 'kā-pē- ,kat \ \	noun	one who copies the ideas or behavior of someone else	Dogs on opposite sides of a fence will often become unintentional copycats of each other, following one another back and forth and barking at each other.
127	ennui	\ ,än- 'wē \ or \ 'än- 'wē \ \	noun	boredom arising from a lack of interest or activity	Despite his ennui, Kurt was able to push past his boredom and finish his homework.
128	drench	\ 'drench \ \	verb	to cover abundantly	Using a hose to drench the dying plants, the gardener hoped that adding lots of water would be enough.
129	fanatic	\ fə- 'na-tik \ \	noun	one who is extremely enthusiastic about and devoted to some interest or activity	Since Bill is a golfing fanatic, he plays golf every day even when it's raining.
130	ventilation	\ ,vent- əl- 'ā- shən \ or \ , ven- tə- 'lā- shən \ \	noun	the ability of a room/place to intake fresh air	Anytime you open the windows in your house to let in outside air you're increasing the ventilation in your home.
131	interplay	\ 'in- tər- ,plā \ or \ 'int- ər- ,plā \ \	noun	the interaction of at least two things	The interplay of parental guidance and student achievement is believed to be a cause and effect relationship for student success.
132	impervious	\ ( ' )im- 'pər- vē- əs \ or \ ( , )im- 'pər- vē- əs \ \	adjective	not allowing something to enter or pass through	The broken window is not impervious to the rain.



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133	loveable	\ 'lə-və-bəl \	adjective	adorable; attractive	Our loveable kitten is not only cute, but she also gets along with others very well.
134	rationale	\ ,ra-shə-'nal \ or \ ,rash-ə-'nal \	noun	an explanation given to justify something	During the debate, the politician must explain his rationale for his position on the argument.
135	scandalous	\ 'skan-d(ə-)ləs \ or \ 'skan-də-ləs \	adjective	an action or event that is considered outrageous or indecent	Senator Sill refused to answer the reporter's question about his scandalous behavior last month.
136	sedition	\ si-'di-shən \ or \ si-'dish-ən \ \	noun	the act of encouraging opposition to authority	The rebels were arrested for sedition when they protested outside of the dictator's palace.
137	variant	\ 'ver-ē-ənt \	noun	a form or version of something that differs in some respect from other forms of the same thing or from a standard	Scientists performed the experiment over a hundred times and each time there was a single variant in their results that disproved their theory.
138	interactive	\ ,in-tər-'ak-tiv \ or \ ,int-ə-'rak-tiv \ \	adjective	acting with each other	Using interactive exhibits, the museum was quite popular for field trips for the local elementary schools in the city.
139	rationalize	\ 'rash-nə-,līz \	verb	to justify negative behavior	The driver tried to rationalize why she was speeding so that she would not receive a citation.



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140	rowdy	\ 'raüd-ē \ or \ 'raü-dē \	adjective	wild in a loud or typically obnoxious manner	A lot of athletes are rowdy in the sense that they are loud and occasionally rough with one another.
141	leftover	\ 'left-, ð-vər \ or \ 'lef-, tō-vər \	adjective	remaining; surplus	After she paid her bills, Anika used the leftover money to buy a new handbag for herself.
142	mousy	\ 'maü-sē \	adjective	quiet; shy and timid	Because she appears mousy, the semi-shy girl's classmates were surprised that she would speak on stage.
143	hypnotized	\ 'hip-nə-, tīzd \	verb	put someone in a trancelike state	The hypnotist claimed that he hypnotized his patient into not wanting to smoke using trance-inducing techniques.
144	scoundrel	\ 'skaün-drəl \	noun	a bad, dishonest person	The detective promised to find the scoundrel who robbed my store.
145	isthmus	\ 'i-sməs \ or \ 'is-məs \	noun	a narrow strip of land, bordered on both sides by water, and connecting two larger landmasses	An isthmus led the stranded people to the inhabited end of the island.
146	screech	\ 'skrēch \	noun	to give out a loud, piercing sound	The shrill screech of my teacher's nails running down the blackboard made me shudder.
147	inequality	\ ,in-i-'kwäl- ət-ē \ or \ ,i-ni- 'kwä-lə-tē \	noun	an unfair, not equal, state	She feared that even with the new funding, there would be inequality in funding for the neighboring schools.



