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	Word	Pronunciation	Part of Speech	Definition	Sentence
1	louse	\ 'laʊs \	noun	an immobile insect that extracts blood from humans or animals	Brushes, clothing, and bedsheets had to be sterilized when a louse was found fastened to the root of Bob's hair.
2	allot	\ ə-'lät \	verb	to give out proportionately	Since there is only a small cake, my mother will allot each of us a small slice.
3	dabble	\ 'dab-əl \ or \ 'da-bəl \	verb	to casually participate or have an interest in an activity	Although I dabble in several sports, I do not consider myself a master of any.
4	hypodermic	\ -'dər-mik \ or \ ,hī-pə-'dər-mik \	adjective	associated with the area under the skin	Hypodermic needles are used to place medications under skin tissue.
5	calamitous	\ kə-'la-mə-təs \ or \ kə-'lam-ət-əs \	adjective	involving catastrophe	As we boarded up the windows in preparation for the hurricane, we prayed the storm would not be calamitous.
6	nullify	\ 'nə-lə-,fī \ or \ 'nəl-ə-,fī \	verb	make of no use or value; cancel out	If you damage your refrigerator while trying to fix it, you could possibly nullify your warranty and find yourself responsible for all the repair costs.



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7	forsooth	\ fər- 'süth \	adverb	the truth or indeed	The new teacher realized placing the rivals next to each other was a huge mistake, forsooth.
8	centigrade	\ 'sent-ə-, grād \ or \ 'sen-tə- , grād \	adjective	relating to the temperature scale	I knew that it was 0 degrees centigrade outside because it was at the freezing point.
9	unease	\ ,ən- 'ēz \	noun	a sense of anxiety or nervousness	Most people feel a bit of unease when they are new at a school, but as soon as they find a friend they will be alright.
10	intertwine	\ ,in-tər- 'twīn \ or \ ,int-ər- 'twīn \	verb	twist or twine together	The creeping plant seemed to intertwine with all of the other rainforest plants, twisting around them until they couldn't be separated.
11	stanch	\ 'stɒnch \	verb	to stop the flow of blood from a wound	It is important to stanch bleeding from serious wounds as quickly as possible, as extreme blood loss is the deadliest aspect of the injury.
12	modular	\ 'mäj-ə-lər \ or \ 'mä-jə-lər \	adjective	built in sections or modules that can be easily assembled and disassembled	In order to assemble a Rubik's cube, the manufacturing company put together the modular puzzle cube by cube.



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13	apprenticeship	\ ə-ˈprent-əs- ˌʃɪp \ or \ ə- ˈprent-tə(sh)- ˌʃɪp \	noun	job training that involves working for an expert to learn a particular trade	Our community college offers an apprenticeship in woodworking which lasts through the summer months of July and August and September.
14	impinge	\ ɪm-ˈpɪnj \	verb	to produce an effect, usually an unwanted one	Fortunately when my neighbor added another floor to his home, the revised dwelling did not impinge upon my view of the ocean.
15	inanity	\ ɪ-ˈnɑ-nə-tē \ or \ ɪn-ˈɑn-ət-ē \	noun	senselessness; ridiculousness	People were shocked by the inanity of Kanye West’s ridiculous comments and absurd behavior during the award show.
16	biennial	\ (,)bī-ˈe-nē-əl \ or \ (ˈ)bī-ˈen- ē-əl \	adjective	taking place in two year intervals	In odd-numbered years, the biennial film festival showcases local films.
17	hypothetically	\ ˌhɪ-pə-ˈthe-ti- k(ə)lē \	adverb	being considered as a possibility but not yet reality	Hypothetically there could be aliens in space, but since we have no evidence to prove it it’s just a theory.
18	clamber	\ ˈklɑm-bər \	verb	to crawl or climb in an awkward manner	Fortunately, the baby fell back onto the soft carpet after trying to clamber up the steps.



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19	duplex	\ 'd(y)ü-,pleks \ or \ 'dü-,pleks \	noun	a house divided into two separate apartments	Aside from the wall in the middle, the duplex apartments shared everything.
20	splay	\ 'splā \	verb	to spread wide apart	After placing her hands at her side, the dancer began to splay her arms further and further apart until reaching the next position.
21	wobble	\ 'wä-bəl \ or \ 'wäb-əl \	verb	to move unsteadily from side to side	Because one of its legs is loose, the table might wobble if something is placed on it.
22	circumspect	\ 'sər-kəm-,spekt \	adjective	to think carefully before doing or saying anything, in order to avoid risks or consequences; cautious	He is equally circumspect on the issue of whether outside promoters will manage these tours.
23	dastardly	\ 'da-stərd-lē \	adjective	wicked, evil, and cruel	The trial exposed the dastardly methods utilized by the mob to acquire huge sums of money.
24	pamphlet	\ 'pam(p)-flət \	noun	a small booklet or leaflet of printed informational matter	Mulling over the pamphlet she picked up at the zoo, Tina now realized that she had missed a whole exhibit on polar bear habitats.



