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PREFACE FROM THE EDITOR

Designed for school districts, educators, and students seeking to maximize performance on standardized tests, Webster's paperbacks take advantage of the fact that classics are frequently assigned readings in English courses. By using a running thesaurus at the bottom of each page, this edition of *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane was edited for students who are actively building their vocabularies in anticipation of taking PSAT[®], SAT[®], AP[®] (Advanced Placement[®]), GRE[®], LSAT[®], GMAT[®] or similar examinations.¹

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CHAPTER 1

THE COLD passed reluctantly from the earth, and the retiring fogs revealed an army stretched out on the hills, resting. As the landscape changed from brown to green, the army **awakened**, and began to tremble with eagerness at the noise of rumors. It cast its eyes upon the roads, which were growing from long troughs of liquid mud to proper thoroughfares. A river, amber-tinted in the shadow of its banks, purred at the army's feet; and at night, when the stream had become of a **sorrowful** blackness, one could see across it the red, eyelike gleam of hostile camp-fires set in the low brows of distant hills.

Once a certain tall soldier developed virtues and went resolutely to wash a shirt. He came flying back from a brook waving his garment bannerlike. He was **swelled** with a tale he had heard from a reliable friend, who had heard it from a truthful **cavalryman**, who had heard it from his **trustworthy** brother, one of the orderlies at division headquarters. He adopted the important air of a herald in red and gold.

"We're goin' t' move t'morra--sure," he said **pompously** to a group in the company street. "We're goin' 'way up the river, cut across, an' come around in behind 'em."

To his attentive audience he drew a loud and elaborate plan of a very brilliant campaign. When he had finished, the blue-clothed men scattered into small arguing groups between the rows of squat brown huts. A **negro teamster** who

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awakened: (*adj*) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested.

cavalryman: (*n*) dragoon, horseman, hussar, cuirassier, lancer, soldier, lancers.

negro: (*n*) black, darky, blackamoor, nigger, Negroid, black person, darkie, coon, moke, lightlessness; (*adj*) dark.

pompously: (*adv*) ostentatiously, turgidly, proudly, pretentiously, imperiously, conceitedly, affectedly,

stiltedly, puffily, showily, haughtily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) modestly, meekly.

sorrowful: (*adj*) melancholy, doleful, sad, rueful, lugubrious, gloomy, dreary, grievous, piteous, unhappy, mournful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheerful, content, joyful, successful.

swelled: (*adj*) big, inflated, bloated, swollen, adult, boastful, bighearted, bad, fully grown, crowing, elder.

teamster: (*n*) carter, driver, muleteer,

postilion, arriero, cartman, carrier, porter, vetturino, truck driver, lorry driver.

trustworthy: (*adj*) honest, trusty, dependable, safe, faithful, sound, certain, good, responsible; (*adj, n, v*) credible; (*adj, n*) true. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) suspect, dubious, untrustworthy, undependable, sneaky, doubtful, deceitful, disloyal, disreputable, irresponsible, degenerate.

had been dancing upon a cracker box with the hilarious encouragement of **twoscore** soldiers was deserted. He sat **mournfully** down. Smoke drifted lazily from a multitude of quaint chimneys.

"It's a lie! that's all it is--a thunderin' lie!" said another private loudly. His smooth face was flushed, and his hands were thrust **sulkily** into his trouser's pockets. He took the matter as an **affront** to him. "I **don't** believe the derved old army's ever going to move. We're set. I've got ready to move eight times in the last two weeks, and we ain't moved yet."

The tall soldier felt called upon to defend the truth of a **rumor** he himself had introduced. He and the loud one came near to fighting over it.

A corporal **began** to swear before the **assemblage**. He had just put a costly board floor in his house, he said. During the early spring he had refrained from adding extensively to the comfort of his environment because he had felt that the army might start on the march at any moment. Of late, however, he had been impressed that they were in a sort of eternal camp.

Many of the men engaged in a spirited debate. One **outlined** in a peculiarly lucid manner all the plans of the commanding general. He was opposed by men who advocated that there were other plans of campaign. They clamored at each other, numbers making futile bids for the popular attention. Meanwhile, the soldier who had fetched the rumor bustled about with much importance. He was continually assailed by questions.

"What's up, Jim?"

"Th'army's goin' t' move."

"Ah, what yeh talkin' about? How yeh know it is?"

"Well, yeh kin b'lieve me er not, **jest** as yeh like. I don't care a hang."

There was much food for thought in the manner in which he replied. He came near to convincing them by disdaining to produce proofs. They grew much excited over it.

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affront: (*n, v*) insult, abuse, outrage, slight, snub; (*v*) face, offend; (*n*) disgrace, slur, offense, mortification. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) praise; (*v*) please, placate, mollify, gratify, flatter, assuage, appease, adulate; (*n*) pleasantry, appeasement.

assemblage: (*n*) meeting, collection, congregation, set, multitude, crew, confluence, gathering, gang, convention, convocation. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dispersal,

scattering.

began: (*v*) Gan.

don't: (*adv*) not; (*n*) taboo, prohibition.

jest: (*n*) gag, gibe, quip, game; (*n, v*) jape; (*v*) banter, jeer, deride, gird, sneer, clown.

mournfully: (*adv*) sadly, sorrowfully, glumly, woefully, unhappily, plaintively, grievously, funereally, dejectedly, dolorously, poignantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, joyfully.

outlined: (*adj*) clean-cut, clearly defined, formed, distinct, graphic.

rumor: (*n*) hearsay, talk, news; (*n, v*) gossip, fame, buzz, bruit, noise, rumour; (*v*) repute, reputation. ANTONYM: (*n*) truth.

sulkily: (*adv*) morosely, glumly, peevisly, crossly, grumpily, petulantly, moodily, gloomily, surly, resentfully, angrily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerily, gladly.

twoscore: (*adj*) forty, XL, cardinal.

There was a youthful private who listened with eager ears to the words of the tall soldier and to the varied comments of his comrades. After receiving a fill of discussions concerning marches and attacks, he went to his hut and crawled through an intricate hole that served it as a door. He wished to be alone with some new thoughts that had lately come to him.

He lay down on a wide bunk that stretched across the end of the room. In the other end, cracker boxes were made to serve as furniture. They were grouped about the fireplace. A picture from an illustrated weekly was upon the log walls, and three rifles were paralleled on pegs. **Equipments** hung on handy projections, and some tin dishes lay upon a small pile of firewood. A folded tent was serving as a roof. The sunlight, without, beating upon it, made it glow a light yellow shade. A small window shot an oblique square of whiter light upon the **cluttered** floor. The smoke from the fire at times neglected the clay chimney and **wreathed** into the room, and this flimsy chimney of clay and sticks made endless threats to set **ablaze** the whole establishment.

The youth was in a little trance of astonishment. So they were at last going to fight. On the **morrow**, perhaps, there would be a battle, and he would be in it. For a time he was obliged to labor to make himself believe. He could not accept with assurance an **omen** that he was about to **mingle** in one of those great affairs of the earth.

He had, of course, dreamed of battles all his life--of vague and bloody conflicts that had thrilled him with their sweep and fire. In visions he had seen himself in many struggles. He had imagined peoples secure in the shadow of his eagle-eyed prowess. But awake he had regarded battles as **crimson** blotches on the pages of the past. He had put them as things of the **bygone** with his thought-images of heavy crowns and high castles. There was a portion of the world's history which he had regarded as the time of wars, but it, he thought, had been long gone over the horizon and had disappeared forever.

From his home his youthful eyes had looked upon the war in his own country with distrust. It must be some sort of a play affair. He had long despaired of witnessing a Greeklike struggle. Such would be no more, he had

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ablaze: (*adj, v*) afire, alight, blazing; (*adj*) flaming, burning, on fire, passionate, bright, flushed, fiery; (*v*) splendid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dark, dispassionate, dull, dim, smothered, unexcited, extinguished.

bygone: (*adj*) ancient, former, gone, obsolete, outmoded, previous, archaic, old, late; (*n*) preterite, antique. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) future, current, coming, modern.

cluttered: (*adj*) disorderly, chaotic,

jumbled, messy, muddled, disordered, all over the place, messed up, littered, in disarray, in a state. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy.

crimson: (*adj, n*) carmine, ruby, scarlet, maroon; (*v*) blush, flush, redden; (*adj*) bloody, ruddy, cherry; (*n*) deep red.

equipments: (*n*) paraphernalia, facility, attire, appendages, equipage, accouterments.

mingle: (*v*) compound, combine, merge, amalgamate, intermix, mix,

commingle, associate, confuse, join, intermingle. ANTONYM: (*v*) part.

morrow: (*n*) morning, future, mean solar day, day.

omen: (*n, v*) harbinger, bode, herald, augury; (*n*) indication, portent, forerunner, foreboding, sign, mark, auspice.

wreathed: (*adj*) ringed, serpentine, coiled, circular, circinate, bent, annulate, tortile, torqued, surrounded, curled.

said. Men were better, or more timid. Secular and religious education had **effaced** the throat-grappling instinct, or else firm finance held in check the passions.

He had burned several times to enlist. Tales of great movements shook the land. They might not be distinctly Homeric, but there seemed to be much glory in them. He had read of **marches**, sieges, conflicts, and he had longed to see it all. His busy mind had drawn for him large pictures extravagant in **color**, lurid with breathless **deeds**.

But his mother had discouraged him. She had affected to look with some contempt upon the quality of his war **ardor** and patriotism. She could calmly seat herself and with no apparent difficulty give him many hundreds of reasons why he was of vastly more importance on the farm than on the field of battle. She had had certain ways of expression that told him that her statements on the subject came from a deep conviction. Moreover, on her side, was his belief that her ethical motive in the argument was **impregnable**.

At last, however, he had made firm rebellion against this yellow light thrown upon the color of his ambitions. The newspapers, the gossip of the village, his own picturings, had aroused him to an uncheckable degree. They were in truth fighting finely down there. Almost every day the newspaper printed accounts of a decisive victory.

One night, as he lay in bed, the winds had carried to him the **clangoring** of the church bell as some enthusiast jerked the rope frantically to tell the twisted news of a great battle. This voice of the people **rejoicing** in the night had made him shiver in a prolonged ecstasy of excitement. Later, he had gone down to his mother's room and had spoken thus: "Ma, I'm going to enlist."

"Henry, don't you be a fool," his mother had replied. She had then covered her face with the **quilt**. There was an end to the matter for that night.

Nevertheless, the next morning he had gone to a town that was near his mother's farm and had enlisted in a company that was forming there. When he had returned home his mother was milking the **brindle** cow. Four others stood

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ardor: (*adj, n*) eagerness, zeal; (*n*) fervor, fervency, fire, flame, passion, enthusiasm, ardency, heat, avidity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) apathy, coolness, coldness, hatred.

brindle: (*adj*) dappled, brinded, piebald, speckled, spotted, tabby.

clangoring: (*n*) clang, noise, crash, clash, clank, brush, clangour.

color: (*n, v*) flush, blush, tint, tinge, paint, stain; (*adj, n, v*) colour; (*v*) redden; (*n*) guise, complexion; (*adj, n*)

tone. ANTONYMS: (*v*) discolor, pale, show, whiten, untwist, denote, depict, represent, blanch, blench.

deeds: (*n*) works, activity, actions, conduct, background, events, happenings, performance, activities.

effaced: (*adj*) obliterated.

impregnable: (*adj, v*) fast; (*adj*) secure, inexpugnable, unassailable, unconquerable, invulnerable, insurmountable, unshakable, irresistible, strong, safe.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) vulnerable, tenuous.

marches: (*n*) precinct, Marche, stint.

quilt: (*n*) blanket, comforter, duvet, bedding, cover, bedspread, counterpane, quilting, eiderdown, sheet; (*adj, v*) embroider.

rejoicing: (*n*) exultation, jubilation, happiness, joy, mirth, pleasure, elation; (*adj*) jubilant, exultant; (*v*) rejoice; (*adv*) rejoicingly. ANTONYM: (*n*) sadness.

waiting. "Ma, I've enlisted," he had said to her **diffidently**. There was a short silence. "The Lord's will be done, Henry," she had finally replied, and had then continued to milk the brindle cow.

When he had stood in the doorway with his soldier's clothes on his back, and with the light of excitement and expectancy in his eyes almost **defeating** the glow of regret for the home bonds, he had seen two tears leaving their trails on his mother's **scarred** cheeks.

Still, she had disappointed him by saying nothing whatever about returning with his shield or on it. He had privately **primed** himself for a beautiful scene. He had prepared certain sentences which he thought could be used with touching effect. But her words destroyed his plans. She had **doggedly peeled** potatoes and addressed him as follows: "You watch out, Henry, an' take good care of yerself in this here fighting business--you watch, an' take good care of yerself. Don't go a-thinkin' you can **lick** the **hull** rebel army at the start, because yeh can't. Yer jest one little **feller** amongst a hull lot of others, and yeh've got to keep quiet an' do what they tell yeh. I know how you are, Henry.

"I've knet yeh eight pair of socks, Henry, and I've put in all yer best shirts, because I want my boy to be jest as warm and comf'able as anybody in the army. Whenever they get holes in 'em, I want yeh to send 'em right-away back to me, so's I kin dern 'em.

"An' allus be careful an' choose yer comp'ny. There's lots of bad men in the army, Henry. The army makes 'em wild, and they like nothing better than the job of leading off a young feller like you, as ain't never been away from home much and has allus had a mother, an' a-learning 'em to drink and swear. Keep clear of them **folks**, Henry. I don't want yeh to ever do anything, Henry, that yeh would be 'shamed to let me know about. Jest think as if I was a-watchin' yeh. If yeh keep that in yer mind allus, I guess yeh'll come out about right.

"Yeh must allus remember yer father, too, child, an' remember he never drunk a drop of licker in his life, and seldom swore a cross oath.

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defeating: (*adj*) anatreptic; (*n*) victory, conquest.

diffidently: (*adv*) modestly, timidly, reservedly, shily, retiringly, timorously, hesitantly, reluctantly, unassumingly, coyly, fearfully.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) confidently, brashly, arrogantly, decisively.

doggedly: (*adv*) stubbornly, firmly, tenaciously, persistently, resolutely, pertinaciously, perseveringly, obdurately, steadfastly, untiringly,

steadily. ANTONYM: (*adv*) hesitantly.

feller: (*n*) chap, faller, fella, fellow, lumberjack, logger, dude, Dick, woodcutter, guy, comrade.

folks: (*n*) people, folk, tribe, relations, household, house, relatives, relative, kindred, lineage, kin.

hull: (*n*) crust, casing, hulk, husk, structure, body, dried parchment; (*n, v*) skin; (*adj*) torso, trunk, bole.

lick: (*n, v*) lap; (*v*) clobber, thrash,

drub, beat, bat, defeat; (*n*) biff, jab, speed, dash.

peeled: (*adj*) naked, in the altogether, in the raw, naked as a jaybird, in the buff, bare, exposed, bleak, crude, cutting, natural.

primed: (*adj*) fitted, fit for, efficient, ready, capable, initiated, competent, up to the mark; (*n*) raddled, sewed up, whittled.

scarred: (*adj*) marred, scarn, marked, hurt, defaced.

"I don't know what else to tell yeh, Henry, excepting that yeh must never do no **shirking**, child, on my account. If so be a time comes when yeh have to be **kilt** of do a mean thing, why, Henry, don't think of anything 'cept what's right, because there's many a woman has to bear up 'ginst sech things these times, and the Lord 'll take keer of us all.

"Don't forgit about the socks and the shirts, child; and I've put a cup of **blackberry** jam with yer bundle, because I know yeh like it above all things. Good-by, Henry. Watch out, and be a good boy."

He had, of course, been impatient under the ordeal of this speech. It had not been quite what he expected, and he had borne it with an air of irritation. He departed feeling vague relief.

Still, when he had looked back from the gate, he had seen his mother kneeling among the potato **parings**. Her brown face, **upraised**, was stained with tears, and her spare form was quivering. He bowed his head and went on, feeling suddenly ashamed of his purposes.

From his home he had gone to the **seminary** to bid **adieu** to many schoolmates. They had **thronged** about him with wonder and admiration. He had felt the gulf now between them and had swelled with calm pride. He and some of his **fellows** who had donned blue were quite overwhelmed with privileges for all of one afternoon, and it had been a very delicious thing. They had strutted.

A certain light-haired girl had made vivacious fun at his martial spirit, but there was another and darker girl whom he had gazed at **steadfastly**, and he thought she grew demure and sad at sight of his blue and brass. As he had walked down the path between the rows of oaks, he had turned his head and detected her at a window watching his departure. As he perceived her, she had immediately begun to stare up through the high tree **branches** at the sky. He had seen a good deal of flurry and haste in her movement as she changed her attitude. He often thought of it.

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adieu: (*int, n*) farewell; (*n*) vale, valediction, goodbye, leave, cheerio, adios, bye, so long, parting; (*int*) bon voyage. ANTONYM: (*n*) greeting.
blackberry: (*v*) bloater, bouilli, bouillon, breadfruit, chop suey, blancmange; (*n*) drupelet, mulberry, bramble, black haw, blackberry bush.
branches: (*n*) branch, brushwood.
fellows: (*n*) fellow, membership, faculty.
kilt: (*n*) skirt, farthingale, panier,

pinafore, filibeg, jupe, apron, bustle, crinoline.
parings: (*n*) residue.
seminary: (*n*) school, college, Alma mater, university, seminar, hotbed, nursery, abbey, institution, lyceum, private school.
shirking: (*n*) avoidance, goofing off, goldbricking, dodging, escape, elusion, soldiering, skirting, slacking, fudging.
steadfastly: (*adv*) steadily, solidly,

unwaveringly, resolutely, unflinching, unswervingly, determinedly, faithfully, persistently, permanently, staunchly.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unreliably, irresolutely, unfaithfully.
thronged: (*adj*) throng, busy, populous, brisk, teeming, swarming, sprightly, sensitive, replete, overflowing; (*n*) persistent.
upraised: (*adj*) erect, elevated, high, raised.

On the way to Washington his spirit had soared. The regiment was fed and caressed at station after station until the youth had believed that he must be a hero. There was a lavish expenditure of bread and cold meats, coffee, and pickles and cheese. As he basked in the smiles of the girls and was patted and complimented by the old men, he had felt growing within him the strength to do mighty deeds of arms.

After complicated journeyings with many pauses, there had come months of monotonous life in a camp. He had had the belief that real war was a series of death struggles with small time in between for sleep and meals; but since his regiment had come to the field the army had done little but sit still and try to keep warm.

He was brought then gradually back to his old ideas. Greeklike struggles would be no more. Men were better, or more timid. Secular and religious education had effaced the throat-grappling instinct, or else firm finance held in check the passions.

He had grown to regard himself merely as a part of a vast blue demonstration. His province was to look out, as far as he could, for his personal comfort. For recreation he could **twiddle** his thumbs and speculate on the thoughts which must **agitate** the minds of the generals. Also, he was drilled and drilled and reviewed, and drilled and drilled and reviewed.

The only foes he had seen were some **pickets** along the river bank. They were a sun-tanned, philosophical lot, who sometimes shot **reflectively** at the blue pickets. When reproached for this **afterward**, they usually expressed sorrow, and swore by their **gods** that the guns had exploded without their permission. The youth, on guard duty one night, conversed across the stream with one of them. He was a slightly ragged man, who **spat skillfully** between his shoes and possessed a great fund of bland and **infantile** assurance. The youth liked him personally.

"Yank," the other had informed him, "yer a right dum good feller." This sentiment, floating to him upon the still air, had made him temporarily regret war.

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afterward: (*adv, conj*) then, after that; (*adv*) thereafter, afterwards, later, subsequently, later on, next, soon; (*adj*) following; (*n*) future.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) now, previously, before.

agitate: (*v*) toss, stir, fan, bother, perturb, trouble, shake, rouse, foment, kindle, actuate.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) soothe, defuse, quiet, placate, pacify, lull, steady, tranquilize, becalm.

gods: (*n*) gallery.

infantile: (*adj*) immature, infant, babyish, infantine, young, juvenile, childlike, baby, adolescent, puerile, little. ANTONYM: (*adj*) old.

pickets: (*n*) stakes.

reflectively: (*adv*) contemplatively, meditatively, wistfully, thoughtfully, speculatively, ruminatively, studiously, regretfully, sadly, longingly, reflexively.

skillfully: (*adv*) adroitly, expertly,

cleverly, craftily, skilfully, proficiently, deftly, ingeniously, adeptly, competently, artfully.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) ineptly, badly, incompetently.

spat: (*n, v*) squabble, altercation, tiff, bicker, dispute, wrangle, row; (*n*) gaiter, argument, bickering, fuss.
ANTONYM: (*n*) agreement.

twiddle: (*v*) twirl, whirl, rotate, revolve, fiddle with, fidget, spin, reel, spin around, gyrate; (*n*) tilde.

Various veterans had told him tales. Some talked of gray, **bewhiskered** hordes who were advancing with relentless **curses** and chewing tobacco with unspeakable **valor**; tremendous bodies of fierce **soldiery** who were sweeping along like the Huns. Others spoke of tattered and eternally hungry men who fired **despondent** powders. "They'll charge through hell's fire an' **brimstone** t' git a holt on a **haversack**, an' sech stomachs ain't a'lastin' long," he was told. From the stories, the youth imagined the red, live bones sticking out through slits in the faded uniforms.

Still, he could not put a whole faith in veteran's tales, for recruits were their prey. They talked much of smoke, fire, and blood, but he could not tell how much might be lies. They persistently yelled "Fresh fish!" at him, and were in no wise to be trusted.

However, he perceived now that it did not greatly matter what kind of soldiers he was going to fight, so long as they fought, which fact no one disputed. There was a more serious problem. He lay in his bunk pondering upon it. He tried to mathematically prove to himself that he would not run from a battle.

Previously he had never felt obliged to **wrestle** too seriously with this question. In his life he had taken certain things for granted, never challenging his belief in ultimate success, and bothering little about means and roads. But here he was confronted with a thing of moment. It had suddenly appeared to him that perhaps in a battle he might run. He was forced to admit that as far as war was concerned he knew nothing of himself.

A sufficient time before he would have allowed the problem to kick its heels at the outer portals of his mind, but now he felt compelled to give serious attention to it.

A little panic-fear grew in his mind. As his imagination went forward to a fight, he saw hideous possibilities. He **contemplated** the lurking menaces of the future, and failed in an effort to see himself standing **stoutly** in the midst of them. He recalled his visions of broken-bladed glory, but in the shadow of the impending **tumult** he suspected them to be impossible pictures.

Thesaurus

bewhiskered: (*adj*) bearded, barbate, whiskery, unshaven, hairy, whiskered.

brimstone: (*n*) native sulphur, sulfur, native sulfur, atomic number.

contemplated: (*adj*) intended, willful.

curses: (*n*) abuse.

despondent: (*adj*) desperate, dejected, depressed, hopeless, disappointed, desolate, gloomy, downcast, downhearted, forlorn, low.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hopeful, cheerful,

optimistic, joyful, elated, euphoric.

haversack: (*n*) bag, knapsack, rucksack, kitbag, packsack, sack, pack, pouch, wallet, satchel, sheath.

soldiery: (*n*) troops, military personnel, serviceman, horse, garrison, cavalry, army, troop, the army, military man, force.

stoutly: (*adv*) sturdily, robustly, strongly, solidly, lustily, vigorously, toughly, resolutely, stockily, portly, obstinately. ANTONYM: (*adv*) feebly.

tumult: (*adj, n, v*) hubbub, disturbance; (*n*) stir, commotion, bustle, din, fuss, excitement; (*n, v*) clamor, disorder, brawl. ANTONYMS: (*n*) peace, push, serenity, order, calm.

valor: (*n*) bravery, courage, heroism, valiancy, daring, spirit, pluck, audacity, boldness; (*adj, n*) gallantry, prowess.

wrestle: (*v*) struggle, scuffle, fight, strive, battle, wrench, tussle, contest, scramble, clash; (*n, v*) grapple.

He sprang from the bunk and began to pace nervously to and fro. "Good Lord, what's th' matter with me?" he said aloud.

He felt that in this crisis his laws of life were useless. Whatever he had learned of himself was here of no avail. He was an unknown quantity. He saw that he would again be obliged to experiment as he had in early youth. He must accumulate information of himself, and meanwhile he resolved to remain close upon his guard lest those qualities of which he knew nothing should **everlastingly** disgrace him. "Good Lord!" he repeated in dismay.

After a time the tall soldier slid **dexterously** through the hole. The loud private followed. They were **wrangling**.

"That's all right," said the tall soldier as he entered. He **waved** his hand **expressively**. "You can believe me or not, jest as you like. All you got to do is sit down and wait as quiet as you can. Then pretty soon you'll find out I was right."

His comrade grunted stubbornly. For a moment he seemed to be searching for a formidable reply. Finally he said: "Well, you don't know everything in the world, do you?"

"Didn't say I knew everything in the world," retorted the other sharply. He began to stow various articles **snugly** into his **knapsack**.

The youth, pausing in his nervous walk, looked down at the busy figure. "Going to be a battle, sure, is there, Jim?" he asked.

"Of course there is," replied the tall soldier. "Of course there is. You jest wait 'til to-morrow, and you'll see one of the biggest battles ever was. You jest wait."

"Thunder!" said the youth.

"Oh, you'll see fighting this time, my boy, what'll be regular **out-and-out** fighting," added the tall soldier, with the air of a man who is about to exhibit a battle for the benefit of his friends.

"Huh!" said the loud one from a corner.

"Well," remarked the youth, "like as not this story'll turn out jest like them others did."

Thesaurus

dexterously: (*adv*) adroitly, skillfully, expertly, craftily, skilfully, dextrously, handily, cleverly, proficiently, aptly; (*adj, adv*) readily.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) ineptly, incompetently, awkwardly.
everlastingly: (*adv*) perpetually, always, lastingly, continually, endlessly, unendingly, incessantly, permanently, constantly, undyingly; (*adj, adv*) forever.
expressively: (*adv*) meaningfully,

eloquently, indicatively, poignantly, movingly, vividly, suggestively, emphatically, evocatively, mobilely, tellingly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) unemotionally, inexpressively, innocently, blandly.
knapsack: (*n*) bag, rucksack, haversack, kitbag, packsack, pack, back pack, wallet, pouch, scrip, kit bag.
out-and-out: (*adj*) perfect, positive, sheer, stark, downright, outright,

consummate, thorough, total, unmitigated, unqualified.
snugly: (*adv*) cozily, cosily, comfortably, closely, tightly, pleasantly, compactly, neatly, conveniently, homely, trimly.
waved: (*adj*) undulating, wavy, curly, not dated, undated.
wrangling: (*n*) quarrel, bickering, controversy, polemics, discussion, hagggle, haggling, dispute, strife, altercation, jangle.

"Not much it won't," replied the tall soldier, **exasperated**. "Not much it won't. Didn't the cavalry all start this morning?" He glared about him. No one denied his statement. "The cavalry started this morning," he continued. "They say there ain't hardly any cavalry left in camp. They're going to Richmond, or some place, while we fight all the Johnnies. It's some **dodge** like that. The regiment's got orders, too. A feller what seen 'em go to headquarters told me a little while ago. And they're raising blazes all over camp--anybody can see that."

"Shucks!" said the loud one.

The youth remained silent for a time. At last he spoke to the tall soldier. "Jim!"

"What?"

"How do you think the reg'ment 'll do?"

"Oh, they'll fight all right, I guess, after they once get into it," said the other with cold judgment. He made a fine use of the third person. "There's been **heaps** of fun poked at 'em because they're new, of course, and all that; but they'll fight all right, I guess."

"Think any of the boys 'll run?" persisted the youth.

"Oh, there may be a few of 'em run, but there's them kind in every regiment, 'specially when they first goes under fire," said the other in a tolerant way. "Of course it might happen that the hull kit-and-boodle might start and run, if some big fighting **came** first-off, and then again they might stay and fight like fun. But you can't bet on nothing. Of course they ain't never been under fire yet, and it ain't likely they'll lick the hull rebel army all-to-oncet the first time; but I think they'll fight better than some, if worse than others. That's the way I figger. They call the reg'ment 'Fresh fish' and everything; but the boys come of good stock, and most of 'em 'll fight like sin after they oncet git shootin'," he added, with a mighty emphasis on the last four words.

"Oh, you think you know--" began the loud soldier with **scorn**.

The other turned **savagely** upon him. They had a rapid **altercation**, in which they **fastened** upon each other various strange epithets.

Thesaurus

altercation: (*n, v*) quarrel, squabble; (*n*) affray, scrap, fight, hassle, disagreement, fracas, strife, controversy, contest. ANTONYMS: (*n*) union, harmony, concord, agreement, unity, consensus.
came: (*v*) arrive, come.
dodge: (*n, v*) stratagem, maneuver; (*v*) avoid, evade, escape, elude, duck, fudge; (*n*) contrivance, cheat, scheme. ANTONYMS: (*v*) confront, encounter, meet, accept.

exasperated: (*adj*) incensed, annoyed, enraged, angered, indignant, mad, irate, irritated, cheesed off, testy; (*adj, prep*) provoked. ANTONYM: (*adj*) pleased.
fastened: (*adj*) tied, fast, buttoned, closed, tight, secure, pinned, binding, empight, steady, firm. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfastened, unbuttoned.
heaps: (*adj, n*) lots, much; (*n*) masses, oodles, piles, stacks, many, tons, plenty, lot, accumulation.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) inadequate.
savagely: (*adv*) brutally, ferociously, barbarously, wildly, barbarianly, viciously, uncivilizedly, violently, felly, untamedly, roughly.
scorn: (*v*) despise, contemn, reject; (*n, v*) ridicule, neglect, disregard, deride, slight; (*n*) contempt, derision, mockery. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) respect, praise; (*v*) appreciate, revere, value, approve, admire, accept; (*n*) admiration, commendation, humility.

The youth at last **interrupted** them. "Did you ever think you might run yourself, Jim?" he asked. On **concluding** the sentence he laughed as if he had meant to aim a joke. The loud soldier also giggled.

The tall private waved his hand. "Well", said he **profoundly**, "I've thought it might get too hot for Jim Conklin in some of them scrimmages, and if a whole lot of boys started and run, why, I s'pose I'd start and run. And if I once started to run, I'd run like the devil, and no mistake. But if everybody was a-standing and a-fighting, why, I'd stand and fight. Be jiminey, I would. I'll bet on it."

"Huh!" said the loud one.

The youth of this tale felt **gratitude** for these words of his **comrade**. He had feared that all of the **untried** men possessed great and correct confidence. He now was in a measure **reassured**.

Thesaurus

comrade: (*n*) colleague, chum, buddy, fellow, compeer, partner, brother, mate, familiar; (*adj, n*) associate, ally. ANTONYMS: (*n*) stranger, enemy, foe, opponent.

concluding: (*adj*) last, terminal, ultimate, closing, definitive, conclusive, latest; (*n*) ending, dying, finishing, reasoning. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) opening, former, first.

gratitude: (*n*) appreciation, thanks, thank, acknowledgement,

acknowledgment, appreciativeness, feeling, appreciate, grateful, thanksgiving, kindness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) ingratitude, ungratefulness.

interrupted: (*adj*) discontinuous, fitful, intermittent, discontinued, disconnected, unsuccessive, intervallic, episodic, gaping, periodic; (*prep*) interrupt.

profoundly: (*adv*) thoroughly, extremely, intensely, exhaustively,

greatly, sincerely, gravely, deep, heavily, weightily, very.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) lightly, mildly.

reassured: (*adj*) hopeful, reinsured, secure, confident.

untried: (*adj*) raw, new, untested, unseasoned, fresh, untrodden, unsalted, young, unverified, untouched; (*v*) undetermined.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) proven, seasoned, familiar, experienced.

CHAPTER 2

THE NEXT morning the youth discovered that his tall comrade had been the fast-flying messenger of a mistake. There was much **scoffing** at the latter by those who had yesterday been firm **adherents** of his views, and there was even a little **sneering** by men who had never believed the rumor. The tall one fought with a man from Chatfield Corners and beat him severely.

The youth felt, however, that his problem was in no wise lifted from him. There was, on the contrary, an irritating **prolongation**. The tale had created in him a great concern for himself. Now, with the newborn question in his mind, he was compelled to sink back into his old place as part of a blue demonstration.

For days he made ceaseless calculations, but they were all **wondrously** unsatisfactory. He found that he could establish nothing. He finally concluded that the only way to prove himself was to go into the blaze, and then **figuratively** to watch his legs to discover their **merits** and faults. He reluctantly admitted that he could not sit still and with a mental slate and pencil derive an answer. To gain it, he must have blaze, blood, and danger, even as a chemist requires this, that, and the other. So he fretted for an opportunity.

Meanwhile, he continually tried to measure himself by his comrades. The tall soldier, for one, gave him some assurance. This man's serene **unconcern** dealt him a measure of confidence, for he had known him since childhood, and from his intimate knowledge he did not see how he could be capable of anything that

Thesaurus

adherents: (*n*) followers, following.
figuratively: (*adv*) allegorically, symbolically, tropically, typically, representatively, parabolically, parabolically, flowerily, symbolically, floridly, figurally. ANTONYM: (*adv*) factually.
merits: (*n*) qualities.
prolongation: (*n, v*) protraction; (*n*) continuance, extension, elongation, production, lengthening, perpetuation, length, maintenance,

lengthiness, duration.
scoffing: (*n*) scoff, mockery, jeer, derision, sibilation, gibe; (*adj*) mocking, derisive, cynical, scoptical, jesting.
sneering: (*adj*) contemptuous, disdainful, sarcastic, mocking, snide, scornful, disparaging, disapproving; (*n*) mockery, disdain; (*adv*) sneeringly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful, admiring.
unconcern: (*n*) apathy, nonchalance,

insouciance, coldness, detachment, impassiveness, insensibility, disregard, phlegm, carelessness, lethargy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) responsiveness, worry, anxiety, interest.
wondrously: (*adv*) wonderfully, marvellously, terrifically, superbly, wondrous, toppingly, miraculously, astonishingly, phenomenally, extraordinarily, fantastically.

was beyond him, the youth. Still, he thought that his comrade might be mistaken about himself. Or, on the other hand, he might be a man **heretofore** doomed to peace and obscurity, but, in reality, made to shine in war.

The youth would have liked to have discovered another who suspected himself. A sympathetic comparison of mental notes would have been a joy to him.

He occasionally tried to fathom a comrade with **seductive** sentences. He looked about to find men in the proper mood. All attempts failed to bring forth any statement which looked in any way like a confession to those doubts which he privately acknowledged in himself. He was afraid to make an open declaration of his concern, because he dreaded to place some unscrupulous **confidant** upon the high plane of the unconfessed from which elevation he could be derided.

In regard to his companions his mind wavered between two opinions, **according** to his mood. Sometimes he inclined to believing them all heroes. In fact, he usually admired in secret the superior development of the higher qualities in others. He could conceive of men going very **insignificantly** about the world bearing a load of courage unseen, and although he had known many of his comrades through **boyhood**, he began to fear that his judgment of them had been blind. Then, in other moments, he flouted these theories, and assured him that his fellows were all privately wondering and **quaking**.

His emotions made him feel strange in the presence of men who talked excitedly of a prospective battle as of a drama they were about to witness, with nothing but eagerness and curiosity apparent in their faces. It was often that he suspected them to be liars.

He did not pass such thoughts without severe condemnation of himself. He dinned reproaches at times. He was convicted by himself of many shameful crimes against the gods of traditions.

In his great anxiety his heart was continually **clamoring** at what he considered the intolerable slowness of the generals. They seemed content to

Thesaurus

according: (*adj*) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (*adv*) correspondingly, accordingly.
boyhood: (*n*) babyhood, adolescence, youth, youthhood, infancy, girlhood, age, boyism, puberty. ANTONYM: (*n*) adulthood.
clamoring: (*n*) clamouring, clamour, blare, blaring, hue and cry, cacophony; (*adj*) brawling, bawling,

blatant.
confidant: (*n*) confidante, buddy, friend, repository, confident, pal, fidus Achates, crony, bosom friend, fiduciary, privado.
heretofore: (*adv*) formerly, as yet, before, so far, yet, already, until now, previously, once, hereunto; (*adv, n*) hitherto.
insignificantly: (*adv*) unimportantly, slightly, inconsequentially, pettily, triflingly, immaterially, irrelevantly,

paltrily, smally, minorly, poorly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) considerably, overpoweringly, noticeably.
quaking: (*adj*) shaky, quivering, trembling, shaking, wobbly, unsteady, jarring, vibrant, uncertain, insecure; (*n*) fright.
seductive: (*adj*) enticing, tempting, alluring, inviting, desirable, sexy, irresistible, persuasive, charming, fascinating; (*adj, v*) seducing. ANTONYM: (*adj*) repulsive.

perch **tranquilly** on the river bank, and leave him bowed down by the weight of a great problem. He wanted it settled forthwith. He could not long bear such a load, he said. Sometimes his anger at the commanders reached an acute stage, and he grumbled about the camp like a veteran.

One morning, however, he found himself in the ranks of his prepared regiment. The men were whispering speculations and **recounting** the old rumors. In the gloom before the break of the day their uniforms glowed a deep purple hue. From across the river the red eyes were still peering. In the eastern sky there was a yellow patch like a rug laid for the feet of the coming sun; and against it, black and patternlike, loomed the gigantic figure of the colonel on a gigantic horse.

From off in the darkness came the **trampling** of feet. The youth could occasionally see dark shadows that moved like monsters. The regiment stood at rest for what seemed a long time. The youth grew impatient. It was **unendurable** the way these affairs were managed. He wondered how long they were to be kept waiting.

As he looked all about him and pondered upon the **mystic** gloom, he began to believe that at any moment the ominous distance might be **aflare**, and the rolling crashes of an engagement come to his ears. Staring once at the red eyes across the river, he conceived them to be growing larger, as the orbs of a row of dragons advancing. He turned toward the colonel and saw him lift his gigantic arm and calmly stroke his **mustache**.

At last he heard from along the road at the foot of the hill the **clatter** of a horse's **galloping** hoofs. It must be the coming of orders. He bent forward, scarce breathing. The exciting clickety-click, as it grew louder and louder, seemed to be beating upon his soul. Presently a horseman with **jangling** equipment drew rein before the colonel of the regiment. The two held a short, sharp-worded conversation. The men in the foremost ranks craned their necks.

As the horseman wheeled his animal and galloped away he turned to shout over his shoulder, "Don't forget that box of **cigars**!" The colonel mumbled in reply. The youth wondered what a box of cigars had to do with war.

Thesaurus

aflare: (*adj*) blazing, ablaze, afire, flaming, burning, moving, waving, fluttering, flying, aflame.

cigars: (*n*) cigar.

clatter: (*n, v*) rattle, jingle, bang, clank, clang, roll, clink; (*v*) clash, chatter; (*n*) noise, racket. ANTONYM: (*n*) quiet.

galloping: (*v*) flying.

jangling: (*n*) janglery; (*adj*) harsh, dissonant, discordant, strident, cacophonous, cacophonous.

mustache: (*n*) mustachio, mastax,

moustachio, beard, whisker, whiskers, toothbrush, hair, handlebar mustache, body hair, facial hair.

mystic: (*adj, v*) secret, recondite; (*adj*) mysterious, occult, cryptical, cryptic, esoteric, inscrutable, weird, magical; (*adj, n*) psychic.

recounting: (*n*) narration, relation, recital, narrative, tale, story, notification, practice, recitation, relating, unfolding.

trampling: (*n*) trample; (*adj*) moving.

tranquilly: (*adv*) serenely, calmly, peacefully, quietly, stilly, undisturbedly, untroubledly, restfully, placidly, coolly, unperturbedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) anxiously, noisily.

unendurable: (*adj*) intolerable, insufferable, insupportable, excruciating, impossible, unsupportable, uneasy, teasing, passionate, not patient, intolerant. ANTONYM: (*adj*) bearable.

A moment later the regiment went swinging off into the darkness. It was now like one of those moving monsters wending with many feet. The air was heavy, and cold with dew. A mass of wet grass, marched upon, rustled like silk.

There was an occasional flash and **glimmer** of steel from the backs of all these huge crawling reptiles. From the road came creakings and grumblings as some **surly** guns were dragged away.

The men stumbled along still muttering speculations. There was a subdued debate. Once a man fell down, and as he reached for his rifle a comrade, **unseeing**, trod upon his hand. He of the injured fingers swore bitterly, and aloud. A low, **tittering** laugh went among his fellows.

Presently they passed into a **roadway** and marched forward with easy strides. A dark regiment moved before them, and from behind also came the **tinkle** of equipments on the bodies of marching men.

The rushing yellow of the developing day went on behind their backs. When the sunrays at last struck full and mellowingly upon the earth, the youth saw that the landscape was **streaked** with two long, thin, black columns which disappeared on the brow of a hill in front and **rearward** vanished in a wood. They were like two serpents crawling from the **cavern** of the night.

The river was not in view. The tall soldier burst into praises of what he thought to be his powers of perception.

Some of the tall one's companions cried with emphasis that they, too, had evolved the same thing, and they congratulated themselves upon it. But there were others who said that the tall one's plan was not the true one at all. They persisted with other theories. There was a vigorous discussion.

The youth took no part in them. As he walked along in careless line he was engaged with his own eternal debate. He could not hinder himself from dwelling upon it. He was despondent and sullen, and threw shifting glances about him. He looked ahead, often expecting to hear from the advance the **rattle** of firing.

Thesaurus

cavern: (*n*) hollow, cove, vault, hole, enclosure, antrum, lair, antre, socket, den; (*v*) cavern out.

glimmer: (*adj, n, v*) flicker, twinkle; (*n, v*) gleam, shimmer, flash, sparkle, beam, glow, shine; (*v*) blink; (*n*) gleaming.

rattle: (*n, v*) jingle, jangle, clatter; (*n, v*) click, clang, clack; (*v*) bang, confuse, shake, patter, disconcert.

rearward: (*adj, adv*) back; (*adj, n*) rear; (*adv*) astern, backwards, abaft, aback,

after, rearwards, aft; (*n*) backside; (*adj*) reverse.

roadway: (*n*) carriageway, track, pathway, path, highway, pavement, roadbed, way, stairway, runway, trail.

streaked: (*adj*) veined, striped, streaky, brindled, lined, mottled, virgated, patterned; (*v*) areolar, cancellated, grated.

surly: (*adj*) sullen, grumpy, peevish, crusty, churlish, grouchy, gruff,

morose; (*adj, n*) harsh, rude; (*adj, adv*) unfriendly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheerful, gentle, pleasant, courteous, easygoing, friendly.

tinkle: (*n, v*) clink, tink, ting, ring, chink, chime, clank, buzz; (*n*) sound, clang; (*v*) peal.

tittering: (*adj*) thoriated; (*n*) laughter. **unseeing:** (*adj*) sightless, eyeless, unobservant, blinder, inattentive, lacking sight, unsighted, unperceiving.

But the long serpents crawled slowly from hill to hill without **bluster** of smoke. A dun-colored cloud of dust floated away to the right. The sky overhead was of a fairy blue.

The youth studied the faces of his companions, ever on the watch to detect **kindred** emotions. He suffered disappointment. Some ardor of the air which was causing the veteran commands to move with glee--almost with song--had infected the new regiment. The men began to speak of victory as of a thing they knew. Also, the tall soldier received his vindication. They were certainly going to come around in behind the enemy. They expressed **commiseration** for that part of the army which had been left upon the river bank, felicitating themselves upon being a part of a blasting host.

The youth, considering himself as separated from the others, was saddened by the **blithe** and merry speeches that went from rank to rank. The company **wags** all made their best **endeavors**. The regiment tramped to the tune of laughter.

The blatant soldier often convulsed whole files by his biting sarcasms aimed at the tall one.

And it was not long before all the men seemed to forget their mission. Whole brigades grinned in unison, and regiments laughed.

A rather fat soldier attempted to **pilfer** a horse from a **dooryard**. He planned to load his knapsack upon it. He was escaping with his prize when a young girl rushed from the house and grabbed the animal's mane. There followed a **wrangle**. The young girl, with pink cheeks and shining eyes, stood like a dauntless statue.

The observant regiment, standing at rest in the roadway, whooped at once, and entered whole-souled upon the side of the maiden. The men became so engrossed in this affair that they entirely **ceased** to remember their own large war. They jeered the **piratical** private, and called attention to various defects in his personal appearance; and they were wildly enthusiastic in support of the young girl.

Thesaurus

blithe: (*adj*) cheerful, lighthearted, breezy, pleasant, merry, carefree, buoyant, facetious, gay, happy, animated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhappy, sorrowful, miserable, downhearted, depressed, anxious, sad, heavy, gloomy, serious, troubled.
bluster: (*v*) brag, gasconade, swash, bully; (*n, v*) swagger, roar, storm, clatter; (*n*) boasting, bravado; (*adj, v*) vapor. ANTONYMS: (*n*) mildness,

reticence, timidity.
ceased: (*adj*) finished.
commiseration: (*n*) pity, compassion, sympathy, condolence, ruth, mercy, commiserate, bowels, consolation, fellow feeling, acknowledgement.
dooryard: (*n*) yard.
endeavors: (*n*) activities, deeds, events, Comings and Goings, undertakings, accomplishments, happenings.
kindred: (*adj*) cognate, akin, similar,

allied, related; (*n*) kin, consanguinity, relation, folk, folks, kin group.
pilfer: (*v*) steal, lift, purloin, cabbage, abstract, pinch, rob, embezzle, nobble, pocket, swipe.
piratical: (*adj*) lawless, buccaneerish.
wags: (*adv*) as the world goes.
wrangle: (*adj, n, v*) squabble; (*n, v*) quarrel, dispute, brawl, debate, bicker, contest, row, altercation, fight, argue. ANTONYMS: (*v*) agree; (*n*) peace.

To her, from some distance, came bold advice. "Hit him with a stick."

There were crows and catcalls showered upon him when he retreated without the horse. The regiment rejoiced at his downfall. Loud and **vociferous** congratulations were showered upon the maiden, who stood panting and regarding the troops with defiance.

At **nightfall** the column broke into regimental pieces, and the fragments went into the fields to camp. Tents sprang up like strange plants. Camp fires, like red, peculiar blossoms, dotted the night.

The youth kept from intercourse with his companions as much as circumstances would allow him. In the evening he wandered a few paces into the gloom. From this little distance the many fires, with the black forms of men passing to and fro before the crimson rays, made weird and satanic effects.

He lay down in the grass. The blades pressed tenderly against his cheek. The moon had been lighted and was hung in a **treetop**. The liquid stillness of the night **enveloping** him made him feel vast pity for himself. There was a **caress** in the soft winds; and the whole mood of the darkness, he thought, was one of sympathy for himself in his distress.

He wished, without reserve, that he was at home again making the endless rounds from the house to the barn, from the barn to the fields, from the fields to the barn, from the barn to the house. He remembered he had so often cursed the brindle cow and her mates, and had sometimes flung milking stools. But, from his present point of view, there was a **halo** of happiness about each of their heads, and he would have sacrificed all the brass buttons on the continent to have been enabled to return to them. He told himself that he was not formed for a soldier. And he mused seriously upon the radical differences between himself and those men who were **dodging implike** around the fires.

As he mused thus he heard the **rustle** of grass, and, upon turning his head, discovered the loud soldier. He called out, "Oh, Wilson!"

The latter approached and looked down. "Why, hello, Henry; is it you? What are you doing here?"

Thesaurus

caress: (*v*) stroke, fondle, tickle, pat, pet, kiss, nuzzle, cuddle, coddle; (*n*, *v*) touch; (*n*) endearment.

ANTONYM: (*n*) hit.

dodging: (*n*) dodge, evasion, escape, circumvention, selective shading, shirking, evading, elusion, shunning, pastime; (*adj*) shifty.

enveloping: (*n*) envelopment, enclosure, boxing, enclosing, encasement; (*prep*) about; (*adj*) comprehensive, roundabout,

circuitous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) contained.

halo: (*n*) halation, aura, glory, ring, circle, corona, nimbus, hoop, aureola, band, anchor ring.

implike: (*adj*) prankish, mischievous, pixilated, badly behaved, playful, fuddled, foolish, elvish, elfish, crooked, blotto.

nightfall: (*n*) dusk, evening, twilight, sunset, gloaming, evenfall, dark, eventide, sundown, darkness, fall.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) daybreak, sunrise.

rustle: (*n*, *v*) whisper; (*v*) lift, buzz, steal, pilfer, whiz, pinch, abstract, thief, purloin; (*n*) rustling.

treetop: (*n*) crown, capitulum, peak, crest, head, pate, pennant, poll, spike, summit, tip.

vociferous: (*adj*) loud, clamorous, blatant, boisterous, clamant, strident, obstreperous, vocal, tumultuous, turbulent, blustering. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) silent, tranquil, shy, gentle, soft.

"Oh, thinking," said the youth.

The other sat down and carefully lighted his pipe. "You're getting blue my boy. You're looking **thundering** peek-ed. What the dickens is wrong with you?"

"Oh, nothing," said the youth.

The loud soldier launched then into the subject of the anticipated fight. "Oh, we've got 'em now!" As he spoke his boyish face was wreathed in a **gleeful** smile, and his voice had an **exultant** ring. "We've got 'em now. At last, by the eternal thunders, we'll like 'em good!"

"If the truth was known," he added, more **soberly**, "they've **licked** us about every clip up to now; but this time--this time--we'll lick 'em good!"

"I thought you was **objecting** to this march a little while ago," said the youth coldly.

"Oh, it wasn't that," explained the other. "I don't mind marching, if there's going to be fighting at the end of it. What I hate is this getting moved here and moved there, with no good coming of it, as far as I can see, **excepting** sore feet and damned short rations."

"Well, Jim Conklin says we'll get plenty of fighting this time."

"He's right for once, I guess, though I can't see how it come. This time we're in for a big battle, and we've got the best end of it, certain sure. Gee rod! how we will thump 'em!"

He arose and began to pace to and fro excitedly. The thrill of his enthusiasm made him walk with an elastic step. He was **sprightly**, vigorous, fiery in his belief in success. He looked into the future with clear proud eye, and he swore with the air of an old soldier.

The youth watched him for a moment in silence. When he finally spoke his voice was as bitter as **dreps**. "Oh, you're going to do great things, I s'pose!"

The loud soldier blew a thoughtful cloud of smoke from his pipe. "Oh, I don't know," he remarked with dignity; "I don't know. I s'pose I'll do as well as the

Thesaurus

dreps: (*n*) residue, grounds, refuse, sediment, dreg, remains, settlings, feces, trash, waste, dross.

excepting: (*conj, prep*) but, bar; (*n, prep*) except for, exclusive of; (*prep*) aside from, besides, apart from, barring, excluding, with the exception of; (*v*) saving. ANTONYM: (*prep*) including.

exultant: (*adj, v*) jubilant, triumphant; (*n*) buoyant, buoyed up; (*adj*) gleeful, joyful, triumphal, victorious, exulting, ecstatic, glad. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) miserable, downhearted, depressed, sorrowful, unhappy.

gleeful: (*adj*) elated, exultant, frolicsome, festive, cheery, gay, jubilant, merry, lighthearted, blithe, joyful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gloomy, sorrowful.

licked: (*adj*) dumbfounded.

objecting: (*adj*) disappointed, disinclined, opposed.

soberly: (*adv*) seriously, gravely, staidly, solemnly, temperately,

somberly, sedately, modestly, severely, sanely, calmly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) cheerfully.

sprightly: (*adj*) spirited, cheerful, alive, blithe, agile, airy, keen; (*adj, v*) nimble, active; (*adj, n*) brisk; (*adj, adv*) jolly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inactive, slow, clumsy, sluggish.

thundering: (*adj*) thumping, whopping, lumpish, gaunt, hulky, lubberly, spanking, big, loud, striking terror; (*n*) thunder.

rest. I'm going to try like thunder." He evidently complimented himself upon the modesty of this statement.

"How do you know you won't run when the time comes?" asked the youth.

"Run?" said the loud one; "run?--of course not!" He laughed.

"Well," continued the youth, "lots of good-a-'nough men have thought they was going to do great things before th fight, but when the time come they **skedaddled**."

"Oh, that's all true, I s'pose," replied the other; "but I'm not going to skedaddle. The man that bets on my running will lose his money, that's all." He nodded confidently.

"Oh, shucks!" said the youth. "You ain't the bravest man in the world, are you?"

"No, I ain't," exclaimed the loud soldier **indignantly**; "and I didn't say I was the bravest man in the world, neither. I said I was going to do my share of fighting--that's what I said. And I am, too. Who are you, anyhow? You talk as if you thought you was Napoleon Bonaparte." He glared at the youth for a moment, and then strode away.

The youth called in a savage voice after his comrade: "Well, you needn't git mad about it!" But the other continued on his way and made no reply.

He felt alone in space when his injured comrade had disappeared. His failure to discover any **mite** of resemblance in their viewpoints made him more miserable than before. No one seemed to be **wrestling** with such a terrific personal problem. He was a mental **outcast**.

He went slowly to his tent and stretched himself on a blanket by the side of the **snoring** tall soldier. In the darkness he saw visions of a thousand-tongued fear that would **babble** at his back and cause him to flee, while others were going **coolly** about their country's business. He admitted that he would not be able to cope with this monster. He felt that every nerve in his body would be an ear to hear the voices, while other men would remain **stolid** and deaf.

Thesaurus

babble: (*n, v*) drivel, gossip, chat, burble, prattle; (*v*) ripple, gab, talk, blab, smatter, bubble. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) stillness, quietness; (*n*) sense.
coolly: (*adv*) quietly, composedly, coldly, collectedly, nonchalantly, placidly, serenely, chilly, steadily, frostily, frigidly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) nervously, anxiously, agitatedly, expressively, boisterously, enthusiastically.
indignantly: (*adv*) irately, angrily,

wrathfully, enragedly, sorely, acrimoniously, cynically, sulkily, hotly, exasperatedly, furiously.
mite: (*n, v*) bit; (*n*) atom, jot, hint, pinch, crumb, acarus, dole, grain, acarid, iota.
outcast: (*n*) exile, castaway, leper, expatriate, outlaw, vagabond, lown, loon, refugee; (*adj, n*) derelict; (*adj*) homeless. ANTONYM: (*n*) native.
skedaddle: (*v*) abscond, scamper, run away, run, flee, get out, scam,

Levant, fly, give leg bail, decamp.
snoring: (*n*) stertor, respiration; (*adj*) stertorous, asleep.
stolid: (*adj*) impassive, obtuse, stupid, heavy, doltish, bovine, insulse, expressionless, shallow, petty, apathetic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) emotional, imaginative, exciting.
wrestling: (*n*) grapple, grappling, rassling, bout, event, clamshell, athletics, boxing, braving, pugilism; (*adj*) fighting.

And as he sweated with the pain of these thoughts, he could hear low, **serene** sentences. "I'll bid five." "Make it six." "Seven." "Seven goes."

He stared at the red, **shivering reflection** of a fire on the white wall of his **tent** until, **exhausted** and ill from the **monotony** of his suffering, he fell asleep.

Thesaurus

exhausted: (*adj*) fatigued, tired, spent, dry, empty, depleted, jaded, enervated, faint; (*adj, v*) gone, weak. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, refreshed, strong, restored, vigorous, unexhausted, replenished, remaining, energized, invigorated, restocked.

monotony: (*n*) boredom, dullness, evenness, sameness, tediousness, flatness, dreariness, tautophony, tiresomeness; (*adj*) dull work, humdrum. ANTONYMS: (*n*) variety,

variation.

reflection: (*n*) contemplation, thought, deliberation, meditation, musing, cogitation, idea, notion, introspection; (*n, v*) observation, reflexion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) impulsiveness, confirmation.

serene: (*adj*) peaceful, calm, quiet, placid, composed, impassive, clear, pacific, gentle, cool; (*adj, v*) tranquil. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) agitated, anxious, noisy, nervous, impatient, excitable,

scatterbrained, harsh, boisterous, excited, disturbed.

shivering: (*adj*) quivering, shaking, trembling, shaky, quaking, tremulous, shuddering, chilled; (*n*) chill, cold, shiver. ANTONYM: (*adj*) composed.

tent: (*n*) awning, marquee, pavilion, canopy, collapsible shelter, tabernacle, attention, pack tent, parasol, pop tent; (*n, v*) camp.

CHAPTER 3

WHEN ANOTHER night came, the columns, changed to purple **streaks**, filed across two **pontoon** bridges. A glaring fire wine-tinted the waters of the river. Its rays, shining upon the moving masses of troops, brought forth here and there sudden gleams of silver or gold. Upon the other shore a dark and mysterious range of **hills** was curved against the sky. The insect **voices** of the night sang solemnly.

After this crossing the youth assured himself that at any moment they might be suddenly and fearfully assaulted from the caves of the lowering woods. He kept his eyes **watchfully** upon the darkness.

But his regiment went **unmolested** to a camping place, and its soldiers slept the brave sleep of **wearied** men. In the morning they were **routed** out with early energy, and hustled along a narrow road that led deep into the forest.

It was during this rapid march that the regiment lost many of the marks of a new command.

The men had begun to count the miles upon their fingers, and they grew tired. "Sore feet an' damned short rations, that's all," said the loud soldier. There was **perspiration** and grumblings. After a time they began to shed their knapsacks. Some tossed them **unconcernedly** down; others hid them carefully, asserting their plans to return for them at some convenient time. Men extricated

Thesaurus

hills: (*n*) home, dry land, foothills, earth, ground.

perspiration: (*n*) diaphoresis, hidrosis, sudor, sweating, extravasation, secretion, exertion, exudation, effort, lather, water.

pontoon: (*n*) float, bridge, barge, flatboat, raft, footbridge, limber, ponton, steppingstone, gangway, hoy.

routed: (*adj*) conquered, overwhelmed, overcome, overpowered,

overthrown, vanquished, in retreat, flooded, destined, running scared, crushed.

streaks: (*n*) stripes, cords.

unconcernedly: (*adv*) nonchalantly, impassively, aloofly, carelessly, uninterestedly, unsympathetically, dispassionately, lackadaisically, insouciantly, apathetically, distantly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) nervously, anxiously.

unmolested: (*adj*) undisturbed,

untroubled, unthreatened, peaceable, tranquil, still, smooth, safe, quiet; (*v*) unafflicted, unplagued.

voices: (*n*) chorus.

watchfully: (*adv*) attentively, carefully, observantly, cautiously, wakefully, warily, alertly, mindfully, circumspectly, guardedly, heedfully. ANTONYM: (*adv*) recklessly.

wearied: (*adj*) jaded, tired, spent, fatigued, weary, prostrate, limp, haggard, shattered, worn, fatigate.

themselves from thick shirts. Presently few carried anything but their necessary clothing, blankets, haversacks, canteens, and arms and ammunition. "You can now eat and shoot," said the tall soldier to the youth. "That's all you want to do."

There was sudden change from the **ponderous** infantry of theory to the light and speedy infantry of practice. The regiment, relieved of a burden, received a new impetus. But there was much loss of valuable knapsacks, and, on the whole, very good shirts.

But the regiment was not yet veteranlike in appearance. Veteran regiments in the army were likely to be very small aggregations of men. Once, when the command had first come to the field, some perambulating veterans, **noting** the length of their column, had accosted them thus: "Hey, fellers, what brigade is that?" And when the men had replied that they formed a regiment and not a brigade, the older soldiers had laughed, and said, "O Gawd!"

Also, there was too great a similarity in the hats. The hats of a regiment should properly represent the history of **headgear** for a period of years. And, moreover, there were no letters of faded gold speaking from the **colors**. They were new and beautiful, and the color **bearer habitually oiled** the pole.

Presently the army again sat down to think. The **odor** of the peaceful pines was in the men's **nostrils**. The sound of monotonous axe blows rang through the forest, and the insects, nodding upon their perches, crooned like old women. The youth returned to his theory of a blue demonstration.

One gray dawn, however, he was kicked in the leg by the tall soldier, and then, before he was entirely awake, he found himself running down a wood road in the midst of men who were panting from the first effects of speed. His canteen banged rhythmically upon his thigh, and his haversack bobbed softly. His **musket** bounced a trifle from his shoulder at each stride and made his cap feel uncertain upon his head.

He could hear the men whisper **jerky** sentences: "Say--what's all this--about?" "What th' thunder--we--skeddaddlin' this way fer?" "Billie--keep off m'

Thesaurus

bearer: (*n*) holder, carrier, messenger, porter, courier, envoy, traveller, griever, hamal, lamenter, mourner.

colors: (*n*) flag, colours, paints, banner, color, colour, ensign, pigment, tint, dye, paint.

habitually: (*adv*) usually, ordinarily, normally, generally, regularly, frequently, commonly, routinely, wontedly, conventionally, commonplacely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unusually, seldom, erratically,

exceptionally, occasionally.

headgear: (*n*) halter, bridle, hood, hackamore, hoist, hat, cap, chapeau, helmet, lid, miter.

jerky: (*adj*) uneven, abrupt, rough, unsteady, jerking, arrhythmic, spasmodic, shaky; (*n*) biltong, jerked meat, meat. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) smooth, graceful.

musket: (*n*) fusil, blunderbuss, gun, rifle.

nostrils: (*n*) naris, nose.

noting: (*adj*) conscious.

odor: (*n*) aroma, scent, odour, bouquet, flavour, perfume, flavor, savor, stink; (*n, v*) smell, stench.

oiled: (*adj*) intoxicated, oily. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unoiled.

ponderous: (*adj*) heavy, grave, onerous, burdensome, massive, unwieldy, bulky, stodgy, hard, tedious, dull. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) elegant, graceful, lively, brisk, manageable.

feet. Yeh run--like a cow." And the loud soldier's shrill voice could be heard: "What th'devil they in sich a hurry for?"

The youth thought the damp fog of early morning moved from the rush of a great body of troops. From the distance came a sudden **spatter** of firing.

He was bewildered. As he ran with his comrades he **strenuously** tried to think, but all he knew was that if he fell down those coming behind would tread upon him. All his **faculties** seemed to be needed to guide him over and past obstructions. He felt carried along by a mob.

The sun spread **disclosing** rays, and, one by one, regiments burst into view like armed men just born of the earth. The youth perceived that the time had come. He was about to be measured. For a moment he felt in the face of his great trial like a babe, and the flesh over his heart seemed very thin. He seized time to look about him **calculatingly**.

But he instantly saw that it would be impossible for him to escape from the regiment. It **inclosed** him. And there were iron laws of tradition and law on four sides. He was in a moving box.

As he perceived this fact it occurred to him that he had never wished to come to the war. He had not enlisted of his free will. He had been dragged by the **merciless** government. And now they were taking him out to be slaughtered.

The regiment slid down a bank and wallowed across a little stream. The mournful current moved slowly on, and from the water, shaded black, some white bubble eyes looked at the men.

As they climbed the hill on the farther side artillery began to boom. Here the youth forgot many things as he felt a sudden impulse of curiosity. He scrambled up the bank with a speed that could not be exceeded by a **bloodthirsty** man.

He expected a battle scene.

There were some little fields girted and **squeezed** by a forest. Spread over the grass and in among the tree trunks, he could see knots and waving lines of skirmishers who were running **hither** and **thither** and firing at the landscape. A

Thesaurus

bloodthirsty: (*adj*) murderous, brutal, bloody, barbarous, cruel, savage, fierce, ferocious, violent, slaughterous, sanguineous.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) pleasant.
calculatingly: (*adv*) shrewdly, deliberately, astutely, sharply, calculatively, sly, wily, craftily, connivingly, cannily, consciously.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) innocently, unintentionally.
disclosing: (*n*) confession,

communication.
faculties: (*n*) mother wit.
hither: (*adv*) here, whither, hitherward, thither.
inclosed: (*adj*) confined, entrails, included, internal, intestine.
merciless: (*adj*) brutal, pitiless, unmerciful, remorseless, heartless, implacable, inhuman, hard, grim, barbarous, unfeeling. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) charitable, kind, humane, soft, caring, tolerant.

spatter: (*n, v*) splash, plash, sputter; (*v*) dash, slop, scatter, smear, spit, spray, squirt, soil.
squeezed: (*adj*) cramped.
strenuously: (*adv*) energetically, zealously, arduously, severely, forcefully, earnestly, laboriously, busily, toilsomely, forwardly, hardly.
thither: (*adv*) hither, whither, on that point, in that respect, at that place, in that location; (*adj*) further, ulterior, remoter, succeeding, more distant.

dark battle line lay upon a **sunstruck** clearing that gleamed orange color. A flag fluttered.

Other regiments floundered up the bank. The brigade was formed in line of battle, and after a pause started slowly through the woods in the rear of the receding skirmishers, who were continually melting into the scene to appear again farther on. They were always busy as bees, deeply absorbed in their little combats.

The youth tried to observe everything. He did not use care to avoid trees and branches, and his forgotten feet were constantly knocking against stones or getting **entangled** in briars. He was aware that these battalions with their commotions were woven red and startling into the gentle fabric of softened greens and browns. It looked to be a wrong place for a battle field.

The skirmishers in advance fascinated him. Their shots into thickets and at distant and prominent trees spoke to him of tragedies--hidden, mysterious, solemn.

Once the line encountered the body of a dead soldier. He lay upon his back staring at the sky. He was dressed in an awkward suit of **yellowish** brown. The youth could see that the **soles** of his shoes had been worn to the **thinness** of writing paper, and from a great rent in one the dead foot projected **piteously**. And it was as if fate had betrayed the soldier. In death it exposed to his enemies that poverty which in life he had perhaps concealed from his friends.

The ranks opened covertly to avoid the corpse. The **invulnerable** dead man forced a way for himself. The youth looked keenly at the **ashen** face. The wind raised the **tawny** beard. It moved as if a hand were stroking it. He vaguely desired to walk around and around the body and stare; the impulse of the living to try to read in dead eyes the answer to the Question.

During the march the ardor which the youth had acquired when out of view of the field rapidly faded to nothing. His curiosity was quite easily satisfied. If an intense scene had caught him with its wild swing as he came to the top of the bank, he might have gone roaring on. This advance upon Nature was too calm.

Thesaurus

ashen: (*adj*) wan, pasty, bloodless, cadaverous, pale, sallow, ghastly, livid, gray, colorless, lurid.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rosy, dark.

entangled: (*adj*) complicated, intricate, embroiled, complex, foul, confused, matted, tangled, inextricable, knotty; (*v*) entangle.

invulnerable: (*adj*) impregnable, impervious, impenetrable, safe, inviolable, unassailable, secure, indomitable, untouchable,

woundless; (*adj, v*) defensible.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) receptive.

piteously: (*adj, adv*) sadly; (*adv*) pitifully, wretchedly, ruefully, woefully, poorly, plaintively, sorrowly, grievously, sorrowfully, dolefully.

soles: (*n*) family Soleidae.

sunstruck: (*adj*) lighter, light.

tawny: (*n*) tan, buff; (*adj, n*) brown, auburn; (*adj*) luteous, golden, sallow, russet, chestnut, creamy, moderately black.

thinness: (*n*) slenderness, slimness, tenuity, leanness, rarity, narrowness, slightness, fluidity, fluidness, maceration, emaciation.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) plumpness, stoutness, width, thickness, fatness, roundness, coarseness, strength.

yellowish: (*adj*) sallow, yellowed, flavescent, xanthous, turning yellow, sensationalistic, jaundiced, luteous, chickenhearted, easily frightened, chicken.

He had opportunity to reflect. He had time in which to wonder about himself and to attempt to probe his sensations.

Absurd ideas took hold upon him. He thought that he did not relish the landscape. It threatened him. A coldness swept over his back, and it is true that his trousers felt to him that they were no fit for his legs at all.

A house standing **placidly** in distant fields had to him an ominous look. The shadows of the woods were formidable. He was certain that in this vista there lurked fierce-eyed hosts. The swift thought came to him that the generals did not know what they were about. It was all a trap. Suddenly those close forests would **bristle** with rifle barrels. **Ironlike** brigades would appear in the rear. They were all going to be sacrificed. The generals were stupids. The enemy would presently swallow the whole command. He glared about him, expecting to see the **stealthy** approach of his death.

He thought that he must break from the ranks and **harangue** his comrades. They must not all be killed like pigs; and he was sure it would come to pass unless they were informed of these dangers. The generals were idiots to send them **marching** into a regular pen. There was but one pair of eyes in the corps. He would step forth and make a speech. Shrill and passionate words came to his lips.

The line, broken into moving fragments by the ground, went calmly on through fields and woods. The youth looked at the men nearest him, and saw, for the most part, expressions of deep interest, as if they were investigating something that had fascinated them. One or two stepped with overvaliant airs as if they were already plunged into war. Others walked as upon thin ice. The greater part of the untested men appeared quiet and absorbed. They were going to look at war, the red animal-war, the blood-swollen god. And they were deeply engrossed in this march.

As he looked the youth gripped his outcry at his throat. He saw that even if the men were **tottering** with fear they would laugh at his warning. They would **jeer** him, and, if practicable, **pelt** him with missiles. Admitting that he might be wrong, a frenzied **declamation** of the kind would turn him into a worm.

Thesaurus

bristle: (*n*) fiber, hair, whisker; (*v*) teem, burn, seethe, rage, arise, fume, blow up; (*n, v*) brustle. ANTONYM: (*v*) calm.

declamation: (*n*) speech, recitation, oration, rhetoric, elocution, ranting, oratory, public speaking.

harangue: (*v*) declaim; (*n*) rant, screed, address, tirade, oration, diatribe, sermon; (*n, v*) lecture, discourse, stump.

ironlike: (*adj*) strong.

jeer: (*n, v*) gibe, flout, deride, mock, ridicule, hiss, taunt, scoff, laugh at, barrack; (*n*) mockery. ANTONYMS: (*v*) cheer, applaud.

marching: (*n*) walking, mar, drill; (*adj*) ongoing, moving.

pelt: (*n*) hide, skin, fell, coat; (*v*) pepper, bombard, hurry, beat, hit, batter, pour.

placidly: (*adv*) coolly, calmly, tranquilly, peacefully, stilly, quietly, composedly, silently, meekly,

impassively, collectedly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) agitatedly, boisterously.

stealthy: (*adj*) clandestine, secret, surreptitious, sneaky, covert, private, backstairs, concealed, feline; (*adj, v*) sly, insidious. ANTONYM: (*adj*) blatant.

tottering: (*adj*) unsteady, ramshackle, easily shaken, tottery, sick, rocky, broken, trembling, cracked; (*v*) drooping; (*n*) convulsion.

He assumed, then, the **demeanor** of one who knows that he is doomed alone to unwritten responsibilities. He lagged, with tragic glances at the sky.

He was surprised presently by the young lieutenant of his company, who began heartily to beat him with a sword, calling out in a loud and **insolent** voice: "Come, young man, get up into ranks there. No **skulking** 'll do here." He mended his pace with suitable haste. And he hated the lieutenant, who had no appreciation of fine minds. He was a mere brute.

After a time the brigade was halted in the cathedral light of a forest. The busy skirmishers were still popping. Through the aisles of the wood could be seen the floating smoke from their **rifles**. Sometimes it went up in little balls, white and compact.

During this halt many men in the regiment began **erecting** tiny hills in front of them. They used stones sticks, earth, and anything they thought might turn a bullet. Some built comparatively large ones, while others seems content with little ones.

This procedure caused a discussion among the men. Some wished to fight like duelists, believing it to be correct to stand erect and be, from their feet to their foreheads, a mark. They said they **scorned** the devices of the cautious. But the others scoffed in reply, and pointed to the veterans on the flanks who were digging at the ground like terriers. In a short time there was quite a **barricade** along the regimental fronts. Directly, however, they were ordered to withdraw from that place.

This **astounded** the youth. He forgot his **stewing** over the advance movement. "Well, then, what did they march us out here for?" he demanded of the tall soldier. The latter with calm faith began a heavy explanation, although he had been compelled to leave a little protection of stones and dirt to which he had devoted much care and skill.

When the regiment was **aligned** in another position each man's regard for his safety caused another line of small intrenchments. They ate their noon meal

Thesaurus

aligned: (*v*) with aligned with; (*adj*) allied, joined, alined, combined, horizontal, united, amalgamated. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unaligned.
astounded: (*adj*) amazed, stunned, flabbergasted, bewildered, dumbfounded, surprised, staggered, astonished, dazed, astound, aghast.
barricade: (*n, v*) barrier, blockade, barricado; (*v*) block, obstruct, hinder, dam; (*n*) obstruction, fence, rampart, hurdle. ANTONYMS: (*n*) opening; (*v*)

open, expose, assist.
demeanor: (*n, v*) bearing, conduct; (*n*) carriage, air, deportment, attitude, manner, behaviour, guise, mien, port.
erecting: (*n*) construction, building, erection.
insolent: (*adj*) impertinent, abusive, disrespectful, impudent, fresh, arrogant, brazen, defiant, offensive, brassy, bold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful, modest, gracious, meek, submissive.

rifles: (*n*) chasseur, light infantry.
scorned: (*adj*) detested, hated, abject, neglected, contemptuous, despicable, insolent, undesirable, unloved, unpopular, mean.
skulking: (*adj*) surreptitious, stealthy, lurking, hiding, clandestine, backstairs, concealed, cowardly; (*n*) malingering, dodging, evasion.
stewing: (*n*) simmering, boiling, agitation, cooking, cookery; (*adj*) sweltering.

behind a third one. They were moved from this one also. They were marched from place to place with apparent aimlessness.

The youth had been taught that a man became another thing in battle. He saw his salvation in such a change. Hence this waiting was an ordeal to him. He was in a fever of **impatience**. He considered that there was denoted a lack of purpose on the part of the generals. He began to complain to the tall soldier. "I can't stand this much longer," he cried. "I don't see what good it does to make us wear out our legs for nothin'." He wished to return to camp, knowing that this affair was a blue demonstration; or else to go into a battle and discover that he had been a fool in his **doubts**, and was, in truth, a man of traditional courage. The strain of present circumstances he felt to be intolerable.

The philosophical tall soldier measured a sandwich of **cracker** and pork and swallowed it in a **nonchalant** manner. "Oh, I suppose we must go **reconnoitering** around the country jest to keep 'em from getting too close, or to develop 'em, or something."

"Huh!" said the loud soldier.

"Well," cried the youth, still fidgeting, "I'd rather do anything 'most than go **tramping** 'round the country all day doing no good to nobody and jest **tiring** ourselves out."

"So would I," said the loud soldier. "It ain't right. I tell you if anybody with any sense was a-runnin' this army it--"

"Oh, shut up!" roared the tall private. "You little fool. You little damn' **cuss**. You ain't had that there coat and them **pants** on for six months, and yet you talk as if--"

"Well, I wanta do some fighting anyway," interrupted the other. "I didn't come here to walk. I could 'ave **walked** to home - 'round an' 'round the barn, if I jest wanted to walk."

The tall one, **red-faced**, swallowed another sandwich as if taking poison in despair.

Thesaurus

cracker: (*n*) banger, biscuit, firecracker, firework, soda cracker, pyrotechnics, favor; (*v*) squib, popgun, gun, doughnut.

cuss: (*v*) blaspheme, swear, imprecate; (*n*) malediction, blighter, chap, expletive, oath, bloke, lad, fellow.

doubts: (*adj*) doubting.

impatience: (*n*) annoyance, eagerness, anger, intolerance, restlessness, fidget, nervousness, fidgetiness, enthusiasm, edginess; (*adj*)

nonendurance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, endurance, apathy.

nonchalant: (*adj*) careless, indifferent, insouciant, unconcerned, casual, carefree, calm, heedless, listless, apathetic, offhand. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) concerned, uptight, careful, excited.

pants: (*n*) knickers, trousers, drawers, knickerbockers, underpants, chinos, cords, denim, bloomers, flannel, knee pants.

reconnoitering: (*n*) reconnaissance, reconnoitring, scouting, exploratory survey.

red-faced: (*adj*) abashed.

tiring: (*adj*) tiresome, exhausting, wearing, hard, laborious, arduous, grueling, boring, wearisome, onerous, strenuous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) easy, undemanding, light, refreshing, empty, interesting.

tramping: (*adj*) moving.

walked: (*adj*) exempt; (*v*) yode.

But gradually, as he chewed, his face became again quiet and contented. He could not rage in fierce argument in the presence of such sandwiches. During his meals he always wore an air of **blissful** contemplation of the food he had swallowed. His spirit seemed then to be **communing** with the viands.

He accepted new environment and circumstance with great **coolness**, eating from his haversack at every opportunity. On the march he went along with the **stride** of a hunter, objecting to neither **gait** nor distance. And he had not raised his voice when he had been ordered away from three little protective piles of earth and stone, each of which had been an engineering feat worthy of being made sacred to the name of his grandmother.

In the afternoon, the regiment went out over the same ground it had taken in the morning. The landscape then ceased to threaten the youth. He had been close to it and become familiar with it.

When, however, they began to pass into a new region, his old fears of stupidity and incompetence reassailed him, but this time he doggedly let them babble. He was occupied with his problem, and in his deperation he concluded that the stupidity did not greatly matter.

Once he thought he had concluded that it would be better to get killed directly and end his troubles. Regarding death thus out of the corner of his eye, he conceived it to be nothing but rest, and he was filled with a momentary astonishment that he should have made an extraordinary commotion over the mere matter of getting killed. He would die; he would go to some place where he would be understood. It was useless to expect appreciation of his profound and fine sense from such men as the lieutenant. He must look to the grave for comprehension.

The **skirmish** fire increased to a long **clattering** sound. With it was **mingled** far-away cheering. A battery spoke.

Directly the youth could see the skirmishers running. They were pursued by the sound of **musketry** fire. After a time the hot, dangerous flashes of the rifles were visible. Smoke clouds went slowly and **insolently** across the fields like

Thesaurus

blissful: (*adj*) happy, heavenly, merry, joyful, delighted, glad, cheerful, delightful, ecstatic, elated, blest.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhappy, grieving, sad, sorrowful, depressed, unpleasant, down, dreadful.
clattering: (*n*) crash; (*adj*) clattery.
communing: (*n*) communion.
coolness: (*n*) chill, cool, composure, assurance, cold, calmness, alienation, frigidity, equanimity, chilliness, poise. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) friendliness,

panic, approachability, mustiness, turbulence, agitation.
gait: (*n, v*) pace, step, tread, footstep, rate, stride, action; (*n*) walk, carriage, movement, velocity.
insolently: (*adv*) rudely, impertinently, brazenly, impolitely, defiantly, shamelessly, saucily, discourteously, insultingly, cheekily, pertly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) discreetly, shyly, politely, meekly.
mingled: (*adj*) miscellaneous, complex,

indiscriminate, heterogeneous, medley, confused, eclectic, motley, different; (*v*) blended, blent.
musketry: (*n*) proficiency, rifle, musket, facility, army unit.
skirmish: (*n, v*) fight, combat, battle, conflict, scuffle; (*n*) encounter, brush, engagement, struggle, confrontation, dispute.
stride: (*n, v*) pace, tread, walk, stalk, rate, toddle, stump; (*n*) footstep, gait, progress; (*v*) march.

observant phantoms. The din became **crescendo**, like the roar of an **oncoming** train.

A brigade ahead of them and on the right went into action with a **rending** roar. It was as if it had exploded. And thereafter it lay stretched in the distance behind a long gray wall, that one was obliged to look twice at to make sure that it was smoke.

The youth, forgetting his neat plan of getting **killed**, gazed spell bound. His eyes grew wide and busy with the action of the scene. His mouth was a little ways open.

Of a sudden he felt a heavy and sad hand laid upon his shoulder. Awakening from his trance of observation he turned and **beheld** the loud soldier.

"It's my first and last battle, old boy," said the latter, with intense gloom. He was quite pale and his **girlish** lip was trembling.

"Eh?" murmured the youth in great astonishment.

"It's my first and last battle, old boy," continued the loud soldier. "Something tells me--"

"What?"

"I'm a gone **coon** this first time and--and I w-want you to take these here things--to--my--folks." He ended in a **quavering** sob of pity for himself. He handed the youth a little packet done up in a yellow envelope.

"Why, what the devil--" began the youth again.

But the other gave him a glance as from the depths of a tomb, and raised his limp hand in a **prophetic** manner and turned away.

Thesaurus

beheld: (*adj*) visual.

coon: (*n*) blackamoor, nigger, common raccoon, common racoon, boy,

Procyon lotor, black person, racoon, raccoon, jigaboo; (*adj*) sambo.

crescendo: (*n*) swell, intensity, volume, loudness, culmination, apogee; (*adv*) diminuendo, rallentando, staccato, legato; (*adj*) increasing.

girlish: (*adj*) boyish, childish, kittenish, juvenile, adolescent, innocent,

schoolgirlish, babyish, immature, youthful, female.

killed: (*n*) casualty; (*adj*) fallen.

observant: (*adj*) mindful, watchful, alert, cautious, circumspect, careful, aware, heedful, vigilant, awake, keen.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unobservant, dreaming, insensitive, unprepared, oblivious.

oncoming: (*adj*) approaching, impending, imminent, nearing, upcoming, moving; (*n*) onset, attack.

prophetic: (*adj*) oracular, mantic, prophetic, prognostic, visionary, biblical, vaticinal, sibylline, foreshadowing, fatidical, pythonic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unprophetic, unimaginative.

quavering: (*adj*) trembling, tremulous, unsteady, shaky, shivering, shaking, decrepit, doddery, doddering.

rending: (*adj*) ripping, excruciating, cacophonous, cacophonous; (*v*) harrowing; (*n*) division, outbreak.

CHAPTER 4

THE BRIGADE was **halted** in the fringe of a **grove**. The men **crouched** among the trees and pointed their **restless guns** out at the fields. They tried to look beyond the smoke.

Out of this **haze** they could see running men. Some shouted information and gestured as the hurried.

The men of the new regiment watched and listened **eagerly**, while their tongues ran on in gossip of the battle. They mouthed rumors that had flown like birds out of the unknown.

"They say Perry has been driven in with big loss."

"Yes, Carrott went t' th' hospital. He said he was sick. That smart lieutenant is **commanding** 'G' Company. Th' boys say they won't be under Carrott no more if they all have t' desert. They allus knew he was a--"

"Hannises' batt'ry is took."

"It ain't either. I saw Hannises' batt'ry off on th' left not more'n fifteen minutes ago."

"Well--"

Thesaurus

commanding: (*adj*) imperative, imperious, peremptory, bossy, imposing, ascendant, compelling, magnificent; (*adj, n*) grand, impressive; (*adv*) commandingly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inferior, unassertive, indecisive, unimpressive, insignificant, subservient.

crouched: (*v*) subjacent, squat; (*adj*) crutched, hunkered down, hunkered, low, huddled.

eagerly: (*adv*) zealously, readily, keenly, fervently, avidly, greedily, enthusiastically, intently, earnestly, impatiently, actively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) apathetically, nonchalantly, grudgingly, patiently, halfheartedly, reluctantly, unenthusiastically.

grove: (*n*) forest, orchard, thicket, coppice, wood, gardens, residences, Holt, bosquet, park, Hurst.

guns: (*n*) weapons, weaponry, arms, arsenal, armaments, artillery.

halted: (*adj*) motionless, nonmoving, unmoving.

haze: (*n*) fog, cloud, confusion, vapor, blur, daze, film, cloudiness, turbidity; (*n, v*) mist; (*v*) dim. ANTONYMS: (*n*) clarity, brightness.

restless: (*adj*) fidgety, uneasy, impatient, restive, agitated, fretful, turbulent, feverish; (*adj, n*) nervous, apprehensive; (*adj, v*) unquiet. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, peaceful, lethargic, unbroken, still, contented.

"Th' general, he ses he is goin' t' take th' hull command of th' 304th when we go inteh action, an' then he ses we'll do sech fightin' as never another one reg'ment done."

"They say we're catchin' it over on th' left. They say th' enemy driv' our line inteh a devil of a swamp an' took Hannises' batt'ry."

"No sech thing. Hannises' batt'ry was 'long here 'bout a minute ago."

"That young Hasbrouck, he makes a good off'cer. He ain't afraid 'a nothin'."

"I met one of th' 148th Maine boys an' he ses his brigade fit th' hull rebel army fer four hours over on th' **turnpike** road an' killed about five thousand of 'em. He ses one more sech fight as that an' th' war 'll be over."

"Bill wasn't scared either. No, sir! It wasn't that. Bill ain't a-gittin' scared easy. He was jest mad, that's what he was. When that feller trod on his hand, he up an' sed that he was willin' t' give his hand t' his country, but he be dumbered if he was goin' t' have every dumb **bushwhacker** in th' kentry walkin' 'round on it. So he went t' th' hospital **disregardless** of th' fight. Three fingers was crunched. Th' dern doctor wanted t' **amputate** 'm, an' Bill, he raised a heluva row, I hear. He's a funny feller."

The din in front swelled to a tremendous chorus. The youth and his fellows were frozen to silence. They could see a flag that tossed in the smoke angrily. Near it were the blurred and **agitated** forms of troops. There came a turbulent stream of men across the fields. A battery changing position at a frantic gallop scattered the stragglers right and left.

A shell screaming like a storm **banshee** went over the **huddled** heads of the reserves. It landed in the grove, and **exploding redly** flung the brown earth. There was a little shower of pine needles.

Bullets began to whistle among the branches and nip at the trees. Twigs and leaves came sailing down. It was as if a thousand axes, wee and invisible, were being wielded. Many of the men were constantly dodging and **ducking** their heads.