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148	advent	\ 'ad-,vent \	noun	the coming or arrival of something	The elder discussed the advent of the messiah and how it would usher in a new world order.
149	stallion	\ 'stal-yən \	noun	a fully-grown male horse	Since the farm was known for breeding horses, the farmer placed his stallion in a small field with Buttercup and Daisy.
150	capitulation	\ kə-,pi-chə-'lā-shən \	noun	act of giving up or giving in	We knew Jack would win the boxing match so we were stunned speechless when the bout ended with his capitulation.
151	societal	\ sə-'sī-ə-tl \	adjective	related to people and the way civilizations (societies) are organized	The societal pressure made Lizzy feel as if she had to lose weight to fit in with others.
152	averse	\ ə-'vərs \	adjective	actively not liking something	Marilyn is averse to conflict and goes out of her way to avoid disagreements.
153	toggle	\ 'tä-gəl \ or \ 'täg-əl \	verb	pressing a key or button on a computer to go back and forth between something	The multitasking student can toggle between different tasks while studying in his bedroom.
154	billow	\ 'bil-ō \ or \ 'bi-(,)lō \	noun	a mass of smoke or steam that is sometimes cloud-like	A billow of smog filled the sky just above the pollution producing factory.
155	wearisome	\ 'wir-ē-səm \	adjective	tiring or exhausting	Because of the wearisome plowing he does, the hardworking farmer usually comes home exhausted.



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156	concoct	\ kən- 'kækt \	verb	to make something using cleverness or ability	My mother is a talented chef who can concoct a gourmet meal out of sandwich meats.
157	agitate	\ 'a-jə- ,tāt \ or \ 'aj-ə- ,tāt \	verb	to disturb or upset	If you agitate the scared cat, it will probably scratch you.
158	enroll	\ in- 'rōl \	verb	to sign-up for something	Research says, only half of students who enroll in online classes will actually complete them.
159	enclose	\ in- 'klōz \	verb	to completely cover or close something off from outside sources	Victorian women would often enclose their personal letters in handmade envelopes sprayed with a drop of their perfume.
160	panorama	\ ,pa-nə- 'ra-mə \ or \ ,pan-ə- 'ram-ə, \	noun	a picture of a long scene or place	Photos of the panorama from our beach trip reminds me of the first day we stepped onto the sand.
161	prim	\ 'prim \	adjective	formal and proper in a stiff and prudish way	Coming across as prim and proper, Agatha was called “Prudie” behind her back.
162	equip	\ i- 'kwip \	verb	to supply someone or something with the necessary items for a specific purpose	I need to equip my son with a backpack and some pencils before his first day of school, so he can be ready for it.
163	confer	\ kən- 'fər \	verb	to discuss	The judges will hold a special session and confer before deciding whether or not to uphold the lower court’s ruling.



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164	infantile	\ 'in-fən-, tīl \ or \ 'in-fən- , tī(-ə)l \	adjective	pertaining to infants	The infantile skull is very delicate, and care must be taken to grasp it delicately.
165	rotary	\ 'rō-tə-rē \ or \ 'rōt-ə-rē \	adjective	of motion revolving around a center or axis; rotational	The rotary nature of the tire allows for easy locomotion and enables the car to travel at high speeds.
166	bespoke	\ bi-'spōk \	adjective	individually or custom made	Jack is a master tailor who creates bespoke suits.
167	precipice	\ 'pres-(ə)pəs \ or \ 'pre- s(ə)pəs \	noun	a point where danger, trouble, or difficulty begins	Economists have recently warned the president that our nation is on the precipice of a major economic crisis.
168	sticker	\ 'stik-ər \ or \ 'sti-kər \	noun	a tacky removable label or decal	After the conference, I removed my name tag sticker by pulling it off of my shirt.
169	reciprocity	\ ,re-sə-'prä- s(ə)tē \ or \ ,res-ə-'präs-ət- ē \ or \ ,re-sə- 'prä-sə-tē \	noun	the state of having an agreement in which actions and feelings are mutually exchanged	Without reciprocity, a relationship will eventually begin to feel one-sided.
170	bunting	\ 'bənt-ɪŋ \ or \ 'bən-tɪŋ \	noun	a stiff material used to make flags	Today factories use bunting to make the Stars and Stripes that you see waving in the breeze.
171	thicket	\ 'thɪk-ət \ or \ 'thi-kət \	noun	a very dense group of trees or bushes	Deep within the thicket of woods, the witch had a brew bubbling in her secluded cottage.





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172	recluse	\ 're- ,klüs \	noun	a person who lives alone and avoids other people; a hermit	Heads turned and people stared as people in the library realized that the town's recluse had come through the door.
173	circumvent	\ ,sər-kəm- 'vent \	verb	to get around something	Often, pilots will circumvent the rain by flying above the clouds.
174	cud	\ 'kəd, 'küd \ or \ 'kəd \	noun	partially digested food that returns to the mouth of ruminating animals (i.e., cows) from the stomach for second chewing	Because it's a ruminant animal, the cud-chewing cow regurgitates its food just to chomp on it again.
175	heron	\ 'her-ən \	noun	a fish-eating bird that is best known for its long neck, legs, and bill	At the base of the waterfall, the heron has its bill in the water hunting for fish.
176	irksome	\ 'ərɪk-səm \	adjective	irritatingly bothersome	The worse part of purchasing a new car is the irksome paperwork the buyer must review and sign.
177	apace	\ ə-'pās \	adverb	quickly; swiftly	As sales rise, profits have grown apace and are projected to double within a week.
178	frustrate	\ 'frə-,strāt \ or \ 'frəs-,trāt \	verb	to disappoint or upset	Low test scores and a new method of teaching seem to frustrate the students of the class.