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25	clemency	\ 'kle-mən(t)-sē \ or \ 'kle-mən-sē \ or \ 'klem-ən-sē \	noun	a decision not to punish someone severely	In hopes of getting clemency from the law review board, the young lawyer begged for forgiveness.
26	burlesque	\ (,)bər-'lesk \	noun	a stage production or literary piece that uses excessive exaggeration or comedic imitation to ridicule something or someone	Because the writer of the burlesque novel mocked Katy Perry, he was canceled.
27	extrapolate	\ ik-'stra-pə-lāt \ or \ ik-'strap-ə-,lāt \	verb	to predict the future by looking at information that is already known	Stockbrokers on Wall Street attempted to extrapolate the future of the stocks by looking at what was trending last week.
28	scribble	\ 'skrib-əl \ or \ 'skri-bəl \	verb	to write or draw something quickly or without much focus	A toddler may draw with a crayon or chalk, but considering their lack of focus they usually do little more than scribble.
29	eschew	\ e-'shū \ or \ is-'chū \	verb	to avoid something which you do not think is right or proper	As a true lover of literature, I eschew cheap romance novels.
30	quail	\ 'kwāl \ or \ 'kwā(ə)l \	noun	a small, short-tailed, commonly hunted bird	For the experienced hunters, hunting quail proved difficult due to its high flying abilities and its brown feathers allowing it to camouflage into nature.



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31	slapdash	\ 'slap- ,dash \ or \ 'slap- 'dash \	adjective	done quickly without consideration for accuracy	The student's slapdash presentation looked like it had been put together on the school bus.
32	aver	\ ə- 'vər \	verb	to assert something in a convincing way	To ease unrest in our company, the boss made a speech to aver policy changes were coming.
33	omnipresent	\ ,äm-ni- 'prez- ənt \ or \ ,äm- ni- 'pre-zənt \	adjective	able to be everywhere at one time	Because my mother loves carrots, she adds them as an omnipresent ingredient in every dish she makes.
34	veterinarian	\ ,vet-ə-rən- 'er-ē-ən \ or \ ,ve-tə-rə- 'ner- ē-ən \	noun	a licensed doctor that examines and prescribes medications for animals	The veterinarian examined the stray puppy and performed several tests before he cleared him for adoption.
35	natal	\ 'nāt-əl \ or \ 'nā-təl \ or \ nə- 'tal \	adjective	associated with a birth	The prince's natal status is secondary to his brother's status so he will probably never ascend to the throne.
36	vivify	\ 'vi-və- ,fī \ or \ 'viv-ə- ,fī \	verb	to arouse, stimulate or invigorate	Exercise and eating healthy can really vivify someone into doing more activities in their day due to their increase in energy.



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37	excision	\ ik- 'si-zhən \ or \ ik- 'sizh-ən \	noun	the act of removing something	The excision of a blackhead from your face can be difficult, since they can be pretty large and trapped in small pores.
38	intimidate	\ in- 'tim-ə- ,dāt \ or \ in- 'ti-mə- ,dāt \	verb	to make afraid	The mob tries to intimidate shop owners into paying protection fees.
39	cagey	\ 'kā-jē \	adjective	uncommunicative; unwilling or hesitant to give information	Unlike Tom who is uncommunicative and cagey, his brother Frank is a loudmouth who will spill any secret.
40	hemorrhage	\ 'hem-rij \ or \ 'hem-(ə-)rij \	noun	a quick outpour that appears incapable of being stopped	One of the possible complications of surgery is severe anemia resulting from a hemorrhage.
41	immobilize	\ i- 'mō-bə- ,līz \ or \ im- 'ō-bə- ,līz \	verb	to prevent something from moving forward or operating normally	Dr. Rice used a cast to immobilize the patient's leg and stop him from being able to bend it while walking.
42	vaunt	\ 'vəunt \	verb	brag, boast, or excessively praise	Jeff likes to vaunt his good looks when he goes out on a date.
43	viscous	\ 'vi-skəs \ or \ 'vis-kəs \	adjective	having the characteristics of being sticky and/or thick and slow to move	After attempting to pour the glaze over the ham, I realized I needed a spoon to remove the viscous mixture from the bowl.



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44	misgiving	\ ,mis-'gi-viŋ \ or \ (')mis- 'giv-iŋ \	noun	a feeling of doubt	When I learned my daughter's boyfriend had just failed his exam, my misgiving about him became stronger.
45	repugnance	\ ri-'pəg-nən(t)s \	noun	intense revulsion or disgust	The priest's repugnance for sin is demonstrated through his dislike of anything immoral.
46	sonnet	\ 'sā-nət \ or \ 'sān-ət \	noun	verse form consisting of fourteen lines	In order to write the sonnet, Dr. Jones advised the class to pick a topic and start writing lines about that topic.
47	candlelight	\ 'kan-dəl-,(l)īt \	noun	dim light provided by burning candles	Burning the wick down to the edge, the author wrote by candlelight when working on his novel.
48	delusive	\ di-'lü-siv \	adjective	false or misleading	In most of the delusive machines commonly called perpetual motions, of which so many are patented in each year.
49	edify	\ 'ed-ə-,fi \ or \ 'e-də-,fi \	verb	to teach in a way that improves the mind or character	The teacher hoped her speech about good citizenship would edify her students and encourage them to contribute to their communities.