Thesaurus

agitated: (*adj*) upset, excited, nervous, restive, tumultuous, distressed, tense, jumpy, overwrought, anxious, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, lethargic, tranquil, relaxed, assured, cool, still.

amputate: (*v*) mutilate, cut, dismember, clip, detach, take off, take, detruncate, excise, lop, truncate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) join, mend, fix, attach.

banshee: (*n*) benshie, lemures,

seamaid, ghost, banshee, boggart, dryad, ghou, Nereid, nymph, peri.

bushwhacker: (*n*) rustic, free lance, companion, guerrilla, assailant.

disregardless: (*adv*) regardless, irregardless, no matter, irrespective.

ducking: (*n*) dip, dousing, hunting, wetting, submersion, duckbilled platypus, duckbill, duck hunting, dive, complete attention; (*v*) owe.

exploding: (*adj*) detonating, bursting, increasing; (*n*) explosion, blast,

setting off, report, discharge, blowing up, bang, ignition.

huddled: (*adj*) crouched, crouching, hunkered down, hunkered.

redly: (*adv*) rosily, reddishly, pinkly, sanguinely, crimsonly, radically, glowingly, bloodily, inflamedly, blushingly, flamingly.

turnpike: (*n*) superhighway, motorway, freeway, expressway, road, pike, highway, hayfork, pick, royal road, state highway.

The lieutenant of the youth's company was shot in the hand. He began to swear so wondrously that a nervous laugh went along the regimental line. The officer's **profanity** sounded conventional. It relieved the tightened senses of the new men. It was as if he had hit his fingers with a tack hammer at home.

He held the wounded member carefully away from his side so that the blood would not drip upon his trousers.

The captain of the company, tucking his sword under his arm, produced a handkerchief and began to bind with it the lieutenant's wound. And they disputed as to how the binding should be done.

The battle flag in the distance jerked about **madly**. It seemed to be struggling to free itself from an agony. The **billowing** smoke was filled with horizontal flashes.

Men rushing swiftly emerged from it. They grew in numbers until it was seen that the whole command was **fleeing**. The flag suddenly sank down as if dying. Its motion as it fell was a gesture of despair.

Wild yells came from behind the walls of smoke. A sketch in gray and red dissolved into a **moblike** body of men who galloped like wild horses. The veteran regiments on the right and left of the 304th immediately began to jeer. With the passionate song of the bullets and the banshee shrieks of shells were mingled loud catcalls and bits of **facetious** advice concerning places of safety.

But the new regiment was breathless with horror. "Gawd! Saunders's got crushed!" whispered the man at the youth's elbow. They **shrank** back and crouched as if compelled to await a flood.

The youth shot a swift glance along the blue ranks of the regiment. The profiles were motionless, **carven**; and afterward he remembered that the color sergeant was standing with his legs apart, as if he expected to be pushed to the ground.

The following **throng** went **whirling** around the flank. Here and there were officers carried along on the stream like exasperated chips. They were striking

Thesaurus

billowing: (*adj*) billowy, surging, baggy, moving, rolling, tumbling, voluminous.

carven: (*adj*) incised, engraved, lapidarian, graven, etched.

facetious: (*adj*) humorous, comical, frivolous, funny, comic, whimsical, laughable, jocose, jocular; (*adj, n*) witty; (*n*) amusing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) grave, lugubrious, sober, somber, formal.

fleeing: (*v*) flee; (*adj*) runaway,

fugitive, evanescent.

madly: (*adv*) insanely, furiously, sorely, frantically, wildly, devilishly, deadly, dementedly, foolishly, distractedly; (*adj, adv*) rabidly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sensibly, calmly, sanely, carefully; (*adj*) slightly.

moblike: (*adj*) mob, mobbish, disorderly.

profanity: (*n*) blasphemy, oath, irreverence, obscenity, swearing, profanation, sacrilege, swear word,

expletive, disrespect, utterance.

ANTONYM: (*n*) purity.

shrank: (*v*) minify.

throng: (*n, v*) swarm, herd, mob, flock, press; (*n*) multitude, host, horde, mass, assembly, concourse.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) trickle, few; (*v*) disperse.

whirling: (*adj*) rotary, revolving, dizzy, giddy, lightheaded, rotating, vortical; (*n*) rotation, gyration, revolution; (*adj, n*) swirling.

about them with their swords and with their left fists, **punching** every head they could reach. They cursed like highwaymen.

A mounted officer displayed the furious anger of a **spoiled** child. He raged with his head, his arms, and his legs.

Another, the commander of the brigade, was galloping about **bawling**. His hat was gone and his clothes were **awry**. He resembled a man who has come from bed to go to a fire. The hoofs of his horse often threatened the heads of the running men, but they scampered with **singular** fortune. In this rush they were apparently all deaf and blind. They heeded not the largest and **longest** of the oaths that were thrown at them from all directions.

Frequently over this tumult could be heard the grim jokes of the critical veterans; but the **retreating** men apparently were not even conscious of the presence of an audience.

The battle reflection that shone for an instant in the faces on the mad current made the youth feel that forceful hands from heaven would not have been able to have held him in place if he could have got intelligent control of his legs.

There was an appalling **imprint** upon these faces. The struggle in the smoke had pictured an exaggeration of itself on the **bleached** cheeks and in the eyes wild with one desire.

The sight of this **stampede** exerted a floodlike force that seemed able to drag sticks and stones and men from the ground. They of the reserves had to hold on. They grew pale and firm, and red and quaking.

The youth achieved one little thought in the midst of this chaos. The composite monster which had caused the other troops to flee had not then appeared. He resolved to get a view of it, and then, he thought he might very likely run better than the best of them.

Thesaurus

awry: (*adj, adv*) askew, crooked; (*adj*) erroneous, bent, deformed, distorted, incorrect, wry, wrong; (*adv*) skew; (*v*) irregular. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, right, aligned, even.

bawling: (*adj, n*) weeping, sniveling; (*n*) cry, wailing; (*adj*) vociferous, weepy, blatant, sobbing, clamorous, tearful, howling.

bleached: (*adj*) blanched, artificial, attenuate, attenuated, biased, colored, coloured, dyed, faded, faint,

fair.

imprint: (*n, v*) mark, stamp, brand, print; (*n*) impression, effect, feeling; (*v*) engrave, inscribe, emboss, dent.

longest: (*adj*) best, lengest, fastest, top, record, best ever, greatest.

punching: (*n*) perforating, perforation, drilling.

retreating: (*n*) flight; (*adj*) moving back.

singular: (*adj, n*) extraordinary; (*adj*) odd, individual, particular, peculiar,

phenomenal, rare, queer, single, quaint, exceptional. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ordinary, normal, together, usual, customary.

spoiled: (*adj*) bad, rotten, stale, spoil, coddled, pampered, corrupt, damaged, spoilt, putrid, rancid. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unspoiled.

stampede: (*n, v*) panic; (*v*) dash, charge; (*n*) run, influx, assembly, departure, concourse, consternation, change of location, onrush.

CHAPTER 5

THERE WERE moments of waiting. The youth thought of the village street at home before the arrival of the circus parade on a day in the spring. He remembered how he had stood, a small, thrilling boy, prepared to follow the **dingy** lady upon the white horse, or the band in its faded **chariot**. He saw the yellow road, the lines of **expectant** people, and the sober houses. He particularly remembered an old fellow who used to sit upon a cracker box in front of the store and **feign** to **despise** such exhibitions. A thousand details of color and form surged in his mind. The old fellow upon the cracker box appeared in middle prominence.

Some one cried, "Here they come!"

There was **rustling** and muttering among the men. They displayed a **feverish** desire to have every possible cartridge ready to their hands. The boxes were pulled around into various positions, and adjusted with great care. It was as if seven hundred new bonnets were being tried on.

The tall soldier, having prepared his rifle, produced a red handkerchief of some kind. He was engaged in **knotting** it about his throat with exquisite attention to its position, when the cry was repeated up and down the line in a muffled roar of sound.

"Here they come! Here they come!" Gun **locks** clicked.

Thesaurus

chariot: (*n*) car, wagon, carriage, waggon, vehicle, wain, equipage, char.

despise: (*v*) disdain, loathe, depreciate, abhor, dislike, detest, slight, hate; (*n, v*) contempt; (*n*) contempt, deride. ANTONYMS: (*v*) respect, love, adore, appreciate, cherish, like, praise, accept.

dingy: (*adj*) dark, black, drab, dull, muddy, impure, dim, seedy, dowdy, unclean, grimy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

immaculate, spotless, sparkling, bright, neat, brilliant, interesting, smart.

expectant: (*adj*) hopeful, enceinte, anticipative, big, gravid, eager, heavy, confident, with child, watchful; (*adj, v*) pregnant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uninterested, apathetic, indifferent.

feign: (*v*) dissemble, simulate, affect, pretend, assume, dissimulate, counterfeit, act, sham, fabricate; (*adj,*

v) deceive.

feverish: (*adj*) febrile, feverous, fiery, frenzied, fevered, excited, sick, fanatical; (*adj, v*) hot, flushed; (*adj, n*) hysterical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, afebrile, collected, composed, mellow.

knotting: (*n*) knotting varnish.

locks: (*n*) hair, tresses, head of hair.

rustling: (*n*) rustle, whispering, whisper, larceny; (*adj*) murmurous, susurrous, active, soothing.

Across the smoke-infested fields came a brown swarm of running men who were giving shrill yells. They came on, **stooping** and swinging their rifles at all angles. A flag, tilted forward, **sped** near the front.

As he caught sight of them the youth was momentarily startled by a thought that perhaps his gun was not loaded. He stood trying to rally his **faltering** intellect so that he might recollect the moment when he had loaded, but he could not.

A hatless general pulled his dripping horse to a stand near the **colonel** of the 304th. He shook his fist in the other's face. "You've got to hold 'em back!" he **shouted**, savagely; "you've got to hold 'em back!"

In his agitation the colonel began to **stammer**. "A-all r-right, General, all right, by Gawd! We-we 'll do our--we-we 'll d-d-do-do our best, General." The general made a passionate gesture and galloped away. The colonel, **perchance** to relieve his feelings, began to **scold** like a wet parrot. The youth, turning swiftly to make sure that the rear was unmolested, saw the commander regarding his men in a highly resentful manner, as if he regretted above everything his association with them.

The man at the youth's elbow was **mumbling**, as if to himself: "Oh, we 're in for it now! oh, we 're in for it now!"

The captain of the company had been pacing excitedly to and fro in the rear. He coaxed in **schoolmistress** fashion, as to a congregation of boys with primers. His talk was an endless repetition. "Reserve your fire, boys--don't shoot till I tell you--save your fire--wait till they get close up--don't be damned fools--"

Perspiration streamed down the youth's face, which was soiled like that of a weeping **urchin**. He frequently, with a nervous movement, wiped his eyes with his coat sleeve. His mouth was still a little ways open.

He got the one glance at the foe-swarving field in front of him, and instantly ceased to debate the question of his piece being loaded. Before he was ready to begin--before he had announced to himself that he was about to fight--he threw

Thesaurus

colonel: (*n*) captain, coronel.

faltering: (*n*) falter, pause, vacillation; (*adj*) tentative, vacillating, doubtful, irresolute, hesitant, uncertain, unsure; (*adv*) falteringly.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) decided, firm, eloquent, decisive, sure.

mumbling: (*n*) gumming, diction, enunciation, chewing, mussionation, mastication; (*adj*) inarticulate, incoherent.

perchance: (*adv*) maybe, possibly, by

chance, peradventure, accidentally, incidentally, mayhap, chance, haphazard, probably, haply.

schoolmistress: (*n*) schoolmarm, teacher, schoolma'am, schoolmaster, educator, instructor, schoolteacher, preceptress, dame, fancy woman, kept woman.

scold: (*v*) reprimand, chide, berate, rebuke, abuse, lecture, reproach, rail, grouch; (*n, v*) nag; (*adj, n*) shrew. ANTONYMS: (*v*) praise, compliment,

approve.

shouted: (*adj*) screamed, loud.

sped: (*v*) done for.

stammer: (*v*) falter, hesitate, stumble, bumble, fumble, mumble, utter, verbalize, waver, halt, splutter.

stooping: (*adj*) hunched, crooked, asymmetrical, not erect, not straight, corrupt; (*n*) patronage.

urchin: (*n*) brat, imp, elf, ragamuffin, pixy, rogue, bairn, scamp, fairy; (*adj, n*) chit, dwarf.

the obedient well-balanced rifle into position and fired a first wild shot. Directly he was working at his weapon like an automatic affair.

He suddenly lost concern for himself, and forgot to look at a **menacing** fate. He became not a man but a member. He felt that something of which he was a part--a regiment, an army, a cause, or a country--was in crisis. He was welded into a common personality which was dominated by a single desire. For some moments he could not flee no more than a little finger can commit a revolution from a hand.

If he had thought the regiment was about to be **annihilated** perhaps he could have amputated himself from it. But its noise gave him assurance. The regiment was like a **firework** that, once **ignited**, proceeds superior to circumstances until its blazing vitality fades. It wheezed and banged with a mighty power. He pictured the ground before it as strewn with the **discomfited**.

There was a consciousness always of the presence of his comrades about him. He felt the subtle battle brotherhood more potent even than the cause for which they were fighting. It was a mysterious fraternity born of the smoke and danger of death.

He was at a task. He was like a carpenter who has made many boxes, making still another box, only there was furious haste in his movements. He, in his thoughts, was careering off in other places, even as the carpenter who as he works whistles and thinks of his friend or his enemy, his home or a saloon. And these **jolted** dreams were never perfect to him afterward, but remained a mass of blurred shapes.

Presently he began to feel the effects of the war atmosphere--a **blistering** sweat, a sensation that his eyeballs were about to crack like hot stones. A burning roar filled his ears.

Following this came a red rage. He developed the acute exasperation of a **pestered** animal, a well-meaning cow worried by dogs. He had a mad feeling against his rifle, which could only be used against one life at a time. He wished to rush forward and **strangle** with his fingers. He **craved** a power that would

Thesaurus

annihilated: (*adj*) exterminated, lost, uncreated, wiped out, annihilate; (*v*) perished.

blistering: (*adj*) burning, boiling, vitriolic, caustic, scorching, acid, acrid, blazing, bitter, torrid, acerb. ANTONYM: (*adj*) cold.

craved: (*adj*) coveted.

discomfited: (*adj*) uncomfortable, ill at ease, disappointed, embarrassed, frustrated, thwarted, self-conscious, mortified, humiliated, unsuccessful;

(*adj, n*) defeated.

firework: (*n*) pyrotechny, squib, pyrotechnics, cracker, firecracker, sparkler, pyrotechnic, skyrocket, banger, crackers, explosive device.

ignited: (*adj*) kindled, enkindled, flaming, ablaze, fiery; (*adj, v*) burning; (*v*) having life, flowing, active, being alive, laving.

jolted: (*adj*) agitated.

menacing: (*adj*) threatening, sinister, ominous, imminent, impending,

minatory, ugly, frightening, minacious, dangerous, formidable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) auspicious, approachable, promising, reassuring, soothing, favorable.

pestered: (*adj*) harassed, harried, vexed, peeved, nettled, irritated, much disputed, miffed.

strangle: (*v*) smother, stifle, asphyxiate, scrag, tighten, repress, constrict, pinch, strangulate; (*adj, v*) throttle; (*n*) strangling.

enable him to make a world-sweeping gesture and brush all back. His **impotency** appeared to him, and made his rage into that of a driven beast.

Buried in the smoke of many rifles his anger was directed not so much against the men whom he knew were rushing toward him as against the swirling battle phantoms which were choking him, stuffing their smoke robes down his parched throat. He fought frantically for respite for his senses, for air, as a babe being smothered attacks the deadly blankets.

There was a **blare** of heated rage mingled with a certain expression of **intentness** on all faces. Many of the men were making **low**-toned noises with their mouths, and these subdued cheers, snarls, imprecations, prayers, made a wild, barbaric these subdued cheers, snarls, imprecations, prayers, made a wild, barbaric these subdued cheers, snarls, imprecations, prayers, made a wild, barbaric song that went as an undercurrent of sound, strange and **chantlike** with the resounding chords of the war march. The man at the youth's elbow was **babbling**. In it there was something soft and tender like the monologue of a babe. The tall soldier was swearing in a loud voice. From his lips came a black procession of curious oaths. Of a sudden another broke out in a **querulous** way like a man who has **mislaid** his hat. "Well, why don't they support us? Why don't they send supports? Do they think--"

The youth in his battle sleep heard this as one who dozes hears.

There was a singular absence of heroic poses. The men bending and surging in their haste and rage were in every impossible attitude. The steel ramrods clanked and clanged with incessant din as the men pounded them furiously into the hot rifle barrels. The flaps of the cartridge boxes were all unfastened, and bobbed **idiotically** with each movement. The rifles, once loaded, were jerked to the shoulder and fired without apparent aim into the smoke or at one of the blurred and shifting forms which upon the field before the regiment had been growing larger and larger like puppets under a magician's hand.

The officers, at their intervals, rearward, neglected to stand in picturesque attitudes. They were bobbing to and fro roaring directions and encouragements.

Thesaurus

babbling: (*adj*) loquacious, telltale, voluble, blatant, blathering, blithering, gabbling, garrulous, jabbering; (*n*) stultiloquy, stultiloquence.

blare: (*v*) bellow; (*n, v*) sound, honk, beep, hoot; (*adj, n*) boom; (*n*) din, clamor, racket; (*adj*) peal, thunder. ANTONYMS: (*v*) mute, stifle; (*n*) silence.

chantlike: (*adj*) intoned, rhythmic, singsong.

idiotically: (*adv*) foolishly, stupidly, absurdly, ridiculously, silly, insanely, senselessly, mindlessly, crazily, imbecilely, inanely. ANTONYM: (*adv*) wisely.

impotency: (*n*) weakness, powerlessness, impuissance, disability, quality, sterility, infertility, helplessness, incapability, inability, imbecility.

intentness: (*adj, n*) earnestness, zeal; (*adj*) ardor, empressment; (*n*)

concentration, absorption, engrossment, intentiveness, earnest, complete attention, handsel.

low-toned: (*adj*) gentle.

mislaid: (*adj*) misplaced, absent, disordered, gone astray, not there, missing, lost temporarily. ANTONYM: (*adj*) found.

querulous: (*adj*) petulant, irritable, fretful, discontented, tetchy, complaining, fractious, touchy, cross, grumpy, grouchy.

The dimensions of their howls were extraordinary. They expended their lungs with **prodigal** wills. And often they nearly stood upon their heads in their anxiety to observe the enemy on the other side of the tumbling smoke.

The lieutenant of the youth's company had encountered a soldier who had fled screaming at the first volley of his comrades. Behind the lines these two were acting a little isolated scene. The man was **blubbering** and staring with **sheeplike** eyes at the lieutenant, who had seized him by the collar and was pommeling him. He drove him back into the **ranks** with many blows. The soldier went mechanically, **dully**, with his animal-like eyes upon the officer. Perhaps there was to him a divinity expressed in the voice of the other--stern, hard, with no reflection of fear in it. He tried to **reload** his gun, but his shaking hands prevented. The lieutenant was obliged to assist him.

The men dropped here and there like bundles. The captain of the youth's company had been killed in an early part of the action. His body lay stretched out in the position of a tired man resting, but upon his face there was an astonished and sorrowful look, as if he thought some friend had done him an ill turn. The babbling man was **grazed** by a shot that made the blood stream widely down his face. He clapped both hand to his head. "Oh!" he said, and ran. Another grunted suddenly as if he had been struck by a club in the stomach. He sat down and gazed ruefully. In his eyes there was mute, indefinite reproach. Farther up the line a man, standing behind a tree, had had his knee joint **splintered** by a ball. Immediately he had dropped his rifle and gripped the tree with both arms. And there he remained, clinging desperately and crying for assistance that he might withdraw his hold upon the tree.

At last an exultant yell went along the quivering line. The firing dwindled from an uproar to a last **vindictive** popping. As the smoke slowly eddied away, the youth saw that the charge had been repulsed. The enemy were scattered into reluctant groups. He saw a man climb to the top of the fence, **straddle** the rail, and fire a parting shot. The waves had receded, leaving **bits** of dark "debris" upon the ground.

Thesaurus

bits: (*n*) odds and ends, scraps, debris.

blubbering: (*n*) babble, tear; (*adj*) tearful.

dully: (*adv*) slowly, sluggishly, stupidly, tediously, drearily, heavily, tamely, boringly, monotonously, tiresomely, bluntly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) animatedly, luminously, brightly, brilliantly.

grazed: (*adj*) hurt.

prodigal: (*adj*) extravagant, improvident, generous, lavish,

wasteful, excessive, exuberant, liberal, profuse, dissipated; (*adj, n*) profligate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) economical, cautious.

ranks: (*n*) rank and file.

reload: (*v*) charge, reloading, load, refill, stock up, laden, load up, restock, lade, replenish, fill.

sheeplike: (*adj*) docile, obedient, shamefaced.

splintered: (*adj*) shattered, broken, pixilated, split, soaked, blind drunk,

soused, blotto, sozzled, cracked, plastered.

straddle: (*n, v*) stride; (*v*) range, ramble, play fast and loose, coquet, shuffle, be on the fence, bestride; (*n*) stalk, strut, stump.

vindictive: (*adj*) vengeful, malicious, revengeful, unforgiving, punitive, malevolent, remorseless, implacable, spiteful, vindictive, virulent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nice, charitable, forgiving, helpful, merciful, tolerant.

Some in the regiment began to **whoop frenziedly**. Many were silent. Apparently they were trying to contemplate themselves.

After the fever had left his veins, the youth thought that at last he was going to **suffocate**. He became aware of the foul atmosphere in which he had been struggling. He was **grimy** and dripping like a **laborer** in a foundry. He grasped his canteen and took a long swallow of the **warmed** water.

A sentence with variations went up and down the line. "Well, we 've helt 'em back. We 've helt 'em back; derned if we haven't." The men said it **blissfully**, leering at each other with dirty smiles.

The youth turned to look behind him and off to the right and off to the left. He experienced the joy of a man who at last finds leisure in which to look about him.

Under foot there were a few ghastly forms motionless. They lay twisted in fantastic contortions. Arms were bent and heads were turned in incredible ways. It seemed that the dead men must have fallen from some great height to get into such positions. They looked to be dumped out upon the ground from the sky.

From a position in the rear of the grove a battery was throwing shells over it. The flash of the guns startled the youth at first. He thought they were aimed directly at him. Through the trees he watched the black figures of the gunners as they worked swiftly and intently. Their labor seemed a complicated thing. He wondered how they could remember its formula in the midst of confusion.

The guns squatted in a row like savage chiefs. They argued with abrupt violence. It was a grim pow-wow. Their busy servants ran hither and thither.

A small procession of wounded men were going **drearily** toward the rear. It was a flow of blood from the torn body of the brigade.

To the right and to the left were the dark lines of other troops. Far in front he thought he could see lighter masses protruding in points from the forest. They were suggestive of **unnumbered** thousands.

Once he saw a tiny battery go dashing along the line of the horizon. The tiny riders were beating the tiny horses.

Thesaurus

blissfully: (*adv*) gladly, joyfully, blessedly, delightfully, joyously, cheerfully, ecstatically, merrily, delightedly, gleefully, contentedly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) sadly.

drearily: (*adv*) dismally, sadly, dully, melancholy, tediously, boringly, bleakly, grimly, gloomily, uninterestingly, monotonously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) interestingly, cheerfully.

frenziedly: (*adj, adv*) madly; (*adv*)

crazily, wildly, frantically, frenetically, deliriously, hectically, distractedly, feverishly, furiously, distraughtly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) peacefully.

grimy: (*adj*) dirty, filthy, grubby, dingy, unclean, impure, nasty, begrimed, squalid, messy, muddy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pure, pleasant.

laborer: (*n*) hand, labourer, operative, drudge, labor, employee, manual laborer, peon, navvy, docker, day laborer.

suffocate: (*v*) strangle, stifle, smother, asphyxiate, throttle, gag, extinguish, drown, die, quench; (*adj*) suffocating.

unnumbered: (*adj*) numberless, uncounted, countless, infinite, innumerable, untold, multitudinous, myriad, unnumberable, incalculable, unbounded.

warmed: (*adj*) warmer, warm, baked.

whoop: (*n, v*) shout, call; (*v*) howl, yell, shriek, roar, bellow, halloo, cough, hack; (*n*) vociferation.

From a **sloping** hill came the sound of cheerings and clashes. Smoke welled slowly through the leaves.

Batteries were speaking with **thunderous oratorical** effort. Here and there were flags, the red in the stripes dominating. They **splashed** bits of warm color upon the dark lines of troops.

The youth felt the old thrill at the sight of the emblems. They were like beautiful birds strangely **undaunted** in a storm.

As he listened to the din from the hillside, to a deep **pulsating** thunder that came from **afar** to the left, and to the lesser clamors which came from many directions, it occurred to him that they were fighting, too, over there, and over there, and over there. Heretofore he had supposed that all the battle was directly under his nose.

As he gazed around him the youth felt a flash of astonishment at the blue, pure sky and the sun gleamings on the trees and fields. It was surprising that Nature had gone tranquilly on with her golden process in the midst of so much **devilment**.

Thesaurus

afar: (*adv*) off, away, far away, distantly, beyond, Afar off, in the distance, by far, apart; (*adj*) outlying, far. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) close, nearby, near; (*prep*) within.

devilment: (*n*) devilry, devilry, rascality, roguery, blaze, misbehavior, misbehaviour, misdeed, balefulness, badness, shenanigan.

oratorical: (*adj*) grandiloquent, oratorical, bombastic, redundant, flatulent, Oratorian, overblown.

pulsating: (*adj*) vibrant, beating, vivacious, resonant, rhythmical, rhythmic, animated, exciting, lively, pulsatile, pulsing. ANTONYM: (*adj*) listless.

sloping: (*adj, v*) oblique, slope; (*adj*) slanting, inclined, slanted, diagonal, leaning, sloped; (*adj, adv*) aslope, aslant; (*v*) slant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) horizontal, upright.

splashed: (*adj*) dabbled, bespattered, besplashed, splattered, marked,

unclean, dirty, splattered, distributed, showy, dotted.

thunderous: (*adj*) earsplitting, deafening, loud, booming, roaring, terrific, shrill, boisterous, unpropitious, turbulent, thriving.

undaunted: (*adj, n*) bold; (*adj*) fearless, brave, intrepid, resolute, dauntless, daring, heroic, unabashed, valiant, confident. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cowardly, timid, afraid, anxious, scared.

CHAPTER 6

THE YOUTH awakened slowly. He came gradually back to a position from which he could regard himself. For moments he had been **scrutinizing** his person in a dazed way as if he had never before seen himself. Then he picked up his cap from the ground. He wriggled in his jacket to make a more comfortable fit, and kneeling relaxed his shoe. He thoughtfully mopped his **reeking** features.

So it was all over at last! The supreme trial had been passed. The red, formidable difficulties of war had been **vanquished**.

He went into an ecstasy of **self-satisfaction**. He had the most delightful sensations of his life. Standing as if apart from himself, he viewed that last scene. He perceived that the man who had fought thus was magnificent.

He felt that he was a fine fellow. He saw himself even with those ideals which he had considered as far beyond him. He smiled in deep **gratification**.

Upon his fellows he beamed tenderness and good will. "Gee! ain't it hot, hey?" he said **affably** to a man who was polishing his streaming face with his coat sleeves.

"You bet!" said the other, grinning **sociably**. "I never seen sech dumb hotness." He **sprawled** out **luxuriously** on the ground. "Gee, yes! An' I hope we don't have no more fightin' till a week from Monday."

Thesaurus

affably: (*adv*) amiably, genially, agreeably, courteously, graciously, gently, happily, warmly, politely, pleasantly, cheerfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) nastily, rudely, frostily.
gratification: (*adj, n*) delight; (*n, v*) content; (*n*) enjoyment, pleasure, satisfaction, fruition, complacency, joy, luxury, treat, fulfillment. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dissatisfaction, disenchantment, dismay, discontent, anxiety.

luxuriously: (*adv*) richly, sumptuously, extravagantly, opulently, magnificently, voluptuously, lushly, lavishly, palatially, sensually, gorgeously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meagerly, cheaply, simply.
reeking: (*adj*) dripping, overly diluted, odorous, noisome, high, fetid, stale; (*v*) sloppy, soft, soaking, sodden.
scrutinizing: (*adj*) exploring thoroughly, inquisitive, searching,

penetrating.
self-satisfaction: (*n*) boast, pride.
sociably: (*adv*) socially, pleasantly, warmly, kindly, entertainingly, enjoyably, cordially, companionably, convivially. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) shyly, unsociably, inhospitably.
sprawled: (*adj*) sprawling.
vanquished: (*adj*) beaten, overwhelmed, routed, overcome, overpowered, overthrown, defeated, crushed, tried, tired out, practiced.

There were some handshakings and deep speeches with men whose features were familiar, but with whom the youth now felt the bonds of tied hearts. He helped a cursing comrade to bind up a wound of the shin.

But, of a sudden, cries of amazement broke out along the ranks of the new regiment. "Here they come ag'in! Here they come ag'in!" The man who had sprawled upon the ground started up and said, "Gosh!"

The youth turned quick eyes upon the field. He discerned forms begin to swell in masses out of a distant wood. He again saw the tilted flag speeding forward.

The shells, which had ceased to trouble the regiment for a time, came swirling again, and exploded in the grass or among the leaves of the trees. They looked to be strange war flowers bursting into fierce bloom.

The men groaned. The **luster** faded from their eyes. Their **smudged** countenances now expressed a profound **dejection**. They moved their stiffened bodies slowly, and watched in sullen mood the frantic approach of the enemy. The slaves **toiling** in the temple of this god began to feel rebellion at his harsh tasks.

They **fretted** and complained each to each. "Oh, say, this is too much of a good thing! Why can't somebody send us supports?"

"We ain't never goin' to stand this second banging. I didn't come here to fight the hull damn' rebel army."

There was one who raised a **doleful** cry. "I wish Bill Smithers had trod on my hand, insteader me treddin' on his'n." The sore joints of the regiment creaked as it painfully floundered into position to **repulse**.

The youth stared. Surely, he thought, this impossible thing was not about to happen. He waited as if he expected the enemy to suddenly stop, apologize, and retire **bowing**. It was all a mistake.

But the firing began somewhere on the regimental line and ripped along in both directions. The level sheets of flame developed great clouds of smoke that tumbled and tossed in the mild wind near the ground for a moment, and then

Thesaurus

bowing: (*n*) obeisance, playing, gesticulation, capitulation, genuflection, scraping, submission; (*adj*) bowed, bent, fawning, submissive.

dejection: (*n*) discouragement, depression, sadness, despair, sorrow, woe, grief, melancholy, blues, desolation, despondency.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) cheerfulness, ecstasy, encouragement, hopefulness, joy, cheer.

doleful: (*adj*) mournful, sorrowful, sad, disconsolate, melancholy, miserable, piteous, dolorous, somber, woeful; (*adj, v*) dolesome.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gleeful, happy, glad, cheery, elated, euphoric.

fretted: (*adj*) latticed, haggard, magged, latticelike, reticulated, reticular, interlaced. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unfretted.

luster: (*n*) gloss, light, glitter, brightness, brilliance, sheen,

radiance, splendor, lustre, chandelier; (*n, v*) burnish. ANTONYM: (*n*) dullness.

repulse: (*n, v*) rebuff, defeat; (*v*) repel, nauseate, disgust, drive back, revolt, reject, refuse, beat back; (*n*) refusal.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) attract, accept, delight, yield, please; (*n, v*) welcome.

smudged: (*adj*) dirty, unclean, smirched, grubby, smudgy.

toiling: (*adj*) labouring, drudging, busy.

rolled through the ranks as through a gate. The clouds were tinged an **earthlike** yellow in the sunrays and in the shadow were a sorry blue. The flag was sometimes eaten and lost in this mass of **vapor**, but more often it projected, sun-touched, resplendent.

Into the youth's eyes there came a look that one can see in the orbs of a **jaded** horse. His neck was quivering with nervous weakness and the muscles of his arms felt numb and bloodless. His hands, too, seemed large and awkward as if he was wearing invisible **mittens**. And there was a great uncertainty about his knee joints.

The words that comrades had uttered previous to the firing began to recur to him. "Oh, say, this is too much of a good thing! What do they take us for--why don't they send supports? I didn't come here to fight the hull damned rebel army."

He began to exaggerate the endurance, the skill, and the valor of those who were coming. Himself reeling from exhaustion, he was astonished beyond measure at such **persistence**. They must be machines of steel. It was very gloomy struggling against such affairs, wound up perhaps to fight until **sundown**.

He slowly lifted his rifle and catching a glimpse of the thickspread field he blazed at a cantering cluster. He stopped then and began to peer as best as he could through the smoke. He caught changing views of the ground covered with men who were all running like **pursued** imps, and yelling.

To the youth it was an onslaught of **redoubtable** dragons. He became like the man who lost his legs at the approach of the red and green monster. He waited in a sort of a horrified, listening attitude. He seemed to shut his eyes and wait to be gobbled.

A man near him who up to this time had been working **feverishly** at his rifle suddenly stopped and ran with howls. A lad whose face had borne an expression of exalted courage, the majesty of he who dares give his life, was, at an instant, **smitten** abject. He **blanched** like one who has come to the edge of a

Thesaurus

blanched: (*adj*) ashen, colorless, white, bleached, bloodless, benevolent, wan, pale, lightened, fair, faded.

earthlike: (*adj*) terrestrial, carnal, earthly, earthy.

feverishly: (*adv*) excitedly, hotly, febrilely, hectically, feverously, hysterically, passionately, frantically, fanatically, heatedly, frenziedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) indifferently, peacefully, sluggishly.

jaded: (*adj*) tired, fatigued, worn,

weary, wearied, fed up, satiate,

worn-out, bored, satiated, sick. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, innocent, brilliant.

mittens: (*n*) glove, gloves.

persistence: (*n*) pertinacity, perseverance, tenacity, tenaciousness, obstinacy, doggedness, purpose, durability, firmness, stubbornness, inflexibility.

pursued: (*n*) hunted person.

redoubtable: (*adj*) dreadful,

illustrious, glorious, horrid, fearsome, fearful, terrible, alarming, dire, resolute, strong.

smitten: (*adj, v*) stricken; (*adj*) in love, crazy, enamored, struck, nuts, dotty, besotted, gaga, taken with, affected.

sundown: (*n*) nightfall, evening, dusk, twilight, hour. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dawn, daybreak, sunrise.

vapor: (*n*) fog, cloud, steam, haze, evaporation, vapour, fume; (*adj, n*) gas, air; (*adj, v*) bluster; (*v*) boast.

cliff at midnight and is suddenly made aware. There was a revelation. He, too, threw down his gun and fled. There was no shame in his face. He ran like a rabbit.

Others began to **scamper** away through the smoke. The youth turned his head, shaken from his trance by this movement as if the regiment was leaving him behind. He saw the few fleeting forms.

He yelled then with fright and swung about. For a moment, in the great **clamor**, he was like a proverbial chicken. He lost the direction of safety. Destruction threatened him from all points.

Directly he began to speed toward the rear in great leaps. His rifle and cap were gone. His **unbuttoned** coat **bulged** in the wind. The flap of his **cartridge** box bobbed wildly, and his canteen, by its slender cord, swung out behind. On his face was all the horror of those things which he imagined.

The lieutenant sprang forward bawling. The youth saw his features **wrathfully** red, and saw him make a dab with his sword. His one thought of the incident was that the lieutenant was a peculiar creature to feel interested in such matters upon this occasion.

He ran like a blind man. Two or three times he fell down. Once he knocked his shoulder so heavily against a tree that he went headlong.

Since he had turned his back upon the fight his fears had been wondrously **magnified**. Death about to thrust him between the shoulder blades was far more dreadful than death about to **smite** him between the eyes. When he thought of it later, he conceived the impression that it is better to view the appalling than to be merely within hearing. The noises of the battle were like stones; he believed himself liable to be crushed.

As he ran on he mingled with others. He dimly saw men on his right and on his left, and he heard footsteps behind him. He thought that all the regiment was fleeing, pursued by those ominous crashes.

In his flight the sound of these following footsteps gave him his one **meager** relief. He felt vaguely that death must make a first choice of the men who were

Thesaurus

bulged: (*adj*) bulgy, convex.

cartridge: (*n*) bullet, cartouch, ammunition, cartouche, shell, round, magazine, blank, magnetic tape cartridge, case, shot.

clamor: (*n, v*) outcry, cry, clamour, hullabaloo, roar, shout; (*n*) noise, racket, uproar, exclamation, hubbub. ANTONYMS: (*n*) silence, serenity, tranquility; (*v*) whisper, mutter.

magnified: (*adj*) enlarged, inflated, enlarge, hyperbolic, hypertrophied,

increased, overblown, overstated, puffed up, made larger.

meager: (*adj, v*) lean, gaunt, bare, spare, frugal; (*adj*) emaciated, feeble, inadequate, insufficient, scant; (*adj, adv*) stingy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) abundant, lavish, generous, fat, strong, luxurious, filling, large, plentiful, ample, privileged.

scamper: (*v*) dash, sprint, dart, scuttle, skitter, skip, bustle, hasten, bolt; (*n, v*) run; (*n*) haste.

smite: (*v*) strike, hit, buffet, bang, clout, knock, smash, thrash, thump, batter, affect.

unbuttoned: (*adj*) unobstructed, untrammelled, unchecked, unconfined, unprevented, unhindered, uncaught, unrestrained, unlaced, unfastened, unconstrained.

wrathfully: (*adv*) furiously, irately, wrothly, indignantly, irefully, ragingly, heatedly, infuriatedly, madly, resentfully, very angrily.

nearest; the initial morsels for the dragons would be then those who were following him. So he displayed the zeal of an insane sprinter in his purpose to keep them in the rear. There was a race.

As he, leading, went across a little field, he found himself in a region of shells. They hurtled over his head with long wild screams. As he listened he imagined them to have rows of cruel teeth that grinned at him. Once one lit before him and the **livid** lightning of the explosion **effectually** barred the way in his chosen direction. He groveled on the ground and then springing up went careering off through some bushes.

He experienced a thrill of amazement when he came within view of a battery in action. The men there seemed to be in conventional moods, altogether unaware of the impending **annihilation**. The battery was **disputing** with a distant **antagonist** and the gunners were wrapped in admiration of their shooting. They were continually bending in **coaxing** postures over the guns. They seemed to be patting them on the back and encouraging them with words. The guns, stolid and undaunted, spoke with dogged valor.

The precise gunners were coolly enthusiastic. They lifted their eyes every chance to the smoke-wreathed **hillock** from whence the hostile battery addressed them. The youth pitied them as he ran. Methodical idiots! Machine-like fools! The refined joy of planting shells in the midst of the other battery's formation would appear a little thing when the infantry came swooping out of the woods.

The face of a youthful rider, who was jerking his frantic horse with an abandon of temper he might display in a placid **barnyard**, was impressed deeply upon his mind. He knew that he looked upon a man who would presently be dead.

Too, he felt a pity for the guns, standing, six good comrades, in a bold row.

He saw a brigade going to the relief of its pestered fellows. He scrambled upon a wee hill and watched it sweeping finely, keeping formation in difficult places. The blue of the line was **crusted** with steel color, and the brilliant flags projected. Officers were shouting.

Thesaurus

annihilation: (*n*) abolition, death, slaughter, destruction, obliteration, extermination, extirpation, disintegration, demolition, defeat, pulverization. ANTONYMS: (*n*) preservation, survival, creation, protection.

antagonist: (*n*) opponent, adversary, enemy, foe, rival, match, opposition, opposer, assailant, opposite, competitor. ANTONYMS: (*n*) supporter, advocate, colleague,

synergist, ally, defender.

barnyard: (*n*) farmyard; (*adj*) crude, gross, obscene, vulgar.

coaxing: (*n*) blarney, flattery, sweet talk, temptation, enticement, soft soap; (*adv*) coaxingly; (*adj*) ingratiatory, persuasive, oily.

crusted: (*adj*) crusty, encrusted, covered, thick, crustlike, coated.

disputing: (*adj*) opposed; (*v*) disputant.

effectually: (*adv*) efficaciously,

effectively, validly, adequately, potently, tellingly, strongly, decisively; (*adj*) nicely, fully, head and shoulders. ANTONYM: (*adv*) ineffectually.

hillock: (*n*) hill, mound, rise, barrow, kopje, hammock, elevation, heap; (*adj, n*) knoll, hummock; (*adj*) mole.

livid: (*adj*) furious, irate, ashen, mad, blue, gray, ghastly, leaden, colorless, angry, enraged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flushed, happy, pleased.

This sight also filled him with wonder. The brigade was hurrying briskly to be gulped into the **infernal** mouths of the war god. What manner of men were they, anyhow? Ah, it was some **wondrous** breed! Or else they didn't comprehend--the fools.

A furious order caused commotion in the artillery. An officer on a **bounding** horse made **maniacal** motions with his arms. The teams went swinging up from the rear, the guns were whirled about, and the battery scampered away. The cannon with their noses poked **slantingly** at the ground grunted and grumbled like stout men, brave but with objections to hurry.

The youth went on, **moderating** his pace since he had left the place of noises.

Later he came upon a general of division **seated** upon a horse that pricked its ears in an interested way at the battle. There was a great gleaming of yellow and patent leather about the saddle and bridle. The quiet man astride looked mouse-colored upon such a splendid **charger**.

A **jingling** staff was galloping hither and thither. Sometimes the general was surrounded by horsemen and at other times he was quite alone. He looked to be much harassed. He had the appearance of a business man whose market is swinging up and down.

The youth went **slinking** around this spot. He went as near as he dared trying to **overhear** words. Perhaps the general, unable to comprehend chaos, might call upon him for information. And he could tell him. He knew all concerning it. Of a surety the force was in a fix, and any fool could see that if they did not retreat while they had opportunity--why--

He felt that he would like to thrash the general, or at least approach and tell him in plain words exactly what he thought him to be. It was criminal to stay calmly in one spot and make no effort to stay destruction. He loitered in a fever of eagerness for the division commander to apply to him.

As he warily moved about, he heard the general call out irritably: "Tompkins, go over an' see Taylor, an' tell him not t' be in such an all-fired hurry;

Thesaurus

bounding: (*n*) jumping, confinement; (*v*) confine, salient; (*adj*) terminal, moving, subsultory.

charger: (*n*) horse, battery charger, steed, mount, courser, war horse, loader, hack, roadster, warhorse, destrier.

infernal: (*adj*) devilish, fiendish, diabolical, demonic, damned, cursed, blasted, unholy, wicked; (*adj, v*) diabolic, satanic.

jingling: (*adj*) reverberant, clinking,

jingly.

maniacal: (*adj*) demented, lunatic, manic, mad, delirious, crazy, frenzied, insane, violent, homicidal, demonic.

moderating: (*adj*) abstemious, extenuating. ANTONYM: (*adj*) intensifying.

overhear: (*v*) catch, eavesdrop, listen, overheard, understand, fold up, befool, fascinate, entrance, enchant, enamour.

seated: (*adj*) sat, sedentary.

slantingly: (*adv*) obliquely, diagonally, slantedly, slopedly, aslantly, tiltedly, tiltingly, slantways, slantwise, leaningly, indirectly.

slinking: (*adj*) stealthy, surreptitious, furtive.

wondrous: (*adj*) marvelous, miraculous, marvellous, astonishing, tremendous, fantastic, phenomenal, extraordinary, rattling; (*adv*) wonderfully, marvellously.

tell him t' halt his brigade in th' edge of th' woods; tell him t' **detach** a reg'ment--say I think th' center 'll break if we don't help it out some; tell him t' hurry up."

A slim youth on a fine chestnut horse caught these swift words from the mouth of his superior. He made his horse bound into a **gallop** almost from a walk in his haste to go upon his mission. There was a cloud of dust.

A moment later the youth saw the general bounce excitedly in his saddle.

"Yes, by heavens, they have!" The officer leaned forward. His face was **aflame** with excitement. "Yes, by heavens, they 've held 'im! They 've held 'im!"

He began to **blithely** roar at his staff: "We 'll **wallop** 'im now. We 'll wallop 'im now. We 've got 'em sure." He turned suddenly upon an aide: "Here--you--Jons--quick--ride after Tompkins--see Taylor--tell him t' go in--everlastingly--like blazes--anything."

As another officer sped his horse after the first messenger, the general beamed upon the earth like a sun. In his eyes was a desire to chant a **paean**. He kept repeating, "They 've held 'em, by heavens!"

His excitement made his horse plunge, and he **merrily** kicked and swore at it. He held a little **carnival** of joy on **horseback**.

Thesaurus

aflame: (*adj*) ablaze, burning, excited, afire, passionate, fiery, on fire, flaming, alight, reddened, red.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) pale.

blithely: (*adv*) gaily, merrily, mirthfully, cheerfully, gladly, gayly, gleefully, brightly, sunnily, cheerily, hilariously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) anxiously, gloomily, carefully.

carnival: (*n*) fair, feast, festival, amusement park, funfair, show, fiesta, bazaar, gala, jamboree,

Saturnalia.

detach: (*v*) disengage, part, break off, unhook, remove, disentangle, cut off, disconnect, separate, dissociate; (*n, v*) detail. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fasten, add, associate, connect, unite, couple, link.

gallop: (*v*) speed, dart, dash, race, spring, tear, hasten, sprint; (*adj, v*) fly; (*n, v*) trot; (*n*) gait.

horseback: (*n*) hogback, body part.

merrily: (*adv*) gaily, cheerfully, blithely, cheerily, gladly, gleefully,

mirthfully, brightly, jovially, joyfully, gayly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sadly, anxiously, miserably, unhappily, carefully, despondently.

paean: (*n*) encomium, hymn, celebration, commemoration, ovation, jubilee, triumph, anthem, laud, praise, congratulations.

wallop: (*n, v*) hit, bang, punch, knock, whack, clout, strike, bash; (*v*) beat, thrash; (*n*) blow. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fail, lose, surrender.

CHAPTER 7

THE YOUTH cringed as if discovered in a crime. By **heavens**, they had won after all! The **imbecile** line had remained and become victors. He could hear cheering.

He lifted himself upon his toes and looked in the direction of the fight. A yellow fog lay wallowing on the treetops. From beneath it came the clatter of musketry. Hoarse cries told of an advance.

He turned away amazed and angry. He felt that he had been **wronged**.

He had fled, he told himself, because annihilation approached. He had done a good part in saving himself, who was a little piece of the army. He had considered the time, he said, to be one in which it was the duty of every little piece to rescue itself if possible. Later the officers could fit the little pieces together again, and make a battle front. If none of the little pieces were wise enough to save themselves from the **flurry** of death at such a time, why, then, where would be the army? It was all plain that he had proceeded according to very correct and **commendable** rules. His actions had been **sagacious** things. They had been full of strategy. They were the work of a **master's** legs.

Thoughts of his comrades came to him. The brittle blue line had **withstood** the blows and won. He grew bitter over it. It seemed that the blind ignorance and **stupidity** of those little pieces had betrayed him. He had been overturned

Thesaurus

commendable: (*adj, n*) praiseworthy; (*adj*) admirable, creditable, good, worthy, deserving, meritorious, applaudable; (*adv*) praiseworthily, laudably, admirably. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unworthy, despicable, contemptible, disgraceful, rotten, lamentable, poor.
flurry: (*n*) commotion, stir, bother, squall, breeze, ado; (*adj, n*) bustle, fuss, hurry; (*n, v*) fluster; (*v*) disconcert. ANTONYM: (*n*) quiet.

heavens: (*n*) firmament, heaven, sky, welkin, sphere, atmosphere, celestial sphere, space, skies, area, vault of heaven.
imbecile: (*adj*) foolish, idiotic, fatuous, dumb, imbecilic, simple; (*n*) idiot, moron, cretin, ass, oaf. ANTONYM: (*adj*) genius.
master's: (*n*) postgraduate degree.
sagacious: (*adj, v*) judicious, prudent, discreet; (*adj*) rational, astute, acute, discerning, keen, perspicacious,

intelligent, shrewd. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) foolish, stupid, dense.
stupidity: (*n*) foolishness, nonsense, obtuseness, dullness, fatuity, absurdity, stolidity, slowness, denseness, idiocy, imbecility. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sense, logic, cleverness, shrewdness, wisdom, ability.
withstood: (*v*) resist.
wronged: (*adj*) upset, hurt, indignant, offended.

and crushed by their lack of sense in holding the position, when intelligent deliberation would have convinced them that it was impossible. He, the enlightened man who looks afar in the dark, had fled because of his superior perceptions and knowledge. He felt a great anger against his comrades. He knew it could be proved that they had been fools.

He wondered what they would remark when later he appeared in camp. His mind heard howls of **derision**. Their density would not enable them to understand his sharper point of view.

He began to pity himself acutely. He was ill used. He was **trodden** beneath the feet of an iron injustice. He had proceeded with wisdom and from the most **righteous** motives under heaven's blue only to be frustrated by **hateful** circumstances.

A dull, animal-like rebellion against his fellows, war in the abstract, and fate grew within him. He shambled along with bowed head, his brain in a tumult of agony and despair. When he looked **loweringly** up, quivering at each sound, his eyes had the expression of those of a criminal who thinks his guilt little and his punishment great, and knows that he can find no words.

He went from the fields into a thick woods, as if resolved to bury himself. He wished to get out of hearing of the **crackling** shots which were to him like voices.

The ground was cluttered with vines and **bushes**, and the trees grew close and spread out like bouquets. He was obliged to force his way with much noise. The **creepers**, catching against his legs, cried out harshly as their sprays were torn from the barks of trees. The **swishing** saplings tried to make known his presence to the world. He could not **conciliate** the forest. As he made his way, it was always calling out protestations. When he separated embraces of trees and vines the disturbed foliage waved their arms and turned their face leaves toward him. He dreaded lest these noisy motions and cries should bring men to look at him. So he went far, seeking dark and intricate places.

After a time the sound of musketry grew faint and the cannon boomed in the distance. The sun, suddenly apparent, blazed among the trees. The insects were

Thesaurus

bushes: (*n*) underbrush, thicket, undergrowth, minor league.

conciliate: (*v*) appease, reconcile, assuage, propitiate, placate, mollify, pacify, calm, accommodate, mediate, allay. ANTONYM: (*v*) enrage.

crackling: (*adj, n*) crisp; (*adj*) snapping, crepitant, cheerful, brittle, noisy; (*n*) crepitation, decrepitation, crackleware, crackle China, bohemian crackle.

creepers: (*n*) Certhiidae.

derision: (*n*) contempt, mockery, scorn, banter, jeering, disdain, scoff, insult, irony, sport, gibe.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) applause, esteem, admiration, praise, approval.

hateful: (*adj*) disgusting, execrable, nasty, abominable, hideous, despicable, repulsive, distasteful, foul; (*adj, v*) odious, obnoxious.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) delightful, kind, nice, benign, desirable.

loweringly: (*adv*) cloudily, dismally,

darkly, glumly, murkily, gloomily, heavily, overcastly, threateningly.

righteous: (*adj*) fair, right, good, moral, virtuous, honest, just, correct, honorable; (*adj, n*) pious, godly.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) immoral, wicked, unrighteous, bad, corrupt, unethical, unjust, wrong, poor.

swishing: (*adj*) swishy, noisy.

trodden: (*adj*) trampled, damaged, beaten, compressed, packed down. ANTONYM: (*adj*) loose.

making **rhythmical** noises. They seemed to be grinding their teeth in unison. A **woodpecker** stuck his **impudent** head around the side of a tree. A bird flew on **lighthearted** wing.

Off was the rumble of death. It seemed now that Nature had no ears.

This landscape gave him assurance. A fair field holding life. It was the religion of peace. It would die if its timid eyes were compelled to see blood. He conceived Nature to be a woman with a deep aversion to tragedy.

He threw a pine cone at a **jovial** squirrel, and he ran with chattering fear. High in a treetop he stopped, and, poking his head cautiously from behind a branch, looked down with an air of trepidation.

The youth felt triumphant at this exhibition. There was the law, he said. Nature had given him a sign. The squirrel, immediately upon recognizing danger, had taken to his legs without ado. He did not stand **stolidly** baring his furry belly to the missile, and die with an upward glance at the sympathetic heavens. On the contrary, he had fled as fast as his legs could carry him; and he was but an ordinary squirrel, too--doubtless no philosopher of his race. The youth wended, feeling that Nature was of his mind. She re-enforced his argument with proofs that lived where the sun shone.

Once he found himself almost into a swamp. He was obliged to walk upon bog tufts and watch his feet to keep from the oily **mire**. Pausing at one time to look about him he saw, out at some black water, a small animal pounce in and emerge directly with a gleaming fish.

The youth went again into the deep thickets. The brushed branches made a noise that drowned the sounds of cannon. He walked on, going from obscurity into promises of a greater obscurity.

At length he reached a place where the high, **arching** boughs made a chapel. He softly pushed the green doors aside and entered. Pine needles were a gentle brown carpet. There was a religious half light.

Near the threshold he stopped, horror-stricken at the sight of a thing.

Thesaurus

arching: (*adj*) arced, curved, bowed, arciform, arcuate; (*n*) hogging, curvature, upthrust.

impudent: (*adj, n*) bold, daring; (*adj*) disrespectful, audacious, impertinent, brassy, barefaced, brazen, insolent, brash, cheeky. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) polite, cowardly.

jovial: (*adj, n*) gay; (*adj*) jolly, genial, glad, festive, joyful, gleeful, merry, jocund, cheerful, blithe. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) miserable,

gloomy, frosty, serious, hostile.

lighthearted: (*adj*) blithesome, playful, blithe, jovial, gleeful, frolicsome, joyful, glad, jolly, optimistic, lightsome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) troubled, weighty, solemn, lethargic, gloomy, anxious, melancholy.

mire: (*n, v*) bog, muck; (*n*) filth, marsh, quagmire, dirt, sludge, clay; (*adj, n, v*) mud; (*v*) involve, bog down.

rhythmical: (*n*) measured, rhythmic; (*adj*) numerose, cyclical, recurrent,

cadenced, periodic, serial, diatonic, poetic, numerous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unrhythmical.

stolidly: (*adv*) stupidly, phlegmatically, phlegmatically, doltishly, dully, bovinely, obtusely, heavily, bluntly, firmly, unintelligently.

woodpecker: (*n*) redhead, ivorybill, pecker, piculet, nib, woodpeck, tool, Speight, Specht, shaft, redheaded woodpecker.

He was being looked at by a dead man who was seated with his back against a **columnlike** tree. The corpse was dressed in a uniform that had once been blue, but was now faded to a melancholy shade of green. The eyes, staring at the youth, had changed to the dull hue to be seen on the side of a dead fish. The mouth was open. Its red had changed to an appalling yellow. Over the gray skin of the face ran little ants. One was trundling some sort of bundle along the upper lip.

The youth gave a shriek as he confronted the thing. He was for moments turned to stone before it. He remained staring into the liquid-looking eyes. The dead man and the living man exchanged a long look. Then the youth cautiously put one hand behind him and brought it against a tree. Leaning upon this he retreated, step by step, with his face still toward the thing. He feared that if he turned his back the body might spring up and **stealthily** pursue him.

The branches, pushing against him, threatened to throw him over upon it. His **unguided** feet, too, caught **aggravatingly** in brambles; and with it all he received a subtle suggestion to touch the corpse. As he thought of his hand upon it he shuddered profoundly.

At last he burst the bonds which had fastened him to the spot and fled, **unheeding** the **underbrush**. He was pursued by the sight of black ants **swarming** greedily upon the gray face and venturing horribly near to the eyes.

After a time he paused, and, breathless and panting, listened. He imagined some strange voice would come from the dead throat and **squawk** after him in horrible menaces.

The trees about the portal of the chapel moved souglingly in a soft wind. A sad silence was upon the little guarding edifice.

Thesaurus

aggravatingly: (*adv*) maddeningly, bothersomely, annoyingly, irritatingly, provokingly, exacerbatingly, infuriatingly, vexingly, gallingly.

columnlike: (*adj*) columnar, columned.

squawk: (*n, v*) cry, shout, gripe, beef; (*v*) shriek, scream, screech, complain, call, crow, grumble.

stealthily: (*adv*) furtively, sneakily, surreptitiously, covertly,

clandestinely, underhandly, underhandedly, in secret, privately, sneakingly; (*adj, adv*) noiselessly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) brazenly.

swarming: (*adj*) full, crowded, alive, packed, populous, sensitive, thick; (*v*) dense, crowded to suffocation, serried, closely packed.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clear, deserted.

underbrush: (*n*) brushwood, brush, underwood, groundcover, thicket, scrub, bushes, coppice, ground cover,

shrub, weed.

unguided: (*adj*) aimless, misguided, aimlessly drifting, directionless, planless, rudderless, unled, unprompted. ANTONYM: (*adj*) guided.

unheeding: (*adj*) regardless, heedless, inattentive, unmindful, unobservant, deaf to, unthinking, neglectful, inadvertent; (*adj, n*) careless; (*n*) incautious. ANTONYM: (*adj*) heedful.

CHAPTER 8

THE TREES began softly to sing a hymn of twilight. The sun sank until **slanted** bronze rays struck the forest. There was a lull in the noises of insects as if they had bowed their beaks and were making a **devotional** pause. There was silence save for the chanted chorus of the trees.

Then, upon this stillness, there suddenly broke a tremendous **clangor** of sounds. A crimson roar came from the distance.

The youth stopped. He was **transfixed** by this terrific **medley** of all noises. It was as if worlds were being rended. There was the ripping sound of musketry and the breaking crash of the artillery.

His mind flew in all directions. He **conceived** the two armies to be at each other **panther** fashion. He listened for a time. Then he began to run in the direction of the battle. He saw that it was an **ironical** thing for him to be running thus toward that which he had been at such pains to avoid. But he said, in substance, to himself that if the earth and the moon were about to clash, many persons would doubtless plan to get upon the roofs to witness the collision.

As he ran, he became aware that the forest had stopped its music, as if at last becoming capable of hearing the foreign sounds. The trees hushed and stood motionless. Everything seemed to be listening to the **crackle** and clatter and **earthshaking** thunder. The chorus peaked over the still earth.

Thesaurus

clangor: (*n, v*) clang, clangour; (*n*) din, crash, clash, clank, clatter, uproar, racket, roll, ring.

conceived: (*adj*) formed.

crackle: (*v*) crunch, crepitate, rustle, sputter, snap, vary, resound, sizzle, crinkle; (*n*) crepitation, crackling.

devotional: (*adj*) prayerful, religious, holy, pious, solemn, godly, reverential, reverent, conscientious; (*v*) devout, pure.

earthshaking: (*adj*) important,

disconcerting.

ironical: (*adj*) sarcastic, satirical, dry, burlesque, wry, sardonic, satiric, derisive, caustic, quizzical; (*n*) humorous.

medley: (*n*) mixture, miscellany, jumble, melange, potpourri, hotchpotch, concoction, admixture, hash; (*adj*) imbroglio, chaos.

panther: (*n*) cougar, jaguar, leopard, puma, mountain lion, painter, Felis onca, Felis concolor, cat; (*adj*) lion,

tiger.

slanted: (*adj*) slanting, diagonal, lopsided, tilted, sloped, sloping, oblique, skewed, aslant, askew, aslope. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, balanced, impartial, level, upright.

transfixed: (*adj*) fascinated, hypnotized, mesmerised, mesmerized, hypnotised, stranded; (*v*) engrossed in, wrapped in, absorbed, rapt; (*adv*) aground.

trees: (*n*) foliage.

It suddenly occurred to the youth that the fight in which he had been was, after all, but **perfunctory** popping. In the hearing of this present din he was doubtful if he had seen real battle scenes. This uproar explained a **celestial** battle; it was tumbling hordes a-struggle in the air.

Reflecting, he saw a sort of a **humor** in the point of view of himself and his fellows during the late encounter. They had taken themselves and the enemy very seriously and had imagined that they were deciding the war. Individuals must have supposed that they were cutting the letters of their names deep into everlasting tablets of brass, or enshrining their reputations forever in the **hearts** of their countrymen, while, as to fact, the affair would appear in printed reports under a meek and immaterial title. But he saw that it was good, else, he said, in battle every one would surely run save forlorn hopes and their ilk.

He went rapidly on. He wished to come to the edge of the forest that he might peer out.

As he **hastened**, there passed through his mind pictures of **stupendous** conflicts. His accumulated thought upon such subjects was used to form scenes. The noise was as the voice of an eloquent being, describing.

Sometimes the brambles formed chains and tried to hold him back. Trees, confronting him, stretched out their arms and **forbade** him to pass. After its previous hostility this new resistance of the forest filled him with a fine bitterness. It seemed that Nature could not be quite ready to kill him.

But he **obstinately** took roundabout ways, and presently he was where he could see long gray walls of vapor where lay battle lines. The voices of cannon shook him. The musketry sounded in long irregular surges that played havoc with his ears. He stood regardant for a moment. His eyes had an **awestruck** expression. He gawked in the direction of th fight.

Presently he **proceeded** again on his forward way. The battle was like the grinding of an immense and terrible machine to him. Its complexities and powers, its grim processes, fascinated him. He must go close and see it produce corpses.

Thesaurus

awestruck: (*adj*) awestricken, awed, aghast, in awe of, blank, fascinated, spellbound, enthralled; (*v*) moonstruck, thunderstruck.
celestial: (*adj*) ethereal, divine, supernal, angelic, holy, sacred, astronomical, unworldly, superlunary, from on high; (*n*) heaven. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mundane, secular, terrestrial, mortal.
forbade: (*v*) prohibit, to prohibit.
hastened: (*adj*) careless.

hearts: (*n*) Black Maria, spades.
humor: (*n, v*) caprice, freak, humour; (*n*) temper, mood, disposition, wit; (*v*) indulge, gratify; (*adj, n*) spirit, frame of mind. ANTONYMS: (*n*) seriousness, gravity, solemnity; (*v*) displease.
obstinately: (*adv*) obdurately, mulishly, persistently, perversely, doggedly, refractorily, unyieldingly, willfully, pigheadedly, waywardly, firmly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) helpfully.

perfunctory: (*adj*) cursory, casual, automatic, passing, superficial, offhand, mechanical, indifferent, hurried, sketchy, formal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) careful, thoughtful.
proceeded: (*v*) proceed, yode.
stupendous: (*adj, v*) prodigious; (*adj*) huge, terrific, marvellous, immense, tremendous, fantastic, mighty, mammoth, miraculous, enormous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) abysmal.

He came to a fence and clambered over it. On the far side, the ground was littered with clothes and guns. A newspaper, folded up, lay in the dirt. A dead soldier was stretched with his face hidden in his arm. Farther off there was a group of four or five corpses keeping mournful company. A hot sun had blazed upon this spot.

In this place the youth felt that he was an **invader**. This forgotten part of the battle ground was owned by the dead men, and he hurried, in the vague apprehension that one of the swollen forms would rise and tell him to **begone**.

He came finally to a road from which he could see in the distance dark and agitated **bodies** of troops, smoke-fringed. In the lane was a blood-stained crowd streaming to the rear. The wounded men were cursing, groaning, and wailing. In the air, always, was a mighty swell of sound that it seemed could sway the earth. With the courageous words of the artillery and the spiteful sentences of the musketry mingled red cheers. And from this region of noises came the steady current of the **maimed**.

One of the wounded men had a shoeful of blood. He hopped like a schoolboy in a game. He was laughing hysterically.

One was swearing that he had been shot in the arm through the commanding general's mismanagement of the army. One was marching with an air **imitative** of some sublime drum major. Upon his features was an **unholy** mixture of **merriment** and agony. As he marched he sang a bit of **doggerel** in a high and quavering voice:

"Sing a song 'a vic'try, A pocketful 'a bullets, Five an' twenty dead men Baked in a--pie."

Parts of the procession limped and staggered to this tune.

Another had the gray seal of death already upon his face. His lips were curled in hard lines and his teeth were clinched. His hands were bloody from where he had pressed them upon his wound. He seemed to be awaiting the moment when he should pitch headlong. He stalked like the **specter** of a soldier, his eyes burning with the power of a stare into the unknown.

Thesaurus

begone: (*int*) shoo, scat, out, off, avault; (*v*) take off, get out, clear out; (*adv*) aside, absent.

bodies: (*n*) people, public.

doggerel: (*n*) poetry, prose run mad, jingle, doggerel verse, blank verse, free verse; (*adj*) gothic, heathenish, outlandish, tramontane, unclassical.

imitative: (*adj*) mock, counterfeit, derivative, fake, false, fictitious, bogus, bastard, onomatopoeic, base, sham. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) genuine,

real, nonimitative.

invader: (*n*) assailant, intruder, encroacher, attacker, raider, interloper, conqueror, trespasser, thief, robber, immigrant.

maimed: (*adj*) disabled, mutilated, deformed, truncated, faulty, cut short, game, cut off; (*n*) wounded.

merriment: (*n*) fun, amusement, cheerfulness, hilarity, glee, jollity, frolic, gaiety, happiness, festivity; (*adj, n*) mirth. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

misery, gloom, seriousness, despondency, boredom.

specter: (*n*) ghost, spirit, shade, spectre, phantasm, wraith, shadow, revenant; (*n, v*) apparition, phantom, vision.

unholy: (*adj*) wicked, sinful, unhallowed, profane, fiendish, impious, diabolic, infernal, unsanctified, evil; (*adv*) wickedly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reasonable, pious, godly, sensible, religious.

There were some who proceeded **sullenly**, full of anger at their wounds, and ready to turn upon anything as an obscure cause.

An officer was carried along by two **privates**. He was **peevisish**. "Don't **joggle** so, Johnson, yeh fool," he cried. "Think m' leg is made of iron? If yeh can't carry me decent, put me down an' let some one else do it."

He bellowed at the tottering crowd who blocked the quick march of his bearers. "Say, make way there, can't yeh? Make way, dickens take it all."

They sulkily parted and went to the roadsides. As he was carried past they made pert remarks to him. When he raged in reply and threatened them, they told him to be damned.

The shoulder of one of the tramping bearers knocked heavily against the spectral soldier who was staring into the unknown.

The youth joined this crowd and marched along with it. The torn bodies expressed the awful machinery in which the men had been entangled.

Orderlies and couriers occasionally broke through the throng in the roadway, scattering wounded men right and left, galloping on followed by howls. The melancholy march was continually disturbed by the messengers, and sometimes by bustling batteries that came swinging and thumping down upon them, the **officers** shouting orders to clear the way.

There was a tattered man, fouled with dust, blood and powder stain from hair to shoes, who trudged quietly at the youth's side. He was listening with eagerness and much humility to the lurid **descriptions** of a bearded sergeant. His lean features wore an expression of awe and admiration. He was like a listener in a country store to wondrous tales told among the sugar barrels. He eyed the story-teller with unspeakable wonder. His mouth was **agape** in **yokel** fashion.

The sergeant, taking note of this, gave pause to his elaborate history while he administered a sardonic comment. "Be keerful, honey, you 'll be a-ketchin' flies," he said.

The tattered man shrank back **abashed**.

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abashed: (*adj, v*) discomfited; (*adj*) mortified, sheepish, embarrassed, ashamed, confused, humiliated, afraid, shamefaced, confounded; (*v*) dashed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) proud, undaunted, reassured, pleased, heartened, emboldened, cool, confident, composed, relaxed, unabashed.
agape: (*adj, v*) aghast; (*adj, n*) gaping; (*adj*) spellbound, open, bewildered, dumbfounded; (*n*) Holy Thursday,

Good Friday, fellow feeling; (*v*) breathless, all agog.

descriptions: (*n*) images.

joggle: (*n, v*) shake, bump, jerk; (*v*) jog, wiggle, waggle, jostle, jolt; (*n*) dowel, fastening, holdfast.

officers: (*n*) executive committee, staff.

peevisish: (*adj*) fretful, fractious, morose, testy, irascible, moody, captious, petulant, cross, cantankerous, touchy.

privates: (*n*) genitalia, genitals, genital

organ, crotch, female genitalia, male genitalia, family jewels, fork, pudendal.

sullenly: (*adv*) sulkily, sourly, grumpily, morosely, moodily, dourly, somberly, peevisishly, surly, crossly, petulantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) graciously, contentedly, gladly, cheerily.

yokel: (*n*) hick, bumpkin, hayseed, rustic, rube, clod, hobnail, yahoo, chawbacon, yochel, boor.

After a time he began to **sidle** near to the youth, and in a **diffident** way try to make him a friend. His voice was gentle as a girl's voice and his eyes were pleading. The youth saw with surprise that the soldier had two wounds, one in the head, bound with a blood-soaked rag, and the other in the arm, making that member **dangle** like a broken bough.

After they had walked together for some time the tattered man mustered sufficient courage to speak. "Was pretty good fight, wa'n't it?" he **timidly** said. The youth, deep in thought, glanced up at the bloody and grim figure with its **lamblike** eyes. "What?"

"Was pretty good fight, wa'n't it?"

"Yes," said the youth shortly. He **quickened** his pace.

But the other hobbled **industriously** after him. There was an air of apology in his manner, but he evidently thought that he needed only to talk for a time, and the youth would perceive that he was a good fellow.

"Was pretty good fight, wa'n't it?" he began in a small voice, and the he **achieved** the **fortitude** to continue. "Dern me if I ever see fellers fight so. Laws, how they did fight! I knowed th' boys 'd like it when they onct got square at it. Th' boys ain't had no fair chanc't up t' now, but this time they showed what they was. I knowed it 'd turn out this way. Yeh can't lick them boys. No, sir! They 're fighters, they be."

He breathed a deep breath of humble admiration. He had looked at the youth for encouragement several times. He received none, but gradually he seemed to get absorbed in his subject.

"I was talkin' 'cross pickets with a boy from Georgie, onct, an' that boy, he ses, 'Your fellers 'll all run like hell when they onct hearn a gun,' he ses. 'Mebbe they will,' I ses, 'but I don't b'lieve none of it,' I ses; 'an' b'jiminey,' I ses back t' 'um, 'mebbe your fellers 'll all run like hell when they onct hearn a gun,' I ses. He larfed. Well, they didn't run t' day, did they, hey? No, sir! They fit, an' fit, an' fit."

Thesaurus

achieved: (*adj*) finished, fulfilled.

dangle: (*adj, v*) hang, swing; (*v*) droop, suspend, loll, drop, flop, trail, to hang, sag; (*adj*) depend.

diffident: (*adj*) coy, modest, reserved, shy, timid, tentative, unassuming, retiring, hesitant, backward, self-conscious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) outgoing, confident, brash, assertive, unrepentant, brave, arrogant, approachable.

fortitude: (*n*) bravery, endurance, grit,

pluck, backbone, determination, tenacity, firmness, strength; (*adj, n*) guts, spunk. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, frailty, impatience.

industriously: (*adv*) diligently, painstakingly, busily, sedulously, tirelessly, untiringly, eagerly, studiously, laboriously, carefully, conscientiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) wearily, carelessly.

lamblike: (*v*) chastened, resigned, subdued; (*adj*) meek, compliant.

quickened: (*adj*) hasty, rapid, passionate, intoxicated.

sidle: (*v*) sneak, sashay, edge, slink, cock, move sideways, move, prance, approach, inch, skirt.

timidly: (*adv*) fearfully, timorously, cautiously, shyly, diffidently, anxiously, nervously, shily, gingerly, modestly, apprehensively.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) confidently, bravely, daringly, brashly, fearlessly, decisively, brazenly.

His **homely** face was **suffused** with a light of love for the army which was to him all things beautiful and powerful.

After a time he turned to the youth. "Where yeh hit, ol' boy?" he asked in a **brotherly** tone.

The youth felt instant panic at this question, although at first its full import was not **borne** in upon him.

"What?" he asked.

"Where yeh hit?" repeated the **tattered** man.

"Why," began the youth, "I--I--that is--why--I--"

He turned away suddenly and slid through the crowd. His brow was heavily flushed, and his fingers were picking nervously at one of his **buttons**. He bent his head and fastened his eyes **studiously** upon the button as if it were a little problem.

The tattered man looked after him in **astonishment**.

Thesaurus

astonishment: (*n*) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, belief, contempt.

borne: (*adj*) weak, wanting, spoony, soft, sappy, shallow, little, limited.

brotherly: (*adj*) brotherlike, sympathetic, cordial, neighborly, harmonious, amicable, affectionate, sisterly, fatherly; (*adv*)

sympathetically, fraternally. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sisterly, uncompassionate, unfriendly, unneighborly, sororal, antagonistic, uncompanionable.

buttons: (*n*) bellboy, peyote.

homely: (*adj*) plain, common, rustic, artless, home, snug, homelike, domestic; (*adj, adv*) ugly; (*adv*) plainly, simply. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sophisticated, striking, uncomfortable, bleak.

studiously: (*adv*) industriously, assiduously, busily, earnestly, carefully, eagerly, bookishly; (*adj, adv*) designedly; (*adj*) knowingly, purposely, wittingly.

suffused: (*adj*) distributed, covered, full.

tattered: (*adj*) shabby, ragged, scruffy, dilapidated, threadbare, frayed, seedy, worn out, torn, shattered; (*adj, v*) bedraggled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) elegant, smart, new.

CHAPTER 9

THE YOUTH fell back in the procession until the tattered soldier was not in sight. Then he started to walk on with the others.

But he was amid wounds. The mob of men was bleeding. Because of the tattered soldier's question he now felt that his shame could be viewed. He was continually casting **sidelong** glances to see if the men were contemplating the letters of guilt he felt burned into his brow.

At times he **regarded** the wounded soldiers in an **envious** way. He conceived persons with torn bodies to be peculiarly happy. He wished that he, too, had a wound, a red badge of courage.

The **spectral** soldier was at his side like a **stalking reproach**. The man's eyes were still fixed in a stare into the unknown. His gray, appalling face had attracted attention in the crowd, and men, slowing to his dreary pace, were walking with him. They were discussing his plight, questioning him and giving him advice. In a dogged way he repelled them, signing to them to go on and leave him alone. The shadows of his face were **deepening** and his tight lips seemed holding in check the moan of great despair. There could be seen a certain **stiffness** in the movements of his body, as if he were taking infinite care not to arouse the passion of his wounds. As he went on, he seemed always looking for a place, like one who goes to choose a grave.

Thesaurus

deepening: (*n*) amplification, aggravation.

envious: (*adj*) covetous, invidious, jaundiced, malicious, begrudge, greedy, resentful, grudging, green, begrudging, envious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fulfilled, satisfied, undesirous, contented.

regarded: (*adj*) reputed.

reproach: (*n, v*) blame, rebuke, charge, abuse, disgrace, reprimand, invective; (*v*) accuse, chide, condemn;

(*n*) condemnation. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) praise; (*v*) commend, approve; (*n*) compliment, commendation, approval.

sidelong: (*adj*) indirect, oblique, side, askant, askance, askant; (*adv*) sideways, obliquely, askew, askant, sideling. ANTONYM: (*adj*) direct.

spectral: (*adj*) ghostly, phantasmal, apparitional, unearthly, ghostlike, supernatural, ghastly, shadowy, insubstantial, eerie, cadaverous.

stalking: (*n*) deerstalking, hunting, chaff, harassment, still hunt, shuck, pestering, pursuit, husk, nuisance, angry walk.

stiffness: (*n*) hardness, severity, inflexibility, rigor, clumsiness, firmness, awkwardness, inclemency, harshness, tension, roughness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) softness, looseness, suppleness, weakness, ease, malleability, friendliness, relaxation, leniency, smoothness, limpness.

Something in the gesture of the man as he waved the bloody and **pitying** soldiers away made the youth start as if bitten. He yelled in horror. Tottering forward he laid a **quivering** hand upon the man's arm. As the latter slowly turned his **waxlike** features toward him the youth screamed:

"Gawd! Jim Conklin!"

The tall soldier made a little commonplace smile. "Hello, Henry," he said.

The youth **swayed** on his legs and glared strangely. He stuttered and stammered. "Oh, Jim--oh, Jim--oh, Jim--"

The tall soldier held out his **gory** hand. There was a curious red and black combination of new blood and old blood upon it. "Where yeh been, Henry?" he asked. He continued in a monotonous voice, "I thought mebbe yeh got **keeled** over. There 's been thunder t' pay t'-day. I was worryin' about it a good deal."

The youth still **lamented**. "Oh, Jim--oh, Jim--oh, Jim--"

"Yeh know," said the tall soldier, "I was out there." He made a careful gesture. "An', Lord, what a circus! An', b'jiminey, I got shot--I got shot. Yes, b'jiminey, I got shot." He reiterated this fact in a bewildered way, as if he did not know how it came about.

The youth put forth anxious arms to assist him, but the tall soldier went firmly as if propelled. Since the youth's arrival as a guardian for his friend, the other wounded men had ceased to display much interest. They occupied themselves again in dragging their own tragedies toward the rear.

Suddenly, as the two friends marched on, the tall soldier seemed to be overcome by a **tremor**. His face turned to a **semblance** of gray paste. He **clutched** the youth's arm and looked all about him, as if **dreading** to be overheard. Then he began to speak in a shaking whisper:

"I tell yeh what I'm 'fraid of, Henry--I'll tell yeh what I'm 'fraid of. I 'm 'fraid I 'll fall down--an' them yeh know - them damned artillery wagons--they like as not 'll run over me. That 's what I 'm 'fraid of--"

Thesaurus

clutched: (*adj*) tense, worried, anxious, neurotic.

dreading: (*adj*) anxious.

gory: (*adj*) bloody, bloodstained,

sanguinary, sanguineous, slaughterous, bleeding, butcherly, cruel, lurid, murderous; (*v*)

ensanguined. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) charming, uplifting, pleasant.

keeled: (*adj*) carinated, carinate, ridged.

lamented: (*adj*) mourned, bewailed.

pitying: (*adj*) sympathetic, merciful, pity, pityingly, gloomy, meritless, pitiful, sorry, sorry for, humane, dreary.

quivering: (*adj, n*) trembling, tremor, quaking, trepidation; (*n*) palpitation, quiver, vibration; (*adj*) flutter, quavering, shivering, tremulous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) steady.

semblance: (*adj, n*) color; (*n*) resemblance, appearance, look, aspect, air, image, similarity,

pretense, guise, pretext. ANTONYM: (*n*) difference.

swayed: (*adj*) persuaded, susceptible, touched, convinced. ANTONYM: (*adj*) doubtful.

tremor: (*n, v*) shiver, quake, shudder, shake; (*n*) agitation, vibration, earthquake, convulsion; (*adj, v*) flutter; (*adj, n*) trepidation; (*v*) tremble.

waxlike: (*adj*) ceraceous, waxy, pale, colorless.

The youth cried out to him **hysterically**: "I 'll take care of yeh, Jim! I 'll take care of yeh! I swear t' Gawd I will!"

"Sure--will yeh, Henry?" the tall soldier beseeched.

"Yes--yes--I tell yeh--I'll take care of yeh, Jim!" protested the youth. He could not speak accurately because of the gulplings in his throat.

But the tall soldier continued to beg in a lowly way. He now hung babelike to the youth's arm. His eyes rolled in the **wildness** of his terror. "I was allus a good friend t' yeh, wa'n't I, Henry? I 've allus been a pretty good feller, ain't I? An' it ain't much t' ask, is it? Jest t' pull me along outer th' road? I'd do it fer you, wouldn't I, Henry?"

He paused in **piteous** anxiety to await his friend's reply.

The youth had reached an anguish where the sobs **scorched** him. He **strove** to express his loyalty, but he could only make fantastic gestures.

However, the tall soldier seemed suddenly to forget all those fears. He became again the grim, stalking specter of a soldier. He went **stonily** forward. The youth wished his friend to lean upon him, but the other always shook his head and strangely protested. "No--no--no--leave me be--leave me be--"

His look was fixed again upon the unknown. He moved with mysterious purpose, and all of the youth's offers he **brushed** aside. "No--no--leave me be--leave me be--"

The youth had to follow.

Presently the latter **heard** a voice talking softly near his shoulder. Turning he saw that it belonged to the tattered soldier. "Ye'd better take 'im outa th' road, **pardner**. There's a batt'ry comin' helitywhoop down th' road an' he 'll git runned over. He 's a **goner** anyhow in about five minutes--yeh kin see that. Ye 'd better take 'im outa th' road. Where th' blazes does hi git his stren'th from?"

"Lord knows!" cried the youth. He was shaking his hands helplessly.

He ran forward presently and grasped the tall soldier by the arm. "Jim! Jim!" he coaxed, "come with me."

Thesaurus

brushed: (*adj*) napped, fleecy.
goner: (*adj*) desperate, extinct, hopeless; (*n*) cadaver, corpse, dead body.
heard: (*n*) hearing.
hysterically: (*adv*) feverishly, frantically, agitatedly, worriedly, wildly, violently, turbulently, excitedly, emotionally, passionately, stormily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) peacefully.
pardner: (*n*) collaborator, cooperator,

mate, pal, crony, married person, henchman, collaborationist, better half, associate, confederate.
piteous: (*adj*) miserable, pitiful, pathetic, doleful, lamentable, abject, compassionate, unfortunate, poor, paltry, pitiable.
scorched: (*adj*) baked, adust, burnt, dry, seared, burned, charred, torrid, dried out, destroyed, drier. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wet, humid.
stonily: (*adv*) icily, pitilessly,

unfeelingly, cruelly, hardly, roughly, rockily, heartlessly, frigidly, insensitively, mercilessly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) kindly.
strove: (*v*) strive.
wildness: (*n*) fierceness, ferocity, savageness, abandon, rage, extravagance, ferociousness, intensity, vehemence; (*v*) wildness; (*n, v*) waste. ANTONYMS: (*n*) tameness, order, meekness, gentleness, caution, orderliness.

The tall soldier weakly tried to **wrench** himself free. "Huh," he said **vacantly**. He stared at the youth for a moment. At last he spoke as if dimly **comprehending**. "Oh! Inteh th' fields? Oh!"

He started blindly through the grass.

The youth turned once to look at the **lashing** riders and **jouncing** guns of the battery. He was startled from this view by a shrill outcry from the tattered man.

"Gawd! He's runnin'!"

Turning his head swiftly, the youth saw his friend running in a staggering and stumbling way toward a little clump of bushes. His heart seemed to wrench itself almost free from his body at this sight. He made a noise of pain. He and the tattered man began a pursuit. There was a singular race.

When he **overtook** the tall soldier he began to plead with all the words he could find. "Jim--Jim--what are you doing--what makes you do this way--you'll hurt yerself."

The same purpose was in the tall soldier's face. He protested in a **dulled** way, keeping his eyes fastened on the mystic place of his intentions. "No--no--don't tech me--leave me be--leave me be--"

The youth, aghast and filled with wonder at the tall soldier, began **quaveringly** to question him. "Where yeh goin', Jim? What you thinking about? Where you going? Tell me, won't you, Jim?"

The tall soldier faced about as upon relentless pursuers. In his eyes there was a great appeal. "Leave me be, can't yeh? Leave me be for a minnit."

The youth recoiled. "Why, Jim," he said, in a dazed way, "what 's the matter with you?"

The tall soldier turned and, **lurching** dangerously, **went** on. The youth and the tattered soldier followed, **sneaking** as if **whipped**, feeling unable to face the stricken man if he should again confront them. They began to have thoughts of a solemn ceremony. There was something rite-like in these movements of the doomed soldier. And there was a resemblance in him to a **devotee** of a mad

Thesaurus

comprehending: (*adj*) intelligent, general, observant, sympathetic, brotherly, conversant.

devotee: (*n*) admirer, buff, enthusiast, fan, addict, follower, lover, adherent, groupie; (*adj*) convert, Christian.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) skeptic, adversary, enemy, foe, opponent, detractor.

dulled: (*adj*) dull, blunted, benumbed, duller, blunt, uninterested, rounded, jaded, grayed, colorless, deadened.

jouncing: (*adj*) jolting, moving, jolty,

jarring, bouncy, bumpy.

lashing: (*n*) beating, drubbing, flagellation, trouncing, whipping, fastening, tanning, lacing, castigation, chastisement, thrashing.

lurching: (*adj*) stumbling, unsteady, weaving, astonishing, astounding.

overtook: (*v*) overtake.

quaveringly: (*adv*) tremblingly, shakily, tremulously.

sneaking: (*adj*) hangdog, furtive, contemptible, abject, clandestine,

confidential, dirty, shabby; (*n*) creeping, crawling; (*adj, n*) sneaky.

vacantly: (*adj, adv*) vacuously, expressionlessly, inanely; (*adv*) voidly, emptily, unoccupiedly, hollowly, unemployedly, thoughtlessly, freely, barely.

went: (*v*) walked, proceeded.

whipped: (*v*) whipt.

wrench: (*n, v*) pull, jerk, strain, turn, twist, tug, yank; (*n*) spanner; (*v*) distort, contort, force.

religion, blood-sucking, muscle-wrenching, bone-crushing. They were **awed** and afraid. They hung back lest he have at command a dreadful weapon.

At last, they saw him stop and stand motionless. Hastening up, they perceived that his face wore an expression telling that he had at last found the place for which he had struggled. His spare figure was erect; his bloody hands were quietly at his side. He was waiting with patience for something that he had come to meet. He was at the rendezvous. They paused and stood, expectant.

There was a silence.

