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	<b>Word</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Part of Speech</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Sentence</b>
1	encumber	\ in-'kəm-bər \	verb	to restrict or burden in such a way that action is limited	The political refugees came to this country so they could live in a nation where they would not have to be concerned about anyone trying to encumber their rights.
2	banausic	\ bə-'nō-sik \	adjective	relating to jobs or workers that require/have technical skills rather than higher education	My parents wanted me to go to college, but I would rather get a banausic job where I can use my technical skills.
3	contumacious	\ ,kän-tü-'mā-shəs \	adjective	rebellious against laws or those in authority	Since the contumacious prisoner will not obey the guards, he has been placed in solitary confinement.
4	telemeter	\ 'tel-ə- ,mēt-ər \ or \ 'te-lə- ,mē-tər \	noun	an instrument used for measuring the distance of an object from an observer	Because he needs to know how far away any upcoming storms are, the mountaineer makes sure to bring a telemeter when he hikes.
5	sisyphean	\ ,si-sə-'fē-ən \	adjective	describing something that appears or actually is endless	Because my credit is still ruined three years after the identity theft incident, I feel like my life is a Sisyphean nightmare.
6	compendious	\ kəm-'pen-dē-əs \	adjective	something that has been explained in a concise or brief way	Cliff notes give concise and compendious summaries of commonly read books.
7	dehisce	\ di-'his \	verb	to divide something open by splitting across a natural line	Because a few of the nuts were not ready to dehisce, the farmer gathered the pecans that were ready to be busted open.



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8	mesosphere	\ 'mez-ə- ,sfi(ə)r \ or \ 'me-zə-,sfir \	noun	an area between two layers in the Earth's atmosphere where it gets colder as the elevation increases	In the mesosphere the alien spaceship recorded the increasing temperatures every few minutes in this layer as it came closer to Earth.
9	quotidian	\ kwō-'tid-ē-ən \ or \ kwō-'ti- dē-ən \	adjective	everyday events that are normal and not that exciting	After the excitement of decorating her new home, Janet made an attitude adjustment and got down to the quotidian chores of housekeeping.
10	homonym	\ 'hä-mə-,nim \ or \ 'hä-m-ə- ,nim \	noun	a word that shares either the same spelling or pronunciation of another word while having a different significance	Too is a homonym which often confuses people who mix it up with the words, t-o and t-w-o.
11	quiddity	\ 'kwi-də-tē \	noun	the qualities of something that makes it what it is, usually on purpose	The quiddity of motherhood was reflected in Ms. Dowling because she was always baking cookies and tending to her child's needs.
12	pachyderm	\ 'pa-ki-,dɔrm \ or \ 'pak-i- ,dɔrm \	noun	a mammal, usually with thick skin, that has hooves or appendages similar in shape to hooves	A pachyderm is a hoofed animal with a thick hide.
13	feckless	\ 'fek-ləs \	adjective	someone who is irresponsible or ineffective	Clarissa told her father-in-law that he would regret it if he hired her feckless brother.
14	biannual	\ (,)bī-'an-yə(- wə)l \ or \ (')bī-'an-yə(- wə)l \	adjective	occurring twice a year	Because it happens on a biannual basis, there are only two times a year that night and day are the exact same length.



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15	potentate	\ 'pōt-ə-n-, tāt \ or \ 'pō-tən-, tāt \ \	noun	someone with unlimited power, usually a leader of a country or territory	Since the dictator has his huge army behind him, he can behave as a potentate because no one will challenge his unrestricted power.
16	polymath	\ 'pä-lē-, math \ \	noun	a person who knows a lot about many different subjects	Because she is such a polymath, Rachel seemed to know a little bit about every college subject.
17	objurgate	\ ,äb-jər-'gāt \ \	verb	to admonish or yell firmly at someone or something	Army sergeants objurgate in their troops' faces assigning them kitchen patrol duty for the slightest mishap.
18	operose	\ 'ä-pə-, rōs \ \	adjective	to be done strenuously and laboriously	In order to provide enough food for the family, the poor child had the operose task of cleaning every square inch of a building by herself.
19	nepenthe	\ nə-'pen(t)-thē \ \	noun	a fictional potion said to have been used by the ancient people to erase the memory of pain or sorrow	Nepenthe was mixed up by the sorceress so that her client could forget all her troubles.
20	disseminate	\ dis-'em-ə-, nāt \ or \ di-'se-mə-, nāt \ \	verb	to scatter or spread widely	If you are going to disseminate false information, then don't share it at all.
21	animadvert	\ ,a-nə-, mad-'vərt \ \	verb	to criticize or condemn	The council will no doubt animadvert your decision today.
22	carafe	\ kə-'raf \ \	noun	a large pitcher or container used to hold a beverage or wine	While hosting a dinner party for her friends, the hostess served either iced tea or coffee from a different carafe sitting on the table.