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50	jiffy	\ 'ji-fē \ or \ 'jif-ē \	noun	a moment	The mechanic claimed that the problem with our car was simple and that he would have it fixed in a jiffy.
51	concentric	\ kən-'sen-trik, (')kän- \ or \ kən-'sen-trik \	adjective	sharing an axis or center	The circles are distinct yet concentric because they share a common center.
52	homozygous	\ ,hō-mə-'zī-gəs \ or \ -'zī-gəs \	adjective	matching in kind, often related to genetics	Being homozygous for a trait means you have identical alleles in the gene responsible for that attribute.
53	certifiable	\ 'sər-tə-,fi-ə-bəl \	adjective	capable of being certified	Your driver's license is certifiable proof that you are allowed to legally operate a motor vehicle.
54	grouse	\ 'graʊs \	noun	a small, chubby brown bird that is hunted for food and sport	It was no competition for the birdwatcher to decide whether to photograph the beautiful red robin or the bulging spotted grouse.
55	colonization	\ ,kā-lə-nə-'zā-shən \	noun	the process of establishing a colony	British colonization of America first began in Jamestown, Virginia, eventually extending throughout the Americas.



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56	roost	\ 'rüst \	noun	a place where animals gather at night to sleep or rest, similar to nesting	The bats roost in the dark corner of an abandoned barn.
57	rusticate	\ 'rə-sti- ,kāt \	verb	to suspend a student from a university as punishment	Several of the university's discipline committee members felt that the school should permanently rusticate the wayward student for painting graffiti on the wall.
58	conversant	\ kən- 'vər-sənt \ or \ kən- 'vərs- ənt \	adjective	to be familiar with or have inside knowledge about the facts of something	Although she was born in Mexico, Maria left Cancun as a young child and isn't conversant in Spanish.
59	tiff	\ 'tif \	noun	a small conflict usually between two people	Since the driver's focus was distracted by the tiff he was having with his passenger, he got into an accident.
60	sinuous	\ 'sin-yə-wəs \	adjective	winding and twisting	It took the artist four years to create the sinuous sculpture made of hand twisted pieces of wire.
61	recuperate	\ ri- 'k(y)ü-pə- ,rāt \ or \ ri- 'kü-pə- ,rāt \	verb	to obtain something that has been lost, usually one's good health or a financial stake	My psychiatrist urged me to spend some time alone so I could mentally recuperate in a stress-free environment.



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62	nihilism	\ 'nī-(h)ə-, liz-əm \ or \ 'nī-(h)ə-, li-zəm \	noun	the idea that societal rules are worthless and should be eliminated	In the 1970s, the hippies embraced nihilism and ignored many of society's rules and laws.
63	especial	\ is-'pesh-əl \ or \ i-'spe-shəl \	adjective	exceptional	Dr. Sullivan was an especial surgeon because he saved many lives in surgeries when other surgeons couldn't.
64	acerbity	\ ə-'sər-bə-tē \	noun	roughness or harshness, as in language or temperament	With great acerbity, the coach reprimanded his star player for missing curfew.
65	oddball	\ -, bōl \ or \ 'äd-, bōl \	noun	strange and different from the normal	As a collector of oddball jewelry, Natalie is always on the lookout for strange and unique pieces.
66	dissident	\ 'di-sə-dənt \ or \ 'dis-əd-ənt \	noun	a person who opposes the current political structure, group or laws; one who disagrees	The dissident spoke out against the government's policies.
67	serenade	\ ,ser-ə-'nād \	verb	to perform a song for a special person	The band will serenade the birthday girl after the waitress brings her cake.
68	crotchet	\ 'kräch-ət \ or \ 'krä-chət \	noun	a highly specific and often eccentric preference	My grandpa has a very strange crotchet, as whenever he relaxes in the hot tub he has to have a cup of ice cream available as well.



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69	embroidery	\ im- 'brɔi-d(ə- )rē \ or \ im- 'brɔid-(ə-)rē \	noun	needlework	Learning to do embroidery meant that the couple could needle scarves and hats in their spare time.
70	imprison	\ im- 'pri-zʰn \ or \ im- 'priz-ʰn \	verb	to confine or to hold someone in an actual prison	Do not imprison yourself by closing your mind to new and different ideas about things you know nothing.
71	retina	\ 'ret-ʰn-ə, 'ret- nə \ or \ ,ret-ʰn- 'ā \ or \ 're-tə- nə \	noun	light-sensitive tissue located at the back of the eye that receives images and sends signals to the brain about what is being viewed	Although it looks like a single layer, the retina of the eye is a complex tissue with multiple light-sensitive tiers.
72	unceremoniously	\ ,ən- ,ser-ə- 'mō-nē-əs \	adverb	in an abrupt way that is considered rude	Leaving unceremoniously, the rude party guest stormed out of the room without saying goodbye.
73	dispersion	\ dis- 'pər-zhən \ or \ di- 'spər- zhən \	noun	the action of distributing things over a wide area	The dispersion of the worksheets to the rest of the class was a task the teacher chose to bestow on me.
74	socialization	\ ,sō-sh(ə-)lə- 'zā-shən \	noun	the process of talking to or doing activities with others	The dieter joined a weight loss camp for the dieting help and socialization with others who relate to her struggle.