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179	transparency	\ tran(t)s- 'par- ən-sē \ or \ tran(t)s- 'per- ən(t)-sē \	noun	openness; clearness	Disclosure and transparency of campaign donations is needed, since we are expected to trust our senators.
180	unqualified	\ ,ən- 'kwä-lə- fīd \ or \ ,ən- 'kwäl-ə- fīd \	adjective	not having the proper qualities to fulfill a goal or position	Because I have no experience in flying planes, I would be unqualified for the position of airline pilot or fighter pilot.
181	unbiased	\ ,ən- 'bī-əst \	adjective	fair; without bias or prejudice	Unbiased statements are expected from all salesmen, but we know that will not happen.
182	sprawl	\ 'spröl \	verb	to develop or spread without limitation	Once finished, the huge amusement park will sprawl over more than 400 acres.
183	anticlimactic	\ ,an-tē-klī- 'mak-tik, \	adjective	lacking climax, disappointing or ironically insignificant following of impressive foreshadowing	We agreed that the movie was anticlimactic and that it deserved two thumbs down.
184	putrid	\ 'pyü-trəd \	adjective	rotting, rotten, being in a state of putrefaction	The armadillo was run over by a car four days ago, which left it putrid.
185	reverent	\ 'rev-(ə-)rənt \ or \ 'rev-rənt \	adjective	showing deeply rooted respect and devotion	The woman was reverent in her speech and was careful to show respect when speaking to her husband.



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186	outspoken	\ ,aüt-'spō-kən \ or \ aüt-'spō- kən \	adjective	opinionated and frank	I cringed when my outspoken daughter told the woman that she was overweight and needed to diet.
187	eerily	\ 'ir-ə-lē \	adverb	mysterious and strange	That statue eerily resembles the one in Rome that is over two thousand years old.
188	salon	\ sə-'län \	noun	a lovely room usually in the front part of a house used for welcoming and amusing visitors	Historians could tell that many important handshakes took place in the salon of the prominent historical house.
189	ascribe	\ ə-'skrīb \	verb	attribute a cause or characteristic	If we were to ascribe the low attendance at the game to one specific reason, the rock concert across town would probably be the primary cause.
190	snob	\ 'snäb \	noun	a person who is condescending and thinks they are better than those around them	Being a member of an exclusive club of elites was one of the boasting points of our company's reigning snob.
191	verdant	\ 'vərd-ənt \ or \ 'vər-dənt \	adjective	green with grass or other rich vegetation	After serving his deployment in the endless sandy landscape of the scorched desert, Maxwell was grateful to be home in his cool, verdant valley.



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192	studious	\ 'st(y)üd-ē-əs \ or \ 'stü-dē-əs \	adjective	focused on learning and studying	Since Danielle is not very studious, she is considering career options that do not require a college degree.
193	ascetic	\ ə-'se-tik \ or \ ə-'set-ik \	adjective	leading a life of self- discipline and self- denial, usually for spiritual reasons	The smartest guy in my math class has ascetic habits and never does anything but study in his free time.
194	leeway	\ 'lē-, wā \	noun	degree or amount of freedom or flexibility; room	I have no leeway to suggest anything for the project.
195	adjourn	\ ə-'jərn \	verb	to suspend or conclude an event	Until the director finds another lead actress, we will adjourn the production of the film.
196	constrain	\ kən-'strān \	verb	to restrict, limit or hold back	When Lulu learned about winning first place for her poem, she had to constrain her cry of excitement.
197	citation	\ sī-'tā-shən \	noun	specific information to identify and locate a specific publication	A citation that was listed in the book I was reading led me to additional articles.
198	deform	\ di-'fōrm \ or \ di-'fö(ə)rm \	verb	to distort something's shape	Human pollution can deform animals, sometimes leaving them maimed and marred.
199	notify	\ 'nō-tə-, fī \ or \ 'nōt-ə-, fī \	verb	to inform someone of something	The doctor's office said that they would notify me by mail when to schedule my next appointment.



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200	profusion	\ prə- 'fyü-zhən \	noun	being in great abundance	A profusion of ice on the roads and interstates has caused the governor to issue a state of emergency.
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