Finally, the chest of the doomed soldier began to heave with a strained motion. It increased in violence until it was as if an animal was within and was kicking and tumbling furiously to be free.

This spectacle of gradual **strangulation** made the youth **writhe**, and once as his friend rolled his eyes, he saw something in them that made him sink **wailing** to the ground. He raised his voice in a last supreme call.

"Jim--Jim--Jim--"

The tall soldier opened his lips and spoke. He made a gesture. "Leave me be--don't **tech** me--leave me be--"

There was another silence while he waited.

Suddenly his form stiffened and straightened. Then it was shaken by a prolonged **ague**. He stared into space. To the two watchers there was a curious and profound dignity in the firm lines of his awful face.

He was invaded by a creeping **strangeness** that slowly enveloped him. For a moment the tremor of his legs caused him to dance a sort of hideous **hornpipe**. His arms beat wildly about his head in expression of implike enthusiasm.

His tall figure stretched itself to its full height. There was a slight rending sound. Then it began to swing forward, slow and straight, in the manner of a falling tree. A swift muscular **contortion** made the left shoulder strike the ground first.

Thesaurus

ague: (n) acute, symptom, sickness, malady, illness, malaria, paludism, swamp fever, chills and fever; (adj) appendicitis, angina pectoris.
awed: (adj) frightened, groveling, reverential, reverent, overwhelmed, overcome, intimidated, worshipful, impressed, fearful, abominable.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) unawed, irreverent.
contortion: (n) torsion, deformation, twist, dislocation, perversion, distort,

deformity, contort, garble, wrench, twisting. ANTONYM: (n) smile.
hornpipe: (n) bolero, stockhorn, rigadon, saraband, folk dancing, pibgorn, folk dance, reel.
strangeness: (n) oddity, oddness, quaintness, peculiarity, curiousness, abnormality, weirdness, foreignness, queerness, singularity, quirk.
 ANTONYMS: (n) familiarity, nativeness.
strangulation: (n) strangling,

constriction, throttling, asphyxiation, execution; (v) suffocation.
tech: (n) engineering school, polytechnic institute, polytechnics, school, technical school.
wailing: (n, v) lamentation, lament, moaning; (adj) lamenting, weeping, crying, wailful, howling, sobbing; (adj, n) bawling; (n) cry.
writhe: (adj, v) distort, wrest; (v) contort, wriggle, squirm, wrench, worm, coil, wiggle, thrash, warp.

The body seemed to **bounce** a little way from the earth. "God!" said the tattered soldier.

The youth had watched, **spellbound**, this ceremony at the place of meeting. His face had been twisted into an expression of every **agony** he had imagined for his friend.

He now sprang to his feet and, going closer, gazed upon the **pastelike** face. The mouth was open and the teeth showed in a laugh.

As the **flap** of the blue jacket fell away from the body, he could see that the side looked as if it had been chewed by **wolves**.

The youth turned, with sudden, livid rage, toward the **battlefield**. He shook his fist. He seemed about to deliver a **philippic**.

"Hell--"

The red sun was **pasted** in the sky like a **wafer**.

Thesaurus

agony: (*n*) torture, suffering, torment, distress, misery, passion, pain, grief, pang, sorrow, throe. ANTONYMS: (*n*) pleasure, joy, euphoria, bliss, happiness, ecstasy, peace, content.

battlefield: (*n*) field, arena, battle, cockpit, tract, parcel, front line, combat zone, field of battle, Armageddon, athletic field.

bounce: (*n, v*) jump, spring, leap, bound, jolt, discharge; (*n*) impact; (*v*) recoil, glance, sack, beat.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) tranquility, calmness; (*v*) stay, clear.

flap: (*v*) flop, wave, beat, brandish, shake; (*n, v*) fuss, flutter, pother; (*n*) slap, disturbance, valve.

pasted: (*adj*) affixed.

pastelike: (*adj*) pasty, gummy, glutinous, gluey, colorless, pallid.

philippic: (*n*) diatribe, broadside, harangue, bill, broadsheet, denouncement, denunciation, flier, flyer, fulmination, handbill.

spellbound: (*adj*) fascinated, enchanted, mesmerized, captivated, charmed, bewitched, hypnotized, hypnotised, mesmerised, infatuated, enthralled. ANTONYM: (*adj*) uninterested.

wafer: (*n*) cookie, waffle, paste, cement, glue, size, gum, coke, stucco, staff of life, solder.

wolves: (*n*) jackals, skunks, raccoons, panthers, order Carnivora, lions, tigers, foxes, cats, Carnivora, Canis.

CHAPTER 10

THE TATTERED man stood **mus**ing.

"Well, he was a reg'lar jim-dandy fer nerve, wa'n't he," said he finally in a little awestruck voice. "A reg'lar jim-dandy." He thoughtfully poked one of the **docile** hands with his foot. "I wonner where he got 'is stren'th from? I never seen a man do like that before. It was a funny thing. Well, he was a reg'lar jim-dandy."

The youth desired to **screech** out his grief. He was stabbed, but his tongue lay dead in the **tomb** of his mouth. He threw himself again upon the ground and began to **brood**. WHAT

The tattered man stood musing.

"Look-a-here, pardner," he said, after a time. He regarded the corpse as he spoke. "He 's up an' gone, ain't 'e, an' we might as well begin t' look out fer ol' number one. This here thing is all over. He 's up an' gone, ain't 'e? An' he 's all right here. Nobody won't bother 'im. An' I must say I ain't **enjoying** any great health m'self these days."

The youth, awakened by the tattered soldier's tone, looked quickly up. He saw that he was swinging **uncertainly** on his legs and that his face had turned to a shade of blue.

"Good Lord!" he cried, "you ain't goin' t'--not you, too."

Thesaurus

brood: (*n, v*) breed; (*v*) sulk, think, incubate; (*n*) offspring, issue, progeny, young, posterity, family; (*adj, n*) herd. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reassure, delight, console.

docile: (*adj*) dutiful, compliant, meek, submissive, tame, teachable, humble, obedient, acquiescent, conformable; (*adj, v*) tractable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stubborn, assertive, unruly, willful, defiant, vicious, determined, uncooperative, obstinate,

disobedient, intractable.

enjoying: (*n*) relish, enjoyment; (*adj*) comfortable, fruitive.

musing: (*adj*) contemplative, meditative, thoughtful, pensive; (*n*) meditation, consideration, reflection, rumination, reverie, thought, cogitation.

screech: (*n, v*) cry, shout, shriek, yell, scream, yelp, yowl, roar; (*n*) screaming; (*v*) squawk, pipe.

tomb: (*n*) sepulchre, sepulcher, crypt,

pit, sepulture, vault, monument, entomb, mausoleum; (*n, v*) bury; (*v*) inter.

uncertainly: (*adv*) dubiously, doubtfully, unsurely, unsettledly, falteringly, unsteadily, waveringly, irresolutely, undecidedly, undeterminedly, unfixedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) firmly, determinedly, decisively, steadily, indisputably, boldly, certainly, admirably.

The tattered man waved his hand. "Nary die," he said. "All I want is some pea **soup** an' a good bed. Some pea soup," he repeated dreamfully.

The youth arose from the ground. "I wonder where he came from. I left him over there." He pointed. "And now I find 'im here. And he was coming from over there, too." He indicated a new direction. They both turned toward the body as if to ask of it a question.

"Well," at length spoke the tattered man, "there ain't no use in our stayin' here an' tryin' t' ask him anything."

The youth nodded an **assent wearily**. They both turned to gaze for a moment at the **corpse**.

The youth murmured something.

"Well, he was a jim-dandy, wa'n't 'e?" said the tattered man as if in response.

They turned their backs upon it and started away. For a time they **stole** softly, treading with their toes. It remained laughing there in the grass.

"I'm commencin' t' feel pretty bad," said the tattered man, suddenly breaking one of his little silences. "I'm commencin' t' feel pretty damn' bad."

The youth groaned. "Oh Lord!" He wondered if he was to be the **tortured** witness of another grim encounter.

But his companion waved his hand **reassuringly**. "Oh, I'm not goin' t' die yit! There too much dependin' on me fer me t' die yit. No, sir! Nary die! I *can't!* Ye'd oughta see th' **swad** a' chil'ren I've got, an' all like that."

The youth **glancing** at his companion could see by the shadow of a smile that he was making some kind of fun.

As the plodded on the tattered soldier continued to talk. "Besides, if I died, I wouldn't die th' way that feller did. That was th' funniest thing. I'd jest **flop** down, I would. I never seen a feller die th' way that feller did.

"Yeh know Tom Jamison, he lives next door t' me up home. He's a nice feller, he is, an' we was allus good friends. Smart, too. Smart as a steel trap. Well, when we was a-fightin' this afternoon, all-of-a-sudden he begin t' rip up an' cuss an'

Thesaurus

assent: (*n*) acceptance, acquiescence, approval, agreement, compliance, admission, approbation; (*v*) accede, accord, agree; (*adj, v*) acquiesce.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) resist, disagree, disapprove, reject, refuse; (*n*) disagreement, refusal, resistance.
corpse: (*n*) carcass, body, carcase, dead person, stiff, dead body, remains, corse, clay, dry bones; (*adj*) lich.
flop: (*n*) dud, failure, disaster, turkey, bust, fiasco; (*n, v*) collapse, crash; (*v*)

fail, fall through, fall flat.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) success, winner, hit; (*v*) succeed, rise, thrive.
glancing: (*adj*) passing.
reassuringly: (*adv*) encouragingly.
soup: (*v*) pottage, potage, drink, liquor; (*n*) juice, gumbo, mulligatawny, borscht, bortsch, borsht; (*adj*) emulsion.
stole: (*n*) wrap, stolen, scarf, stolon, stealing, robe, alb, tunicle, surplice, alba, cassock.

swad: (*adj*) loaf, tun, lump, cord, bulk, block, mass.
tortured: (*adj*) anguished, suffering, agonized, excruciate, excruciated, gnarled, hagridden, miserable, woeful, hurt.
wearily: (*adv*) sickly, boredly, dully, languidly, jadedly, exhaustedly, sadly, soberly, gravely, heavily, seriously. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) hopefully, untiringly, energetically, dynamically.

beller at me. 'Yer shot, yeh blamed infernal!--he swear horrible--he ses t' me. I put up m' hand t' m' head an' when I looked at m' fingers, I seen, sure 'nough, I was shot. I give a **holler** an' begin t' run, but b'fore I could git away another one hit me in th' arm an' **whirl**' me clean 'round. I got skeared when they was all a-shootin' b'hind me an' I run t' beat all, but I cotch it pretty bad. I've an idee I'd a been fightin' yit, if t'was n't fer Tom Jamison."

Then he made a calm announcement: "There's two of 'em--little ones--but they 're beginnin' t' have fun with me now. I don't b'lieve I kin walk much furder."

They went slowly on in silence. "Yeh look pretty peek'ed yerself," said the tattered man at last. "I bet yeh 've got a worsen one than yeh think. Ye'd better take keer of yer hurt. It don't do t' let sech things go. It might be inside mostly, an' them plays thunder. Where is it located?" But he continued his harangue without waiting for a reply. "I see a feller git hit **plum** in th' head when my reg'ment was a-standin' at ease onct. An' everybody **yelled** to 'im: 'Hurt, John? Are yeh hurt much?' 'No,' ses he. He looked kinder surprised, an' he went on tellin' 'em how he felt. He sed he didn't feel nothin'. But, by dad, th' first thing that feller knowed he was dead. Yes, he was dead--stone dead. So, yeh wanta watch out. Yeh might have some **queer** kind 'a hurt yerself. Yeh can't never tell. Where is your'n located?"

The youth had been **wriggling** since the introduction of this topic. He now gave a cry of **exasperation** and made a furious motion with his hand. "Oh, don't bother me!" he said. He was **enraged** against the tattered man, and could have **strangled** him. His **companions** seemed ever to play intolerable parts. They were ever upraising the ghost of shame on the stick of their curiosity. He turned toward the tattered man as one at bay. "Now, don't bother me," he repeated with desperate menace.

"Well, Lord knows I don't wanta bother anybody," said the other. There was a little accent of despair in his voice as he replied, "Lord knows I 've gota 'nough m' own t' tend to."

Thesaurus

beller: (*v*) bellow, exclaim.

companions: (*n*) circle, entourage, people.

enraged: (*adj*) angered, furious, infuriated, irate, mad, livid, incensed, exasperated, raging, irritated, boiling.

exasperation: (*adj, n*) exacerbation; (*n*) wrath, annoyance, anger, resentment, rage, irritation, ire, indignation, heat, displeasure. ANTONYMS: (*n*) delight, calmness, satisfaction.

holler: (*n, v*) cry, scream, call, shout,

yell, bawl, hollo, shriek, bellow; (*v*) exclaim, screech. ANTONYM: (*v*) whisper.

plum: (*n*) damson, greengage, plum tree, prune, drupe, marmalade, lac, licorice; (*adv*) plumb, clean; (*adj*) mauve.

queer: (*adj*) fantastic, odd, eccentric, funny, curious, gay, peculiar, strange, quaint, fishy, outlandish. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conventional, normal, well.

strangled: (*adj*) smothered, completely covered, muffled, suppressed; (*v*) bowstringed.

whirl: (*n, v*) spin, turn, eddy, roll, wheel, twist, swirl; (*v*) reel, gyrate; (*n*) go, fling.

wriggling: (*adj*) squirming, writhing, twisting, wiggly, wriggle, moving, flexible, frisky, pliant, wriggly, winding.

yelled: (*adj*) loud.

The youth, who had been holding a bitter debate with himself and casting glances of hatred and contempt at the tattered man, here spoke in a hard voice. "Good-by," he said.

The tattered man looked at him in gaping amazement. "Why--why, pardner, where yeh goin'?" he asked **unsteadily**. The youth looking at him, could see that he, too, like that other one, was beginning to act dumb and animal-like. His thoughts seemed to be **floundering** about in his head. "Now--now--look--a--here, you Tom Jamison--now-- I won't have this--this here won't do. Where--where yeh goin'?"

The youth pointed vaguely. "Over there," he replied.

"Well, now look--a--here--now," said the tattered man, rambling on in idiot fashion. His head was hanging forward and his words were **slurred**. "This thing won't do, now, Tom Jamison. It won't do. I know yeh, yeh **pig-headed** devil. Yeh wanta go trompin' off with a bad hurt. It ain't right--now--Tom Jamison --it ain't. Yeh wanta leave me take keer of yeh, Tom Jamison. It ain't--right--it ain't--fer yeh t' go--trompin' off--with a bad hurt--it ain't--ain't--ain't right--it ain't."

In reply the youth climbed a fence and started away. He could hear the tattered man **bleating plaintively**.

Once he faced about angrily. "What?"

"Look--a--here, now, Tom Jamison--now--it ain't--"

The youth went on. Turning at a distance he saw the tattered man wandering about helplessly in the field.

He now thought that he wished he was dead. He believed he envied those men whose bodies lay strewn over the grass of the fields and on the fallen leaves of the forest.

The simple questions of the tattered man had been knife thrusts to him. They asserted a society that probes **pitilessly** at **secrets** until all is apparent. His late companion's chance persistency made him feel that he could not keep his crime concealed in his bosom. It was sure to be brought plain by one of those arrows which cloud the air and are constantly **pricking, discovering**, proclaiming those

Thesaurus

bleating: (*n*) bleat, baaing.

discovering: (*adj*) observant, oracular.

floundering: (*adj*) awkward, maladroit, purposeless.

pig-headed: (*adj*) stubborn, obstinate, opinionated, obdurate, perverse, willful, dogged, contumacious, intractable.

pitilessly: (*adv*) remorselessly, ruthlessly, unmercifully, unfeelingly, heartlessly, harshly, cruelly, unsympathetically, brutally,

relentlessly, unkindly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) mercifully, sensitively, sympathetically.

plaintively: (*adv*) piteously, sorrowfully, mournfully, pitifully, ruefully, grievously, lugubriously, pathetically, woefully, lamentingly, wistfully.

pricking: (*adj, v*) keen, poignant, sharp; (*v*) suffer, smart, penetrating; (*adj*) pointed, piercing, urchin, thightly; (*n*) Peter.

secrets: (*n*) secrecy.

slurred: (*adj*) inarticulate, faint, loggerheaded, mumbled, not thin, unintelligible, thick, dense, fatheaded, deep, compact. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clear, slight.

unsteadily: (*adv*) precariously, unevenly, irregularly, insecurely, erratically, falteringly, dizzily, shakily, volatily, giddily, waveringly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) firmly, alertly, securely.

things which are **willed** to be **forever hidden**. He **admitted** that he could not **defend himself** against this **agency**. It was not within the power of vigilance.

Thesaurus

admitted: (*v*) admitting, understood, of course; (*adj*) acknowledged, undisputed, known, orthodox.

agency: (*n*) office, bureau, commission, means, intermediation, way, authority, expedient, instrument, organ; (*n, v*) act.

defend: (*n, v*) guard, shield, advocate; (*v*) justify, protect, assert, support, maintain, champion, apologize, shelter. ANTONYMS: (*v*) prosecute, abandon, endanger, surrender,

renounce, oppose, forsake, assault, contradict, destroy, expose.

forever: (*adv*) always, eternally, evermore, everlastingly, continually, permanently; (*adj*) eternal, permanent; (*n*) eternity; (*adj, adv*) interminably, ad infinitum.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) occasionally, never, sporadically; (*adv*) briefly, intermittently.

hidden: (*adj*) clandestine, concealed, obscure, dark, secret, latent, covert,

invisible, arcane, covered; (*adj, v*) confidential. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) exposed, open, active, noticeable, overt, revealing, known, explicit, mainstream, transparent, visible.

himself: (*pron*) herself, themselves, yourself, itself; (*adj*) myself; (*n*) yourselves.

willed: (*adj*) voluntary, hereditary.

CHAPTER 11

HE BECAME aware that the furnace roar of the battle was growing louder. Great blown clouds had floated to the still heights of air before him. The noise, too, was approaching. The woods **filtered** men and the fields became dotted.

As he rounded a hillock, he perceived that the roadway was now a crying mass of wagons, teams, and men. From the **heaving** tangle issued exhortations, commands, imprecations. Fear was sweeping it all along. The cracking whips bit and horses plunged and tugged. The white-topped wagons strained and stumbled in their exertions like fat sheep.

The youth felt comforted in a measure by this sight. They were all retreating. Perhaps, then, he was not so bad after all. He seated himself and watched the **terror-stricken** wagons. They fled like soft, **ungainly** animals. All the roarers and lashers served to help him to **magnify** the dangers and horrors of the engagement that he might try to prove to himself that the thing with which men could charge him was in truth a symmetrical act. There was an amount of pleasure to him in watching the wild march of this **vindication**.

Presently the calm head of a forward-going column of infantry appeared in the road. It came swiftly on. Avoiding the obstructions gave it the **sinuous** movement of a **serpent**. The men at the head butted **mules** with their musket stocks. They prodded teamsters indifferent to all howls. The men forced their

Thesaurus

filtered: (*n*) clean, drinkable; (*adj*) refined.

heaving: (*v*) tremor, twitter; (*adj*) swelling, full, full up, jammed; (*n*) murmur, forcing out, groan, grumble, mutter. ANTONYM: (*adj*) deserted.

magnify: (*v*) exaggerate, enhance, aggrandize, enlarge, intensify, laud, glorify, expand, increase, extend, aggravate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reduce, understate, minimize, shrink, decrease, alleviate.

mules: (*n*) mule, scuffs, carpet slipper, scuff.

serpent: (*n*) snake, ophidian, viper, snake in the grass, reptile, rattlesnake, colubrid, contrafagotto, cor anglais, hautboy; (*v*) goose.

sinuous: (*adj*) anfractuous, sinuate, curved, meandering, snaky, lithe, flexible, elastic, limber; (*adj, v*) tortuous; (*v*) mazy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, inflexible, stilted, jerky, stocky.

terror-stricken: (*adj*) afraid, scared.

ungainly: (*adj*) clumsy, gawky, unwieldy, inelegant, inept, maladroit, uncouth, graceless, stiff, wooden, unmanageable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) graceful, manageable, adroit, fitting, elegant.

vindication: (*n*) defense, apology, excuse, defence, plea, alibi, acquittal, assertion, reason, exoneration, protection. ANTONYM: (*n*) accusation.

way through parts of the dense mass by strength. The blunt head of the column pushed. The **raving** teamsters swore many strange oaths.

The commands to make way had the ring of a great importance in them. The men were going forward to the heart of the din. They were to confront the eager rush of the enemy. They felt the pride of their onward movement when the remainder of the army seemed trying to **dribble** down this road. They tumbled teams about with a fine feeling that it was no matter so long as their column got to the front in time. This importance made their faces grave and stern. And the backs of the officers were very rigid.

As the youth looked at them the black weight of his woe returned to him. He felt that he was regarding a procession of chosen beings. The separation was as great to him as if they had marched with weapons of flame and banners of sunlight. He could never be like them. He could have wept in his longings.

He searched about in his mind for an adequate **malediction** for the indefinite cause, the thing upon which men turn the words of final blame. It--whatever it was--was responsible for him, he said. There lay the fault.

The haste of the column to reach the battle seemed to the **forlorn** young man to be something much finer than stout fighting. Heroes, he thought, could find excuses in that long **seething** lane. They could retire with perfect **self-respect** and make excuses to the stars.

He wondered what those men had eaten that they could be in such haste to force their way to grim chances of death. As he watched his envy grew until he thought that he wished to change lives with one of them. He would have liked to have used a tremendous force, he said, throw off himself and become a better. Swift pictures of himself, apart, yet in himself, came to him--a blue desperate figure leading **lurid** charges with one knee forward and a broken blade high--a blue, determined figure standing before a crimson and steel assault, getting calmly killed on a high place before the eyes of all. He thought of the magnificent **pathos** of his dead body.

Thesaurus

dribble: (*n, v*) trickle, drop, drool, slobber, drivel, flow; (*v*) distill, ooze, trill, spout; (*n*) spit. ANTONYMS: (*v*) swamp, stream, pour, gush, inundate.

forlorn: (*adj*) hopeless, desolate, despairing, unhappy, miserable, deserted, disconsolate, downcast, cheerless, wretched, abject. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) happy, hopeful, fine.

lurid: (*adj*) ghastly, grisly, gruesome,

loud, frightful, sharp, shocking, gaudy, sensational, hideous, horrific. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) subtle, muted, bland, dull, modest.

malediction: (*n*) imprecation, anathema, execration, denunciation, malison, oath, proscription, maranatha, profanity, swear word, heavy calamity. ANTONYM: (*n*) blessing.

pathos: (*v*) emotion, inspiration, impression, affection; (*n*) poignancy,

pity, ruth, commiseration, grief, poignance, sympathy.

raving: (*adj, v*) wild; (*adj*) frantic, delirious, furious, mad, insane; (*adj, n*) madness, distraction, rage; (*n*) rabid, delirium.

seething: (*v*) ebullient; (*adj*) irate, raging, enraged, spitting mad, beside yourself, teed off, packed; (*n*) ebullition, tumult, digestion.

self-respect: (*n*) pride, self-esteem, dignity, face, honesty.

These thoughts **uplifted** him. He felt the **quiver** of war desire. In his ears, he heard the ring of victory. He knew the frenzy of a rapid successful charge. The music of the trampling feet, the sharp voices, the clanking arms of the column near him made him soar on the red wings of war. For a few moments he was sublime.

He thought that he was about to start for the front. Indeed, he saw a picture of himself, dust-stained, haggard, panting, flying to the front at the proper moment to seize and throttle the dark, leering witch of **calamity**.

Then the difficulties of the thing began to drag at him. He hesitated, balancing awkwardly on one foot.

He had no rifle; he could not fight with his hands, said he **resentfully** to his plan. Well, rifles could be had for the picking. They were extraordinarily **profuse**.

Also, he continued, it would be a miracle if he found his regiment. Well, he could fight with any regiment.

He started forward slowly. He stepped as if he expected to tread upon some explosive thing. Doubts and he were struggling.

He would truly be a worm if any of his comrades should see him returning thus, the marks of his flight upon him. There was a reply that the intent fighters did not care for what happened rearward saving that no hostile bayonets appeared there. In the battle-blur his face would, in a way, be hidden, like the face of a **cowled** man.

But then he said that his tireless fate would bring forth, when the strife lulled for a moment, a man to ask of him an explanation. In imagination he felt the scrutiny of his companions as he painfully **labored** through some lies.

Eventually, his courage expended itself upon these objections. The debates drained him of his fire.

He was not cast down by this defeat of his plan, for, upon **studying** the affair carefully, he could not but admit that the objections were very formidable.

Thesaurus

calamity: (*n*) disaster, adversity, affliction, misfortune, plague, catastrophe, tragedy, blow, bale, distress; (*n, v*) trouble. ANTONYMS: (*n*) blessing, boon, luck, joy, opportunity.
cowled: (*v*) tectiform, dermatoid, encuirassed, cucullate; (*adj*) cucullated, clothed, clad, capistrate.
labored: (*adj*) elaborate, strained, laborious, heavy, arduous, hard, artificial, laboured, awkward,

unnatural, studied. ANTONYM: (*adj*) easy.
profuse: (*adj, n*) generous, liberal; (*adj*) plentiful, ample, copious, lavish, bounteous, exuberant, excessive, full, prodigal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sparse, meager, thin, scanty, restrained, unhealthy, small.
quiver: (*adj, n, v*) shudder, shiver, tremble, shake; (*v*) flicker, flutter, vibrate; (*n, v*) palpitate, quaver; (*n*) vibration, tremor.

resentfully: (*adv*) bitterly, enviously, jealously, indignantly, angrily, crossly, sulkily, maliciously, sullenly, petulantly, reluctantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) gladly, contentedly, graciously, sweetly.
studying: (*n*) poring over, perusal, study, learning, reading, speculation.
uplifted: (*adj*) high, raised, noble, not inverted, not prone, proud, undismayed, stately, lofty, sublime, animated.

Furthermore, various ailments had begun to cry out. In their presence he could not persist in flying high with the **wings** of war; they rendered it almost impossible for him to see himself in a heroic light. He **tumbled** headlong.

He discovered that he had a **scorching** thirst. His face was so dry and grimy that he thought he could feel his skin crackle. Each bone of his body had an ache in it, and seemingly threatened to break with each movement. His feet were like two sores. Also, his body was calling for food. It was more powerful than a direct hunger. There was a dull, weight-like feeling in his stomach, and, when he tried to walk, his head swayed and he tottered. He could not see with **distinctness**. Small patches of green mist floated before his vision.

While he had been tossed by many emotions, he had not been aware of ailments. Now the **beset** him and made clamor. As he was at last compelled to pay attention to them, his capacity for self-hate was multiplied. In despair, he declared that he was not like those others. He now conceded it to be impossible that he should ever become a hero. He was a craven **loon**. Those pictures of glory were piteous things. He groaned from his heart and went staggering off.

A certain mothlike quality within him kept him in the vicinity of the battle. He had a great desire to see, and to get news. He wished to know who was winning.

He told himself that, despite his unprecedented suffering, he had never lost his greed for a victory, yet, he said, in a half-apologetic manner to his conscience, he could not but know that a defeat for the army this time might mean many **favorable** things for him. The blows of the enemy would **splinter** regiments into fragments. Thus, many men of courage, he considered, would be obliged to desert the colors and **scurry** like chickens. He would appear as one of them. They would be sullen brothers in distress, and he could then easily believe he had not run any farther or faster than they. And if he himself could believe in his virtuous perfection, he conceived that there would be small trouble in convincing all others.

He said, as if in excuse for this hope, that previously the army had encountered great defeats and in a few months had shaken off all blood and

Thesaurus

beset: (*v*) beleaguer, afflict, assault, siege, molest, worry, attack, plague, obsess, assail; (*adv*, *v*) surround.
distinctness: (*n*) clearness, sharpness, definition, otherness, perspicuity, discreteness, articulate sound, separation, uncloudedness, dissimilarity; (*adj*) conspicuousness. ANTONYM: (*n*) indistinctness.
favorable: (*adj*) lucky, fortunate, propitious, prosperous, convenient, advantageous, encouraging, happy,

helpful; (*adj*, *v*) friendly; (*adj*, *n*) kindly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) adverse, negative, ominous, disapproving, inauspicious, detrimental, unfriendly, disagreeable, hindering, harmful, untimely.
loon: (*n*) idler, lout, bum, gaffer, birdbrain, diver, dunce, oaf, rube, runnion, underling.
scorching: (*adj*) hot, sweltering, scalding, baking, broiling, boiling, sultry, stifling, torrid; (*v*) fiery,

flaming. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cold, fresh, cool.
scurry: (*n*, *v*) scamper, scramble, race; (*v*) hasten, dash, rush, run, scuttle, sprint, dart; (*n*) haste. ANTONYMS: (*v*) amble, stroll.
splinter: (*adj*, *v*) break, shiver, crack; (*adj*, *n*, *v*) split; (*n*, *v*) chip, fragment, fracture; (*adj*, *n*) shred; (*n*) shaving, part; (*v*) smash.
tumbled: (*adj*) disordered.
wings: (*n*) insignia, agency.

tradition of them, emerging as bright and **valiant** as a new one; **thrusting** out of sight the memory of disaster, and appearing with the valor and confidence of **unconquered** legions. The shrilling voices of the people at home would pipe **dismally** for a time, but various general were usually compelled to listen to these ditties. He of course felt no compunctions for proposing a general as a sacrifice. He could not tell who the chosen for the barbs might be, so he could center no direct sympathy upon him. The people were afar and he did not conceive public opinion to be accurate at long range. It was quite probable they would hit the wrong man who, after he had recovered from his amazement would perhaps spend the rest of his days in writing replies to the songs of his alleged failure. It would be very unfortunate, no doubt, but in this case a general was of no consequence to the youth.

In a defeat there would be a roundabout vindication of himself. He thought it would prove, in a manner, that he had fled early because of his superior powers of perception. A serious prophet upon predicting a flood should be the first man to climb a tree. This would demonstrate that he was indeed a **seer**.

A moral vindication was regarded by the youth as a very important thing. Without **salve**, he could not, he though, were the sore badge of his **dishonor** through life. With his heart continually assuring him that he was despicable, he could not exist without making it, through his actions, apparent to all men.

If the army had gone gloriously on he would be lost. If the din meant that now his army's flags were tilted forward he was a condemned **wretch**. He would be compelled to doom himself to isolation. If the men were advancing, their indifferent feet were trampling upon his chances for a successful life.

As these thoughts went rapidly through his mind, he turned upon them and tried to thrust them away. He denounced himself as a villain. He said that he was the most **unutterably** selfish man in existence. His mind pictured the soldiers who would place their defiant bodies before the spear of the yelling battle fiend, and as he saw their dripping corpses on an imagined field, he said that he was their murderer.

Thesaurus

dishonor: (*n, v*) shame, discredit, degrade, affront, abuse, taint; (*v*) defile, violate; (*n*) disrepute, infamy, degradation. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) respect; (*n*) laurels, reverence, esteem, admiration, worthiness; (*v*) revere, dignify, credit, reward, award.
dismally: (*adv*) gloomily, sadly, unhappily, murkily, dolefully, forbiddingly, darkly, somberly, depressingly, cheerlessly, grimly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) brightly, smartly.

salve: (*n*) ointment, balm, unguent, liniment, oil; (*v*) relieve, salvage, assuage, heal, soothe, appease.
seer: (*n*) prophet, augur, diviner, oracle, forecaster, visionary, clairvoyant, illusionist, conjuror, idealist, predictor.
thrusting: (*n*) thrust, push, jab, poke, jabbing, stab, driving force, scoke, sack, punch, *Phytolacca Americana*.
unconquered: (*adj*) unbeaten, unvanquished, not conquered.

unutterably: (*adv*) ineffably, inexpressibly, indescribably, beyond words, deeply, overwhelmingly.
valiant: (*adj*) brave, courageous, intrepid, fearless, heroic, audacious, gallant, daring, dauntless, stout, stalwart. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) afraid, despicable.
wretch: (*n*) victim, villain, scoundrel, reprobate, reptile, miscreant, martyr, object of compassion, poor devil, prey, wreck.

Again he thought that he wished he was dead. He believed that he envied a corpse. Thinking of the **slain**, he achieved a great contempt for some of them, as if they were guilty for thus becoming lifeless. They might have been killed by lucky chances, he said, before they had had opportunities to flee or before they had been really tested. Yet they would receive **laurels** from tradition. He cried out bitterly that their crowns were stolen and their robes of glorious memories were shams. However, he still said that it was a great pity he was not as they.

A defeat of the army had suggested itself to him as a means of escape from the consequences of his fall. He considered, now, however, that it was useless to think of such a possibility. His education had been that success for that might blue machine was certain; that it would make victories as a **contrivance** turns out buttons. He presently discarded all his speculations in the other direction. He returned to the creed of soldiers.

When he perceived again that it was not possible for the army to be defeated, he tried to **bethink** him of a fine tale which he could take back to his regiment, and with it turn the expected shafts of derision.

But, as he **mortally** feared these shafts, it became impossible for him to invent a tale he felt he could trust. He experimented with many schemes, but threw them aside one by one as **flimsy**. He was quick to see vulnerable **places** in them all.

Furthermore, he was much afraid that some arrow of scorn might lay him mentally low before he could raise his protecting tale.

He imagined the whole regiment saying: "Where's Henry Fleming? He run, didn't 'e? Oh, my!" He recalled various persons who would be quite sure to leave him no peace about it. They would doubtless question him with sneers, and laugh at his **stammering** hesitation. In the next engagement they would try to keep watch of him to discover when he would run.

Wherever he went in camp, he would encounter insolent and **lingeringly** cruel stares. As he imagined himself passing near a crowd of comrades, he could hear one say, "There he goes!"

Thesaurus

bethink: (*v*) recollect, mull, remind, recall, think, reflect, ponder, speculate, ruminare, consider, contemplate.

contrivance: (*n*) device, appliance, gadget, artifice, plot, dodge, resource, plan, contraption, machine, apparatus.

flimsy: (*adj*) light, weak, slight, sleazy, feeble, delicate, fragile, slender, tenuous, fine; (*adj, v*) limp.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sturdy, strong,

weighty, heavy, persuasive, reliable, robust, convincing, durable, good, abundant.

laurels: (*n*) honor, laurel, accolade, fame, garland, award, trophy, decoration, glory, citation, glorification. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dishonor, criticism.

lingeringly: (*adv*) slowly, longly, chronically, dilatorily, extendedly, leisurely.

mortally: (*adv*) lethally, deadly,

pestilently, perniciously, extremely, humanly, grievously, poisonously, individually, killingly, dangerously. ANTONYM: (*adv*) mildly.

places: (*n*) chairs, seating, spaces.

slain: (*v*) slay; (*adj*) overthrown, mat, fallen, dejected, cast down.

stammering: (*n*) hesitation, hesitancy, psellism, indistinct pronunciation, doubt; (*adj*) halting, hesitating, inarticulate, incoherent, broken, ashamed.

Then, as if the heads were moved by one **muscle**, all the faces were turned **toward** him with wide, **derisive grins**. He seemed to hear some one make a **humorous remark** in a low **tone**. At it the **others** all crowed and cackled. He was a **slang** phrase.

Thesaurus

derisive: (*adj*) ironic, sarcastic, derisory, contemptuous, cynical, mordant, sardonic, jeering, scornful, quizzical, satirical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) complimentary, approving, flattering, praising, sympathetic.
grins: (*n*) merriment, amusement, entertainment, fun, gaiety, levity, diversion, mirth, recreation, sport.
humorous: (*adj*) comical, funny, comic, droll, playful, hilarious, jocose, farcical, jocular; (*adj, n*) facetious,

witty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) serious, tragic, humorless, dull.
muscle: (*n*) potency, sinew, might, power, strength, force, energy, flesh, beef; (*adj, n*) physique; (*adj*) nerve.
others: (*n*) rest, cessation, lie, lave, LAN, ease, acquiesce, intermission.
remark: (*n, v*) comment, notice, note, mention, regard, mind; (*adj, n, v*) observe; (*v*) perceive, mark, discern; (*n*) observation.
slang: (*n*) lingo, cant, vernacular,

argot, dialect, patois, language; (*v*) put one over, put one across, put on, dupe.
tone: (*n*) note, accent, timbre, spirit, tinge, shade, air, sound, tint, manner; (*n, v*) color. ANTONYMS: (*n*) atonicity, flaccidity; (*v*) jar.
toward: (*prep*) to, towards, approaching, headed for, just before, of, in the direction of; (*adv, prep*) on; (*adv*) about, around, by. ANTONYMS: (*prep*) from, away.

CHAPTER 12

THE COLUMN that had butted stoutly at the obstacles in the roadway was barely out of the youth's sight before he saw dark waves of men come sweeping out of the woods and down through the fields. He knew at once that the steel fibers had been washed from their hearts. They were bursting from their coats and their equipments as from entanglements. They charged down upon him like terrified buffaloes.

Behind them blue smoke curled and **clouded** above the treetops, and through the thickets he could sometimes see a distant pink glare. The voices of the cannon were clamoring in **interminable** chorus.

The youth was horrorstricken. He stared in agony and amazement. He forgot that he was engaged in **combating** the universe. He threw aside his mental pamphlets on the philosophy of the **retreated** and rules for the guidance of the damned.

The fight was lost. The dragons were coming with **invincible** strides. The army, helpless in the **matted** thickets and blinded by the **overhanging** night, was going to be swallowed. War, the red animal, war, the blood-swollen god, would have **bloated** fill.

Thesaurus

bloated: (*adj*) swollen, inflated, distended, turgid, proud, supercilious, haughty, puffed, pompous, tumescent, tumid.
clouded: (*adj, n*) cloudy; (*adj*) gloomy, dark, overcast, obscure, blurred, foggy, misty, hazy, bleary; (*v*) cymphanous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) clear.
combating: (*adj*) militant, rival, opposed; (*n*) hostility.
interminable: (*adj*) endless, eternal,

incessant, infinite, illimitable, immeasurable, unending, ceaseless, timeless, continual, unlimited.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) temporary, finite, intermittent, sporadic, concise.
invincible: (*adj*) insurmountable, unbeatable, insuperable, impregnable, irresistible, unconquerable, unyielding, unquenchable, proof against, impassable, invulnerable.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) defenseless,

powerless, weak, feeble.
matted: (*adj*) entangled, tangled, knotted, flat, matt, matte, knotty, fixed, kinky, twisted; (*v*) crossed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, straight, free.
overhanging: (*adj, v*) projecting; (*v*) beetling; (*adj*) covering, imminent, impending, pendent, obumbrant, hanging over, overspreading, depending, hanging.
retreated: (*adj*) withdrawn, people.

Within him something **bade** to cry out. He had the impulse to make a **rallying** speech, to sing a battle hymn, but he could only get his tongue to call into the air: "Why--why--what--what 's th' matter?"

Soon he was in the midst of them. They were leaping and **scampering** all about him. Their blanched faces shone in the dusk. They seemed, for the most part, to be very burly men. The youth turned from one to another of them as they galloped along. His **incoherent** questions were lost. They were **heedless** of his appeals. They did not seem to see him.

They sometimes gabbled **insanely**. One huge man was asking of the sky: "Say, where de plank road? Where de plank road!" It was as if he had lost a child. He wept in his pain and dismay.

Presently, men were running hither and thither in all ways. The artillery booming, forward, rearward, and on the flanks made jumble of ideas of direction. Landmarks had vanished into the gathered gloom. The youth began to imagine that he had got into the center of the tremendous quarrel, and he could perceive no way out of it. From the mouths of the fleeing men came a thousand wild questions, but no one made answers.

The youth, after rushing about and throwing interrogations at the heedless bands of retreating infantry, finally clutched a man by the arm. They swung around face to face.

"Why--why--" stammered the youth struggling with his **balking** tongue.

The man screamed: "Let go me! Let go me!" His face was livid and his eyes were rolling uncontrolled. He was heaving and **panting**. He still grasped his rifle, perhaps having forgotten to release his hold upon it. He tugged frantically, and the youth being compelled to lean forward was dragged several paces.

"Let go me! Let go me!"

"Why--why--" stuttered the youth.

"Well, then!" bawled the man in a lurid rage. He **adroitly** and fiercely swung his rifle. It crushed upon the youth's head. The man ran on.

Thesaurus

adroitly: (*adv*) aptly, dexterously, deftly, ingeniously, cleverly, agilely, craftily, skillfully, proficiently, neatly, handily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) maladroitly, ineptly, incompetently, awkwardly.
bade: (*v*) bid, command, bad.
balking: (*adj*) intractable, defensive, disinclined, balky.
heedless: (*adj*) careless, reckless, inattentive, neglectful, negligent, thoughtless, rash, regardless,

unwary, indifferent; (*adj, v*) wanton. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) heedful, attentive, mindful, conscientious, prudent, careful, cautious.
incoherent: (*adj*) disjointed, disconnected, delirious, rambling, confused, disordered, incompatible, wandering, muddled, inconsistent, contradictory. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clear, articulate, eloquent, intelligible, lucid, sound, concise, consistent.
insanely: (*adv*) foolishly, crazily,

dementedly, nutsly, stupidly, senselessly, wildly, lunatically, deucedly, deadly, devilishly.
panting: (*adj*) gasping, breathless, blown, winded, puffed; (*v*) palpitation; (*n*) heaving, gasp, asthma, heave, puff.
rallying: (*n*) effort, mobilization, mobilisation, mass meeting, feat, deed, exchange; (*adj*) moving, encouraging, convalescent.
scampering: (*n*) running.

The youth's fingers had turned to paste upon the other's arm. The energy was smitten from his muscles. He saw the flaming wings of lightning flash before his vision. There was a deafening rumble of thunder within his head.

Suddenly his legs seemed to die. He sank writhing to the ground. He tried to arise. In his efforts against the **numbing** pain he was like a man wrestling with a creature of the air.

There was a sinister struggle.

Sometimes he would achieve a position half erect, battle with the air for a moment, and then fall again, grabbing at the grass. His face was of a **clammy** pallor. Deep groans were wrenched from him.

At last, with a twisting movement, he got upon his hands and knees, and from thence, like a babe trying to walk, to his feet. Pressing his hands to his temples he went lurching over the grass.

He fought an intense battle with his body. His dulled senses wished him to **swoon** and he opposed them stubbornly, his mind **portraying** unknown dangers and mutilations if he should fall upon the field. He went tall soldier fashion. He imagined secluded spots where he could fall and be unmolested. To search for one he strove against the tide of pain.

Once he put his hand to the top of his head and timidly touched the wound. The scratching pain of the contact made him draw a long breath through his clinched teeth. His fingers were **dabbled** with blood. He regarded them with a fixed stare.

Around him he could hear the grumble of jolted cannon as the scurrying horses were lashed toward the front. Once, a young officer on a **besplashed** charger nearly ran him down. He turned and watched the mass of guns, men, and horses sweeping in a wide curve toward a gap in a fence. The officer was making excited motions with a gauntleted hand. The guns followed the teams with an air of unwillingness, of being dragged by the heels.

Some officers of the scattered infantry were cursing and **railing** like fishwives. Their **scolding** voices could be heard above the din. Into the

Thesaurus

besplashed: (*adj*) bespattered, spattered, dirty, splashed, unclean.

clammy: (*adj*) viscous, sweaty, sticky, muggy, moist, humid, damp, viscid, sultry, dank; (*n*) ropy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) arid, dried, fresh.

dabbled: (*adj*) bespattered, besplashed, covered, covered patchily, spattered, splashed, splattered, splashy; (*v*) soggy.

numbing: (*adj*) piercing, palliative, freezing, painkilling, desensitizing,

anesthetic, soporific, cold, deadening.

portraying: (*n*) portrayal, depiction, mirror, line drawing, personation, picture, portrait, portraiture, limning, enactment, characterization.

railing: (*n*) balustrade, rail, barrier, guardrail, banister, fence, pale, paling, breastwork, handrail; (*adj, n*) invective.

scolding: (*n*) rebuke, lecture, castigation, admonition, reproof, objurgation, chiding, dressing,

jobation, scold, rating. ANTONYMS: (*n*) compliment, approval.

swoon: (*adj, n, v*) faint; (*adj, n*) collapse; (*n*) fainting, syncope, prostration, deliquium; (*v*) conk, black out, pass out, die; (*adj*) puff.

unspeakable jumble in the roadway rode a squadron of cavalry. The faded yellow of their facings shone bravely. There was a mighty altercation.

The artillery were assembling as if for a conference.

The blue haze of evening was upon the field. The lines of forest were long purple shadows. One cloud lay along the western sky partly **smothering** the red.

As the youth left the scene behind him, he heard the guns suddenly roar out. He imagined them shaking in black rage. They belched and howled like brass devils guarding a gate. The soft air was filled with the tremendous **remonstrance**. With it came the shattering **peal** of opposing infantry. Turning to look behind him, he could see sheets of orange light **illumine** the shadowy distance. There were subtle and sudden lightnings in the far air. At times he thought he could see heaving masses of men.

He hurried on in the dusk. The day had faded until he could barely distinguish place for his feet. The purple darkness was filled with men who lectured and jabbered. Sometimes he could see them **gesticulating** against the blue and **somber** sky. There seemed to be a great **ruck** of men and munitions spread about in the forest and in the fields.

The little narrow roadway now lay lifeless. There were overturned wagons like **sun-dried** bowlders. The bed of the former torrent was choked with the bodies of horses and splintered parts of war machines.

It had come to pass that his wound **pained** him but little. He was afraid to move rapidly, however, for a dread of disturbing it. He held his head very still and took many precautions against stumbling. He was filled with anxiety, and his face was pinched and drawn in anticipation of the pain of any sudden mistake of his feet in the gloom.

His thoughts, as he walked, fixed intently upon his hurt. There was a cool, liquid feeling about it and he imagined blood moving slowly down under his hair. His head seemed swollen to a size that made him think his neck to be inadequate.

Thesaurus

gesticulating: (*adj*) communicative.

illumine: (*v*) illuminate, enlighten, light, shine, light up, brighten, clarify, irradiate, elucidate, to illuminate; (*adj, v*) illumine.

pained: (*adj*) offended, aggrieved, distressed, displeased, sore, grieved, miserable, injured, wounded, worried, upset. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unaffected.

peal: (*n*) ding, noise, clang, dingdong, blast; (*v*) chime, knell, toll, echo; (*adj,*

n) swell; (*n, v*) bang.

remonstrance: (*n*) protest, expostulation, objection, dissuasion, censure, remonstratation, reprehension, admonition, monstrance, mediation, dehortation.

ruck: (*n, v*) pucker, gather, wrinkle, crinkle, crumple, fold; (*n*) crease, herd; (*v*) cockle, crimp, tuck.

smothering: (*adj*) choking, suffocative, suffocating, tight, sultry, breathless; (*adv*) smotheringly; (*v*) suffocate.

somber: (*adj*) gloomy, melancholy, solemn, dull, grave, drab, sober, dark, sullen, dim, dismal.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bright, funny, cheery, frivolous, fussy.

sun-dried: (*n*) sundry.

unspeakable: (*adj*) ineffable, dreadful, awful, terrible, inexpressible, nasty, horrible, atrocious, indefinable, shocking; (*adj, v*) unutterable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nice, wonderful, pleasant, good, lovely, bearable.

The new silence of his wound made much **worrimment**. The little blistering voices of pain that had called out from his scalp were, he thought, definite in their expression of danger. By them he believed he could measure his plight. But when they remained **ominously** silent he became frightened and imagined terrible fingers that clutched into his brain.

Amid it he began to reflect upon various incidents and conditions of the past. He bethought him of certain meals his mother had cooked at home, in which those dishes of which he was particularly fond had occupied prominent positions. He saw the spread table. The pine walls of the kitchen were glowing in the warm light from the stove. Too, he remembered how he and his companions used to go from the school-house to the bank of a shaded pool. He saw his clothes in **disorderly** array upon the grass of the bank. He felt the **swash** of the fragrant water upon his body. The leaves of the overhanging maple rustled with melody in the wind of youthful summer.

He was overcome presently by a dragging **weariness**. His head hung forward and his shoulders were stooped as if he were bearing a great bundle. His feet **shuffled** along the ground.

He held continuous arguments as to whether he should lie down and sleep at some near spot, or force himself on until he reached a certain haven. He often tried to dismiss the question, but his body persisted in rebellion and his senses nagged at him like **pampered** babies.

At last he heard a **cheery** voice near his shoulder: "Yeh seem t' be in a pretty bad way, boy?"

The youth did not look up, but he assented with thick tongue. "Uh!"

The owner of the cheery voice took him firmly by the arm. "Well," he said, with a round laugh, "I'm goin' your way. 'Th' hull gang is goin' your way. An' I guess I kin give yeh a lift." They began to walk like a drunken man and his friend.

As they went along, the man questioned the youth and assisted him with the replies like one manipulating the mind of a child. Sometimes he interjected

Thesaurus

cheery: (*adj*) bright, joyful, jovial, buoyant, sunny, gay, genial, glad, upbeat, vivacious, blithe.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sad, depressing, miserable, funereal, unwelcoming, unfriendly, serious, dull, downbeat, down, troubled.
disorderly: (*adj*) wild, disordered, chaotic, boisterous, jumbled, disorganized, unruly, rowdy, untidy, irregular; (*adj, v*) lawless.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) orderly, neat,

arranged, peaceful, organized, systematized, conforming, ordered, restrained, behaved, coherent.
ominously: (*adv*) inauspiciously, portentously, forbiddingly, balefully, threateningly, menacingly, blackly, direly; (*adj, adv*) gloomily, fatefully, unpromisingly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) favorably, innocently.
pampered: (*adj*) indulged, spoiled, soft, bad, fed luxuriously, luxurious.
shuffled: (*adj*) disorganized.

swash: (*v*) swagger, splatter, bluster, spatter, splash, boast, slosh, vaunt, flush; (*adj, v*) sprinkle; (*adj*) wash.
weariness: (*n*) exhaustion, tiredness, lassitude, languor, asthenopia, defatigation, grogginess, listlessness, boredom, ennui, prostration.
worrimment: (*n*) anxiety, worry, troublesomeness, awkwardness, distress, bother, trepidation, unwilldiness, flea bite, tension, problem.

anecdotes. "What reg'ment do yeh b'long teh? Eh? What 's that? Th' 304th N' York? Why, what corps is that in? Oh, it is? Why, I thought they wasn't engaged t'-day - they 're 'way over in th' **center**. Oh, they was, eh? Well pretty nearly everybody got their share 'a fightin' t'-day. By dad, I give myself up fer dead any number 'a times. There was shootin' here an' shootin' there, an' hollerin' here an' hollerin' there, in th' damn' darkness, until I couldn't tell t' save m' soul which side I was on. Sometimes I thought I was sure 'nough from Ohier, an' other times I could 'a swore I was from th' bitter end of Florida. It was th' most mixed up dern thing I ever see. An' these here hull woods is a reg'lar mess. It 'll be a miracle if we find our reg'ments t'-night. Pretty soon, though, we 'll meet a-plenty of guards an' provost-guards, an' one thing an' another. Ho! there they go with an off'cer, I guess. Look at his hand a-draggin'. He 's got all th' war he **wants**, I bet. He won't be talkin' so big about his reputation an' all when they go t' sawin' off his leg. Poor feller! My brother 's got **whiskers** jest like that. How did yeh git 'way over here, anyhow? Your reg'ment is a long way from here, ain't it? Well, I guess we can find it. Yeh know there was a boy killed in my comp'ny t'-day that I thought th' world an' all of. Jack was a nice feller. By **ginger**, it hurt like thunder t' see ol' Jack jest git knocked flat. We was a-standin' purty **peaceable** fer a spell, 'though there was men runnin' ev'ry way all 'round us, an' while we was a-standin' like that, 'long come a big fat feller. He began t' **peck** at Jack's elbow, an' he ses: 'Say, where 's th' road t' th' river?' An' Jack, he never paid no attention, an' th' feller kept on a-peckin' at his elbow an' sayin': 'Say, where 's th' road t' th' river?' Jack was a-lookin' ahead all th' time tryin' t' see th' Johnnies comin' through th' woods, an' he never paid no attention t' this big fat feller fer a long time, but at last he turned 'round an' he ses: 'Ah, go t' hell an' find th' road t' th' river!' An' jest then a shot **slapped** him bang on th' side th' head. He was a sergeant, too. Them was his last words. Thunder, I wish we was sure 'a findin' our reg'ments t'-night. It 's goin' t' be long huntin'. But I guess we kin do it."

In the search which followed, the man of the cheery voice seemed to the youth to possess a **wand** of a magic kind. He threaded the mazes of the **tangled** forest with a strange fortune. In encounters with guards and patrols he

Thesaurus

center: (*n, v*) centre, focus; (*adj, n*) middle; (*n*) heart, core, pivot, midst, kernel, substance, seat; (*v*) concentrate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) edge, outside, exterior, circumference; (*adj, n*) border; (*adj*) extreme, right, left; (*v*) scatter, dissipate, disperse.
ginger: (*n*) fire, pep, galangal, vim, zest, zing, courage; (*adj*) gingery, auburn, carrotty, red.
peaceable: (*adj*) gentle, calm, pacific, amicable, quiet, friendly, inoffensive,

moderate, meek, serene; (*adj, v*) peaceful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) argumentative, belligerent, intemperate, quarrelsome, crooked, disruptive, harsh, disordered.
peck: (*n, v*) nibble; (*v*) beak, pick, kiss, pick up; (*n*) pile, plenty, mass, slew, lot, mint.
slapped: (*adj*) mistreated.
tangled: (*adj*) involved, complex, knotted, intricate, complicated, entangled, knotty, convoluted,

disheveled, tousled, matted.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, straightforward, untangled, neat, simple.
wand: (*n, v*) stick, rod; (*n*) scepter, verge, mace, pole, baton, sceptre, fasces, rod of empire; (*v*) staff.
wants: (*n*) need, necessities.
whiskers: (*n*) fuzz, goatee, hair, imperial, face fungus, beaver, mustache, moustache, sideburns, facial hair, sideboards.

displayed the **keenness** of a detective and the valor of a **gamin**. Obstacles fell before him and became of assistance. The youth, with his chin still on his breast, stood **woodenly** by while his companion beat ways and means out of sullen things.

The forest seemed a vast hive of men buzzing about in frantic circles, but the cheery man conducted the youth without mistakes, until at last he began to chuckle with glee and self-satisfaction. "Ah, there yeh are! See that fire?"

The youth nodded **stupidly**.

"Well, there 's where your reg'ment is. An' now, good-by, ol' boy, good luck t' yeh."

A warm and strong hand clasped the youth's **languid** fingers for an instant, and then he heard a cheerful and **audacious** whistling as the man strode away. As he who had so befriended him was thus passing out of his life, it suddenly occurred to the youth that he had not once seen his face.

Thesaurus

audacious: (*adj*) brash, arrogant, barefaced, bold, daring, impudent, intrepid, brave, shameless, enterprising, insolent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) modest, timid, cautious, polite, reserved, meek, humble, fearful, discreet, respectful.

displayed: (*adj*) extendant, expanded, splay.

gamin: (*n*) ragamuffin, guttersnipe, throwaway, bootblack, flyer, imp, street Arab, circular, broadside, boy,

blackguard.

keenness: (*n*) ardor, eagerness, enthusiasm, acumen, sharpness, zeal, acuity, quickness, diligence, fervor; (*n, v*) edge. ANTONYMS: (*n*) unwillingness, dullness, indifference, faintness, dislike, patience, reluctance.

languid: (*adj*) lazy, dull, indolent, feeble, lethargic, lackadaisical, sluggish, faint, torpid, inert, apathetic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) active,

lively, exciting, vigorous.

stupidly: (*adv*) dully, thickly, obtusely, senselessly, fatuously, slowly, insanelly, unwisely, doltishly, crassly, densely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) shrewdly, brightly, sensibly, wisely, sensitively, prudently, carefully.

woodenly: (*adv*) clumsily, gracelessly, ungracefully, ineptly, stiffly, ungraciously, without graciousness, woody, rigidly, expressionlessly, stiltedly.

CHAPTER 13

THE YOUTH went slowly toward the fire **indicated** by his departed friend. As he reeled, he bethought him of the welcome his comrades would give him. He had a conviction that he would soon feel in his sore heart the **barbed** missiles of **ridicule**. He had no strength to **invent** a tale; he would be a soft target.

He made vague plans to go off into the deeper darkness and hide, but they were all destroyed by the voices of exhaustion and pain from his body. His ailments, clamoring, forced him to seek the place of food and rest, at whatever cost.

He swung unsteadily toward the fire. He could see the forms of men throwing black shadows in the red light, and as he went nearer it became known to him in some way that the ground was **strewn** with sleeping men.

Of a sudden he confronted a black and **monstrous** figure. A rifle barrel caught some **glinting** beams. "Halt! halt!" He was **dismayed** for a moment, but he presently thought that he recognized the nervous voice. As he stood tottering before the rifle barrel, he called out: "Why, hello, Wilson, you--you here?"

The rifle was lowered to a position of caution and the loud soldier came slowly forward. He peered into the youth's face. "That you, Henry?"

"Yes, it's--it's me."

Thesaurus

barbed: (*adj*) mordant, thorny, sharp, pungent, caustic, spiny, cutting, acrid, spiteful, acid; (*v*) barded.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) smooth.

dismayed: (*adj*) aghast, shocked, horrified, startled, discouraged, disheartened, upset, downhearted, afraid, downcast, dejected.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) composed, enthusiastic, happy, unabashed, cheerful.

glinting: (*adj*) glittering, scintillating,

lustrous, aglitter, fulgid, glitter, coruscant, sparkly, bright, bubbling, luminous.

indicated: (*adj*) numbered.

invent: (*v*) devise, form, create, excogitate, concoct, imagine, contrive; (*n, v*) forge, fabricate, design, coin.

monstrous: (*adj*) huge, atrocious, heinous, monster, immense, gigantic, grievous, ugly, flagitious, dreadful; (*adj, v*) grotesque. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

tiny, minute, beautiful, good, small, lovely, attractive.

ridicule: (*n, v*) laugh at, deride, banter, insult, taunt, scorn, scoff; (*n*) derision, mockery; (*adj, n*) irony; (*v*) jeer.

ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) praise, respect; (*v*) approve; (*n*) approval, admiration.

strewn: (*adj*) spread, distributed, disordered, strewed, confused, covered, diffuse, disconnected, disjointed, circulated, dispersed.

"Well, well, ol' boy," said the other, "by ginger, I'm glad t' see yeh! I give yeh up fer a goner. I thought yeh was dead sure enough." There was **husky** emotion in his voice.

The youth found that now he could barely stand upon his feet. There was a sudden **sinking** of his forces. He thought he must **hasten** to produce his tale to protect him from the missiles already on the lips of his redoubtable comrades. So, **staggering** before the loud soldier, he began: "Yes, yes. I've--I've had an awful time. I've been all over. Way over on th' right. Ter'ble fightin' over there. I had an awful time. I got separated from the reg'ment. Over on th' right, I got shot. In th' head. I never see sech fightin'. Awful time. I don't see how I could a' got separated from th' reg'ment. I got shot, too."

His friend had **stepped** forward quickly. "What? Got shot? Why didn't yeh say so first? Poor ol' boy, we must--hol' on a minnit; what am I doin'. I'll call Simpson."

Another figure at that moment loomed in the gloom. They could see that it was the **corporal**. "Who yeh talkin' to, Wilson?" he demanded. His voice was anger-**toned**. "Who yeh talkin' to? Yeh th' derndest sentinel--why--hello, Henry, you here? Why, I thought you was dead four hours ago! Great Jerusalem, they keep turnin' up every ten minutes or so! We thought we'd lost forty-two men by straight count, but if they keep on a-comin' this way, we'll git th' comp'ny all back by mornin' yit. Where was yeh?"

"Over on th' right. I got separated"--began the youth with considerable **glibness**.

But his friend had interrupted hastily. "Yes, an' he got shot in th' head an' he's in a fix, an' we must see t' him right away." He **rested** his **rifle** in the hollow of his left arm and his right around the youth's shoulder.

"Gee, it must hurt like thunder!" he said.

The youth leaned heavily upon his friend. "Yes, it hurts--hurts a good deal," he replied. There was a faltering in his voice.

Thesaurus

corporal: (*adj*) bodily, carnal, physical, animal, somatic, bodied, collective, embodied; (*adv*) fleshly; (*n*) noncom, sergeant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mental, intangible, cerebral.
glibness: (*n*) superficiality, ease, smoothness, facility, hypocrisy, slickness, confidence. ANTONYM: (*n*) hesitancy.
hasten: (*adj, n, v*) speed, quicken; (*v*) expedite, advance, hurry, hie, dash, rush; (*n, v*) further, forward,

dispatch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) linger, retard, amble.
husky: (*adj*) hoarse, gruff, burly, big, dry, raucous, beefy, strapping, brawny, sturdy; (*n*) Eskimo dog. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) high, puny, small, smooth, soft.
rested: (*adj*) comfortable.
rifle: (*v*) plunder, pillage, despoil, loot, ransack, steal, foray, reave, take; (*n*) gun, firearm.
sinking: (*n*) sinkage, settling, fall,

descent, foundering, depression, immersion, submersion, submergence; (*v*) decrease, decline. ANTONYM: (*adj*) rising.
staggering: (*adj*) astounding, amazing, incredible, inconceivable, prodigious, marvelous, startling, ghastly, shocking, remarkable, extraordinary. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unremarkable, normal, lovely, comforting.
stepped: (*v*) advanced, gone, stopen.
toned: (*adj*) pastel.

"Oh," said the corporal. He linked his arm in the youth's and drew him forward. "Come on, Henry. I'll take keer 'a yeh."

As they went on together the loud private called out after them: "Put 'im t' sleep in my blanket, Simpson. An'--hol' on a minnit --here's my canteen. It's full 'a coffee. Look at his head by th' fire an' see how it looks. Maybe it's a pretty bad un. When I git relieved in a couple 'a minnits, I'll be over an' see t' him."

The youth's senses were so **deadened** that his friend's voice sounded from afar and he could scarcely feel the pressure of the corporal's arm. He submitted **passively** to the latter's directing strength. His head was in the old manner hanging forward upon his breast. His knees wobbled.

The corporal led him into the **glare** of the fire. "Now, Henry," he said, "let's have look at yer ol' head."

The youth sat **obediently** and the corporal, laying aside his rifle, began to **fumble** in the **bushy** hair of his comrade. He was obliged to turn the other's head so that the full flush of the fire light would beam upon it. He **puckered** his mouth with a critical air. He drew back his lips and whistled through his teeth when his fingers came in contact with the splashed blood and the rare wound.

"Ah, here we are!" he said. He awkwardly made further investigations. "Jest as I thought," he added, presently. "Yeh've been grazed by a ball. It's raised a queer lump jest as if some feller had lammed yeh on th' head with a club. It stopped a-bleedin' long time ago. Th' most about it is that in th' mornin' yeh'll fell that a number ten hat wouldn't fit yeh. An' your head'll be all het up an' feel as dry as burnt pork. An' yeh may git a lot 'a other sicknesses, too, by mornin'. Yeh can't never tell. Still, I don't much think so. It's jest a damn' good belt on th' head, an' nothin' more. Now, you jest sit here an' don't move, while I go **roust** out th' relief. Then I'll send Wilson t' take keer 'a yeh."

The corporal went away. The youth remained on the ground like a parcel. He stared with a vacant look into the fire.

After a time he aroused, for some part, and the things about him began to take form. He saw that the ground in the deep shadows was cluttered with men,

Thesaurus

bushy: (*adj*) dense, shagged, shaggy, hairy, bearded, brushy, gross, bushies, pilous, pappous, hispid.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bald, neat, unhealthy, tidy, thin, sparse, sleek.

deadened: (*adj*) dead, numb, numbed, without sensation, duller, unfeeling, under, frozen, insensible, insensitive, knocked out.

fumble: (*n, v*) muff; (*v*) botch, grope, feel, flounder, finger, paw, bobble, touch; (*adj, v*) blunder; (*adj*) boggle.

glare: (*n*) glance, brilliance, radiance, brightness; (*n, v*) glower, flash, shine, scowl, beam, frown; (*v*) flame.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) dullness, dimness.

obediently: (*adv*) dutifully, yieldingly, compliantly, meekly, acquiescently, respectfully, tamely, subserviently, passively, loyally, devotedly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) defiantly, assertively, wildly.

passively: (*adv*) inactively, inertly, quiescently, unresistingly, patiently,

acquiescently, compliantly, meekly, tamely, dormantly, dutifully.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) vigorously, actively, assertively, defiantly.

puckered: (*adj*) corrugated, wrinkly, unsmooth, rough, inflated, furrowed, cockled, bullate, creased.

roust: (*adj, n, v*) defeat; (*n, v*) discomfiture, overthrow, discomfit; (*v*) conquer, overpower, overcome, crush, beat, overwhelm; (*n*) flight.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) lose, surrender.

sprawling in every conceivable posture. Glancing narrowly into the more distant darkness, he caught occasional glimpses of visages that loomed pallid and ghostly, lit with a **phosphorescent** glow. These faces expressed in their lines the deep **stupor** of the tired soldiers. They made them appear like men drunk with wine. This bit of forest might have appeared to an ethereal **wanderer** as a scene of the result of some frightful debauch.

On the other side of the fire the youth observed an officer asleep, seated bolt upright, with his back against a tree. There was something perilous in his position. Badgered by dreams, perhaps, he swayed with little bounces and starts, like an old, toddy-stricken grandfather in a chimney corner. Dust and stains were upon his face. His lower jaw hung down as if lacking strength to assume its normal position. He was the picture of an exhausted soldier after a feast of war.

He had evidently gone to sleep with his sword in his arms. These two had **slumbered** in an embrace, but the weapon had been allowed in time to fall **unheeded** to the ground. The brass-mounted hilt lay in contact with some parts of the fire.

Within the gleam of rose and orange light from the burning sticks were other soldiers, snoring and heaving, or lying **deathlike** in slumber. A few pairs of legs were stuck forth, rigid and straight. The shoes displayed the mud or dust of marches and bits of rounded trousers, protruding from the blankets, showed rents and tears from hurried pitchings through the dense brambles.

The fire cackled musically. From it swelled light smoke. Overhead the foliage moved softly. The leaves, with their faces turned toward the blaze, were **colored** shifting hues of silver, often edged with red. Far off to the right, through a window in the forest could be seen a handful of **stars** lying, like glittering pebbles, on the black level of the night.

Occasionally, in this low-arched hall, a soldier would arouse and turn his body to a new position, the experience of his sleep having taught him of uneven and objectionable places upon the ground under him. Or, perhaps, he would lift himself to a sitting posture, blink at the fire for an **unintelligent** moment, throw

Thesaurus

colored: (*adj*) chromatic, black, tinged, tinted, colorful, dyed, coloured, partial, dark, bleached, biased.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) truthful, white, uncolored, unbiased, pale, objective, honest, genuine, real.
deathlike: (*adj*) deadly, deathly, ghastly, dead, cadaverous, thanatoid, ghostly, pale; (*v*) awful, soft, solemn.
phosphorescent: (*adj*) bright, light, glowing, fluorescent, phosphoreous; (*v*) meteoric, in a blaze, ablaze,

blazing, rutilant, reluctant.
slumber: (*n, v*) rest, doze, snooze, nap, drowse, repose, catnap; (*v*) be asleep, kip, take a nap; (*n*) siesta.
stars: (*n*) heavenly bodies, fate.
stupor: (*n*) lethargy, stupefaction, coma, shock, insensibility, unconsciousness, trance, sluggishness, torpor, haze, grogginess. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) alertness, awareness, wakefulness.
unheeded: (*adj*) unnoticed, neglected,

disregarded, ignored; (*v*) unthought of, unseen, unperceived, unobserved, unnoted, unmarked, unmissed.
unintelligent: (*adj*) dull, silly, senseless, foolish, mindless, brainless, idiotic, inane, shallow, stolid, thick.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intelligent, bright, clever, wise, confident, sensible.
wanderer: (*n*) vagabond, roamer, tramp, nomad, drifter, traveler, wayfarer, stranger, hobo, traveller; (*n, v*) rambler.

a swift glance at his **prostrate** companion, and then **cuddle** down again with a **grunt** of sleepy content.

The youth sat in a forlorn heap until his friend the loud young soldier came, swinging two canteens by their light strings. "Well, now, Henry, ol' boy," said the latter, "we'll have yeh fixed up in jest about a minnit."

He had the **bustling** ways of an amateur nurse. He **fussed** around the fire and stirred the sticks to brilliant exertions. He made his patient drink largely from the canteen that contained the coffee. It was to the youth a delicious draught. He tilted his head afar back and held the canteen long to his lips. The cool mixture went **caressingly** down his **blistered** throat. Having finished, he sighed with comfortable delight.

The loud young soldier watched his comrade with an air of satisfaction. He later produced an extensive handkerchief from his pocket. He folded it into a manner of bandage and **soused** water from the other canteen upon the middle of it. This crude arrangement he bound over the youth's head, **tying** the ends in a queer knot at the back of the neck.

"There," he said, moving off and surveying his deed, "yeh look like th' devil, but I bet yeh feel better."

The youth contemplated his friend with grateful eyes. Upon his aching and swelling head the cold cloth was like a tender woman's hand.

"Yeh don't holler ner say nothin'," remarked his friend **approvingly**. "I know I'm a blacksmith at **takin'** keer 'a sick folks, an' yeh never squeaked. Yer a good un, Henry. Most 'a men would a' been in th' hospital long ago. A shot in th' head ain't foolin' business."

The youth made no reply, but began to fumble with the buttons of his jacket.

"Well, come, now," continued his friend, "come on. I must put yeh t' bed an' see that yeh git a good night's rest."

The other got carefully erect, and the loud young soldier led him among the sleeping forms lying in groups and rows. Presently he stooped and picked up

Thesaurus

approvingly: (*adv*) approving, approve, sympathetically, kindly, positively, constructively, admiringly, deferentially, enthusiastically, flattering, encouragingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) censoriously, negatively.
blistered: (*adj*) scalded, scorched.
bustling: (*adj*) lively, busy, boisterous, buzzing, brisk, alive, vibrant, noisy, tumultuous; (*v*) stirring, full of incident. ANTONYM: (*adj*) inactive.

caressingly: (*adv*) caressively, kissingly.
cuddle: (*n, v*) snuggle, nestle, caress, squeeze, stroke; (*v*) clasp, embrace, nuzzle, clinch, fondle; (*n*) embracement. ANTONYM: (*v*) shrink.
fussed: (*adj*) upset.
grunt: (*v*) growl, croak, mutter, complain, murmur, moan, clamor, mumble; (*n, v*) cry; (*n*) groan, cottonwick.

prostrate: (*adj, v*) prone, exhaust, level, fatigue; (*v*) fell, overwhelm, overcome, floor, overthrow; (*adj*) deject, knock down. ANTONYM: (*adj*) upright.
soused: (*adj*) wet, tipsy, tight, pickled, loaded, besotted, dunked, intoxicated, laden, laden, lactating.
takin: (*n*) gnu goat, goat antelope.
tying: (*n*) ligation, bundling, attachment, knotting, lacing; (*adj*) binding; (*v*) restrict.

his blankets. He spread the rubber one upon the ground and placed the **woolen** one about the youth's shoulders.

"There now," he said, "lie down an' git some sleep."

The youth, with his manner of doglike obedience, got carefully down like a **crone** stooping. He stretched out with a murmur of relief and comfort. The ground felt like the softest couch.

But of a sudden he ejaculated: "Hol' on a minnit! Where you goin' t' sleep?"

His friend waved his hand impatiently. "Right down there by yeh."

"Well, but hol' on a minnit," continued the youth. "What yeh goin' t' sleep in? I've got your--"

The loud young soldier **sarled**: "Shet up an' go on t' sleep. Don't be makin' a damn' fool 'a yerself," he said severely.

After the **reproof** the youth said no more. An exquisite **drowsiness** had spread through him. The warm comfort of the blanket **enveloped** him and made a gentle languor. His head fell forward on his crooked arm and his weighted lids went softly down over his eyes. Hearing a **splatter** of musketry from the distance, he wondered **indifferently** if those men sometimes slept. He gave a long sigh, **snuggled** down into his blanket, and in a moment was like his comrades.

Thesaurus

crone: (*n*) beldam, beldame, hag, grandmother, old woman, crony, witch.

drowsiness: (*n*) sleepiness, lethargy, dullness, doziness, laziness, somnolency, inertia, drowse, lassitude, languor, sluggishness. ANTONYM: (*n*) alertness.

enveloped: (*adj*) convoluted, enclosed, cover, bounded, Byzantine, clothed, involved, misty, swallowed, vested, emotionally involved.

indifferently: (*adv*) carelessly, coldly, nonchalantly, listlessly, unconcernedly, uninterestedly, neutrally, middlingly, casually, unbiassedly, disinterestedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) passionately, obsessively, carefully, eagerly, energetically, warmly, anxiously, enthusiastically, sympathetically. **reproof**: (*n, v*) reprimand, censure, rebuke, lecture; (*n*) reproach, admonition, reprehension, blame,

condemnation, objurcation, castigation.

sarled: (*adj*) tangled, gnarly, knobbed, complex, twisted, snarly, gnarled, matted, untidy, knotty.

snuggled: (*n*) contraband goods.

splatter: (*v*) spill, slop, slosh, dash, swash; (*n, v*) splash, plash, sputter; (*n*) splutter, spray, dab.

woolen: (*adj, n*) woollen; (*n*) fleece, tweed, fabric, cloth, woolen goods; (*adj*) woolly.

CHAPTER 14

WHEN THE youth **awoke** it seemed to him that he had been asleep for a thousand years, and he felt sure that he opened his eyes upon an unexpected world. Gray mists were slowly shifting before the first efforts of the sun rays. An impending **splendor** could be seen in the eastern sky. An icy dew had chilled his face, and immediately upon arousing he curled farther down into his blanket. He stared for a while at the leaves overhead, moving in a **heraldic** wind of the day.

The distance was **splintering** and **blaring** with the noise of fighting. There was in the sound an expression of a deadly persistency, as if it had not began and was not to cease.

About him were the rows and groups of men that he had dimly seen the previous night. They were getting a last draught of sleep before the awakening. The gaunt, **careworn** features and dusty figures were made plain by this quaint light at the **dawning**, but it dressed the skin of the men in corpse-like hues and made the tangled limbs appear **pulseless** and dead. The youth started up with a little cry when his eyes first swept over this motionless mass of men, thick-spread upon the ground, pallid, and in strange postures. His disordered mind interpreted the hall of the forest as a **charnel** place. He believed for an instant that he was in the house of the dead, and he did not dare to move lest these corpses start up, **squalling** and **squawking**. In a second, however, he achieved

Thesaurus

awoke: (*adj*) awakened.

blaring: (*adj*) loud, raucous, forceful, piercing, clarion, riotous, rowdy, shrill; (*n*) blare, din, clamor.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleasant, gentle.

careworn: (*adj*) tired, drawn, worn, weary, harassed, under pressure, wan, pinched, stressed, fraught, bony. ANTONYM: (*adj*) relaxed.

charnel: (*adj*) carnal, sepulchral, ghastly; (*n*) burial vault, cemetery, charnel house.

dawning: (*n*) daybreak, sunrise, start, beginning, aurora, cockcrow, dayspring, morning, birth, first light, break of day. ANTONYM: (*n*) sunset.

heraldic: (*adj*) communicative, communicatory.

pulseless: (*adj*) inanimate, dead, breathless, nonliving, dyspnoeic, dyspnoeal, dyspneic, dyspneal, breathtaking, appearing dead.

splendor: (*adj, n, v*) brilliancy; (*n*) magnificence, pomp, sheen, lustre,

luster, glory, ostentation, glitter; (*n, v*) brightness; (*adj, n*) radiance.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) dullness, ordinariness, paucity, austerity, understatement, shabbiness, simplicity, unattractiveness.

splintering: (*n*) crack, chipping, break, breakage, breaking, buffalo chip, check, chip shot, bit, cow chip, cow dung.

squalling: (*adj*) unquiet.

squawking: (*adj*) hoarse.

his proper mind. He swore a complicated oath at himself. He saw that this somber picture was not a fact of the present, but a mere prophecy.

He heard then the noise of a fire crackling briskly in the cold air, and, turning his head, he saw his friend **pottering** busily about a small blaze. A few other figures moved in the fog, and he heard the hard cracking of axe blows.

Suddenly there was a hollow rumble of **drums**. A distant **bugle** sang faintly. Similar sounds, varying in strength, came from near and far over the forest. The bugles called to each other like **brazen** gamecocks. The near thunder of the regimental drums rolled.

The body of men in the woods rustled. There was a general **uplifting** of heads. A murmuring of voices broke upon the air. In it there was much bass of grumbling oaths. Strange gods were addressed in condemnation of the early hours necessary to correct war. An officer's peremptory tenor rang out and quickened the stiffened movement of the men. The tangled limbs **unraveled**. The corpse-hued faces were hidden behind fists that twisted slowly in the eye sockets.

The youth sat up and gave vent to an enormous yawn. "Thunder!" he remarked **petulantly**. He rubbed his eyes, and then putting up his hand felt carefully the bandage over his wound. His friend, perceiving him to be awake, came from the fire. "Well, Henry, ol' man, how do yeh feel this mornin'?" he demanded.

The youth yawned again. Then he **puckered** his mouth to a little pucker. His head, in truth, felt precisely like a melon, and there was an unpleasant sensation at his stomach.

"Oh, Lord, I feel pretty bad," he said.

"Thunder!" exclaimed the other. "I hoped ye'd feel all right this mornin'. Let's see th' bandage--I guess it's slipped." He began to **tinker** at the wound in rather a clumsy way until the youth exploded.

"Gosh-dern it!" he said in sharp irritation; "you're the hangdest man I ever saw! You wear muffs on your hands. Why in good thunderation can't you be

Thesaurus

brazen: (*adj*) audacious, impudent, brassy, insolent, bold, brash, impertinent, blatant, flagrant, forward, saucy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shy, abashed, prudish, reserved, quiet, discreet, respectful, ashamed, veiled, modest.

bugle: (*v*) trumpet, clarion, pibroch, slogan; (*n*) horn, ophicleide, trombone, herb, cornopean, cornet, bugleweed.

drums: (*n*) drumming.

petulantly: (*adv*) testily, impatiently, sulkily, querulously, pettishly, irritably, snappishly, morosely, tetchily, crossly, sullenly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, lightly.

pottering: (*adj*) movement, fussy, fidgety, bustle, ado, bother, stir; (*n*) fidgetiness, dalliance, idleness.

pucker: (*n, v*) wrinkle, fold, gather, ruckle; (*v*) crumple, crinkle, furrow, plait, purse, knit, rumple.

ANTONYM: (*v*) smooth.

tinker: (*v*) monkey, fiddle, putter, mess around, toy, tamper, vamp; (*n*) cobbler, mender, Scomber japonicus, chub mackerel.

unraveled: (*adj*) tattered, ragged, worn.

uplifting: (*n*) ascent, exaltation, edification, upbuoyance; (*adj*) heartening, healing, gratifying, exhilarating, exalted, curative, cheering. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) deadly, ridiculous, heartbreaking.

more easy? I'd rather you'd stand off an' throw guns at it. Now, go slow, an' don't act as if you was nailing down carpet."

He glared with insolent command at his friend, but the latter answered soothingly. "Well, well, come now, an' git some grub," he said. "Then, maybe, yeh'll feel better."

At the **fireside** the loud young soldier watched over his comrade's wants with tenderness and care. He was very busy **marshaling** the little black vagabonds of tin **cups** and pouring into them the streaming iron colored mixture from a small and sooty tin **pail**. He had some fresh meat, which he **roasted** hurriedly on a stick. He sat down then and contemplated the youth's appetite with glee.

The youth took note of a remarkable change in his comrade since those days of camp life upon the river bank. He seemed no more to be continually regarding the proportions of his personal prowess. He was not furious at small words that pricked his conceits. He was no more a loud young soldier. There was about him now a fine reliance. He showed a quiet belief in his purposes and his abilities. And this inward confidence evidently enabled him to be indifferent to little words of other men aimed at him.

The youth reflected. He had been used to regarding his comrade as a blatant child with an audacity grown from his inexperience, thoughtless, **headstrong**, jealous, and filled with a **tinsel** courage. A **swaggering** babe accustomed to **strut** in his own dooryard. The youth wondered where had been born these new eyes; when his comrade had made the great discovery that there were many men who would refuse to be subjected by him. Apparently, the other had now climbed a peak of wisdom from which he could perceive himself as a very wee thing. And the youth saw that ever after it would be easier to live in his friend's **neighborhood**.

His comrade balanced his ebony coffee-cup on his knee. "Well, Henry," he said, "what d'yeh think th' chances are? D'yeh think we'll wallop 'em?"

Thesaurus

cups: (*n*) plates, dishes, dishware, tableware.

fireside: (*n*) fireplace, home, family, habitation, dwelling, abode, domicile, country, dwelling house, fire, habitat.

headstrong: (*adj*) intractable, dogged, obstinate, disobedient, unruly, willful, wayward, froward, rash, headlong; (*adj, v*) ungovernable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tractable, compliant, amenable, docile, malleable, agreeable, cautious.

marshaling: (*n*) economic mobilisation, assemblage, assembly, economic mobilization, gathering.

neighborhood: (*n*) vicinity, district, area, community, locality, place, quarter, environs, section; (*adj*) neighboring, local.

pail: (*n*) bucketful, jug, tub, pailful, cannikin, pails, skeel, tankard, pot, pipkin, vessel.

roasted: (*adj*) fried, baked.

strut: (*adj, n, v*) swagger; (*n, v*) stalk,

prance, stride, support; (*n*) buttress, brace, prop; (*v*) parade, boast, cock. ANTONYM: (*v*) conceal.

swaggering: (*adj*) hectoring, swashbuckling, supercilious, sniffy, boastful, lordly, disdainful, prideful; (*v*) swagger; (*n*) boasting, bravado. ANTONYM: (*adj*) insecure.

tinsel: (*adj, n*) frippery, finery; (*adj, v*) meretricious; (*v*) gloss; (*adj*) gaudy, trumpery, tawdry, showy; (*n*) gimcrack, gewgaw, clinquant.

The youth considered for a moment. "Day-b'fore-yesterday," he finally replied, with **boldness**, "you would 'a' bet you'd lick the hull kit-an'-boodle all by yourself."

His friend looked a trifle amazed. "Would I?" he asked. He pondered. "Well, perhaps I would," he decided at last. He stared **humbly** at the fire.

The youth was quite **disconcerted** at this surprising reception of his remarks. "Oh, no, you wouldn't either," he said, hastily trying to **retrace**.

But the other made a **deprecating** gesture. "Oh, yeh needn't mind, Henry," he said. "I believe I was a pretty big fool in those days." He spoke as after a lapse of years.

There was a little pause.

"All th' officers say we've got th' rebs in a pretty tight box," said the friend, clearing his throat in a commonplace way. "They all seem t' think we've got 'em jest where we want 'em."

"I don't know about that," the youth replied. "What I seen over on th' right makes me think it was th' other way about. From where I was, it looked as if we was gettin' a good poundin' yestirday."

"D'yeh think so?" inquired the friend. "I thought we handled 'em pretty rough yestirday."

"Not a bit," said the youth. "Why, lord, man, you didn't see nothing of the fight. Why!" Then a sudden thought came to him. "Oh! Jim Conklin's dead."

His friend started. "What? Is he? Jim Conklin?"

The youth spoke slowly. "Yes. He's dead. Shot in th' side."

"Yeh don't say so. Jim Conklin. . .poor cuss!"

All about them were other small fires surrounded by men with their little black **utensils**. From one of these near came sudden sharp voices in a row. It appeared that two **light-footed** soldiers had been teasing a huge, **bearded** man, causing him to spill coffee upon his blue **knees**. The man had gone into a rage and had sworn comprehensively. Stung by his language, his tormentors had

Thesaurus

bearded: (*adj*) barbate, awny, whiskered, hairy, aristate, coniform, calamiform, gladiate, pilous, shagged, echinate.

boldness: (*n*) prowess, face, daring, valor, nerve, assurance, heroism, audaciousness, spirit, cheek, valour. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, shyness, timidity, meekness, reticence.

deprecating: (*adj*) deprecatory, belittling, ironic, deprecative, slighting, deadpan, critical, captious,

deprecatory, depreciative, insulting.

disconcerted: (*adj*) confused, confounded, bewildered, blank, embarrassed, disturbed, troubled, worried, ashamed, discombobulated, bemused. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) composed, soothed, unabashed, relaxed.

humbly: (*adv*) lowly, meanly, modestly, submissively, low, shyly, lowlily, naturally, regretfully, remorsefully, repentantly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) conceitedly, haughtily, pompously, ostentatiously, unrepentantly, affluently, brashly, pretentiously.

knees: (*n*) knee.

light-footed: (*adj*) light, rapid.

retrace: (*v*) recollect, recall, trace, etymologize, recognize, construct, call up, bethink oneself, speculate; (*n, v*) reconsider; (*n*) flyback.

utensils: (*n*) gear, equipment, tackle, apparatus, hardware.

immediately **bristled** at him with a great show of resenting **unjust** oaths. Possibly there was going to be a fight.

The friend **arose** and went over to them, making pacific motions with his arms. "Oh, here, now, boys, what's th' use?" he said. "We'll be at th' rebs in less'n an hour. What's th' good fightin' 'mong ourselves?"