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75	quagmire	\ 'kwag-, mī(ə)r \ or \ 'kwag- , mī(-ə)r \	noun	a situation from which it is hard to escape	Since Jim lost all of his money gambling, he is stuck in a financial quagmire.
76	assiduity	\ , a-sə-'dū-ə-tē \	noun	with strong focus and determination	The gymnast's assiduity earned her a spot on the Olympic team.
77	segue	\ 'se-(,)gwā \	noun	to fluidly change from one form or situation to another	As the song was coming to an end, it would segue into the next tune without hesitating with silence.
78	seminary	\ 'sem-ə-, ner-ē \ or \ 'se-mə- , ner-ē \	noun	a theological school that prepares students to become priests and pastors	In the early 1930s, the seminary that trained priests separated from its parent college and became independent.
79	demarcation	\ , dē-, mār-'kā- shən \	noun	a dividing line	If you want to play tug of war, you will need a demarcation that separates the two sides, marking where you must pull the other team to in order to win.
80	reiterate	\ rē-'i-tə-, rāt \ or \ rē-'it-ə-, rāt \	verb	to do or say something many times; repeat	To ensure her students understand the key points of her lessons, Mrs. Morgan always asks them to reiterate the main ideas back to her.



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81	memoir	\ 'mem-, wär \	noun	a description of a life or event written by a person with firsthand knowledge	The actress wrote a backdated memoir that began with the final days of her life.
82	encyclopedia	\ in-, sī-klə-'pē-dē-ə \	noun	a book or book set that gives information on many different subjects	The traveling salesman tried to convince the librarian to buy an encyclopedia set with hundreds of different topics inside.
83	cognate	\ 'käg-, nāt \	adjective	associated by origin or birth	The members of the two species have similar physical features because they are cognate.
84	equivocal	\ i-'kwī-və-kəl \ or \ i-'kwiv-ə-kəl \	adjective	not clear or certain	The scientist's theory is equivocal and has not been proven in a lab experiment.
85	aegis	\ 'ē-jəs \	noun	under the influence or protection of a specific individual, body, or government	Since the sailors were under the aegis of their commanding officer, they knew to behave appropriately while on leave.
86	demonstrable	\ di-'män(t)-strə-bəl \	adjective	able to be verified or proven	Though the company has demonstrable results to show the product works, many people still think it is a scam.
87	stupendous	\ stü-'pen-dəs \ or \ st(y)ü-'pen-dəs \	adjective	amazingly large	The store did not expect a stupendous throng of customers to line up around the building.



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88	verve	\ 'vɜrv \	noun	a combination of passion and energy that is typically found in artistic expression	Marius professed his love to Cosette with such verve and passion that she swooned.
89	reconvene	\ ,rē-kən- 'vĕn \	verb	to come back together for a purpose	We will reconvene after lunch to vote on the proposed amendment.
90	cleanliness	\ 'klen-lĕ-nəs \	noun	the attribute of being clean or immaculate	If there is a contagious illness going around, it is a good idea to practice cleanliness, cleaning away any germs you may have gotten from someone else.
91	intermediary	\ ,in-tər- 'mĕ-dĕ- ,er-ĕ \	noun	a person or thing that facilitates	For online exchanges, I use PayPal because it is an intermediary that performs secure financial transactions.
92	necrosis	\ nə- 'krō-səs \	noun	the complete deterioration of a bodily organ	Effects of necrosis can be painful since the cells completely decayed in that body part.
93	eviscerate	\ i- 'vi-sə- ,rāt \ or \ i- 'vis-ə- ,rāt \	verb	to remove the item that makes a person or thing strong	The bank is going to eviscerate the crooked businessman by freezing his assets.
94	permutation	\ ,pər-myü- 'tā-shən \ or \ ,pər-myü- 'tā-shən \	noun	one of the forms or conditions in which something occurs or can be positioned	Each altered photograph is a permutation of the original image.