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23	provocateur	\ prō-, vā-kə- 'tər \	noun	an agitator or another person who provokes trouble	A political provocateur, the agitator, got on social media with the sole purpose of starting an online Twitter war between those with opposing opinions.
24	sectionalism	\ 'sek-shnə-, li- zəm \ or \ 'sek- shnə-, liz-əm \	noun	the condition of being focused on a specific section or sphere	It was Southern sectionalism that divided the nation and started the U.S. Civil War.
25	indoctrinate	\ in-'däk-trə- ,nāt \	verb	to convince people to believe a certain idea or concept	As teachers, our job is not to indoctrinate our students but rather to teach them how to discover their own knowledge.
26	shrive	\ 'shrīv \	verb	to gain absolution for one's sins	When he went to shrive for his penance, the priest told the man to say ten Hail Mary's and be on his way.
27	cryptography	\ krip-'täg-rə- fē \ or \ krip- 'tä-grə-fē \	noun	the process of writing or reading secret messages or codes	Being interested in cryptography, the science major created his own top-secret writing system.
28	eavesdrop	\ 'ēvz-, dräp \	verb	to hear a conversation one is not intended to hear; to listen in	FBI agents bugged the alleged criminal's office so they could eavesdrop on his conversations.
29	andragogy	\ 'andrə,gājē \	noun	the practice of teaching adult learners	Some teachers prefer andragogy because they would rather teach adult students than children, being less hassle.
30	locomote	\ 'lō-kə-, mōt \	verb	to move from one place to another	Without a car for us to use, it seems like we'll need a different means to locomote to our destination.



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31	obtest	\ äb'test \	verb	to beseech or beg, usually a deity	I obtest you, oh Heavenly Father, to grant me this one wish.
32	dissimilarity	\ (,)di(s)-,si- mä-'ler-ə-tē \	noun	difference or variance	It is odd that James and Lisa are such good friends despite the dissimilarity between their personalities.
33	newfangled	\ 'nü-'faŋ-gəld \ or \ 'n(y)ü- 'faŋ-gəld \	adjective	contemporary; modern	Newfangled cell phone cameras have all replaced the handheld Polaroids of the past.
34	multifarious	\ ,mä-l-ti-'far- ē-əs \ or \ ,mä-l-tə-'far-ē- əs \ or \ ,mä-l- tə-'fer-ē-əs \	adjective	having great variety; numerous	Although there are multifarious problems affecting the housing project, we still believe the apartments will be built on time.
35	obnubilate	\ äb-'nü-bə-,lä-t \	verb	to obscure or darken something	Some people use tinted windows to obnubilate the interior of their vehicles, hiding them from prying eyes outside.
36	blunderbuss	\ 'blən-dər- ,bəs \	noun	used informally to describe a clumsy person	Being the blunderbuss he is, Sam's husband has broken nearly every glass in our house.
37	sough	\ 'sau \	noun	a moaning or sighing sound	As the gentle ocean moved back and forth, the waves let out a soft sough.
38	anhedonia	\ ,än-(,)hē-'dō- nē-ə \ or \ ,än- hē-'dō-nē-ə \	noun	the physical and mental inability to get feelings of pleasure from typically enjoyable activities	Those who suffer from anhedonia cannot physically or mentally experience pleasure.
39	perquisite	\ 'pər-kwə-zət \	noun	a privilege, gain, or a special benefit; perk	Our CEO insists that the corporate jet is a perquisite that he truly deserves.



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40	arraign	\ ə- 'rān \	verb	to charge someone in a court of law	The judge had to travel to the hospital to arraign the injured suspect.
41	loquacity	\ lō- 'kwa-sə-tē \	noun	the act of talking a lot	Karen always believed that her loquacity made her a great candidate as a public speaker or sales person.
42	reprehension	\ ,rep-ri- 'hen- chən \ or \ ,re- pri- 'hen(t)- shən \	noun	critical words, often based on anger that express blame and disapproval	After hearing her mother's disapproving reprehension, the remorseful child apologized for breaking the lamp.
43	supramundane	\ ,sù-prə- 'mən- ,dān \	adjective	to be higher than the human world	With his supramundane attitude, the young man always felt that he had godlike and phenomenal strength and powers.
44	prevaricate	\ pri- 'var-ə- ,kāt \ or \ pri- 'ver-ə- ,kāt \	verb	speak or act in an evasive way	In order to get his bill passed, the politician went out of his way to prevaricate about the release of the environmental study.
45	telegnosis	\  telə'nōsəs \	noun	knowledge of events acquired from supernatural sources and without the use of the senses	Telegnosis refers to knowledge of events acquired from supernatural sources and without the use of the senses.
46	minimalism	\ 'mi-nə-mə- ,li-zəm \	noun	a movement that focuses on creating simple art or living simply with only necessary possessions	A fan of minimalism, the famous sculptor created a body-like figure that was marked by simplicity.
47	troubleshoot	\ 'trəb-əl- ,shüt \ or \ 'trə-bəl- ,shüt \	verb	to resolve common issues or problems	Because there was no way to troubleshoot the laptop's malfunction, it was returned to the store.