One of the light-footed soldiers turned upon him red-faced and violent. "Yeh needn't come around here with yer preachin'. I s'pose yeh don't approve 'a fightin' since Charley Morgan licked yeh; but I don't see what business this here is 'a **yours** or anybody else."

"Well, it ain't," said the friend mildly. "Still I hate t' see--"

There was a tangled argument.

"Well, he--," said the two, indicating their opponent with **accusative** forefingers.

The huge soldier was quite purple with rage. He pointed at the two soldiers with his great hand, extended clawlike. "Well, they--"

But during this **argumentative** time the desire to deal blows seemed to pass, although they said much to each other. Finally the friend returned to his old seat. In a short while the three antagonists could be seen together in an **amiable** bunch.

"Jimmie Rogers ses I'll have t' fight him after th' battle t'-day," announced the friend as he again seated himself. "He ses he don't allow no interferin' in his business. I hate t' see th' boys fightin' 'mong themselves."

The youth laughed. "Yer changed a good bit. Yeh ain't at all like yeh was. I remember when you an' that Irish feller--" He stopped and laughed again.

"No, I didn't use t' be that way," said his friend thoughtfully. "That's true 'nough."

"Well, I didn't mean--" began the youth.

The friend made another **deprecatory** gesture. "Oh, yeh needn't mind, Henry."

Thesaurus

accusative: (*n*) objective case, accusative case; (*adj*) accusing, accusive, objective, inculpative, inculpatory.

amiable: (*adj*) friendly, genial, agreeable, benign, complaisant, sweet, cordial, pleasant, likable, nice, lovely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disagreeable, argumentative, aggressive, antisocial, unkind, hateful, mean, quarrelsome, rude, surly, cold.

argumentative: (*adj*) quarrelsome, litigious, controversial, cantankerous, combative, forensic, hostile, polemic, disputative, contrary, ratiocinative. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) amiable, friendly, agreeable, conciliatory, passive, gentle.

arose: (*v*) happen, occur.

bristled: (*adj*) briary, briery, barbed, bristling, burry, biting, burred, echinated, horrent, prickly, spiny.

deprecatory: (*adj*) deprecating,

deprecatory, belittling, expostulatory, intercessory, mediatorial, apologetic, pejorative, slighting, depreciative; (*adj, v*) derogatory.

unjust: (*adj*) partial, injurious, wrong, inequitable, unrighteous, wicked, foul, wrongful, improper, unmerited, unjustified. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) just, equitable, rightful, reasonable, good.

yours: (*adj*) own.

There was another little pause.

"Th' reg'ment lost over half th' men yestirday," remarked the friend **eventually**. "I thought 'a **course** they was all **dead**, but, **laws**, they kep' a-comin' back last night until it seems, after all, we didn't **lose** but a few. They'd been **scattered** all over, wanderin' around in th' **woods**, fightin' with other reg'ments, an' everything. Jest like you done."

"So?" said the **youth**.

Thesaurus

course: (*n, v*) stream, flow; (*n*) bearing, route, career, track, path, road, channel; (*adj, n*) current; (*v*) chase.

ANTONYM: (*v*) trickle.

dead: (*adj*) lifeless, defunct, cold, inanimate, idle, gone, fallen, numb, deceased, vapid; (*adv*) right.

ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) living; (*adj*) alive, animate, live, spirited, responsive, working, partial, operative; (*adv*) partly, partially.

eventually: (*adv*) at long last, at length,

sooner or later, lastly, ultimately, definitively, in the end, at last, in time, all along of; (*adv, conj*) yet.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) promptly, directly, immediately, soon.

laws: (*n*) Pentateuch, Torah.

lose: (*v*) drop, forfeit, mislay, miss, sacrifice, fall behind, fail, to lose, forget, clear, hurt. ANTONYMS: (*v*) find, secure, recover, earn, obtain, acquire, get, win, beat, keep, succeed.

scattered: (*adj*) dissipated, thin,

disordered, disconnected, confused, sparse, sporadic, distributed, rare, diffuse; (*v*) disperse.

woods: (*n*) forest, woodland, grove, timber, jungle, sir Henry wood, vegetation, timberland, Natalie wood, virgin forest; (*adj*) wooden.

youth: (*n*) youngster, young person, lad, juvenile, boy, adolescence, kid, younker, stripling, juvenility; (*adj, n*) young. ANTONYMS: (*n*) adulthood, adult, ripeness, maturity, aged.

CHAPTER 15

THE REGIMENT was standing at order arms at the side of a lane, waiting for the command to march, when suddenly the youth remembered the little packet **enwrapped** in a **faded** yellow envelope which the loud young soldier with **lugubrious** words had intrusted to him. It made him start. He **uttered** an **exclamation** and turned toward his comrade.

"Wilson!"

"What?"

His friend, at his side in the ranks, was thoughtfully staring down the road. From some cause his expression was at that moment very **meek**. The youth, regarding him with sidelong glances, felt **impelled** to change his purpose. "Oh, nothing," he said.

His friend turned his head in some surprise, "Why, what was yeh goin' t' say?"

"Oh, nothing," repeated the youth.

He resolved not to deal the little blow. It was sufficient that the fact made him glad. It was not necessary to knock his friend on the head with the **misguided** packet.

He had been possessed of much fear of his friend, for he saw how easily questionings could make holes in his feelings. Lately, he had assured himself

Thesaurus

enwrapped: (*adj*) absorbed, engrossed, cloaked, captive, clothed, deeply moved, draped, enclosed, enraptured, intent, rapt.

exclamation: (*n*) clamor, ejaculation, exclaiming, utterance, whoop, interjection, shout, expletive, deuce, Dickens, ecphonesis.

faded: (*adj*) pale, bleached, dull, exhausted, faint, washy, withered, colorless, discoloured, attenuate; (*adj, v*) dilapidated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

vivid, Colored, colorful, fresh, vigorous, strong, bright.

impelled: (*adj*) prompted, provoked, determined, compulsive, encouraged, goaded, motivated, bound.

lugubrious: (*adj*) dismal, gloomy, doleful, dark, funereal, melancholy, grievous, somber, dolorous, plaintive, miserable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) cheerful.

meek: (*adj*) lowly, docile, gentle, tame, low, submissive, compliant, mild,

modest, quiet, kind. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) assertive, bossy, haughty, arrogant, overbearing, rebellious, disobedient, wild, harsh, brash.

misguided: (*adj*) erroneous, mistaken, false, foolish, unwise, incorrect, imprudent, injudicious, perverted, flawed, faulty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) correct, sensible.

uttered: (*adj*) expressed, express, verbalised, verbalized, vocal, explicit, oral; (*v*) spoke, quoth, said.

that the altered comrade would not **tantalize** him with a persistent curiosity, but he felt certain that during the first period of leisure his friend would ask him to relate his **adventures** of the previous day.

He now rejoiced in the possession of a small weapon with which he could prostrate his comrade at the first signs of a **cross**-examination. He was master. It would now be he who could laugh and shoot the shafts of derision.

The friend had, in a weak hour, spoken with sobs of his own death. He had delivered a melancholy **oration** previous to his funeral, and had doubtless in the packet of letters, presented various keepsakes to relatives. But he had not died, and thus he had delivered himself into the hands of the youth.

The latter felt immensely superior to his friend, but he inclined to **condescension**. He adopted toward him an air of **patronizing** good humor.

His self-pride was now entirely restored. In the shade of its flourishing growth he stood with **braced** and **self**-confident legs, and since nothing could now be discovered he did not shrink from an encounter with the eyes of judges, and allowed no thoughts of his own to keep him from an attitude of **manfulness**. He had performed his mistakes in the dark, so he was still a man.

Indeed, when he remembered his fortunes of yesterday, and looked at them from a distance he began to see something fine there. He had license to be pompous and veteranlike.

His panting agonies of the past he put out of his sight.

In the present, he declared to himself that it was only the doomed and the damned who roared with sincerity at circumstance. Few but they ever did it. A man with a full stomach and the respect of his fellows had no business to scold about anything that he might think to be wrong in the ways of the universe, or even with the ways of society. Let the unfortunates rail; the others may play **marbles**.

He did not give a great deal of thought to these battles that lay directly before him. It was not essential that he should plan his ways in regard to them. He had been taught that many obligations of a life were easily avoided. The lessons of

Thesaurus

adventures: (*n*) experiences, fortunes, confessions, journal, life, biography, autobiography, personal narrative.

braced: (*adj*) prepared, buttressed, firm.

condescension: (*n*) arrogance, lordliness, disparagement, patronage, affability, disdain, pride, superciliousness, contempt, stoop, depreciation. ANTONYMS: (*n*) respect, acceptance, admiration.

cross-examination: (*n*) inquiry, trial,

examination.

manfulness: (*n*) manliness, bravery, courage, valor, gallantry, manhood, masculinity, heroism, hardihood, daring, dauntlessness.

marbles: (*n*) wit, sanity, mind, reason, jackstones, jacks, cods.

oration: (*n*) discourse, harangue, lecture, speech, declamation, homily, tirade, say, recitation, oratory, language.

patronizing: (*adj*) condescending,

haughty, patronising, superior, arrogant, snobbish, arch, supercilious; (*v*) patronize; (*n*) patronage; (*adv*) patronizingly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) humble, deferential, modest.

self-confident: (*adj*) assured, cocky, confident, assertive, jaunty, sanguine, secure, self-sufficient, certain.

tantalize: (*v*) tease, irritate, rally, frustrate, pester, taunt, jeer, badger, harass, tantalise, twit.

yesterday had been that **retribution** was a **laggard** and blind. With these facts before him he did not **deem** it necessary that he should become feverish over the **possibilities** of the ensuing twenty-four hours. He could leave much to chance. Besides, a faith in himself had secretly blossomed. There was a little flower of confidence growing within him. He was now a man of experience. He had been out among the dragons, he said, and he assured himself that they were not so hideous as he had imagined them. Also, they were inaccurate; they did not sting with precision. A stout heart often defied, and defying, escaped.

And, furthermore, how could they kill him who was the chosen of gods and doomed to **greatness**?

He remembered how some of the men had run from the battle. As he recalled their terror-struck faces he felt a scorn for them. They had surely been more fleet and more wild than was absolutely necessary. They were weak **mortals**. As for himself, he had fled with discretion and dignity.

He was aroused from this **reverie** by his friend, who, having hitched about nervously and blinked at the trees for a time, suddenly coughed in an introductory way, and spoke.

"Fleming!"

"What?"

The friend put his hand up to his mouth and coughed again. He fidgeted in his jacket.

"Well," he gulped at last, "I guess yeh might as well give me back them letters." Dark, **prickling** blood had flushed into his cheeks and brow.

"All right, Wilson," said the youth. He **loosened** two buttons of his coat, thrust in his hand, and brought forth the packet. As he extended it to his friend the latter's face was turned from him.

He had been slow in the act of producing the packet because during it he had been trying to invent a remarkable comment on the affair. He could **conjure** up nothing of sufficient point. He was compelled to allow his friend to escape

Thesaurus

conjure: (*v*) invoke, entreat, arouse, juggle, bewitch, beseech, bid, conjure up, evoke, implore, bring up.

deem: (*v*) believe, assume, consider, count, hold, think, feel, view, suppose, regard, imagine.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) disregard, doubt.
greatness: (*n*) excellence, dimension, dignity, bulk, size, enormity, grandness, bigness, enormity, grandness, magnitude, fame. ANTONYMS: (*n*) obscurity, austerity, commonness,

mildness, moderation, simplicity.

laggard: (*adj*) slow, slack, lagging, tardy, lazy, remiss, poky, pokey; (*n*) drone, lagger, idler. ANTONYM: (*adj*) prompt.

loosened: (*adj*) disentangled, loose, freed, disengaged, extricated, unsnarled.

mortals: (*n*) people.

possibilities: (*n*) potential, field.

prickling: (*n*) itch, somaesthesia, somataesthesia, somesthesia, pins and

needles, itching, itchiness, feeling, frisson; (*adj, n*) tingling; (*adj*) painful.

retribution: (*n*) reprisal, judgment, penalty, punishment, requital, repayment, recompense, reward, revenge, retaliation, restitution.

ANTONYM: (*n*) reward.

reverie: (*n*) dream, fantasy, air castle, brown study, revery, trance, abstraction, castle in Spain, castle in the air; (*adj*) preoccupation, distraction. ANTONYM: (*n*) reality.

unmolested with his packet. And for this he took unto himself considerable credit. It was a generous thing.

His friend at his side seemed suffering great shame. As he contemplated him, the youth felt his heart grow more strong and stout. He had never been compelled to **blush** in such manner for his acts; he was an individual of extraordinary virtues.

He reflected, with **condescending** pity: "Too bad! Too bad! The poor devil, it makes him feel tough!"

After this incident, and as he reviewed the battle pictures he had seen, he felt quite competent to return home and make the hearts of the people glow with stories of war. He could see himself in a room of warm tints telling tales to listener. He could exhibit laurels. They were insignificant; still, in a district where laurels were **infrequent**, they might shine.

He saw his **gaping** audience **picturing** him as the central figure in blazing scenes. And he imagined the **consternation** and the ejaculations of his mother and the young lady at the seminary as they **drank** his recitals. Their vague feminine formula for beloved ones doing brave deeds on the field of battle without risk of life would be destroyed.

Thesaurus

blush: (*n, v*) glow, color; (*v*) redden, crimson; (*n*) red, bloom, rosiness, ruddiness, redness; (*adj*) bashful; (*adv*) blushingly. ANTONYMS: (*v*) blanch, pale, blench; (*n*) paleness.
condescending: (*adj*) arrogant, snobbish, superior, haughty, gracious, patronizing, supercilious, arch, benign, affable, merciful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) humble, unassuming, approachable, unpretentious, friendly, admiring,

modest, respectful, deferential.
consternation: (*n*) alarm, shock, fear, apprehension, astonishment, fright, confusion; (*adj, n*) terror, awe, dread, horror. ANTONYMS: (*n*) peacefulness, composure, happiness, tranquility, hopefulness, comfort, equanimity.
drank: (*v*) absorb.
gaping: (*adj, n*) agape; (*adj*) vast, yawning, cavernous, discontinuous, wide, ajar, drowsy, hollow, wide

open; (*adj, v*) oscitant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cramped, narrow.
infrequent: (*adj*) few, rare, scarce, seldom, exceptional, occasional, unwonted, sparse, sporadic, unusual, deficient. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) common, regular, usual.
picturing: (*n*) depiction, delineation, envisioning, pictorial representation, photography, portrayal, picture taking, photographic, imagination, mental imagery, imaging.

CHAPTER 16

A SPUTTERING of musketry was always to be heard. Later, the cannon had entered the dispute. In the fog-filled air their voices made a **thudding** sound. The reverberations were continual. This part of the world led a strange, **battleful** existence.

The youth's regiment was marched to relieve a command that had lain long in some damp trenches. The men took positions behind a **curving** line of rifle pits that had been turned up, like a large **furrow**, along the line of woods. Before them was a level stretch, **peopled** with short, **deformed** stumps. From the woods beyond came the dull **popping** of the skirmishers and pickets, firing in the fog. From the right came the noise of a terrific **fracas**.

The men cuddled behind the small **embankment** and sat in easy attitudes awaiting their turn. Many had their backs to the firing. The youth's friend lay down, buried his face in his arms, and almost instantly, it seemed, he was in a deep sleep.

The youth leaned his breast against the brown dirt and peered over at the woods and up and down the line. Curtains of trees interfered with his ways of vision. He could see the low line of trenches but for a short distance. A few idle flags were perched on the dirt hills. Behind them were rows of dark bodies with a few heads sticking curiously over the top.

Thesaurus

battleful: (*adj*) agonistical, agonistic, bellicose, combative, aggressive.

curving: (*adj*) curved, winding, crooked, bowed, devious, falciform, smooth, serpentine; (*n*) bending, curve, curvature. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, jerky.

deformed: (*adj*) distorted, misshapen, bent, malformed, ugly, crippled, contorted, warped, shapeless, twisted, deform. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) beautiful, flawless, unflawed, perfect,

straight.

embankment: (*n*) dam, bank, bulwark, weir, wall, jetty, rampart, mound, pier, pond, fortification.

fracas: (*n*) racket, noise, altercation, affray; (*adj, n*) uproar, riot, disturbance, hubbub, tumult, row, brawl. ANTONYM: (*n*) concord.

furrow: (*n, v*) fold, crinkle, crease, groove, line, chamfer, rut; (*n*) channel, cut, ditch, trough. ANTONYMS: (*n*) ridge; (*v*) smooth.

peopled: (*adj*) multinominal, multiple, manifold, multiplied, multitudinous, populous, inhabited, thick, studded, teeming, crowded. ANTONYM: (*adj*) uninhabited.

popping: (*n*) pop, blowing, cratering, dad, Dada, flaring, pa, papa, pappa; (*adj*) joyful, busy.

thudding: (*adj*) humongous, highly diluted, grey, gray, dumb, dim, dense, irksome, boring, muted, deadening.

Always the noise of skirmishers came from the woods on the front and left, and the din on the right had grown to **frightful** proportions. The guns were roaring without an instant's pause for breath. It seemed that the cannon had come from all parts and were engaged in a stupendous wrangle. It became impossible to make a sentence heard.

The youth wished to launch a joke--a quotation from newspapers. He desired to say, "All quiet on the Rappahannock," but the guns refused to permit even a comment upon their **uproar**. He never successfully concluded the sentence. But at last the guns stopped, and among the men in the rifle pits rumors again flew, like birds, but they were now for the most part black creatures who flapped their wings drearily near to the ground and refused to rise on any wings of hope. The men's faces grew doleful from the interpreting of omens. Tales of hesitation and uncertainty on the part of those high in place and responsibility came to their ears. Stories of disaster were borne into their minds with many proofs. This din of musketry on the right, growing like a released **genie** of sound, expressed and emphasized the army's plight.

The men were **disheartened** and began to **mutter**. They made gestures expressive of the sentence: "Ah, what more can we do?" And it could always be seen that they were bewildered by the alleged news and could not fully comprehend a defeat.

Before the gray mists had been totally **obliterated** by the sun rays, the regiment was marching in a spread column that was retiring carefully through the woods. The **disordered**, hurrying lines of the enemy could sometimes be seen down through the groves and little fields. They were yelling, shrill and exultant.

At this sight the youth forgot many personal matters and became greatly enraged. He exploded in loud sentences. "B'jiminey, we're generated by a lot 'a lunkheads."

"More than one feller has said that t'-day," observed a man.

Thesaurus

disheartened: (*adj*) dejected, depressed, despondent, dispirited, demoralized, disappointed, sad, downcast, down, low, daunted.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheerful, enthusiastic, happy, positive, hopeful.
disordered: (*adj*) chaotic, upset, sick, disorganized, broken, incoherent, deranged, messy, disjointed, disconnected, ill. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) neat, ordered, organized, arranged,

quiet, regulated, systematic, systematized, straightforward, tidy.
frightful: (*adj, v*) fearful; (*adj*) formidable, awful, fearsome, appalling, gruesome, horrible, terrible, dread, frightening, grim.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wonderful, calming, soothing, pleasant, lovely, fair.
genie: (*n*) djinny, djinni, jinni, demon, fairy, jinn, genius, spirit, Eblis, guide, magician.

mutter: (*n, v*) mumble, grumble, whisper; (*v*) growl, maunder, grouch, snarl, croak; (*n*) murmuration, grumbling, complaint.
obliterated: (*adj*) obliterate, destroyed, lost, forgotten, invisible; (*v*) erased, effaced.
uproar: (*adj, n, v*) hubbub, disturbance, tumult; (*n*) din, noise, turmoil, commotion, disorder, confusion; (*adj, n*) row; (*n, v*) brawl. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) calm, peace, serenity, order.

His friend, recently aroused, was still very **drowsy**. He looked behind him until his mind took in the meaning of the movement. Then he sighed. "Oh, well, I s'pose we got licked," he remarked sadly.

The youth had a thought that it would not be handsome for him to freely condemn other men. He made an attempt to restrain himself, but the words upon his tongue were too bitter. He presently began a long and intricate **denunciation** of the commander of the forces.

"Mebbe, it wa'n't all his fault--not all together. He did th' best he knowed. It's our luck t' git licked often," said his friend in a weary tone. He was trudging along with **stooped** shoulders and shifting eyes like a man who has been caned and kicked.

"Well, don't we fight like the devil? Don't we do all that men can?" demanded the youth loudly.

He was secretly **dumfounded** at this sentiment when it came from his lips. For a moment his face lost its valor and he looked **guiltily** about him. But no one questioned his right to deal in such words, and presently he recovered his air of courage. He went on to repeat a statement he had heard going from group to group at the camp that morning. "The brigadier said he never saw a new reg'ment fight the way we fought yestirday, didn't he? And we didn't do better than many another reg'ment, did we? Well, then, you can't say it's th' army's fault, can you?"

In his reply, the friend's voice was stern. "A course not," he said. "No man dare say we don't fight like th' devil. No man will ever dare say it. Th' boys fight like hell-roosters. But still--still, we don't have no luck."

"Well, then, if we fight like the devil an' don't ever whip, it must be the general's fault," said the youth **grandly** and decisively. "And I don't see any sense in fighting and fighting and fighting, yet always losing through some derved old **lunkhead** of a general."

A sarcastic man who was tramping at the youth's side, then spoke lazily. "Mebbe yeh think yeh fit th' hull battle yestirday, Fleming," he remarked.

Thesaurus

denunciation: (*n*) accusation, curse, malediction, criticism, denouncement, invective, execration, disapproval, tirade, anathema, censure. ANTONYMS: (*n*) advocacy, appreciation, compliment, approval, praise, agreement, commendation, confirmation.

drowsy: (*adj, n*) sleepy; (*adj*) lazy, comatose, somnolent, slow, lethargic, sluggish, dull, indolent, soporific,

listless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) energetic, awake, lively, vigorous, vivacious, refreshed.

dumfounded: (*adj*) stupefied, thunderstruck, dazed, flabbergasted.

grandly: (*adv*) splendidly, gorgeously, magnificently, regally, majestically, beautifully, stately, grandiosely, illustriously, superbly, greatly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) simply, humbly.

guiltily: (*adv*) blameworthy, criminally, hangdogly, wickedly,

faultily, sheepishly, delinquently, sinfully, awkwardly, sornily, ashamedly.

lunkhead: (*n*) hayseed, fool, gowk, knucklehead, loggerhead, Caretta caretta, hammerhead shark, fuckhead, dunderhead, dolt, bonehead.

stooped: (*adj*) hunched, stoop, stooping, crooked, bended, not straight, inclined, not erect, arched, asymmetrical, droopy.

The speech pierced the youth. Inwardly he was reduced to an **abject** pulp by these chance words. His legs quaked privately. He cast a frightened glance at the sarcastic man.

"Why, no," he hastened to say in a **conciliating** voice "I don't think I fought the whole battle yesterday."

But the other seemed innocent of any deeper meaning. Apparently, he had no information. It was merely his habit. "Oh!" he replied in the same tone of calm derision.

The youth, nevertheless, felt a threat. His mind shrank from going near to the danger, and thereafter he was silent. The significance of the sarcastic man's words took from him all loud moods that would make him appear prominent. He became suddenly a modest person.

There was low-toned talk among the troops. The officers were impatient and **snappy**, their countenances clouded with the tales of misfortune. The troops, **sifting** through the forest, were sullen. In the youth's company once a man's laugh **rang** out. A dozen soldiers turned their faces quickly toward him and frowned with vague displeasure.

The noise of firing dogged their footsteps. Sometimes, it seemed to be driven a little way, but it always returned again with increased **insolence**. The men muttered and cursed, throwing black looks in its direction.

In a clear space the troops were at last halted. Regiments and brigades, broken and detached through their encounters with thickets, grew together again and lines were faced toward the pursuing bark of the enemy's infantry.

This noise, following like the yelpings of eager, metallic hounds, increased to a loud and **joyous** burst, and then, as the sun went **serenely** up the sky, throwing illuminating rays into the gloomy thickets, it broke forth into prolonged peelings. The woods began to crackle as if **afire**.

"Whoop-a-dadee," said a man, "here we are! Everybody fightin'! Blood an' destruction."

Thesaurus

abject: (*adj*) contemptible, pitiful, low, wretched, despicable, sordid, base, mean, vile; (*n*) ignominious, dirty.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) honorable, hopeful, magnificent, esteemed, proud, dignified, commendable, noble, exalted, worthy, happy.
afire: (*adj*) flaming, burning, blazing, fiery, on fire, glowing, aflame, aflame, in flames, passionate; (*adj, v*) alight.
conciliating: (*adj*) conciliatory, conciliative.

insolence: (*n*) impertinence, arrogance, audacity, impudence, effrontery, cheek, assumption, gall, disrespect, haughtiness, crust.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) respect, politeness, meekness, shyness.
joyous: (*adj*) happy, gleeful, elated, jolly, glad, gay, jovial, merry, festive, cheerful, jocund. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) despairing, joyless, miserable.
rang: (*n*) rung.
serenely: (*adv*) calmly, composedly,

quietly, placidly, stilly, steadily, impassively, peacefully, Pacifically, clearly, coolly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) nervously, agitatedly, boisterously, manically.
sifting: (*n*) winnowing, scrutiny, hunt, judgment, winnow, separation; (*v*) sift; (*adj*) inquisitive.
snappy: (*adj*) racy, sprightly, quick, smart, brisk, crisp, live, lively, animated, energetic, vigorous. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) slovenly.

"I was willin' t' bet they'd attack as soon as th' sun got fairly up," savagely asserted the lieutenant who commanded the youth's company. He jerked without mercy at his little mustache. He strode to and fro with dark dignity in the rear of his men, who were lying down behind whatever protection they had collected.

A battery had trundled into position in the rear and was thoughtfully **shelling** the distance. The regiment, unmolested as yet, awaited the moment when the gray shadows of the woods before them should be **slashed** by the lines of flame. There was much **growling** and **swearing**.

"Good Gawd," the youth grumbled, "we're always being chased around like rats! It makes me sick. Nobody seems to know where we go or why we go. We just get fired around from pillar to post and get licked here and get licked there, and nobody knows what it's done for. It makes a man feel like a damn' **kitten** in a bag. Now, I'd like to know what the eternal thunders we was marched into these woods for anyhow, unless it was to give the rebs a regular pot shot at us. We came in here and got our legs all tangled up in these **cussed** briars, and then we begin to fight and the rebs had an easy time of it. Don't tell me it's just luck! I know better. It's this derved old--"

The friend seemed jaded, but he interrupted his comrade with a voice of calm confidence. "It'll turn out all right in th' end," he said.

"Oh ,the devil it will! You always talk like a dog-hanged **parson**. Don't tell me! I know--"

At this time there was an **interposition** by the savage-minded lieutenant, who was obliged to vent some of his inward dissatisfaction upon his men. "You boys shut right up! There no need 'a your wastin' your breath in **long**-winded arguments about this an' that an' th' other. You've been jawin' like a lot 'a old hens. All you've got t' do is to fight, an' you'll get plenty 'a that t' do in about ten minutes. Less talkin' an' more fightin' is what's best for you boys. I never saw sech **gabbling** jackasses."

Thesaurus

cussed: (*adj*) contrary, accursed, cursed, obstinate, obdurate, restive, stubborn, ill-natured, hateful, vicious, crabbed.

gabbling: (*adj*) blathering, babbling, blithering, voluble, talkative.

growling: (*adj*) grunting, doggish, churlish, brutal, guttural, hoarse, husky, peevisish; (*n*) scowling, glowering.

interposition: (*adj, n*) mediation; (*adj*) intercession; (*n*) intervention,

interpolation, insertion, interruption, intermediation, interjection, location, locating, placement.

kitten: (*n*) cat, foal, kitty, colt, foetus; (*v*) teem, flower, fructify, bear fruit, farrow, EAN.

long-winded: (*adj*) interminable, wordy, garrulous, loquacious, redundant, talkative, verbose, diffuse, long, ponderous, gabby.

parson: (*n*) cleric, clergyman, rector, pastor, curate, preacher, ecclesiastic,

divine, priest, vicar, father.

shelling: (*n*) barrage, bombing, husking, battery, fire, barrage fire, bombarding, shelly rail, scaling, gunfire, peeling.

slashed: (*adj*) gashed, torn, split, mown, cut down, decreased, down, emasculated, fringed, gelded, cheap.

swearing: (*n*) curse, expletive, profanity, oath, abuse, blasphemy, swearword, execration, adjuration, asseveration; (*v*) swear.

He paused, ready to **pounce** upon any man who might have the **temerity** to reply. No words being said, he resumed his dignified pacing.

"There's too much chin music an' too little fightin' in this war, anyhow," he said to them, turning his head for a final remark.

The day had grown more white, until the sun shed his full **radiance** upon the thronged forest. A sort of a **gust** of battle came sweeping toward that part of the line where lay the youth's regiment. The front shifted a trifle to meet it **squarely**. There was a wait. In this part of the field there passed slowly the intense moments that **precede** the **tempest**.

A single rifle flashed in a **thicket** before the regiment. In an instant it was joined by many others. There was a mighty song of clashes and crashes that went sweeping through the woods. The guns in the rear, aroused and enraged by shells that had been thrown burr-like at them, suddenly involved themselves in a hideous altercation with another band of guns. The battle roar settled to a rolling thunder, which was a single, long explosion.

In the regiment there was a peculiar kind of hesitation denoted in the attitudes of the men. They were worn, exhausted, having slept but little and labored much. They rolled their eyes toward the advancing battle as they stood awaiting the shock. Some shrank and flinched. They stood as men tied to **stakes**.

Thesaurus

gust: (*n*) eruption, flurry, blow, blast, puff, flare, explosion, gale, storm, breeze; (*adj, n*) whiff.

pounce: (*n*) talon; (*v*) leap, bound, dive, descend, swoop, stoop, charge, attack, seize; (*n, v*) jump.

precede: (*v*) lead, head, forego, antecede, antedate, anticipate, introduce, forerun, pass, preface, go. ANTONYMS: (*v*) succeed, postdate.

radiance: (*n*) gleam, glory, brilliance, luster, lustre, beam, brightness,

effulgence, sparkle, light; (*adj, n*) brilliancy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) darkness, gloominess.

squarely: (*adv*) straightforwardly, square, forthright, rightly, fairly, quadrately, truly, right, squaredly, correspondingly, straightly.

stakes: (*n*) stake, ante, wager, kitty, jackpot, pool, pot, gamble, prize, interest, fence.

temerity: (*n*) nerve, effrontery, hardihood, boldness, rashness,

imprudence, audaciousness, carelessness, assurance, indiscretion, venturesomeness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) caution, care, reticence.

tempest: (*adj, n*) storm, gust; (*n*) gale, hurricane, squall, disturbance, cyclone, typhoon, agitation, tornado, blizzard. ANTONYM: (*n*) serenity.

thicket: (*n*) brake, coppice, brush, grove, spinney, bush, brushwood, cluster, underbrush, undergrowth, underwood.

CHAPTER 17

THIS ADVANCE of the enemy had seemed to the youth like a ruthless hunting. He began to **fume** with rage and exasperation. He beat his foot upon the ground, and scowled with hate at the **swirling** smoke that was approaching like a **phantom** flood. There was a **maddening** quality in this seeming resolution of the foe to give him no rest, to give him no time to sit down and think. Yesterday he had fought and had fled rapidly. There had been many adventures. For to-day he felt that he had earned opportunities for contemplative **repose**. He could have enjoyed portraying to **uninitiated** listeners various scenes at which he had been a witness or **ably** discussing the processes of war with other proved men. Too it was important that he should have time for physical **recuperation**. He was sore and stiff from his experiences. He had received his fill of all exertions, and he wished to rest.

But those other men seemed never to grow weary; they were fighting with their old speed. He had a wild hate for the relentless foe. Yesterday, when he had imagined the universe to be against him, he had hated it, little gods and big gods; to-day he hated the army of the foe with the same great hatred. He was not going to be badgered of his life, like a kitten chased by boys, he said. It was not well to drive men into final corners; at those moments they could all develop teeth and claws.

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ably: (*adv*) capably, cleverly, skillfully, proficiently, adroitly, aptly, competently, well, admirably, dexterously, deftly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) incompetently, clumsily, badly.
fume: (*n, v*) smoke, reek; (*v*) chafe, rage, storm, evaporate, fret; (*adj, v*) seethe, boil; (*adj, n*) foam; (*n*) cholera.
maddening: (*adj*) exasperating, annoying, aggravating, irritating, galling, trying, vexing, madden, bothersome, crazy, vexatious.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleasing, soothing, satisfying.
phantom: (*n, v*) apparition, phantasm, vision, phantasma; (*n*) spectre, specter, appearance, shade, shadow, wraith, spirit.
recuperation: (*n*) recovery, convalescence, healing, retrieval, improvement, revival, repossession, recreation, refreshment, renewal; (*v*) recover. ANTONYMS: (*n*) loss, decline.

repose: (*n, v*) recline, peace, lie, calm; (*n*) composure, ease, quiet, leisure, recreation, relaxation; (*v*) lay. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) work; (*n*) activity, panic, agitation.
swirling: (*adj*) whirling, spinning, moving, billowy.
uninitiated: (*adj*) uninitiate, uninformed, uncultivated, unschooled, untutored, unfamiliar, amateur, ignorant, incompetent; (*v*) unaccustomed; (*adj, v*) untrained.

He leaned and spoke into his friend's ear. He **menaced** the woods with a gesture. "If they keep on chasing us, by Gawd, they'd better watch out. Can't stand *too* much."

The friend twisted his head and made a calm reply. "If they keep on a-chasin' us they'll drive us all inteh th' river."

The youth cried out savagely at this statement. He crouched behind a little tree, with his eyes burning **hatefully** and his teeth set in a curlike snarl. The awkward bandage was still about his head, and upon it, over his wound, there was a spot of dry blood. His hair was wondrously tousled, and some **straggling**, moving locks hung over the cloth of the bandage down toward his forehead. His jacket and shirt were open at the throat, and exposed his young **bronzed** neck. There could be seen **spasmodic** gulplings at his throat.

His fingers **twined** nervously about his rifle. He wished that it was an engine of **annihilating** power. He felt that he and his companions were being taunted and derided from sincere convictions that they were poor and puny. His knowledge of his inability to take vengeance for it made his rage into a dark and stormy specter, that possessed him and made him dream of **abominable** cruelties. The tormentors were flies sucking insolently at his blood, and he thought that he would have given his life for a revenge of seeing their faces in pitiful plights.

The winds of battle had swept all about the regiment, until the one rifle, instantly followed by others, flashed in its front. A moment later the regiment roared forth its sudden and valiant retort. A dense wall of smoke settled down. It was furiously slit and slashed by the **knifelike** fire from the rifles.

To the youth the fighters resembled animals tossed for a death struggle into a dark pit. There was a sensation that he and his fellows, at bay, were pushing back, always pushing fierce onslaughts of creatures who were slippery. Their beams of crimson seemed to get no purchase upon the bodies of their foes; the latter seemed to evade them with ease, and come through, between, around, and about with unopposed skill.

Thesaurus

abominable: (*adj, v*) odious, foul; (*adj*) abhorrent, detestable, dreadful, awful, execrable, terrible, loathsome, cursed, wicked. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nice, lovable, admirable, alluring, appealing, commendable, laudable, delightful, desirable, enjoyable, likable.
annihilating: (*adj*) crushing, annihilative, destructive, withering, disrespectful.
bronzed: (*adj*) bronze, browned, tan,

suntanned, sunburned, ruddy, brunet, brown, brunette.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) pale.
hatefully: (*adv*) repulsively, meanly, abhorrently, malevolently, spitefully, repellently, repugantly, loathsomely, obnoxiously, offensively, heinously.
knifelike: (*adj*) keen, acute, incisive, piercing, discriminating, cutting, acerbic, acerb, shrill, abrupt, bleak.
menaced: (*adj*) doomed, exposed.

spasmodic: (*adj*) spastic, convulsive, intermittent, erratic, broken, irregular, sporadic, desultory, sudden, discontinuous; (*v*) inconsonant. ANTONYM: (*adj*) continuous.
straggling: (*adj*) rambling, straggly, spread, few, trailing, untidy, vagabond, sprawly, sprawled. ANTONYM: (*adj*) compact.
twined: (*adj*) bent, coiled, contorted, distorted, misrepresented, perverted.

When, in a dream, it occurred to the youth that his rifle was an **impotent** stick, he lost sense of everything but his hate, his desire to smash into **pulp** the glittering smile of victory which he could feel upon the faces of his enemies.

The blue smoke-swallowed line curled and **writhed** like a snake stepped upon. It swung its ends to and fro in an agony of fear and rage.

The youth was not conscious that he was erect upon his feet. He did not know the direction of the ground. Indeed, once he even lost the habit of balance and fell heavily. He was up again immediately. One thought went through the chaos of his brain at the time. He wondered if he had fallen because he had been shot. But the suspicion flew away at once. He did not think more of it.

He had taken up a first position behind the little tree, with a direct determination to hold it against the world. He had not deemed it possible that his army could that day succeed, and from this he felt the ability to fight harder. But the throng had surged in all ways, until he lost directions and locations, save that he knew where lay the enemy.

The flames bit him, and the hot smoke **broiled** his skin. His rifle barrel grew so hot that ordinarily he could not have borne it upon his palms; but he kept on **stuffing** cartridges into it, and pounding them with his clanking, bending **ramrod**. If he aimed at some changing form through the smoke, he pulled the trigger with a fierce grunt, as if he were dealing a blow of the fist with all his strength.

When the enemy seemed falling back before him and his fellows, he went instantly forward, like a dog who, seeing his foes **lagging**, turns and insists upon being pursued. And when he was compelled to retire again, he did it slowly, sullenly, taking steps of **wrathful** despair.

Once he, in his intent hate, was almost alone, and was firing, when all those near him had ceased. He was so **engrossed** in his occupation that he was not aware of a **lull**.

Thesaurus

broiled: (*adj*) heated, baked, barbecued, done.

engrossed: (*adj*) rapt, engaged, intent, occupied, preoccupied, busy, fascinated, obsessed, thoughtful, hooked; (*adj, v*) immersed.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disinterested, bored, distracted, indifferent, unconcerned, uninterested, inattentive, carefree.

impotent: (*adj*) helpless, feeble, frail, fragile, inadequate, weak, barren,

slack, ineffective, incapable, unable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) able, powerful.

lagging: (*n*) insulation, cover, skin, sheathing, casing; (*adj*) lazy, slack, tardy, remiss, late, behindhand.

lull: (*n, v*) calm, quiet, hush, rest, pause; (*adj, v*) assuage, pacify, tranquilize; (*v*) allay, still; (*n*) peace. ANTONYMS: (*v*) waken; (*n*) activity, intensification.

pulp: (*n*) flesh, pith, puree, cellulose, pap, magazine, bagasse, marrow; (*v*)

grind, squash; (*adj*) taste.

ramrod: (*n*) superintendent, rammer, rod, cleaning rod, overseer.

stuffing: (*n*) pad, filling, forcemeat, farce, dressing, filler, fill, wadding, contents, inside, tompion.

wrathful: (*adj*) furious, irate, wroth, ireful, indignant, incensed, mad, raging, resentful, infuriated, choleric. ANTONYM: (*adj*) pleased.

writhed: (*adj*) crooked, writhen, distorted, twisted.

He was recalled by a **hoarse** laugh and a sentence that came to his **ears** in a voice of contempt and amazement. "Yeh infernal fool, don't yeh know enough t' quit when there ain't anything t' shoot at? Good Gawd!"

He turned then and, pausing with his rifle thrown half into position, looked at the blue line of his comrades. During this moment of leisure they seemed all to be engaged in staring with astonishment at him. They had become **spectators**. Turning to the front again he saw, under the lifted smoke, a deserted ground.

He looked bewildered for a moment. Then there appeared upon the glazed vacancy of his eyes a diamond point of intelligence. "Oh," he said, comprehending.

He returned to his comrades and threw himself upon the ground. He sprawled like a man who had been thrashed. His flesh seemed strangely on fire, and the sounds of the battle continued in his ears. He groped blindly for his canteen.

The lieutenant was **crowing**. He seemed drunk with fighting. He called out to the youth: "By heavens, if I had ten thousand wild cats like you I could tear th' stomach outa this war in less'n a week!" He **puffed** out his chest with large dignity as he said it.

Some of the men muttered and looked at the youth in awestruck ways. It was plain that as he had gone on loading and firing and **cursing** without proper **intermission**, they had found time to regard him. And they now looked upon him as a war devil.

The friend came staggering to him. There was some fright and dismay in his voice. "Are yeh all right, Fleming? Do yeh feel all right? There ain't nothin' th' matter with yeh, Henry, is there?"

"No," said the youth with difficulty. His throat seemed full of knobs and burrs.

These incidents made the youth **ponder**. It was revealed to him that he had been a **barbarian**, a beast. He had fought like a pagan who defends his religion. Regarding it, he saw that it was fine, wild, and, in some ways, easy. He had been

Thesaurus

barbarian: (*n*) Goth, vandal, brute; (*adj*) heathen, barbaric, barbarous, uncivilized, uncultured, wild, rude, foreign. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cultured, refined; (*n*) native, citizen.

crowing: (*adj, n*) bragging; (*adj*) boastful, braggart, big, braggish; (*n*) brag, jactitation, gasconade, crows, Corvus, bravado.

cursing: (*adj*) cursed, execrative; (*n*) blasphemy, anathema, swearing, swear word, malediction, execration,

denunciation, cursedness; (*v*) beshrew.

ears: (*n*) antenna.

hoarse: (*adj*) gruff, husky, raucous, grating, strident, guttural, rough, throaty; (*v*) coarse; (*adj, v*) hollow, sepulchral. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) smooth, mellow, velvety, high.

intermission: (*n*) rest, pause, lull, cessation, suspension, interruption, abeyance, disruption, gap, discontinuance, respite. ANTONYM:

(*n*) continuation.

ponder: (*v*) meditate, consider, cogitate, deliberate, think, reflect, conceive, mull, mull over; (*n, v*) muse, study. ANTONYMS: (*v*) decide, wander, ignore.

puffed: (*adj*) puff, bloated, distended, puffy, tumid, turgid, swell, breathless, be-puffed, overflowing, out of breath.

spectators: (*n*) spectator, gallery, viewer, viewers, attendance.

a tremendous figure, no doubt. By this struggle he had overcome obstacles which he had admitted to be mountains. They had fallen like paper peaks, and he was now what he called a hero. And he had not been aware of the process. He had slept, and, **awakening**, found himself a knight.

He lay and basked in the occasional stares of his comrades. Their faces were varied in degrees of **blackness** from the burned powder. Some were utterly smudged. They were reeking with perspiration, and their breaths came hard and **wheezing**. And from these **soiled** expanses they peered at him.

"Hot work! Hot work!" cried the lieutenant **deliriously**. He walked up and down, restless and eager. Sometimes his voice could be heard in a wild, incomprehensible laugh.

When he had a particularly profound thought upon the science of war he always unconsciously addressed himself to the youth.

There was some grim rejoicing by the men. "By thunder, I bet this army'll never see another new reg'ment like us!"

"You bet!"

"A dog, a woman, an' a **walnut** tree Th' more yeh beat 'em, th' better they be! That's like us."

"Lost a piler men, they did. If an ol' woman swep' up th' woods she'd git a dustpanful."

"Yes, an' if she'll come around ag'in in 'bout an hour she'll get a pile more."

The forest still bore its burden of clamor. From off under the trees came the rolling clatter of the musketry. Each distant thicket seemed a strange **porcupine** with quills of flame. A cloud of dark smoke, as from **smoldering ruins**, went up toward the sun now bright and gay in the blue, enameled sky.

Thesaurus

awakening: (*n*) arousal, waking up, revival, disenchantment, awakenment, introduction, provocation; (*adj*) arousing, moving, animating; (*v*) awake. ANTONYM: (*n*) suppression.
blackness: (*n*) black, darkness, sable, gloom, nigritude, night, inkiness, dark, murk, murkiness, obscurity.
deliriously: (*adv*) frantically, frantically, frenziedly, wildly, frenetically, ravingly, crazily, ramblingly,

incoherently, insanelly, excitedly.
porcupine: (*n*) hedgehog, rodent, brier, Erinaceus europaeus, gnawer, gnawing animal, porpentine, shrew; (*adj*) chevaux de frise, beard, thistle.
ruins: (*n*) debris, wreck, remains, remainder, carcass, wreckage, relics, rubbish, shell, remnants, hulk.
smoldering: (*adj*) latent, unexerted, smouldering, on fire, ablaze, aflame, angry, blazing, burning, flaming; (*v*) smolder.

soiled: (*adj*) grubby, dirty, nasty, grimy, unclean, filthy, muddy, black, mucky, polluted, foul. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pure, immaculate.
walnut: (*n*) wood, walnut tree; (*v*) succotash, waffle, vanilla, trepang, porterhouse steak, supawn, salmis, sea slug, sauerkraut.
wheezing: (*adj*) breathless, asthmatic, gasping, out of breath, panting, puffed, puffing, reedy, wheezy, winded.

CHAPTER 18

THE RAGGED line had **respite** for some minutes, but during its pause the struggle in the forest became magnified until the trees seemed to quiver from the firing and the ground to shake from the rushing of men. The voices of the cannon were mingled in a long and interminable row. It seemed difficult to live in such an atmosphere. The chests of the men strained for a bit of **freshness**, and their throats craved water.

There was one shot through the body, who raised a cry of bitter **lamentation** when came this lull. Perhaps he had been calling out during the fighting also, but at that time no one had heard him. But now the men turned at the **woeful** complaints of him upon the ground.

"Who is it? Who is it?"

"Its Jimmie Rogers. Jimmie Rogers."

When their eyes first encountered him there was a sudden halt, as if they feared to go near. He was **thrashing** about in the grass, **twisting** his **shuddering** body into many strange postures. He was screaming loudly. This instant's hesitation seemed to fill him with a tremendous, fantastic contempt, and he damned them in shrieked sentences.

The youth's friend had a geographical illusion concerning a stream, and he **obtained** permission to go for some water. Immediately canteens were

Thesaurus

freshness: (*adj*) coolness; (*n*) impertinence, gall, greenness, impudence, insolence, newness, viridity, originality, crust, crispness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) oldness, clutter, humidity, mustiness.
lamentation: (*n*) dirge, grief, mourning, plaint, regret, complaint, cry, crying, wail, moan, condolence. ANTONYM: (*n*) celebration.
obtained: (*adj*) fulfilled, derivative.
respite: (*n, v*) pause, rest, lull; (*n*)

repose, intermission, recess, break, remission, relief, cessation, interruption.
shuddering: (*adj, n*) quivering, shaking; (*adv*) shudderingly; (*n*) cold sweat, tremor; (*adj*) rough, shaky, jumpy, quaking, shivery, bumpy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) smooth.
thrashing: (*n*) beating, lashing, flogging, whipping, drubbing, licking, flagellation, rout, tanning, hiding, debacle. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

victory, win.
twisting: (*adj*) tortuous, winding, sinuous, crooked, zigzag, meandering; (*n*) distortion, turn, spin, torsion, overrefinement.
woeful: (*adj*) sad, lamentable, sorrowful, pitiful, wretched, pitiable, doleful, woebegone, deplorable, piteous, regrettable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) happy, joyful, glad, praiseworthy, laudable.

showered upon him. "Fill mine, will yeh?" "Bring me some, too." "And me, too." He departed, **ladened**. The youth went with his friend, feeling a desire to throw his heated body into the stream and, soaking there, drink quarts.

They made a hurried search for the supposed stream, but did not find it. "No water here," said the youth. They turned without delay and began to retrace their steps.

From their position as they again faced toward the place of the fighting, they could of comprehend a greater amount of the battle than when their visions had been blurred by the **hurling** smoke of the line. They could see dark stretches winding along the land, and on one cleared space there was a row of guns making gray clouds, which were filled with large flashes of orange-colored flame. Over some foliage they could see the roof of a house. One window, glowing a deep murder red, shone squarely through the leaves. From the edifice a tall leaning tower of smoke went far into the sky.

Looking over their own troops, they saw mixed masses slowly getting into regular form. The sunlight made **twinkling** points of the bright steel. To the rear there was a glimpse of a distant roadway as it curved over a slope. It was crowded with retreating infantry. From all the **interwoven** forest arose the smoke and bluster of the battle. The air was always occupied by a blaring.

Near where they stood shells were flip-flapping and hooting. Occasional bullets **buzzed** in the air and spanged into tree trunks. Wounded men and other stragglers were slinking through the woods.

Looking down an aisle of the grove, the youth and his companion saw a jangling general and his staff almost ride upon a wounded man, who was crawling on his hands and knees. The general reined strongly at his charger's opened and **foamy** mouth and guided it with **dexterous horsemanship** past the man. The latter **scrambled** in wild and **torturing** haste. His strength evidently failed him as he reached a place of safety. One of his arms suddenly weakened, and he fell, sliding over upon his back. He lay stretched out, breathing gently.

Thesaurus

buzzed: (*n*) woozy; (*adj*) intoxicated, drunk.

dexterous: (*adj*) adept, deft, skillful, expert, clever, able, agile, cunning, handy, neat; (*adj, v*) crafty.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inept, awkward, uncoordinated, incompetent, useless.

foamy: (*adj*) effervescent, foaming, bubbly, spummy, spumous, sudsy, effervescing, bubbling, beaten, yeasty, barmy.

horsemanship: (*adj*) airmanship,

marksmanship, seamanship; (*v*) ride and tie; (*n*) skill, manege, equestrianism, attainment, acquisition, acquirement, accomplishment.

hurling: (*adj*) moving; (*n*) field game.

interwoven: (*adj*) interlinking, interlacing, interlocking, complex, interwove, twine, contextural, entangled, inseparable, knotted, related.

ladened: (*adj*) fuddled, loaded, fuller,

full, flush, crocked, blotto, blind drunk, affluent, besotted.

scrambled: (*adj*) twisted, snarled, miscellaneous, knotted, jumbled.

torturing: (*n*) torture, excruciation, crucifixion, torment, agony, anguish, dismemberment; (*adj*) harrowing, agonizing, torturesome, agonising.

twinkling: (*n*) moment, jiffy, minute, second, flash, trice, twinkle, wink, split second, breath; (*adj*) sparkling. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dull.

A moment later the small, **creaking cavalcade** was directly in front of the two soldiers. Another officer, riding with the **skillful** abandon of a **cowboy**, galloped his horse to a position directly before the general. The two unnoticed foot soldiers made a little show of going on, but they lingered near in the desire to overhear the conversation. Perhaps, they thought, some great inner historical things would be said.

The general, whom the boys knew as the commander of their division, looked at the other officer and spoke coolly, as if he were criticising his clothes. "Th' enemy's formin' over there for another charge," he said. "It'll be directed against Whiter side, an' I fear they'll break through unless we work like thunder t' stop them."

The other swore at his **restive** horse, and then cleared his throat. He made a gesture toward his cap. "It'll be hell t' pay stoppin' them," he said shortly.

"I **presume** so," remarked the general. Then he began to talk rapidly and in a lower tone. He frequently illustrated his words with a pointing finger. The two infantrymen could hear nothing until finally he asked: "What troops can you spare?"

The officer who rode like a cowboy reflected for an instant. "Well," he said, "I had to order in th' 12th to help th' 76th, an' I haven't really got any. But there's th' 304th. They fight like a lot 'a **mule** drivers. I can spare them best of any."

The youth and his friend exchanged glances of astonishment.

The general spoke sharply. "Get 'em ready, then. I'll watch developments from here, an' send you word when t' start them. It'll happen in five minutes."

As the other officer tossed his fingers toward his cap and **wheeling** his horse, started away, the general called out to him in a sober voice: "I don't believe many of your mule drivers will get back."

The other shouted something in reply. He smiled.

With scared faces, the youth and his companion hurried back to the line.

Thesaurus

cavalcade: (*n*) parade, pageant, caravan, spectacle, celebration, column, convoy; (*adj*) rank and file, line of battle, cortege; (*v*) file.
cowboy: (*n*) buckaroo, cowherd, cowman, wrangler, vaquero, cowpuncher, cowpoke, cowhand, performer; (*v*) bull whacker, farrier.
creaking: (*adj, v*) creaky; (*adj*) squeaking, harsh, screeky, noisy, arthritic; (*v*) rickety; (*n*) scream.
mule: (*n*) ass, donkey, jackass, hinny,

mules, scuff, bullhead, slipper; (*adj*) hybrid, crossbreed, Metis.
presume: (*v*) dare, consider, believe, think, infer, guess, expect, esteem, conclude, suppose, conjecture. ANTONYMS: (*v*) appreciate, despair, speculate.
restive: (*adj*) obstinate, edgy, fidgety, jittery, impatient, jumpy, intractable, restless, uptight, perverse; (*adj, v*) skittish. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, patient.

skillful: (*adj*) expert, proficient, capable, good, accomplished, adept, able, ready; (*adj, v*) dexterous, crafty; (*adj, n, v*) knowing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clumsy, incompetent, unprofessional, bad, untrained, ordinary, amateur, mediocre; (*adv*) incompetently.
wheeling: (*adj*) rotating, revolving, moving; (*n*) rolling, city, metropolis, peal, propulsion, roll, transmission service, urban center.

These **happenings** had occupied an incredibly short time, yet the youth felt that in them he had been made aged. New eyes were given to him. And the most startling thing was to learn suddenly that he was very insignificant. The officer spoke of the regiment as if he referred to a **broom**. Some part of the woods needed sweeping, perhaps, and he merely indicated a broom in a tone properly indifferent to its fate. It was war, no doubt, but it appeared strange.

As the two boys approached the line, the lieutenant perceived them and swelled with wrath. "Fleming--Wilson--how long does it take yeh to git water, anyhow--where yeh been to."

But his oration ceased as he saw their eyes, which were large with great tales. "We're goin' t' charge--we're goin' t' charge!" cried the youth's friend, **hastening** with his news.

"Charge?" said the lieutenant. "Charge? Well, b'Gawd! Now, this is real fightin'." Over his soiled **countenance** there went a **boastful** smile. "Charge? Well, b'Gawd!"

A little group of soldiers surrounded the two youths. "Are we, sure 'nough? Well, I'll be derved! Charge? What fer? What at? Wilson, you're lyin'."

"I hope to die," said the youth, **pitching** his tones to the key of angry remonstrance. "Sure as shooting, I tell you."

And his friend spoke in re-enforcement. "Not by a blame sight, he ain't lyin'. We heard 'em talkin'."

They caught sight of two mounted figures a short distance from them. One was the colonel of the regiment and the other was the officer who had received orders from the commander of the division. They were gesticulating at each other. The soldier, pointing at them, interpreted the scene.

One man had a final objection: "How could yeh hear 'em talkin'?" But the men, for a large part, nodded, **admitting** that previously the two friends had spoken truth.

They settled back into **reposeful** attitudes with **airs** of having accepted the matter. And they mused upon it, with a hundred varieties of expression. It was

Thesaurus

admitting: (*adj*) suscipient; (*adv*) conditionally; (*n*) acknowledgment, receipt, credence; (*conj*) although.
airs: (*n, v*) pretension; (*n*) affectation, pride, pose, pretensions, attitude; (*adj, n*) arrogance; (*v*) precisionism, euphuism, purism, pedantry.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) humility, personality, realness, truthfulness, honesty.
boastful: (*adj, v*) braggart; (*adj*) pompous, arrogant, proud, vaunting,

thrasonical, vainglorious, vain, ostentatious; (*v*) Thrasonic; (*adj, n*) noble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) deprecating, humble, insecure.
broom: (*v*) sweep, to sweep, bream, shovel, rake, screen, sieve; (*n*) brush, Scots heather, *Calluna vulgaris*, heath.
countenance: (*n*) aspect, expression, brow, complexion; (*n, v*) face, sanction, support, favor; (*v*) allow, tolerate, uphold. ANTONYMS: (*v*)

reject, oppose, discourage, disapprove, prohibit.
happenings: (*n*) actions, activities.
hastening: (*n*) quickening, speed, hurrying, speeding up, faster, fast, stepping up.
pitching: (*n*) cast, lurch, nosing motion, playing, slant, delivery, lunge, stone facing, pitch shot; (*adj*) inclined; (*adv*) headlong.
reposeful: (*adj*) restful, relaxing, calm, quieter.

an **engrossing** thing to think about. Many tightened their belts carefully and hitched at their trousers.

A moment later the officers began to **bustle** among the men, pushing them into a more compact mass and into a better alignment. They chased those that straggled and fumed at a few men who seemed to show by their attitudes that they had decided to remain at that spot. They were like critical shepherds, struggling with sheep.

Presently, the regiment seemed to draw itself up and **heave** a deep breath. None of the men's faces were mirrors of large thoughts. The soldiers were **bended** and stooped like sprinters before a signal. Many pairs of glinting eyes peered from the grimy faces toward the curtains of the deeper woods. They seemed to be engaged in deep calculations of time and distance.

They were surrounded by the noises of the monstrous altercation between the two armies. The world was fully interested in other matters. Apparently, the regiment had its small affair to itself.

The youth, turning, shot a quick, **inquiring** glance at his friend. The latter returned to him the same manner of look. They were the only ones who possessed an inner knowledge. "Mule drivers-- hell t' pay--don't believe many will get back." It was an ironical secret. Still, they saw no hesitation in each other's faces, and they nodded a **mute** and **unprotesting** assent when a **shaggy** man near them said in a meek voice: "We'll git swallowed."

Thesaurus

bended: (*adj*) bent, bowed.

bustle: (*adj, n, v*) hurry; (*n, v*) flurry, ado, fuss, hustle; (*adj, n*) stir, movement; (*n*) bother, commotion, disorder; (*adj, v*) hasten.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) inactivity, stillness, idleness; (*v*) laziness, relaxation.

engrossing: (*adj*) fascinating, riveting, gripping, captivating, entrancing, enthralling, beguiling, charming, enchanting; (*adj, v*) interesting; (*v*) engross. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

uninteresting, dull, monotonous, tiresome, unexciting.

heave: (*n, v*) cast, fling, raise, gasp, toss, lift; (*v*) chuck, haul, elevate, pitch, billow. ANTONYMS: (*v*) push, drop.

inquiring: (*adj*) inquisitive, quizzical, interested, analytical, probing, intrusive; (*adj, n*) questioning; (*v*) inquire; (*n*) enquiry, question, examination. ANTONYM: (*adj*) uninquiring.

mute: (*adj*) dumb, silent, inarticulate, dummy, tongueless; (*v*) muffle, dampen, deaden, hush; (*adj, v*) quiet, dull. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) talkative, speaking, spoken; (*v*) amplify.

shaggy: (*adj*) bushy, hirsute, hairy, bearded, shagged, pilous, brushy, unkempt, hispid; (*adj, n*) ragged; (*n*) rugged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sleek, tidy.

unprotesting: (*adj*) resigned, uncomplaining.

CHAPTER 19

THE YOUTH stared at the land in front of him. Its foliages now seemed to veil powers and **horrors**. He was unaware of the machinery of orders that started the charge, although from the corners of his eyes he saw an officer, who looked like a boy a-horseback, come galloping, waving his hat. Suddenly he felt a **straining** and heaving among the men. The line fell slowly forward like a **toppling** wall, and, with a **convulsive gasp** that was intended for a cheer, the regiment began its journey. The youth was pushed and jostled for a moment before he understood the movement at all, but directly he lunged ahead and began to run.

He fixed his eye upon a distant and prominent **clump** of trees where he had concluded the enemy were to be met, and he ran toward it as toward a goal. He had believe throughout that it was a mere question of getting over an unpleasant matter as quickly as possible, and he ran desperately, as if pursued for a murder. His face was drawn hard and tight with the stress of his **endeavor**. His eyes were fixed in a lurid glare. And with his soiled and disordered dress, his red and **inflamed** features **surmounted** by the dingy rag with its spot of blood, his wildly swinging rifle, and **banging accouterments**, he looked to be an **insane** soldier.

As the regiment swung from its position out into a cleared space the woods and thickets before it awakened. Yellow flames leaped toward it from many directions. The forest made a tremendous objection.

Thesaurus

accouterments: (*n*) equipment, accoutrements, harness, outfit, accessories, belongings, equipage, fittings, hardware.

banging: (*n*) battering, flap; (*adj*) humongous, noisy.

clump: (*n, v*) cluster, bundle; (*n*) lump, group, clot, knot, tuft, chunk, clod, ball; (*v*) plod.

convulsive: (*adj*) spastic, galvanic, fitful, paroxysmal, violent, choreic, unsteady, hysterical; (*v*) unquiet,

restless, saltatory.

endeavor: (*n, v*) struggle, try, strain; (*n*) effort, trial, essay, shot, enterprise, work; (*v*) strive, aim. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) neglect.

gasp: (*n, v*) pant; (*v*) puff, blow, breathe, sigh, heave, wheeze, breathe heavily, gag; (*n*) inhalation, breath.

horrors: (*adj*) pessimism, vapors, spleen, megrims; (*n*) delirium tremens.

inflamed: (*adj*) impassioned, excited,

angry, hot, flaming, ablaze, irritated, passionate, painful, burning; (*n*) red.

insane: (*adj*) foolish, daft, demented, mad, delirious, lunatic, fool, moonstruck, frantic, idiotic, nutty. ANTONYM: (*adj*) sensible.

straining: (*n*) effort, push, exertion, distortion, overrefinement, tension, endeavor, torture, twisting; (*adj*) arduous; (*v*) tighten.

surmounted: (*adj*) beaten.

toppling: (*adj*) falling.

The line lurched straight for a moment. Then the right wing swung forward; it in turn was surpassed by the left. Afterward the center careered to the front until the regiment was a wedge-shaped mass, but an instant later the opposition of the bushes, trees, and uneven places on the ground split the command and scattered it into detached clusters.

The youth, light-footed, was unconsciously in advance. His eyes still kept note of the clump of trees. From all places near it the **clannish yell** of the enemy could be heard. The little flames of rifles leaped from it. The song of the bullets was in the air and shells snarled among the treetops. One tumbled directly into the middle of a hurrying group and exploded in crimson fury. There was an instant spectacle of a man, almost over it, throwing up his hands to shield his eyes.

Other men, punched by bullets, fell in grotesque agonies. The regiment left a coherent trail of bodies.

They had passed into a clearer atmosphere. There was an effect like a revelation in the new appearance of the landscape. Some men working madly at a battery were plain to them, and the opposing infantry's lines were defined by the gray walls and fringes of smoke.

It seemed to the youth that he saw everything. Each blade of the green grass was bold and clear. He thought that he was aware of every change in the thin, transparent vapor that floated idly in sheets. The brown or gray trunks of the trees showed each **roughness** of their surfaces. And the men of the regiment, with their starting eyes and sweating faces, running madly, or falling, as if thrown headlong, to queer, heaped-up corpses-- all were **comprehended**. His mind took a mechanical but firm impression, so that afterward everything was pictured and explained to him, save why he himself was there.

But there was a frenzy made from this furious rush. The men, pitching forward insanely, had burst into cheerings, moblike and **barbaric**, but **tuned** in strange keys that can arouse the **dullard** and the **stoic**. It made a mad enthusiasm that, it seemed, would be incapable of checking itself before granite and brass. There was the **delirium** that encounters despair and death, and is

Thesaurus

barbaric: (*adj*) boorish, uncivil, graceless, churlish, uncouth, uncivilized, savage, barbarous, wild, gross, inhuman. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) refined, civilized, cultured, polished.
clannish: (*adj*) clubby, cliquish, exclusive, snobby, snobbish, sectarian, ancestral, ethnic, joint, family, private. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) friendly, open, welcoming.
comprehended: (*adj*) understood, apprehended.

delirium: (*n*) craze, insanity, mania, disturbance, fever, ecstasy, derangement; (*adj, n*) fury; (*adj*) furor, rage, distraction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) indifference, dejection.
dullard: (*n*) dolt, dunce, duffer, oaf, pudding head, stupid, bore, ass, lout, half-wit, loon.
roughness: (*n*) harshness, asperity, crudeness, hoarseness, rigor, unevenness, disorderliness, gruffness, huskiness, inclemency,

crudity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) softness, complexity, gentleness, mildness, evenness, exactness, friendliness, orderliness, grace, lenience.
stoic: (*adj*) stoical, matter-of-fact, stolid, apathetic; (*n*) unemotional person, philosopher.
tuned: (*adj*) keyed, adjusted, musical, tempered, melodious.
yell: (*n, v*) cry, roar, scream, howl, call, bellow, whoop, shriek, outcry; (*v*) bawl, holler.

heedless and blind to the odds. It is a temporary but sublime absence of selfishness. And because it was of this order was the reason, perhaps, why the youth wondered, afterward, what reasons he could have had for being there.

Presently the straining pace ate up the energies of the men. As if by agreement, the leaders began to **slacken** their speed. The volleys directed against them had had a seeming windlike effect. The regiment snorted and blew. Among some stolid trees it began to **falter** and hesitate. The men, staring intently, began to wait for some of the distant walls of smoke to move and disclose to them the scene. Since much of their strength and their breath had vanished, they returned to caution. They were become men again.

The youth had a vague belief that he had run miles, and he thought, in a way, that he was now in some new and unknown land.

The moment the regiment ceased its advance the protesting **splutter** of musketry became a steadied roar. Long and accurate fringes of smoke spread out. From the top of a small hill came level belchings of yellow flame that caused an **inhuman** whistling in the air.

The men, halted, had opportunity to see some of their comrades dropping with **moans** and shrieks. A few lay under foot, still or wailing. And now for an instant the men stood, their rifles slack in their hands, and watched the regiment **dwindle**. They appeared **dazed** and stupid. This spectacle seemed to **paralyze** them, overcome them with a fatal fascination. They stared woodenly at the sights, and, lowering their eyes, looked from face to face. It was a strange pause, and a strange silence.

Then, above the sounds of the outside commotion, arose the roar of the lieutenant. He strode suddenly forth, his infantile features black with rage.

"Come on, yeh fools!" he bellowed. "Come on! Yeh can't stay here. Yeh must come on." He said more, but much of it could not be understood.

He started rapidly forward, with his head turned toward the men, "Come on," he was shouting. The men stared with blank and yokel-like eyes at him. He was obliged to halt and retrace his steps. He stood then with his back to the

Thesaurus

dazed: (*adj*) bewildered, stunned, dumbfounded, muzzy, stupefied, dizzy, stupid, groggy, amazed, astounded, bleary. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indifferent, unimpressed, conscious.

dwindle: (*v*) abate, diminish, decline, decrease, contract, recede, fade, fall, lessen, reduce, wane. ANTONYMS: (*v*) mushroom, accumulate, enlarge, expand, extend, grow, strengthen, rise.

falter: (*n, v*) waver; (*v*) hesitate, stumble, stutter, stammer, halt, dither, bumble, doubt, teeter; (*n*) faltering. ANTONYMS: (*v*) persevere, persist, endure, remain.

inhuman: (*adj*) heartless, cruel, atrocious, brutal, cold, harsh, ferocious, remorseless, barbarous, relentless, barbaric. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sympathetic, kind, humane.

moans: (*adj*) moaning.

paralyze: (*v*) palsy, cripple, paralyse,

disable, deaden, petrify; (*n, v*) numb, stun; (*adj, n*) obtund, blunt; (*adj*) anaesthetize.

slacken: (*adj, n, v*) loosen; (*v*) abate, remit, retard, loose, douse, lessen, slow, slack up; (*adj, v*) slack; (*n, v*) ease. ANTONYMS: (*v*) tense, increase.

splutter: (*v*) spit, expectorate; (*n, v*) sputter; (*adj*) bustle, fuss, fidget; (*n*) splatter, spatter, splash, sputtering; (*adj, v*) scramble.

enemy and delivered gigantic curses into the faces of the men. His body vibrated from the weight and force of his imprecations. And he could string oaths with the facility of a maiden who strings beads.

The friend of the youth aroused. Lurching suddenly forward and dropping to his knees, he fired an angry shot at the persistent woods. This action awakened the men. They huddled no more like sheep. They seemed suddenly to bethink themselves of their weapons, and at once commenced firing. Belabored by their officers, they began to move forward. The regiment, involved like a cart involved in mud and muddle, started **unevenly** with many jolts and jerks. The men stopped now every few paces to fire and load, and in this manner moved slowly on from trees to trees.

The flaming opposition in their front grew with their advance until it seemed that all forward ways were barred by the thin leaping tongues, and off to the right an ominous demonstration could sometimes be dimly discerned. The smoke lately generated was in confusing clouds that made it difficult for the regiment to proceed with intelligence. As he passed through each curling mass the youth wondered what would confront him on the farther side.

The command went painfully forward until an open space **interposed** between them and the lurid lines. Here, **crouching** and **cowering** behind some trees, the men clung with desperation, as if threatened by a wave. They looked wild-eyed, and as if amazed at this furious disturbance they had stirred. In the storm there was an ironical expression of their importance. The faces of the men, too, showed a lack of a certain feeling of responsibility for being there. It was as if they had been driven. It was the dominant animal failing to remember in the supreme moments the forceful causes of various superficial qualities. The whole affair seemed incomprehensible to many of them.

As they halted thus the lieutenant again began to **bellow profanely**. Regardless of the vindictive threats of the bullets, he went about coaxing, **berating**, and bedamning. His lips, that were habitually in a soft and **childlike** curve, were now writhed into unholy contortions. He swore by all possible deities.

Thesaurus

belly: (*n, v*) shout, growl, yell, cry, snarl, scream, howl, call, holler; (*v*) bawl; (*n*) bay. ANTONYMS: (*v*) murmur, mutter.

berating: (*n*) reprehension, blowing up, rebuke, tirade, invective.

childlike: (*adj*) ingenuous, simple, babyish, young, innocent, pure, unsophisticated, juvenile, immature, childly, childish. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) old, untrusting, experienced, cunning, complicated, jaded,

worldly.

cowering: (*adv*) cowardly; (*adj*) fawning, squat, subservient.

crouching: (*adj*) sneaking, huddled, obsequious, squat, hunkered, cowering, hunkered down; (*v*) submissive, resigned.

interposed: (*adj*) interjacent, intercedent, intervenient, parenthetical, intermediate colors, mediate.

profanely: (*adv*) sacrilegiously,

secularly, irreverently, unholy, impiously, ungodly, unconsecratedly, sinfully, temporally, impurely, heretically. **unevenly:** (*adv*) unequally, roughly, raggedly, erratically, jaggedly, unsteadily, harshly, bumpily, disproportionately, patchily, crookedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) smoothly, consistently, systematically, firmly, straight, regularly.

Once he grabbed the youth by the arm. "Come on, yeh lunkhead!" he roared. "Come one! We'll all git killed if we stay here. We've on'y got t' go across that lot. An' then"--the remainder of his idea disappeared in a blue haze of curses.

The youth stretched forth his arm. "Cross there?" His mouth was puckered in doubt and awe.

"Certainly. Jest 'cross th' lot! We can't stay here," screamed the lieutenant. He poked his face close to the youth and waved his **bandaged** hand. "Come on!" Presently he grappled with him as if for a wrestling bout. It was as if he planned to drag the youth by the ear on to the assault.

The private felt a sudden unspeakable indignation against his officer. He wrenched fiercely and shook him off.

"Come on yerself, then," he yelled. There was a bitter challenge in his voice.

They galloped together down the regimental front. The friend scrambled after them. In front of the colors the three men began to **bawl**: "Come on! come on!" They danced and gyrated like tortured savages.

The flag, obedient to these appeals, bended its glittering form and swept toward them. The men wavered in **indecision** for a moment, and then with a long, **wailful** cry the dilapidated regiment surged forward and began its new journey.

Over the field went the **scurrying** mass. It was a handful of men **splattered** into the faces of the enemy. Toward it instantly sprang the yellow tongues. A vast quantity of blue smoke hung before them. A mighty banging made ears **valueless**.

The youth ran like a **madman** to reach the woods before a bullet could discover him. He ducked his head low, like a football player. In his haste his eyes almost closed, and the scene was a wild blur. Pulsating saliva stood at the corners of his mouth.

Within him, as he hurled himself forward, was born a love, a despairing fondness for this flag which was near him. It was a creation of beauty and **invulnerability**. It was a goddess, **radiant**, that bended its form with an

Thesaurus

bandaged: (*adj*) articulated, apprenticed.

bawl: (*n, v*) shout, roar, cry, yell; (*v*) bellow, call, bark, wail, scream, weep, howl. ANTONYMS: (*v*) whisper, snicker, mutter, giggle, murmur.

indecision: (*n*) hesitation, irresolution, uncertainty, indecisiveness, hesitance, qualm, vacillation, hesitancy, dubiety, infirmity of purpose; (*adj, n*) suspense. ANTONYMS: (*n*) determination, resolve, resolution, confidence.

invulnerability: (*n*) impregnability, strength, protection, invulnerableness, impassibility, safety, inviolability. ANTONYM: (*n*) vulnerability.

madman: (*n*) bedlamite, maniac, crazy, loony, nut, madcap, looney, loco, sufferer, raver, nutcase.

radiant: (*adj, v*) bright, glittering, lustrous, beamy, glorious; (*adj*) beaming, luminous, effulgent, lucid, glowing, beautiful. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) gloomy, dark, pale, unhappy.

scurrying: (*adj*) faster, fast.

splattered: (*adj*) splashy, dabbled, splashed, spattered, showy, covered, bespattered, besplashed, covered patchily.

valueless: (*adj*) useless, futile, insignificant, meaningless, null, unvalued, trifling, of no value, rubbish, priceless, refuse.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) valuable.

wailful: (*adj*) wailing.

imperious gesture to him. It was a woman, red and white, **hating** and loving, that called him with the voice of his hopes. Because no harm could come to it he **endowed** it with power. He kept near, as if it could be a **saver** of lives, and an **imploing** cry went from his mind.

In the mad **scramble** he was aware that the color sergeant flinched suddenly, as if struck by a **bludgeon**. He faltered, and then became motionless, save for his quivering knees. He made a spring and a clutch at the pole. At the same instant his friend grabbed it from the other side. They jerked at it, stout and furious, but the color sergeant was dead, and the corpse would not **relinquish** its trust. For a moment there was a grim encounter. The dead man, swinging with bended back, seemed to be obstinately tugging, in ludicrous and awful ways, for the possession of the flag.

It was past in an instant of time. They **wrenched** the flag furiously from the dead man, and, as they turned again, the corpse swayed forward with bowed head. One arm swung high, and the curved hand fell with heavy protest on the friend's unheeding shoulder.

Thesaurus

bludgeon: (*n*) bat, stick, truncheon, cudgel, mace, staff, shillelah; (*v*) beat, bully, hit, coerce.

endowed: (*adj*) gifted, clever, cute, felicitous, competent, blessed, artistic, brilliant, ingenious, talented, qualified.

hating: (*adj*) loathful, abhorring, disgusting, misanthropic, vengeful; (*n*) venom.

imperious: (*adj*) haughty, domineering, authoritative, arbitrary,

imperative, masterful, dictatorial, commanding, lordly, magisterial, despotic. ANTONYM: (*adj*) subservient.

imploing: (*adj*) appealing, begging, suppliant, pleading, entreating, piteous, importunate, entreating urgently; (*v*) supplicate, plead; (*n*) prayer.

relinquish: (*v*) abandon, abdicate, leave, cede, quit, renounce, give up, discard, disclaim, yield, desert.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) keep, accept, continue, enforce, acquire.

saver: (*n*) salvor, recoverer, economizer, someone, soul, somebody, salvager, deliverer, saviour, savior, saving.

scramble: (*v*) clamber, beat, strive; (*n*, *v*) climb, struggle, bustle, jumble, scabble, rush; (*adj*, *n*) hurry; (*n*) haste. ANTONYMS: (*v*) descend; (*n*) descent.

wrenched: (*adj*) strained, weakened.

CHAPTER 20

WHEN THE two youths turned with the flag they saw that much of the regiment had **crumbled** away, and the **dejected remnant** was coming slowly back. The men, having hurled themselves in **projectile** fashion, had presently **expended** their forces. They slowly retreated, with their faces still toward the **spluttering** woods, and their hot rifles still **replying** to the din. Several officers were giving orders, their voices **keyed** to screams.

"Where in hell yeh goin'?" the lieutenant was asking in a sarcastic **howl**. And a red-bearded officer, whose voice of triple brass could plainly be heard, was commanding: "Shoot into 'em! Shoot into 'em, Gawd damn their souls!" There was a **melee** of screeches, in which the men were ordered to do conflicting and impossible things.

The youth and his friend had a small **scuffle** over the flag. "Give it t' me!" "No, let me keep it!" Each felt satisfied with the other's possession of it, but each felt bound to declare, by an offer to carry the **emblem**, his willingness to further risk himself. The youth roughly pushed his friend away.

The regiment fell back to the stolid trees. There it halted for a moment to blaze at some dark forms that had begun to steal upon its track. Presently it resumed its march again, curving among the tree trunks. By the time the depleted regiment had again reached the first open space they were receiving a fast and merciless fire. There seemed to be mobs all about them.

Thesaurus

crumbled: (*adj*) rotten, fragmented.

dejected: (*adj*) sad, depressed, low, downhearted, gloomy, down, unhappy, spiritless, sorrowful, miserable, melancholy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) elated, happy, euphoric, joyous, encouraged, positive, enthusiastic, hopeful.

emblem: (*n*) flag, type, device, allegory, character, crest, sign, badge, figure, ensign, symbol.

expended: (*adj*) spent, finished, dead,

departed, unpursed, bypast, bygone, deceased, gone, completely exhausted; (*v*) expending.

howl: (*n, v*) cry, roar, scream, bark, shout, yell, bay, yelp; (*v*) bawl, growl, yawl. ANTONYM: (*v*) laugh.

keyed: (*adj*) tuned, adjusted.

melee: (*adj, n*) fight, brawl, uproar, fracas, row; (*n*) battle royal, fray, scrimmage; (*adj*) disturbance; (*v*) brabble, brigade.

projectile: (*n*) bullet, shot, pellet,

arrow, bolt, weapon, quoit, slug, cartridge, cannonball; (*adj*) propulsive.

remnant: (*n*) end, relic, remains, residue, fragment, leftover, survival, trace, oddment, balance, stub.

replying: (*adj*) respondent, responsive.

scuffle: (*n, v*) tussle, fight, scrap, struggle, disturbance, encounter; (*v*) grapple, shuffle; (*n*) melee, scramble, fighting.

spluttering: (*adj*) noisy.

The greater part of the men, discouraged, their spirits worn by the turmoil, acted as if stunned. They accepted the **pelting** of the bullets with bowed and weary heads. It was of no purpose to strive against walls. It was of no use to batter themselves against granite. And from this consciousness that they had attempted to conquer an **unconquerable** thing there seemed to arise a feeling that they had been betrayed. They glowered with bent **brows**, but dangerously, upon some of the officers, more particularly upon the red-bearded one with the voice of triple brass.

However, the rear of the regiment was **fringed** with men, who continued to shoot irritably at the advancing foes. They seemed resolved to make every trouble. The youthful lieutenant was perhaps the last man in the disordered mass. His forgotten back was toward the enemy. He had been shot in the arm. It hung straight and rigid. Occasionally he would cease to remember it, and be about to emphasize an oath with a sweeping gesture. The multiplied pain caused him to swear with incredible power.

The youth went along with slipping uncertain feet. He kept watchful eyes rearward. A **scowl** of **mortification** and rage was upon his face. He had thought of a fine revenge upon the officer who had referred to him and his fellows as mule drivers. But he saw that it could not come to pass. His dreams had collapsed when the mule drivers, dwindling rapidly, had wavered and hesitated on the little clearing, and then had recoiled. And now the retreat of the mule drivers was a march of shame to him.

A dagger-pointed gaze from without his blackened face was held toward the enemy, but his greater hatred was **riveted** upon the man, who, not knowing him, had called him a mule driver.

When he knew that he and his comrades had failed to do anything in successful ways that might bring the little **pangs** of a kind of remorse upon the officer, the youth allowed the rage of the baffled to possess him. This cold officer upon a monument, who dropped epithets unconcernedly down, would be finer as a dead man, he thought. So grievous did he think it that he could never possess the secret right to **taunt** truly in answer.

Thesaurus

brows: (*n*) brow.

fringed: (*adj*) fibrillated, bounded, feathered, bushy, decorated, fimbriate, fimbriate, lacinate, befringed, rough, lacinated.

mortification: (*n*) chagrin, embarrassment, shame, gangrene, disappointment, disgrace, corruption, necrosis, degradation; (*adj, n*) vexation; (*adj*) grievance.

pangs: (*n*) anguish, compunction, contrition, distress.

pelting: (*n*) successiveness, chronological sequence, chronological succession, hail, rain.

riveted: (*adj*) immovable, immobile, irremovable, rooted, wrapped up, intent; (*v*) wrapped in, engrossed in, rapt, absorbed, transfixed.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) detached.
scowl: (*n, v*) glare, grimace, roar, sneer; (*v*) glower, pout, lower, sulk; (*adj*) black looks, mumps; (*n*) growl. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) grin.

taunt: (*n, v*) ridicule, gibe, flout, insult, mock, deride, sneer, twit, quip; (*n*) scoff; (*v*) bait. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) respect, compliment; (*v*) applaud, comfort.

unconquerable: (*adj*) insurmountable, impregnable, insuperable, irresistible, unbeatable, proof against, resistless, indomitable, unquenchable, impassable, inextinguishable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conquerable, feeble.

He had pictured red letters of curious revenge. "We *are* mule drivers, are we?" And now he was compelled to throw them away.

He presently wrapped his heart in the cloak of his pride and kept the flag erect. He harangued his fellows, pushing against their chests with his free hand. To those he knew well he made frantic appeals, **beseeking** them by name. Between him and the lieutenant, scolding and near to losing his mind with rage, there was felt a subtle fellowship and equality. They supported each other in all manner of hoarse, **howling** protests.

But the regiment was a machine run down. The two men babbled at a **forceless** thing. The soldiers who had heart to go slowly were continually shaken in their resolves by a knowledge that comrades were slipping with speed back to the lines. It was difficult to think of reputation when others were thinking of skins. Wounded men were left crying on this black journey.

The smoke fringes and flames blustered always. The youth, peering once through a sudden rift in a cloud, saw a brown mass of troops, interwoven and magnified until they appeared to be thousands. A fierce-hued flag flashed before his vision.

Immediately, as if the uplifting of the smoke had been **prearranged**, the discovered troops burst into a **rasping** yell, and a hundred flames jetted toward the retreating band. A rolling gray cloud again interposed as the regiment doggedly replied. The youth had to depend again upon his **misused** ears, which were trembling and **buzzing** from the melee of musketry and yells.

The way seemed eternal. In the clouded haze men became **panic**-stricken with the thought that the regiment had lost its path, and was proceeding in a **perilous** direction. Once the men who headed the wild procession turned and came pushing back against their comrades, screaming that they were being fired upon from points which they had considered to be toward their own lines. At this cry a hysterical fear and dismay beset the troops. A soldier, who heretofore had been ambitious to make the regiment into a wise little band that would proceed calmly amid the huge-appearing difficulties, suddenly sank down and buried his face in his arms with an air of bowing to a doom. From another a shrill

Thesaurus

beseeking: (*adj*) begging, suppliant, imploring, pleading, precative, supplicatory, precatory, importunate; (*n*) prayer; (*v*) plead; (*adv*) beseekingly. ANTONYM: (*adj*) imperative.

buzzing: (*n*) noise, murmur; (*adj*) humming, abuzz, bustling, lively, droning, purring, vibrant, vivacious, full of beans.

forceless: (*adj*) weak, impotent, powerless, ineffective, void,

unforceful, wan, spineless.

howling: (*n*) howl, cry; (*adj*) fierce, fantastic, gross, glaring, marvelous, wonderful, wondrous; (*adj, n*) weeping, sniveling.

misused: (*adj*) tainted, perverted, lost, changed, misrepresented. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unchanged, used.

panic-stricken: (*adj*) afraid, hysterical.

perilous: (*adj, v*) dangerous, hazardous; (*adj*) insecure, unsafe, parlous, precarious, risky,

treacherous, dicey, critical, dodgy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) secure.

prearranged: (*adj*) fixed, premeditated, intelligence, intended, intentional, known, observer, occasional, predetermined, regular, selected. ANTONYM: (*adj*) changing.

rasping: (*adj*) harsh, rough, raspy, strident, gravelly, hoarse, raucous, husky, guttural; (*n*) rasp, friction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) smoothness; (*adj*) velvety, smooth, harmonious.

lamentation rang out filled with **profane** allusions to a general. Men ran hither and thither, seeking with their eyes roads of escape. With serene regularity, as if controlled by a schedule, bullets buffed into men.

The youth walked stolidly into the midst of the mob, and with his flag in his hands took a stand as if he expected an attempt to push him to the ground. He unconsciously assumed the attitude of the color bearer in the fight of the preceding day. He passed over his brow a hand that trembled. His breath did not come freely. He was **choking** during this small wait for the crisis.

His friend came to him. "Well, Henry, I guess this is good-by-John."

"Oh, shut up, you damned fool!" replied the youth, and he would not look at the other.