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95	agglomeration	\ ə-ˌglä-mə-'rā-shən \ or \ ə-ˌgläm-ə-'rā-shən \	noun	a collection or mass of things	The mayor has an agglomeration of complaints against him, which is why he may not be in office much longer.
96	invulnerable	\ (,)in-'vəl-n(ə-)rə-bəl \ or \ (' )in-'vəl-n-(ə-)rə-bəl \	adjective	not capable of being damaged or injured	According to the comic book, the invulnerable superhero cannot be hurt by bullets.
97	plod	\ 'pläd \	verb	to advance slowly through something	After having painful cramps, I could only plod through the race.
98	lackadaisical	\ ,lak-ə-'dā-zi-kəl \ or \ ,lak-ə-'dā-zi-kəl \	adjective	feeling or showing a lack of interest or enthusiasm	After the surgery, I was lackadaisical for several days.
99	flack	\ 'flak \	verb	to promote or publicize something	Although the company tried to flack their product on the internet, not many of the ads reached their customer base.
100	unyielding	\ ,ən-'yēl-diŋ \ or \ ,ən-'yē(ə)l-diŋ \	adjective	not flexible; not easily moved or swayed	Even the prescription drugs could not eliminate my unyielding depression.
101	spiffy	\ 'spif-ē \ or \ 'spi-fē \	adjective	well-dressed; Fashionably attractive	Although she looked homeless most of the time, Evelyn always looked spiffy when she put on fashionable clothing and makeup.





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102	uninterested	\ ,ən- 'in-t(ə- )rə-stəd; \ or \ ,ən- 'int-ə-,res- təd \ 	adjective	not concerned; indifferent	The boy is uninterested in school and rarely does his homework or takes part in class.
103	elapse	\ i- 'laps \ 	verb	to pass or move by	While the man was frozen in time, the clocks would spin around so that time would elapse.
104	quadrangle	\ 'kwä-, draŋ- gəl \ or \ 'kwäd-, raŋ-gəl \ 	noun	a rectangular or square shaped courtyard	Surrounding the quadrangle were many elaborately built houses and luscious gardens that took away from the square.
105	unbound	\ ,ən- 'baünd \ 	adjective	limitless or released	When the unbound prisoner went to court, he decided to stay moral and did not take the opportunity to flee even though he didn't have any handcuffs on.
106	incompatibility	\ ,in-kəm-, pa- tə- 'bi-lə-tē \ or \ ,in-kəm-, pat- ə- 'bil-ət-ē \ 	noun	the state of two things being so different that they cannot both happen or coexist at the same time	Because of incompatibility, the woman couldn't find a good job to support her luxurious life.
107	legality	\ li- 'ga-lə-tē \ or \ li- 'gal-ət-ē \ 	noun	the act or condition of being permissible or lawful	After researching about the legality of recording the conversation she had with her ex- husband, the lawyer told her that the recording could not be presented in court.



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108	blanch	\ 'blanch \	verb	to grow fairer or paler as a result of fright or amazement	Blanch them by placing an upturned plant pot over them, cover the hole to exclude any light.
109	torpor	\ 'tôr-pər \	noun	the state of being motionless or inactive	After overeating on Christmas, I fell into a satisfied torpor.
110	flagship	\ 'flag- ,ship \	noun	the ship that carries the commander of a fleet	There were many vessels in the fleet, but the flagship carried the most important members of the crew.
111	allegorical	\ ,a-lə-'gôr-i-kəl \	adjective	symbolic like an allegory; containing a hidden moral lesson	In his allegorical poems reminiscences of the master's style and literary habit are most frequent.
112	sequent	\ 'sē-kwənt \	adjective	consecutive or something that is next	The three young children kept the television on the same channel since the subsequent television show was their favorite.
113	baneful	\ 'bān-fəl \	adjective	destructive or harmful	The teen's rebellious pals had a baneful influence on his strong study habits.
114	predilection	\ ,pre-də-'lek-shən \ or \ ,pred-ə'l-'ek-shən \	noun	a preference for something; a strong liking	Since she has a sizable art collection, her predilection for art is apparent.



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115	morphology	\ mɔr-'fæl-ə-jē \ or \ mɔr-'fä-lə- jē \ 	noun	the biological study of the size, shape, and structure of animals and plants	Comparing the skull's morphology to that of a human helped to distinguish it from other animals.
116	polarity	\ pō-'ler-ə-tē \ or \ pō-'lar-ət-ē \ or \ pō-'lar- ət-ē, pə- \ 	noun	the state of having two opposite or contradictory attributes, tendencies, opinions or ideas	The polarity of ideas presented by the debaters left me wondering if anyone had any middle-of- the-road opinions.
117	spurt	\ 'spɜrt \ 	noun	an unexpected short surge of activity, development or effort	Since we were understaffed today, I was glad our lunch spurt wasn't too tiresome.
118	thatch	\ 'thɑtʃ \ 	noun	the top part on a house made of hay, stalks, grasses or foliage	In order to use a thatch on the roof, the roofers gathered many pieces of straw and plots of sod to weave over the frame of the house.
119	geothermal	\ jē-ō-'thər- mə1 \ 	adjective	relating to the internal heat of the earth	Geothermal energy plants use heat from inside the earth to power 25% of Europe.
120	archive	\ 'är-'kīv \ 	noun	a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people	The archive was full of photographs, letters, and historical documents from WWI.