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48	fracas	\ 'frā-kəs \	noun	a noisy disagreement or commotion	The players were suspended from the team when they started a fracas in which one of them tripped the coach.
49	mudslinging	\ 'məd-,sliŋ-ɪŋ \	noun	the use of insults and accusations as a way of tarnishing someone's reputation	After their friendship ended, the feuding celebrities continued their mudslinging and threw insults in every interview.
50	odometer	\ ō-'dä-mə-tər \ or \ ō-'däm-ət-ər \	noun	an instrument used to measure how far a vehicle has travelled	To measure the distance traveled on the trip, the Smiths reset the odometer before taking off.
51	littoral	\ 'li-tə-rəl; ,li-tə-'rəl, -'räl \ or \ 'li-tə-rəl \ or \ 'lit-ə-rəl \	adjective	relating to a shore or coastal region	With water pollution on the rise, new training on clean-up measures were introduced to littoral areas in hopes that improvements would be made.
52	acquisitive	\ ə-'kwiz-ət-iv \ or \ ə-'kwi-zə-tiv \	adjective	eager and capable of making acquisitions	If the young man cannot control his acquisitive habits, he will spend all of his inheritance before he turns thirty.
53	laryngoscope	\ lə-'riŋ-gə-,skōp also -'rin-jə- \ or \ lə-'riŋ-gə-,skōp \	noun	a medical instrument specifically used to examine the human larynx	The doctor must use a laryngoscope to see into your voice box, mostly because they do not have X-ray vision.
54	mussel	\ 'məs-əl \ or \ 'mə-səl \	noun	a mussel is an edible clam-like animal	I found a single mussel clinging to the rocks by the shore.



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55	snippy	\ 'snip-ē \ or \ 'sni-pē \	adjective	used to describe rude behavior or communication that is brief or curt	Lydia's snippy attitude when answering the phone caused customers to complain about her rudeness to the manager.
56	accusal	\ ə-'kyü-zəl \	noun	a charge or claim accusing someone of something	Although the claim was unfounded, the public accusal against the teacher caused most of the town to believe he had assaulted a student.
57	avuncular	\ ə-'vən-kyə-lər \	adjective	kind or friendly, like an uncle	My father's best friend Joe treats me in an avuncular manner and even calls me his niece.
58	personable	\ 'pərs-nə-bəl \	adjective	having a pleasant personality	The personable flight attendant went out of her way to make me feel at ease on my first flight.
59	whittle	\ '(h)wi-tl \ or \ 'hwit-əl \	verb	to reduce or gradually eliminate something	Due to budget restrictions, Dana's had to whittle down the list of party invitees.
60	slammer	\ 'sla-mər \	noun	a slang word for prison or jail	The felon was released from the slammer after DNA evidence proved he didn't commit the robbery that landed him in prison.
61	volitant	\ 'välətənt \	adjective	flying or moving about rapidly	The volitant helicopter flew around the area rapidly in search of the missing toddler.
62	desiderate	\ di-'si-də-,rāt \	verb	to long for something or feel a need to have it	Many crimes desiderate to be solved, but it doesn't seem that the Chicago police are making much progress.





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63	aeronautics	\ ,ar-ə-'nòt-iks \ or \ ,er-ə-'nò- tikks \	noun	the science of flight	A Boeing 727 was donated to the college's aeronautics program for further flight studies.
64	fettle	\ 'fet-əl \ or \ 'fe-təl \	noun	a state of proper physical, mental health or strong condition	After completing my annual physical the doctor said I was in fine fettle.
65	orgulous	\ 'òr-gyə-ləs \	adjective	proud and arrogant	Obsessed with his luxury cars and expensive watches, the orgulous man was arrogant when it came to his possessions.
66	somniferous	\ sām-'nif-(ə- rəs \ or \ sām- 'ni-f(ə-)rəs \	adjective	somniferous describes something that prompts sleep	The book had a somniferous effect upon me, but I was able to read one chapter before falling asleep.
67	cadge	\ 'kaj \	verb	to convince a person to give you something at no charge	The child was constantly trying to cadge candy from store keepers.
68	anaphase	\ 'a-nə-, fāz \ or \ 'an-ə-, fāz \	noun	the stage in mitosis in which the cell starts to lengthen and the two members of each chromosome pair separate and move toward opposite poles	Early anaphase is usually defined as the separation of the sister chromatids into two members.
69	preponderant	\ pri-'pän-d(ə- rənt \	adjective	blatantly influential and powerful	The popularity of books in the United States has a preponderant influence on what is translated and available in other countries.
70	certitude	\ 'sər-tə-, tüd \ or \ 'sərt-ə- ,t(y)üd \	noun	the condition of being certain or sure about something	Everyone believed the journalist's fake story because she wrote it with such certitude.



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71	tadpole	\ 'tad- ,pōl \	noun	the tailed form of a frog or toad that lives entirely in water before it matures	Unlike the adult version of the spotted salamander, the tiny tadpole had gills that it used to breathe.
72	exoskeleton	\ ,ek-sō- 'skel-ət-ən \ or \ ,ek-sō- 'ske-lə-tən \	noun	a hard outer body that covers and protects certain animals, particularly insects	Arthropods and other crustaceans do not have a backbone but an outer exoskeleton.
73	proprioception	\ ,prō-prē-ō- 'sep-shən \	noun	the body's unconscious ability to sense the position and location and movement of the body and its parts	Proprioception allows a person to know where their leg is positioned, even when their eyes are closed.
74	nucleolus	\ nü- 'klē-ə-ləs \ or \ n(y)ü- 'klē-ə-ləs \	noun	the center spherical part of the nucleus that has a connection with DNA and RNA	Found only in eukaryotic cells, the nucleolus may only be analyzed by looking into the middle of the nucleus.
75	sapient	\ 'sā-pē-ənt \	adjective	displaying great knowledge or insight	According to the sapient marriage counselor, my husband and I need to spend more time together.
76	donnybrook	\ 'dā-nē- ,brük \	noun	a public brawl; heated argument	The confused husband wasn't sure if his wife orchestrated a huge donnybrook because she was truly upset or because she liked to argue.
77	genome	\ 'jē- ,nōm \	noun	the complete set of genetic material within an organism	Ironically, the human genome has more in common with the DNA of bananas than it does with any type of monkey.
78	ecology	\ i- 'käl-lə-jē \ or \ -jē \ or \ i- 'käl-ə-jē \	noun	the study of the relationships of living things to each other and to the environment	We were learning about ecology in our biology class and this involved a trip to Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle.