The officers labored like politicians to beat the mass into a proper circle to face the menaces. The ground was uneven and torn. The men curled into depressions and fitted themselves snugly behind whatever would **frustrate** a bullet. The youth noted with vague surprise that the lieutenant was standing **mutely** with his legs far apart and his sword held in the manner of a cane. The youth wondered what had happened to his vocal organs that he no more cursed.

There was something curious in this little intent pause of the lieutenant. He was like a **babe** which, having wept its fill, raises its eyes and fixes upon a distant toy. He was engrossed in this **contemplation**, and the soft under lip quivered from self-whispered words.

Some lazy and ignorant smoke curled slowly. The men, hiding from the bullets, waited anxiously for it to lift and disclose the plight of the regiment.

The silent ranks were suddenly thrilled by the eager voice of the youthful lieutenant bawling out: "Here they come! Right onto us, b'Gawd!" His further words were lost in a roar of wicked thunder from the men's rifles.

The youth's eyes had instantly turned in the direction indicated by the awakened and agitated lieutenant, and he had seen the haze of **treachery** disclosing a body of soldiers of the enemy. They were so near that he could see their features. There was a recognition as he looked at the types of faces. Also he

Thesaurus

babe: (*n*) infant, baby, chick, sweetie, suckling, nursling, child, newborn, chit, girl, darling. ANTONYMS: (*n*) grownup, adult, adolescent.
choking: (*n*) strangulation, throttling, slugging, asphyxiation; (*adj*) suffocative, suffocating, smothering, breathless, clogging, bitter, blinding.
contemplation: (*n*) consideration, reflection, thought, attention, cogitation, musing, introspection, speculation, animus, deliberation; (*n*,

v) study.
frustrate: (*v*) disappoint, foil, fail, counteract, bilk, disconcert, cross, balk, prevent, elude; (*n, v*) thwart. ANTONYMS: (*v*) promote, further, please, assist, satisfy, soothe.
mutely: (*adv*) dumbly, wordlessly, stilly, speechlessly, taciturnly, unspokenly, quietly, noiselessly, dully, soundlessly, dummily. ANTONYM: (*adv*) noisily.
profane: (*v*) desecrate, abuse, violate,

defile, outrage, debauch; (*adj*) irreverent, impious, sacrilegious, unholy; (*adj, v*) foul. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) devout, sacred, moral, religious, reverent.
treachery: (*n*) betrayal, disloyalty, infidelity, duplicity, treason, perfidy, falseness, faithlessness, perfidiousness, guile, dishonesty. ANTONYMS: (*n*) loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, reliability, allegiance, goodness.

perceived with dim amazement that their uniforms were rather gay in effect, being light gray, **accented** with a brilliant-hued facing. Too, the clothes seemed new.

These troops had apparently been going forward with caution, their rifles held in readiness, when the youthful lieutenant had discovered them and their movement had been interrupted by the volley from the blue regiment. From the moment's glimpse, it was derived that they had been unaware of the proximity of their dark-suited foes or had mistaken the direction. Almost instantly they were shut utterly from the youth's sight by the smoke from the energetic rifles of his companions. He strained his vision to learn the **accomplishment** of the volley, but the smoke hung before him.

The two bodies of troops **exchanged** blows in the manner of a pair of **boxers**. The fast angry firings went back and forth. The men in blue were intent with the despair of their circumstances and they seized upon the revenge to be had at close range. Their thunder swelled loud and valiant. Their curving front bristled with flashes and the place resounded with the clangor of their ramrods. The youth ducked and dodged for a time and achieved a few unsatisfactory views of the enemy. There **appeared** to be many of them and they were replying swiftly. They seemed moving toward the blue regiment, step by step. He seated himself **gloomily** on the ground with his flag between his knees.

As he noted the vicious, **wolflike** temper of his comrades he had a sweet thought that if the enemy was about to swallow the regimental broom as a large prisoner, it could at least have the consolation of going down with **bristles** forward.

But the blows of the antagonist began to grow more weak. Fewer bullets ripped the air, and finally, when the men **slackened** to learn of the fight, they could see only dark, floating smoke. The regiment lay still and gazed. Presently some chance **whim** came to the **pestering** blur, and it began to coil heavily away. The men saw a ground vacant of fighters. It would have been an empty stage if it were not for a few corpses that lay thrown and twisted into fantastic shapes upon the **sward**.

Thesaurus

accented: (*adj*) strong, emphatic, heavy.

accomplishment: (*n*) attainment, completion, exploit, performance, deed, skill, fulfillment, feat, action, act, acquisition. ANTONYMS: (*n*) abandonment, washout, flop, debacle, defeat.

appeared: (*n*) appearing.

boxers: (*n*) drawers.

bristles: (*n*) beard, five o'clock shadow.

exchanged: (*adj*) counterchanged, bartered, substituted.

gloomily: (*adv*) murkily, obscurely, drearily, darkly, somberly, morosely, sadly, sorrowfully, despondently, unhappily, glumly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) brightly, favorably, happily, optimistically, contentedly; (*adj*) auspiciously.

pestering: (*n*) harassment, annoyance; (*adj*) pesky, carking, vexatious, vexing, cranky, disagreeable; (*adj, v*)

teasing; (*v*) worrying, tormenting.

slackened: (*adj*) leisurely.

sward: (*n*) sod, greensward, lawn, green, divot, turf, grass, meadow, mead, sodomite, grassplat.

whim: (*n, v*) fancy, vagary, humor, freak; (*n*) notion, impulse, fad, mood, whimsy, thought, idea. ANTONYMS: (*n*) plan, reality, aversion.

wolflike: (*adj*) esurient, rapacious, ravening, edacious, voracious, ravenous.

At sight of this **tableau**, many of the men in blue sprang from behind their covers and made an ungainly dance of joy. Their eyes burned and a hoarse **cheer** of **elation** broke from their dry lips.

It had **begun** to seem to them that events were trying to prove that they were impotent. These little battles had evidently endeavored to demonstrate that the men could not fight well. When on the **verge** of submission to these opinions, the small **duel** had showed them that the proportions were not impossible, and by it they had revenged themselves upon their **misgivings** and upon the foe.

The **impetus** of enthusiasm was theirs again. They gazed about them with looks of uplifted pride, feeling new trust in the grim, always confident weapons in their hands. And they were men.

Thesaurus

begun: (*adj*) present.

cheer: (*v*) animate, applaud, amuse, hearten, inspire, lighten; (*n, v*) comfort, delight, cry; (*adj, v*) embolden; (*n*) consolation.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) sadness, boo, uncheerfulness, hiss, pessimism, raspberry; (*v*) depress, discourage, dissuade, complain, jeer.

duel: (*v*) combat, duello, contest, buck, repel, resist; (*n, v*) fight, tilt; (*n*) affaire d'honneur, monomachy, prize fight.

elation: (*n*) bliss, excitement, delight, euphoria, rapture, joy, happiness, joyousness, high spirits, exhilaration, exultation. ANTONYMS: (*n*) depression, sorrow, unhappiness, misery, sadness, despair, agony, dejection, dislike, desolation.

impetus: (*n*) impulsion, force, drive, power, stimulus, goad, spur, incentive, driving force, momentum; (*n, v*) energy. ANTONYM: (*n*) inertia.

misgivings: (*n*) anxiety, doubt,

misgiving, apprehension, fear, suspicion, doubts, concern, consternation, disbelief, foreboding. ANTONYM: (*n*) equanimity.

tableau: (*n*) scene, prospect, scenery, perspective, spectacle, landscape, lookout, act, outlook; (*v*) painting, piece.

verge: (*n, v*) edge, skirt; (*n*) boundary, brink, margin, limit, rim, bound, brim, side; (*v*) bend. ANTONYMS: (*n*) end, middle; (*v*) retreat.

CHAPTER 21

PRESENTLY THEY knew that no firing threatened them. All ways seemed once more opened to them. The dusty blue lines of their friends were disclosed a short distance away. In the distance there were many **colossal** noises, but in all this part of the field there was a sudden stillness.

They perceived that they were free. The **depleted** band drew a long breath of relief and gathered itself into a bunch to complete its trip.

In this last length of journey the men began to show strange emotions. They hurried with nervous fear. Some who had been dark and **unfaltering** in the grimmest moments now could not conceal an anxiety that made them frantic. It was perhaps that they dreaded to be killed in insignificant ways after the times for proper military deaths had passed. Or, perhaps, they thought it would be too ironical to get killed at the portals of safety. With backward looks of **perturbation**, they hastened.

As they approached their own lines there was some **sarcasm exhibited** on the part of a **gaunt** and bronzed regiment that lay resting in the shade of the trees. Questions were wafted to them.

"Where th' hell yeh been?"

"What yeh comin' back fer?"

"Why didn't yeh stay there?"

Thesaurus

colossal: (*adj*) huge, gargantuan, prodigious, Brobdingnagian, vast, enormous, great, mammoth, immense, massive, monstrous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tiny, small, insignificant, minute, compact, microscopic, miniature, slight.

depleted: (*adj*) low, wasted, spent, drained, tired, consumed, poor, infertile, impoverished, useless, empty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) refilled, renewed, replaced, replenished,

restocked, increased.

exhibited: (*adj*) ostensible, avowed, apparent, declared.

gaunt: (*adj*) lean, thin, cadaverous, desolate, bleak, dreary, meager, bony, angular, lanky, sullen. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, rounded, obese.

perturbation: (*n*) commotion, agitation, fuss, emotion, excitement, confusion, dislocation, discomposure, interruption; (*adj, n, v*) trepidation;

(*adj, n*) flutter.

sarcasm: (*adj, n*) irony, ridicule, satire, humor; (*n*) gibe, bitterness, jeer, scorn, insinuation, taunt; (*adj*) sarcastic. ANTONYM: (*n*) kindness.

unfaltering: (*adj*) unwavering, steadfast, steady, constant, firm, determined, sure, unflinching, unshakable, indefatigable, unflagging. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unsteady, fickle, uncommitted, hesitant.

"Was it warm out there, sonny?"

"Goin' home now, boys?"

One shouted in taunting **mimicry**: "Oh, mother, come quick an' look at th' sojers!"

There was no reply from the bruised and battered regiment, save that one man made broadcast challenges to fist fights and the red-bearded officer walked rather near and glared in great **swashbuckler** style at a tall captain in the other regiment. But the lieutenant suppressed the man who wished to fist fight, and the tall captain, flushing at the little **fanfare** of the red-bearded one, was obliged to look intently at some trees.

The youth's tender flesh was deeply stung by these remarks. From under his creased brows he glowered with hate at the mockers. He meditated upon a few revenges. Still, many in the regiment hung their heads in criminal fashion, so that it came to pass that the men trudged with sudden **heaviness**, as if they bore upon their bended shoulders the coffin of their **honor**. And the youthful lieutenant, **recollecting** himself, began to mutter softly in black curses.

They turned when they arrived at their old position to regard the ground over which they had charged.

The youth in this contemplation was smitten with a large astonishment. He discovered that the distances, as compared with the brilliant measurings of his mind, were trivial and ridiculous. The stolid trees, where much had taken place, seemed incredibly near. The time, too, now that he reflected, he saw to have been short. He wondered at the number of emotions and events that had been crowded into such little **spaces**. Elfin thoughts must have exaggerated and enlarged everything, he said.

It seemed, then, that there was bitter justice in the speeches of the gaunt and bronzed veterans. He veiled a glance of disdain at his fellows who **strewed** the ground, choking with dust, red from perspiration, misty-eyed, **disheveled**.

Thesaurus

disheveled: (*adj*) unkempt, sloppy, tousled, uncombed, dishevelled, tangled, slovenly, messy, scruffy, grubby, crumpled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) free, neat, ordered, unwrinkled, groomed, sharp, smart, fresh.

fanfare: (*n*) display, tucket, bluster, bravado, noise, line, illuminations, tune, melody, strain, ostentation.

heaviness: (*n*) dullness, fatness, sadness, ponderosity, ponderousness, weightiness, weight,

darkness, gloom, wideness, pressure. ANTONYMS: (*n*) slenderness, nimbleness, weightlessness.

honor: (*n, v*) respect, reputation, glory, fame, reward; (*n*) award, accolade, reverence; (*v*) celebrate; (*adj, n, v*) worship, grace. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) dishonor, disgrace; (*n*) shame, humiliation, wickedness, contempt, insult; (*v*) break, ignore, disrespect, discredit.

mimicry: (*n*) imitation, emulation,

apery, parody, mimesis, impersonation, caricature, mock, personation, burlesque; (*n, v*) mockery.

recollecting: (*n*) recollection.

spaces: (*n*) seats, seating.

strewed: (*v*) besprent, sprinkled over.

swashbuckler: (*n*) daredevil, hothead, lunatic, adventurer, drawcansir, madcap, bully, braggart, tearaway, Parolles, pistol.

They were **gulping** at their canteens, fierce to **wring** every mite of water from them, and they polished at their swollen and watery features with coat sleeves and bunches of grass.

However, to the youth there was a considerable joy in musing upon his performances during the charge. He had had very little time previously in which to appreciate himself, so that there was now much satisfaction in quietly thinking of his actions. He recalled bits of color that in the flurry had stamped themselves unawares upon his engaged senses.

As the regiment lay heaving from its hot exertions the officer who had named them as mule drivers came galloping along the line. He had lost his cap. His **tousled** hair streamed wildly, and his face was dark with **vexation** and wrath. His temper was displayed with more **clearness** by the way in which he managed his horse. He jerked and wrenched savagely at his bridle, stopping the hard-breathing animal with a furious pull near the colonel of the regiment. He immediately exploded in reproaches which came **unbidden** to the ears of the men. They were suddenly alert, being always curious about black words between officers.

"Oh, thunder, MacChesnay, what an awful bull you made of this thing!" began the officer. He attempted low tones, but his indignation caused certain of the men to learn the sense of his words. "What an awful mess you made! Good Lord, man, you stopped about a hundred feet this side of a very pretty success! If your men had gone a hundred feet farther you would have made a great charge, but as it is--what a lot of mud diggers you've got anyway!"

The men, listening with **bated** breath, now turned their curious eyes upon the colonel. They had a had a **ragamuffin** interest in this affair.

The colonel was seen to straighten his form and put one hand forth in oratorical fashion. He wore an injured air; it was as if a deacon had been accused of stealing. The men were **wiggling** in an ecstasy of excitement.

Thesaurus

bated: (*adj*) weak, faint, decreased.

clearness: (*n*) clarity, brightness, distinctness, perspicuity, lucidity, explicitness, sharpness, simplicity, purity, limpidity, intelligibility.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) ambiguity, opacity, dirtiness, vagueness, unclearness, obscureness, indistinctness, clutter, haziness, mustiness.

gulping: (*n*) draught, swilling, guzzling, drinking, draft; (*adj*) breathless, greedy.

ragamuffin: (*n*) tatterdemalion, waif, vagabond, raff, guttersnipe, rag, tatter, tramp, caitiff, urchin, sans culotte.

tousled: (*adj*) dishevelled, untidy, rumpled, unkempt, frowzled, uncombed, tangled, crumpled, knotted, disordered, entangled.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, neat, ordered, kempt.

unbidden: (*adj*) unbid, uninvited, spontaneous, voluntary, willing,

unwanted.

vexation: (*adj, n*) annoyance, nuisance; (*n*) irritation, worry, aggravation, displeasure, chagrin, chafe, anger, frustration, botheration.

wiggling: (*adj*) squirming, wiggly, wriggling, twisting, sinuate, twisty, moving, sinuous, tortuous, wobbly, wriggly.

wring: (*n, v*) squeeze; (*v*) twist, wrench, wrest, torture, torment, distort, extract, twine, contort, rack.

But of a sudden the colonel's manner changed from that of a **deacon** to that of a Frenchman. He shrugged his shoulders. "Oh, well, general, we went as far as we could," he said calmly.

"As far as you could? Did you, b'Gawd?" snorted the other. "Well, that wasn't very far, was it?" he added, with a glance of cold contempt into the other's eyes. "Not very far, I think. You were intended to make a diversion in **favor** of Whilterside. How well you succeeded your own ears can now tell you." He wheeled his horse and rode stiffly away.

The colonel, bidden to hear the **jarring** noises of an engagement in the woods to the left, broke out in vague damnations.

The lieutenant, who had listened with an air of impotent rage to the interview, spoke suddenly in firm and undaunted tones. "I don't care what a man is--whether he is a general or what-- if he says th' boys didn't put up a good fight out there he's a damned fool."

"Lieutenant," began the colonel, severely, "this is my own affair, and I'll trouble you--"

The lieutenant made an obedient gesture. "All right, colonel, all right," he said. He sat down with an air of being content with himself.

The news that the regiment had been reproached went along the line. For a time the men were bewildered by it. "Good thunder!" they ejaculated, staring at the **vanishing** form of the general. They conceived it to be a huge mistake.

Presently, however, they began to believe that in truth their efforts had been called light. The youth could see this conviction weight upon the entire regiment until the men were like **cuffed** and cursed animals, but **withal** rebellious.

The friend, with a **grievance** in his eye, went to the youth. I wonder what he does want," he said. "He must think we went out there an' played marbles! I never see sech a man!"

The youth developed a tranquil philosophy for these moments of irritation. "Oh, well," he rejoined, "he probably didn't see nothing of it at all and god mad as blazes, and concluded we were a lot of sheep, just because we didn't do what

Thesaurus

cuffed: (*adj*) slapped.

deacon: (*n*) clergyman, Protestant deacon, Catholic deacon, minister, deaconess, church officer; (*v*) offer sacrifice, deny oneself, fast, doctor, falsify.

favor: (*n, v*) countenance, aid, grace, support, benefit, boon; (*adj, n*) kindness; (*n*) advantage; (*v*) befriend, encourage, patronize. ANTONYMS: (*v*) hinder, contradict, dislike, hurt, differ, thwart, reject, demean; (*n*)

derogation, disapproval, unkindness.

grievance: (*n*) injustice, wrong, grudge, affliction, protest, objection, disaffection, discontentment, dissatisfaction; (*adj*) annoyance; (*adj, n*) distress. ANTONYMS: (*n*) justice, praise.

jarring: (*adj, n*) harsh, dissonant, inconsistent; (*adj*) rough, inharmonious, strident, grating, jolting, raucous, cacophonous, bumpy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soft,

usual.

vanishing: (*n*) disappearance, vanishment, dissipation; (*adj*) dying, fleeting, momentary, breaking up, declining, diminishing, dissolving, evanescent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thriving, increasing.

withal: (*adv*) nevertheless, notwithstanding, however, even so, all the same, nonetheless, with; (*adj*) likewise; (*n*) sufficiency, adequacy, enough.

he wanted done. It's a pity old Grandpa Henderson got killed yestirday--he'd have known that we did our best and fought good. It's just our awful luck, that's what."

"I should say so," replied the friend. He seemed to be deeply **wounded** at an **injustice**. "I should say we did have awful luck! There's no fun in fightin' fer people when everything yeh do-- no matter what--ain't done right. I have a notion t' stay behind next time an' let 'em take their ol' charge an' go t' th' devil with it."

The youth spoke **soothingly** to his comrade. "Well, we both did good. I'd like to see the fool what'd say we both didn't do as good as we could!"

"Of course we did," declared the friend stoutly. "An' I'd break th' feller's neck if he was as big as a church. But we're all right, **anyhow**, for I heard one feller say that we two fit th' best in th' reg'ment, an' they had a great argument 'bout it. Another feller, 'a course, he had t' up an' say it was a lie--he seen all what was goin' on an' he never seen us from th' beginnin' t' th' end. An' a lot more stuck in an' ses it wasn't a lie--we did fight like **thunder**, an' they give us quite a sendoff. But this is what I can't stand-- these everlastin' ol' soldiers, titterin' an' laughin', an then that general, he's crazy."

The youth exclaimed with sudden exasperation: "He's a lunkhead! He makes me mad. I wish he'd come along next time. We'd show 'im what--"

He ceased because several men had come **hurrying** up. Their faces expressed a bringing of great news.

"O Flem, yeh jest oughta heard!" cried one, eagerly.

"Heard what?" said the youth.

"Yeh jest oughta heard!" repeated the other, and he arranged himself to tell his **tidings**. The others made an excited circle. "Well, sir, th' colonel met your **lieutenant** right by us--it was damndest thing I ever heard--an' he ses: 'Ahem! ahem!' he ses. 'Mr. Hasbrouck!' he ses, 'by th' way, who was that lad what carried th' flag?' he ses. There, Flemin', what d' yeh think 'a that? 'Who was th' lad what carried th' flag?' he ses, an' th' lieutenant, he **speaks** up right away:

Thesaurus

anyhow: (*adv*) somehow, at any rate, in any case, whatever, in any event, regardless, however, though, besides, nonetheless, one way or another.

hurrying: (*n*) hastening, speed, quickening, rushing, early, speeding, speeding up, stepping up, amphetamine, forward, eager.

injustice: (*n*) iniquity, wrong, unfairness, bigotry, wickedness, prejudice, crime; (*adj, n*) injury, evil, harm, damage. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

fairness, evenhandedness, reasonableness, goodness, tolerance.

lieutenant: (*n*) captain, assistant, vicegerent, help, helper, first lieutenant, commodore, chancellor, commander, levetenant, delegate.

soothingly: (*adv*) softly, quietly, calmingly, lullingly, lightly, tenderly, kindly, blandly, calmly, comfortingly, sedatively.

speaks: (*n*) talks.

thunder: (*adj, n, v*) boom; (*n, v*) roar,

bang, roll, bellow; (*adj, n*) peal; (*adj, v*) explode, detonate; (*v*) howl, rumble, fulminate.

tidings: (*n*) intelligence, information, message, report, word, advice, communication, dispute, wind, statement, tiding.

wounded: (*adj, v*) hurt; (*n*) casualty, maimed; (*adj*) bruised, injured, bloody, aggrieved, saddened; (*v*) stricken, wound, struck. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unaffected.

'That's Flemin', an' he's a jimhickey,' he ses, right away. What? I say he did. 'A jimhickey,' he ses--those 'r his words. He did, too. I say he did. If you kin tell this story better than I kin, go ahead an' tell it. Well, then, keep yer mouth shet. Th' lieutenant, he ses: 'He's a jimhickey,' and th' colonel, he ses: 'Ahem! ahem! he is, indeed, a very good man t' have, ahem! He kep' th' **flag** 'way t' th' front. I saw 'im. He's a good un,' ses th' colonel. 'You bet,' ses th' lieutenant, 'he an' a feller named Wilson was at th' head 'a th' charge, an' howlin' like Indians all th' time,' he ses. 'Head 'a th' charge all th' time,' he ses. 'A feller named Wilson,' he ses. There, Wilson, m'boy, put that in a letter an' send it hum t' yer mother, hay? 'A feller named Wilson,' he ses. An' th' colonel, he ses: 'Were they, indeed? Ahem! ahem! My sakes!' he ses. 'At th' head 'a th' reg'ment?' he ses. 'They were,' ses th' lieutenant. 'My sakes!' ses th' colonel. He ses: 'Well, well, well,' he ses. 'They **deserve** t' be major-generals.'

The youth and his friend had said: "Huh!" "Yer lyin' Thompson." "Oh, go t' blazes!" "He never sed it." "Oh, what a lie!" "Huh!" But despite these **youthful** scoffings and embarrassments, they knew that their faces were deeply **flushing** from thrills of pleasure. They exchanged a secret **glance** of joy and congratulation.

They **speedily** forgot many things. The past held no **pictures** of error and disappointment. They were very happy, and their hearts swelled with grateful **affection** for the colonel and the youthful lieutenant.

Thesaurus

affection: (*n*) charity, attachment, fondness, heart, love, disease, nature, feeling, affectionateness, tenderness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disgust, neglect, malice, loathing, dislike, detachment, coldness, roughness.
deserve: (*v*) rate, warrant, gain, earn, to deserve, demand, justify, bear; (*n, v*) reward; (*n*) richly deserve, worth.
flag: (*adj, v*) decline, fade, drop, fail; (*n*) banner, ensign, colors, colours; (*v*) sag; (*n, v*) sign; (*adj, n, v*) languish.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) increase, rise, rally, strengthen.
flushing: (*n*) rinsing, blush, flashing, Flushing process, Flushing system, histamine flush, hushing, water Flushing.
glance: (*n, v*) look, peek, flash, peep; (*n*) gaze, glimpse, coup d'oeil, gander; (*v*) bounce, glint, ricochet. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) study; (*n*) examination, perusal; (*v*) stick, stare.
pictures: (*n*) cinema, movie, movie

theater, footage, motion picture, movie house.
speedily: (*adj, adv*) quickly, quick, immediately; (*adv*) rapidly, promptly, hastily, swiftly, fast, apace, hurriedly, fleetly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) later, eventually.
youthful: (*adj*) immature, fresh, green, juvenile, vernal, adolescent, childish, new, tender, sappy, beardless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) adult, mature, experienced, sophisticated, late.

CHAPTER 22

WHEN THE woods again began to pour forth the dark-hued masses of the enemy the youth felt serene self-confidence. He smiled briefly when he saw men dodge and duck at the long screechings of shells that were thrown in giant handfuls over them. He stood, erect and **tranquil**, watching the attack begin against a part of the line that made a blue curve along the side of an adjacent hill. His vision being unmolested by smoke from the rifles of his companions, he had opportunities to see parts of the hard fight. It was a relief to perceive at last from **whence** came some of these noises which had been roared into his ears.

Off a short way he saw two regiments fighting a little separate battle with two other regiments. It was in a cleared space, wearing a set-apart look. They were blazing as if upon a **wager**, giving and taking tremendous blows. The firings were incredibly fierce and rapid. These intent regiments apparently were oblivious of all larger purposes of war, and were slugging each other as if at a matched game.

In another direction he saw a magnificent brigade going with the evident intention of driving the enemy from a wood. They passed in out of sight and presently there was a most **awe-inspiring racket** in the wood. The noise was unspeakable. Having stirred this **prodigious** uproar, and, apparently, finding it too prodigious, the brigade, after a little time, came marching **airily** out again with its fine formation in **nowise** disturbed. There were no traces of speed in its

Thesaurus

airily: (*adv*) gaily, breezily, cheerfully, visionarily, ethereally, slightly, flippantly, freshly, jauntily, sprightly, lively.

awe-inspiring: (*adj*) awesome, solemn, glorious, monumental, brilliant, dignified, fearful, terrible, unusual, weird, wonderful.

nowise: (*adv*) no, nay, noways, not, none, to no degree.

prodigious: (*adj*) gigantic, enormous, huge, phenomenal, portentous,

stupendous, exceptional, colossal, immense, gargantuan; (*adj, v*) monstrous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unexceptional, normal, average, tiny, weak.

racket: (*n*) noise, din, disturbance, commotion, uproar; (*n, v*) hubbub, riot; (*v*) fuss, bustle, brawl, clutter. ANTONYMS: (*n*) silence, peace.

tranquil: (*adj, v*) quiet, unruffled, smooth; (*adj, n*) peaceful; (*adj*) placid, still, serene, sedate, collected,

composed, equable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) noisy, tense, agitated, anxious, troubled, bustling, loud, perturbed, frenetic, moving, bothered.

wager: (*n, v*) stake, hazard, risk, venture, gamble, chance; (*v*) lay, pledge, pawn, play; (*n*) stakes.

whence: (*adv*) wherefrom, hence, because, for, why, wherefore, how, then, then thence so, how comes it, how happens it.

movements. The brigade was **jaunty** and seemed to point a proud thumb at the yelling wood.

On a slope to the left there was a long row of guns, **gruff** and **maddened**, **denouncing** the enemy, who, down through the woods, were forming for another attack in the **pitiless** monotony of conflicts. The round red discharges from the guns made a crimson flare and a high, thick **smoke**. Occasional glimpses could be caught of groups of the toiling artillerymen. In the rear of this row of guns stood a house, calm and white, amid bursting shells. A congregation of horses, tied to a long railing, were tugging frenziedly at their bridles. Men were running hither and thither.

The detached battle between the four regiments lasted for some time. There chanced to be no interference, and they settled their dispute by themselves. They struck savagely and powerfully at each other for a period of minutes, and then the lighter-hued regiments faltered and drew back, leaving the dark-blue lines shouting. The youth could see the two flags shaking with laughter amid the smoke remnants.

Presently there was a stillness, pregnant with meaning. The blue lines **shifted** and changed a trifle and stared expectantly at the silent woods and fields before them. The hush was solemn and **churchlike**, save for a distant **battery** that, evidently unable to remain quiet, sent a faint rolling thunder over the ground. It irritated, like the noises of unimpressed boys. The men imagined that it would prevent their perched ears from hearing the first words of the new battle.

Of a sudden the guns on the slope roared out a message of warning. A spluttering sound had begun in the woods. It swelled with amazing speed to a profound clamor that involved the earth in noises. The splitting crashes **swept** along the lines until an interminable roar was developed. To those in the midst of it it became a din fitted to the universe. It was the **whirring** and thumping of gigantic machinery, complications among the smaller stars. The youth's ears were filled cups. They were incapable of hearing more.

Thesaurus

battery: (*n*) troop, cell, barrage, army, suite, company, artillery, assault and battery, barrage fire, primary cell, squad.

churchlike: (*adj*) churchly.

denouncing: (*v*) denounce; (*adj*) disparaging, critical, reproving, censorious, disapproving.

gruff: (*adj*) bluff, abrupt, curt, crusty, brusque, brutal, husky; (*adj, v*) coarse, rough, hoarse, harsh. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) courteous, friendly, high,

velvety, smooth, mellow, gentle, civil, polite.

jaunty: (*adj*) dapper, dashing, debonair, breezy, perky, carefree, chipper, smart, bright, buoyant; (*adj, n*) janty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) depressed, melancholy.

maddened: (*adj*) angry, furious, deranged, angered, enraged, moonstruck, fierce, upset, aggravated, ferocious; (*v*) frantic.

pitiless: (*adj*) merciless, brutal, harsh,

cruel, ruthless, implacable, remorseless, inexorable, inhuman, heartless, hard. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) merciful, charitable, soft, compassionate, warmhearted, sympathetic, flexible, caring, tolerant.
shifted: (*adj*) disordered, gone.
smoke: (*n*) fumes, cigarette, cigar, smog, fog; (*n, v*) reek, fumigate, puff; (*v*) exhale, cure; (*adj*) tobacco.
swept: (*adj*) clean.
whirring: (*n*) whirr, birr; (*adj*) noisy.

On an incline over which a road wound he saw wild and desperate rushes of men perpetually backward and forward in riotous surges. These parts of the opposing armies were two long waves that pitched upon each other madly at dictated points. To and fro they swelled. Sometimes, one side by its yells and cheers would proclaim decisive blows, but a moment later the other side would be all yells and cheers. Once the youth saw a spray of light forms go in houndlike leaps toward the waving blue lines. There was much howling, and presently it went away with a vast mouthful of prisoners. Again, he saw a blue wave dash with such thunderous force against a gray obstruction that it seemed to clear the earth of it and leave nothing but trampled sod. And always in their swift and deadly rushes to and fro the men screamed and yelled like maniacs.

Particular pieces of fence or secure positions behind collections of trees were wrangled over, as gold thrones or pearl bedsteads. There were desperate lunges at these chosen spots seemingly every instant, and most of them were banded like light toys between the **contending** forces. The youth could not tell from the battle flags flying like crimson foam in many directions which color of cloth was winning.

His **emaciated** regiment bustled forth with **undiminished fierceness** when its time came. When assaulted again by bullets, the men burst out in a barbaric cry of rage and pain. They bent their heads in aims of intent hatred behind the projected hammers of their guns. Their ramrods clanged loud with fury as their eager arms **pounded** the cartridges into the rifle barrels. The front of the regiment was a smoke-wall penetrated by the flashing points of yellow and red.

Wallowing in the fight, they were in an astonishingly short time resmudged. They surpassed in stain and dirt all their previous appearances. Moving to and fro with strained exertion, **jabbering** all the while, they were, with their swaying bodies, black faces, and glowing eyes, like strange and ugly fiends jiggling heavily in the smoke.

The lieutenant, returning from a tour after a bandage, produced from a hidden **receptacle** of his mind new and **portentous** oaths suited to the emergency. Strings of expletives he swung lashlike over the backs of his men,

Thesaurus

contending: (*adj*) contentious, conflicting, competitive, competing, competitory, combatant, challenging, factious, militant, warlike, fighting.
emaciated: (*adj*) bony, lean, thin, gaunt, skinny, meager, wasted, haggard, slender, slim, lanky.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fat, obese, heavy, bloated, beefy, overweight.
fierceness: (*n*) ferocity, violence, cruelty, force, brutality, rage, intensity, strength, vehemence,

wildness, ferociousness.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) friendliness, calmness, meekness.
jabbering: (*adj*) babbling, blithering, blathering, loquacious, voluble, gabby; (*n*) jabber, gabble, babble, gibberish.
portentous: (*adj*) fateful, extraordinary, pompous, amazing, pontifical, prodigious, grandiloquent, sinister, unusual, foreboding, astonishing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

modest, promising.
pounded: (*adj*) beaten, ground, crushed, pulverized, minced, broken up, milled.
receptacle: (*n*) box, holder, case, torus, can, outlet, pocket, pyx, beehive, cuspidor, pix.
undiminished: (*adj*) unabated, unrestricted, unreduced, undying, not deficient, morally whole, internal, faithful, unrelieved, interior; (*v*) on the increase.

and it was evident that his previous **efforts** had in nowise impaired his resources.

The youth, still the bearer of the colors, did not feel his **idleness**. He was deeply absorbed as a spectator. The crash and swing of the great drama made him lean forward, intent-eyed, his face working in small contortions. Sometimes he prattled, words coming unconsciously from him in grotesque exclamations. He did not know that he breathed; that the flag hung silently over him, so absorbed was he.

A formidable line of the enemy came within dangerous range. They could be seen plainly--tall, gaunt men with excited faces running with long strides toward a wandering fence.

At sight of this danger the men suddenly ceased their cursing **monotone**. There was an instant of strained silence before they threw up their rifles and fired a **plumping** volley at the foes. There had been no order given; the men, upon recognizing the menace, had immediately let drive their flock of bullets without waiting for word of command.

But the enemy were quick to gain the protection of the wandering line of fence. They slid down behind it with remarkable **celerity**, and from this position they began briskly to slice up the blue men.

These latter braced their energies for a great struggle. Often, white clinched teeth shone from the **dusky** faces. Many heads surged to and fro, floating upon a pale sea of smoke. Those behind the fence frequently shouted and yelped in **taunts** and **gibelike** cries, but the regiment maintained a stressed silence. Perhaps, at this new assault the men recalled the fact that they had been named mud diggers, and it made their situation **thrice** bitter. They were breathlessly intent upon keeping the ground and thrusting away the rejoicing body of the enemy. They fought swiftly and with a despairing **savageness** denoted in their expressions.

The youth had resolved not to **budge** whatever should happen. Some arrows of scorn that had buried themselves in his heart had generated strange and

Thesaurus

budge: (*adj, v*) move, go; (*v*) stir, agitate, change, sway, dislodge, bump, rouse, push; (*adj*) flit.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) remain, stay.

celerity: (*n*) rapidity, speed, dispatch, velocity, swiftness, quickness, expedition, fleetness, alacrity, pace, promptness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) leisureliness, sluggishness.

dusky: (*adj*) dark, cloudy, gloomy, black, swarthy, dull, murky, obscure, dingy, sooty, somber. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) light, bright, sunny, radiant, clear.

efforts: (*n*) pains.

gibelike: (*adj*) mocking, taunting, disrespectful, abusing vocally, jeering.

idleness: (*n*) lethargy, laziness, torpor, inactivity, idling, unemployment, sloth, inaction, inertia, faineance, idlesse. ANTONYMS: (*n*) energy, activity, bustle, liveliness, responsibility.

monotone: (*adj*) humdrum, monotonous, toneless, pedestrian; (*n*) drone, droning, bourdon, laggard, intonation, lagger. **plumping:** (*adj*) biggest, bigger, large, largest.

savageness: (*n*) barbarity, savagery, ferociousness, wildness, cruelty, barbarism, fierceness, ferocity, rudeness, inhumanity, harshness.

taunts: (*n*) mocking, jeers.

thrice: (*adv*) three times, thirdly.

unspeakable hatred. It was clear to him that his final and absolute revenge was to be achieved by his dead body lying, torn and glittering, upon the field. This was to be a poignant retaliation upon the officer who had said "mule drivers," and later "mud diggers," for in all the wild graspings of his mind for a unit responsible for his sufferings and commotions he always seized upon the man who had dubbed him wrongly. And it was his idea, vaguely formulated, that his corpse would be for those eyes a great and salt reproach.

The regiment **bled extravagantly**. Grunting bundles of blue began to drop. The orderly sergeant of the youth's company was shot through the cheeks. Its supports being injured, his jaw hung afar down, disclosing in the wide cavern of his mouth a **pulsing** mass of blood and teeth. And with it all he made attempts to cry out. In his endeavor there was a dreadful **earnestness**, as if he conceived that one great shriek would make him well.

The youth saw him presently go rearward. His strength seemed in nowise **impaired**. He ran swiftly, casting wild glances for **succor**.

Others fell down about the feet of their companions. Some of the wounded crawled out and away, but many lay still, their bodies twisted into impossible shapes.

The youth looked once for his friend. He saw a **vehement** young man, powder-smearred and **frowzled**, whom he knew to be him. The lieutenant, also, was unscathed in his position at the rear. He had continued to curse, but it was now with the air of a man who was using his last box of oaths.

For the fire of the regiment had begun to wane and drip. The robust voice, that had come strangely from the thin ranks, was growing rapidly weak.

Thesaurus

bled: (*v*) bled; (*n*) bulla.

earnestness: (*n*) seriousness, sincerity, gravity, fervor, devotion, graveness, staidness, honesty; (*adj, n*) ardor, zeal, intentness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) slackness, lightness, carelessness, frivolousness, cheerfulness, insincerity, flippancy.

extravagantly: (*adv*) excessively, immoderately, inordinately, luxuriously, prodigally, wastefully, profligately, profusely,

ostentatiously, imprudently, unrestrainedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) economically, stingily, reasonably, meagerly, cheaply, modestly, humbly.

frowzled: (*adj*) disheveled, creased, untidy, tousled, rumpled, extremely disorderly, crumpled.

impaired: (*adj*) sick, damaged, crippled, defective, faulty, corrupted, poor, unfit, hurt, deficient, depressed.

pulsing: (*adj*) beating, pulsating; (*n*)

pulse, pulsation, impulse, caprice, heartbeat, impulsion, beat, nerve impulse, heart rate.

succor: (*n, v*) relief, support, comfort, aid, assistance, succour, ease; (*v*) assist, relieve; (*n*) ministrations, consolation. ANTONYM: (*n*) distress.

vehement: (*adj*) fierce, intense, violent, strong, furious, passionate, ferocious, eager, hot, fervent, fervid.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) impassionate, indifferent, mild, calm.

CHAPTER 23

THE COLONEL came running along the back of the line. There were other officers following him. "We must charge'm!" they shouted. "We must charge'm!" they cried with resentful voices, as if anticipating a rebellion against this plan by the men.

The youth, upon hearing the **shouts**, began to study the distance between him and the enemy. He made vague calculations. He saw that to be firm soldiers they must go forward. It would be death to stay in the present place, and with all the circumstances to go backward would **exalt** too many others. Their hope was to push the **galling** foes away from the fence.

He expected that his companions, weary and stiffened, would have to be driven to this assault, but as he turned toward them he perceived with a certain surprise that they were giving quick and unqualified expressions of assent. There was an ominous, **clanging** **overture** to the charge when the shafts of the bayonets rattled upon the rifle barrels. At the yelled words of command the soldiers sprang forward in eager leaps. There was new and unexpected force in the movement of the regiment. A knowledge of its faded and jaded condition made the charge appear like a **paroxysm**, a display of the strength that comes before a final **feebleness**. The men scampered in insane fever of haste, racing as if to achieve a sudden success before an **exhilarating** fluid should leave them. It was a blind and despairing rush by the collection of men in dusty and tattered

Thesaurus

clanging: (*adj*) tinny, shrill, noisy, metallic, clangorous.
exalt: (*v*) glorify, celebrate, animate, raise, advance, promote, elevate, praise; (*n, v*) dignify, adore, ennoble.
 ANTONYMS: (*v*) degrade, ridicule, debase, condemn, criticize, deprecate, desecrate, disparage.
exhilarating: (*adj*) exciting, stimulating, invigorating, thrilling, elating, moving, exhilarative, gladdening, brisk, glad, delighted.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) boring, dull, depressing, discouraging, dispiriting.
feebleness: (*n*) weakness, frailty, decrepitude, faintness, imbecility, fragility, tenuity, languor, frailness; (*adj, n*) infirmity; (*adj*) feeble.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) perseverance, success, effectiveness, competence.
galling: (*adj, v*) irritating; (*v*) aggravating, provoking; (*adj*) exasperating, bitter, vexatious, vexing, maddening, infuriating,

bothersome, harassing. ANTONYM: (*adj*) pleasing.
overture: (*n, v*) offer, advance; (*n*) prelude, approach, introduction, preface, opening, presentation, feeler, bid, motion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) finale, conclusion, postscript.
paroxysm: (*adj, n*) fit, burst; (*n*) convulsion, outburst, explosion, attack, seizure, spasm, gust, agony; (*adj*) breaking out.
shouts: (*n*) cries.

blue, over a green sward and under a **sapphire** sky, toward a fence, dimly outlined in smoke, from behind which sputtered the fierce rifles of enemies.

The youth kept the bright colors to the front. He was waving his free arm in furious circles, the while **shrieking** mad calls and appeals, urging on those that did not need to be urged, for it seemed that the mob of blue men hurling themselves on the dangerous group of rifles were again grown suddenly wild with an enthusiasm of **unselfishness**. From the many firings starting toward them, it looked as if they would merely succeed in making a great **sprinkling** of corpses on the grass between their former position and the fence. But they were in a state of frenzy, perhaps because of forgotten vanities, and it made an exhibition of sublime **recklessness**. There was no obvious questioning, nor figurings, nor diagrams. There was, apparently, no considered loopholes. It appeared that the swift wings of their **desires** would have shattered against the iron gates of the impossible.

He himself felt the daring spirit of a savage, religion-mad. He was capable of profound **sacrifices**, a tremendous death. He had no time for dissections, but he knew that he thought of the bullets only as things that could prevent him from reaching the place of his endeavor. There were subtle flashings of joy within him that thus should be his mind.

He strained all his strength. His eyesight was shaken and **dazzled** by the tension of thought and muscle. He did not see anything excepting the mist of smoke **gashed** by the little knives of fire, but he knew that in it lay the aged fence of a vanished farmer protecting the snuggled bodies of the gray men.

As he ran a thought of the shock of contact gleamed in his mind. He expected a great **concussion** when the two bodies of troops crashed together. This became a part of his wild battle madness. He could feel the onward swing of the regiment about him and he conceived of a thunderous, crushing blow that would prostrate the resistance and spread consternation and amazement for miles. The flying regiment was going to have a catapultian effect. This dream made him run faster among his comrades, who were giving vent to hoarse and frantic cheers.

Thesaurus

concussion: (*n*) shock, collision, blow, impact, shake, shudder, bump, jolt, percussion, crash, vibrate.

dazzled: (*adj*) confused, dazzle, bewildered, blind, blinder, fascinated, unsighted.

desires: (*n*) requirements, needs.

gashed: (*adj*) cut down, emasculated, torn, slashed, down.

recklessness: (*n, v*) imprudence; (*n*) rashness, carelessness, desperation, extravagance, heedlessness,

negligence, temerity, adventurism, audacity, neglect. ANTONYMS: (*n*) care, carefulness, consideration, forethought, parsimony, deliberation, discretion, regard, restraint, thoughtfulness.

sacrifices: (*n*) holocaust.

sapphire: (*adj, n*) azure; (*n*) cerulean, lazuline, corundum, corundum, blueness; (*adj*) lapis lazuli, turquoise, cobalt, navy, chromatic.

shrieking: (*n*) shriek, screeching,

screach, scream, belly laugh, shrigh, howler, riot; (*adj*) sharp.

sprinkling: (*n*) sprinkle, scattering, touch, aspersion, smack, spray, bit, scatter, watering; (*adj, n*) spice; (*adj*) drop.

unselfishness: (*n*) generosity, selflessness, generousness, kindness, pity, martyrdom, magnanimity, courtesy, consideration, care, acting generously. ANTONYM: (*n*) thoughtlessness.

But presently he could see that many of the men in gray did not intend to abide the blow. The smoke, rolling, disclosed men who ran, their faces still turned. These grew to a crowd, who retired stubbornly. Individuals wheeled frequently to send a bullet at the blue wave.

But at one part of the line there was a grim and **obdurate** group that made no movement. They were settled firmly down behind posts and rails. A flag, **ruffled** and fierce, waved over them and their rifles dinned fiercely.

The blue whirl of men got very near, until it seemed that in truth there would be a close and frightful scuffle. There was an expressed **disdain** in the opposition of the little group, that changed the meaning of the cheers of the men in blue. They became yells of wrath, directed, personal. The cries of the two parties were now in sound an **interchange** of scathing **insults**.

They in blue showed their teeth; their eyes shone all white. They launched themselves as at the throats of those who stood resisting. The space between dwindled to an insignificant distance.

The youth had **centered** the gaze of his soul upon that other flag. Its possession would be high pride. It would express bloody minglings, near blows. He had a gigantic hatred for those who made great difficulties and complications. They caused it to be as a craved treasure of mythology, hung amid tasks and contrivances of danger.

He plunged like a mad horse at it. He was resolved it should not escape if wild blows and darings of blows could seize it. His own emblem, quivering and aflame, was **winging** toward the other. It seemed there would shortly be an encounter of strange beaks and claws, as of eagles.

The swirling body of blue men came to a sudden halt at close and disastrous range and roared a swift volley. The group in gray was split and broken by this fire, but its **riddled** body still fought. The men in blue yelled again and rushed in upon it.

The youth, in his leapings, saw, as through a mist, a picture of four or five men stretched upon the ground or **writhing** upon their knees with bowed heads

Thesaurus

centered: (*adj*) centralized, focused, concentrated, central, focussed, deep, centralised.

disdain: (*n, v*) despise, contemn, slight, ridicule; (*n*) contempt, derision, arrogance, haughtiness, pride; (*v*) scoff, disparage. ANTONYMS: (*n*) humility, admiration, reverence, worship, approval, regard; (*v*) approve, admire, praise, accept, participate.

insults: (*adj*) insulting; (*n*) abuse,

swearing.

interchange: (*n, v*) change, barter; (*v*) commute, switch, alternate, substitute, convert, replace, counterchange, transpose; (*n*) traffic.

obdurate: (*adj*) inflexible, stony, obstinate, callous, firm, stubborn, headstrong, flinty, mulish, impenitent, rigid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) compliant, amenable, accommodating, easygoing, caring, irresolute, soft, acquiescent.

riddled: (*v*) infundibular, porous, cribriform, honeycombed; (*adj*) damaged; (*n*) fuller.

ruffled: (*adj*) rippled, frilly, frilled, upset, disordered, excited, disconcerted, decorated, tousled, tangled, turbulent.

winging: (*n*) flight.

writhing: (*adj, n*) twisting; (*adj*) wriggly, squirming, wiggling, wiggly, twisty, tortuous, snaky, winding, sinuous; (*n*) twist.

as if they had been stricken by bolts from the sky. Tottering among them was the rival color bearer, whom the youth saw had been bitten vitally by the bullets of the last formidable volley. He perceived this man fighting a last struggle, the struggle of one whose legs are grasped by demons. It was a ghastly battle. Over his face was the bleach of death, but set upon it was the dark and hard lines of desperate purpose. With this terrible grin of resolution he hugged his precious flag to him and was stumbling and staggering in his design to go the way that led to safety for it.

But his wounds always made it seem that his feet were **retarded**, held, and he fought a grim fight, as with invisible ghouls fastened **greedily** upon his limbs. Those in advance of the scampering blue men, howling cheers, leaped at the fence. The despair of the lost was in his eyes as he glanced back at them.

The youth's friend went over the obstruction in a tumbling heap and sprang at the flag as a panther at prey. He pulled at it and, **wrenching** it free, swung up its red **brilliance** with a mad cry of **exultation** even as the color bearer, gasping, lurched over in a final **throe** and, **stiffening convulsively**, turned his dead face to the ground. There was much blood upon the grass blades.

At the place of success there began more wild clamorings of cheers. The men gesticulated and bellowed in an ecstasy. When they spoke it was as if they considered their listener to be a mile away. What hats and caps were left to them they often slung high in the air.

At one part of the line four men had been swooped upon, and they now sat as prisoners. Some blue men were about them in an eager and curious circle. The soldiers had trapped strange birds, and there was an examination. A flurry of fast questions was in the air.

One of the prisoners was nursing a superficial wound in the foot. He cuddled it, baby-wise, but he looked up from it often to curse with an astonishing utter abandon straight at the noses of his captors. He **consigned** them to red regions; he called upon the **pestilential** wrath of strange gods. And with it all he was singularly free from recognition of the finer points of the conduct of prisoners of

Thesaurus

brilliance: (*n, v*) brightness; (*n*)

brilliance, lustre, luster, splendor, glitter, glory, radiance, splendour; (*adj, n*) gorgeousness; (*v*) gloss.

consigned: (*adj*) destined, aboard.

convulsively: (*adv*) spasmodically, paroxysmally, spastically, with convulsions.

exultation: (*n*) jubilation, joy, delight, ecstasy, elation, rejoicing, revelling, transport, joyousness, bliss, glee.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) depression,

desolation, misery, sorrow.

greedily: (*adv*) covetously, avidly, voraciously, ravenously, rapaciously, acquisitively, gluttonously, hungrily, graspingly, eagerly, enviously.

ANTONYM: (*adv*) sparingly.

pestilential: (*adj*) pernicious, pestiferous, noxious, contagious, infectious, malignant, deadly, destructive, baneful, harmful, catching.

retarded: (*adj*) slow, tardy, imbecile,

belated, delayed, simple, obtuse, leisurely, dull, deferred, defective.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) precocious.

stiffening: (*n*) stiffness, rigidification, reinforcement, process, rigidifying, procedure.

throe: (*n*) distress, pain, anguish, agony, suffering, pang, twinge, misery, stroke; (*adj, n, v*) spasm; (*v*) thrill.

wrenching: (*n*) extraction; (*adj*) painful.

war. It was as if a clumsy **clod** had trod upon his toe and he conceived it to be his privilege, his duty, to use deep, resentful oaths.

Another, who was a boy in years, took his plight with great **calmness** and apparent good nature. He conversed with the men in blue, studying their faces with his bright and keen eyes. They spoke of battles and conditions. There was an acute interest in all their faces during this exchange of view points. It seemed a great satisfaction to hear voices from where all had been darkness and speculation.

The third captive sat with a **morose** countenance. He preserved a **stoical** and cold attitude. To all **advances** he made one reply without variation, "Ah, go t' hell!"

The last of the four was always silent and, for the most part, kept his face turned in unmolested directions. From the views the youth received he seemed to be in a state of absolute dejection. Shame was upon him, and with it profound regret that he was, perhaps, no more to be counted in the ranks of his fellows. The youth could detect no expression that would allow him to believe that the other was giving a thought to his narrowed future, the pictured dungeons, perhaps, and starvations and brutalities, liable to the imagination. All to be seen was shame for captivity and regret for the right to **antagonize**.

After the men had celebrated sufficiently they settled down behind the old rail fence, on the opposite side to the one from which their foes had been driven. A few shot **perfunctorily** at distant marks.

There was some long grass. The youth **nestled** in it and rested, making a convenient rail support the flag. His friend, jubilant and **glorified**, holding his treasure with vanity, came to him there. They sat side by side and congratulated each other.

Thesaurus

advances: (*v*) access, approach.

antagonize: (*v*) antagonise, resist, counteract, anger, contravene, dispute, rile, run afoul of, vex, go dead against, rag. ANTONYMS: (*v*) befriend, soothe.

calmness: (*n*) calm, composure, quietness, poise, serenity, stillness, quiet, silence, placidity, peace; (*adj, n*) coolness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) anxiety, nervousness, restlessness, panic, fury, unrest, intensity, discomposure,

bustle, annoyance, noise.

clod: (*adj, n*) lump; (*n*) oaf, glebe, ball, clay, yokel, gawk, agglomeration, lout, clump; (*adj*) block. ANTONYM: (*n*) intellect.

glorified: (*adj*) celebrated, holy, overvalued, puffed up, overrated, overestimated, hyped, haloed, canonised, blessed, authorized.

morose: (*adj*) grim, dismal, glum, dark, moody, grumpy, dour, depressed, sullen, blue, dejected. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) happy, cheery, stable.

nestled: (*adj*) closer, close.

perfunctorily: (*adv*) superficially, automatically, carelessly, as a formality, involuntarily, quickly, hastily, unthinkingly, passingly, automatically, fleetingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) thoroughly.

stoical: (*adj, n*) stoic; (*adj*) indifferent, patient, imperturbable, calm, spirited, princely, phlegmatic, exalted, elevated, lofty.

CHAPTER 24

THE ROARINGS that had stretched in a long line of sound across the face of the forest began to grow intermittent and weaker. The **stentorian** speeches of the artillery continued in some distant encounter, but the crashes of the musketry had almost ceased. The youth and his friend of a sudden looked up, feeling a deadened form of distress at the **waning** of these noises, which had become a part of life. They could see changes going on among the troops. There were marchings this way and that way. A battery wheeled **leisurely**. On the crest of a small hill was the thick **gleam** of many **departing** muskets.

The youth arose. "Well, what now, I wonder?" he said. By his tone he seemed to be preparing to resent some new **monstrosity** in the way of dins and smashes. He **shaded** his eyes with his grimy hand and gazed over the field.

His friend also arose and stared. "I bet we're goin' t' git along out of this an' back over th' river," said he.

"Well, I swan!" said the youth.

They waited, watching. Within a little while the regiment received orders to retrace its way. The men got up **grunting** from the grass, regretting the soft repose. They jerked their stiffened legs, and stretched their arms over their heads. One man swore as he rubbed his eyes. They all groaned "O Lord!" They

Thesaurus

departing: (*adj, v*) parting; (*adj, n*) leaving, going away; (*adj*) outgoing, outbound, outward, passing, decedent, valedictory, retiring; (*v*) depart. ANTONYM: (*n*) arrival.
gleam: (*n, v*) glance, beam, blaze, shine, glimmer, glow, flash, flicker, sparkle, glitter; (*v*) twinkle.
grunting: (*n*) inarticulate, grunting respiration, growl, grunt.
leisurely: (*adj*) slow, deliberate, easygoing, leisure, at ease, unhurried,

measured, idle; (*adv*) deliberately, slowly, at leisure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rushed, hurried, formal, vigorous, speedy, fast; (*adv*) formally, quickly.
monstrosity: (*n*) freak, eyesore, leviathan, abortion, ogre, anamorphosis, malformation, lusus naturae; (*adj, n*) enormity; (*adj*) bizarrerie, immensity.
shaded: (*adj*) dark, shads, sheltered, shadowed, umbrageous, twilight, sunless, subdued, soft, colored,

darksome. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unshaded.
stentorian: (*adj*) booming, vocal, piercing, strident, resonant, powerful, flourishing, full, fuller, palmy, stentorophonic.
waning: (*n*) decrease, decline, lessening, ebb, failure; (*adj*) run to seed, ripe, mellow, diminishing, abating, moribund. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) growing, thriving, waxing, increasing; (*n*) improvement.

had as many objections to this change as they would have had to a proposal for a new battle.

They **trampled** slowly back over the field across which they had run in a mad scamper.

The regiment marched until it had joined its fellows. The **reformed** brigade, in column, aimed through a wood at the road. Directly they were in a mass of dust-covered troops, and were trudging along in a way parallel to the enemy's lines as these had been defined by the previous turmoil.

They passed within view of a stolid white house, and saw in front of it groups of their comrades lying in wait behind a neat **breastwork**. A row of guns were **booming** at a distant enemy. Shells thrown in reply were raising clouds of dust and splinters. Horsemen **dashed** along the line of intrenchments.

At this point of its march the division curved away from the field and went winding off in the direction of the river. When the significance of this movement had impressed itself upon the youth he turned his head and looked over his shoulder toward the trampled and debris-strewn ground. He breathed a breath of new satisfaction. He finally nudged his friend. "Well, it's all over," he said to him.

His friend gazed backward. "B'Gawd, it is," he assented. They mused.

For a time the youth was obliged to reflect in a puzzled and uncertain way. His mind was undergoing a subtle change. It took moments for it to cast off its battleful ways and resume its **accustomed** course of thought. Gradually his brain emerged from the **clogged** clouds, and at last he was enabled to more closely **comprehend** himself and circumstance.

He understood then that the existence of shot and countershot was in the past. He had **dwelt** in a land of strange, squalling upheavals and had come forth. He had been where there was red of blood and black of passion, and he was escaped. His first thoughts were given to rejoicings at this fact.

Thesaurus

accustomed: (*adj, n*) habitual; (*adj*) familiar, normal, wonted, usual, natural, everyday, ordinary, habituated, common, traditional.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unusual, green, unseasoned, unconventional, untrained, abnormal, uncharacteristic, exceptional.
booming: (*adj*) thriving, roaring, flourishing, successful, loud, blooming, prospering, palmy, resonant, wealthy, deep.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) failing, quiet, poor, weak, shrill, thin.
breastwork: (*n*) balustrade, parapet, bastion, banister, handrail, railing, rampart; (*v*) mantlet, redan, ravelin, curtain.
clogged: (*adj*) choked, jammed, blocked, teeming, thick, swarming, stuffed, stopped up, overfull, overcrowded, filled to capacity.
comprehend: (*v*) grasp, catch, see, comprise, appreciate, feel, sense,

apperceive, read; (*adj, v*) understand; (*n, v*) embrace. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) mistake, misapprehend, exclude, misunderstand, misconceive.
dashed: (*v*) ashamed, cut up, sunk; (*adj*) broken, done for, dejected, discouraged, dotted.
dwelt: (*v*) dwell, inhabit.
reformed: (*adj*) improved, corrected, unorthodox, altered.
trampled: (*adj*) crushed, damaged, flattened, compressed, packed down.

Later he began to study his deeds, his failures, and his achievements. Thus, fresh from scenes where many of his usual machines of reflection had been idle, from where he had proceeded sheeplike, he struggled to marshal all his acts.

At last they marched before him clearly. From this present view point he was enabled to look upon them in spectator fashion and criticise them with some **correctness**, for his new condition had already defeated certain sympathies.

Regarding his procession of memory he felt gleeful and unregretting, for in it his public deeds were paraded in great and shining prominence. Those performances which had been witnessed by his fellows marched now in wide purple and gold, having various deflections. They went **gayly** with music. It was pleasure to watch these things. He spent delightful minutes viewing the **gilded** images of memory.

He saw that he was good. He recalled with a thrill of joy the **respectful** comments of his fellows upon his conduct.

Nevertheless, the ghost of his flight from the first engagement appeared to him and danced. There were small shoutings in his brain about these matters. For a moment he blushed, and the light of his soul flickered with shame.

A specter of reproach came to him. There loomed the **dogging** memory of the tattered soldier--he who, gored by bullets and faint of blood, had fretted concerning an imagined wound in another; he who had loaned his last of strength and intellect for the tall soldier; he who, blind with weariness and pain, had been deserted in the field.

For an instant a wretched chill of sweat was upon him at the thought that he might be detected in the thing. As he stood **persistently** before his vision, he gave vent to a cry of sharp irritation and agony.

His friend turned. "What's the matter, Henry?" he demanded. The youth's reply was an outburst of crimson oaths.

As he marched along the little branch-hung roadway among his **prattling** companions this vision of cruelty brooded over him. It clung near him always and darkened his view of these deeds in purple and gold. Whichever way his

Thesaurus

correctness: (*n*) appropriateness, precision, exactness, truth, rightness, properness, fitness, propriety, justness, correctitude, veracity.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) vagueness, informality, impropriety, misconduct, wrongness, inappropriateness, inaccuracy, error, abandon, unsuitability, immorality.
dogging: (*adj*) dogs, persisting, continuous, uninterrupted.
gayly: (*adv*) cheerfully, merrily,

mirthfully, gaily, jovially, airily, lightly, sportively, easily, finely, courageously.
gilded: (*adj, v*) gilt; (*adj*) rich, gold, golden, deluxe, gilden, fortunate, garish, advantageous, aurated, luxurious.
persistently: (*adv*) stubbornly, constantly, continually, firmly, tenaciously, unremittingly, continuously, incessantly, insistently, doggedly, pertinaciously.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sporadically, acutely, aimlessly, inconsistently, spasmodically, halfheartedly.
prattling: (*n*) gab; (*adj*) voluble, gabby.
respectful: (*adj*) deferential, mannerly, dutiful, courteous, attentive, obedient, reverential, regardful, reverent, polite, humble.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheeky, impudent, insolent, rude, contemptuous, disobedient, scornful, nasty, sneering, irreverent, impolite.

thoughts turned they were followed by the somber phantom of the **desertion** in the fields. He looked stealthily at his companions, feeling sure that they must discern in his face evidences of this pursuit. But they were **plodding** in ragged array, discussing with quick tongues the **accomplishments** of the late battle.

"Oh, if a man should come up an' ask me, I'd say we got a dum good lickin'."

"Lickin'--in yer eye! We ain't licked, **sonny**. We're goin' down here aways, swing aroun', an' come in behint 'em."

"Oh, hush, with your comin' in behint 'em. I've seen all 'a that I wanta. Don't tell me about comin' in behint--"

"Bill Smithers, he ses he'd rather been in ten hundred battles than been in that heluva hospital. He ses they got shootin' in th' **nighttime**, an' shells dropped plum among 'em in th' hospital. He ses sech hollerin' he never see."

"Hasbrouck? He's th' best off'cer in this here reg'ment. He's a whale."

"Didn't I tell yeh we'd come aroun' in behint 'em? Didn't I tell yeh so? We--"

"Oh, shet yeh mouth!"

For a time this pursuing recollection of the tattered man took all elation from the youth's veins. He saw his vivid error, and he was afraid that it would stand before him all his life. He took no share in the chatter of his comrades, nor did he look at them or know them, save when he felt sudden suspicion that they were seeing his thoughts and scrutinizing each detail of the scene with the tattered soldier.

Yet gradually he mustered force to put the sin at a distance. And at last his eyes seemed to open to some new ways. He found that he could look back upon the brass and **bombast** of his earlier **gospels** and see them truly. He was gleeful when he discovered that he now despised them.

With this conviction came a store of assurance. He felt a quiet **manhood**, nonassertive but of sturdy and strong blood. He knew that he would no more **quail** before his guides wherever they should point. He had been to touch the great death, and found that, after all, it was but the great death. He was a man.

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accomplishments: (*n*) benefit, actions, background, Comings and Goings, deeds, events, happenings, activities.

bombast: (*adj, n*) rant, fustian, jargon; (*n*) grandiloquence, blah, Bombyx; (*v*) rodomontade, fine talking, tall talk, heroics; (*adj*) prose run mad.

desertion: (*n*) abandonment, defection, apostasy, dereliction, withdrawal, secession, rejection, decampment, exposure, leaving, disappearance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) appearance,

attention, preservation.

gospels: (*n*) gospel, revelations, mark, acts, apocalypse, creed, evangel, evangelists, gospel singing, gospel truth, Luke.

manhood: (*n*) majority, maturity, valor, resolution, personality, humanity, integrity, bravery; (*adj*) manliness, ripe age, maturity full age.

nighttime: (*n*) night, dark, period, nightertale, darkness, iniquity; (*adj*) nocturnal, nightly. ANTONYM: (*adj*)

daytime.

plodding: (*adj*) slow, stodgy, heavy, hardworking, ponderous, steady; (*n*) persistence, grind, donkeywork, drudgery, walking. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dilettante, rapid.

quail: (*v*) cringe, cower, wince, funk, shrink, recoil, blench; (*n, v*) quake; (*n*) bobwhite, partridge, quiver.

sonny: (*n*) boy, laddie, lad, cub, male child, rookie, sonny boy, youngster, fellow, kiddy, kiddie.

So it came to pass that as he trudged from the place of blood and wrath his soul changed. He came from hot plowshares to prospects of **clover** tranquilly, and it was as if hot plowshares were not. **Scars** faded as flowers.

It rained. The procession of weary soldiers became a **bedraggled** train, despondent and muttering, marching with **churning** effort in a **trough** of liquid brown mud under a low, wretched sky. Yet the youth smiled, for he saw that the world was a world for him, though many discovered it to be made of oaths and walking sticks. He had rid himself of the red sickness of battle. The **sultry** nightmare was in the past. He had been an animal blistered and **sweating** in the heat and pain of war. He turned now with a lover's **thirst** to images of tranquil skies, fresh meadows, cool brooks--an existence of soft and eternal peace.

Over the river a golden ray of sun came through the **hosts** of **leaden** rain clouds.

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bedraggled: (*adj*) unclean, scruffy, slovenly, sloppy, dilapidated, draggled, unkempt, shabby, slipshod, untidy; (*adj, v*) tattered.
ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) neat; (*v*) tidy, dry, clean, ordered; (*adj*) smart.
churning: (*n*) emulsifying; (*adj*) turbulent, roily, roiled, annoyed, agitated, roiling.
clover: (*n*) trefoil, shamrock, herb, Dutch clover, claver, riches, wealth, success, prosperity, good life, fat city.

hosts: (*n*) armies, Sabaoth.
leaden: (*adj*) heavy, gray, sluggish, grey, inert, torpid, grave, languid, drab, burdensome, livid.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) bright.
scars: (*n*) seams.
sultry: (*adj*) hot, humid, muggy, oppressive, stifling, sticky, ardent, sensual, stuffy, sweltering, torrid.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, cool, cold, temperate, dry.
sweating: (*n*) sweat, exudation,

diaphoresis, hidrosis, sudation, extravasation, fermentation, transpiration, bodily process; (*adj*) perspiring, sweaty.
thirst: (*n, v*) hunger, lust, wish; (*n*) longing, yen, craving, hankering, dryness, appetite; (*v*) starve, crave.
ANTONYM: (*n*) dislike.
trough: (*n*) chute, channel, manger, depression, gutter, conduit, ditch, canal, crib, valley, bowl. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) ridge.

GLOSSARY

abandon: (v) relinquish, renounce, resign, vacate, waive, evacuate, desert, give up, leave, depart, throw away. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, support, maintain, adopt, retain, continue, defend; (n) restraint, inhibition, deliberation, control

abashed: (adj, v) discomfited; (adj) mortified, sheepish, embarrassed, ashamed, confused, humiliated, afraid, shamefaced, confounded; (v) dashed. ANTONYMS: (adj) proud, undaunted, reassured, pleased, heartened, emboldened, cool, confident, composed, relaxed, unabashed

abide: (v) endure, bide, undergo, tolerate, take, suffer, stomach, bear, brook; (adj, v) stay, dwell. ANTONYMS: (v) check, depart, disallow, disapprove, disbelieve, journey, dodge, leave, migrate, move, pass

abject: (adj) contemptible, pitiful, low, wretched, despicable, sordid, base, mean, vile; (n) ignominious, dirty. ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, hopeful, magnificent, esteemed, proud, dignified, commendable, noble, exalted, worthy, happy

ablaze: (adj, v) afire, alight, blazing; (adj) flaming, burning, on fire, passionate, bright, flushed, fiery; (v) splendid. ANTONYMS: (adj) dark, dispassionate, dull, dim, smothered, unexcited, extinguished

ably: (adv) capably, cleverly, skillfully, proficiently, adroitly, aptly, competently, well, admirably, dexterously, deftly. ANTONYMS: (adv) incompetently, clumsily, badly

abominable: (adj, v) odious, foul; (adj) abhorrent, detestable, dreadful, awful, execrable, terrible, loathsome, cursed, wicked. ANTONYMS: (adj) nice, lovable, admirable, alluring, appealing, commendable, laudable,

delightful, desirable, enjoyable, likable

abrupt: (adj) sudden, brusque, sharp, precipitous, steep, instantaneous, unexpected, swift, instant, hasty; (n) bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, gradual, rambling, gracious, courteous, polite, anticipated, kind, calm, protracted, deliberate

absolute: (adj) total, unconditional, downright, full, categorical, utter, sheer; (adj, v) peremptory, unqualified; (adj, n) positive, real. ANTONYMS: (adj) partial, qualified, incomplete, limited, provisional, uncertain, democratic, blemished, circumscribed, comparative, complaisant

absorbed: (adj) rapt, intent, immersed, fixed, deep, engaged, preoccupied, pensive, fascinated, enthralled, held. ANTONYMS: (adj) bored, disinterested, distracted, restless, unfocused, uninterested, indifferent, shallow, superficial, detached

abstract: (adj) theoretical; (n) abridgement, epitome, summary, abridgment, precis; (v) abridge, filch, purloin; (n, v) digest, extract. ANTONYMS: (adj) concrete, real, literal, material, physical, specific, objective; (v) expand, lengthen, strengthen, insert

absurd: (adj) ridiculous, foolish, unreasonable, irrational, meaningless, inept, senseless, nonsensical, illogical, ludicrous; (adj, n) silly. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, reasonable, logical, wise, weighty, sound, consistent, serious, plausible, credible, acceptable

accent: (v) emphasize, emphasise, punctuate, accentuate; (n) dialect, emphasis, idiom, importance, speech, articulation, pronunciation. ANTONYMS: (v) attenuate,

downplay, hide, ignore, lessen, minimize, slight

accented: (adj) strong, emphatic, heavy

accomplishment: (n) attainment, completion, exploit, performance, deed, skill, fulfillment, feat, action, act, acquisition. ANTONYMS: (n) abandonment, washout, flop, debacle, defeat

accomplishments: (n) benefit, actions, background, Comings and Goings, deeds, events, happenings, activities

according: (adj) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (adv) correspondingly, accordingly

accouterments: (n) equipment, accoutrements, harness, outfit, accessories, belongings, equipage, fittings, hardware

accumulate: (v) pile, gather, collect, amass, heap, hoard, compile, assemble, lay up, accrue, cumulate. ANTONYMS: (v) distribute, dwindle, spend, lose, waste, dissipate, lessen, scatter, shuck, shed, decrease

accumulated: (adj) amassed, assembled, collected, accumulate, aggregate, gathered, hoarded, store, concentrated, massed, increased

accurate: (adj) exact, faithful, correct, truthful, nice, meticulous, literal, authentic, detailed, right; (adj, n) true. ANTONYMS: (adj) wrong, false, vague, imprecise, unrealistic, questionable, fictional, mistaken, misleading, incorrect, flawed

accurately: (adv) precisely, correctly, carefully, closely, faithfully, strictly, truly, rigorously, rightly, meticulously; (adj, adv) justly. ANTONYMS: (adv) falsely, wrongly, imprecisely, figuratively,

approximately, incorrectly, randomly, vaguely, wrong

accusative: (n) objective case, accusative case; (adj) accusing, accusive, objective, inculpative, inculpatory

accused: (n) panel, defendant, prisoner, respondent, suspect, suspected person

accustomed: (adj, n) habitual; (adj) familiar, normal, wonted, usual, natural, everyday, ordinary, habituated, common, traditional. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, green, unseasoned, unconventional, untrained, abnormal, uncharacteristic, exceptional

ache: (n, v) hunger, pain, hurt, yen; (n) twinge, thirst; (v) long, yearn, itch, smart, pine. ANTONYMS: (v) help, assist; (n) comfort, ease, health, relief, joy

aching: (adj) sore, achy, hurt, uncomfortable, tender, hurtful, agonizing; (n) ache, pain, hurting; (v) griped

acknowledged: (adj) accepted, renowned, recognized, avowed, known, customary, confirmed, admitted, affirmed, recognised; (v) received. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconventional, unacknowledged, questionable

acquired: (adj) acquisitive, acquisite, extrinsic, noninheritable, derivative

acting: (adj) interim, active, temporary, pro Tem, provisional, agent, substitute; (n) drama, business, portrayal, playing

acts: (n) Acts of the Apostles, revelations, Epistles, apocalypse, act, advanced communications technology satellite, evangelists, gospels

acute: (adj, n, v) sharp; (adj) incisive, intense, penetrating, keen, severe, critical; (adj, v) high, shrewd; (adj, n) strong, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) obtuse, insignificant, stupid, unimportant, moderate, blunt, slow, slight, mild, minor, imperceptive

acutely: (adv) sharply, keenly, severely, astutely, piercingly, shrilly, cleverly; (adj, adv) intensely, extremely, gravely, critically. ANTONYMS: (adv) chronically, mildly, slightly, faintly, vaguely, unexceptionally

adding: (n) addition, calculation, reckoning

adequate: (adj) right, enough, acceptable, condign, satisfactory,

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passable, agreeable, full, competent, abundant; (adj, n) effectual. ANTONYMS: (adj) insufficient, unsatisfactory, intolerable, unfit, exceptional, faulty, deficient, useless, poor, unacceptable, unsuitable

adherents: (n) followers, following

adieu: (int, n) farewell; (n) vale, valediction, goodbye, leave, cheerio, adios, bye, so long, parting; (int) bon voyage. ANTONYM: (n) greeting

adjacent: (adj) abutting, contiguous, close, adjoining, conterminous, next, nearby, neighboring, touching, vicinal, bordering. ANTONYMS: (adj) far, separate, faraway, disconnected, detached, away, apart, remote

adjusted: (adj) altered, set, arranged, accustomed, correct, fitted, right, tuned, secure, familiarised, familiarized. ANTONYM: (adj) maladjusted

admiration: (n) esteem, adoration, appreciation, reverence, estimation, amazement, liking, awe, compliment; (adj, n) regard; (v) laud. ANTONYMS: (n) disdain, criticism, disapproval, contempt, abhorrence, loathing, disgust, despising, dishonor, disparagement, detestation

admired: (adj) respected, admirable, estimable, favorite, pet, beloved, honored, August, loved, accepted, popular. ANTONYM: (adj) disreputable

admit: (n, v) allow; (adj, v) acknowledge; (v) concede, accede, grant, affirm, confess, include, permit, take, welcome. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, exclude, bar, dispute, gainsay, withhold, refuse, oust, hide, eject, dismiss

admitted: (v) admitting, understood, of course; (adj) acknowledged, undisputed, known, orthodox

admitting: (adj) suspicent; (adv) conditionally; (n) acknowledgment, receipt, credence; (conj) although

adopted: (adj) adoptive, elected, consecrated, inspired, justified, regenerated, sanctified, unearthly, converted, select, adoptious. ANTONYM: (adj) native

adroitly: (adv) aptly, dexterously, deftly, ingeniously, cleverly, agilely, craftily, skillfully, proficiently, neatly, handily. ANTONYMS: (adv) maladroitly, ineptly, incompetently, awkwardly

advances: (v) access, approach

advancing: (adj) progressive, moving forward, increasing, moving, processive, thriving, ongoing, aggressive; (n) advancement, progression, proceeding

adventures: (n) experiences, fortunes, confessions, journal, life, biography, autobiography, personal narrative

afar: (adv) off, away, far away, distantly, beyond, Afar off, in the distance, by far, apart; (adj) outlying, far. ANTONYMS: (adv) close, nearby, near; (prep) within

affably: (adv) amiably, genially, agreeably, courteously, graciously, gently, happily, warmly, politely, pleasantly, cheerfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) nastily, rudely, frostily

affair: (n) occurrence, event, business, concern, occasion, job, topic, duty, subject, amour, thing

affection: (n) charity, attachment, fondness, heart, love, disease, nature, feeling, affectionateness, tenderness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (n) disgust, neglect, malice, loathing, dislike, detachment, coldness, roughness

affront: (n, v) insult, abuse, outrage, slight, snub; (v) face, offend; (n) disgrace, slur, offense, mortification. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) please, placate, mollify, gratify, flatter, assuage, appease, adulate; (n) pleasantry, appeasement

afire: (adj) flaming, burning, blazing, fiery, on fire, glowing, aflame, aflame, in flames, passionate; (adj, v) alight

aflame: (adj) ablaze, burning, excited, afire, passionate, fiery, on fire, flaming, alight, reddened, red. ANTONYM: (adj) pale

aflair: (adj) blazing, ablaze, afire, flaming, burning, moving, waving, fluttering, flying, aflame

afterward: (adv, conj) then, after that; (adv) thereafter, afterwards, later, subsequently, later on, next, soon; (adj) following; (n) future. ANTONYMS: (adv) now, previously, before

agape: (adj, v) aghast; (adj, n) gaping; (adj) spellbound, open, bewildered, dumbfounded; (n) Holy Thursday, Good Friday, fellow feeling; (v) breathless, all agog

aged: (adj) senile, elderly, older, hoary, ripe, venerable, ancient, senior, decrepit, antique, antiquated. ANTONYMS: (adj) youthful, new,

- fresh, green, unripe, unseasoned, smooth
- aggravatingly:** (adv) maddeningly, bothersomely, annoyingly, irritatingly, provokingly, exacerbatingly, infuriatingly, vexingly, gallingly
- aghost:** (adj) dismayed, appalled, horrified, frightened, scared, terrified, confounded, astonished; (n) agape; (v) all agog, breathless. ANTONYMS: (adj) undisturbed, unperturbed, unsurprised
- agitate:** (v) toss, stir, fan, bother, perturb, trouble, shake, rouse, foment, kindle, actuate. ANTONYMS: (v) soothe, defuse, quiet, placate, pacify, lull, steady, tranquilize, becalm
- agitated:** (adj) upset, excited, nervous, restive, tumultuous, distressed, tense, jumpy, overwrought, anxious, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, lethargic, tranquil, relaxed, assured, cool, still
- agitation:** (n) disturbance, excitement, tumult, stirring, convulsion, stir, commotion, emotion, unrest, shake, turmoil. ANTONYMS: (n) serenity, calm, equanimity, rest, peace, deterrent
- agony:** (n) torture, suffering, torment, distress, misery, passion, pain, grief, pang, sorrow, throe. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, joy, euphoria, bliss, happiness, ecstasy, peace, content
- ague:** (n) acute, symptom, sickness, malady, illness, malaria, paludism, swamp fever, chills and fever; (adj) appendicitis, angina pectoris
- aide:** (n) aide-de-camp, adjudant, companion, assistant, attendant, helper, help, auxiliary, aid, acolyte, advisor. ANTONYMS: (n) leader, superior
- aimed:** (adj) directed, pointed, expected, designed, meant
- aimlessness:** (n) absence of motive, inanity. ANTONYMS: (n) purposefulness, confidence
- airily:** (adv) gaily, breezily, cheerfully, visionarily, ethereally, slightly, flippantly, freshly, jauntily, sprightly, lively
- airs:** (n, v) pretension; (n) affectation, pride, pose, pretensions, attitude; (adj, n) arrogance; (v) precisionism, euphuism, purism, pedantry. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, personality, realness, truthfulness, honesty
- aisle:** (n) thoroughfare, path, nave, corridor, gangway, lane, route, runway, access, glade, vista
- alert:** (adj) active, agile, quick, lively, intelligent, aware, vigilant, clever, animated, ready; (adj, v) awake. ANTONYMS: (adj) drowsy, absentminded, dazed, tired, sleepy, unconscious, slow, asleep, unobservant, forgetful, dim
- aligned:** (v) with aligned with; (adj) allied, joined, alined, combined, horizontal, united, amalgamated. ANTONYMS: (adj) unaligned
- alignment:** (n) justification, alliance, tuning, setting, regulation, coalition, organization, adjustment, arrangement, alinement, coordination
- alleged:** (adj) ostensible, apparent, assumed, professed, supposed, apologetic, pretended, putative, so-called, purported, believed. ANTONYMS: (adj) certain, definite, sure
- aloud:** (adv) loud, out loud, strong, out, audibly, hard, forte. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, inaudibly, quietly
- altercation:** (n, v) quarrel, squabble; (n) affray, scrap, fight, hassle, disagreement, fracas, strife, controversy, contest. ANTONYMS: (n) union, harmony, concord, agreement, unity, consensus
- altered:** (adj) transformed, changed, diversified, varied, distorted, affected, castrated, malformed, misrepresented, misshapen; (v) battered. ANTONYMS: (adj) unaltered, unadjusted
- altogether:** (adv) absolutely, all, wholly, perfectly, purely, all in all, completely, entirely, totally, simply, ensemble. ANTONYMS: (adv) incompletely, partially
- amateur:** (adj) unskilled, amateurish, inexperienced; (n) novice, beginner, fan, apprentice, aspirant, dabbler, devotee, lover. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) expert; (adj) practiced, trained; (n) genius, virtuoso, specialist, master; (adv) paid
- amazed:** (adj) astounded, astonished, stunned, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, shocked, staggered, bewildered, surprised, thunderstruck, aghast
- amazement:** (n) admiration, wonder, surprise, consternation, stupefaction, stupor, wonderment, feeling, alarm, jolt; (v) amaze. ANTONYMS: (n) preparation, indifference, expectation, coolness, cool, composure, calmness, contempt, belief
- amazing:** (adj) astonishing, terrific, wonderful, incredible, awesome, astounding, breathtaking, extraordinary, fabulous, impressive, tremendous. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, boring, predictable, unremarkable, modest, insignificant, comforting, dire, humdrum
- ambitious:** (adj) eager, difficult, energetic, competitive, desirous, grandiose, enterprising, pushy, challenging; (adj, v) aspiring, vaulting. ANTONYMS: (adj) fulfilled, undemanding, unambitious, slothful, simple, satisfied, lazy, humble, facile, easy, content
- amiable:** (adj) friendly, genial, agreeable, benign, complaisant, sweet, cordial, pleasant, likable, nice, lovely. ANTONYMS: (adj) disagreeable, argumentative, aggressive, antisocial, unkind, hateful, mean, quarrelsome, rude, surly, cold
- amid:** (adv, prep) among, amongst; (prep) between, amidst, mid, during, in the midst of, with, surrounded by, stuck between; (n) midst. ANTONYMS: (prep) outside, separate
- ammunition:** (n) ammo, munition, cartridge, shot, weaponry, bullet, weapons, missile, armament, arms, shell
- amputate:** (v) mutilate, cut, dismember, clip, detach, take off, take, truncate, excise, lop, truncate. ANTONYMS: (v) join, mend, fix, attach
- anger:** (n) fury, rage, displeasure, resentment, indignation; (v) incense, offend, irritate, exasperate; (adj) angry; (n, v) wrath. ANTONYMS: (v) placate, pacify, glee; (n) pleasure, composure, glee, affection, serenity, goodwill, forbearance; (n, v) calm
- angrily:** (adv) irately, passionately, fiercely, indignantly, cholericly, resentfully, enragedly, infuriatedly, wrathfully, madly, crossly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, lightly, calmly, cheerfully, gently, gladly
- angry:** (adj) anger, furious, provoked, incensed, vehement, fierce, irate, raging, maddened, shirty, indignation. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, gentle, joyful, content,

euphoric, mild, happy, resigned, joyous, gleeful, quiet

anguish: (n, v) pain, ache; (n) torment, agony, torture, distress, misery, suffering, despair, grief, sorrow. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, happiness, calm, euphoria, joyfulness, ecstasy, content, peace, hopefulness

annihilated: (adj) exterminated, lost, uncreated, wiped out, annihilate; (v) perished

annihilating: (adj) crushing, annihilative, destructive, withering, disrespectful

annihilation: (n) abolition, death, slaughter, destruction, obliteration, extermination, extirpation, disintegration, demolition, defeat, pulverization. ANTONYMS: (n) preservation, survival, creation, protection

announcement: (n) annunciation, advertisement, declaration, release, statement, communication, report, proclamation, promulgation, pronouncement, intimation. ANTONYM: (n) request

answers: (n) replies; (adj) answering

antagonist: (n) opponent, adversary, enemy, foe, rival, match, opposition, opposer, assailant, opposite, competitor. ANTONYMS: (n) supporter, advocate, colleague, synergist, ally, defender

antagonize: (v) antagonise, resist, counteract, anger, contravene, dispute, rile, run afoul of, vex, go dead against, rag. ANTONYMS: (v) befriend, soothe

anticipated: (adj) expected, foreseen, predictable, due, estimated, appointed, awaited, coming, forthcoming, natural, planned

anticipating: (v) anticipate; (adj) pregnant, anticipant, hopeful, ready, oracular

anticipation: (n) forecast, hope, foresight, prevention, augury, expectance, hopefulness, prefiguration, presentiment; (n, v) outlook, prospect. ANTONYMS: (n) despair, boredom

ants: (n) family Formicidae, Formicidae, hymenoptera, impatience, order hymenoptera, restlessness, tension

anxiety: (n) disquiet, trouble, fear, care, alarm, anxiousness, uneasiness, worry, anguish, concern; (adj, n) solicitude. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, bravery, confidence,