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121	unabashed	\ ,ən-ə-'basht \	adjective	brazen; bold	The unabashed message was brazen enough to get a response from the company.
122	morass	\ mə-'ras \	noun	a complicated or confusing situation	Although I am normally good with solving puzzles, I am somewhat confused by the math morass given out by my teacher.
123	roadway	\ 'rōd-,wā \	noun	the part of the street where cars drive	The construction company is working on the roadway so that it will be safer for drivers.
124	electorate	\ i-'lek-t(ə)rət \	noun	body of people who are entitled to vote	You cannot win an election in Philadelphia without the general population electorate.
125	jurist	\ 'jūr-ist \ or \ 'jū(ə)r-əst \	noun	an individual with a deep awareness of the law	Any person who considers himself a jurist should know his legal rights.
126	jackpot	\ 'jak-,pāt \	noun	the best reward or top prize in a game or contest	The local casino is advertising a million dollar slot jackpot with a guaranteed payout to a single winner.
127	retroflex	\ 're-trə-,fleks \	adjective	curved or turned in a backwards direction	As the plane took off, I looked out the window to see a retroflex view of the airport behind me.



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128	undervalue	\ ,ən-dər-'val- (,)yü \ or \ ,ən- dər-'val-yü \	verb	to consider something to have little value or worth than it really has	The group of workers tends to undervalue the intern's contributions even though he adds a lot of value to the project.
129	rivulet	\ 'riv-(y)ə-lət \ or \ 'ri-vyə-lət \	noun	a tiny stream of water or another liquid	Because the faucet is broken and only dispenses a rivulet, it will take a while to fill up your pitcher.
130	topple	\ 'tāp-əl \ or \ 'tā-pəl \	verb	to tumble over	Placing the bowling ball onto the flimsy table caused it to topple over onto the floor.
131	poultice	\ 'pōl-təs \	noun	a soft, heated and medicated substance, that is spread on cloth over the skin to treat an aching, inflamed, or painful part of the body	Warm poultice was used as a dressing for the soldiers' injuries.
132	incognito	\ ,in- ,käg-'nēt- ō, \ or \ ,in- ,käg-'nē-(,)tō \	adverb	without revealing one's identity; in disguise	Although everyone came to the door incognito on Halloween, I realized that some of the older kids were changing disguises so that they could get more candy.
133	enormity	\ i-'nōr-mə-tē \ or \ i-'nōr-mət- ē \	noun	an offense or disaster of great magnitude	When the hurricane struck the island nation, the residents were stunned by the enormity of the destruction.



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134	rhetorical	\ ri- 'tôr-i-kəl \	adjective	speech or writing that is intended to persuade or impress others	Using a rhetorical counterattack, the writer hoped to impress his readers.
135	magisterial	\ ,ma-jə- 'stir-ē-əl \ or \ ,maj-ə- 'stir-ē-əl \	adjective	overbearing and domineering	Sarah's husband quickly felt her magisterial attitude when she would nag him to do every little chore around the house.
136	grime	\ 'grīm \	noun	a thick layer of dirt	Grime and debris covered the floor of the construction site.
137	palliative	\ 'pal-ē-, āt-iv \ or \ 'pa-lē-, ā-tiv \	adjective	soothing remedy to relieve pain such as medicine	The cut on my back needs some palliative gel to help me walk around.
138	postulate	\ 'päs-chə-lāt \	verb	to suggest something (such as an idea or theory) especially in order to start a discussion	Because John is quite arrogant, he will often postulate on subjects on which he has very little knowledge.
139	feral	\ 'fer-uhl \	adjective	unruly or wild, often related to animals	After living in the forest for five years, the child had become feral and no longer knew how to act like a human.
140	derisive	\ di- 'rī-siv \	adjective	mocking and ridiculing	Roxanne was punished for her derisive behavior and warned by her teacher that further teasing would not be tolerated.
141	treatise	\ 'trē-təs \ or \ 'trēt-əs \	noun	a serious book or piece of writing about some subject	Ted's treatise on zoology was thorough and systematic.



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142	tarpaulin	\ 'tär- 'pò-lən \	noun	a heavy duty waterproof cloth	If you want something valuable to be protected from water, you should wrap it in a tarpaulin.
143	knead	\ 'nēd \	verb	to work and press into a mass, usually with the hands	I watched Frank knead dough as he pushed down and out, stretching the dough flatter and flatter.
144	dorsal	\ 'dòr-səl \	adjective	situated at the back side of an animal or plant	The dorsal side of the plant was pricklier than its smooth inner surface.
145	kooky	\ 'kü-kē \	adjective	strangely weird or eccentric	The clown's kooky eyes were weird enough to scare most of the children out of the funhouse.
146	eddy	\ 'ed-ē \ or \ 'e-dē \	noun	a swirl of water movement against the main current	During our whitewater rafting trip, our boat got caught in an eddy spinning us around like a washing machine.
147	nautical	\ 'nòt-i-kəl \ or \ 'nò-ti-kəl \	adjective	relating to or involving ships or shipping or navigation or seamen	Peter poured over a nautical map to pinpoint the exact location of his boat.
148	almanac	\ 'òl-mə- ,nak \	noun	an annual calendar with important events and astronomical data	Like most calendars, an almanac also specifies which days during the year are holidays, but it also specifies days that are critical to harvest.