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79	seriatim	\ ,sir-ē-'ā-təm \ or \ ,sir-ē-'ā- təm, -'a-, -'ā- \<	adverb	relating to a series	A seriatim schedule is key to staying organized and completing tasks in an orderly manner.
80	postpartum	\ (' )pōst-'pärt- əm \ or \ ,pōs(t)-'pär- təm \<	adjective	after childbirth	Some women feel very light postpartum, almost like they can float away.
81	stamen	\ 'stā-mən \<	noun	the male organ of a flower that contains the pollen for fertilization	A flower's stamen has two parts, the anther that holds the pollen and the filament stalk that holds the anther.
82	reticence	\ 'ret-ə-sən(t)s \ or \ 're-tə- sən(t)s \<	noun	the quality of being reserved or uncommunicative	The detective tried to push the suspect past his reticence and get him to break his silence in the interrogation room.
83	alumna	\ ə-'ləm-nə \<	noun	a female graduate of a school or university	Jessica received one of the highest scholarship awards of any Rosewood High School alumna.
84	intercity	\ ,in-tər-'si-tē \<	adjective	traveling or existing between cities	Taking an intercity flight, the man quickly made it from one destination to the next.
85	somnolence	\ 'säm-nə- lən(t)s \<	noun	sleepiness; drowsiness	Because the prescribed medication can cause somnolence, the doctor warned the patient that it could make her feel drowsy.
86	barrette	\ bā-'ret \<	noun	a typically bar-shaped clip or ornament for the hair	She popped open the barrette and tried to clip it around her hair, but it was too thick.
87	propound	\ prə-'paund \<	verb	to bring forth for deliberation or consideration	At the faculty meeting I will propound several ideas for improving faculty morale.



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88	potentiate	\ pə- 'ten- chē- , āt \ or \ pə- 'ten(t)- shē- , āt \	verb	to increase the power or effect of something, especially medicine	Because it can raise the blood sugar, eating unhealthy food can potentiate the negative effects of diabetes.
89	interject	\ , in- tər- 'jekt \ or \ , int- ə- 'jekt \	verb	to cut in on another person's statement by making a remark	If the speaker does not interject excitement in his speech soon, he'll probably see members of his audience fall asleep.
90	euphonic	\ 'yü- fə- nik \	adjective	nice-sounding	As she belted out a euphonic note, the opera singer's voice was as sweet as sugar.
91	empress	\ 'em- prəs \	noun	a female ruler of an empire	As the wife of the great Emperor Justinian I, Empress Theodora helped rule the Roman empire during the 6th century.
92	populism	\ 'pä- pyə- , liz- əm \	noun	support for the rights and powers of ordinary people	Promoting populism meant that the candidate played on the naïve notions of the poor working class.
93	sybarite	\ 'si- bə- , rīt \	noun	one who is self-indulgent and addicted to luxury	The sybarite only booked five star hotels and luxurious suites.
94	rapscallion	\ rap- 'skal- yən \	noun	a person who is mischievous	In some legends, Peter Pan is an evil and malevolent villain, while in others he is an impish rapscallion who simply doesn't want to grow up.
95	appose	\ a- 'pōz \	verb	to place things next to or near another thing	When planting rows of corn in the field, make sure to appose each seed in line with the others.



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96	foofaraw	\ 'fū-fə- ,rò \	noun	a big worry or commotion over something unimportant	The teacher was uncertain why her 7th grade student created a foofaraw of yelling and screaming simply for someone looking at her funny.
97	anomie	\ 'a-nə-mē \	noun	social instability caused by erosion of standards and values	When Josh moved to the high-rise section of his city, he began to feel that the locals were more effected by anomie and alienation than the suburbanites.
98	ingestion	\ in- 'jes- chən \ or \ in- 'jes(h)- chən \	noun	the process of absorbing food, nutrients, medications, or other objects into the body	Ingestion of proper vitamins by eating a balanced diet that includes fruits and vegetables is important to your overall health.
99	emotionality	\ i- ,mō-shə- 'na-lə-tē \	noun	refers to the extent to which someone expresses or experiences emotions	Lucy's emotionality is rarely misinterpreted as weakness or instability.
100	homeostasis	\ ,hō-mē-ō- 'stā-səs \	noun	the tendency of the body to seek and maintain a condition of balance even when things change externally	Because of homeostasis, iron levels in the body stay fairly regular.
101	lilliputian	\ ,li-lə- 'pyū- shən \	adjective	a very small person or thing	The regular size horse stood like a giant next to the Lilliputian pony.
102	bemire	\ bi- 'mīr \	verb	coated or dirtied by dirt or mud	The young child seemed unaware that trampling through the big mud puddles with her new shoes would bemire them from the puddles' muck.