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reassurance, security, relaxation, indifference, serenity, tranquility, peace, satisfaction

anxious: (adj) uneasy, alarmed, thoughtful, fearful, apprehensive, agitated, keen; (adj, v) nervous, tense, solicitous, jumpy. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, carefree, confident, rational, unconcerned, undisturbed, untroubled, assured, comfortable, cool, apathetic

anxiously: (adv) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly

anyhow: (adv) somehow, at any rate, in any case, whatever, in any event, regardless, however, though, besides, nonetheless, one way or another

apart: (adj, adv) aloof; (adv) aside, asunder, especially; (adj) alone, distant, detached, isolated, only; (adj, v) separate; (v) segregate. ANTONYMS: (adv) adjoining, near, surrounded; (adj) connected, nearby

apologize: (n) palliate, extenuate, apology, gloze; (n, v) excuse; (v) apologise, beg pardon, give satisfaction, justify, plead; (adj) sorry. ANTONYM: (v) defy

apology: (n, v) excuse; (n) amends, regret, defense, justification, reason, explanation, vindication, alibi, acknowledgment; (v) apologize. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, reprehension, accusation, shamelessness, epitome

appalling: (adj, v) shocking, grim, terrific; (adj) alarming, dire, ghastly, dreadful, frightful, terrible, atrocious, vile. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasant, admirable, lovely, encouraging, laudable, comforting, pleasing, agreeable, honorable, appealing, humane

appearances: (n) show, semblance, outlook, indicia

appearing: (adj) seeming, beseen, emergent, accomplished; (n) coming into court; (prep) liking; (adj, adv) prima facie

appetite: (n, v) desire; (n) appetite, appetency, relish, inclination, stomach, taste, thirst, passion, liking, gusto. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, repulsion, revulsion, apathy, distaste

appreciate: (adj, v) understand, realize; (v) esteem, treasure, prize, fathom, appraise, comprehend, admire, acknowledge, apprise. ANTONYMS: (v) scorn, disregard, ignore, neglect, disparage, underrate, underestimate, dislike, overlook, assume, undervalue

appreciation: (n) admiration, acknowledgment, recognition, approval, taste, understanding, awareness, conception, grasp, feeling; (n, v) sense. ANTONYMS: (n) depreciation, loss, ungratefulness, ignorance, disrespect, disregard, disapproval, deflation, dislike, discomfort, condemnation

apprehension: (n) alarm, comprehension, dread, misgiving, understanding, capture, foreboding, arrest, trepidation; (n, v) doubt, appreciation. ANTONYMS: (n) release, confidence, calmness, tranquility, freeing, misunderstanding, peace, relief, bravery, calm, equanimity

approaching: (adj) future, forthcoming, impending, imminent, oncoming, near; (adj, n) coming; (n, v) approach; (adv) nearly, almost; (prep) toward

approve: (v) adopt, allow, accept, acknowledge, ratify, let, agree, endorse, admit, support, applaud. ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, censure, disapprove, veto, forbid, invalidate, disallow, disrespect, deny, desecrate, oppose

approvingly: (adv) approving, approve, sympathetically, kindly, positively, constructively, admiringly, deferentially, enthusiastically, flatteringly, encouragingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) censoriously, negatively

arching: (adj) arced, curved, bowed, arciform, arcuate; (n) hogging, curvature, upthrust

ardor: (adj, n) eagerness, zeal; (n) fervor, fervency, fire, flame, passion, enthusiasm, ardency, heat, avidity. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, coolness, coldness, hatred

arguing: (n) controversy, contention, disputation, contestation, polemics, tilt; (v) argue; (adj) quarrelsome, argumentative

argumentative: (adj) quarrelsome, litigious, controversial, cantankerous, combative, forensic, hostile, polemic, disputative,

- contrary, ratiocinative.
ANTONYMS: (adj) amiable, friendly, agreeable, conciliatory, passive, gentle
- arguments:** (n) reasons, argument, contention, advice, opinion, influence, point of view, urging, wiles
- arise:** (v) appear, emerge, result, issue, mount, proceed, originate, get up, ascend, awake, stand up.
ANTONYMS: (v) end, sit, recline, stop, retire, disappear, descend, cease, fade
- armed:** (n) arms, arming; (adj, v) armed to the teeth; (adj) equipped, military, fitted, aggressive, prepared, violent, forcible, weaponed. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unarmed, unprotected, armless, unprepared, peaceful
- arose:** (v) happen, occur
- arouse:** (v) wake, stir, agitate, excite, awaken, stimulate, anger, kindle, provoke, raise; (n, v) rouse.
ANTONYMS: (v) calm, dampen, stifle, sedate, quiet, pacify, bore, allay, lull, quench, suppress
- aroused:** (adj) ablaze, aflame, passionate, hot, agitated, inflamed, susceptible, tense, fascinated, emotional, elated
- arousing:** (adj, n) stirring; (adj) moving, stimulating, affecting, animating, hopeful, pitiful, poignant; (n) awakening, start, beginning
- arranged:** (adj) settled, regular, prepared, orderly, fixed, organized, ready, tidy, straight, ordered, neat.
ANTONYMS: (adj) disorderly, disorganized, changing, unprepared, untidy
- arrangement:** (n) order, settlement, array, distribution, design, system, adjustment, sequence, contract, alignment; (adj, n) method.
ANTONYMS: (n) disarray, individual
- array:** (adj, n) arrangement; (n, v) line, attire, garb, range, apparel, display; (v) dress, adorn, deck, clothe. **ANTONYMS:** (v) undress, disarrange; (n) disorder, mess, rags, individual, likeness, dearth
- arrival:** (n) advent, accession, entrance, incoming, newcomer, return, attainment, coming, comer, entry, reaching. **ANTONYMS:** (n) exit, leaving, disappearance, conclusion
- arrow:** (n) missile, bolt, dart, barb, gun, spear, bullet, cursor; (adj, n) rocket; (adj) hydrargyrum, quicksilver
- articles:** (n) canons, articles of agreement, equipment, statute, doctrine, system of opinions, stock, school
- artillery:** (n) battery, gun, cannon, field-artillery, cannonry, persuasion, voltigeur, dragoon, uhlan, mounted rifles, light horse
- ashen:** (adj) handdog, guilty, embarrassed, sheepish, remorseful, regretful, bashful, disconcerted, contrite, chagrined; (v) dashed.
ANTONYMS: (adj) proud, arrogant, unremorseful, unashamed, pleased, blatant, bold, happy, unabashed, unrepentant
- ashen:** (adj) wan, pasty, bloodless, cadaverous, pale, sallow, ghastly, livid, gray, colorless, lurid.
ANTONYMS: (adj) rosy, dark
- aside:** (adv) apart, away, beside, alongside, in reserve, off, abreast; (adj, adv) by; (n) digression, divagation, parenthesis.
ANTONYMS: (adv) erectly, uprightly, vertically
- asleep:** (adj) sleeping, deceased, sleepy, dormant, numb, dead, sound asleep, snoozing, slumbering, napping, gone. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) up, attentive, alert, conscious
- assault:** (n, v) storm, violence, raid, charge, onset, rape, thrust; (v) assail; (n) aggression, rush, offensive.
ANTONYMS: (v) defend, protect, resist; (n) defense
- assaulted:** (adj) molested, mistreated, raped, beaten
- assemblage:** (n) meeting, collection, congregation, set, multitude, crew, confluence, gathering, gang, convention, convocation.
ANTONYMS: (v) dispersal, scattering
- assembling:** (n) assemblage, assembly, collection, collecting, compilation, meeting, aggregation, congregation, montage; (adj) gathering, assembled
- assent:** (n) acceptance, acquiescence, approval, agreement, compliance, admission, approbation; (v) accede, accord, agree; (adj, v) acquiesce.
ANTONYMS: (v) resist, disagree, disapprove, reject, refuse; (n) disagreement, refusal, resistance
- asserting:** (v) affirm; (adj) declaratory, declarative, evidentiary; (n) assertion
- assist:** (n, v) aid, help, support; (v) abet, serve, contribute, boost, relieve, encourage, to help, facilitate.
ANTONYMS: (n, v) impede, oppose; (v) thwart, disrupt, hamper, hurt, stop, worsen, shun; (n) hindrance, counteract
- assisted:** (adj) aided
- assume:** (v) accept, adopt, take, appropriate, arrogate, suppose, simulate, sham, presume, usurp; (adv, v) feign. **ANTONYMS:** (v) relinquish, abandon, return, renounce, know, doubt, defer, appreciate, despair, speculate, surrender
- assumed:** (adj) sham, affected, fictitious, fake, feigned, counterfeit, pretended, reputed, artificial, hypothetical, spurious.
ANTONYMS: (adj) true, authentic, explicit, known, real, natural
- assurance:** (n) confidence, guarantee, belief, pledge, security, promise, sureness, poise, conviction, nerve, warrant. **ANTONYMS:** (n) doubt, uncertainty, mistrust, lie, fiction, awkwardness, timidity, clumsiness
- assured:** (adj, v) certain, sure; (adj) confident, guaranteed, positive, definite, assertive, confirmed, convinced, reliable, safe.
ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, doubtful, unsure, troubled, timid, questionable, hesitant, confused, halting, unlikely
- assuring:** (adj) ensuring, insure, insuring, assure, ensure, giving confidence, securing, likely, promising
- astonished:** (adj) astonish, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, stunned, aghast, bewildered, astounded, taken aback, thunderstruck, astonished; (v) amaze
- astonishing:** (adj) amazing, wonderful, stupendous, prodigious, strange, surprising, astounding, incredible, breathtaking; (v) astonish; (adj, n) marvelous.
ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, humdrum, boring, mundane, dull, expected, predictable, usual, comforting
- astonishingly:** (adj, adv) surprisingly, wonderfully, stupendously, strangely; (adv) astoundingly, marvelously, prodigiously, staggeringly, startlingly, extraordinarily, unusually. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) predictably, mildly

astonishment: (n) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle. ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, belief, contempt

astounded: (adj) amazed, stunned, flabbergasted, bewildered, dumbfounded, surprised, staggered, astonished, dazed, astound, aghast

attempted: (adj) unsuccessful

attempts: (adj) trying

attentive: (adj) assiduous, diligent, heedful, watchful, observant, advertent, mindful, careful, aware, alert, respectful. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfocused, negligent, neglectful, forgetful, heedless, unobservant, rude, unprepared, unconscious, uncaring, inconsiderate

attracted: (adj) paying attention, concerned, enamored, enthusiastic, interested, involved, amatory

audacious: (adj) brash, arrogant, barefaced, bold, daring, impudent, intrepid, brave, shameless, enterprising, insolent. ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, timid, cautious, polite, reserved, meek, humble, fearful, discreet, respectful

audacity: (n) nerve, audaciousness, effrontery, arrogance, temerity, cheek, impertinence, insolence, courage; (n, v) impudence; (adj, n) presumption. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, propriety, decorum, circumspection, courtesy, fear, respect, spinelessness, reticence

automatic: (adj, v) involuntary; (adj) reflex, automated, mechanical, spontaneous, unconscious, inherent, mechanized, robotic; (n) robot, handgun. ANTONYMS: (adj) voluntary, deliberate, uncertain, conscious, unnatural, avoidable, premeditated, stilted, optional, thoughtful, unusual

avail: (n, v) advantage, assist, aid, profit, benefit, help; (adj, n) service; (n) good, assistance, utility; (v) do. ANTONYMS: (v) useless, hurt, hinder, harm; (n) inappropriateness

aversion: (n) antipathy, distaste, abhorrence, disinclination, dislike, grudge, aversion, nausea, enmity, revulsion; (n, v) disgust. ANTONYMS: (n) attraction, love, inclination, predilection, desire, fondness, goodwill

avoided: (adj) unpopular

avoiding: (n) shunning; (adj) fugitive, antisocial

await: (v) anticipate, abide, bide, tarry, wait, attend, look, hope, approach, loom, come on. ANTONYM: (v) doubt

awaited: (adj) expected, appointed, scheduled, forthcoming, prospective

awaiting: (adj) looming, imminent, in the near future, pending, expectant

awake: (v) wake, awaken, realize, waken; (adj) alive, alert, attentive, conscious, keen, intelligent; (adj, v) broad awake. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconscious, sleeping, comatose, sleepy, relaxed; (v) deaden, lull, sleep

awakened: (adj) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested

awakening: (n) arousal, waking up, revival, disenchantment, awakening, introduction, provocation; (adj) arousing, moving, animating; (v) awake. ANTONYM: (n) suppression

awed: (adj) frightened, groveling, reverential, reverent, overwhelmed, overcome, intimidated, worshipful, impressed, fearful, abominable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unawed, irreverent

awe-inspiring: (adj) awesome, solemn, glorious, monumental, brilliant, dignified, fearful, terrible, unusual, weird, wonderful

awestruck: (adj) awe-stricken, awed, aghast, in awe of, blank, fascinated, spellbound, enthralled; (v) moonstruck, thunderstruck

awful: (adj) fearful, dreadful, terrible, abominable, appalling, nasty, abhorrent, atrocious, bad, horrible, lousy. ANTONYMS: (adj) excellent, wonderful, marvelous, great, lovely, nice, pleasant, beautiful, pleasing, good, minor

awkward: (adj) inconvenient, clumsy, embarrassing, uncomfortable, ungainly, untoward, crude, inept, sticky, left-handed, heavy. ANTONYMS: (adj) graceful, easy, adroit, manageable, straightforward, simple, dexterous, rotund, convenient, helpful, skillful

awkwardly: (adv) gawkily, ineptly, ungracefully, embarrassingly, maladroitly, stiffly, gracelessly, inopportunistically, bunglingly, inelegantly, unwieldily. ANTONYMS: (adv) gracefully, elegantly, usefully, urbanely, contentedly, coherently, calmly, conveniently, agilely, expertly, amenably

awoke: (adj) awakened

awry: (adj, adv) askew, crooked; (adj) erroneous, bent, deformed, distorted, incorrect, wry, wrong; (adv) skew; (v) irregular. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, right, aligned, even

babble: (n, v) drivel, gossip, chat, burble, prattle; (v) ripple, gab, talk, blab, smatter, bubble. ANTONYMS: (n, v) stillness, quietness; (n) sense

babbling: (adj) loquacious, telltale, voluble, blatant, blathering, blithering, gabbling, garrulous, jabbering; (n) stultiloquy, stultiloquence

babe: (n) infant, baby, chick, sweetie, suckling, nursling, child, newborn, chit, girl, darling. ANTONYMS: (n) grownup, adult, adolescent

babies: (n) children, babes, babe, babying, offspring

backward: (adj, adv) late, behindhand; (adj) tardy, retarded, reluctant, coy, slow, laggard, dilatory; (adv) behind, backwardly. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) ahead; (adv) onward; (adj) quick, developing, advanced, confident, brilliant, bold

bade: (v) bid, command, bad

badge: (n) sign, emblem, insignia, medal, token, plaque, symbol, logo, indication, identification, characteristic

baffled: (adj) bewildered, puzzled, perplexed, confounded, at sea, frustrated, befuddled, beaten, bemused, preoccupied, helpless. ANTONYM: (adj) clear

baked: (adj) adust, parched, scorched, baken, heated, driest, tempered, sunbaked, seared, arid, drier. ANTONYMS: (adj) unbaked, humid

balanced: (adj) equal, firm, well-balanced, steady, stable, staid, regular, suitable, harmonious, uniform, symmetrical. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfair, unbalanced, unsettled, unsymmetrical, uncertified, asymmetrical, disproportionate, imbalanced, unequal, uneven, irrational

balancing: (adj, n) matching; (n) bringing into state of equilibrium, adjustment, equalization, equipoise, reconciliation, redress, wheel balancing, balancing accountancy, comparison; (adj) libratory

balking: (adj) intractable, defensive,

- disinclined, balky
- balls:** (n) guts, family jewels, intestinal fortitude, nerve, spirit, tenacity, valor, audacity, prowess
- bandage:** (v) bind, wrap, dress, envelop; (adj, n) truss, tie; (n) swathe, binding, roller, gauze; (adj) string. ANTONYMS: (v) undress
- bandaged:** (adj) articulated, apprenticed
- bands:** (n) cords, stripes
- bang:** (n, v) slam, hit, beat, strike, knock, smash, boom, thud, bump; (adv, n, v) smack, slap. ANTONYMS: (n) silence; (v) tiptoe
- banging:** (n) battering, flap; (adj) humongous, noisy
- banshee:** (n) benshie, lemures, seamaid, ghost, benshee, boggart, dryad, ghoul, Nereid, nymph, peri
- barbarian:** (n) Goth, vandal, brute; (adj) heathen, barbaric, barbarous, uncivilized, uncultured, wild, rude, foreign. ANTONYMS: (adj) cultured, refined; (n) native, citizen
- barbaric:** (adj) boorish, uncivil, graceless, churlish, uncouth, uncivilized, savage, barbarous, wild, gross, inhuman. ANTONYMS: (adj) refined, civilized, cultured, polished
- barbed:** (adj) mordant, thorny, sharp, pungent, caustic, spiny, cutting, acrid, spiteful, acid; (v) barded. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth
- barely:** (adv) merely, just, nakedly, scantily, simply, nudely, baldly, purely, narrowly; (adj, adv) scarcely, only. ANTONYMS: (adj) enough, amply, sufficiently, abundantly; (adv) much, thoroughly, well, easily, obviously, clearly, strongly
- baring:** (n) uncovering, denudation, disforestation, exposure, husking
- bark:** (n, v) skin, yelp, snarl, cry, rind, shout; (v) growl, roar; (n) bay, peel, crust. ANTONYMS: (n, v) whisper
- barn:** (n) outhouse, shed, cowshed, cowhouse, stable, bawn, grange, byre, godown, granary, storehouse
- barnyard:** (n) farmyard; (adj) crude, gross, obscene, vulgar
- barred:** (adj) prohibited, forbidden, barricaded, Barry, banned, illicit, streaked; (v) striated, areolar, veined; (n) Bart. ANTONYMS: (adj) admissible, legitimate, eligible, open
- barrel:** (n) vessel, keg, roll, barrels, barrelful, tun, vase, cask, vat, container, hogshead
- barricade:** (n, v) barrier, blockade, barricado; (v) block, obstruct, hinder, dam; (n) obstruction, fence, rampart, hurdle. ANTONYMS: (n) opening; (v) open, expose, assist
- bass:** (adj) deep, resonant, rich, sonorous, abstruse; (n) bass voice, basso, sea bass, bass clef, bast; (adv) accompaniment. ANTONYMS: (adj) shrill
- bated:** (adj) weak, faint, decreased
- batter:** (v) hammer, baste, break, club, slam, beat, mangle, buffet, smite, pound; (n) batsman
- battered:** (adj) worn, damaged, hurt, maltreated, tattered, ragged, shabby, injured; (v) seedy, pulled down, shattered
- battery:** (n) troop, cell, barrage, army, suite, company, artillery, assault and battery, barrage fire, primary cell, squad
- battlefield:** (n) field, arena, battle, cockpit, tract, parcel, front line, combat zone, field of battle, Armageddon, athletic field
- battleful:** (adj) agonistical, agonistic, bellicose, combative, aggressive
- bawl:** (n, v) shout, roar, cry, yell; (v) bellow, call, bark, wail, scream, weep, howl. ANTONYMS: (v) whisper, snicker, mutter, giggle, murmur
- bawling:** (adj, n) weeping, sniveling; (n) cry, wailing; (adj) vociferous, weepy, blatant, sobbing, clamorous, tearful, howling
- beads:** (n) pearls, chaplet, censer, pax, patera, host, cross, pyx, reliquary, rood, thurible
- beam:** (n) ray, timber, balance beam; (n, v) blaze, glow, flash, smile; (adj, v) shine; (v) grin, air, radiate. ANTONYMS: (n, v) scowl; (v) darken, dim, dull, frown; (n) darkness
- beard:** (v) defy, dare; (adj, v) brave; (adj, n) hair; (n) whiskers, moustache, sloven, facial hair; (n, v) camouflage, disguise, mask. ANTONYMS: (n) shaven
- bearded:** (adj) barbate, awny, whiskered, hairy, aristate, coniform, calamiform, gladiate, pilous, shagged, echinate
- bearer:** (n) holder, carrier, messenger, porter, courier, envoy, traveller, griever, hamal, lamenter, mourner
- bearing:** (n, v) demeanor; (n) manner, direction, deportment, conduct, attitude, aspect, approach, appearance, respect, air. ANTONYMS: (n) insignificance, irrelevance; (adj) nonbearing
- beast:** (n) animal, monster, swine, fiend, creature, scavenger, savage, critter, animate being, barbarian; (adj) bear. ANTONYMS: (n) man
- beating:** (n) reverse, defeat, whipping, thrashing, battery, flogging, pounding, pulsation, pulse, rout; (adj) pulsing. ANTONYMS: (n) victory, win
- beauty:** (n) attractiveness, beaut, charm, pulchritude, loveliness, exquisiteness, grace, grandeur, looker, good looks; (adj) beautiful. ANTONYMS: (n) hag, plainness, shortcoming, flaw, witch, dog, disadvantage, detraction, repulsiveness, eyesore, awkwardness
- bedraggled:** (adj) unclean, scruffy, slovenly, sloppy, dilapidated, draggled, unkempt, shabby, slipshod, untidy; (adj, v) tattered. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) neat; (v) tidy, dry, clean, ordered; (adj) smart
- bees:** (n) Apoidea, superfamily Apoidea
- begone:** (int) shoo, scat, out, off, avault; (v) take off, get out, clear out; (adv) aside, absent
- begun:** (adj) present
- beheld:** (adj) visual
- believing:** (adj) faith, believe, faithful, basic cognitive process, gullible, Catholic, religious, loyal, certain, Christian, credent
- bell:** (n, v) chime; (n) gong, Alexander Graham Bell, ring, doorbell, handbell, tocsin, alarum, Alexander Bell, buzz, angelus
- beller:** (v) bellow, exclaim
- bellow:** (n, v) shout, growl, yell, cry, snarl, scream, howl, call, holler; (v) bawl; (n) bay. ANTONYMS: (v) murmur, mutter
- belly:** (n) stomach, inside, pregnancy, maw, bowels, intestines, waist, corporation; (v) balloon, swell, bloat
- beloved:** (adj, n) dear, darling, favorite, pet; (adj) precious, loved, cherished; (n) love, dearest, honey, sweetheart. ANTONYMS: (adj) detested, despised, disliked
- belt:** (n, v) band, hit, whack, wallop; (n) area, strap, strip, zone, fascia, baldric; (v) beat
- bended:** (adj) bent, bowed
- bending:** (n) bow, bend, deflection, deflexion, refraction, flexure, crook; (adj) flexible, supple, winding, pliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) stiff
- bent:** (adj) curved, arched, deformed, crooked; (n) propensity, inclination, fancy, leaning, flair, gift, curvature. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness,

inability, aversion; (adj) undetermined, undecided, uncurved, uncaring, rigid, unbent

berating: (n) reprehension, blowing up, rebuke, tirade, invective

beseeking: (adj) begging, suppliant, imploring, pleading, precative, supplicatory, precatory, importunate; (n) prayer; (v) plead; (adv) beseechingly. ANTONYM: (adj) imperative

beset: (v) beleaguer, afflict, assault, siege, molest, worry, attack, plague, obsess, assail; (adv, v) surround

besides: (adv) as well, moreover, too, furthermore, again, as well as, anyway, additionally; (prep) apart from, beside; (adj, adv) more

besplashed: (adj) bespattered, spattered, dirty, splashed, unclean

bethink: (v) recollect, mull, remind, recall, think, reflect, ponder, speculate, ruminate, consider, contemplate

bewhiskered: (adj) bearded, barbate, whiskery, unshaven, hairy, whiskered

bewildered: (adj) bemused, confused, confounded, perplexed, befuddled, puzzled, dumbfounded, taken aback, addled, disoriented; (adj, v) lost. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, clear, oriented, precise, understanding, alert

billowing: (adj) billowy, surging, baggy, moving, rolling, tumbling, voluminous

bind: (adj, v) attach, fix, fasten, affix; (n) band; (v) bandage, lace, fetter, bundle, truss, combine. ANTONYMS: (v) untie, unbind, free, unfasten, unravel, permit, loosen, loose, let; (n, v) release; (n) pleasure

binding: (n) band, dressing, tying, linkage, binder, wrapping, bond; (adj) obligatory, necessary, valid, mandatory. ANTONYMS: (adj) voluntary, alterable, flexible, revocable, unbinding, unconfining, unnecessary, unfastened, temporary

bird: (n) wench, poultry, fowl, girl, birdie, hen, chick, Bronx cheer, shuttlecock, archaeornis, archeopteryx

biting: (adj, v) acute, acrid, sarcastic, sharp, acrimonious, pungent, severe, cutting; (adj) acid, bitter, barbed. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, blunt, kind, bland, nice, soothing, sweet, hot, complimentary, faint, sympathetic

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bits: (n) odds and ends, scraps, debris

bitten: (adj) stung, rabid, annoyed; (v) smitten

bitter: (adj, v) acrimonious, acrid; (adj) sharp, acid, malicious, caustic, virulent, sour, resentful, keen, acerbic. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, charitable, hot, sugary, kind, wonderful, warm, pleasant, nice, agreeable, gentle

bitterly: (adv) biting, sourly, fiercely, cruelly, caustically, harshly, poignantly, piercingly, cuttingly, rancorously, acrimoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) harmoniously, sweetly, warmly, gladly, agreeably, kindly, friendly

bitterness: (n) acerbity, animosity, gall, malice, resentment, enmity, acidity, acidity, bitter, rancor, sharpness. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, happiness, harmony, kindness, blandness, friendliness, goodwill, idealism, affection

blackberry: (v) bloater, bouilli, bouillon, breadfruit, chop suey, blanchmange; (n) drupelet, mulberry, bramble, black haw, blackberry bush

blackened: (adj) sulphured, blackening, colored, coloured, filthy, achromatic, colorful

blackness: (n) black, darkness, sable, gloom, nigritude, night, inkiness, dark, murk, murkiness, obscurity

blacksmith: (n) farrier, horseshoer, forger, locksmith, metalworker, sailmaker, wheelwright, smithy, smith

blade: (n) knife, beau, foil, falchion, cutlass, sword, leaf, shaft, razor, brand, steel

blame: (v) arraign, chide; (n, v) reprimand, censure, attack, charge, reproach, rap, rebuke, fault; (n) onus. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) absolve, exonerate, commend, clear, acquit; (n) vindication, exoneration, honor, absolution, glory

blamed: (adj) goddamned, goddamn, damned, goddam, infernal, damnable, ageless, answerable, beatified, blessed, aeonian

blanched: (adj) ashen, colorless, white, bleached, bloodless, benevolent, wan, pale, lightened, fair, faded

bland: (adj) insipid, vapid, tasteless, tame, mild, moderate, flat, balmy, oily, gentle, smooth. ANTONYMS: (adj) spicy, strong, exciting, jaunty, explicit, caustic, colorful,

conspicuous, delicious, bitter, dull

blank: (adj) bare, empty, unfilled, pure, vacant, clean; (n) space, blankness, form, vacuity; (v) addle. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, expressive, used, understanding, thoughtful, incomplete, marked, filled, excited, lively, aware

blanket: (adj) sweeping, overall, comprehensive, global, wholesale, generic; (n, v) cloak; (n) sheath, sheet, bedding; (v) clothe. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncomprehensive, discerning, incomplete, partial, specific

blare: (v) bellow; (n, v) sound, honk, beep, hoot; (adj, n) boom; (n) din, clamor, racket; (adj) peal, thunder. ANTONYMS: (v) mute, stifle; (n) silence

blaring: (adj) loud, raucous, forceful, piercing, clarion, riotous, rowdy, shrill; (n) blare, din, clamor. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasant, gentle

blasting: (adj) ruinous, blaring, cold, destructive; (n) grit blasting, burst, explosion, excavation, mining, getting, advertising

blatant: (adj) barefaced, open, noisy, strident, patent, brazen, flagrant, impudent, explicit, loud, blazing. ANTONYMS: (adj) concealed, hidden, furtive, inconspicuous, unobtrusive, subtle, quiet, silent, veiled, doubtful, ashamed

blaze: (n, v) flash, glare, flame, mark, scintillation; (n) fire, light, burning, inflammation, sheen; (adj, v) burn

blazing: (adj) flaming, afire, burning, ardent, aflame, glaring, bright, blatant, alight, passionate; (n) blaze. ANTONYMS: (adj) freezing, quiet

bleach: (adj, v) whiten, blanch, decolorize, wash out; (v) decolor, fade, white, decolorize; (n) bleaching agent, whitener, bleaching agent. ANTONYMS: (v) melanize, yellow, blacken, contaminate, dye

bleached: (adj) blanched, artificial, attenuate, attenuated, biased, colored, coloured, dyed, faded, faint, fair

bleating: (n) bleat, baaing

bled: (v) bleed; (n) bulla

bleeding: (adj) bloody, gory, blasted; (n) haemorrhage, bloodletting, runout, cupping, leeches, venesection, phlebotomy; (v) bleed

blind: (n) curtain, shutter, veil, drape, awning, trick; (v) bedazzle, dazzle, daze; (adj) sightless; (adj, v) obscure.

- ANTONYMS: (adj) sighted, uncovered, understanding, sharp, seeing, revealed, quick, perceptive, open, controlled, cautious
- blinded:** (adj) blindfolded, blinder, blindly, reckless, unsighted, blindfold, dizzy
- blindly:** (adv) darkly, dimly, blindfoldly, purblindly, obscurely, heedlessly, unreasoningly, blindfold, unsightedly, inconsiderately, ignorantly.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) sensibly, carefully, considerately, purposely
- blink:** (v) twinkle, flicker, blench, shirk, nictate, shine; (n, v) flash; (n) blinking, instant, winking, glimmer.
- ANTONYM: (v) attend
- blissful:** (adj) happy, heavenly, merry, joyful, delighted, glad, cheerful, delightful, ecstatic, elated, blest. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, grieving, sad, sorrowful, depressed, unpleasant, down, dreadful
- blissfully:** (adv) gladly, joyfully, blessedly, delightfully, joyously, cheerfully, ecstatically, merrily, delightedly, gleefully, contentedly.
- ANTONYM: (adv) sadly
- blistered:** (adj) scalded, scorched
- blistering:** (adj) burning, boiling, vitriolic, caustic, scorching, acid, acrid, blazing, bitter, torrid, acerb.
- ANTONYM: (adj) cold
- blithe:** (adj) cheerful, lighthearted, breezy, pleasant, merry, carefree, buoyant, facetious, gay, happy, animated. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, sorrowful, miserable, downhearted, depressed, anxious, sad, heavy, gloomy, serious, troubled
- blithely:** (adv) gaily, merrily, mirthfully, cheerfully, gladly, gayly, gleefully, brightly, sunnily, cheerily, hilariously. ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, gloomily, carefully
- bloated:** (adj) swollen, inflated, distended, turgid, proud, supercilious, haughty, puffed, pompous, tumescent, tumid
- blocked:** (adj) jammed, impeded, clogged, locked, stopped, hindered, block, obstruct, obstructed, choke, barren. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, fertile, open
- bloodless:** (adj) white, livid, dead, pale, pasty, wan, exsanguine, blanched, anaemic, ghastly, watery.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) robust, sanguine, rosy, bloody, florid, caring, lively
- bloodthirsty:** (adj) murderous, brutal, bloody, barbarous, cruel, savage, fierce, ferocious, violent, slaughterous, sanguineous.
- ANTONYM: (adj) pleasant
- bloom:** (adj, n, v) flower; (v) prosper, flourish, thrive, burgeon; (adj, v) blow, fructify; (n) prime, blush, flush, bud. ANTONYMS: (v) shrivel, struggle, wane, die, deteriorate, decrease; (n) pallor, withering
- blow:** (n) beat, knock, shock, wallop, gust, jolt; (adj, n, v) gasp, puff; (n, v) blast, slap; (v) squander.
- ANTONYMS: (n, v) calm; (v) save, conserve, store, stillness, inhale, come, arrive; (n) luck, comfort, caress
- blown:** (adj) puffy, panting, swollen, winded, inflated, moving, high, haughty lofty, late; (v) puffing and blowing; (n) blown
- blubbing:** (n) babble, tear; (adj) tearful
- bludgeon:** (n) bat, stick, truncheon, cudgel, mace, staff, shillelah; (v) beat, bully, hit, coerce
- blunt:** (adj, v) dull, deaden; (adj) bluff, plain, direct, forthright, frank, candid, outspoken, round, abrupt.
- ANTONYMS: (v) hone, sharpen, point, accentuate, needle; (adj) devious, pointed, thoughtful, polite, guarded, gentle
- blur:** (n, v) blemish, smudge, slur; (v) taint, smear, cloud, obscure, blear, dim; (adj, v) daub; (adj, n) stain.
- ANTONYMS: (v) sharpen, accentuate, uncloud, purify, focus, define, cleanse, clean
- blurred:** (adj) fuzzy, indistinct, foggy, blurry, bleary, vague, out of focus, blear, cloudy, clouded, dim.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) sharp, definite, distinct, precise, certain
- blush:** (n, v) glow, color; (v) redden, crimson; (n) red, bloom, rosiness, ruddiness, redness; (adj) bashful; (adv) blushing. ANTONYMS: (v) blanch, pale, blench; (n) paleness
- bluster:** (v) brag, gasconade, swash, bully; (n, v) swagger, roar, storm, clatter; (n) boasting, bravado; (adj, v) vapor. ANTONYMS: (n) mildness, reticence, timidity
- boastful:** (adj, v) braggart; (adj) pompous, arrogant, proud, vaunting, thrasonical, vainglorious, vain, ostentatious; (v) Thrasonic; (adj, n) noble. ANTONYMS: (adj) deprecating, humble, insecure
- bobbing:** (n) faggot, firewood, peat, turf
- bold:** (adj) adventurous, audacious, manly, arrogant, intrepid, fearless, spirited, heroic, daring, courageous, stalwart. ANTONYMS: (adj) timid, modest, afraid, meek, shy, light, courteous, discreet, faint, fearful, abashed
- boldness:** (n) prowess, face, daring, valor, nerve, assurance, heroism, audaciousness, spirit, cheek, valour.
- ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, shyness, timidity, meekness, reticence
- bolt:** (v) bar, gobble, abscond, fasten; (n) arrow; (adj, n) pin; (n, v) dash, lock, latch, escape; (adv) bang.
- ANTONYMS: (v) nibble, unbolt, loosen, amble, snack, wait, open, unfasten, stroll, saunter, unscrew
- bombast:** (adj, n) rant, fustian, jargon; (n) grandiloquence, blah, Bombyx; (v) rodomontade, fine talking, tall talk, heroics; (adj) prose run mad
- bonaparte:** (n) Napoleon Bonaparte, Napoleon, Napoleon I, the little corporal
- bonds:** (n) securities, stock, stocks, handcuffs, irons, chains, servitude, common stock, confinement, preferred stock
- bone:** (n) framework, os, skeleton, anatomy, ivory, astragal, true middlings; (adj, n, v) cartilage; (v) swot, gristle, prepare
- bones:** (n) bone, frame, corpse, dry bones, framework, maraca, physician, finger cymbals, tymbal, wreck, timbrel
- boom:** (n, v) bang, roar, thunder, sound, bellow, roll; (v) thrive, flourish, blare; (n) noise, bar.
- ANTONYMS: (n) depression, recession, failure; (n, v) decline; (v) recede, lose, falter, fail, deteriorate
- booming:** (adj) thriving, roaring, flourishing, successful, loud, blooming, prospering, palmy, resonant, wealthy, deep.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) failing, quiet, poor, weak, shrill, thin
- bore:** (v) dig, tire, pierce, tap, annoy, perforate; (n, v) bother, plague; (n) auger, well, gimlet. ANTONYMS: (v) fascinate, excite, hypnotize, engage, entertain, stimulate; (n) charmer, exciter, excitement, pleasure
- borne:** (adj) weak, wanting, spoony, soft, sappy, shallow, little, limited
- bosom:** (n) heart, interior, boob, thorax, chest, bust, tit; (n, v)

- embrace; (v) cherish, hug; (adj) intimate. ANTONYMS: (n) outside, exteriority
- bother**: (n, v) trouble, torment, worry, hassle, pain; (adj, n, v) fuss, bore; (v) vex, annoy, irritate; (n) nuisance. ANTONYMS: (n, v) delight; (v) soothe, please, help, aid, comfort, placate, encourage, defend; (n) accord, satisfaction
- bothering**: (v) teasing, tormenting, carking; (n) harassment, provocation
- bough**: (n) arm, limb, bow, member, tigella, ramage, offshoot, ramification, spray, sprig, stem
- bounce**: (n, v) jump, spring, leap, bound, jolt, discharge; (n) impact; (v) recoil, glance, sack, beat. ANTONYMS: (n) tranquility, calmness; (v) stay, clear
- bound**: (n, v) leap, jump, border, bounce, limit, edge, vault, recoil; (n) boundary, barrier, compass. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, amble, crawl, limp, permit; (adj) permitted, released, unbound, allowed, unlikely
- bounding**: (n) jumping, confinement; (v) confine, salient; (adj) terminal, moving, subsultory
- bout**: (n, v) round; (n) attack, spell, turn, competition, fight, battle, fighting, effort, game, fit
- bowed**: (adj) arched, curved, inclined, crooked, arciform, arching, arced, bandy, arcuate, twisted, bended. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, concave, plucked
- bowing**: (n) obeisance, playing, gesticulation, capitulation, genuflection, scraping, submission; (adj) bowed, bent, fawning, submissive
- boxers**: (n) drawers
- boxes**: (n) auditory, pit, parquet, gallery, box, case, front of the house, bleachers, stalls
- boyhood**: (n) babyhood, adolescence, youth, youthhood, infancy, girlhood, age, boyism, puberty. ANTONYM: (n) adulthood
- boyish**: (adj) young, puerile, adolescent, youthful, babyish, childish, girlish, kittenish, boylike, callow, immature. ANTONYM: (adj) mature
- braced**: (adj) prepared, buttressed, firm
- branches**: (n) branch, brushwood
- brass**: (n, v) face; (adj, n) boldness; (n) nerve, cheek, administration, audaciousness, insolence, arrogance; (adj) bronze; (v) assurance, impudence
- brave**: (adj, n) bold, hardy; (adj) audacious, fearless, courageous, virile, intrepid, valiant; (adj, v) endure; (v) defy, face. ANTONYMS: (adj) cowardly, frightened, pathetic, gutless, afraid, cautious, fainthearted, meek, mousy, nervous; (v) skip
- bravely**: (adv) courageously, fearlessly, valiantly, boldly, intrepidly, dauntlessly, gallantly, audaciously, undauntedly, heroically, doughtily. ANTONYMS: (adv) timidly, fearfully, execrably, nervously
- brazen**: (adj) audacious, impudent, brassy, insolent, bold, brash, impertinent, blatant, flagrant, forward, saucy. ANTONYMS: (adj) shy, abashed, prudish, reserved, quiet, discreet, respectful, ashamed, veiled, modest
- bread**: (n) livelihood, bun, maintenance, cash, currency, loot, dough, pelf, food, sustenance, kale
- breaking**: (n) breakage, breach, violation, infringement, contravention, smash, rift, scutching, shift, intermission; (v) deaden
- breast**: (n) boob, udder, tit, titty, chest, knocker, mamilla, bust, pap, heart; (n, v) front
- breastwork**: (n) balustrade, parapet, bastion, banister, handrail, railing, rampart; (v) mantlet, redan, ravelin, curtain
- breathed**: (adj) unvoiced, inaudible, breathing, aphonic
- breathing**: (adj) animate, live, living, respiratory, alive, above ground; (v) breathe, respire; (n) respiration, instant, moment. ANTONYMS: (adj) inanimate, breathless, dead
- breathless**: (adj, adv) out of breath; (adj) panting, inanimate, breathtaking, winded, choking, puffing; (v) all agog, aghast; (adj, n) eager; (n) in hysterics. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, expected, boring
- breathlessly**: (adv) pantingly, eagerly, windedly, deadly, inanimately, breathtakingly, impatiently, animatedly, hungrily, chokingly, pulselessly
- breed**: (n) variety, race, kind, ancestry, sort, order, species; (v) engender, multiply, beget, bear. ANTONYMS: (v) destroy, eradicate, ignore, kill, neglect, quell
- bridle**: (n, v) curb, check, control, snaffle, rein, leash; (n) arrest, reins, brake; (v) inhibit, contain. ANTONYMS: (v) unbridle, unharness, release
- briefly**: (adv) concisely, pithily, momentarily, curtly, tersely, succinctly, fleetingly, transitorily, transiently; (adj, adv) summarily, quickly. ANTONYMS: (adv) permanently, endlessly, slowly, thoroughly, verbosely
- brigade**: (n) army, division, legion, battalion, corps, contingent, organization, squadron, squad; (v) organize, aggroup. ANTONYMS: (n) individual, one
- brigadier**: (n) brigadier-general, major, staff officer, sublieutenant, second lieutenant, skipper, officer, captain, centurion, Colonel, first lieutenant
- brilliance**: (n, v) brightness; (n) brilliance, lustre, luster, splendor, glitter, glory, radiance, splendour; (adj, n) gorgeousness; (v) gloss
- brilliant**: (adj, v) splendid, glorious, illustrious, smart; (adj) sunny, intelligent, magnificent, luminous, spectacular, vivid, beautiful. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, dim, awful, dark, unexceptional, typical, tarnished, grimy, unintelligent, normal, useless
- brimstone**: (n) native sulphur, sulfur, native sulfur, atomic number
- brindle**: (adj) dappled, brinded, piebald, speckled, spotted, tabby
- briskly**: (adv) busily, energetically, vigorously, quickly, freshly, actively, sharply, rapidly, vividly, brightly, merrily. ANTONYMS: (adv) seriously, laboriously, civilly, pleasantly, languorously
- bristle**: (n) fiber, hair, whisker; (v) teem, burn, seethe, rage, arise, fume, blow up; (n, v) brustle. ANTONYM: (v) calm
- bristled**: (adj) briary, briery, barbed, bristling, burry, biting, burred, echinated, horrent, prickly, spiny
- bristles**: (n) beard, five o'clock shadow
- brittle**: (adj) crumbly, breakable, crisp, fragile, short, crispy, brickle, sensitive, insubstantial, shivery, brash. ANTONYMS: (adj) solid, strong, resilient, durable, relaxed, sturdy, unbreakable, soft
- broadcast**: (n) broadcasting; (v) air, circulate, announce, disperse, disseminate, propagate, distribute,

- transmit, sow, send. ANTONYMS: (n) narrowcast; (v) silence, hide, secrete, withhold; (adj) secret
- broiled:** (adj) heated, baked, barbecued, done
- bronze:** (adj, n, v) tan; (n) brown, brass, sculpture, statuette; (v) terra cotta, discolour, discolor, marble, plate; (adj) bronzed
- bronzed:** (adj) bronze, browned, tan, suntanned, sunburned, ruddy, brunet, brown, brunette. ANTONYM: (adj) pale
- brood:** (n, v) breed; (v) sulk, think, incubate; (n) offspring, issue, progeny, young, posterity, family; (adj, n) herd. ANTONYMS: (v) reassure, delight, console
- brook:** (v) endure, abide, stomach, stand, tolerate, digest, suffer, support, undergo; (n, v) creek; (n) stream. ANTONYMS: (v) spurn, resist, reject, prohibit
- broom:** (v) sweep, to sweep, bream, shovel, rake, screen, sieve; (n) brush, Scots heather, *Calluna vulgaris*, heath
- brotherhood:** (n) fraternity, sodality, association, kinship, relationship, friendliness, confraternity, fellowship, organization, partnership, society
- brotherly:** (adj) brotherlike, sympathetic, cordial, neighborly, harmonious, amicable, affectionate, sisterly, fatherly; (adv) sympathetically, fraternally. ANTONYMS: (adj) sisterly, uncompassionate, unfriendly, unneighborly, sororal, antagonistic, uncompanionable
- brow:** (n) peak, brink, brows, height, summit, forehead, eyebrow, edge, crown, brim, border. ANTONYM: (n) trough
- brows:** (n) brow
- bruised:** (adj) wounded, hurt, raw, sore, livid, tender, sensitive, rotten, surbet, sore to the touch, painful
- brush:** (n, v) broom, touch, kiss; (v) sweep, polish, graze, clean; (n) brushwood, conflict, copse, encounter
- brushed:** (adj) napped, fleecy
- brute:** (adj) brutal, harsh, gruff, brutish; (adj, n) animal, savage; (n) barbarian, fiend, creature, monster; (adv) beastly. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, refined, mild, gentle; (n) gentleman
- bubble:** (v) babble, foam, froth, burble, effervesce, seethe, gurgle, fizz; (n) blister, bladder, vesicle
- budge:** (adj, v) move, go; (v) stir, agitate, change, sway, dislodge, bump, rouse, push; (adj) flit. ANTONYMS: (v) remain, stay
- bugle:** (v) trumpet, clarion, pibroch, slogan; (n) horn, ophicleide, trombone, herb, cornopean, cornet, bugleweed
- bulged:** (adj) bulgy, convex
- bull:** (n) rot, ox, hogwash, absurdity, bear, buck, guff, shit, male; (n, v) bullshit; (adj, n) blunder. ANTONYMS: (n) truth, bear
- bullet:** (n) shot, round, pellet, slug, projectile, missile, stone, carcass, delivery, grenade, sphere
- bunch:** (n, v) crowd, clump, pack, bundle, group, huddle; (n) batch, lot, band, troop, gang. ANTONYMS: (v) spread, separate, scatter; (n) individual
- bundle:** (n, v) pack, cluster, clump, wad; (n) sheaf, pile, batch, stack, package, group, heap. ANTONYMS: (v) scatter, separate, disperse, divide
- bunk:** (n) berth, nonsense, bed, drivel, hogwash, bullshit, cradle, bunkum, crap, buncombe, bull. ANTONYM: (n) truth
- burden:** (n, v) bother, weight, pack, burthen, trouble, clog, strain; (n) anxiety, bale, responsibility; (v) afflict. ANTONYMS: (v) relieve, lighten, free, disburden, alleviate, relax; (n, v) help; (n) tranquility, relaxation, peace, pleasure
- buried:** (adj) hidden, covert, interred, underground, inhumed, profound, covered, ulterior; (v) perdu, imbed, embed. ANTONYMS: (adj) explicit, overt
- burly:** (adj) rugged, beefy, brawny, strapping, hefty, muscular, husky, stout, strong; (adv) beefily, sturdily. ANTONYMS: (adj) slight, skinny, thin, slim, small, anorexic, feeble, delicate, weak
- burned:** (adj) baked, scorched, tempered, sore, hurt, heated, hardened, destroyed, bleak, parched, adust
- burning:** (adj) blazing, ablaze, boiling, afire, flaming, hot; (n) combustion, firing; (adj, n) passionate, zealous, glowing. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, trivial, cool, out, painless, quenched, soothing, unimportant, apathetic, insignificant, unconcerned
- burnt:** (adj) adust, heated, baked, torrid, sunburnt, seared, scorched, well done, tempered, overdone, combust. ANTONYMS: (adj) underdone, unburned, wet
- burst:** (adj, n, v) crack; (adj, v) split, blow up, explode, splinter, detonate; (n, v) rupture, blast; (adj, n) flash; (v) break out, belch. ANTONYMS: (v) attach, join, connect, fasten, trickle
- bursting:** (adj) explosive, teeming, chock-full, full, complete, paroxysmal, exploding, disruptive, detonating, crowded; (n) outburst. ANTONYM: (adj) hungry
- bury:** (v) inter, overwhelm, lay to rest, hide, mask, secrete, conceal, cloak, entomb, suppress; (n) burial. ANTONYMS: (v) exhume, unearth, uncover, dig, disclose, distract, expose, ignore, reveal, air, remember
- bushes:** (n) underbrush, thicket, undergrowth, minor league
- bushwhacker:** (n) rustic, free lance, companion, guerrilla, assailant
- bushy:** (adj) dense, shagged, shaggy, hairy, bearded, brushy, gross, bushes, pilous, pappous, hispid. ANTONYMS: (adj) bald, neat, unhealthy, tidy, thin, sparse, sleek
- busily:** (adv) actively, occupiedly, briskly, industriously, engagedly, energetically, assiduously, lively, officiously, fussily, meddlesomely. ANTONYM: (adv) inactively
- bustle:** (adj, n, v) hurry; (n, v) flurry, ado, fuss, hustle; (adj, n) stir, movement; (n) bother, commotion, disorder; (adj, v) hasten. ANTONYMS: (n) inactivity, stillness, idleness; (v) laziness, relaxation
- bustling:** (adj) lively, busy, boisterous, buzzing, brisk, alive, vibrant, noisy, tumultuous; (v) stirring, full of incident. ANTONYM: (adj) inactive
- button:** (n, v) knob; (adj, n) tie; (n) knob, push button, push, key, fastening, clasp, bud, buckle; (v) fasten
- buttons:** (n) bellboy, peyote
- buzzed:** (n) woozy; (adj) intoxicated, drunk
- buzzing:** (n) noise, murmur; (adj) humming, abuzz, bustling, lively, droning, purring, vibrant, vivacious, full of beans
- bygone:** (adj) ancient, former, gone, obsolete, outmoded, previous, archaic, old, late; (n) preterite, antique. ANTONYMS: (adj) future, current, coming, modern

calamity: (n) disaster, adversity, affliction, misfortune, plague, catastrophe, tragedy, blow, bale, distress; (n, v) trouble.
ANTONYMS: (n) blessing, boon, luck, joy, opportunity
calculatingly: (adv) shrewdly, deliberately, astutely, sharply, calculatively, sly, wily, craftily, connivingly, cannily, consciously.
ANTONYMS: (adv) innocently, unintentionally
calling: (n) business, occupation, call, avocation, job, trade, career, employment, walk, pursuit; (n, v) profession. **ANTONYMS:** (n) entertainment, hobby
calm: (adj, n, v) assuage, appease, lull; (adj, v) cool, pacify, peaceful, easy, steady; (adj, adv, n, v) still; (n, v) allay; (v) mollify. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) agitated, wild, stormy, nervous, angry, scared, terrified, tense; (v) agitate, provoke; (adj, v) upset
calmly: (adv) stilly, tranquilly, coolly, serenely, placidly, sedately, smoothly, peacefully, easily, undisturbedly, steadily.
ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, hysterically, nervously, agitatedly, uncontrollably, histrionically, restlessly, frantically, irritably, emotionally, tensely
calmness: (n) calm, composure, quietness, poise, serenity, stillness, quiet, silence, placidity, peace; (adj, n) coolness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) anxiety, nervousness, restlessness, panic, fury, unrest, intensity, discomposure, bustle, annoyance, noise
camp: (n) faction, encampment, base, barracks, cantonment, laager, side; (v) pitch, tent, camp out; (adj) campy
camping: (n) bivouac, camp, encampment, bivouacking, inhabitancy, inhabitation, habitation, campsite, camping site, tenting, campground
cane: (n, v) scourge, whip; (v) flog, beat, birch, thrash, lash; (n) stick, bat, rattan, twig
canon: (n) clash, carom, gun, shank, basilisk, gun of position, carambole, carronade, culverin, field piece, howitzer
canteen: (n) dining hall, buffet, commissary, flask, mobile canteen, bottle, estaminet, posada, recreation room, shop, store

caps: (n) brevier, bourgeois, pica boldface
captive: (n) convict, prisoner of war, slave, detainee, jailbird, gaolbird; (adj) confined, imprisoned, rapt, jailed, amoroso. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) free, uninterested, unconfined, liberated, emancipated, disillusioned; (n) guard, captor
captivity: (n) incarceration, imprisonment, internment, slavery, thrall, thrall, thralldom, limbo, restraint, fetters, enslavement. **ANTONYMS:** (n) release, emancipation, liberty
careless: (adj) forgetful, inattentive, insouciant, haphazard, cursory, reckless, lax, unwary, sloppy; (adj, adv) thoughtless; (adj, v) heedless. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) cautious, prudent, meticulous, thoughtful, diligent, attentive, thorough, wary, guarded, methodical, strict
caress: (v) stroke, fondle, tickle, pat, pet, kiss, nuzzle, cuddle, coddle; (n, v) touch; (n) endearment. **ANTONYM:** (n) hit
caressingly: (adv) caressively, kissingly
careworn: (adj) tired, drawn, worn, weary, harassed, under pressure, wan, pinched, stressed, fraught, bony. **ANTONYM:** (adj) relaxed
carival: (n) fair, feast, festival, amusement park, funfair, show, fiesta, bazaar, gala, jamboree, Saturnalia
carpenter: (n) woodman, woodsman, woodworker, Joseph; (v) build
carpet: (v) cover, drape, rebuke, encase, row, chew out; (n) rug, carpeting, tapis, runner, covering
cart: (n) car, carriage, handcart, barrow, applectart, wagon; (v) haul, drag, bear, take, transfer
cartridge: (n) bullet, cartouch, ammunition, cartouche, shell, round, magazine, blank, magnetic tape cartridge, case, shot
carven: (adj) incised, engraved, lapidarian, graven, etched
cast: (n, v) throw, stamp, form, fling, shape, figure; (v) shed, pitch, chuck; (n) casting, appearance. **ANTONYMS:** (v) refuse, receive, subtract, reject, take, gather, catch, retain, keep
casting: (n) cast, hurl, pouring, molding, teeming, block, Malleable castings, fling, to throw something a long distance, flinging, pelt
catching: (adj) communicable,

infectious, epidemic, gripping, transferable, zymotic; (n) discovery, take, playing, uncovering, getting. **ANTONYM:** (adj) noncommunicable
cathedral: (n) church, temple, place of worship, house of worship; (adj) authoritative, parochial, official, cathedralic
cats: (n) Felidae, cates, public, people, order Carnivora, fissiped mammal, fissiped, Carnivora, bears, badgers, family Felidae
causing: (n) causation, coercion, compulsion; (adj) causative, factitive; (prep) behind
caution: (n) advice, carefulness, warning, wariness, precaution, vigilance, prudence, admonition, commandment; (v) warn, advise. **ANTONYMS:** (n) carelessness, rashness, incaution, honesty, foolishness, encouragement, irresponsibility, openness, approval; (v) dare, approve
cautious: (adj) guarded, conservative, prudent, watchful, attentive, reserved, shy, provident, judicious, circumspect, chary. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) rash, open, impulsive, impetuous, careless, irresponsible, wasteful, incautious, thoughtless, imprudent, unwary
cautiously: (adv) guardedly, prudently, warily, circumspectly, charily, discreetly, vigilantly, timidly, attentively, watchfully, sparingly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) openly, irresponsibly, imprudently, bravely, recklessly, incautiously, thoughtlessly, wastefully, tactlessly, rashly, liberally
cavalcade: (n) parade, pageant, caravan, spectacle, celebration, column, convoy; (adj) rank and file, line of battle, cortege; (v) file
cavalry: (n) cavalier, voltigeur, uhlan, hussar, troops, soldiery, mounted rifles, light horse, horse artillery, dragoon, horse cavalry
cavalryman: (n) dragoon, horseman, hussar, cuirassier, lancer, soldier, lancers
cavern: (n) hollow, cove, vault, hole, enclosure, antrum, lair, antre, socket, den; (v) cavern out
cease: (n, v) end, finish, stop; (v) quit, terminate, break, break off, close, conclude, discontinue, abstain. **ANTONYMS:** (v) begin, start, commence, persist, stay
ceased: (adj) finished

- ceaseless:** (adj) eternal, uninterrupted, constant, perpetual, everlasting, endless, continuous, unremitting, continual, unending, nonstop. ANTONYMS: (adj) intermittent, temporary, sporadic, completed, restricted, limited, fleeting, finished, concluded, ending, inconstant
- celebrated:** (adj) renowned, famous, distinguished, notable, noted, splendid, well-known, known, famed, eminent; (adj, n) glorious. ANTONYMS: (adj) minor, unexalted, ordinary, obscure, undistinguished, inglorious, insignificant
- celerity:** (n) rapidity, speed, dispatch, velocity, swiftness, quickness, expedition, fleetness, alacrity, pace, promptness. ANTONYMS: (n) leisureliness, sluggishness
- celestial:** (adj) ethereal, divine, supernal, angelic, holy, sacred, astronomical, unworldly, superlunary, from on high; (n) heaven. ANTONYMS: (adj) mundane, secular, terrestrial, mortal
- center:** (n, v) centre, focus; (adj, n) middle; (n) heart, core, pivot, midst, kernel, substance, seat; (v) concentrate. ANTONYMS: (n) edge, outside, exterior, circumference; (adj, n) border; (adj) extreme, right, left; (v) scatter, dissipate, disperse
- centered:** (adj) centralized, focused, concentrated, central, focussed, deep, centralised
- ceremony:** (n) courtesy, celebration, ceremonial, parade, pomp, rite, ceremonies, manners, custom, ritual, pageant. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, understatement
- chains:** (n) fetters, bond, chain, bonds, handcuffs, irons, manacles, shackles, iron, confine, trammel
- challenging:** (adj) defiant, difficult, provocative, challenge, stimulating, demanding, arduous, hard, exacting, provoking, interesting. ANTONYMS: (adj) conciliatory, undemanding, allied, accepting, accessible, simple, dull, peaceable, submissive
- chances:** (n) probability, odds, opportunities, possibility, state, circumstances
- chant:** (v) cantillate, sing, recite, intone, intonate, utter, vocalize; (n) hymn, song, melody; (n, v) chaunt
- chantlike:** (adj) intoned, rhythmic, singsong
- chaos:** (n) disarray, jumble, maze, mess, muddle, clutter, uproar, disorder, bedlam, pandemonium, mix-up. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, orderliness, regulation, regularity, organization, tranquility, serenity, neatness, calm
- chapel:** (n) chantry, worship, shrine, kirk, temple, house of God, house of worship, meetinghouse, oratory, place of worship, tabernacle
- charged:** (adj) laden, loaded, replete, aerated, tense, strained, full, filled, emotional, abounding, deferred
- charger:** (n) horse, battery charger, steed, mount, courser, war horse, loader, hack, roadster, warhorse, destrier
- chariot:** (n) car, wagon, carriage, wagon, vehicle, wain, equipage, char
- charnel:** (adj) carnal, sepulchral, ghastly; (n) burial vault, cemetery, charnel house
- chasing:** (n) chase, engraving; (v) follow, pursue
- chatter:** (n, v) babble, gossip, prattle, gab, cackle, natter; (adj, n, v) jabber; (adj, v) prate, palaver; (v) blabber, patter. ANTONYM: (v) drawl
- chattering:** (n) chatter, cackle, yak, grabbing, claver; (adj) talkative, loquacious, noisy, gabby, garrulous; (v) natter
- checking:** (n) examination, verification, audit, inspection, scrutiny, going-over, arrest, interference, supervision, collation, approval of plans
- cheek:** (n) audacity, nerve, brass, boldness, impertinence, face, lip, mouth, gall, insolence, impudence. ANTONYMS: (n) respect, cowardice, timidity, humbleness, meekness, reticence, seriousness; (v) praise
- cheeks:** (n) Gemini, twins, couple, posterior, pair, deuce, two, duet
- cheer:** (v) animate, applaud, amuse, hearten, inspire, lighten; (n, v) comfort, delight, cry; (adj, v) embolden; (n) consolation. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, boo, uncheerfulness, hiss, pessimism, raspberry; (v) depress, discourage, dissuade, complain, jeer
- cheerful:** (adj, v) buoyant; (adj) breezy, merry, optimistic, pleasant, glad, blithe, carefree, bright, lively, happy. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressed, gloomy, sad, depressing, grim, hopeless, miserable, morose,
- somber, dejected, unwelcoming
- cheering:** (adj, n) encouraging, inspiring; (adj) comforting, hearty, exhilarating, heartening, amusing; (n) applause, acclaim, ovation, cheers. ANTONYMS: (adj) disheartening, heartbreaking, discouraging, depressing, dejecting, disturbing
- cheers:** (n) cheerio, bye, acclamation, so long, goodbye, au revoir, clapping, encore
- cheery:** (adj) bright, joyful, jovial, buoyant, sunny, gay, genial, glad, upbeat, vivacious, blithe. ANTONYMS: (adj) sad, depressing, miserable, funereal, unwelcoming, unfriendly, serious, dull, downbeat, down, troubled
- cheese:** (n) cheddar, cottage cheese, blue cheese, brick cheese, Brie, Camembert, Cheddar cheese, cheeseflower, bleu, Edam, exaggeration
- chemist:** (n) pharmacist, druggist, pharmacy, pharmacist, drug store, pharmacoplist, scientist, pharmaceutical chemist, dispensing chemist, pharmacologist, carver
- chest:** (n) bosom, ark, bust, box, chest of drawers, case, hutch, bureau, caisson, casket, dresser
- chestnut:** (adj, n) auburn, commonplace; (n) chestnut tree, sweet chestnut, wood, anecdote, joke, banality; (adj) bay, trite, castaneous
- chewing:** (n) chew, mastication, chaw, change of state; (adj) masticatory
- chicken:** (n) fowl, hen, broiler, coward, cock, poultry, weakling, nestling; (adj) yellow, fearful, chicken-hearted. ANTONYM: (n) daredevil
- chickens:** (n) Galliformes, order Galliformes
- childhood:** (n) babyhood, boyhood, immaturity, infancy, puerility, youth, youthhood, immaturity, adolescence, age, anal phase. ANTONYMS: (adj) recent; (n) maturity
- childlike:** (adj) ingenuous, simple, babyish, young, innocent, pure, unsophisticated, juvenile, immature, childly, childish. ANTONYMS: (adj) old, untrusting, experienced, cunning, complicated, jaded, worldly
- chill:** (adj, v) cool; (adj, n) cold; (adj) bleak, icy, chilly, frosty, depressing;

- (v) freeze, dispirit, damp; (n) coolness. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) warm; (n) warmth, warmness; (v) encourage, hearten, inspirit, thaw; (adj) hot, gregarious, friendly, sociable
- chilled:** (adj) frozen, freezing, cool, refrigerated, icy, inhibited, restrained, confined, shivering, iced, stiff
- chimney:** (n) fireplace, smokestack, shaft, flue, hearth, vent, lamp chimney, chimneys, nostril, throat, weasand
- chimneys:** (n) chimney
- chin:** (n) jaw, Kuki, jawbone, lineament, rap, jowl; (v) elevate, speak, chin up, confer, bring up
- chips:** (n) money, potato crisps, sticks, featherings, coin
- choked:** (adj) clogged, smothered, congested, annoyed, high-strung, strained, neurotic, tense, angry, anxious, insecure
- choking:** (n) strangulation, throttling, slugging, asphyxiation; (adj) suffocative, suffocating, smothering, breathless, clogging, bitter, blinding
- chords:** (n) key, clef
- chorus:** (n, v) choir; (v) chant; (n) ensemble, coir, refrain, chorale, acclamation, Greek chorus; (adv) descant, glee, madrigal. ANTONYMS: (n) disagreement, discord
- chuckle:** (n, v) snicker, snigger, giggle, chortle, titter, crow; (v) chuck, laugh, cackle, exult; (n) laughter
- churchlike:** (adj) churchly
- churning:** (n) emulsifying; (adj) turbulent, roily, roiled, annoyed, agitated, roiling
- cigars:** (n) cigar
- circle:** (n) association, field, range, beat, set; (n, v) ring, band, compass, turn, whirl; (v) encircle
- circumstance:** (n) affair, incident, matter, event, occasion, chance, accident, opportunity, adventure, casualty, fact
- circus:** (n) arena, hippodrome, circle, ring, square, pygargus, Flavian amphitheater, amphitheater, cockpit, turf, troupe
- clammy:** (adj) viscous, sweaty, sticky, muggy, moist, humid, damp, viscid, sultry, dank; (n) ropy. ANTONYMS: (adj) arid, dried, fresh
- clamor:** (n, v) outcry, cry, clamour, hullabaloo, roar, shout; (n) noise, racket, uproar, exclamation, hubbub. ANTONYMS: (n) silence, serenity, tranquility; (v) whisper, mutter
- clamoring:** (n) clamouring, clamour, blare, blaring, hue and cry, cacophony; (adj) brawling, bawling, blatant
- clanging:** (adj) tinny, shrill, noisy, metallic, clangorous
- clangor:** (n, v) clang, clangour; (n) din, crash, clash, clank, clatter, uproar, racket, roll, ring
- clangoring:** (n) clang, noise, crash, clash, clank, brush, clangour
- clannish:** (adj) clubby, cliquish, exclusive, snobby, snobbish, sectarian, ancestral, ethnic, joint, family, private. ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, open, welcoming
- clash:** (n, v) fight, impact, brawl, struggle, clank, wrangle, dispute, hit; (n) battle, encounter, crash. ANTONYMS: (n) agreement, association, consistency, concord; (v) connect, reconcile, harmonize, consent, balance, accord, concur
- clatter:** (n, v) rattle, jingle, bang, clank, clang, roll, clink; (v) clash, chatter; (n) noise, racket. ANTONYMS: (n) quiet
- clattering:** (n) crash; (adj) clattery
- claws:** (v) tentacle, tenaculum, unguis, hook, fangs, teeth; (n) clutches, jaws
- clay:** (n) soil, remains, adobe, loam, dust, dirt, mud, bentonite, ashes; (adj, n) pottery; (adj) earthen
- cleared:** (adj) absolved, clean, empty, exculpated, bleak, innocent, exempt, vindicated, exonerated, guiltless, let off. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, uncleared, guilty
- clearing:** (n) clarification, clearance, purgation, purging, purge, clear-melting, correction, tract, improvement, release, freeing
- clearness:** (n) clarity, brightness, distinctness, perspicuity, lucidity, explicitness, sharpness, simplicity, purity, limpidity, intelligibility. ANTONYMS: (n) ambiguity, opacity, dirtiness, vagueness, unclearness, obscureness, indistinctness, clutter, haziness, mustiness
- cliff:** (adj, n) precipice; (n) boulder, hill, escarpment, promontory, crag, mountain, bank, face; (adj) wall, pike
- climb:** (v) ascend, arise, scale, escalate, go up, scramble; (n, v) clamber, mount, increase; (n) ascent, jump. ANTONYMS: (n, v) drop; (n) descent; (v) wane, dismount, plummet
- clined:** (adj) assured, decided, tight, tighter
- clinging:** (adj) adhering, sticky, adherent, devoted, adhering closely, affectionate, dependent, tenacious, osculant; (n) coherence
- clip:** (n, v) clasp, snip, hit, pin; (v) nip, trim, shear, shave, crop, prune; (n) buckle. ANTONYMS: (v) detach, elongate, extend, increase, unclip, undo, unfasten
- cloak:** (n, v) veil, mask, camouflage, wrap, masquerade, screen, pall; (n) cape; (v) conceal, dissemble, hide. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, uncloak, unmask; (n, v) uncover
- clod:** (adj, n) lump; (n) oaf, glebe, ball, clay, yokel, gawk, agglomeration, lout, clump; (adj) block. ANTONYMS: (n) intellect
- clogged:** (adj) choked, jammed, blocked, teeming, thick, swarming, stuffed, stopped up, overfull, overcrowded, filled to capacity
- cloth:** (n) drapery, fabric, clothes, clothing, rag, stuff, linen, tapestry, silk, flannel; (v) napkin
- clothing:** (n) attire, threads, outfit, gear, dress, cloth, duds, habit, wear; (n, v) apparel, vesture
- cloud:** (n, v) mist, blur; (v) becloud, obscure, eclipse, blacken, taint, befog, overshadow; (adj, n) swarm; (n) haze. ANTONYMS: (v) clear, refine, accentuate, illuminate, explain, clarify, unveil
- clouded:** (adj, n) cloudy; (adj) gloomy, dark, overcast, obscure, blurred, foggy, misty, hazy, bleary; (v) cymophanous. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear
- clouds:** (n) exhaust, fumes, gas, smoke, vapors
- clover:** (n) trefoil, shamrock, herb, Dutch clover, clover, riches, wealth, success, prosperity, good life, fat city
- clump:** (n, v) cluster, bundle; (n) lump, group, clot, knot, tuft, chunk, clod, ball; (v) plod
- clumsy:** (adj) bumbling, bungling, cumbersome, unwieldy, rude, inept, inapt, maladroit, gawky, unskilled, wooden. ANTONYMS: (adj) graceful, dexterous, clever, skillful, deft, adroit, elegant, coordinated, expert, athletic, agile
- cluster:** (n, v) clump, bundle, huddle, group, crowd; (n) batch, agglomeration, gang, collection, tuft;

- (v) collect. ANTONYMS: (v) dissemble, scatter; (n) individual
- clutch:** (n, v) clasp, grip, clench, grasp, hold, clinch, gripe; (v) grab, grapple, embrace; (adj, v) catch. ANTONYMS: (n) loose; (v) release, unfasten
- clutched:** (adj) tense, worried, anxious, neurotic
- cluttered:** (adj) disorderly, chaotic, jumbled, messy, muddled, disordered, all over the place, messed up, littered, in disarray, in a state. ANTONYM: (adj) tidy
- coat:** (v) cloak, blanket; (n, v) sheath, plaster; (n) coating, fur, film, crust, jacket, layer, bark. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, expose
- coaxing:** (n) blarney, flattery, sweet talk, temptation, enticement, soft soap; (adv) coaxingly; (adj) ingratiatory, persuasive, oily
- coffin:** (n) casket, sarcophagus, chest, cask, hearse, urn, carriage, automobile, catafalque; (v) to drive a nail in one's coffin, bury
- coherent:** (adj) rational, consistent, lucid, tenacious, clear, orderly, comprehensible, connected, coherence, sound, reasonable. ANTONYMS: (adj) incoherent, illogical, disjointed, rambling, confused, irrational, nonsensical, incomprehensible, contradictory, unintelligible, confusing
- coil:** (n, v) spiral, curl, roll, circle, loop, reel; (v) round, wind, involve; (adj, v) twist; (adj) coiling. ANTONYMS: (v) uncoil, untwist, unwind, straighten
- coldly:** (adv) frigidly, icily, coolly, indifferently, frostily, distantly, gelidly, reservedly, bleakly, wintrily, frozenly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, affectionately, sympathetically, sensitively, kindly, cheerfully, emotionally
- coldness:** (n) chilliness, coolness, indifference, distance, apathy, iciness, reserve, frost, frigidity, unconcern; (adj, n) cold. ANTONYMS: (n) friendliness, sympathy, sensitivity, hotness, heat, responsiveness, concern, brightness, kindness
- collapsed:** (adj) broken, warped, misshapen, folded, fallen, distorted, depleted, buckled, bent, bowed, malformed
- collar:** (n, v) arrest, catch, capture, pinch; (n) choker, ruff, lapel; (v) apprehend, nail, grab, clutch. ANTONYMS: (v) free, release
- collected:** (adj) calm, accumulated, amassed, tranquil, sober, assembled, cool, poised, unflappable, peaceful; (adj, v) composed. ANTONYMS: (adj) nervous, worried, upset, uncollected, flustered, scatterbrained, anxious, excitable
- collections:** (n) collection
- collision:** (n) clash, hit, conflict, crash, smash, clashing, accident, rencounter, jar, striking, hitting
- colonel:** (n) captain, coronel
- color:** (n, v) flush, blush, tint, tinge, paint, stain; (adj, n, v) colour; (v) redden; (n) guise, complexion; (adj, n) tone. ANTONYMS: (v) discolor, pale, show, whiten, untwist, denote, depict, represent, blanch, blench
- colored:** (adj) chromatic, black, tinged, tinted, colorful, dyed, coloured, partial, dark, bleached, biased. ANTONYMS: (adj) truthful, white, uncolored, unbiased, pale, objective, honest, genuine, real
- colors:** (n) flag, colours, paints, banner, color, colour, ensign, pigment, tint, dye, paint
- colossal:** (adj) huge, gargantuan, prodigious, Brobdingnagian, vast, enormous, great, mammoth, immense, massive, monstrous. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, small, insignificant, minute, compact, microscopic, miniature, slight
- column:** (adj, n) pillar, tower; (adj, n, v) procession; (n) row, stanchion, prop, post, line, obelisk, standard, support
- columnlike:** (adj) columnar, columned
- combating:** (adj) militant, rival, opposed; (n) hostility
- comfort:** (n, v) ease, allay, support, aid, alleviate; (n) consolation, relief, amenity, assistance; (adj, n, v) assuage; (v) cheer. ANTONYMS: (n) discomfort, aggravation, agony; (v) alarm, annoy, frighten, afflict, aggravate, bother, burden, disappoint
- comfortable:** (adj, v) easy, snug; (adj) pleased, pleasing, prosperous, agreeable, pleasurable, congenial, rich, enjoyable, homely. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, tense, formal, unpleasant, unhappy, unaccustomed, intimidating, difficult, anxious, broke, destitute
- comforted:** (adj) thankful, pleased, comfortable, calmed
- command:** (n, v) order, charge, call, control, decree; (n) instruction, bidding, direction, behest; (v) direct, commission. ANTONYMS: (v) obey, follow, contradict, countermand, revoke, recall, oppose; (n) beg, plead, plea
- commanded:** (adj) lawful
- commander:** (n) chief, leader, commandant, head, governor, chieftain, commanding officer, conductor, major, skipper, master. ANTONYMS: (n) underling, follower, subordinate
- commanding:** (adj) imperative, imperious, peremptory, bossy, imposing, ascendant, compelling, magnificent; (adj, n) grand, impressive; (adv) commandingly. ANTONYMS: (adj) inferior, unassertive, indecisive, unimpressive, insignificant, subservient
- commands:** (n) orders, instructions, information, guidelines
- commenced:** (v) began, Gan; (adj) initiate, present
- commendable:** (adj, n) praiseworthy; (adj) admirable, creditable, good, worthy, deserving, meritorious, applaudable; (adv) praiseworthily, laudably, admirably. ANTONYMS: (adj) unworthy, despicable, contemptible, disgraceful, rotten, lamentable, poor
- commiseration:** (n) pity, compassion, sympathy, condolence, ruth, mercy, commiserate, bowels, consolation, fellow feeling, acknowledgement
- commit:** (v) consign, assign, charge, confide, dedicate, apply, entrust, submit, intrust, leave, give. ANTONYMS: (v) stop, desist, divest, end, idle, withhold, wait, cease, keep, refuse
- commonplace:** (adj, v) trite, hackneyed; (adj) banal, ordinary, humdrum, common, average, plain, mundane, dull; (n) platitude. ANTONYMS: (adj) extraordinary, unusual, exceptional, infrequent, rare, romantic, uncommon, weird; (n) deepness, profundity, profoundness
- commotion:** (n) tumult, ado, disturbance, turmoil, stir, din, flurry, fuss, bedlam, tempest; (n, v) agitation. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, order, calm, serenity, calmness, stillness, quiet, tranquility, inactivity
- communing:** (n) communion
- compact:** (n) arrangement, covenant, bargain; (adj, v) close, condense; (v)

compress; (n, v) contract; (adj) dense, solid, thick, compendious. ANTONYMS: (adj) loose, sprawling, sparse, bulky, large, cumbersome, long, lengthy, unwieldy; (v) expand, loosen

companion: (adj, n) associate; (n) colleague, buddy, mate, peer, chum, partner, fellow, comrade, assistant, brother. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, stranger, adversary

companions: (n) circle, entourage, people

comparatively: (adv) rather, somewhat, reasonably, quite, approximately, some, pretty, fairly, to some extent, to a certain extent, moderately. ANTONYM: (adv) absolutely

comparison: (n) collation, likeness, compare, resemblance, correspondence, metaphor, comparing, similarity, contrast, parallel; (n, prep) connection. ANTONYMS: (n) difference, contrast

compelled: (adj) forced, obligate, enforced, constrained, responsible, answerable, unwilling, destined

competent: (adj, n) able, efficient; (adj) adequate, fit, sufficient, effective, clever, commensurate, qualified, skillful, proficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) useless, inept, incapable, unable, lacking, inadequate, unqualified, unprofessional, untrained, bad, clumsy

complain: (v) bemoan, protest, whine, squawk, bewail, beef, grudge, accuse, carp, plain, complaint. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, applaud, cheer, recommend, rejoice, laud, approve, agree, accept

complicated: (adj, v) intricate; (adj) elaborate, hard, complicate, difficult, sophisticated, awkward, convoluted, obscure, deep; (v) involved. ANTONYMS: (adj) straightforward, clear, easy, plain, primitive, direct, amicable, basic

composite: (n) amalgam, mix, blend, admixture, combination, concoction, alloy, medley; (adj, n, v) compound; (adj) aggregate, mixed. ANTONYMS: (adj) unmixed, uncombined, separated, segregated, unblended

comprehend: (v) grasp, catch, see, comprise, appreciate, feel, sense, apperceive, read; (adj, v) understand; (n, v) embrace.