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149	salient	\ 'sā-lyənt \	adjective	most important or prominent	Most people who saw the UFO said the salient characteristic of the spaceship was its saucer-like shape.
150	paean	\ 'pē-ən \	noun	any loud and joyous song; a song of victory or achievement	After losing the game, the team was disappointed not to sing their victory paean.
151	noncommittal	\ ,nän-kə-'mit-əl \ or \ ,nän-kə-'mi-təl \	adjective	displaying no sign of emotion or opinion	Before I went to my first football game and enjoyed myself, I was noncommittal on the subject of the sport.
152	pantheon	\ 'pan(t)-thē-än \	noun	a temple dedicated to all the gods	As part of their course, the mythology students visited the pantheon in the ancient city.
153	herewith	\ hi(ə)r-'with \ or \ hir-'with \	adverb	with this letter or communication	The woman sent the coupon herewith the money to the delivery boy to pay for all of her groceries.
154	textual	\ 'teks-chəl \	adjective	relating to text	You are engaging in textual activity whenever you read a book, peruse an internet article, or read anything that is written.





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155	conciliate	\ kən-'si-lē-, āt \ or \ kən-'sil- ē-, āt \	verb	make calm and content; placate	Before mediating between the two parties, the judge attempted to conciliate the plaintiff to prevent unnecessary litigation.
156	unfledged	\ ,ən-'flejd \	adjective	inexperienced; naïve	The unfledged nurse had very little experience in hospice care.
157	inoperative	\ i-'nä-pə-rə-tiv \ or \ (,)in-'ä- p(ə-)rə-tiv \ or \ (')in-'äp-(ə- )rət-iv \	adjective	out-of-order because of defect or out of use	The vehicle's motor shut down, rendering it inoperative and unable to be driven home.
158	dilettante	\ 'di-lə-, tānt \ or \ 'dil-ə-, tānt \	noun	a person whose interest in an art or in an area of knowledge is not very serious	When it comes to learning how to play the guitar, my daughter is a dilettante who will practice one day but not the next day.
159	socialite	\ 'sō-shə-, līt \	noun	a trendsetting young woman who is frequently seen at society's important events	By following the schedule of the socialite, Ginger was able to identify society's key events.
160	perjury	\ 'pər-jə-rē \ or \ 'pərj-(ə-)rē \	noun	giving false testimony after swearing to state the truth	When the thief lied on the witness stand, she was charged with perjury.
161	ajar	\ ə-'jär \	adjective	slightly opened	Our maid didn't have a key, so we left the backdoor ajar for her.



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162	dwindle	\ 'dwin-dəl \	verb	to decrease, shrink, diminish, reduce in size	As the evening wore on, the high spirits of the guests began to dwindle, and pretty soon most of them had left the party.
163	saber	\ 'sā-bər \	noun	a long, heavy sword with a curved blade	An inseparable element of the ninja costume was the curved saber that was used to ward off enemies.
164	ignominy	\ 'ig-nə- ,min-ē \ or \ 'ig-nə- ,mi-nē \	noun	public shame or disgrace	The convict displayed remorse for the ignominy he caused his loved ones.
165	banister	\ 'ba-nə-stər \	noun	the structure formed by the pillars and railing of a staircase	My stairs do have a railing, but it is bolted into the wall and has no pillars, so it is not a banister.
166	pastime	\ 'pas- ,tīm \	noun	a hobby done during someone's free time	Many English gentlemen's pastime of playing cricket on the green lawns was a common occurrence on a Sunday afternoon.
167	sonic	\ 'sān-ik \ or \ 'sā-nik \	adjective	related to sound or sound waves	Sonic frequencies can be damaging to hearing.
168	humanism	\ 'hyū-mə- ,ni-zəm \	noun	the belief individuals are good by nature and can solve all problems through reason	In our class' discussion of humanism, we talked about how decisions should be made through reason and for the good of all mankind.



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169	flaccid	\ 'flas-əd \ or \ 'fla-səd \	adjective	short on force or strength	The president's critics denounce his anti-war policies by calling them flaccid.
170	prepossession	\ ,prē-pə-'zesh-ən \	noun	a preconceived opinion; an idea or prejudice one believes	Joel has a strange prepossession that dogs are evil, so he refuses to even participate in a conversation about getting one.
171	unremitting	\ ,ən-ri-'mi-tiŋ \ or \ ,ən-ri-'mit-iŋ \	adjective	continuing without any type of interruption or decrease in intensity	After Barbara realized her knee pain was unremitting, she decided to have surgery to avoid suffering forever.
172	jackanapes	\ 'ja-kə-,nāps \	noun	a conceited, sarcastic, and/or brutish individual	He had the confident posture and half smirk of the average jackanapes, but somehow seemed even more conceited.
173	poltroon	\ päl-'trün \	noun	one who acts in a cowardly manner	When the barking dog saw me coming, he acted like a poltroon and ran under his front porch.
174	snazzy	\ 'snaz-ē \ or \ 'sna-zē \	adjective	stylish; attractive	Mr. McElroy pulled up to his office in a snazzy red sports car that is sure to make his co-workers envious.