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103	lusterless	\ 'lə-stər'-les \	adjective	dull; not shiny	A few minutes of scrubbing the lusterless silverware was enough to make the cloudy spoons shine.
104	impermeable	\ (,)im-'pər-mē-ə-bəl \ or \ (' )im-'pər-mē-ə-bəl \	adjective	not allowing substances to pass through	Impermeable materials were used to build a waterproof fort.
105	pleonasm	\ 'plē-ə-,na-zəm \	noun	the use of more words than necessary	His book was mostly pleonasm because half of it was filled with unnecessary wording.
106	saporous	\ 'səpərəs \	adjective	full of flavor; good-tasting	Jen thought the wings were saporous, but her brother felt they could use a little more flavor.
107	vestigial	\ ve-'sti-jē-əl \ or \ ve-'stij-(ē-)əl \	adjective	an organ or limb that is no longer in use due to evolution but may be used for other unintended purposes	Darwin believed that vestigial organs or organs that were no longer useful, were the result of evolution.
108	abrogate	\ 'a-brə-,gāt \ or \ 'ab-rə-,gāt \	verb	to abolish; to do away with	If you talk out loud in class, I will abrogate your right to choose where to sit.
109	adaptive	\ ə-'dap-tiv \	adjective	being able to change (adapt) to suit different situations	Because of her adaptive nature, the teacher is flexible enough to work with any grade level.
110	bootlegger	\ 'büt-,le-gər \	noun	someone that makes or sells goods illegally	Howard is the school bootlegger, able to pirate any movie, even ones that came out the day before.
111	atoll	\ 'a-,tōl \	noun	a ring-shaped island formed by a coral reef encircling a lagoon	An underwater island habitat of coral known as an atoll contains not only marine plants but also turtles and fish.



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112	soliloquize	\ sə- 'lil-ə- ,kwīz \ or \ sə- 'li-lə-,kwīz \	verb	talk to oneself	With no friends, the homeless man tends to soliloquize, holding a conversation with himself since he had no one else to talk to.
113	gastric	\ 'gas-trik \ or \ 'ga-strik \	adjective	relating to the stomach	The patient underwent gastric bypass surgery so that she could lose weight by reducing the size of her stomach.
114	stenographer	\ stə- 'næg-rə- fər \ or \ stə- 'nä-grə-fər \	noun	someone who types the words people say	Understanding how to transcribe words into a shortened form is a key requirement of a stenographer.
115	nee	\ 'nā \	adjective	born with this name usually before getting married	In order to not be confused with another celebrity, Katy Perry, nee Hudson, changed her name before making it big.
116	polyglot	\ 'päl-i-,glät \ or \ 'pä-lē-,glät \	noun	an individual who is capable of using and understanding numerous languages	When Tim travels around the world, he has no problem communicating with people because he is a polyglot.
117	offish	\ 'ō-fish \	adjective	aloof or distant	Aloof and offish, the wallflower stuck to the corners of the room and refused to interact with anyone.
118	augury	\ 'ō-gyə-rē \	noun	a prediction or omen	When Ellen told us about her augury, none of us ever believed she would one day be a famous talk show host.



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119	phosphorescence	\ -'res-ə'n(t)s \ or \ ,fās-fə- 'res-ə'n(t)s \ ,fās-fə-'re- sə'n(t)s \ sə'n(t)s \ sə'n(t)s \	noun	a glowing illuminated object caused by radiation	The walls showed brightly through the darkness in the room due to the phosphorescence in the paint.
120	panoptic	\ (' )pan-'äp-tik \ or \ ,pa-'näp- tik \ tik \	adjective	showing or seeing the whole at one view	The panoptic view from the hot air balloon allowed us to see all of the city.
121	rarefaction	\ ,rer-ə-'fak- shən \ or \ ,rar- ə-'fak-shən \ shən \	noun	the lessening of density in a substance	The rarefaction of air occurs as it rises higher in the atmosphere, where it loses much of its density.
122	exhilarate	\ ig-'zi-lə-,rät \ or \ ig-'zil-ə- ,rät \ ,rät \	verb	to make an individual extremely happy	Achieving my weight loss goal is sure to exhilarate me.
123	knickerbocker	\ 'ni-kər-,bä- kər \ kər \	noun	a descendant of the Dutch settlers of New York	In the 1930s, the Dutch knickerbocker published a literary magazine with the same name, where he published news articles.
124	eke	\ 'ēk \ ēk \	verb	to do something with much determination and strength	After practicing twice a day, the Deerfield soccer team was finally able to eke out one victory against their rival before the season ended.
125	spoor	\ 'spūr \ spūr \	noun	the track, trail, droppings or scent of an animal	If the police don't find and start following the spoor of a child abductor within the first two hours, the chances of getting that child back alive start to diminish greatly.