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ANTONYMS: (v) mistake, misapprehend, exclude, misunderstand, misconceive

comprehended: (adj) understood, apprehended

comprehending: (adj) intelligent, general, observant, sympathetic, brotherly, conversant

comprehension: (n) knowledge, inclusion, conception, understanding, intelligence, grasp, wit, capacity, familiarity, discernment, uptake. ANTONYMS: (n) incomprehension, ignorance

comprehensively: (adv) extensively, thoroughly, fully, sweepingly, widely, completely, expansively, broadly, capaciously, exhaustively, Catholicly. ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, carelessly

comrade: (n) colleague, chum, buddy, fellow, compeer, partner, brother, mate, familiar; (adj, n) associate, ally. ANTONYMS: (n) stranger, enemy, foe, opponent

conceal: (v) hide, disguise, bury, screen, cloak, smother, shield, suppress, mask, obscure; (n, v) veil. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, show, expose, divulge, clarify, uncover, disclose, tell, admit, spotlight, flaunt

concealed: (adj) covert, clandestine, blind, occult, secret, mysterious, obscure, buried, invisible, secreted, surreptitious. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconcealed, available, overt, open, divulged, Shown, revealed, disclosed, uncovered, noticeable, mainstream

conceded: (adj) approved, accepted, agreed

conceivable: (adj) imaginable, thinkable, believable, comprehensible, likely, earthly, potential, credible, plausible, cogitable, reasonable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unthinkable, difficult, implausible, impossible, unimaginable

conceive: (v) think, imagine, comprehend, design, apprehend, realize, discover, cogitate, appreciate, invent, catch. ANTONYMS: (v) destroy, doubt, misunderstand, question, ruin

conceived: (adj) formed

concerning: (adj, prep) regarding, with regard to, with reference to, in relation to; (prep) respecting, as regards, of, touching, relating to; (adj) as to, relevant

conciliate: (v) appease, reconcile,

assuage, propitiate, placate, mollify, pacify, calm, accommodate, mediate, allay. ANTONYM: (v) enrage

conciliating: (adj) conciliatory, conciliative

concluded: (adj, adv) finished, done, completed, ended; (adj) over, closed, terminated, accomplished, all over, consummate, set

concluding: (adj) last, terminal, ultimate, closing, definitive, conclusive, latest; (n) ending, dying, finishing, reasoning. ANTONYMS: (adj) opening, former, first

conclusion: (n) shock, collision, blow, impact, shake, shudder, bump, jolt, percussion, crash, vibrate

condemn: (v) censure, reproach, castigate, attain, deplore, sentence, excoriate, upbraid, knock, doom, criticize. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, approve, commend, free, pardon, absolve, acquit, clear, exonerate, release, support

condemnation: (n) animadversion, anathema, conviction, blame, rebuke, judgment, disapprobation, deprecation, disapproval; (n, v) doom; (v) condemn. ANTONYMS: (n) praise, absolution, approbation, confirmation, commendation, defense, support

condemned: (adj) censured, convicted, doomed, destined, appropriated, taken, taken over, fated, seized, predestined; (adj, v) guilty

condescending: (adj) arrogant, snobbish, superior, haughty, gracious, patronizing, supercilious, arch, benign, affable, merciful. ANTONYMS: (adj) humble, unassuming, approachable, unpretentious, friendly, admiring, modest, respectful, deferential

condescension: (n) arrogance, lordliness, disparagement, patronage, affability, disdain, pride, superciliousness, contempt, stoop, depreciation. ANTONYMS: (n) respect, acceptance, admiration

conduct: (v) bring, direct, carry, show; (n, v) act, administration, manage, administer, carriage, bearing; (adj, v) acquit. ANTONYMS: (v) mismanage, leave, follow

conducted: (adj) directed, guided

cone: (n) strobile, retinal cone, pyramid, roll, conus, strobilus, pinnacle, conoid, cone shape, cone

- cell; (adj) conical
- confession:** (n) admission, acknowledgment, recognition, acknowledgement, concession, divulgence, disclosure, shrift, penance, profession, admission of guilt. ANTONYMS: (n) disavowal, refutation
- confidant:** (n) confidante, buddy, friend, repository, confidant, pal, fidus Achates, crony, bosom friend, fiduciary, privado
- confident:** (adj) bold, brave, secure, sanguine, audacious, forward, fearless; (adj, v) certain, positive, sure; (adj, n) hopeful. ANTONYMS: (adj) insecure, timid, pessimistic, frightened, anxious, unsure, hesitant, unintelligent, doubtful, diffident, bland
- confidently:** (adv) hopefully, surely, securely, assuredly, intrepidly, boldly, courageously, certainly, sanguinely, bravely, definitely. ANTONYMS: (adv) powerlessly, weakly, hesitantly, anxiously, uncertainly, timidly, despairingly, tentatively, pessimistically, irresolutely, awkwardly
- conflicting:** (adj) repugnant, opposed, incompatible, clashing, inconsistent, opposite, contrary, divergent, adverse, paradoxical; (v) antagonistic. ANTONYMS: (adj) consistent, compatible, parallel, peaceful, harmonious, corresponding, agreeing, agreeable, congruous
- confront:** (adj, v) front; (n, v) oppose; (v) challenge, defy, brave, approach, collate, affront, cope with, play, withstand. ANTONYMS: (v) avoid, evade, dodge, cooperate, obey, submit, defend
- confronting:** (n) braving, facing, tackling, opposition, grappling, coping with; (adj) opposed
- confusing:** (adj) bewildering, baffling, perplexing, difficult, puzzling, embarrassing, misleading, ambiguous, uncertain, obscure, disturbing. ANTONYMS: (adj) enlightening, simple, soothing, truthful
- confusion:** (n) commotion, chaos, disarray, bedlam, pandemonium, disorder, disturbance, distraction, clutter, tumult, agitation. ANTONYMS: (n) clarity, understanding, tidiness, systematization, enlightenment, peace, organization, lucidity,
- neatness, space, calm
- congratulation:** (n) compliment, greeting, congratulate, congratulations, acknowledgement, gratulation, acknowledgment
- congratulations:** (n) congratulation, recommendation, praise, pean, kudos, eulogy, encomium, commendation, approval; (int) well done, bravo. ANTONYMS: (n) condemnation, criticism, rebuke; (intj) commiserations
- congregation:** (n) assembly, gathering, meeting, collection, fold, flock, crowd, convocation, congregating, company; (n, v) assemblage
- conjure:** (v) invoke, entreat, arouse, juggle, bewitch, beseech, bid, conjure up, evoke, implore, bring up
- conquer:** (n, v) capture; (v) subdue, vanquish, surmount, suppress, subjugate, overcome, overpower, quell, prevail; (adj, v) defeat. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, yield, succumb, retreat, forfeit, fall, bow, resist, fail, submit, incite
- conscience:** (n) moral sense, Conscience money, sense of right and wrong, scruple, intention, tender conscience, small voice, principles, morals, morality, inward monitor. ANTONYM: (n) indifference
- conscious:** (adj) alive, premeditated, mindful, deliberate, cognizant, calculated, intended, discerning, self-conscious, studied, voluntary. ANTONYMS: (adj) unaware, ignorant, unintentional, dead, accidental, inanimate, spontaneous, subconscious, unplanned, inadvertent, oblivious
- consciousness:** (n) feeling, sense, conscience, cognizance, mind, notion, knowledge, sensibility, feel, Consciousness of kind, self. ANTONYMS: (n) ignorance, oblivion, certainty, numbness
- consequence:** (n) effect, outcome, import, result, importance, product, account, concern, event, aftermath; (n, v) weight. ANTONYMS: (n) cause, inconsequence, insignificance, antecedent, unimportance, triviality, source, meaninglessness
- considering:** (conj, prep) because, bearing in mind; (conj) as, since; (adv) whereas, enough; (v) consider; (n) consideration, thought, deliberation; (prep) in view of
- consigned:** (adj) destined, aboard
- consolation:** (n) comfort, relief, balm, succor, ease, cheer, solacement, encouragement, sympathy, alleviation, express sympathy. ANTONYMS: (n) grief, sorrow, distress, discouragement, aggravation
- constantly:** (adv) continually, firmly, incessantly, eternally, steadily, endlessly, unremittently, ceaselessly, steadfastly; (adj, adv) always, forever. ANTONYMS: (adv) inconsistently, intermittently, acutely, erratically, infrequently
- consternation:** (n) alarm, shock, fear, apprehension, astonishment, fright, confusion; (adj, n) terror, awe, dread, horror. ANTONYMS: (n) peacefulness, composure, happiness, tranquility, hopefulness, comfort, equanimity
- contained:** (adj) implicit, unspoken, unexpressed, latent, understood, numbered, inside, confined to a small area, being within, limited to a small area. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrestrained, generalized, pervasive
- contemplate:** (v) meditate, speculate, muse, cogitate, ponder, look, deliberate, reflect, gaze, behold, entertain. ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, forget, disregard, ignore, wander, decide
- contemplated:** (adj) intended, willful
- contemplation:** (n) consideration, reflection, thought, attention, cogitation, musing, introspection, speculation, animus, deliberation; (n, v) study
- contemplative:** (adj, v) reflective, pensive, wishful, meditative, introspective; (adj) broody, brooding, speculative, ruminative, musing; (v) museful. ANTONYMS: (adj) shallow, vacuous, blank, thoughtless, disregarding, unreflective, satisfied
- contempt:** (n, v) scorn; (v) despise; (n) disrespect, derision, mockery, disregard, ridicule, shame, slight, reproach, discourtesy. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, admiration, regard, honor, esteem
- contending:** (adj) contentious, conflicting, competitive, competing, competitive, combatant, challenging, factious, militant, warlike, fighting
- contented:** (adj) content, happy, comfortable, quiet, cheerful, smug, complacent, satisfied, easy, proud, delighted. ANTONYMS: (adj)

- discontented, unhappy, depressed, unsatisfied, sad, anxious
- continent:** (adj) chaste, celibate, abstemious, pure, temperate, abstinent, sober, austere; (n) land, peninsula, delta. ANTONYMS: (adj) impure, unchaste
- continual:** (adj, adv) constant; (adj) ceaseless, incessant, endless, continuous, frequent, everlasting, uninterrupted, perpetual, unrelenting, perennial. ANTONYMS: (adj) sporadic, temporary, occasional, finite, inconstant, infrequent, ending, ceasing, halting, rare, acute
- continually:** (adv) perpetually, ceaselessly, incessantly, endlessly, unceasingly, continuously, persistently, eternally, steadily, frequently; (adj, adv) always. ANTONYMS: (adv) acutely, infrequently, spasmodically, sporadically
- continuous:** (adj) continual, ceaseless, perpetual, endless, running, unrelenting, everlasting, incessant, uninterrupted, unending, continued. ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, discontinuous, sporadic, broken, ending, interrupted, halting, fitful, finished, disjointed, ceasing
- contortion:** (n) torsion, deformation, twist, dislocation, perversion, distort, deformity, contort, garble, wrench, twisting. ANTONYM: (n) smile
- contrary:** (adj, n) contradictory, reverse; (adj) adverse, conflicting, unfavorable, perverse, cross, disobedient, alien, different, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) similar, harmonious, helpful, obliging, compatible, complaisant, concordant, parallel, agreeable, cooperative, favorable
- contrivance:** (n) device, appliance, gadget, artifice, plot, dodge, resource, plan, contraption, machine, apparatus
- controlled:** (adj) limited, restrained, restricted, temperate, subdued, inhibited, deliberate, illicit, illegal, graceful, forced. ANTONYMS: (adj) spontaneous, uncontrolled, intemperate, involuntary, unscientific, demonstrative, natural, open, pervasive, public
- convenient:** (adj) comfortable, commodious, handy, appropriate, expedient, timely, fit, useful, nearby, opportune; (adj, n) advantageous
- ANTONYMS: (adj) unwieldy, fixed, useless, distant, troublesome, unsuited, remote, unsuitable, unadaptable, unuseful, inappropriate
- conventional:** (adj) orthodox, formal, customary, accepted, common, everyday, routine, typical, traditional, normal; (adj, v) familiar. ANTONYMS: (adj) radical, unusual, relaxed, unorthodox, original, rebellious, new, abnormal, odd, unique, uncustomary
- convicted:** (adj) condemned, guilty, doomed, manifest, confiscated, confiscate, appropriated, apparent, censured; (v) convict
- conviction:** (n) belief, confidence, certainty, condemnation, persuasion, faith, trust, certitude, firmness, doctrine, determination. ANTONYMS: (n) acquittal, doubt, release, absolution, disbelief, justification, insecurity, distrust
- convincing:** (adj, v) sure, positive, confident, firm; (v) cocksure, persuaded, satisfied, assured, bold; (adj) clear, definite. ANTONYMS: (adj) doubtful, unconvinced, uncertain, cynical
- convincing:** (adj) cogent, forceful, persuasive, compelling, believable, probable, impressive, likely, credible, valid, plausible. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, unrealistic, unpersuasive, questionable, dubious, doubtful, unbelievable, disputable, inaccurate, hesitant, unreliable
- convulsive:** (adj) spastic, galvanic, fitful, paroxysmal, violent, choreic, unsteady, hysterical; (v) unquiet, restless, saltatory
- convulsively:** (adv) spasmodically, paroxysmally, spastically, with convulsions
- cooked:** (adj) well done, overcooked, cook, done, wanting, damaged, defiled, heated, suitable for eating, done for, fit for human consumption. ANTONYMS: (adj) poisonous, raw, underdone
- cool:** (adj, v) chill, assuage, soothe; (adj) chilly, cold, collected, composed, fine, aloof; (v) quench; (n) poise. ANTONYMS: (v) heat; (adj) hot, agitated, excited, friendly, feverish, enthusiastic, tepid, temperate, bad, upset
- coolly:** (adv) quietly, composedly, coldly, collectedly, nonchalantly, placidly, serenely, chilly, steadily, frostily, frigidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) nervously, anxiously, agitatedly, expressively, boisterously, enthusiastically
- coolness:** (n) chill, cool, composure, assurance, cold, calmness, alienation, frigidity, equanimity, chilliness, poise. ANTONYMS: (n) friendliness, panic, approachability, mustiness, turbulence, agitation
- coon:** (n) blackamoor, nigger, common raccoon, common racoon, boy, Procyon lotor, black person, racoon, raccoon, jigaboo; (adj) sambo
- cope:** (v) contend, make do, combat, struggle, surmount, do, deal, get by, get along, grapple; (n) coping. ANTONYMS: (v) mismanage, crumble
- cord:** (n) band, bond, tie, twine, tape, whipcord, thread, yarn, lace, rope, leash
- corners:** (adj) cornered
- corporeal:** (adj) bodily, carnal, physical, animal, somatic, bodied, collective, embodied; (adv) fleshly; (n) noncom, sergeant. ANTONYMS: (adj) mental, intangible, cerebral
- corps:** (n) company, army, army corps, detachment, troop, battalion, body, regiment, crew, party, task force
- corpse:** (n) carcass, body, carcass, dead person, stiff, dead body, remains, corse, clay, dry bones; (adj) lich
- correctness:** (n) appropriateness, precision, exactness, truth, rightness, properness, fitness, propriety, justness, correctness, veracity. ANTONYMS: (n) vagueness, informality, impropriety, misconduct, wrongness, inappropriateness, inaccuracy, error, abandon, unsuitability, immorality
- costly:** (adj) dear, precious, valuable, pricey, high, luxurious, sumptuous, extravagant, rich, invaluable, beloved. ANTONYMS: (adj) worthless, inexpensive, painless, economical, harmless, helpful, reasonable, aiding, meager
- couch:** (n) bed, sofa, settee, divan; (adj, v) lie; (v) express, put, frame, lower, repose; (adj) recline
- count:** (v) compute, weigh, consider, estimate, matter; (n, v) calculate, tally, number, total; (n) calculation, computation. ANTONYMS: (v) guess, except, estimate, disregard, dismiss, abandon, ignore, subtract

countenance: (n) aspect, expression, brow, complexion; (n, v) face, sanction, support, favor; (v) allow, tolerate, uphold. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, oppose, discourage, disapprove, prohibit

courage: (n) audacity, fortitude, boldness, nerve, spirit, backbone, valor, heroism, gallantry, mettle, chivalry. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, faintheartedness, weakness, wimpiness, yellowness
courageous: (adj, n) bold; (adj) audacious, fearless, valiant, gallant, intrepid, spirited, heroic, undaunted, manly, confident. ANTONYMS: (adj) timid, wimpy, weak, spineless, pusillanimous, fearful, fainthearted, afraid, despicable

covertly: (adv) surreptitiously, furtively, privately, clandestinely, stealthily, privily, underhandedly, undercoverly, mysteriously, obscurely, quietly. ANTONYMS: (adv) blatantly, overtly, publicly, brazenly

cowboy: (n) buckaroo, cowherd, cowman, wrangler, vaquero, cowpuncher, cowpoke, cowhand, performer; (v) bull whacker, farrier

cowring: (adv) cowardly; (adj) fawning, squat, subservient

cowled: (v) tectiform, dermatoid, encuirassed, cucullate; (adj) cucullated, clothed, clad, capistrate

crack: (n, v) chink, fracture, split, fissure, crevice, burst, snap, breach, clap, check; (n) cleft. ANTONYMS: (n, v) mend; (v) set, misunderstand, misinterpret, fix, compose; (adj) mediocre, lowly, inferior, deficient

cracker: (n) banger, biscuit, firecracker, firework, soda cracker, pyrotechnics, favor; (v) squib, popgun, gun, doughnut

cracking: (n) crack, break, fracture; (adj) splitting, swell, smashing, corking, bully, great, keen, neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, slow

crackle: (v) crunch, crepitate, rustle, sputter, snap, vary, resound, sizzle, crinkle; (n) crepitation, crackling
crackling: (adj, n) crisp; (adj) snapping, crepitant, cheerful, brittle, noisy; (n) crepitation, decrepitation, crackleware, crackle China, bohemian crackle

crash: (n) collision; (n, v) clash, collapse, bang, clank, dash, clang, fall, crack, clatter; (v) break. ANTONYMS: (n) silence; (v) raise,

repair, skyrocket, increase, fix, restore, mend, work, thrive

crashed: (adj) concentrated, stopped, not working

craved: (adj) coveted

craven: (n) coward, poltroon, chicken; (adj, n) recreant, apostate, renegade; (adj) base, gutless, yellow, spineless, fearful. ANTONYMS: (adj) brave, fearless, courageous, daring, heroic, strong

crawling: (adj, n) creeping; (n) creep, itch; (adj) slow, teeming, thick, swarming, repentant, populous, packed, moving

crazy: (adj) wild, mad, brainsick, absurd, eccentric, silly, wacky, cracked, crazed, demented; (adj, n) madcap. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, sane, rational, indifferent, stable, reasonable, realistic, balanced, levelheaded, cool, calm

creaking: (adj, v) creaky; (adj) squeaking, harsh, squeaky, noisy, arthritic; (v) rickety; (n) scream

creased: (adj) wrinkled, wrinkly, rumpled, lined, furrowed, corrugated, wizened, bent. ANTONYM: (adj) straight

creature: (n) being, brute, animal, tool, individual, person, body, entity, human, puppet, somebody

creed: (n) conviction, gospel, religion, credo, faith, tenet, dogma, doctrine, denomination, persuasion, church doctrine

creepers: (n) Certhiidae

creeping: (n) creep, crawl, locomotion, spreading; (v) lenter; (adj) reptile, slow, repentant, reptatory, serpiginous, moving

crecendo: (n) swell, intensity, volume, loudness, culmination, apogee; (adv) diminuendo, rallentando, staccato, legato; (adj) increasing

crest: (n, v) crown, top, peak, climax; (n) summit, brow, cockscomb, acme, pinnacle, zenith; (v) cap. ANTONYMS: (n) base, bottom, nadir, trough

crimson: (adj, n) carmine, ruby, scarlet, maroon; (v) blush, flush, redden; (adj) bloody, ruddy, cherry; (n) deep red

criticise: (v) comment, criminate, chide, berate, reprehend, knock, reprove, denounce, deplore, criticize; (adj) judge

crone: (n) beldam, beldame, hag, grandmother, old woman, crony, witch

crooked: (adj) bent, corrupt, dishonest, curved, unfair, deformed; (adj, n, v) awry; (adj, v) irregular, askew, wry, indirect. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, honest, principled, even, aboveboard, lawful, level, moral, flat, aligned, honorable
cross-examination: (n) inquiry, trial, examination

crossing: (n) transit, ford, intersection, hybridization, crossbreeding, passage, voyage, mating, crossway, crosswalk, cruise

crouched: (v) subjacent, squat; (adj) crutched, hunkered down, hunkered, low, huddled

crouching: (adj) sneaking, huddled, obsequious, squat, hunkered, cowering, hunkered down; (v) submissive, resigned

crowded: (adj) compact, congested, full, packed, busy, dense, populous, jammed, cramped, tight; (adj, n) thronged. ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, deserted, uncrowded, loose

croving: (adj, n) bragging; (adj) boastful, braggart, big, braggys; (n) brag, jactitation, gasconade, crows, Corvus, bravado

crude: (adj, v) raw; (adj) clumsy, rough, rude, barbarous, uncouth, primitive, vulgar, immature, barbarian, impolite. ANTONYMS: (adj) sophisticated, tasteful, cultured, permanent, polished, finished, formal, civilized, fine, clean, decent

cruel: (adj, v) hard, harsh, sharp, severe; (adj) barbarous, unkind, brutal, bloody, bitter, savage, atrocious. ANTONYMS: (adj) merciful, gentle, sympathetic, humane, liberal, compassionate, charitable, friendly, caring, considerate, libertarian

cruelty: (n) brutality, cruelty, oppression, barbarity, ferociousness, tyranny, violence, atrocity, ferocity, mercilessness, harshness.

ANTONYMS: (n) compassion, gentleness, friendliness, humanity, benevolence, sensitivity, liberty, decency

crumbled: (adj) rotten, fragmented
crushed: (adj) beaten, subdued, low, conquered, flattened, dispirited, compressed, overwhelmed, shattered; (v) victimized; (n) crushing. ANTONYMS: (adj) victorious, euphoric

crushing: (adj) overpowering, overwhelming, destructive; (n)

grinding, quelling, stifling, suppression, flattening, pressure; (v) shatter; (adv) crushingly.

ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, wonderful

crusted: (adj) crusty, encrusted, covered, thick, crustlike, coated

crying: (adj, v) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (adj) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (n) weeping; (v) weep; (adj, n) sniveling

cuddle: (n, v) snuggle, nestle, caress, squeeze, stroke; (v) clasp, embrace, nuzzle, clinch, fondle; (n) embracement. **ANTONYM:** (v) shrink

cuffed: (adj) slapped

cups: (n) plates, dishes, dishware, tableware

curiosity: (n) curiousness, rarity, interest, curio, oddity, prying, nosiness, peculiarity, novelty, marvel; (adj, n) prodigy.

ANTONYMS: (n) emotionlessness, indifference, disinterest

curious: (adj) odd, unusual, abnormal, strange, peculiar, interested, quizzical, quaint, queer, inquiring, inquisitive. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) incurious, ordinary, apathetic, uninterested, unconcerned, typical, indifferent, everyday, disinterested, conventional, common

curiously: (adv) inquisitively, peculiarly, unusually, strangely, nosily, pryingly, queerly, funnily, weirdly; (adj, adv) singularly, particularly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) ordinarily, typically

curled: (adj) coiled, curling, having curls, round, braided, twisted, bowed, wreathy, Crull, curled up, tressed

curling: (adj) curled, curly, moving, curled up; (adv) curlingly; (n) croquet, pallone, polo, tipcat, golf, curling edge

curse: (n, v) blight, plague; (n) anathema, blasphemy, malediction, denunciation; (adj, v) beshrew; (v) swear, ban, damn, vituperate. **ANTONYMS:** (n) blessing, benediction, making; (v) communicate

cursed: (adj) damned, doomed, execrable, cussed, wretched, unlucky, accused, blamed, blasted, confounded; (v) accurst. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) commendable, honorable, nice, sweet, kine

curse: (n) abuse

cursing: (adj) cursed, execrative; (n) blasphemy, anathema, swearing,

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swear word, malediction, execration, denunciation, cursedness; (v) beshrew

curtains: (n) passing, demise, finish, decease, tragedy, termination, calamity, cataclysm; (adj) last, ultimate, terminal

curve: (n, v) crook, bow, turn, curl, arc, hook, kink, round; (n) curvature; (v) arch, wind. **ANTONYMS:** (v) untwisting, straighten

curved: (adj) crooked, arched, curve, round, deformed, curvy, curving, rounded, hooked, tortuous; (v) bowed. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) concave, flat, sharp, square, unbent

curving: (adj) curved, winding, crooked, bowed, devious, falciform, smooth, serpentine; (n) bending, curve, curvature. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) straight, jerky

cuss: (v) blaspheme, swear, imprecate; (n) malediction, blighter, chap, expletive, oath, bloke, lad, fellow

cussed: (adj) contrary, accursed, cursed, obstinate, obdurate, restive, stubborn, ill-natured, hateful, vicious, crabbed

cutting: (adj) biting, keen, caustic, bitter, acrimonious, incisive, raw; (adj, n) acute; (n) cut, slip; (adj, v) satirical. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) blunt, complimentary, flattering, kind, pleasant, hot, consoling; (n) extension, freedom, expansion, addition

dabbled: (adj) bespattered, besplashed, covered, covered patchily, splattered, splashed, splattered, splashy; (v) soggy

damn: (adj, adv, v) bloody; (v) curse, imprecate, beshrew, blaspheme, cuss, slam, convict; (adj) blasted, cursed; (n) damnation. **ANTONYMS:** (v) bless, laud, glorify, exalt, commend, praise

damned: (adj) accursed, doomed, blasted, condemned, damn, cussed, wretched, infernal, hateful, goddamned; (adv) damnably. **ANTONYM:** (adj) saved

damp: (adj) moist, muggy, clammy, cool, dank; (v) check, chill, deaden, break; (n) moisture, dampness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) dryness; (adj) parched, arid, dried, fresh, hard

dance: (v) caper, bop, to dance, cavort, play, skip, to show courage, step; (n, v) hop, jump, shake

dancing: (n) choreography,

Terpsichore, saltation, break dancing, ceremonial dance, galloping, hoofing, Pavan; (adj) morrice; (adv) adance; (v) saltant

dangerously: (adv) hazardously, precariously, unsafely, riskily, seriously, insecurely, harmfully, parloously, severely, fatally; (adj, adv) gravely. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) safely, securely, carefully, slightly

dangle: (adj, v) hang, swing; (v) droop, suspend, loll, drop, flop, trail, to hang, sag; (adj) depend

dare: (n, v) venture; (v) defy, brave, hazard, confront, risk, resist, make bold; (n) adventure, daring, defiance. **ANTONYMS:** (v) avoid, flee, pass, refrain, retreat, obey

daring: (adj, n) bold, courageous, adventurous; (adj) audacious, venturesome, intrepid; (n) bravery, audacity, boldness, courage, adventurousness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) cowardice, timidity; (adj) timid, cautious, dull, afraid, chicken, fearful, unadventurous, wimpy

darkened: (adj) darkens, obscured, old, obfuscate, murky, cloudy, opaque, overcast

darkness: (n) dark, shade, shadow, blindness, gloom, blackness, duskiness, murk, cloud, blackout, dimness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) brightness, lightness, glow, comprehension, knowledge, day, clearness

dash: (adj, n, v) rush; (n, v) touch, sprint, strike, splash, jog; (v) dart, break; (n) tinge, beat; (adj, n) animation. **ANTONYMS:** (v) dawdle, inspire, languish, saunter, encourage, linger; (n) stagnation, languor, listlessness, mass, dullness

dashed: (v) ashamed, cut up, sunk; (adj) broken, done for, dejected, discouraged, dotted

dashing: (adj) stylish, dapper, gallant, showy, smart, snappy, impetuous, rakish, raffish, brave; (adj, n) spruce. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) boring, unstylish, dull, bumbling, bland, awkward, drab, graceless

dauntless: (adj) brave, bold, audacious, daring, fearless, intrepid, stout, heroic, valiant, confident, gallant. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) irresolute, terrified, scared, poltroon, fearful, daunted, frightened, afraid, cowardly

dawn: (adj, n) break of day, daybreak; (n) beginning, commencement, cockcrow, onset,

- morning, prime, aurora; (v) break, begin. ANTONYMS: (n) twilight, sunset, nightfall, close, departure, demise, conclusion, ending; (n, v) end, finish; (v) set
- dawning:** (n) daybreak, sunrise, start, beginning, aurora, cockcrow, dayspring, morning, birth, first light, break of day. ANTONYM: (n) sunset
- dazed:** (adj) bewildered, stunned, dumbfounded, muzzy, stupefied, dizzy, stupid, groggy, amazed, astounded, bleary. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, unimpressed, conscious
- dazzled:** (adj) confused, dazzle, bewildered, blind, blinder, fascinated, unsighted
- deacon:** (n) clergyman, Protestant deacon, Catholic deacon, minister, deaconess, church officer; (v) offer sacrifice, deny oneself, fast, doctor, falsify
- deadened:** (adj) dead, numb, numbed, without sensation, duller, unfeeling, under, frozen, insensible, insensitive, knocked out
- deadly:** (adj, adv) deathly; (adj) baneful, lethal, fatal, destructive, mortal, pernicious, virulent, toxic; (adv) lifelessly, lethally. ANTONYMS: (adj) interesting, uplifting, readable, mild, healthy, healthful, benign, innocuous, exciting
- deaf:** (adj) earless, hard of hearing, blind, unhearing, indifferent, deafened, regardless, surd; (v) deafen, desensitize; (n) deafness. ANTONYMS: (adj) listening, aware, attentive
- deafening:** (adj) earsplitting, thunderous, shrill, piercing, noisy, massive, roaring, enormous, gigantic, tremendous; (v) thundering. ANTONYM: (adj) tranquil
- deathlike:** (adj) deadly, deathly, ghastly, dead, cadaverous, thanatoid, ghostly, pale; (v) awful, soft, solemn
- debauch:** (v) corrupt, debase, deprave, demoralize, vitiate, violate, whore, pollute; (n) Saturnalia, orgy; (n, v) riot. ANTONYMS: (v) upgrade, praise, laud, elevate, honor
- debris:** (adj, n) waste, trash, refuse, rubble; (n) detritus, junk, rubbish, wreck, garbage, remains, ruins
- decent:** (adj) adequate, appropriate, becoming, decorous, sufficient, honest, acceptable, modest, seemly, comely; (adj, adv) right. ANTONYMS: (adj) immoral, inappropriate, disreputable, indecent, unsuitable, inadequate, filthy, undressed, unkind, smutty, selfish
- deciding:** (adj) crucial, critical, conclusive, determining, determinative, determinant, decisive, administrative; (v) decide; (n) resolution, decision making. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconclusive, secondary
- decisive:** (adj) conclusive, crucial, critical, decided, important, final, authoritative; (adj, v) positive, definite, categorical, unqualified. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, weak, unsure, roundabout, questionable, indefinite, unconvincing, inconsequential, inconclusive, hesitant, insignificant
- decisively:** (adv) resolutely, conclusively, firmly, finally, fatefully, crucially, definitively, positively, absolutely, definitely, flatly. ANTONYMS: (adv) irresolutely, unconvincingly, indecisively, aimlessly, insignificantly, halfheartedly, hesitantly
- declamation:** (n) speech, recitation, oration, rhetoric, elocution, ranting, oratory, public speaking
- declaration:** (n) affirmation, assertion, expression, pronouncement, statement, allegation, enunciation, acknowledgment, predication; (n, v) claim, avowal. ANTONYMS: (n) denial, disavowal, retraction, request
- declare:** (v) advertise, assert, allege, attest, aver, admit, acknowledge, proclaim, avow; (n, v) affirm, say. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, revoke, suppress, retract, repress, disclaim, withhold, request, refute, block
- declared:** (adj) stated, apparent, state, public, professed, proclaimed, explicit, ostensible, expressed, confirmed, alleged
- deed:** (n) accomplishment, act, feat, behavior, action, exploit, covenant, doing, document, title, fact. ANTONYM: (n) failure
- deeds:** (n) works, activity, actions, conduct, background, events, happenings, performance, activities
- deem:** (v) believe, assume, consider, count, hold, think, feel, view, suppose, regard, imagine. ANTONYMS: (v) disregard, doubt
- deepening:** (n) amplification, aggravation
- deeply:** (adv) strongly, heavily, intensely, deep, thickly, highly, soundly, greatly, gravely, extremely, richly. ANTONYMS: (adv) slightly, mildly, unemotionally, fitfully, moderately, thinly, hardly, barely, lightly
- defeat:** (v) overcome, conquer, beat, rout, abolish; (n, v) ruin, foil; (n) frustration, beating; (adj, n, v) repulse; (adj, n) rebuff. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, surrender, help, succumb, inspirit, encourage, concede; (n) success, win, triumph, conquest
- defeated:** (n) loser; (adj) frustrated, beaten, broken, overcome, balked, baffled, bested, thwarted, unsuccessful; (adj, n) discomfited. ANTONYM: (adj) victorious
- defeating:** (adj) anatreptic; (n) victory, conquest
- defend:** (n, v) guard, shield, advocate; (v) justify, protect, assert, support, maintain, champion, apologize, shelter. ANTONYMS: (v) prosecute, abandon, endanger, surrender, renounce, oppose, forsake, assault, contradict, destroy, expose
- defiance:** (n) challenge, opposition, rebellion, insubordination, rebelliousness, disobedience, resistance, contempt, intractableness, mutiny, contradiction. ANTONYMS: (n) acceptance, surrender, deference, conformance, submission, acquiescence, cooperation, loyalty, meekness, support, agreement
- defiant:** (adj) bold, rebellious, audacious, resistant, brazen, stubborn, unruly, mutinous, rude, recalcitrant, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) submissive, respectful, accepting, acquiescent, compliant, conforming, cooperative, loyal, meek, amenable
- defined:** (adj) definite, settled, accurate, certain, set, exact, bounded, clearly defined, colonised, colonized, conceived. ANTONYMS: (adj) baggy, undefined, amorphous, flexible, vague
- definite:** (adj) certain, clear, distinct, concrete, plain, conclusive, specific, precise, categorical, decisive; (adj, v) absolute. ANTONYMS: (adj)

imprecise, unclear, vague, undefined, doubtful, indeterminate, qualified, evasive, indefinite, indescribable, dubious

deformed: (adj) distorted, misshapen, bent, malformed, ugly, crippled, contorted, warped, shapeless, twisted, deform. ANTONYMS: (adj) beautiful, flawless, unflawed, perfect, straight

degrees: (n) degree, temperature, compass rose, cardinal points

dejected: (adj) sad, depressed, low, downhearted, gloomy, down, unhappy, spiritless, sorrowful, miserable, melancholy. ANTONYMS: (adj) elated, happy, euphoric, joyous, encouraged, positive, enthusiastic, hopeful

dejection: (n) discouragement, depression, sadness, despair, sorrow, woe, grief, melancholy, blues, desolation, despondency. ANTONYMS: (n) cheerfulness, ecstasy, encouragement, hopefulness, joy, cheer

delay: (adj, v) defer, linger; (n, v) arrest, wait, check, stay; (n) deferment, interruption; (v) postpone, reserve, adjourn. ANTONYMS: (n, v) rush; (v) decisiveness, promptness; (v) advance, hurry, begin, hasten, go, expedite, speed, prompt

deliberation: (n) cogitation, counsel, debate, caution, thought, advisement, attention, contemplation, consultation; (adj, n) calculation, circumspection. ANTONYMS: (n) thoughtlessness, carelessness, impetuosity, distraction, rashness

delicious: (adj, v) delicate; (adj) tasteful, pleasing, delightful, appetizing, agreeable, sweet, toothsome, savory, enjoyable, dainty. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteless, distasteful, yucky, unsavory, unpleasant, unappetizing, revolting, nauseating, inedible, gross, dry

delight: (n) joy, pleasure, amusement, rejoicing, gladness; (v) ravish, amuse, please, captivate, transport, enrapture. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, dismay, dissatisfaction, sadness, nuisance, discontent; (v) depress, displease, sadden, irk; (n, v) bore

delightful: (adj) delicious, delectable, charming, pleasing, grateful, blissful, amiable, adorable, lovely, nice, gorgeous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, unwelcome, hateful,

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miserable, unhappy, unappealing, horrific, horrible, disagreeable, depressing, annoying

deliriously: (adv) frantically, frantically, frenziedly, wildly, frenetically, ravingly, crazily, ramblingly, incoherently, insanelly, excitedly

delirium: (n) craze, insanity, mania, disturbance, fever, ecstasy, derangement; (adj, n) fury; (adj) furor, rage, distraction. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, dejection

deliver: (v) consign, bear, carry, save, rescue, abandon, send, pronounce, hand over, bring; (adj, v) utter. ANTONYMS: (v) capture, confine, imprison, hold, oppress, enslave, restrain, retain, collect, withhold, shackle

demand: (adj) urgent, popular, requisitory

demeanor: (n, v) bearing, conduct; (n) carriage, air, deportment, attitude, manner, behaviour, guise, mien, port

demonstrate: (v) authenticate, present, establish, exhibit, attest, show, argue, denote, explain, manifest; (adj, v) display. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, mask, hide, distort, disguise, confute, approve, misrepresent, accept, confuse

demonstration: (n) parade, presentation, argument, display, manifestation, exhibition, evidence, show, demo, testimony; (n, v) exposition. ANTONYM: (n) concealment

demure: (adj) humble, modest, coy, reserved, prim, bashful, shy, retiring, timid; (adj, v) sober, grave. ANTONYMS: (adj) bold, outgoing, extroverted, loudmouthed, boisterous, decadent, exciting, indecorous, brazen

denouncing: (v) denounce; (adj) disparaging, critical, reproving, censorious, disapproving

dense: (adj, v) compact, close; (adj) thick, crowded, deep, heavy, stupid, impenetrable, solid, crass, dim. ANTONYMS: (adj) insightful, bright, loose, sparse, simple, readable, clever, intelligent, sharp, thin, alert

density: (n) consistency, concentration, denseness, folly, stupidity, thickness, specific gravity, firmness, solidity, Gravimetric

density of gunpowder, optical density. ANTONYMS: (n) thinness, sparseness, simplicity, intelligence, distribution, scarcity, softness

denunciation: (n) accusation, curse, malediction, criticism, denouncement, invective, execration, disapproval, tirade, anathema, censure. ANTONYMS: (n) advocacy, appreciation, compliment, approval, praise, agreement, commendation, confirmation

departed: (adj) dead, bygone, late, former, bypass, defunct, past, left; (adj, v) gone, extinct; (n) decedent. ANTONYMS: (adj) remaining, alive

departing: (adj, v) parting; (adj, n) leaving, going away; (adj) outgoing, outbound, outward, passing, decedent, valedictory, retiring; (v) depart. ANTONYM: (n) arrival

departure: (n, v) decease, demise; (n) exit, leave, deviation, divergence, depart, parting, aberration, passing, takeoff. ANTONYMS: (n) appearance, conformity, greeting, ingress, influx, homecoming, regularity, entrance, birth, coming, advance

depend: (adj, v) hang; (v) dangle, count, rely, stay, reckon, confide, suspend, calculate, attend, pivot. ANTONYM: (v) distrust

depleted: (adj) low, wasted, spent, drained, tired, consumed, poor, infertile, impoverished, useless, empty. ANTONYMS: (adj) refilled, renewed, replaced, replenished, restocked, increased

deprecating: (adj) deprecatory, belittling, ironic, deprecative, slighting, deadpan, critical, captious, depreciatory, depreciative, insulting

deprecatory: (adj) deprecating, deprecatory, belittling, expostulatory, intercessory, mediatorial, apologetic, pejorative, slighting, depreciative; (adj, v) derogatory

depths: (n) bottom, abyss, depth, lowest point, low point, depression, bowels, rock bottom, slump, midst, nadir. ANTONYM: (n) peak

derision: (n) contempt, mockery, scorn, banter, jeering, disdain, scoff, insult, irony, sport, gibe. ANTONYMS: (n) applause, esteem, admiration, praise, approval

derisive: (adj) ironic, sarcastic, derisory, contemptuous, cynical, mordant, sardonic, jeering, scornful,

- quizzical, satirical. ANTONYMS: (adj) complimentary, approving, flattering, praising, sympathetic
- derive:** (v) stem, acquire, draw, deduct, come, result, extract, educate, infer, gain, elicit. ANTONYM: (v) invent
- derived:** (adj) secondary, calculated, variant, resulting, resultant, plagiaristic, imitative, derivate, deliberate, copied, calculable
- describing:** (n) telling, unfolding, relating, recounting, recitation
- descriptions:** (n) images
- desert:** (adj, n, v) waste; (v) escape, forsake, relinquish, ditch, defect, leave; (adj, v) desolate; (adj, n) worth, merit; (adj) barren. ANTONYMS: (v) stay, support, remain, inhabit, assist, aid, help, keep; (adj) cultivated, productive, fertile
- deserted:** (adj) desert, solitary, empty, lonely, isolated, forsaken, lonesome, desolate, bleak, vacant; (adj, v) forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) occupied, packed, crowded, mobbed, populated, populous, overcrowded
- desertion:** (n) abandonment, defection, apostasy, dereliction, withdrawal, secession, rejection, decampment, exposure, leaving, disappearance. ANTONYMS: (n) appearance, attention, preservation
- deserve:** (v) rate, warrant, gain, earn, to deserve, demand, justify, bear; (n, v) reward; (n) richly deserve, worth
- desired:** (adj) coveted, desirable, favorite, wanted, welcome, needed, beloved, required, most wanted; (adj, v) chosen; (v) consenting
- desires:** (n) requirements, needs
- despair:** (n) disappointment, desolation, dejection, melancholy, gloom, desperation, depression, dismay, discouragement, pessimism, sorrow. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, hopefulness, expectation, joy, cheer, cheerfulness, resilience, elation, joyfulness
- despairing:** (adj) hopeless, desperate, despondent, forlorn, desolate, dejected, pessimistic, sad, brokenhearted, miserable, inconsolable. ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeful, optimistic, rosy, happy, confident, cheerful
- desperate:** (adj) despairing, dire, critical, abject, dangerous, in despair, grave, awful, despondent, drastic; (adj, v) forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeful, optimistic, rational, promising, minor, cautious, casual, careful, trivial, secure, satisfied
- desperately:** (adv) forlornly, despairingly, hopelessly, terribly, extremely, despondently, recklessly, seriously, wretchedly; (adj, adv) severely, madly. ANTONYMS: (adv) hopefully, easily, optimistically, trivially, cheerfully, slightly, sluggishly, hardly
- desperation:** (adj, n) despair, fury, rage; (n) recklessness, foolhardiness, desperateness, burst, confusion, trouble, misery; (adj) raving. ANTONYMS: (n) optimism, confidence, hopefulness, hope, happiness, caution, prudence, calmness
- despicable:** (adj) vile, base, abominable, mean, abject, miserable, dishonorable, filthy, dirty, hateful, ignoble. ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, creditable, praiseworthy, worthy, noble, loveable, likable, laudable, endearing, commendable, lovable
- despise:** (v) disdain, loathe, depreciate, abhor, dislike, detest, slight, hate; (n, v) contempt; (n) contempt, deride. ANTONYMS: (v) respect, love, adore, appreciate, cherish, like, praise, accept
- despised:** (adj) scorned, despicable, hated, abject, disparaged, mean, attaching disgrace, unpopular, unloved, reviled, opprobrious
- despondent:** (adj) desperate, dejected, depressed, hopeless, disappointed, desolate, gloomy, downcast, downhearted, forlorn, low. ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeful, cheerful, optimistic, joyful, elated, euphoric
- destroyed:** (adj) ruined, lost, desolate, shattered, desolated, broken, depressed, dead, damaged, undone, fallen. ANTONYMS: (adj) preserved, living
- destruction:** (n, v) defeat; (n) death, ruin, collapse, demolition, devastation, downfall, abolition, damage, desolation, end. ANTONYMS: (n) preservation, protection, creation, reparation, formation, conservation, restoration, building, help, making, order
- detach:** (v) disengage, part, break off, unhook, remove, disentangle, cut off, disconnect, separate, dissociate; (n, v) detail. ANTONYMS: (v) fasten, add, associate, connect, unite, couple, link
- detached:** (adj) separate, cool, aloof, distinct, impartial, neutral, dispassionate, objective, unconnected, remote, unconcerned. ANTONYMS: (adj) involved, warm, engrossed, partial, connected, biased, linked, united, impassioned, interested, personal
- detect:** (v) find, discover, discern, notice, observe, spot, see, ascertain, trace, identify, distinguish. ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, ignore, overlook
- detected:** (adj) apparent, convicted, detect
- detective:** (v) informer, delator; (n) tec, gumshoe, scout, pi, officer, police officer, spy, secret agent, private investigator
- determination:** (n) conclusion, definition, resolution, decisiveness, resolve, will, tenacity, appointment, assessment, constancy; (v) award. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, compliance, indecisiveness, feebleness, vacillation, irresolution, cowardice, indeterminateness, hesitation, flexibility, rashness
- developing:** (adj) emergent, underdeveloped, budding, thriving, progressive, rising, nascent; (n) processing, growth, evolution; (v) grow
- devices:** (n) device, tactics, strategy, plans
- devil:** (n) fiend, demon, ghost, monster, Lucifer, Satan, Beelzebub, duce, daemon; (v) torment, rag. ANTONYM: (n) angel
- devilment:** (n) deviltry, devilry, rascality, roguery, blaze, misbehavior, misbehaviour, misdeed, balefulness, badness, shenanigan
- devils:** (n) unclean spirits
- devoted:** (adj, v) addicted, ardent, fond; (adj) affectionate, constant, loyal, pious, faithful, reliable, zealous; (adj, prep) consecrated. ANTONYMS: (adj) disloyal, indifferent, unfaithful, neglectful, uncaring, unenthusiastic, unattached, lukewarm, inconstant, halfhearted, disobedient
- devotee:** (n) admirer, buff, enthusiast, fan, addict, follower, lover, adherent, groupie; (adj) convert, Christian. ANTONYMS: (n) skeptic, adversary, enemy, foe, opponent, detractor

devotional: (adj) prayerful, religious, holy, pious, solemn, godly, reverential, reverent, conscientious; (v) devout, pure

dexterous: (adj) adept, deft, skillful, expert, clever, able, agile, cunning, handy, neat; (adj, v) crafty.

ANTONYMS: (adj) inept, awkward, uncoordinated, incompetent, useless
dexterously: (adv) adroitly, skillfully, expertly, craftily, skilfully, dextrously, handily, cleverly, proficiently, aptly; (adj, adv) readily.

ANTONYMS: (adv) ineptly, incompetently, awkwardly
diamond: (n) lozenge, infield, square, rhombus, rectangle, ball field, carbonado, baseball diamond; (adj) brilliant, jewel, bijou

dickens: (n) devil, demon, exclaiming, exclamation, the Devil, Satan, fiend, urchin, Beelzebub, Charles Dickens; (adj) mischievous

dictated: (adj) set, hard-and-fast, compulsive; (n) contumely, blameworthy, abuse

diffident: (adj) coy, modest, reserved, shy, timid, tentative, unassuming, retiring, hesitant, backward, self-conscious. ANTONYMS: (adj) outgoing, confident, brash, assertive, unrepentant, brave, arrogant, approachable

diffidently: (adv) modestly, timidly, reservedly, shily, retiringly, timorously, hesitantly, reluctantly, unassuringly, coyly, fearfully.

ANTONYMS: (adv) confidently, brashly, arrogantly, decisively

digging: (n) excavation, excavating, digs, dug, excavate, take, locality, mining, barb, creating by removal, attack reception

dignified: (adj) exalted, majestic, noble, grand, lofty, respectable, solemn, distinguished, lordly, high; (adj, v) great. ANTONYMS: (adj) undignified, foolish, dishonorable, boisterous, unceremonious, unseemly, vulgar, poor, lowly, modest, base

dignity: (n) degree, prestige, glory, decorum, face, distinction, honor, majesty, eminence, solemnity; (adj, n) decency. ANTONYMS: (n) lowliness, indecency, impropriety, simplicity, cheerfulness, austerity

dilapidated: (adj, v) bedraggled, frayed; (adj) decayed, decrepit, derelict, shabby, worn out, rickety, broken, ragged, damaged. ANTONYMS: (adj) pristine, elegant,

trim, tidy, thriving, sound, solid, intact, sturdy, habitable

dimensions: (n) size, capacity, volume, magnitude, extent, measurement, shape, range, physique, gauge, figure

dimly: (adv) obscurely, darkly, faintly, dully, duskily, vaguely, shadowily, hazily, gloomily, somberly; (adj, adv) palely. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, strongly, distinctly

dingy: (adj) dark, black, drab, dull, muddy, impure, dim, seedy, dowdy, unclean, grimy. ANTONYMS: (adj) immaculate, spotless, sparkling, bright, neat, brilliant, interesting, smart

directed: (adj) oriented, manageable, destined, concentrating, intent, formal, absorbed, prescript, focussed; (v) instruct; (adv) under

directing: (adj) guiding, directive, administrative, determinative, directional, sovereign, commanding, controlling; (n) administration, conducting, conservation

directions: (n) advice, instruction, guidance, instructions, briefing, commands, orders, will

dirty: (n, v) soil, grime; (n) filth, dust, scandal, garbage, ground, earth, crap, mire, contamination.

ANTONYMS: (n) cleanness, purity, luxury, cleanliness, newness

dirty: (adj, v) muddy, dirt; (v) corrupt, contaminate; (n, v) soil, defile; (adj) contemptible, bawdy, contaminated, dingy, impure.

ANTONYMS: (adj) spotless, hygienic, pure, immaculate, sanitary, pleasant, sparkling, fair, wholesome, washed; (v) purify

disappeared: (adj) lost, missing, extinct, vanished, left. ANTONYM: (adj) remaining

disappointed: (adj) despondent, disgruntled, regretful, dissatisfied, depressed, sad, unhappy, frustrated, disenchanting, dejected, disappoint.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, satisfied, composed, happy, triumphant, fulfilled, cheerful, idealistic

disappointment: (n) anticlimax, failure, letdown, comedown, frustration, shame, disillusionment, annoyance, dismay, setback, misfortune. ANTONYMS: (n) satisfaction, boost, happiness, pleasure, hopefulness, fulfillment, comfort, idealism, climax, bonus,

gratification

disaster: (n) calamity, blow, accident, adversity, casualty, cataclysm, debacle, destruction, misfortune, misadventure, fiasco. ANTONYMS: (n) success, blessing, joy, miracle, opportunity, wonder, order

disastrous: (adj) destructive, calamitous, fateful, dire, deplorable, unfortunate, terrible, sinister, sad, unlucky; (adj, v) ruinous.

ANTONYMS: (adj) successful, lucky, miraculous, wondrous, fortuitous, joyous, wonderful

discarded: (adj) waste, junked, scrap, unwanted, unnecessary, useless, throwaway, surplus, superfluous, unused, obsolete

discern: (v) differentiate, see, comprehend, detect, distinguish, make out, perceive, find, note; (n, v) descry; (adj, v) recognize.

ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, neglect, disregard, observe, overlook

disclose: (v) declare, betray, reveal, detect, divulge, discover, convey, announce, air; (n, v) impart; (adj, v) confess. ANTONYMS: (v) secrete, withhold, hide, cover, deny, fold, suppress

disclosed: (adj) exposed, open, unconcealed, out of the closet, naked, manifest, discovered, ascertained, detailed

disclosing: (n) confession, communication

discomfited: (adj) uncomfortable, ill at ease, disappointed, embarrassed, frustrated, thwarted, self-conscious, mortified, humiliated, unsuccessful; (adj, n) defeated

disconcerted: (adj) confused, confounded, bewildered, blank, embarrassed, disturbed, troubled, worried, ashamed, discombobulated, bemused.

ANTONYMS: (adj) composed, soothed, unabashed, relaxed

discouraged: (adj) despondent, downhearted, downcast, demoralized, dejected, dispirited, disheartened, frustrated, crestfallen, pessimistic, depressed.

ANTONYMS: (adj) uplifted, heartened, cheered, inspired, cheerful, encouraged, hopeful, happy, calm, positive, enthusiastic

discover: (v) discern, disclose, ascertain, find, perceive, catch, expose, hear, determine, sense, detect. ANTONYMS: (v) overlook, ignore, disregard, confuse, conceal,

lose

discovering: (adj) observant, oracular
discovery: (n) detection, disclosure, breakthrough, finding, revelation, catching, revealing, invention, find, development, exploration

discretion: (n) circumspection, prudence, delicacy, diplomacy, calculation, free will, discernment, discreetness, tact, confidentiality, choice. ANTONYMS: (n) tactlessness, rashness, indiscretion, foolishness, vulgarity, openness, clumsiness

discussions: (n) contumely, blameworthy, abuse, dictated

disdain: (n, v) despise, contemn, slight, ridicule; (n) contempt, derision, arrogance, haughtiness, pride; (v) scoff, disparage.

ANTONYMS: (n) humility, admiration, reverence, worship, approval, regard; (v) approve, admire, praise, accept, participate
disgrace: (adj, n, v) dishonor; (n, v) discredited, shame, stain, blemish, blot, slur, reproach; (v) degrade, debase; (n) degradation.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) respect, esteem, credit; (v) glorify, dignify, praise; (n) merit, grace, pride, rise, worthiness

disheartened: (adj) dejected, depressed, despondent, dispirited, demoralized, disappointed, sad, downcast, down, low, daunted.

ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, enthusiastic, happy, positive, hopeful

dishes: (n) food, meal, crockery, dinner service, dishware, menu, plates

disheveled: (adj) unkempt, sloppy, tousled, uncombed, dishevelled, tangled, slovenly, messy, scruffy, grubby, crumpled. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, neat, ordered, unwrinkled, groomed, sharp, smart, fresh

dishonor: (n, v) shame, discredit, degrade, affront, abuse, taint; (v) defile, violate; (n) disrepute, infamy, degradation. ANTONYMS: (n, v) respect; (n) laurels, reverence, esteem, admiration, worthiness; (v) revere, dignify, credit, reward, award

dismally: (adv) gloomily, sadly, unhappily, murkily, dolefully, forbiddingly, darkly, somberly, depressingly, cheerlessly, grimly. ANTONYMS: (adv) brightly, smartly

dismay: (adj, n, v) appall; (v) depress, dishearten, discourage, horrify; (n) consternation, discouragement; (n, v) daunt, affright; (adj, n) terror, dread. ANTONYMS: (n, v) delight; (v) stimulate, assure, ensure, encourage, elate; (n) spirit, satisfaction, mettle, resolution, assurance

dismayed: (adj) aghast, shocked, horrified, startled, discouraged, disheartened, upset, downhearted, afraid, downcast, dejected.

ANTONYMS: (adj) composed, enthusiastic, happy, unabashed, cheerful

dismiss: (v) cashier, disband, cast, discard, brush aside, can, bounce, cast off, cease, dispatch; (n, v) drop. ANTONYMS: (v) employ, welcome, signal, remember, recall, mobilize, maintain, keep, hold, engage, contract

disordered: (adj) chaotic, upset, sick, disorganized, broken, incoherent, deranged, messy, disjointed, disconnected, ill. ANTONYMS: (adj) neat, ordered, organized, arranged, quiet, regulated, systematic, systematized, straightforward, tidy

disorderly: (adj) wild, disordered, chaotic, boisterous, jumbled, disorganized, unruly, rowdy, untidy, irregular; (adj, v) lawless.

ANTONYMS: (adj) orderly, neat, arranged, peaceful, organized, systematized, conforming, ordered, restrained, behaved, coherent

displayed: (adj) extant, expanded, splay

displeasure: (n) resentment, discomfort, dissatisfaction, dislike, discontent, exasperation, disfavor, annoyance, offense, pique, disapproval. ANTONYMS: (n) satisfaction, pleasure, enjoyment, happiness, delight, contentment, equanimity, approval

dispute: (adj, n, v) quarrel, debate, question; (n) conflict, difference; (n, v) argue, wrangle, row, fight, squabble; (v) discuss. ANTONYMS: (n) agreement, understanding, accord, concord; (v) surrender, concede, concur, confess, support, accept

disputed: (adj) moot, disputable, opposed, open to discussion, uncertain, dubious, doubtful, debatable

disputing: (adj) opposed; (v) disputant

disregardless: (adv) regardless, irregardless, no matter, irrespective

dissatisfaction: (n) displeasure, disappointment, dislike, disaffection, discontent, distaste, disquiet, disapproval, regret, discontentment, discontentedness. ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, approval, gratification, enjoyment, idealism, optimism

dissolved: (adj) adulterate, gone, liquified, broken

distant: (adj) remote, aloof, chill, detached, far, reserved, cool, long, icy, removed; (adv) afar.

ANTONYMS: (adj) close, neighboring, adjacent, friendly, near, nearby, warm, pending, intimate, involved, alert

distinctly: (adv) clearly, particularly, evidently, expressly, obviously, markedly, definitely, precisely, manifestly, separately, decidedly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) inaudibly, faintly, vaguely, silently, imperceptibly, poorly

distinctness: (n) clearness, sharpness, definition, otherness, perspicuity, discreteness, articulate sound, separation, uncloudedness, dissimilarity; (adj) conspicuousness. ANTONYM: (n) indistinctness

discriminuish: (v) discriminate, perceive, know, describe, make out, discover, descry, behold, identify, recognize, separate. ANTONYMS: (v) mistake, confound, ignore, Miss, unite, demean

distress: (n, v) pain, torment, trouble, concern, torture, upset, worry; (n) anguish, agony; (adj, n) difficulty, grief. ANTONYMS: (n, v) comfort; (v) please, soothe, relieve; (n) peace, encouragement,

straightforwardness, solace, relieving, relief, prosperity

distrust: (n, v) mistrust, discredit; (n) suspicion, misgiving, disbelief, uncertainty, hesitation; (v) suspect, disbelieve, question; (adj) distrustful. ANTONYMS: (n) confidence, faith, trustiness, certainty, belief, optimism; (v) believe, entrust, depend, confide

disturbance: (n, v) commotion, brawl; (n) disorder, turmoil, upset, derangement, dislocation, disruption, tumult, din; (adj, n, v) trouble. ANTONYMS: (n) stillness, peace, satisfaction, serenity, respect, accord

disturbed: (adj, v) concerned; (adj)

anxious, disquieted, upset, confused, worried, restless, disordered, unsettled, distressed, turbulent. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, relaxed, calm, sane, unaffected, unbroken, peaceful, stable, carefree, unconcerned, untroubled

disturbing: (adj) disquieting, alarming, disconcerting, worrying, bothersome, worrisome, upsetting, unsettling, troubling, troublesome, distressful. ANTONYMS: (adj) soothing, comforting, pleasing, pleasant

diversion: (n) amusement, entertainment, pastime, deviation, distraction, detour, fun, sport, recreation, digression, deflexion

divinity: (n) God, theology, divineness, immortal, godship, godhead, spirit, demiurge, apologetics, demigod; (adj, n) the Deity. ANTONYM: (n) devil

docile: (adj) dutiful, compliant, meek, submissive, tame, teachable, humble, obedient, acquiescent, conformable; (adj, v) tractable. ANTONYMS: (adj) stubborn,

assertive, unruly, willful, defiant, vicious, determined, uncooperative, obstinate, disobedient, intractable

dodge: (n, v) stratagem, maneuver; (v) avoid, evade, escape, elude, duck, fudge; (n) contrivance, cheat, scheme. ANTONYMS: (v) confront, encounter, meet, accept

dodging: (n) dodge, evasion, escape, circumvention, selective shading, shirking, evading, elusion, shunning, pastime; (adj) shifty

dogged: (adj) obdurate, stubborn, willful, bullheaded, insistent, obstinate, tenacious, wilful, untiring, resolute, persistent. ANTONYMS: (adj) yielding, compromising, indifferent, undetermined

doggedly: (adv) stubbornly, firmly, tenaciously, persistently, resolutely, pertinaciously, perseveringly, obdurately, steadfastly, untiringly, steadily. ANTONYM: (adv) hesitantly

doggerel: (n) poetry, prose run mad, jingle, doggerel verse, blank verse, free verse; (adj) gothic, heathenish, outlandish, tramontane, unclassical

dogging: (adj) dogs, persisting, continuous, uninterrupted

doleful: (adj) mournful, sorrowful, sad, disconsolate, melancholy, miserable, piteous, dolorous,

somber, woeful; (adj, v) dolesome. ANTONYMS: (adj) gleeful, happy, glad, cheery, elated, euphoric

dominant: (adj) overriding, leading, influential, powerful, principal, paramount, primary, major, main; (adj, v) rampant, prevalent. ANTONYMS: (adj) submissive,

subordinate, secondary, recessive, unassuming, lower, sorrowful, inferior, meek, weak, unimportant

dominated: (adj) under enemy control, conquered, dominated by, henpecked, obsessed, occupied, subject, subjugated, submissive

dominating: (adj) autocratic, bossy, ascendant, ascendent, high, inextinguishable, unquenchable, domineering, predominant, dominant, chief

don't: (adv) not; (n) taboo, prohibition

doom: (n, v) sentence, destine, fate; (v) condemn, convict, damn; (n) destiny, day of reckoning, chance, luck, lot. ANTONYMS: (n) plan; (v) absolve

doomed: (adj, v) destined, fated, undone; (adj) condemned, cursed, unlucky, unfortunate, inevitable, predetermined, ruined; (n) lost. ANTONYMS: (adj) auspicious, delivered, hopeful, redeemed, revived, saved, successful

doorway: (n) door, entrance, entry, passage, entryway, way in, access, driveway, gate, gateway, lobby

dooryard: (n) yard

dotted: (adj) speckled, dappled, specked, spotted, dashed, stippled, scattered, spotty, dot, mottled, broken

doubtful: (adj) dubious, debatable, distrustful, questionable, queer, suspicious, tentative, disputable, diffident, unsettled, unsure. ANTONYMS: (adj) trusting, convinced, reliable, confident, persuaded, provable, sure, hopeful, promising, likely, indubitable

doubtless: (adv) assuredly, undoubtedly, probably, unquestionably, clearly, without doubt, presumably; (adj) sure; (adv, v) questionless; (adj, adv) no doubt, to be sure. ANTONYMS: (adj) improbably, uncertain, unlikely, questionable

doubts: (adj) doubting

downfall: (n) ruin, decline, destruction, debacle, defeat, descent, decadence, failure, undoing,

devastation, bane. ANTONYMS: (n) making, ascension, lift, salvation, victory, creation, beginning

dozen: (adj, n) XII; (n) dozens, boxcars

drag: (v) attract, draw, lug, cart, heave, tow; (n, v) pull, puff; (adv, v) trail; (n) bother; (adj) dragging. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure; (v) hasten, hurry, shove, speed, rush, propel, fly

dragged: (adj) depressed, dejected, upset, unhappy, spent, dispirited, somber, melancholy, gloomy, joyless, low

dragging: (n) pulled wire, stemming, haulage; (adj) slow, sickly, slack, unfit, sluggish, tardy, tedious; (v) involve. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, energizing, exciting, prompt, short

drained: (adj) tired, weary, spent, dead, wiped out, beat, pooped, depleted, effete, run-down; (adj, v) dry. ANTONYMS: (adj) undrained, bouncy, lively, energized, relaxed, vigorous, zippy, refreshed, fresh, strong

drame: (n) show, tragedy, performance, dramatic event, theater, acting, spectacle, comedy, emotionalism, emotionality, episode

drank: (v) absorb

draught: (n, v) draft, sketch, design, potation, plan; (n) dose, air current, wind, gulp, outline; (v) blueprint

dread: (n, v) apprehension, fear, panic; (n) anxiety, awe, consternation, alarm, trepidation, dismay, foreboding, terror.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasing, welcomed, pleasant; (v) welcome, want; (n) reassurance, fearlessness, confidence, security, ease, calm

dreaded: (adj) awful, terrible, cowardly, causing horror, dire, direful, desperate, dreadful, fearful, fearsome; (v) dread

dreadful: (adj) bad, awful, alarming, atrocious, fearful, terrible, abominable, appalling, direful, grisly; (adj, v) dread. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, great, lovely, fantastic, marvelous, admirable, successful, nice, joyous, honorable, fair

dreading: (adj) anxious

dream: (n) aspiration, ambition, reverie, desire, fantasy, figment, nightmare; (n, v) vision, sleep; (v) muse, imagine. ANTONYMS: (n) alertness, nightmare

- dreamfully:** (adv) moonily
- drearily:** (adv) dismally, sadly, dully, melancholy, tediously, boringly, bleakly, grimly, gloomily, uninterestingly, monotonously. ANTONYMS: (adv) interestingly, cheerfully
- dreary:** (adj) depressing, drab, dull, cheerless, drear, miserable, gloomy, dark, dismal, stuffy, disconsolate. ANTONYMS: (adj) interesting, cheerful, sunny, brilliant, lively, light, exciting, clear, cheery, pleasant, exotic
- dregs:** (n) residue, grounds, refuse, sediment, dreg, remains, settleings, feces, trash, waste, dross
- dressed:** (adj) attired, clad, garbed, appareled, spruced up, spiffed up, covered, polished, garmented; (v) clothed, habited
- dribble:** (n, v) trickle, drop, drool, slobber, drivel, flow; (v) distill, ooze, trill, spout; (n) spit. ANTONYMS: (v) swamp, stream, pour, gush, inundate
- drip:** (n, v) drop, trickle, leak, escape; (n) leakage; (v) distill, weep, seep, trill, fall, percolate. ANTONYMS: (v) flow, pour, surge, flood
- dripping:** (adj) wet, damp, drenched, sodden, soaked, soggy; (adj, adv) sopping, soaking; (adj, v) reeking; (n) dribble, a drop. ANTONYM: (adj) lacking
- driven:** (v) drive, impel, operate, propel; (adj) impelled, compulsive, motivated, involuntary, dynamic, successful; (n) drove
- driving:** (adj) energetic, impulsive, enterprising, pushing, vigorous; (n) drive, travel, drove, direction, motoring, push. ANTONYMS: (adj) lethargic, weak, light
- dropped:** (adj) dropping, fallen, decreased, drop, fall, degraded, dead, born, abandoned
- dropping:** (adj) dropped, down, fatigued, plunging, plummeting, dipping; (n) sagging, reducing, sinking, dropping of the launcher stages, dispatching
- drove:** (adj, n) flock, swarm, shoal; (n) horde, crowd, covey, mob, throng, multitude; (adj) bevy, driven
- drowned:** (adj) prostrate, sunken; (v) drenched, drent
- drowsiness:** (n) sleepiness, lethargy, dullness, doziness, laziness, somnolency, inertia, drowse, lassitude, languor, sluggishness. ANTONYM: (n) alertness
- drowsy:** (adj, n) sleepy; (adj) lazy, comatose, somnolent, slow, lethargic, sluggish, dull, indolent, soporific, listless. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, awake, lively, vigorous, vivacious, refreshed
- drum:** (adj, n) barrel; (n) cask, tympan, cylinder, timbrel, tambour, tambourine; (v) beat, roll, bone up, ram
- drums:** (n) drumming
- drunk:** (adj) tipsy, wet, tight, blotto, drunken, inebriated; (adj, n) inebriate; (n) boozier, dipsomaniac, drunkard, drinker. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, clearheaded; (n) teetotaler
- drunken:** (adj) boozy, sottish, intoxicated, tipsy, tight, bibulous, groggy, intemperate, blotto, canned, pissed
- duck:** (adj, n, v) plunge; (v) douse, dodge, dive, evade, circumvent, bob, shirk; (adj, n) darling; (adj, v) souse; (n) canvas. ANTONYMS: (v) confront, rise, jump, meet, accept; (n) drake
- ducking:** (n) dip, dousing, hunting, wetting, submersion, duckbilled platypus, duckbill, duck hunting, dive, complete attention; (v) owe
- duel:** (v) combat, duello, contest, buck, repel, resist; (n, v) fight, tilt; (n) affaire d'honneur, monomachy, prize fight
- dull:** (adj) dreary, dense, sluggish, dismal, slack, torpid; (adj, v) blunt, stupid; (v) deaden, dampen; (adj, n) cold. ANTONYMS: (adj) lively, sharp, stimulating, exciting, lustrous, interesting, exhilarating, varied, glossy, glittery, luminous
- dullard:** (n) dolt, dunce, duffer, oaf, pudding head, stupid, bore, ass, lout, half-wit, loon
- dulled:** (adj) dull, blunted, benumbed, duller, blunt, uninterested, rounded, jaded, grayed, colorless, deadened
- dully:** (adv) slowly, sluggishly, stupidly, tediously, drearily, heavily, tamely, boringly, monotonously, tiresomely, bluntly. ANTONYMS: (adv) animatedly, luminously, brightly, brilliantly
- dumb:** (adj) mute, speechless, dense, dim, silent, dull, slow, stupid, inarticulate, foolish, obtuse. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, communicative, intelligent, loquacious, sharp, smart, speaking, brilliant, talkative
- dumfounded:** (adj) stupefied, thunderstruck, dazed, flabbergasted
- dumped:** (adj) discarded, vacant, derelict, deserted
- dark:** (n) nightfall, twilight, darkness, gloaming, sunset, gloom, night, shade, shadow, sundown; (adj) dusky. ANTONYMS: (n) dawn, light, daybreak, morning, afternoon
- dark:** (adj) dark, cloudy, gloomy, black, swarthy, dull, murky, obscure, dingy, sooty, somber. ANTONYMS: (adj) light, bright, sunny, radiant, clear
- dust:** (v) sprinkle, clean, spray, wipe, spread; (n) dirt, earth, relics, grit, remains, soil. ANTONYMS: (n) newness; (v) dirty
- dustpanful:** (n) containerful
- dusty:** (adj) dirty, sandy, mealy, dry, unclean, pulverulent, branny, uninteresting, vague, psammous; (adj, v) sooty. ANTONYMS: (adj) dusted, clean
- dwelling:** (n) domicile, home, residence, house, place, accommodation, address, building, lodge, habitation; (adj, n) dwell
- dwelt:** (v) dwell, inhabit
- dwindle:** (v) abate, diminish, decline, decrease, contract, recede, fade, fall, lessen, reduce, wane. ANTONYMS: (v) mushroom, accumulate, enlarge, expand, extend, grow, strengthen, rise
- dwindling:** (adj) decreasing, declining, abating, diminishing, waning; (n) lessening, narrowing, dwindlement, shrinking; (v) dwindle; (adv) diminishingly.
- dwindling:** (n) growth; (adj) burgeoning, high
- dying:** (n) death, demise, decease, mortality; (adj) vanishing, moribund, last, final, ultimate, failing, ebbing. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, well, opening, aborning, developing, flourishing, growing, reviving, rejuvenating; (n) birth
- eager:** (adj) avid, ardent, agog, acute, zealous, enthusiastic, keen, ambitious, industrious, studious; (adj, n) earnest. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, unconcerned, apathetic, disinterested, unwilling, unenthusiastic, lukewarm, patient, reluctant, listless, bored
- eagerly:** (adv) zealously, readily, keenly, fervently, avidly, greedily, enthusiastically, intently, earnestly, impatiently, actively. ANTONYMS: (adv) apathetically, nonchalantly,

grudgingly, patiently, halfheartedly, reluctantly, unenthusiastically

eagerness: (n, v) desire, aspiration; (n) enthusiasm, avidity, cupidity, readiness, passion, keenness, ambition, fervor, avidness. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, unwillingness, aloofness, disinterest, lethargy, listlessness, patience, gloom, reluctance

eagles: (n) order Falconiformes, caracaras, Falconiformes

earned: (adj) deserved, realized, due

earnestness: (n) seriousness, sincerity, gravity, fervor, devotion, graveness, staidness, honesty; (adj, n) ardor, zeal, intentness. ANTONYMS: (n) slackness, lightness, carelessness, frivolousness, cheerfulness, insincerity, flippancy

ears: (n) antenna

earthlike: (adj) terrestrial, carnal, earthly, earthy

earthshaking: (adj) important, disconcerting

ease: (v) alleviate, assuage, relieve, allay; (n) convenience, rest, leisure, relief, satisfaction; (adj, v) facilitate; (n, v) relax. ANTONYMS: (n) discomfort, formality, awkwardness, worry, toil, problem, pain, maladroitness; (v) aggravate, worsen, impede

eaten: (v) eat

eating: (n) ingestion, intake, feeding, browsing, banqueting, food, lunching, supping, pica, repletion; (v) eat

ebony: (adj, n) sable; (adj) black, dark, jet, soot, raven, smut, sloe; (n) jet black, coal black, wood

ecstasy: (n) delight, rapture, joy, bliss, delirium, happiness, trance, enthusiasm, exaltation, elation; (n, v) transport. ANTONYMS: (n) desolation, gloom, downheartedness, melancholy, depression, dejection, anguish, sadness, despair, agony, bore

edged: (adj) cutting, sharp, bordered, pointed, bounded, keen, penetrating, sharper, stinging, unkind, bleak

edifice: (n) building, structure, house, hall, fabric, aviary, bagnio, bathhouse, abattoir, bawdyhouse, clubhouse

effaced: (adj) obliterated

effectually: (adv) efficaciously, effectively, validly, adequately, potently, tellingly, strongly,

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decisively; (adj) nicely, fully, head and shoulders. ANTONYM: (adv) ineffectually

elaborate: (v) develop, specify, amplify, work out, expand, expound, detail; (adj) careful, complicated, complex, involved. ANTONYMS: (adj) plain, simple, modest, common, stark, straightforward, uncomplicated, uninvolved; (v) simplify, condense, contract

elastic: (adj) flexible, springy, soft, pliable, resilient, limber, pliant, yielding, ductile, buoyant; (n) rubber band. ANTONYMS: (adj) rigid, stiff, inflexible, inelastic, unadaptable, intolerant, firm, hard, unyielding

elation: (n) bliss, excitement, delight, euphoria, rapture, joy, happiness, joyousness, high spirits, exhilaration, exultation. ANTONYMS: (n) depression, sorrow, unhappiness, misery, sadness, despair, agony, dejection, dislike, desolation

elbow: (n, v) poke, nudge, jolt; (n) cubitus, elbow joint, angle, articulation; (v) jostle, push, shove, crowd

elevation: (n) height, highness, exaltation, ascent, climb, hill, aggrandizement, raise, El, Alt, stature. ANTONYMS: (n) degradation, descent, levelness, depression, downgrading, demotion, drop, depth

elfin: (adj) little, impish, elvish, petty, puny, tiny, elfish, pygmy, mischievous, small; (n) elf

eloquent: (adj) glib, fluent, persuasive, expressive, meaningful, significant, graphic, vivid, speaking, forcible, moving. ANTONYMS: (adj) incoherent, innocent, straightforward, weak

emaciated: (adj) bony, lean, thin, gaunt, skinny, meager, wasted, haggard, slender, slim, lanky. ANTONYMS: (adj) fat, obese, heavy, bloated, beefy, overweight

embankment: (n) dam, bank, bulwark, weir, wall, jetty, rampart, mound, pier, pond, fortification

emblem: (n) flag, type, device, allegory, character, crest, sign, badge, figure, ensign, symbol

embrace: (v) comprise, adopt, comprehend, contain, admit, espouse, include; (n, v) clasp, hug, grip, bosom. ANTONYMS: (v)

reject, exclude, spurn, shun, renounce, release, loose, disbelieve

emerge: (v) come out, spring, emanate, arise, transpire, surface, rise, develop, come forth, issue, occur. ANTONYMS: (v) leave, fade, recede, sink

emergency: (n) exigency, accident, need, pinch, casualty, disaster; (adj) extra, extraordinary, provisional, temporary; (adj, n) contingency

emerging: (adj) nascent, rising, acclivitous, promising, embryonic, budding; (n) emanation

emotion: (n) love, feeling, passion, heart, commotion, mood, pathos, excitement, sensibility; (n, v) sensation; (v) impression. ANTONYMS: (n) detachment, coldness, unfeelingness, calmness

emotions: (n) reputation, emotion, feeling, temperament, personality, character, disposition, breast, bosom

emphasize: (n, v) accentuate; (v) underline, underscore, emphasise, punctuate, play up, highlight, to emphasize, stress, bring out; (n) emphasizing. ANTONYMS: (v) understate, downplay, ignore, soften, weaken, deny

emphasized: (adj) accentuated, accented, stressed, emphatic

encounter: (n) collision, conflict, battle, action, confrontation, brush; (n, v) combat, contest, rencounter; (v) confront, face. ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, surrender, evade, avoid, yield; (n) shunning, avoidance, withdrawal

encouragement: (n) aid, support, promotion, backing, incentive, cheer, consolation, boost, advocacy, fosterage, assistance. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect, deflation, disheartening, disincentive, dissuasion, opposition, deterrent

encouraging: (adj) cheering, bright, promising, auspicious, comforting, rosy, reassuring, favourable, hortatory, hopeful, heartening. ANTONYMS: (adj) upsetting, warning, disappointing, discouraging, negative, disturbing, hopeless, unhelpful, depressing

endeavor: (n, v) struggle, try, strain; (n) effort, trial, essay, shot, enterprise, work; (v) strive, aim. ANTONYMS: (n, v) neglect

endeavors: (n) activities, deeds, events, Comings and Goings, undertakings, accomplishments, happenings

- ended:** (adj) concluded, finished, over, done, completed, closed, through, terminated, consummate, all over; (adj, v) past
- endless:** (adj) constant, perpetual, interminable, continuous, ceaseless, eternal, uninterrupted, everlasting, incessant, vast, unrelenting. ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, restricted, limited, intermittent, ending, finishing, sporadic, mortal, inconstant, few, slight
- endowed:** (adj) gifted, clever, cute, felicitous, competent, blessed, artistic, brilliant, ingenious, talented, qualified
- ends:** (n) tops, crook, band, bend, bind, limits, clippings, curve, trimmings, boundaries
- endurance:** (adj, n) suffering; (n) stamina, tolerance, courage, permanence, continuance, energy, fortitude, tenacity, duration, toughness. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, inconsistency, impatience, frailty, discontinuation, discontinuance, death
- enemy:** (n) antagonist, opponent, foe, opposition, competitor, enmity, assailant, foe, hostile, besieger; (adj, n) rival. ANTONYMS: (n) ally, friend, supporter, benefactor, defender, fan
- energetic:** (adj) animated, brisk, busy, driving, dynamic, powerful, strong, effective, agile, emphatic, forcible. ANTONYMS: (adj) sluggish, lazy, weary, languid, inactive, exhausted, indolent, apathetic, dull, indifferent, listless
- engaged:** (adj) occupied, betrothed, employed, affianced, engrossed, reserved, absorbed, working, pledged, involved, committed. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, unengaged, unemployed, uncommitted, unattached, single, detached, idle
- engagement:** (n, v) combat, battle, action, fight, contest; (n) conflict, commitment, appointment, contract, duty, date. ANTONYM: (n) disengagement
- engrossed:** (adj) rapt, engaged, intent, occupied, preoccupied, busy, fascinated, obsessed, thoughtful, hooked; (adj, v) immersed. ANTONYMS: (adj) disinterested, bored, distracted, indifferent, unconcerned, uninterested, inattentive, carefree
- engrossing:** (adj) fascinating, riveting, gripping, captivating, entrancing, enthralling, beguiling, charming, enchanting; (adj, v) interesting; (v) engross. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninteresting, dull, monotonous, tiresome, unexciting
- enjoying:** (n) relish, enjoyment; (adj) comfortable, fruitive
- enlarged:** (adj) inflated, magnified, extended, expanded, puffy, increased, augmented, amplified, distended, wide, swollen. ANTONYM: (adj) atrophied
- enlightened:** (adj) liberal, disillusioned, progressive, cultured, aware, informed, learned, lettered; (adj, v) wise; (n, v) savant; (v) shrewd. ANTONYMS: (adj) puzzled, unenlightened, uninformed, confounded, confused, ignorant, perplexed, wild, reactionary, traditional; (n) uninitiate
- enlist:** (v) engage, recruit, employ, enroll, gain, get, join up, hire, acquire, join, enter. ANTONYMS: (v) discharge, resign, quit, dodge, avoid, leave, fire
- enormous:** (adj) huge, big, colossal, vast, prodigious, excessive, exorbitant, great, large, tremendous, stupendous. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, minute, insignificant, miniature, measly, diminutive, affordable, little, slim, ordinary, minor
- enraged:** (adj) angered, furious, infuriated, irate, mad, livid, incensed, exasperated, raging, irritated, boiling
- ensuing:** (adj) following, consequent, succeeding, later, subsequent, next, successive, resulting, consequential, ensue, posterior. ANTONYMS: (adj) antecedent, earlier, prior, preliminary
- entangled:** (adj) complicated, intricate, embroiled, complex, foul, confused, matted, tangled, inextricable, knotty; (v) entangle
- enthusiasm:** (adj, n) devotion; (n, v) ardor, zeal; (adj, n, v) passion; (n) ardour, animation, craze, ebullience, gusto, inspiration, interest. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, lethargy, passivity, unwillingness, boredom, unconcern, detachment, gloom, gloominess, patience, reluctance
- enthusiast:** (n) addict, fanatic, fiend, fan, admirer, freak, aficionado, advocate, fancier, buff; (adj, n)
- zealot. ANTONYMS: (n) skeptic, depreciator, disparager, opponent
- enthusiastic:** (adj, n) hearty, cordial, passionate, buoyant; (adj) eager, active, anxious, excited, avid, fiery, devoted. ANTONYMS: (adj) apathetic, indifferent, lukewarm, lethargic, halfhearted, disinterested, unexcited, passive, disheartened, reluctant, weak
- envelope:** (n, v) covering, cloak, blanket; (n) casing, container, pack, case, coating, jacket, integument, vesicle
- enveloped:** (adj) convoluted, enclosed, cover, bounded, Byzantine, clothed, involved, misty, swallowed, vested, emotionally involved
- enveloping:** (n) envelopment, enclosure, boxing, enclosing, encasement; (prep) about; (adj) comprehensive, roundabout, circuitous. ANTONYM: (adj) contained
- envious:** (adj) covetous, invidious, jaundiced, malicious, begrudge, greedy, resentful, grudging, green, begrudging, enviable. ANTONYMS: (adj) fulfilled, satisfied, undesirous, contented
- envy:** (v) begrudge, want; (n) enviousness, desire, heartburning, resentment, envies, heartburn, jealousy, hatred; (adj) jealous. ANTONYM: (n) generosity
- enwrapped:** (adj) absorbed, engrossed, cloaked, captive, clothed, deeply moved, draped, enclosed, enraptured, intent, rapt
- equality:** (n) balance, parity, identity, tie, likeness, sameness, par, evenness, equal, analogy, correspondence. ANTONYMS: (n) inequality, disparity, difference, unfairness, imbalance, inconsistency, injustice, dissimilarity
- equipments:** (n) paraphernalia, facility, attire, appendages, equipage, accouterments
- erect:** (adj) upright, vertical, straightforward; (v) build, raise, rear, construct, assemble, lift, put up, put together. ANTONYMS: (v) dismantle, wreck, topple, level, demolish, destroy; (adj) prostrate, drooping, prone, flaccid, flat
- erecting:** (n) construction, building, erection
- error:** (n) blunder, fault, mistake, delusion, lapse, oversight, miss, guilt, crime, defect; (adj, n) wrong.

ANTONYMS: (n) correctness, fact, accuracy

escaped: (adj) at large, at liberty, loose, on the loose, runaway, easy, wild; (n) freer; (v) escaping

escaping: (n) evasion, getaway, break, breakout, running away, running off, run-around; (adj) fugitive

establishment: (n) company, constitution, institution, organization, enactment, settlement, creation, formation, concern, building, foundation. ANTONYMS: (n) elimination, destruction, culmination

eternal: (adj) constant, perpetual, ceaseless, everlasting, lasting, continual, aeonian, immortal, boundless, deathless, enduring. ANTONYMS: (adj) mortal, finite, brief, ephemeral, fleeting, terminable, ending, fragile, inconstant

eternally: (adv) always, permanently, incessantly, perpetually, constantly, ceaselessly, endlessly, unendingly, unceasingly, lastingly; (adj, adv) forever. ANTONYMS: (adv) briefly, sporadically

ethereal: (adj) airy, celestial, unworldly, delicate, intangible, aeriform, spiritual, aery, vaporous, incorporeal, diaphanous. ANTONYMS: (adj) earthly, heavy, indelicate, worldly, tangible, thick, robust, concrete

ethical: (adj) right, decent, just, upright, conscientious, virtuous, good, honest, righteous; (adj, v) moral; (n) ethics. ANTONYMS: (adj) immoral, dishonest, dishonorable, corrupt, unrighteous, unprincipled

evade: (v) escape, avoid, parry, dodge, skirt, duck, sidestep, circumvent, hedge, fudge; (adj, v) equivocate. ANTONYMS: (v) face, address, accept, meet, acquire

everlasting: (adj) eternal, ceaseless, endless, constant, continual, perpetual, immortal, deathless, ageless, aeonian; (adj, n) lasting. ANTONYMS: (adj) finite, ephemeral, fleeting, mortal, ending, terminating, inconstant, fragile, perishable

everlastingly: (adv) perpetually, always, lastingly, continually, endlessly, unendingly, incessantly, permanently, constantly, undyingly; (adj, adv) forever

evident: (adj) obvious, distinct,

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discernible, clear, manifest, conspicuous, patent, plain, noticeable, open, certain.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unnoticed, obscure, concealed, hidden, inconspicuous, uncertain, unknown, imperceptible, disputable, ambiguous, undetectable

evidently: (adv) clearly, patently, plainly, obviously, manifestly, openly, certainly, overtly, markedly, conspicuously, palpably.

ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, imperceptibly, obscurely, questionably, actually, ambiguously, inconspicuously

evolved: (adj) derivative

exaggerate: (v) boast, aggravate, amplify, dramatize, overdo, overdraw, brag, overstate, magnify, aggrandize, enhance. ANTONYMS: (v) minimize, alleviate, weaken

exaggerated: (adj) extravagant, theatrical, immoderate, inflated, overdone, hyperbolic, magnified, pretentious, overstated, excessive; (adj, v) hypertrophied.

ANTONYMS: (adj) restrained, unembellished, minimized

exaggeration: (n) distortion, magnification, enlargement, overstatement, hyperbole, misrepresentation, caricatura, embellishment, elaboration, trope, romance. ANTONYMS: (n) irony, minimizing, reduction

exalt: (v) glorify, celebrate, animate, raise, advance, promote, elevate, praise; (n, v) dignify, adore, ennoble. ANTONYMS: (v) degrade, ridicule, debase, condemn, criticize, deprecate, desecrate, disparage

exalted: (adj) elevated, eminent, noble, high, August, elated, dignified, great, sublime, grand, big. ANTONYMS: (adj) belittled, condemned, criticized, debased, humble, humiliated, low, lowly, minor, ridiculed, base

exasperated: (adj) incensed, annoyed, enraged, angered, indignant, mad, irate, irritated, cheesed off, testy; (adj, prep) provoked. ANTONYM: (adj) pleased

exasperation: (adj, n) exacerbation; (n) wrath, annoyance, anger, resentment, rage, irritation, ire, indignation, heat, displeasure. ANTONYMS: (n) delight, calmness, satisfaction

excepting: (conj, prep) but, bar; (n, prep) except for, exclusive of; (prep)

aside from, besides, apart from, barring, excluding, with the exception of; (v) saving.

ANTONYM: (prep) including

exchanged: (adj) counterchanged, bartered, substituted

excited: (adj, v) animated, ardent; (adj) ablaze, enthusiastic, emotional, frantic, warm, heated, delirious, fervent, passionate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cool, unexcited, bored, tranquil, easygoing, disappointed, despairing, comatose, apathetic, sedate, composed

excitedly: (adv) passionately, feverishly, wildly, frantically, nervously, ardently, enthusiastically, eagerly, animatedly, fervently, cheerfully.