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175	mismatch	\ ,mis- 'mach \	verb	to combine two things that are not supposed to go together	If you decide to mismatch your socks you will look funny to everyone that sees them, especially if they are different colors.
176	chute	\ 'shüt \	noun	vertical or inclined plane, channel, or passage for sliding things downward	Bounty hunters searched the land for a chute or channel that the escapees might have fled through.
177	nonpareil	\ ,nän-pə- 'rel \	adjective	without rival; unmatched	Because the restaurant's food is nonpareil in the city, the dining establishment has a six-month waiting list.
178	loquacious	\ lö- 'kwā-shəs \	adjective	a person that talks a lot; talkative	Even though Henrietta apologized to the teacher, she was still kicked out of class for being too loquacious.
179	genie	\ 'jē-nē \	noun	a magical person that lives in a lamp and grants wishes to the person who calls on it	Only working for her master, the mysterious genie only came out of her bottle-shaped lamp when the woman beckoned for her to appear.
180	recalcitrant	\ ri- 'kal-sə- trənt \	adjective	stubborn	Annette is so recalcitrant that every discussion we have turns into an argument.



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181	arrogate	\ 'ar-ə- ,gāt \ or \ 'er-ə- ,gāt \	verb	to seize without having the right to do so	The gang is trying to arrogate the public park and turn it into their private meeting space.
182	genus	\ 'jē-nəs \	noun	a class or group of something, usually used in biology to classify similar animals of different species	Because no other animals are similar to a giraffe, it is the only animal classified in its genus.
183	cur	\ 'kər \	noun	an aggressive and mongrel dog	Fearing that the mangy mutt was a cur, the boy steered clear of it so he might avoid being bitten.
184	guffaw	\ (,)gə-'fō \	noun	a noisy spurt of laughter	After the comedian told a funny joke, he was pleased to receive a large guffaw from the audience.
185	laudable	\ 'lō-də-bəl \ or \ 'lōd-ə-bəl \	adjective	deserving to be praised or admired	After my friend ransacked my house because of a false accusation, I found it difficult to see him as a laudable man.
186	etch	\ 'ech \	verb	to cut a pattern or picture into a surface especially wood, metal, or glass	Using a special machine, the glass maker was able to etch a pattern right onto the jar.
187	supine	\ 'sü- ,pīn \ or sü-'pīn \	adjective	lying face upward	When my sister and I were little kids, we would lie supine in the snow and make angels in the snow.



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188	fluidity	\ flü-'id-ət-ē \ or \ flü-'i-də-tē \ \	noun	the ability for a substance to flow easily	The author's writing style expressed fluidity, flowing freely from one type of writing to another.
189	virtuosity	\ ,vər-chə-'wäs-ət-ē \ or \ ,vər-chü-'ä-sə-tē \ \	noun	great skill in music or another artform	Drum stars are usually measured by their soloing ability and virtuosity.
190	extenuating	\ ik-'sten-yə-'wā-tij \ \	adjective	to lessen the seriousness of a wrong act	Despite my late cancellation, the cruise line is giving me a full refund due to my extenuating issues.
191	underling	\ 'ən-dər-liŋ \ \	noun	a person lower in rank or status when compared to someone else	Although the former private came into the Army as an underling, he rose in rank and now has others serving under him.
192	gloat	\ 'glōt \ \	verb	to take satisfaction in something that makes another person seem inferior	During the game, the annoying fan did nothing but gloat about his team's huge lead.
193	displease	\ ('dis-'plēz \ or \ (,)dis-'plēz \ \	verb	to dissatisfy or annoy someone	Because the article describes the activist in an unflattering manner, it's sure to displease a number of the man's followers.
194	intransigence	\ in-'tran(t)-sə-'jən(t)s \ \	noun	refusal to change one's views	I can't understand Rachel's intransigence, considering that we have undeniable proof that her idea is incorrect.



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195	compunction	\ kəm- 'pəŋ(k)- shən \	noun	anxiety arising from awareness of guilt	Even though Roger was on a strict diet, he felt little compunction after eating three donuts.
196	stewardship	\ 'st(y)ü-ərd- ,ship \ or \ 'stü-ərd-,ship \	noun	the management or supervision of something	Under the new president's stewardship, company profits increased by fifty percent.
197	daze	\ 'dāz \	noun	a state of stunned confusion and a lack of clarity	In a daze, I wandered through the hallways of the hospital, bumping into everyone that passed me by.
198	conscription	\ kən- 'skrip- shən \	noun	the system of forcing individuals to serve in the military	If conscription is enforced during the war, some men will flee the country with their families in order to avoid enlistment.
199	voracious	\ vò- 'rā-shəs \	adjective	having a large appetite; greedy	Unfortunately, teenagers have become voracious consumers of reality television.
200	roster	\ 'rās-tər \ or \ 'rā-stər \	noun	a list of people's names, often with including the jobs they have been assigned	Even though the roster listed Damian as the quarterback, he actually plays offensive line.