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126	neoclassical	\ ,nē-ō- 'kla-si- kəl \	adjective	in the manner of Ancient Greek or Romans	Popular neoclassical poets like Alexander Pope used the styles and rules of Greek and Roman writers of old to talk about current issues.
127	cognition	\ käg- 'nish-ən \ or \ käg- 'ni- shən \	noun	the mental courses by which one obtains knowledge through experiences and thoughts	In order to process the environment for information, humans often go through several methods of cognition.
128	nonagon	\ 'nō-nə- ,gän \	noun	a nine sided polygon	Elves in Santa's workshop covered each of the nonagon box's nine sides with decorative border.
129	truancy	\ 'trü-ən-sē \ or \ 'trü-ən(t)-sē \	noun	skipping school without valid reason	My sister's truancy was discovered when my parents found her at the mall instead of in class.
130	nosey	\ 'nō-zē \	adjective	snooping and prying because of interest in what is going on	Due to her nose y nature, Barbara would often put her ear to the door of her sister's room to hear what she was saying to her friend on the phone.
131	felicitate	\ fi- 'lis-ə- ,tāt \ or \ fi- 'li-sə- ,tāt \	verb	to congratulate	The ornate shawl was given by the tribe to felicitate the woman on the birth of her new baby.
132	lavation	\ lā- 'vā-shən \	noun	a washing or cleansing	Because our home gets filthy rather quickly, a complete lavation of our home, inside and out, takes place every weekend.



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133	adventuresome	\ əd-'ven-cher-səm \	adjective	adventurous or prone to going on adventures	My mother does not like spelunking, but I am adventuresome and think caves are extremely fun to explore.
134	doily	\ 'dɔi-lē \	noun	a small ornamental mat made of lace or paper with a lace pattern	Aunt Irma crocheted an intricate lace doily to be used as a potholder in my kitchen.
135	amicus	\ ə-'mē-kəs \	noun	a “friend of the court” who is not actually involved in a case as a party but who serves as an advisor	Amicus briefs were filed by court attendees wanting to add their two cents on the case.
136	heterodox	\ 'het-ə-rə-,däks \ or \ 'he-tə-rə-,däks \	adjective	different from what is considered the norm	Many of the old professors did not like the heterodox teaching strategies proposed by their young colleague.
137	fusillade	\ 'fyü-sə-,läd \	noun	a huge quantity of firings that occur rapidly	The media directed a fusillade of questions to the disgraced politician.
138	slather	\ 'sla- <u>th</u> ər \	verb	to spread or lather a thick amount of something	Tiff tends to slather an ample spread of butter onto her toast since she hates dry bread.
139	summative	\ 'sə-mə-tiv \	adjective	refers to something that is the product of things being added together	After several months of working at the company, the employee was given a summative evaluation of his last three performance records.
140	factotum	\ fak-'tō-təm \	noun	person having many responsibilities	At the fast food restaurant, Kevin won the employee of the month award because as a factotum he would do every task assigned to him by his supervisor without fail.



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141	ablate	\ a-'blāt \	verb	to remove body tissue surgically	A laser was used to ablate the tissue so that the surgeon wouldn't have to remove it by hand.
142	macroeconomics	\ 'ma-krō-, e- kə-'nä-miks \	noun	a division in economics which focuses on the larger aspects of economics of money comparing it to the entire nation or world	After researching macroeconomics, it was determined that the strong educational requirements of U.S. citizens would result in an increase in salaries throughout the country.
143	somnambulate	\ sām-'nam- byə-, lāt \ or \ - , lāt \	verb	to walk while sleeping	In order to somnambulate, one needs to be asleep.
144	occlude	\ ə-'klüd, ä- \ or \ ə-'klüd \	verb	to close up or block off	During the surgery, the doctor will do everything possible to not occlude the flow of blood to the patient's heart.
145	convoke	\ kən-'vök \	verb	to call together or summon a meeting	Wanting to convoke the council into an assembly, the leader called every member at home.
146	coetaneous	\ ,kō-ə-'tā-nē- əs \	adjective	having the same age or date of origin as something else	The two planets are not coetaneous and came to be many millions of years apart.
147	regnant	\ 'reg-nənt \	adjective	currently ruling	Queen Liliuokalani took an oath and ascended into power as first queen regnant of Hawaii.
148	sublet	\ 'səb-, let \	verb	to rent the entire apartment or house or part of it by someone who in turn at the same time rents it all or part of it out to someone else	No tenant was allowed to sublet any part of their apartment because the only people who were allowed to live in the apartment were those on the lease.



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149	bacterium	\ bak- 'tir-ē-əm \	noun	once-celled microscopic living organisms that can cause infection	The microscopic bacterium is so powerful that antibiotics can't even clear up the strong infections the germs cause.
150	avulsion	\ ə- 'vəl-shən \	noun	the act of pulling or tearing something	If you stretch your muscle too far, you may suffer from an avulsion, tearing the muscle and causing great pain.
151	sophism	\ 'säf-, iz-əm \ or \ 'sä-, fi-zəm \	noun	a clever but untrue argument that is used to deceive someone	During the conversation, the politician used sophism to trick the voter into believing what he said was true.
152	absquatulate	\ abz'kwächə, lāt \	verb	to depart hurriedly	The company treasurer tried to absquatulate to Costa Rica with the money he embezzled.
153	abdicate	\ 'ab-di-, kāt \	verb	to relinquish power or responsibility	Of course, it is easier to abdicate your responsibilities than to be a good citizen.
154	babel	\ 'bā-bəl, \ or \ 'bā-bəl \	noun	a confused mixture of sounds and voices	As the huge crowd arrived at the immigration station, a babel of voices in different languages could be heard.
155	verboten	\ vər- 'bō-tən \	adjective	forbidden, prohibited	Fearing that it was verboten, the woman checked the handbook to make sure that turning right at a red light was legal.
156	internationalism	\ , int-ər- 'nash- nəl-, iz-əm \ or \ , in-tər- 'na- sh(ə-)nə-, li- zəm \	noun	the principle of cooperation among nations	Although the ruler was against internationalism, most of the citizens felt that the country should be open to close relations with other nations.



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157	couture	\ kü- 'tūr \	noun	the design and manufacture of clothing to a client's specific desires	Maria's couture gown was designed specifically for her by a renowned designer.
158	pilose	\ 'pī-, lōs \	adjective	to be covered in long soft hairs	Walking through the forest, she caught a glimpse of a long-haired, pilose wolf darting through the trees.
159	myopia	\ mī- 'ō-pē-ə \	noun	a restrictive view or an absence of forethought	Do not let your myopia prevent you from taking risks that could be quite profitable in the long run.
160	defalcate	\ di- 'fal-, kāt, - 'fōl-, dē-; 'de-fəl-, kāt \ or \ di- 'fal-, kāt \	verb	to misappropriate or misuse money assigned to that person	Workers were suspicious that Barbara did defalcate money from her employer when the entry level worker was always taking expensive vacations.
161	superego	\ ,sü-pär-'ē-(,)gō also 'sü-pär-, -'eg-(,)ō \ or \ ,sü-pär-'ē-(,)gō \	noun	the part of your mind that acts as your self-accountable conscience	My superego tells me that what I am doing is probably wrong.
162	dentifrice	\ 'dent-ə-frəs \ or \ 'den-tə-frəs \	noun	a paste, powder, liquid, or other preparation for cleaning the teeth	The dentist urged that selecting the right dentifrice is important for dental health.
163	trousseau	\ 'trü-(,)sō \ or \ 'trü-, sō \	noun	the clothes collected by a bride for her marriage	The bride brought an entire wardrobe to the marriage as her trousseau, practically filling the small closet of the man's home.
164	novation	\ nō- 'vā-shən \	noun	to enter into a new agreement or contract with the same or similar terms when a previous agreement has ended or fallen through	After the wedding photographer finished her contract with the happy couple, she made a second novation under new terms for their honeymoon photos.



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165	lodestar	\ 'lōd- ,stār \	noun	a specific star used for navigation at sea	Polaris, the North Star, is most notable for being used as a lodestar by sailors.
166	marxism	\ 'märk- ,si- zəm \	noun	a social and political theory that is the opposite of capitalism and argues that production and all of the means of public ownership should lie in the hands of the workers	Marxism states that in order for capitalists to generate money, workers must be exploited and their wages lowered frequently.
167	interpolate	\ in- 'tər-pə- ,lāt \	verb	to change something by adding material to it	Depending on how well my novel flows, my editor may interpolate additional descriptive sentences to give the tale more imagery.
168	syllabus	\ 'si-lə-bəs \ or \ 'sil-ə-bəs \	noun	an outline of topics and important dates in an educational course	Look on your syllabus to see when homework is due.
169	protract	\ prō- 'trakt \	verb	to prolong in time or space	The committee voted to protract the discussions of an amendment to their mission statement.
170	destine	\ 'des-tən \ or \ 'de-stən \	verb	to intend for something to fulfill a certain purpose	Some believe that fate will destine you for a certain path when you are born, but I like to think that the choice is up to me.
171	elocution	\ ,el-ə- 'kyū- shən \ or \ ,e- lə- 'kyū-shən \	noun	the way in which an individual reads or speaks in front of others	Ellen will need to work on her elocution before she competes in the public speaking competition.
172	heterotroph	\ 'het-ə-rə- ,trōf \ or \ 'he-tə-rə- ,trōf \ or \ 'het- ə-rə- ,trōf, - ,träf \	noun	an organism that must feed on other organisms in order to grow and survive	A human is a heterotroph, because it must feed on other living things to continue to thrive and survive.



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173	gewgaw	\ 'g(y)ü-(.)gò \ or \ 'g(y)ü-gò \ 	noun	something that is flashy or showy but ultimately useless or pointless	The most obvious example of a gewgaw in the modern military is the battleship, a warship that looks intimidating and powerful but is no longer a truly viable combat vehicle.
174	disharmony	\ (,)dis-'här-mə-nē \ or \ (')dis-'här-mə-nē \ 	noun	a state of chaos or a lack of cooperation	My family has been in disharmony ever since my parents divorced, forcing the children to pick sides.
175	overspill	\ 'ō-vər-, spil \ 	noun	a word used to refer to people who don't fit in a certain place because of population or capacity	Overspill estates on the town's edge are filled with people who couldn't find places to rent downtown.
176	analog	\ 'a-nə-, lög \ 	adjective	describes an object that functions or shows measurements using mechanical pieces rather than digital	Vinyl records are played on an analog player that uses an arm and needle to bring forth music.
177	enervate	\ i-'nər-vət \ or \ 'e-nər-, vāt \ or \ 'en-ər-, vāt \ 	verb	to deprive of force or strength; weaken	When the soldiers put dynamite under the bridge, they hoped it would enervate the foundation to the point of collapse.
178	fester	\ 'fe-stər \ or \ 'fes-tər \ 	verb	to worsen as time passes	The wound will fester and become infected if antibiotics are not quickly applied.
179	invertebrate	\ (,)in-'vər-tə-brət \ or \ (')in-'vərt-ə-brət, \ or \ (')in-'vərt-ə-brət \ 	noun	animal without backbone	The science teacher wanted us to study the snail, an invertebrate animal.



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180	groupie	\ 'grü-pē \	noun	a fan who follows a celebrity or musician around while they are on tour in hopes of getting to know them better	Famous groupie Bebe Buell had liaisons with several well-known musicians including Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler.
181	speciation	\ ,spē-shē-'ā-shən \	noun	one species becoming another through evolutionary means	Speciation led to a new species of fruit flies being formed through evolutionary means.
182	logorrhea	\ ,lò-gə-'rē-ə \	noun	excessive wordiness with minor or sometimes incoherent talkativeness	The judge's logorrhea rattled my nerves, and it took all of my strength to restrain myself from yelling at her to shut her mouth already.
183	animus	\ 'an-ə-məs \ or \ 'a-nə-məs \	noun	an intense feeling of loathing or disgust; hatred	Pat's animus for Kelly caused her to overlook the fact her rival would be a great addition to the study group.
184	divisor	\ də-'vī-zər \	noun	in mathematics, a numeral that divides into another numeral	In the division problem if the dividend is 24 and the answer is 8, then the divisor is 3.
185	temporize	\ 'tem-pə-,rīz \	verb	to lengthen a discussion in order to have additional time to think or negotiate	My persistent daughter will try to temporize when we refuse to extend her curfew.
186	impuissant	\ (,)im-'pwi-sənt \	adjective	powerless; unable to take action	The impuissant king was ruler only by name as he wasn't mentally capable of making decisions for the kingdom.
187	blithesome	\ 'blīth-səm \	adjective	cheerful and lighthearted	Skipping through the woods, the blithesome girl sang her song with cheer.





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188	dungaree	\ ,dʌŋ-gə- 'rē \	noun	a sturdy harsh cotton fabric usually made into heavy pants	During the Gold Rush, miners would wear clothing made from dungaree due to the tough conditions and elements that they put their clothing through.
189	heliograph	\ 'hē-lē-ō- ,graf \	noun	a device for telegraphing that uses sun's rays flashed from a mirror to send signals	Pivoting the mirror in the light, the soldier was able to send a signal using the heliograph.
190	conscientiousness	\ ,kän(t)-shē- 'en(t)-shəs-nəs \	noun	a personality trait that involves being organized, responsible, and reliable	Conscientiousness is a valuable trait in many different professions, as it helps individuals to be dependable and accountable.
191	sleuth	\ 'slüth \	noun	a detective or investigator who solves mysteries	Making a name for himself as a hard-hitting detective, the sleuth prides himself on being able to solve cold cases.
192	playwriting	\ 'plā- ,rī-tīŋ \	noun	the activity or process of writing screenplays	Arthur Miller was well-known for his playwriting as well as his wife who starred in many of his screenplays, Marilyn Monroe.
193	congruity	\ kən- 'grü-ə-tē \	noun	harmony or agreement	Agreeing that congruity was lacking among the conference leaders, the president of the board pushed them towards mediation.
194	altruistic	\ ,al-trü- 'i-stik \	adjective	sincerely concerned about the well being of others	Since the celebrity is only helping the needy in order to get media attention, she is not an altruistic individual.



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195	adonis	\ ə-ˈdä-nəs \ or \ ə-ˈdän-əs \	noun	a very handsome young man	The football player prided himself on his Adonis-like looks and spent hours staring at himself in the locker room mirror.
196	alliteration	\ ə-ˈlit-ə-ˈrā-shən \ or \ ə-ˈli-tə-ˈrā-shən \	noun	the recurrence of consonants at the start of two or more terms	The sentence, Casey cooked carrots for her daughter Cara, is an example of alliteration.
197	festal	\ ˈfe-stəl \ or \ ˈfest-əl \	adjective	similar or related to a festival or celebration	Mardi Gras is a popular celebration that has all sorts of festal outfits and clothing choices that are associated with it.
198	teleological	\ ˌte-lē-ə-ˈlä-jikəl \ or \ ˌtel-ē-ə-ˈläj-i-kəl \	adjective	the philosophical attempt to describe every object in regards to its apparent use or purpose	In teleological thinking, you would describe a fork by saying what it is used for, rather than what it looks like or is made of.
199	brobdingnagian	\ ˌbräb-dinj-ˈna-gē-ən \	adjective	gigantic; huge	Mount Rushmore is a brobdingnagian sculpture because it is carved on the giant mountain face.
200	echt	\ ˈekt \	adjective	authentic and typical	His echt lazy behavior is pretty aligned with his usual decision to never help anyone around the house.