ANTONYMS: (adv) lifelessly, patiently, peacefully, nonchalantly, indifferently, despondently, unenthusiastically

excitement: (n) commotion, emotion, animation, agitation, disturbance, elation, enthusiasm, eagerness, taking, excitation, tumult. ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, boredom, tediousness, desolation, apathy, bore, dormancy, indifference, somnolence, despondency, lifelessness

exciting: (adj) provocative, breathtaking, impressive, stirring, exhilarating, moving, rousing, dramatic, emotional, agitated; (adv) excitingly. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, bland, monotonous, insipid, uninteresting, unexciting, uninspiring, listless, unenthusiastic, staid, somnolent

exclamation: (n) clamor, ejaculation, exclaiming, utterance, whoop, interjection, shout, expletive, deuce, Dickens, ecphonestis

excuse: (n, v) pardon, palliate; (v) absolve, exculpate, condone, acquit, justify, forgive; (n) alibi, pretext, evasion. ANTONYMS: (v) blame, accuse, chide, discipline, include, reprimand, castigate; (n) accusation

exertion: (n) application, exercise, endeavor, attempt, struggle, trouble, diligence, strain, labor, pull, essay. ANTONYMS: (n) idleness, inactivity, inertia, relaxation, laziness, ease

exhausted: (adj) fatigued, tired, spent, dry, empty, depleted, jaded, enervated, faint; (adj, v) gone, weak. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, refreshed, strong, restored, vigorous,

- unexhausted, replenished, remaining, energized, invigorated, restocked
- exhaustion:** (n) consumption, enervation, tiredness, lassitude, attrition, weakening, weariness, inanition, weakness; (adj, n) collapse; (adj) prostration.
ANTONYMS: (n) vitality, pep, restoration, vim
- exhibit:** (adj, n, v) display; (v) evince, evidence, expose, demonstrate, disclose, flaunt, announce, present, show, produce. ANTONYMS: (v) hide, cover; (n) concealment, hiding
- exhibited:** (adj) ostensible, avowed, apparent, declared
- exhilarating:** (adj) exciting, stimulating, invigorating, thrilling, elating, moving, exhilarative, gladdening, brisk, glad, delighted.
ANTONYMS: (adj) boring, dull, depressing, discouraging, dispiriting
- expectancy:** (n) anticipation, expectation, suspense, hope, reversion, prospect, trust, wait, probability, prediction, waiting.
ANTONYMS: (n) despair, discouragement
- expectant:** (adj) hopeful, enceinte, anticipative, big, gravid, eager, heavy, confident, with child, watchful; (adj, v) pregnant.
ANTONYMS: (adj) uninterested, apathetic, indifferent
- expectantly:** (adv) optimistically, expectingly, pregnantly, anticipatively, hopefully, confidently, bigly, watchfully, heavily, largely
- expecting:** (adj) pregnant, confident, with child, heavy, hopeful; (n) family way
- expended:** (adj) spent, finished, dead, departed, unpursed, bypast, bygone, deceased, gone, completely exhausted; (v) expending
- experienced:** (adj) educated, capable, expert, trained, competent, skillful, sophisticated, knowledgeable, proficient, practiced, old.
ANTONYMS: (adj) naive, immature, unsophisticated, unseasoned, unknowledgeable, ignorant, green, untrained, inept, unqualified, coarse
- experiences:** (n) life, biography, journal, personal narrative, fortunes
- experiment:** (n, v) attempt, try, taste, venture; (n) essay, trial, tentative, examination, probation, experience; (v) examine
- exploded:** (adj) antebellum, antediluvian, blown over, expired, unconnected, elapsed, that has been, run out, no more, never to return; (v) at a discount
- exploding:** (adj) detonating, bursting, increasing; (n) explosion, blast, setting off, report, discharge, blowing up, bang, ignition
- explosion:** (n) blast, detonation, boom, eruption, bang, fulmination, outbreak, outburst; (adj, n, v) discharge; (adj, n) paroxysm; (n, v) salvo. ANTONYMS: (n) collapse, slump
- explosive:** (n) bomb, gunpowder, burster, cordite, mine, missile; (adj) volatile, combustible, unstable, fickle; (v) convulsive. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, nonexplosive, relaxed, peaceful, placid, reliable
- exposed:** (adj) open, defenseless, uncovered, unprotected, nude, subject, obvious, naked, bald; (adj, v) vulnerable, liable. ANTONYMS: (adj) covered, hidden, safe, guarded, armed, secluded, sheltered, sheathed, enclosed, safeguarded, protected
- expressions:** (n) vocabulary, terms, language
- expressive:** (adj) significant, meaningful, descriptive, mobile, revelatory, indicative, articulate, graphic, emphatic, suggestive, vivid.
ANTONYMS: (adj) unemotional, undemonstrative, nondescript, cold, expressionless, empty, emotionless, inarticulate, innocent, impassive, reserved
- expressively:** (adv) meaningfully, eloquently, indicatively, poignantly, movingly, vividly, suggestively, emphatically, evocatively, mobilely, tellingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unemotionally, inexpressively, innocently, blandly
- exquisite:** (adj) beautiful, delicate, excellent, dainty, gorgeous, admirable, acute, heavenly, choice, wonderful; (adj, v) delightful.
ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, inferior, ugly, subdued, rough, poor, coarse, mild, imperfect, horrible, flawed
- extended:** (adj) broad, expanded, ample, extensive, wide, long, protracted, lengthened, prolonged, elongated, enlarged. ANTONYMS: (adj) brief, unextended, condensed, contracted, shortened, reduced, narrow, partial, abridged, abbreviated, tiny
- extensive:** (adj) comprehensive, broad, extended, commodious, ample, considerable, major, copious, large, wide, capacious.
ANTONYMS: (adj) restricted, small, partial, short, minor, limited, conservative, slight, sketchy, uncomprehensive, cramped
- extensively:** (adv) largely, generally, greatly, lengthily, sweepingly, broadly, comprehensively, spaciously, vastly, roomily, fully.
ANTONYMS: (adv) insignificantly, barely
- extraordinarily:** (adv) singularly, rarely, unusually, exceptionally, extremely, peculiarly, remarkably, phenomenally, uncommonly, exceedingly, especially.
ANTONYMS: (adv) slightly, unremarkably, ordinarily
- extraordinary:** (adj) odd, exceptional, curious, rare, special, phenomenal, amazing, astonishing, unusual, strange, abnormal. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, everyday, usual, common, mundane, regular, undistinguished, unremarkable, insignificant, natural
- extravagant:** (adj) wasteful, luxurious, prodigal, exaggerated, profligate, costly, expensive, lavish, immoderate, profuse, undue.
ANTONYMS: (adj) restrained, frugal, parsimonious, plain, stingy, understated, thrifty, reasonable, moderate, cautious, tasteful
- extravagantly:** (adv) excessively, immoderately, inordinately, luxuriously, prodigally, wastefully, profligately, profusely, ostentatiously, improvidently, unrestrainedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) economically, stingily, reasonably, meagerly, cheaply, modestly, humbly
- extricated:** (adj) free, disengaged, freer, emancipated, freed
- exultant:** (adj, v) jubilant, triumphant; (n) buoyant, buoyed up; (adj) gleeful, joyful, triumphal, victorious, exulting, ecstatic, glad.
ANTONYMS: (adj) miserable, downhearted, depressed, sorrowful, unhappy
- exultation:** (n) jubilation, joy, delight, ecstasy, elation, rejoicing, revelling, transport, joyousness, bliss, glee.
ANTONYMS: (n) depression, desolation, misery, sorrow
- eyesight:** (n) sight, seeing, discernment, vision power, ability to

- make discerning judgments, view, sightedness, optics, beholding
- fabric:** (n) composition, cloth, construction, material, framework, fiber, performance, anatomy; (n, v) edifice, building, structure
- facetious:** (adj) humorous, comical, frivolous, funny, comic, whimsical, laughable, jocose, jocular; (adj, n) witty; (n) amusing. ANTONYMS: (adj) grave, lugubrious, sober, somber, formal
- facility:** (n) dexterity, ease, adroitness, readiness, artifice, faculty, skill, aptitude, installation; (adj, n) competence, proficiency. ANTONYMS: (n) awkwardness, maladroitness, ineptness, inconvenience, hardship, difficulty, effort, hesitancy
- facings:** (n) revetment, face, coating, lining, veneer, cladding, front, covering; (prep) against, before; (adj) fronting
- facilities:** (n) mother wit
- faded:** (adj) pale, bleached, dull, exhausted, faint, washy, withered, colorless, discoloured, attenuate; (adj, v) dilapidated. ANTONYMS: (adj) vivid, Colored, colorful, fresh, vigorous, strong, bright
- failing:** (adj, n) deficiency, blemish, imperfection; (n) fault, shortcoming, failure, weakness, flaw, inadequacy, foible; (adj) declining. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, flourishing, well, strong, growing, healthy; (n) strength, virtue, speciality, capability, passing
- faint:** (adj, n, v) swoon; (adj) dim, feeble, dizzy, indistinct, vague, soft, dull; (adj, v) weak; (v) languish, pass out. ANTONYMS: (adj) distinct, clear, obvious, loud, considerable, pungent, invigorated, hearty, energetic, defined; (v) revive
- faintly:** (adv) dimly, vaguely, indistinctly, lightly, weakly, hazily, slightly, softly, shadowily, infirmly, palely. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, intensely, distinctly, overpoweringly, harshly, considerably, powerfully, strongly, brightly, obviously, audibly
- fairy:** (n) elf, sprite, brownie, fag, faggot, fagot, imp, pixie, pixy; (adj, n) faery, faerie. ANTONYM: (n) ogre
- fallen:** (adj) drop, decline, prostrate, flat, destroyed, down, lapsed, alight, degenerate, lose, get. ANTONYMS: (adj) esteemed, honorable, honored, lauded, prestigious
- falling:** (n) descent, fall, downfall, degradation, depreciation; (adj) descending, decreasing, declining, tumbling, ebb, down. ANTONYMS: (adj) standing, increasing, burgeoning
- falter:** (n, v) waver; (v) hesitate, stumble, stutter, stammer, halt, dither, bumble, doubt, teeter; (n) faltering. ANTONYMS: (v) persevere, persist, endure, remain
- faltering:** (n) falter, pause, vacillation; (adj) tentative, vacillating, doubtful, irresolute, hesitant, uncertain, unsure; (adv) falteringly. ANTONYMS: (adj) decided, firm, eloquent, decisive, sure
- fanfare:** (n) display, tucket, bluster, bravado, noise, line, illuminations, tune, melody, strain, ostentation
- fantastic:** (adj) bizarre, extraordinary, antic, marvelous, fantastical, grotesque, wonderful, extravagant, terrific, strange, illusory. ANTONYMS: (adj) awful, ordinary, real, unpleasant, tiny, plausible, normal, lousy, little, Lilliputian, poor
- farmer:** (n) rustic, agriculturist, tiller, boor, cultivator, husbandman, granger, planter, sodbuster, yeoman, backwoodsman
- farther:** (adj, adv, prep) beyond; (adj) additional, more, distant; (adv) furthermore, besides, abroad, in addition, too; (adj, prep) outside; (pron) another. ANTONYMS: (prep) within; (adv) nearer, closer
- fascinated:** (adj) captivated, absorbed, gripped, engrossed, interested, attentive, preoccupied, entranced, attracted, enchanted, enthralled. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, disinterested, disenchanted, detached
- fascination:** (n) charm, glamor, bewitchment, glamour, enchantment, enthralment, charisma, magnetism, allure, magic, captivation. ANTONYMS: (n) disinterest, boredom, disenchantment, disenchantment, repulsion
- fastened:** (adj) tied, fast, buttoned, closed, tight, secure, pinned, binding, empight, steady, firm. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfastened, unbuttoned
- fafter:** (adv) sooner, fleet, swift, quick, express, earlier
- fatal:** (adj) deadly, pestilent, lethal, disastrous, destructive, dangerous, deathly, fateful, murderous, critical; (adj, v) mortal. ANTONYMS: (adj) harmless, nourishing, healthful, benign, uncritical, mild
- fate:** (n, v) doom; (n) chance, luck, fatality, fortune, kismet, allotment, portion, lot; (v) destiny, designate. ANTONYMS: (n) will, design, choice, accident, chance
- fathom:** (n, v) plumb; (v) penetrate, discern, bottom, understand, comprehend, know, make out, measure; (n) probe, gauge. ANTONYMS: (v) confuse, misunderstand, Miss
- fault:** (adj, n, v) deficiency; (n) error, blot, delinquency, flaw, break, blunder; (adj, n) failing, blemish; (n, v) blame, crime. ANTONYMS: (n) strength, virtue, capability, innocence, perfection, credit, ease; (v) praise, absolve
- favor:** (n, v) countenance, aid, grace, support, benefit, boon; (adj, n) kindness; (n) advantage; (v) befriend, encourage, patronize. ANTONYMS: (v) hinder, contradict, dislike, hurt, differ, thwart, reject, demean; (n) derogation, disapproval, unkindness
- favorable:** (adj) lucky, fortunate, propitious, prosperous, convenient, advantageous, encouraging, happy, helpful; (adj, v) friendly; (adj, n) kindly. ANTONYMS: (adj) adverse, negative, ominous, disapproving, inauspicious, detrimental, unfriendly, disagreeable, hindering, harmful, untimely
- fearfully:** (adv) timidly, timorously, awfully, apprehensively, horrendously, hideously, anxiously, appallingly, terribly; (adj, adv) shockingly, dreadfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) bravely, calmly, confidently, wonderfully, rationally, unconcernedly
- fears:** (n) worries, uncertainties, doubts, qualms, misgivings
- feast:** (n, v) junket, fete; (n) entertainment, dinner, binge, spread, celebration, jamboree, carousal; (v) feed, eat. ANTONYMS: (v) abstain, starve; (n) snack
- feat:** (n) deed, accomplishment, achievement, act, effort, performance, action, triumph, attainment, trick; (adj) fetis. ANTONYM: (n) inaction
- feebleness:** (n) weakness, frailty, decrepitude, faintness, imbecility,

- fragility, tenuity, languor, frailness; (adj, n) infirmity; (adj) feeble. ANTONYMS: (n) perseverance, success, effectiveness, competence
- feign:** (v) dissemble, simulate, affect, pretend, assume, dissimulate, counterfeit, act, sham, fabricate; (adj, v) deceive
- feller:** (n) chap, faller, fella, fellow, lumberjack, logger, dude, Dick, woodcutter, guy, comrade
- fellow:** (adj, n) comrade, associate; (n) boy, equal, brother, peer, chap, colleague, compeer, buddy; (adj, n, v) concomitant. ANTONYMS: (n) female, woman, girl, foe, enemy, antagonist, competitor
- fellows:** (n) fellow, membership, faculty
- fellowship:** (n) community, company, companionship, communion, camaraderie, society, comradeship, association, body; (adj, n) familiarity, acquaintance. ANTONYMS: (n) unsociability, unfriendliness, hostility
- feminine:** (adj) effeminate, womanly, maidenly, delicate, not male, pistillate, wifely, mild; (n) girl, lady, gender. ANTONYMS: (adj) male, unwomanly, neuter
- fence:** (n, v) hedge, wall, bar; (n) barrier, hurdle, pale, boundary; (v) quibble, enclose, parry, contend. ANTONYMS: (v) challenge, face, confront
- fever:** (n) malaria, delirium, pyrexia, heat, frenzy, feverishness, febricity, Bilious typhoid fever, Levant fever, Hectic infantile fever, Typhoid fever
- feverish:** (adj) febrile, feverous, fiery, frenzied, fevered, excited, sick, fanatical; (adj, v) hot, flushed; (adj, n) hysterical. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, afebrile, collected, composed, mellow
- feverishly:** (adv) excitedly, hotly, febrilely, hectically, feverously, hysterically, passionately, frantically, fanatically, heatedly, frenziedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) indifferently, peacefully, sluggishly
- fewer:** (n) not as much as, negative amount, deficiency, defect, lesser amount
- fiend:** (n) monster, devil, fanatic, brute, deuce, incubus, goblin, ogre, enthusiast, daemon, addict. ANTONYM: (n) angel
- fierce:** (adj) bitter, acute, cruel, ferocious, brutal, grim, nasty, intense, ardent; (adj, v) savage,
- furious. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, mild, calm, quiet, tame, docile, weak, peaceful, pleasant
- fiercely:** (adv) violently, bitterly, strongly, savagely, brutally, intensely, wildly, cruelly, vehemently, grimly, furiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, dully, tame, docilely, tamely, calmly, feebly
- fierceness:** (n) ferocity, violence, cruelty, force, brutality, rage, intensity, strength, vehemence, wildness, ferociousness. ANTONYMS: (n) friendliness, calmness, meekness
- fiery:** (adj, n) burning, passionate, glowing; (adj) fervent, ablaze, hot, fervid, impassioned, peppery; (adj, v) fierce, violent. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, passionless, dispassionate, indifferent, placid, gentle, cool; (adv) easygoing
- fighting:** (adj) belligerent, militant; (n) fight, contest, combat, action, affray, strife, engagement, war; (n, v) conflict. ANTONYMS: (adj) peaceful, meek; (n) calm, withdrawal, retreat, friendliness, agreement, peace, surrender
- figuratively:** (adv) allegorically, symbolically, tropically, typically, representatively, parabolically, parabolically, flowerily, symbolically, floridly, figurally. ANTONYM: (adv) factually
- files:** (n) archives
- fill:** (v) block, clog, stuff, line, charge, execute, accomplish, complete, brim, fulfill; (n) crowd. ANTONYMS: (v) empty, free, deplete, unpack, unload, notch, deflate, desert
- filled:** (adj) replete, packed, fraught, teeming, laden, abundant, congested, charged, stuffed; (adj, adv) crowded; (n) fuller. ANTONYMS: (adj) lacking, clear
- filtered:** (n) clean, drinkable; (adj) refined
- finely:** (adv) delicately, beautifully, magnificently, splendidly, exquisitely, rarely, excellently, lovely, slightly, nicely, bravely. ANTONYMS: (adv) roughly, coarsely, intensely, poorly
- finer:** (n) superior, advanced, bigger, higher, more, greater
- finger:** (v) feel, handle, touch, thumb, indicate, point; (n) digit, dactyl, forefinger, pointer; (n, v) hand. ANTONYM: (v) clear
- fired:** (adj) discharged, unemployed,
- passionate, interested, heated, enthusiastic, ablaze, zealous
- fireplace:** (n) chimney, fire, hearth, oven, stove, fire place, fireside, kitchen, niche, recess, furnace
- fireside:** (n) fireplace, home, family, habitation, dwelling, abode, domicile, country, dwelling house, fire, habitat
- firewood:** (n) backlog, brand, firebrand, fuelwood, lumber, brushwood, wood, kindling, fuel, cordwood, bobbing
- firework:** (n) pyrotechny, squib, pyrotechnics, cracker, firecracker, sparkler, pyrotechnic, skyrocket, banger, crackers, explosive device
- firming:** (n, v) discharge, explosion; (n) dismissal, fire, combustion, sack, lighting, dismissal, release; (adj) combustible; (v) burst
- firmly:** (adv) solidly, steadfastly, securely, resolutely, strongly, steadily, unwaveringly, stably, fixedly, robustly, rigidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) weakly, loosely, uncertainly, halfheartedly, leniently, unsteadily, shakily, yielding, indefinitely, irresolutely, feebly
- fit:** (n, v) hand; (n) duke, clenched fist, feist, manus, grip, index; (v) finger, paw, neif, neaf
- fitted:** (adj) capable, efficient, competent, able, finished, qualified, trained, primed, outfitted, initiated; (adj, v) convenient
- flag:** (adj, v) decline, fade, drop, fail; (n) banner, ensign, colors, colours; (v) sag; (n, v) sign; (adj, n, v) languish. ANTONYMS: (v) increase, rise, rally, strengthen
- flags:** (n) streamer, streamers, sidewalk, trottoir, pavement, walk, footpath, bunting; (adj) wood pavement, flagstone
- flame:** (adj, n) fire, sweetheart; (adj, v) burn, glow; (n, v) flash; (n) ardour, burning, fervor, enthusiasm, combustion, sheen
- flames:** (n) fire, blaze, firestorm, hellhole
- flaming:** (adj, n) burning, ardent, glowing, passionate; (adj) blazing, ablaze, aflame, hot; (n) enthusiastic, flame, fire. ANTONYMS: (adj) extinguished, placid, gentle, quiet
- flank:** (n) side, aspect, wing, abdomen, facet, subfigure, formation; (v) border, skirt; (adj) cover, ward
- flap:** (v) flop, wave, beat, brandish, shake; (n, v) fuss, flutter, pother; (n)

- slap, disturbance, valve
flaps: (n) flapping, aerofoil, airfoil, dither, control surface
flare: (n, v) blaze, flame, burst, glare; (v) burn, glint, blaze up, burn up; (n) fire; (adj) detonate, explode
flash: (n, v) flicker, blaze, shimmer, glitter, gleam, glimmer, blink, flame; (adj, n, v) twinkle; (n) instant; (v) coruscate. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful; (n) age; (v) dawdle
flashing: (adj) bright, sparkling, blinking, meteoric, scintillating, light, brilliant, dazzling, gleaming; (n) flare, flashes
flee: (v) bolt, break out, fly, desert, break, abscond, elope, elude, run away, run, leave. ANTONYMS: (v) appear, advance
fleeing: (v) flee; (adj) runaway, fugitive, evanescent
fleet: (adj) fast, expeditious, quick, agile, brisk, rapid, speedy; (n) armada, float, navy; (v) flit
fleeting: (adj) brief, momentary, ephemeral, passing, transient, short, fugitive, evanescent, transitory, temporal, short-lived. ANTONYMS: (adj) permanent, lasting, enduring, unforgettable, thorough, lengthy, long, slow
fleming: (n) Flemish, Ian Lancaster Fleming, Ian Fleming, Alexander Fleming, sir Alexander Fleming
flesh: (adj) carnality, concupiscence; (n) mortality, beef, form, figure, frame, person, mankind, humanity, meat
flimsy: (adj) light, weak, slight, sleazy, feeble, delicate, fragile, slender, tenuous, fine; (adj, v) limp. ANTONYMS: (adj) sturdy, strong, weighty, heavy, persuasive, reliable, robust, convincing, durable, good, abundant
floating: (adv) afloat; (adj, v) buoyant; (adj, adv) aimless; (adj) current, loose, moving, fluid, in circulation, going about, flying, light
flock: (n, v) crowd, cluster, pack, mass; (adj, n) bevy; (adj, n, v) swarm; (n) band, horde, congregation, herd; (v) assemble. ANTONYM: (v) disperse
flood: (n, v) flow, torrent, pour, stream, glut, rush, gush; (v) drench, inundate, drown; (n, prep) tide. ANTONYMS: (n) drought, shortage, slump, deficit; (v) disperse, dry
flop: (n) dud, failure, disaster, turkey, bust, fiasco; (n, v) collapse, crash; (v) fail, fall through, fall flat
 ANTONYMS: (n) success, winner, hit; (v) succeed, rise, thrive
florida: (n) FL, Sunshine State; (adj) southeastern
flooding: (adj) awkward, maladroit, purposeless
flourishing: (adj) thriving, palmy, healthy, successful, luxuriant, booming, verdant, lush, auspicious, favorable, rich. ANTONYMS: (adj) arid, declining, fading, poor, unhealthy
flower: (n, v) blossom, blow; (v) effloresce, flourish; (adj, n) prime; (n) efflorescence, elite, cream, bouquet, floret, florescence. ANTONYMS: (n) residue; (v) wither
fluid: (adj) flowing, unsettled, changeable, smooth, fluent, mobile, runny, versatile, juicy, uncertain, unstable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unchangeable, ugly, fixed, defined, set, constant, stilted, jerky
flurry: (n) commotion, stir, bother, squall, breeze, ado; (adj, n) bustle, fuss, hurry; (n, v) fluster; (v) disconcert. ANTONYM: (n) quiet
flush: (adj, n, v) blush, glow; (adj) flat, affluent, rich; (adj, v) even, smooth, level; (n) bloom; (n, v) color; (v) redden. ANTONYMS: (n) pallor; (v) blanch, blench; (adj) empty, low, poor
flushed: (adj, n) red, sanguine; (adj) feverish, glowing, aroused, aflame, burning, exultant, exulting; (n) flush, elated. ANTONYM: (adj) cool
flushing: (n) rinsing, blush, flashing, Flushing process, Flushing system, histamine flush, hushing, water Flushing
flying: (adj) fast, quick, rapid, swift, moving, flaring, aflare; (n) fly, flight, aviation, ballooning
foam: (n, v) froth, bubble, spume; (adj, v) boil, seethe; (v) effervesce, suds, fizz, ferment; (n) lather, bubbles
foamy: (adj) effervescent, foaming, bubbly, spummy, spumous, sudsy, effervescing, bubbling, beaten, yeasty, barmy
folded: (adj) plaited, pleated, doubled, artful, braided, corrugated, doubled over, fluted
foliage: (n) verdure, foliation, greenery, leaf, frond, cotyledon, ramage, tigella, stem, blade, leaves
folks: (n) people, folk, tribe, relations, household, house, relatives, relative, kindred, lineage, kin
fond: (adj) affectionate, caring, devoted, tender, loving, amorous, delicate, adoring, doting, ardent, attached. ANTONYMS: (adj) aversion, cold, rough
fondness: (n) affection, attachment, love, taste, regard, appetite, tenderness, partiality, endearment, liking, relish. ANTONYMS: (n) aversion, indifference, neglect, antipathy, detachment, hatred
fool: (n) blockhead, dunce, clown, idiot, ass, booby, buffoon; (v) deceive, bamboozle; (n, v) joke, gull. ANTONYM: (n) savant
footsteps: (n) road, footprints, way, trail, path, track, footpath
forbade: (v) prohibit, to prohibit
forceful: (adj) strenuous, emphatic, dynamic, effective, pithy, cogent, active, energetic, strong, insistent, violent. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconvincing, mild, lightweight, feeble, retiring, lethargic, lackluster, forceless, calm, gentle, timid
forceless: (adj) weak, impotent, powerless, ineffective, void, unforceful, wan, spineless
forehead: (n) brow, front, foreland, lineament, mut, phiz, physiognomy, visage, eyebrow, skull; (adv) foremost
foremost: (adj, adv, v) first; (adj, n) chief, capital, leading, cardinal, principal, main; (adj) best, front, central, top. ANTONYMS: (adj) last, insignificant, inferior, worst, secondary
forests: (n) country
forever: (adv) always, eternally, evermore, everlastingly, continually, permanently; (adj) eternal, permanent; (n) eternity; (adj, adv) interminably, ad infinitum. ANTONYMS: (adj) occasionally, never, sporadically; (adv) briefly, intermittently
forgetting: (v) forget; (adj) oblivious; (n) disregard
forgotten: (adj) lost, disregarded, elapsed, past, abandoned, gone, Gone With the Wind, irrecoverable, lapsed, disoriented, no more. ANTONYM: (adj) remembered
forlorn: (adj) hopeless, desolate, despairing, unhappy, miserable, deserted, disconsolate, downcast, cheerless, wretched, abject. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, hopeful, fine
formation: (n) creation, establishment, constitution, construction, genesis, arrangement,

- organization, composition, configuration, generation; (v) fabrication. ANTONYM: (n) destruction
- formidable:** (adj) grim, appalling, awful, difficult, forbidding, heavy, dreadful, fearful, uphill, trying, tough. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, easy, comforting, feeble, cheerful
- forming:** (n) shaping, form, form turning, organization, construction, molding, conformation, synthesis; (v) create, constitute; (adj) constituent
- formula:** (n) form, law, expression, method, formality, convention, rule, principle, canon, fashion, figure
- forth:** (adv) away, along, onward, ahead, before, on, off, on the high road, on the road, on the way, under way
- forthwith:** (adv) directly, immediately, at once, now, instantly, straight, presently, straightaway, incontinently; (adj, adv) quickly; (adj) immediate
- fortitude:** (n) bravery, endurance, grit, pluck, backbone, determination, tenacity, firmness, strength; (adj, n) guts, spunk. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, frailty, impatience
- fortune:** (n) estate, fate, fluke, destiny, luck, accident, means, assets, riches, abundance, doom. ANTONYM: (n) design
- fortunes:** (n) adventures, fortune, personal narrative, life, journal
- foul:** (adj, v) nasty, base, corrupt, coarse; (adj) filthy, disgusting, evil, unclean, putrid; (n, v) defile, soil. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) clean, pure; (adj) pleasant, fair, inoffensive, humane, attractive, honest, pleasing, fragrant; (v) unclog
- fouled:** (adj) befouled, foul, afoul, polluted, stained, contaminated, soiled, filthy, dirtied, disgusting, disgusting
- foundry:** (n) arsenal, factory, armoury, casting, foundery, manufactory, plant, mill, cast, silicon foundry, bell foundry
- fracas:** (n) racket, noise, altercation, affray; (adj, n) uproar, riot, disturbance, hubbub, tumult, row, brawl. ANTONYM: (n) concord
- fragments:** (n) chips, rubble, wreckage, atoms, finders, dust, flinders, remains, smither, smithereens, trash
- fragrant:** (adj) spicy, odorous, balmy, sweet, odorant, scented, redolent, savory, fragrance, odoriferous, scent. ANTONYMS: (adj) smelly, putrid, malodorous, odorless
- frantic:** (adj) desperate, crazy, excited, distraught, frenetic, distracted; (adj, v) frenzied, furious, wild, raging; (n) maniac. ANTONYMS: (adj) mellow, composed
- frantically:** (adv) frenziedly, desperately, wildly, distractedly, furiously, excitedly, deliriously, ravingly, distraughtly, fiercely, crazily. ANTONYMS: (adv) sensibly, cautiously, peacefully, sluggishly
- fraternity:** (adj, n) brotherhood; (n) association, company, club, fellowship, society, companionship, clan, circle, community, organization
- freely:** (adv) loosely, frankly, openly, generously, independently, gratuitously, voluntarily, liberally, free, sparely; (adj, adv) spontaneously. ANTONYMS: (adv) reluctantly, deceitfully, accurately, meagerly, parsimoniously, secretly, stingily, unwillingly; (adj) restricted
- frenchman:** (n) French person, Gaul, frog, Norman, Parisian, Frenchwoman, savoyard, Breton, Angevine, Angevin, monsieur
- frenzied:** (adj) frenetic, crazy, delirious, hectic, furious, wild, manic, fanatical, raging, rabid; (n) maniac. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, controlled, mellow, composed
- frenziedly:** (adj, adv) madly; (adv) crazily, wildly, frantically, frenetically, deliriously, hectically, distractedly, feverishly, furiously, distraughtly. ANTONYM: (adv) peacefully
- frenzy:** (n) fury, anger, insanity, mania, hysteria; (adj, n) distraction, aberration, alienation, phrensy, derangement; (n, v) craze. ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, calm, order
- freshness:** (adj) coolness; (n) impertinence, gall, greenness, impudence, insolence, newness, viridity, originality, crust, crispness. ANTONYMS: (n) oldness, clutter, humidity, mustiness
- fretted:** (adj) latticed, haggard, magged, latticelike, reticulated, reticular, interlaced. ANTONYM: (adj) unfretted
- fright:** (n, v) dismay, alarm, scare, affright; (n) awe, fear, dread, terror, horror, consternation, apprehension. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, fearlessness, courage, confidence, security
- frightened:** (adj) fearful, timid, startled, terrified, scared, alarmed, anxious, apprehensive, horrified, intimidated, restless. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, confident, brave, fearless, reassured
- frightful:** (adj, v) fearful; (adj) formidable, awful, fearsome, appalling, gruesome, horrible, terrible, dread, frightening, grim. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, calming, soothing, pleasant, lovely, fair
- fringe:** (n) brim, brink, boundary, periphery, rim, lip, bound; (n, v) edge, hem, skirt; (adj, n, v) feather. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) mainstream; (n) center
- fringed:** (adj) fibrillated, bounded, feathered, bushy, decorated, fimbriate, fimbriate, lacinate, befringed, rough, lacinated
- fringes:** (n) outer edge, border
- frowzled:** (adj) disheveled, creased, untidy, tousled, rumpled, extremely disorderly, crumpled
- frozen:** (adj) cold, frosty, frigid, wintry, glacial, arctic, icy, freezing, stiff, congealed, iced. ANTONYMS: (adj) moving, hot, warm, boiling, fluid, liquid, melted, unfrozen, thawed, tropical, soft
- frustrate:** (v) disappoint, foil, fail, counteract, balk, disconcert, cross, balk, prevent, elude; (n, v) thwart. ANTONYMS: (v) promote, further, please, assist, satisfy, soothe
- frustrated:** (adj) discouraged, defeated, foiled, baffled, thwarted, dissatisfied, discomfited, balked, stymied, disgruntled; (v) unhinged. ANTONYMS: (adj) encouraged, heartened, successful, calm, pleased
- fumble:** (n, v) muff; (v) botch, grope, feel, flounder, finger, paw, bobble, touch; (adj, v) blunder; (adj) boggle
- fume:** (n, v) smoke, reek; (v) chafe, rage, storm, evaporate, fret; (adj, v) seethe, boil; (adj, n) foam; (n) choler
- funeral:** (n) entombment, interment, sepulture, funeral rite, wake, pyre, observance, funeral sermon, funeral pile; (adj) sepulchral; (v) bury
- furious:** (adj, v) fierce, violent, vehement, wild, rampant; (adj) frantic, enraged, ferocious, boisterous, raging, frenzied.

ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, mild, gentle, pleased, mellow, quiet, slow
furiously: (adv) irately, angrily, fiercely, wildly, violently, ragingly, wrathfully, infuriatedly, rabidly, impetuously, frantically.

ANTONYM: (adv) sluggishly
furnace: (n) forge, heater, blast furnace, fireplace, hearth, stove, oven, kiln, electric furnace, cupola, crematorium

furniture: (n) fitment, equipment, appliance, fixture, appointments, furnishings, goods, dresser, article of furniture, cabinet; (v) stuff

furrow: (n, v) fold, crinkle, crease, groove, line, chamfer, rut; (n) channel, cut, ditch, trough.

ANTONYMS: (n) ridge; (v) smooth

furry: (adj) furred, hirsute, soft, velvety, downy, shaggy, bushy, fuzzy, smooth, like velvet, covered with hair. ANTONYM: (adj) rough

furthermore: (adv) besides, further, also, more, again, additionally, in addition, too, what is more; (adv, conj) and; (adj, adv) likewise

fury: (n) anger, exasperation, force, resentment, delirium, furor, frenzy, indignation, craze; (adj, n) wrath, ferocity. ANTONYMS: (n)

composure, calmness, mildness, calm, pleasure, serenity

fussed: (adj) upset

futile: (adj) useless, empty, ineffective, frivolous, idle, abortive, bootless, hopeless, meaningless, vain, hollow. ANTONYMS: (adj) successful, useful, fruitful, meaningful, worthwhile, promising, productive, effective

gabbling: (adj) blathering, babbling, blithering, voluble, talkative

gait: (n, v) pace, step, tread, footstep, rate, stride, action; (n) walk, carriage, movement, velocity

galling: (adj, v) irritating; (v) aggravating, provoking; (adj) exasperating, bitter, vexatious, vexing, maddening, infuriating, bothersome, harassing. ANTONYM: (adj) pleasing

gallop: (v) speed, dart, dash, race, spring, tear, hasten, sprint; (adj, v) fly; (n, v) trot; (n) gait

galloping: (v) flying

gamin: (n) ragamuffin, guttersnipe, throwaway, bootblack, flyer, imp, street Arab, circular, broadside, boy, blackguard

gang: (n) band, company, crowd, circle, pack, faction, mob, team,

bunch, association, clique

gaping: (adj, n) agape; (adj) vast, yawning, cavernous, discontinuous, wide, ajar, drowsy, hollow, wide open; (adj, v) oscitant. ANTONYMS: (adj) cramped, narrow

garment: (n, v) garb, apparel; (n) habiliment, habit, gown, vest, things, guise; (v) clothe, tog, raiment

gashed: (adj) cut down, emasculated, torn, slashed, down

gasp: (n, v) pant; (v) puff, blow, breathe, sigh, heave, wheeze, breathe heavily, gag; (n) inhalation, breath

gaspng: (adj) panting, winded, blown, out of breath, thirsty, pury; (v) spavined, touched in the wind

gate: (n) door, mouth, entry, doorway, port, exit, goal, barrier, approach, inlet, threshold

gates: (n) bill Gates

gathered: (adj) deepened, congregated, accumulated, amassed, assembled, concentrated, equanimous, congregate, collective
gaunt: (adj) lean, thin, cadaverous, desolate, bleak, dreary, meager, bony, angular, lanky, sullen.

ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, rounded, obese

gayly: (adv) cheerfully, merrily, mirthfully, gaily, jovially, airily, lightly, sportively, easily, finely, courageously

gaze: (n, v) stare, regard, look, behold; (v) gape, see, contemplate, face, pry, view, glance.

ANTONYMS: (v) glance, peek

generous: (adj) ample, abundant, copious, benevolent, bountiful, kind, charitable, flush, fair, liberal; (adj, n) free. ANTONYMS: (adj) meager, tightfisted, miserly, measly, mean, small, ungenerous, avaricious, greedy, petty, pitiful

genie: (n) djinny, djinni, jinni, demon, fairy, jinn, genius, spirit, Eblis, guide, magician

gentle: (adj) easy, friendly, soft, kind, affable, balmy, mild, feeble, compassionate; (adj, adv) calm; (adj, v) tame. ANTONYMS: (adj) harsh, loud, fierce, caustic, violent, rough, hardhearted, abrupt, heavy, steep, sheer

gently: (adv) tenderly, slowly, mildly, soft, slow, kindly, delicately, softly, lightly, meekly, quietly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) sharply, fiercely, forcefully, harshly, abruptly, violently, severely,

roughly, intensely, meanly, heavily

geographical: (adj) geographics, local, true, ecological, biological, physical, environmental

gesticulating: (adj) communicative

gesture: (n, v) sign, signal, motion; (n) beck, gesticulation, indication, movement; (v) gesticulate, beckon, wave, bless

ghastly: (adj) awful, fearful, cadaverous, dreadful, grisly, gruesome, macabre, hideous, appalling, atrocious; (adv) gruesomely. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, lovely, attractive, delightful

ghost: (n, v) apparition, specter; (n) shade, spirit, demon, soul, spook, spectre, goblin, appearance, monster

ghostly: (adj) uncanny, eerie, weird, spiritual, spectral, ghostlike, supernatural, macabre, phantasmal; (adj, adv) ghostly; (adv) spectrally.

ANTONYMS: (adj) tangible, natural
giant: (adj) gigantic, colossal, jumbo, gargantuan, elephantine, huge, immense, large; (n) behemoth, Goliath, colossus. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, miniature, insignificant, short; (n) dwarf

gibeline: (adj) mocking, taunting, disrespectful, abusing vocally, jeering

gigantic: (adj) colossal, enormous, large, huge, giant, stupendous, monstrous, vast, big, immense, massive. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, tiny, little, insignificant, short, miniature

gilded: (adj, v) gilt; (adj) rich, gold, golden, deluxe, gilden, fortunate, garish, advantageous, aurated, luxurious

ginger: (n) fire, pep, galangal, vim, zest, zing, courage; (adj) gingery, auburn, carrotty, red

girlish: (adj) boyish, childish, kittenish, juvenile, adolescent, innocent, schoolgirlish, babyish, immature, youthful, female

glad: (adj) jubilant, cheerful, gay, blithe, delighted, festive, content, delightful, genial, bright, willing. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, apologetic, dismayed, unwilling, disappointed, sorry

glance: (n, v) look, peek, flash, peep; (n) gaze, glimpse, coup d'oeil, gander; (v) bounce, glint, ricochet.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) study; (n) examination, perusal; (v) stick, stare
glancing: (adj) passing

glare: (n) glance, brilliance, radiance, brightness; (n, v) glower, flash, shine, scowl, beam, frown; (v) flame.

ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, dimness

glaring: (adj) conspicuous, bright, blatant, egregious, obvious, plain, flaming, garish, crying, gross, glary. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, inconspicuous, dull, minor

glazed: (adj) glossy, glassed, glazen, vitreous, vitrified, icy, lustrous, shiny, empty, slippery, glasslike. ANTONYMS: (adj) unglazed, alert, dull

gleam: (n, v) glance, beam, blaze, shine, glimmer, glow, flash, flicker, sparkle, glitter; (v) twinkle

gleaming: (adj) brilliant, shiny, radiant, glossy, lustrous, glowing, beaming, resplendent; (n) gleam, glimmer; (adj, adv) agleam.

ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, dirty, rough

glee: (n) delight, cheerfulness, mirth, fun, gaiety, hilarity, joy, rejoicing, frolic, jubilation, happiness.

ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, gloom, sorrow, despondency, displeasure, misery, boredom

gleeful: (adj) elated, exultant, frolicsome, festive, cheery, gay, jubilant, merry, lighthearted, blithe, joyful. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, sorrowful

glibness: (n) superficiality, ease, smoothness, facility, hypocrisy, slickness, confidence. ANTONYM: (n) hesitancy

glimmer: (adj, n, v) flicker, twinkle; (n, v) gleam, shimmer, flash, sparkle, beam, glow, shine; (v) blink; (n) gleaming

glimpse: (n, v) look, peek; (v) blink, see, notice, spy, spot, espy; (n) coup d'oeil, view, peep. ANTONYMS: (n) scrutiny, observation, perusal; (v) scrutinize, survey, Miss, study

glinting: (adj) glittering, scintillating, lustrous, aglitter, fulgid, glitter, coruscant, sparkly, bright, bubbling, luminous

glittering: (adj, v) brilliant; (adj) sparkling, flashing, dazzling, glistening, glistening, glinting, shining, scintillating, splendid; (adj, adv) aglitter

gloom: (n) desolation, dark, darkness, blackness, depression, dimness, dusk, dreariness, despair, dejection; (n, v) cloud. ANTONYMS: (n) brightness, happiness, cheerfulness, glee, ecstasy, joy, optimism, cheer

gloomily: (adv) murkily, obscurely, drearily, darkly, somberly, morosely, sadly, sorrowfully, despondently, unhappily, glumly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) brightly, favorably, happily, optimistically, contentedly; (adj) auspiciously

gloomy: (adj) black, desolate, dejected, cheerless, depressing, dismal, downcast, disconsolate, melancholy, funereal, downhearted.

ANTONYMS: (adj) encouraging, cheery, cheerful, bright, hopeful, light, promising, uplifting, joyful, sunny, clear

glorified: (adj) celebrated, holy, overvalued, puffed up, overrated, overestimated, hyped, haloed, canonised, blessed, authorized

glorious: (adj) distinguished, beautiful, bright, celebrated, brilliant, eminent, magnificent, super, great, splendid; (adj, v) illustrious. ANTONYMS: (adj) sorrowful, despicable, horrible, shameful, lowly

gloriously: (adv) brilliantly, grandly, magnificently, illustriously, marvelously, superbly, wonderfully, gorgeously, radiantly, greatly, renownedly

glory: (n) celebrity, brightness, honor, distinction, glorification, eclat, dignity; (n, v) halo, pride; (v) exult, boast. ANTONYMS: (v) blasphemy, lament, profanity; (n) dishonor, disrepute, ugliness, blame, criticism

glow: (n, v) flush, gleam, shine, glimmer, glare, color, sparkle, beam; (v) burn, flare, kindle. ANTONYMS: (n) wanness, darkness, paleness; (v) pale, struggle

glowing: (adj, n) enthusiastic, cordial, passionate; (adj) burning, fervent, blazing, flaming, fiery, dazzling; (adj, v) warm; (adj, adv) aglow.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pale, wan, unhappy, unenthusiastic, derogatory, dispassionate, unwell

goddess: (n) divinity, God, beauty, nymph; (adj, n) idol; (adj) duck, darling, angel, Dulcinea, ladylove, inamorata

gods: (n) gallery

golden: (adj) aureate, fortunate, gilded, auspicious, gold, gilt, lucky, advantageous, fair, favorable, favored. ANTONYM: (adj) inauspicious

goner: (adj) desperate, extinct, hopeless; (n) cadaver, corpse, dead body

gory: (adj) bloody, bloodstained, sanguinary, sanguineous, slaughterous, bleeding, butcherly, cruel, lurid, murderous; (v) ensanguined. ANTONYMS: (adj) charming, uplifting, pleasant

gospels: (n) gospel, revelations, mark, acts, apocalypse, creed, evangel, evangelists, gospel singing, gospel truth, Luke

gossip: (n, v) chatter, rumor, chitchat, gab, talk, babble, natter, tattle; (n) chatterbox, conversation, small talk. ANTONYM: (n) truth

grabbing: (n) seizure; (adj) acquisitive

gradual: (adj) progressive, gentle, slow, deliberate, moderate, shading off, sequential, imperceptible; (adj, adv) piecemeal; (n) grail; (adv) gradually. ANTONYMS: (adj) dramatic, instant, unexpected, steep, abrupt, quick, rapid

gradually: (adv) bit by bit, slowly, inchmeal, progressively, unhurriedly, moderately, gently, little by little, increasingly, step by step; (adj, adv) piecemeal.

ANTONYMS: (adv) abruptly, midstream, quickly, rapidly, conspicuously, obviously

grandfather: (n) gramps, grandad, grandpapa, grandpa, grandsire, granddaddy, ancestor, father's father, paternal grandfather, father, forefather

grandly: (adv) splendidly, gorgeously, magnificently, regally, majestically, beautifully, stately, grandiosely, illustriously, superbly, greatly. ANTONYMS: (adv) simply, humbly

grandmother: (n) grandma, granny, crone, grannie, grandam, mother, dam, grandmamma, father's mother, paternal grandmother, hag

grandpa: (n) granddad, gramps, grandfather, grandad, granddaddy, grandparent, paternal grandfather, father's father, grandpapa, granddaddy

granite: (n) firmness, pluton, steadiness, batholite, limestone, stonework, batholith; (adj) flint, crystal, fossil, crag

granted: (adj, v) assumed; (adj) fixed, approved, settled, privileged, legal, decided, acknowledged, arranged; (v) disposed; (adv) yes

grass: (v) denounce, betray; (n) forage, cannabis, hay, pasture, fink, sward, pasturage; (adj, n) green,

marijuana. ANTONYM: (n) patriot
grateful: (adj, n) welcome; (adj) agreeable, appreciative, beholden, pleasing, pleasant, acceptable, indebted, obliged, pleasurable; (v) appreciate. ANTONYMS: (adj) ungrateful, unwelcome, unappreciative
gratification: (adj, n) delight; (n, v) content; (n) enjoyment, pleasure, satisfaction, fruition, complacency, joy, luxury, treat, fulfillment. ANTONYMS: (n) dissatisfaction, disenchantment, dismay, discontent, anxiety
gratitude: (n) appreciation, thanks, thank, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, appreciativeness, feeling, appreciate, grateful, thanksgiving, kindness. ANTONYMS: (n) ingratitude, ungratefulness
grave: (adj) solemn, serious, critical, earnest, dangerous, sedate, sad, grand; (adj, v) severe, acute; (v) engrave. ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, funny, cheerful, carefree, slight, nonchalant, trivial, stable, minor, insignificant, favorable
gray: (adj) dull, dim, bleak, gloomy, pale, grizzled, hoary, leaden, old, overcast; (n) grizzle. ANTONYMS: (adj) sunny, cheerful, clear, youthful
grazed: (adj) hurt
greatly: (adv) badly, enormously, considerably, extremely, highly, vastly, immensely, mightily, hugely; (adj, adv) far, deeply. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, hardly, superficially, poorly, lightly, insignificantly, barely, moderately
greatness: (n) excellence, dimension, dignity, bulk, size, enormousness, bigness, enormity, grandness, magnitude, fame. ANTONYMS: (n) obscurity, austerity, commonness, mildness, moderation, simplicity
greed: (n) cupidity, covetousness, avariciousness, desire, appetite, rapacity, voracity, voraciousness, gluttony, stinginess, insatiability. ANTONYMS: (n) moderation, temperance
greedily: (adv) covetously, avidly, voraciously, ravenously, rapaciously, acquisitively, gluttonously, hungrily, graspingly, eagerly, enviously. ANTONYM: (adv) sparingly
greens: (n) greenness, chard, vegetables, vegetable, green vegetables, spinach, common sorrel,

tossed salad, sprout, pigweed, leafy vegetable
grief: (adj, n, v) affliction; (n) dolor, anguish, distress, agony, pain, wound, chagrin, concern; (n, v) regret; (adj) sore. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, happiness, comfort, content, peace
grievance: (n) injustice, wrong, grudge, affliction, protest, objection, dissatisfaction, discontentment, dissatisfaction; (adj) annoyance; (adj, n) distress. ANTONYMS: (n) justice, praise
grievous: (adj) bitter, dolorous, dreadful, deplorable, sad, tough, pitiful, atrocious, regrettable, sorrowful, sorry. ANTONYM: (adj) successful
grim: (adj) austere, glum, cheerless, dour, ghastly, dreary, forbidding, dark, dire, hard, dismal. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, bright, funny, kindly, hospitable, pleasant, promising, simple, wonderful
grimy: (adj) dirty, filthy, grubby, dingy, unclean, impure, nasty, begrimed, squalid, messy, muddy. ANTONYMS: (adj) pure, pleasant
grin: (n, v) beam; (v) laugh, sneer, leer, quib, quip, satire, skit; (n) smirk, grinning, simper. ANTONYM: (v) frown
grinding: (v) cutting, excruciating, consuming, corroding; (n) abrasion, friction, sharpening, detrition; (adj) grating, extortionate, hard
grinning: (n) grin, smile, facial expression, facial gesture, smiling; (adj) beaming
grins: (n) merriment, amusement, entertainment, fun, gaiety, levity, diversion, mirth, recreation, sport
gripped: (adj) obsessed, engrossed, held, seized, captivated, fanatical, absorbed, occupied, preoccupied, rapt, spellbound. ANTONYM: (adj) uninterested
groaning: (adj) moaning, groaningly, inarticulate
grotesque: (adj) fantastic, bizarre, funny, antic, absurd, droll, strange, baroque, weird, ugly, hideous. ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, normal, commonplace, attractive
grouped: (adj) sorted, classified, collective, gather
grove: (n) forest, orchard, thicket, coppice, wood, gardens, residences, Holt, bosquet, park, Hurst
growling: (adj) grunting, doggish, churlish, brutal, guttural, hoarse,

husky, peevish; (n) scowling, glowering
grown: (adj) mature, big, grown, grown-up, developed, ripe, grownup, fully grown, full-grown, growth, become. ANTONYM: (adj) unripe
gruff: (adj) bluff, abrupt, curt, crusty, brusque, brutal, husky; (adj, v) coarse, rough, hoarse, harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) courteous, friendly, high, velvety, smooth, mellow, gentle, civil, polite
grumble: (n, v) mutter, gripe, growl, moan, rumble, mumble, groan, roar; (v) complain, grouch; (n) complaint. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) compliment, rejoice
grumbling: (n) grumble, growling, murmur, murmuring, mutter, muttering; (adj, n) rumbling; (adv) grumbly; (adj) grouchy, grumpy, irritable
grunt: (v) growl, croak, mutter, complain, murmur, moan, clamor, mumble; (n, v) cry; (n) groan, cottonwick
grunting: (n) inarticulate, grunting respiration, growl, grunt
guard: (n) defense, protection, escort, bulwark, watchman, custody, fender; (n, v) care, shield, cover; (adj, n, v) ward. ANTONYMS: (v) endanger, expose, neglect, reveal; (n) attacker
guardian: (n) guard, defender, champion, curator, warden, conservator, bodyguard, keeper; (adj, n) protector; (adj) protective, custodial. ANTONYMS: (n) attacker, detractor
guarding: (n) surveillance, conservation, precaution, shielding, marking, civil defense, patrol, accompaniment, guardianship; (adj) preserving, defensive
guess: (n, v) surmise, estimate, forecast; (v) suppose, deem, reckon, divine, believe, foretell; (n) assumption, supposition
guidance: (n, v) direction, government, control, management, administration, charge; (n) advice, counsel, lead, instruction, regulation
guided: (adj) conducted, directed, led
guilt: (n) sin, criminality, fault, repentance, remorse, offence, guilty, error, culpability, complicity, delinquency. ANTONYM: (n) blamelessness
guiltily: (adv) blameworthy, criminally, hangdogly, wickedly,

- faultily, sheepishly, delinquently, sinfully, awkwardly, sorrily, ashamedly
- guilty:** (adj) culpable, faulty, wicked, hangdog, criminal, chargeable, sinful, blameworthy; (n) guilt, culprit; (adj, v) condemned. ANTONYMS: (adj) blameless, aggressive, proud
- gulf:** (n) abyss, depth, creek, vortex, bay, loch, cove, abysm, gap, gorge, bight
- gulping:** (n) draught, swilling, guzzling, drinking, draft; (adj) breathless, greedy
- guns:** (n) weapons, weaponry, arms, arsenal, armaments, artillery
- gust:** (n) eruption, flurry, blow, blast, puff, flare, explosion, gale, storm, breeze; (adj, n) whiff
- habit:** (n) clothing, practice, dress, garb, attire, convention, character, ritual, addiction, clothes; (n, v) use. ANTONYM: (n) innovation
- habitually:** (adv) usually, ordinarily, normally, generally, regularly, frequently, commonly, routinely, wontedly, conventionally, commonplacely. ANTONYMS: (adv) unusually, seldom, erratically, exceptionally, occasionally
- haggard:** (adj) emaciated, gaunt, cadaverous, careworn, tired, worn, lean, thin, wasted, pinched, squalid. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, carefree, healthy
- halo:** (n) halation, aura, glory, ring, circle, corona, nimbus, hoop, aureola, band, anchor ring
- halt:** (n, v) stay, limp, arrest, block, check, pause; (v) cease, discontinue, desist; (n) cessation; (adj, n, v) hold. ANTONYMS: (v) continue, help, activate, begin, mobilize, accelerate, rise; (n) go
- halted:** (adj) motionless, nonmoving, unmoving
- hammer:** (v) strike, beat, knock, bang, tap, forge, thrash, hit; (n, v) pound, club; (n) gavel
- handful:** (n) smattering, armful, mouthful, capful, containerful, lump; (adj) thimbleful, company, several, maniple, strong
- handkerchief:** (n) hankie, kerchief, bandanna, cravat, hanky, wipe, bandana, collar, shawl; (n, v) napkin; (v) sudary
- handsome:** (adj) fair, beautiful, fine, generous, charming, comely, attractive, bountiful, considerable, bonny, prepossessing. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, unattractive, meager, ungenerous, measly, plain
- handy:** (adj) convenient, adroit, apt, expert, clever, deft, dexterous, good, accessible; (adj, n) available; (adj, n, v) ready. ANTONYMS: (adj) clumsy, fixed, inept, unwieldy, inconvenient, faraway, far, difficult, distant, cumbersome, worthless
- hang:** (adj, n, v) suspend; (v) dangle, depend, drape, float, fall, hover, append, string up; (n, v) delay; (adj) hung
- hanging:** (n) execution, curtain, arras, wall hanging; (adj) suspended, pendent, pendant, pendulous, hung, pending; (n, v) suspension
- happenings:** (n) actions, activities
- happiness:** (n) delight, merriment, ecstasy, welfare, gladness, luck, cheerfulness, blessedness, bliss, felicity, contentment. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, despair, grief, misery, dissatisfaction, seriousness, dullness, discontent, dejection, gloominess, displeasure
- harangue:** (v) declaim; (n) rant, screed, address, tirade, oration, diatribe, sermon; (n, v) lecture, discourse, stump
- harassed:** (adj) annoyed, pestered, irritated, bothered, annoy, jittery, worried, troubled, beleaguered, obsessed, harried. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, carefree
- harder:** (adj) serious
- harm:** (adj, n, v) damage, hurt; (adj, n) evil, detriment, injury; (n, v) abuse, wound, blemish, disadvantage; (n) bruise; (adj, v) injure. ANTONYMS: (n, v) benefit, respect, help; (n) reparation, service; (v) enable, spoil, protect, defend, repair
- harsh:** (adj, v) sharp, bitter; (adj, n) grating, coarse, austere, discordant; (adj) grim, cruel, crude, unkind, stern. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, soft, harmonious, pleasant, lenient, kind, melodious, sweet, mild, lush, friendly
- harshly:** (adv) roughly, severely, sternly, sharply, cruelly, hoarsely, strictly, pitilessly, rigorously, rigidly; (adj, adv) piercingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, harmoniously, quietly, gently, elaborately, leniently, smoothly, tolerantly, cheerfully, loosely, pleasantly
- haste:** (n, v) hurry, dash, dispatch, rush; (n) celerity, expedition, rapidity, speed, bustle, hastiness, quickness. ANTONYMS: (n) delay, patience, forethought, caution
- hasten:** (adj, n, v) speed, quicken; (v) expedite, advance, hurry, hie, dash, rush; (n, v) further, forward, dispatch. ANTONYMS: (v) linger, retard, amble
- hastened:** (adj) careless
- hastening:** (n) quickening, speed, hurrying, speeding up, faster, fast, stepping up
- hastily:** (adv) hurriedly, rapidly, quickly, rashly, promptly, suddenly, thoughtlessly, impetuously, swiftly, imprudently, speedily. ANTONYMS: (adv) carefully, unhurriedly, industriously, sensibly, prudently, late, calmly, thoroughly, patiently, gradually, cautiously
- hate:** (v) abhor, detest, loathe, abominate; (n) enmity, abhorrence, detestation, hatred, animosity, antipathy, aversion. ANTONYMS: (n, v) like; (v) adore, cherish, admire; (n) attraction, liking, delight, adoration
- hated:** (adj) despised, disliked, not liked, reviled, scorned, unloved, unpopular. ANTONYM: (adj) precious
- hateful:** (adj) disgusting, execrable, nasty, abominable, hideous, despicable, repulsive, distasteful, foul; (adj, v) odious, obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, kind, nice, benign, desirable
- hatefully:** (adv) repulsively, meanly, abhorrently, malevolently, spitefully, repellently, repugnantly, loathsomely, obnoxiously, offensively, heinously
- hating:** (adj) loathful, abhorring, disgusting, misanthropic, vengeful; (n) venom
- hatred:** (n, v) detestation, enmity, animosity; (n) aversion, antipathy, disgust, abhorrence, grudge, anger, abomination, hostility. ANTONYMS: (n) liking, adoration, affection, attraction, goodwill, kindness, delight, friendliness, admiration
- haven:** (n) harbor, port, asylum, harbour, refuge, retreat, destination, anchorage, cover, housing; (n, v) shelter
- haversack:** (n) bag, knapsack, rucksack, kitbag, packsack, sack, pack, pouch, wallet, satchel, sheath
- havoc:** (n) devastation, mayhem, destruction, damage, demolition,

debacle, wreckage, waste, chaos, downfall; (n, v) carnage.
 ANTONYMS: (n) peace, calm

haze: (n) fog, cloud, confusion, vapor, blur, daze, film, cloudiness, turbidity; (n, v) mist; (v) dim.
 ANTONYMS: (n) clarity, brightness

headed: (n) maturer; (adj) oriented.
 ANTONYM: (adj) unheaded

headgear: (n) halter, bridle, hood, hackamore, hoist, hat, cap, chapeau, helmet, lid, miter

headlong: (adj, adv) headfirst; (adv) directly, hastily, precipitately; (adj) rash, hurried, desperate, precipitous, impetuous, sudden, precipitate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautiously, considered; (adv) carefully

headquarters: (n) seat, central office, base, residence, office, head office, main office, center, abode, address, Home Office

headstrong: (adj) intractable, dogged, obstinate, disobedient, unruly, willful, wayward, froward, rash, headlong; (adj, v) unmanageable.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) tractable, compliant, amenable, docile, malleable, agreeable, cautious

heap: (n, v) pile, aggregate, amass; (n) collection, accumulation, mound, mass, group, lot; (v) bank, collect.
 ANTONYM: (v) tidy

heaps: (adj, n) lots, much; (n) masses, oodles, piles, stacks, many, tons, plenty, lot, accumulation.
 ANTONYM: (adj) inadequate

hearing: (n) audition, ear, auditory sense, trial, consultation, reach, auscultation, inquiry; (n, v) earshot, sound; (adj, n) audience

hears: (v) hear

heartily: (adv) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, languorously

hearts: (n) Black Maria, spades

heated: (adj) fierce, burning, excited, ardent, fevered, passionate, hot, furious, fiery, fervent; (v) heat.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, cooled, mild, apathetic, quiet, impassive

heave: (n, v) cast, fling, raise, gasp, toss, lift; (v) chuck, haul, elevate, pitch, billow. ANTONYMS: (v) push, drop

heaven: (n) Eden, firmament, bliss, Elysium, sky, nirvana, glory, Elysian Fields, Garden of Eden, utopia; (adj)

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celestial. ANTONYM: (n) misery

heavens: (n) firmament, heaven, sky, welkin, sphere, atmosphere, celestial sphere, space, skies, area, vault of heaven

heavily: (adv) seriously, weightily, severely, ponderously, hard, firmly, thickly, grievously, sadly, strongly, compactly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, nimbly, briskly, sparsely, thinly, slightly

heaviness: (n) dullness, fatness, sadness, ponderosity, ponderousness, weightiness, weight, darkness, gloom, wideness, pressure. ANTONYMS: (n) slenderness, nimbleness, weightlessness

heaving: (v) tremor, twitter; (adj) swelling, full, full up, jammed; (n) murmur, forcing out, groan, grumble, mutter. ANTONYM: (adj) deserted

heedless: (adj) careless, reckless, inattentive, neglectful, negligent, thoughtless, rash, regardless, unwary, indifferent; (adj, v) wanton. ANTONYMS: (adj) heedful, attentive, mindful, conscientious, prudent, careful, cautious

height: (n) apex, crest, altitude, pinnacle, peak, top, culmination, level, zenith, summit, climax.
 ANTONYMS: (n) shortness, nadir, depth, trough, deepness, base, dip

heights: (n) place, elevation, high places, high, heaven

hello: (n) greeting, howdy, hullo, hi, aloha, salutation, ciao, so long, goodbye, aloha state; (v) hail

helpless: (adj, v) forlorn, destitute, abandoned; (adj) powerless, weak, defenseless, disabled, impotent, feeble, hopeless, unable.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, independent, capable, invulnerable, armed, powerful, impervious

helplessly: (adv) weakly, powerlessly, lostly, destitutely, shiftlessly, defenselessly, unprotectedly, ineffectively, wretchedly, incompetently, disabledly. ANTONYM: (adv) powerfully

herald: (n) forerunner, courier, messenger; (v) declare, foretell, announce, bode, proclaim, introduce, foreshadow; (n, v) augur.
 ANTONYMS: (v) follow; (n) successor

heraldic: (adj) communicative, communicatory

heretofore: (adv) formerly, as yet, before, so far, yet, already, until now, previously, once, hereunto; (adv, n) hitherto

hero: (n) character, protector, leader, demigod, warrior, protagonist, combatant, fighter, defender, bomber; (adj, n) worthy.
 ANTONYMS: (n) coward, loser, villain

heroic: (adj) courageous, brave, fearless, chivalrous, dauntless, valiant, grand, intrepid, gallant, impressive, heroic. ANTONYMS: (adj) fearful, normal, despicable, lowly

hesitate: (adj, n, v) pause, delay; (adj, v) linger; (v) fluctuate, halt, waver, vacillate, demur, boggle, procrastinate; (n, v) doubt.
 ANTONYMS: (v) rush, decide

hesitation: (n, v) falter, fear; (n) hesitance, faltering, delay, hesitate, diffidence, hesitancy, qualm, reluctance; (v) hesitating.
 ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, resolution, confidence, decisiveness, enthusiasm, inclination, willingness

hidden: (adj) clandestine, concealed, obscure, dark, secret, latent, covert, invisible, arcane, covered; (adj, v) confidential. ANTONYMS: (adj) exposed, open, active, noticeable, overt, revealing, known, explicit, mainstream, transparent, visible

hide: (n, v) cover, disguise, shelter, veil; (adj, v) obscure; (n) fur, fell, coat; (v) bury, mask; (adj, n, v) darken. ANTONYMS: (v) show, expose, express, divulge, unearth, amplify, advertise, clarify

hideous: (adj) dreadful, frightful, fearful, ghastly, horrid, ugly, repulsive, lurid, horrible, grisly, grim. ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, pleasant, beautiful, wonderful

hiding: (n) covering, concealment, concealing, beating, screening, thrashing, flogging, rout, burial, drubbing, ambush

hilarious: (adj) gay, convivial, humorous, funny, happy, jovial, blithe, merry, jaunty, festive, laughable. ANTONYMS: (adj) sad, tragic

hillock: (n) hill, mound, rise, barrow, kopje, hammock, elevation, heap; (adj, n) knoll, hummock; (adj) mole

hills: (n) home, dry land, foothills, earth, ground

hillside: (n) acclivity, slope, bank, declivity, hill, gradient, hill-side,

mountain waist, the area half way up a mountain, mountainside, side

hilt: (n) knob, grip, handgrip, haft, helm, gripe, tiller, treadle, key, trigger, butt

hinder: (v) impede, resist, check, hamper, obstruct, curb, handicap, delay; (n, v) bar; (adj) posterior, hind. ANTONYMS: (v) help, facilitate, assist, prompt, encourage, promote, allow, support, accelerate

hither: (adv) here, whither, hitherward, thither

hive: (adj) swarm, herd; (v) store, SE nicher; (n) concourse, hiding place, cave, cell, den, aerie, eyry

hoarse: (adj) gruff, husky, raucous, grating, strident, guttural, rough, throaty; (v) coarse; (adj, v) hollow, sepulchral. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, mellow, velvety, high

holes: (n) cavity, holes tow

holler: (n, v) cry, scream, call, shout, yell, bawl, hollo, shriek, bellow; (v) exclaim, screech. ANTONYM: (v) whisper

hollow: (adj, n) blank; (n) cavity, depression, cave, dell; (adj) empty, false; (adj, n, v) concave; (n, v) excavate, dent, scoop. ANTONYMS: (adj) convex, sincere, true, full, meaningful, cramped, valid; (n) hump, bump, hill, lump

holt: (n) tope, thicket, spinney, grove, coppice, brake, frith

homely: (adj) plain, common, rustic, artless, home, snug, homelike, domestic; (adj, adv) ugly; (adv) plainly, simply. ANTONYMS: (adj) sophisticated, striking, uncomfortable, bleak

honey: (n) dear, love, beloved, nectar, sweetheart, dearest, duck, molasses, sugar, baby; (v) sweeten

honor: (n, v) respect, reputation, glory, fame, reward; (n) award, accolade, reverence; (v) celebrate; (adj, n, v) worship, grace.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) dishonor, disgrace; (n) shame, humiliation, wickedness, contempt, insult; (v) break, ignore, disrespect, discredit

horizon: (n) ambit, reach, purview, vista, view, perspective, prospect, skyline, arena, celestial horizon, amphitheater

horizontal: (adj) flat, level, straight, direct, prostrate, smooth, recumbent, flush, clear; (adj, n) plane; (n) orientation. ANTONYMS: (adj) sloping, perpendicular, inclined, standing

hornpipe: (n) bolero, stockhorn, rigadon, saraband, folk dancing, pibgorn, folk dance, reel

horrible: (adj) awful, fearful, frightful, abominable, grisly, formidable, dire, ghastly, dreadful, fearsome; (adj, v) horrid. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, lovely, nice, lovable, fair, delightful, slight, appealing, minor, attractive, great

horribly: (adv) horribly, awfully, terrifically, hideously, atrociously, appallingly; (adj, adv) frightfully, terribly, fearfully, shockingly; (adj) ghastly. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, wonderfully, kindly, sweetly

horrified: (v) horrify, chagrined, cut up, terrify, frighten; (adj) scared, dismayed, alarmed, frightened, aghast, terrified. ANTONYM: (adj) proud

horror: (n) abomination, abhorrence, dismay, fear, fright, revulsion, alarm, repulsion, anxiety; (adj, n) dread, terror. ANTONYMS: (n) delight, attraction, proclivity, bravery, calm, confidence, security

horrors: (adj) pessimism, vapors, spleen, migrains; (n) delirium tremens

horseback: (n) hogback, body part
horseman: (n) cavalier, rider, jockey, horse fancier, horseback rider, trooper, trainer, knight, cavalryman, animal fancier, postilion

horsemanship: (adj) airmanship, marksmanship, seamanship; (v) ride and tie; (n) skill, manege, equestrianism, attainment, acquisition, acquirement, accomplishment

host: (n) horde, flock, army, mob, troop, multitude, throng, emcee, mass, swarm; (adj, n) legion.

ANTONYMS: (n) guest, few

hostile: (adj) aggressive, contrary, adverse, warlike, belligerent, unfavorable, averse, opposed, antagonistic, inimical, irreconcilable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) soothing, warm, allied, open, amicable, favorable, sympathetic, gentle, harmonious, hospitable, lush

hostility: (n) animosity, antagonism, aggression, feud, aversion, animus, bitterness, hatred, rancor, bad blood, conflict. ANTONYMS: (n) closeness, goodwill, accord, friendship, receptiveness, peace, receptivity, cooperation, ease, gentleness,

harmony

hosts: (n) armies, Sabaoth

hotness: (n) temperature, calefaction, high temperature, fieriness, horniness, hot pants, spice, spicery, spiciness, heat energy, heating

howl: (n, v) cry, roar, scream, bark, shout, yell, bay, yelp; (v) bawl, growl, yawl. ANTONYM: (v) laugh

howling: (n) howl, cry; (adj) fierce, fantastic, gross, glaring, marvelous, wonderful, wondrous; (adj, n) weeping, sniveling

huddled: (adj) crouched, crouching, hunkered down, hunkered

hull: (n) crust, casing, hulk, husk, structure, body, dried parchment; (n, v) skin; (adj) torso, trunk, bole

humble: (v) demean, humiliate, mortify; (n, v) disgrace, debase; (adj, n, v) abase; (adj) base, lowly, unassuming, docile, low.

ANTONYMS: (adj) impressive, arrogant, haughty, imposing, conceited, pompous, snooty, overbearing, presumptuous, proud, exalted

humbly: (adv) lowly, meanly, modestly, submissively, low, shyly, lowly, naturally, regretfully, remorsefully, repentantly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) conceitedly, haughtily, pompously, ostentatiously, unrepentantly, affluently, brashly, pretentiously

humility: (n) diffidence, modesty, submission, shyness, meekness, lowliness, timidity, trait, humiliation, resignation; (adj) veneration. ANTONYMS: (n) haughtiness, affectation, conceit, arrogance

humor: (n, v) caprice, freak, humour; (n) temper, mood, disposition, wit; (v) indulge, gratify; (adj, n) spirit, frame of mind. ANTONYMS: (n) seriousness, gravity, solemnity; (v) displeasure

humorous: (adj) comical, funny, comic, droll, playful, hilarious, jocose, farcical, jocular; (adj, n) facetious, witty. ANTONYMS: (adj) serious, tragic, humorless, dull

hung: (n) hanging; (v) Heng; (adj) fatigued, puzzled, decorated

hunger: (n, v) thirst, want, wish, itch; (n) craving, appetite, eagerness, famine; (v) crave, ache; (adj) hungry.

ANTONYMS: (n) moderation, aversion, dislike, apathy

hungry: (adj) eager, avid, famished, starving, esurient, greedy, ravenous,

desirous, meager, starveling; (v) starve. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, satiated, sated, thirsty, unconcerned, moderate, healthy, disinterested

hunter: (n) fowler, huntsman, trapper, Nimrod, seeker, tracker, falconer, hawker, courser, watch, ticker

hunting: (n, v) chase; (v) battue; (n) exploration, pursuit, search, ducking, beagling, coursing, frisking, venery, shooting

hurling: (adj) moving; (n) field game

hurried: (adj) fast, sudden, speedy, rapid, quick, swift, headlong, abrupt, cursory, precipitate, prompt. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurried, leisurely, considered, patient, meticulous, thorough

hurriedly: (adv) rapidly, quickly, swiftly, abruptly, promptly, fast, in haste, suddenly, speedily, rashly, precipitately. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, unhurriedly, patiently, carefully, gradually, thoroughly

hurry: (n) haste; (n, v) bustle, hasten, dispatch, flurry, rush; (v) scurry, dash, accelerate, expedite, run. ANTONYMS: (n) slowness, calmness, patience, unimportance; (v) dawdle, delay, linger, crawl, amble; (intj) wait

hurrying: (n) hastening, speed, quickening, rushing, early, speeding, speeding up, stepping up, amphetamine, forward, eager

hurt: (adj, n, v) damage, detriment; (adj, n) evil; (n, v) wound, pain, ache, distress; (n) disadvantage, lesion; (v) afflict; (adj, v) injure. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurt, unaffected, healed; (v) encourage, please, protect, repair, defend; (n, v) help; (n) reparation, pleasure

hush: (adj, n, v) calm, silence, quiet, still, lull; (n) peace; (v) shut up, gag, quieten, muffle; (adj, v) soothe. ANTONYMS: (n) noise, turmoil; (v) Louden

hushed: (adj) calm, silent, still, subdued, placid, muffled, noiseless, soft, soundless, tranquil, gentle. ANTONYM: (adj) noisy

husky: (adj) hoarse, gruff, burly, big, dry, raucous, beefy, strapping, brawny, sturdy; (n) Eskimo dog. ANTONYMS: (adj) high, puny, small, smooth, soft

hymn: (n) song, canticle, chant, anthem, carol, chorale, doxology; (v) glorify, laud, sing, extol

hysterical: (adj, n) feverish; (adj)

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wild, violent, eccentric, frenzied, emotional, fitful, febrile, erratic; (n) fanatical, hysterics. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, composed, restrained

hysterically: (adv) feverishly, frantically, agitatedly, worriedly, wildly, violently, turbulently, excitedly, emotionally, passionately, stormily. ANTONYM: (adv) peacefully

ideals: (n) morality, principle, standard, standards, ethics, principles

idiot: (n) dolt, blockhead, dunce, dimwit, moron, cretin, ass, imbecile, oaf, changeling, idiocy. ANTONYM: (n) intellectual

idiotically: (adv) foolishly, stupidly, absurdly, ridiculously, silly, insanely, senselessly, mindlessly, crazily, imbecilely, inanely. ANTONYM: (adv) wisely

idle: (adj) lazy, indolent, inactive, free, unfounded, fruitless, baseless, groundless, frivolous, empty, disengaged. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, employed, industrious, energetic, meaningful, productive, worthwhile, diligent; (v) change, run, work

idleness: (n) lethargy, laziness, torpor, inactivity, idling, unemployment, sloth, inaction, inertia, faineance, idlesse. ANTONYMS: (n) energy, activity, bustle, liveliness, responsibility

idly: (adj, adv) foolishly; (adv) vainly, vaguely, listlessly, forgetfully, distractedly; (adj) thoughtlessly. ANTONYM: (adv) energetically

ignited: (adj) kindled, enkindled, flaming, ablaze, fiery; (adj, v) burning; (v) having life, flowing, active, being alive, laving

ignorance: (n) illiteracy, nescience, folly, unwisdom, innocence, denseness, ignorancy, stupidity, obtuseness, tabula rasa, unawareness. ANTONYMS: (n) intelligence, acquaintance, education

ignorant: (adj) unconscious, unwitting, rude, illiterate, uneducated, blind, dull, unaware, uninformed, unlearned, innocent. ANTONYMS: (adj) conscious, versed, cultured, educated, informed, wary, literate, aware, polite

illuminating: (adj) illuminate, informative, edifying, illuminatingly, instructive, descriptive, brilliant, light, elucidate,

illustrative, lighten. ANTONYMS: (adj) hidden, unilluminating, secretive

illumine: (v) illuminate, enlighten, light, shine, light up, brighten, clarify, irradiate, elucidate, to illuminate; (adj, v) illumine

illusion: (n, v) delusion; (n) fantasy, apparition, deception, magic, fancy, deceit, dissimulation, phantom, trick, vision. ANTONYMS: (n) reality, fact

illustrated: (adj) embellished, decorated, distinguished, graphic

imagination: (n) vision, fancy, image, dream, conceit, imagery, originality, invention, resource, reflection, phantasy

imagined: (adj) fanciful, notional, unreal, fancied, fictitious, nonexistent, unseen, hypothetical, feigned, dubious, doubtful

imbecile: (adj) foolish, idiotic, fatuous, dumb, imbecilic, simple; (n) idiot, moron, cretin, ass, oaf. ANTONYM: (adj) genius

imitative: (adj) mock, counterfeit, derivative, fake, false, fictitious, bogus, bastard, onomatopoeic, base, sham. ANTONYMS: (adj) genuine, real, nonimitative

immaterial: (adj) insignificant, insequential, irrelevant, disembodied, incorporeal, trivial, bodiless, spiritual, unimportant, extraneous, psychic. ANTONYMS: (adj) significant, material, corporeal, physical, tangible, important

immense: (adj) vast, enormous, great, gigantic, immeasurable, colossal, boundless, big, large, giant, infinite. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, small, insignificant, miniature, slight, negligible, compact, narrow, short, minor

immensely: (adv) highly, infinitely, greatly, enormously, tremendously, extremely, mightily, hugely, massively, immeasurably, monstrously

impaired: (adj) sick, damaged, crippled, defective, faulty, corrupted, poor, unfit, hurt, deficient, depressed

impatience: (n) annoyance, eagerness, anger, intolerance, restlessness, fidget, nervousness, fidgetiness, enthusiasm, edginess; (adj) nonendurance. ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, endurance, apathy

impatient: (adj) eager, anxious, petulant, fidgety, vexed, keen, edgy,

- quick, avid, irritable, fretful.
ANTONYMS: (adj) patient, enduring, unenthusiastic, calm, happy, relaxed, slow
- impatiently:** (adv) petulantly, restlessly, keenly, intolerantly, hastily, avidly, uneasily, enthusiastically, edgily, fidgetily, restively. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncomplainingly, calmly, unenthusiastically, lightly
- impelled:** (adj) prompted, provoked, determined, compulsive, encouraged, goaded, motivated, bound
- impending:** (adj) forthcoming, close, future, coming, approaching, near, prospective, pending, at hand, upcoming, threatening.
ANTONYMS: (adj) distant, unlikely, past
- imperious:** (adj) haughty, domineering, authoritative, arbitrary, imperative, masterful, dictatorial, commanding, lordly, magisterial, despotic. ANTONYM: (adj) subservient
- impetus:** (n) impulsion, force, drive, power, stimulus, goad, spur, incentive, driving force, momentum; (n, v) energy. ANTONYM: (n) inertia
- imply:** (adj) prankish, mischievous, pixilated, badly behaved, playful, fuddled, foolish, elvish, elfish, crooked, blotto
- implore:** (adj) appealing, begging, suppliant, pleading, entreating, piteous, importunate, entreating urgently; (v) supplicate, plead; (n) prayer
- import:** (n, v) matter, sense, denote; (n) meaning, effect, connotation, implication, moment, significance, value; (v) imply. ANTONYMS: (n, v) export; (n) insignificance, inconsequence, triviality
- impotency:** (n) weakness, powerlessness, impuissance, disability, quality, sterility, infertility, helplessness, incapability, inability, imbecility
- impotent:** (adj) helpless, feeble, frail, fragile, inadequate, weak, barren, slack, ineffective, incapable, unable. ANTONYMS: (adj) able, powerful
- impregnable:** (adj, v) fast; (adj) secure, inexpugnable, unassailable, unconquerable, invulnerable, insurmountable, unshakable, irresistible, strong, safe.
ANTONYMS: (adj) vulnerable,
- tenuous
- impressed:** (adj) touched, bewildered, amazed, susceptible, stupefied, stunned, confused, bemused; (v) imprinted, stamped, carved. ANTONYM: (adj) unimpressed
- impression:** (n) feeling, idea, imprint, conception, depression, notion, mark, image, dent, feel, opinion.
ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, hump, lump
- imprint:** (n, v) mark, stamp, brand, print; (n) impression, effect, feeling; (v) engrave, inscribe, emboss, dent
- impudent:** (adj, n) bold, daring; (adj) disrespectful, audacious, impertinent, brassy, barefaced, brazen, insolent, brash, cheeky.
ANTONYMS: (adj) polite, cowardly
- impulse:** (n) pulse, urge, impulsion, force, motive, whim, drive, goad, motivation, momentum, incentive.
ANTONYMS: (n) aversion, disincentive, disinclination
- inability:** (n) disqualification, insufficiency, incapacity, incompetence, impotence, impotency, feebleness, helplessness, inadequacy, weakness, inaptitude.
ANTONYMS: (n) ability, capability, power, capacity
- inaccurate:** (adj) incorrect, faulty, false, wrong, inexact, improper, loose, untrue, mistaken, not exact, imprecise. ANTONYMS: (adj) correct, exact, accurate, truthful, careful, reliable, valid
- inadequate:** (adj) faulty, flimsy, poor, deficient, defective, incompetent, feeble, imperfect, inappropriate, short, ineffective. ANTONYMS: (adj) ample, passable, enough, strong, competent, reasonable, acceptable, generous, plentiful, useful, suitable
- incapable:** (adj) impotent, inadequate, unable, helpless, powerless, unqualified, inept, insufficient, inapt, ineffectual, unfit.
ANTONYMS: (adj) able, competent, strong, powerful, effective
- incessant:** (adj) endless, continual, everlasting, eternal, constant, continuous, perpetual, unremitting, interminable, persistent; (adj, v) frequent. ANTONYMS: (adj) intermittent, occasional, sporadic, broken, finite
- incident:** (n) fact, experience, circumstance, occasion, adventure, happening, occurrence, episode,
- instance, case, contingency.
ANTONYMS: (adj) basic; (n) defense
- incline:** (v) cant, dispose, bend; (n, v) slope, bias, dip, tilt; (n) ascent, gradient, grade, inclination.
ANTONYMS: (v) indispose, level; (n) hollow, descent
- inclined:** (adj, v) given; (adj) prone, willing, oblique, apt, predisposed, ready, minded, likely, liable, bowed.
ANTONYMS: (adj) reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, horizontal, unbiased, vertical, impervious
- inclosed:** (adj) confined, entrails, included, internal, intestine
- incoherent:** (adj) disjointed, disconnected, delirious, rambling, confused, disordered, incompatible, wandering, muddled, inconsistent, contradictory. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, articulate, eloquent, intelligible, lucid, sound, concise, consistent
- incompetence:** (n) inability, inaptitude, inadequacy, disqualification, ineptitude, impotence, ineptness, incompetency, insufficiency, incapability; (adj) inefficiency. ANTONYMS: (n) efficiency, skill, capability, effectiveness, ability
- incomprehensible:** (adj) inapprehensible, inscrutable, inarticulate, abstruse, cryptic, unfathomable, puzzling, obscure, inexplicable, inconceivable, unaccountable. ANTONYMS: (adj) comprehensible, explicable, understandable, intelligible, legible, obvious, straightforward
- incredible:** (adj, n) astonishing, marvelous; (adj, v) inconceivable; (adj) fabulous, extraordinary, unbelievable, implausible, fantastic, unlikely, preposterous, wonderful.
ANTONYMS: (adj) credible, believable, conceivable, unspectacular, likely, mundane, unremarkable, plausible, awful, sensible, real
- incredibly:** (adv) unbelievably, improbably, implausibly, greatly, dreadfully, fantastically; (adj, adv) astonishingly, amazingly, marvelously, surprisingly; (adj) emphatically. ANTONYMS: (adv) unremarkably, slightly, credibly, believably, sensibly, plausibly, conceivably, hardly
- indecision:** (n) hesitation, irresolution, uncertainty,

- indecisiveness, hesitance, qualm, vacillation, hesitancy, dubiety, infirmity of purpose; (adj, n) suspense. ANTONYMS: (n) determination, resolve, resolution, confidence
- indefinite:** (adj, v) ambiguous, vague; (adj) uncertain, boundless, hazy, equivocal, unlimited, doubtful, dubious, imprecise, indecisive. ANTONYMS: (adj) definite, limited, fixed, constrained, specific, distinct, known, precise, clear, exact
- indicated:** (adj) numbered
- indicating:** (v) indicative, indicate; (n) indication, reference; (adj) representing, representative, demonstrating, signifying, indicant, designatory, indicative of
- indifferent:** (adj) apathetic, impassive, cold, cool, callous, fair, insensible, unconcerned, careless, dull, average. ANTONYMS: (adj) enthusiastic, fervent, keen, obsessive, energetic, eager, involved, surprised, exceptional, concerned, shocked
- indifferently:** (adv) carelessly, coldly, nonchalantly, listlessly, unconcernedly, uninterestedly, neutrally, middlingly, casually, unbiasedly, disinterestedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) passionately, obsessively, eagerly, energetically, warmly, anxiously, enthusiastically, sympathetically
- indignantly:** (adv) irately, angrily, wrathfully, enraged, sorely, acrimoniously, cynically, sulkily, hotly, exasperatedly, furiously
- indignation:** (n) anger, resentment, displeasure, grudge, umbrage, rage, outrage, exasperation, cholera, dudgeon; (adj, n) wrath. ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, pleasure
- industriously:** (adv) diligently, painstakingly, busily, sedulously, tirelessly, untiringly, eagerly, studiously, laboriously, carefully, conscientiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) wearily, carelessly
- inexperience:** (adj) inexperienced, inexterity, incomprehension, inability; (adj, n) simplicity; (n) freshness, innocence, ignorance, newness, callowness, unfamiliarity. ANTONYMS: (n) skillfulness, sophistication, wisdom
- infantile:** (adj) immature, infant, babyish, infantine, young, juvenile, childlike, baby, adolescent, puerile, little. ANTONYM: (adj) old
- infantry:** (n) foot soldier, infantryman, artillery, army unit, army, base, cavalry, dragoon, ft, fundament, groundwork
- infected:** (adj) diseased, dirty, impure, tainted, festering, corrupt, unclean, morbid, stained, spoiled, soiled. ANTONYM: (adj) healthy
- infernal:** (adj) devilish, fiendish, diabolical, demonic, damned, cursed, blasted, unholy, wicked; (adj, v) diabolic, satanic
- infinite:** (adj) absolute, eternal, endless, countless, immense, incalculable, boundless, innumerable, immeasurable, everlasting, spaceless. ANTONYMS: (adj) finite, limited, restricted, small, tiny, slight
- inflamed:** (adj) impassioned, excited, angry, hot, flaming, ablaze, irritated, passionate, painful, burning; (n) red
- informed:** (adj) cognizant, educated, conscious, knowledgeable, familiar, apprised, wise, conversant, experienced, sensible; (adv) abreast. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninformed, unconcerned
- infrequent:** (adj) few, rare, scarce, seldom, exceptional, occasional, unwonted, sparse, sporadic, unusual, deficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, regular, usual
- inhuman:** (adj) heartless, cruel, atrocious, brutal, cold, harsh, ferocious, remorseless, barbarous, relentless, barbaric. ANTONYMS: (adj) sympathetic, kind, humane
- injured:** (adj) hurt, broken, wounded, affected, damaged, pained, offended, insulted, defective, prejudiced; (n) casualty. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninjured, unaffected, well
- injustice:** (n) iniquity, wrong, unfairness, bigotry, wickedness, prejudice, crime; (adj, n) injury, evil, harm, damage. ANTONYMS: (n) fairness, evenhandedness, reasonableness, goodness, tolerance
- innocent:** (adj) chaste, artless, clear, ingenuous, innocuous, guileless, guiltless, ignorant, unsophisticated, spotless, naive. ANTONYMS: (adj) culpable, responsible, wicked, wary, experienced, corrupt, worldly, unfair, meaningful, offensive, jaded
- inquiring:** (adj) inquisitive, quizzical, interested, analytical, probing, intrusive; (adj, n) questioning; (v) inquire; (n) enquiry, question, examination. ANTONYM: (adj) uninquiring
- insane:** (adj) foolish, daft, demented, mad, delirious, lunatic, fool, moonstruck, frantic, idiotic, nutty. ANTONYM: (adj) sensible
- insanely:** (adv) foolishly, crazily, dementedly, nutsly, stupidly, senselessly, wildly, lunatically, deucedly, deadly, devilishly
- insect:** (n) worm, flea, hymenopteran, hymenopteron, earwig, dirt ball, homopteran, hemipteran, gallfly, fish, biting louse
- insects:** (n) Arthropoda, phylum Arthropoda, Insecta, Hexapoda, crustaceans, class Insecta, class Hexapoda, centipedes
- insignificant:** (adj) inconsequential, inconsiderable, humble, poor, immaterial, trivial, unimportant, light, infinitesimal, indifferent, small. ANTONYMS: (adj) significant, enormous, major, important, huge, substantial, considerable, great, colossal, valuable, influential
- insignificantly:** (adv) unimportantly, slightly, inconsequentially, petty, triflingly, immaterially, irrelevantly, paltrily, small, minorly, poorly. ANTONYMS: (adv) considerably, overpoweringly, noticeably
- insolence:** (n) impertinence, arrogance, audacity, impudence, effrontery, cheek, assumption, gall, disrespect, haughtiness, crust. ANTONYMS: (n) respect, politeness, meekness, shyness
- insolent:** (adj) impudent, abusive, disrespectful, impudent, fresh, arrogant, brazen, defiant, offensive, brassy, bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, modest, gracious, meek, submissive
- insolently:** (adv) rudely, impertinently, brazenly, impolitely, defiantly, shamelessly, saucily, discourteously, insultingly, cheekily, pertly. ANTONYMS: (adv) discreetly, shyly, politely, meekly
- instant:** (adj, n) present; (adj) immediate, prompt; (n) flash, minute, jiffy, point, second; (adj, v) exigent; (adj, n, v) pressing, urgent. ANTONYMS: (n) age, eternity; (adj) considered, delayed, slow
- instantly:** (adv, n) directly; (adj, adv) immediately, at once; (adv) instantaneously, promptly, forthwith, now, readily, quickly, momentarily, momentarily.

- ANTONYMS: (adv) later, slowly, gradually
- instinct:** (n) impulse, urge, aptitude, gift, feeling, sixth sense, inherent aptitude, knack, inspiration, talent, genius
- insults:** (adj) insulting; (n) abuse, swearing
- intellect:** (n) mind, intelligence, understanding, reason, brains, head, intellectual, apprehension, psyche, genius, brainpower. ANTONYM: (n) stupidity
- intelligence:** (n) cleverness, intellect, news, tidings, understanding, acumen, mentality, knowledge, brains, comprehension, brainpower. ANTONYMS: (n) stupidity, emotion, slowness, foolishness, ineptness
- intelligent:** (adj) intellectual, astute, sensible, alert, rational, quick-witted, bright, cunning, gifted, knowledgeable, brilliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) dim, thick, slow, stupid, dull, foolish
- intend:** (v) destiny, design, mean, aim, determine, denote, contemplate, plan, purpose, consider, believe. ANTONYM: (v) improvise
- intense:** (adj) acute, deep, brilliant, fervent, fierce, ardent, burning, severe, furious, extreme; (adj, v) vivid. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, calm, weak, slight, imperceptible, superficial, shallow, gentle, dim, insignificant, relaxed
- intent:** (n) idea, intention, design, spirit, meaning, import, goal, purpose; (adj, n) attentive; (adj) absorbed, engrossed
- intently:** (adv) fixedly, attentively, seriously, raptly, intensely, closely, steadily, eagerly, absorbedly, hard, steadfastly. ANTONYM: (adv) absently
- intensity:** (adj, n) earnestness, zeal; (adj) ardor, empressment; (n) concentration, absorption, engrossment, intentiveness, earnest, complete attention, handsel
- interchange:** (n, v) change, barter; (v) commute, switch, alternate, substitute, convert, replace, counterchange, transpose; (n) traffic
- intercourse:** (n) contact, coition, conversation, communication, coitus, dealings, converse, commerce, liaison, congress; (adj, n) acquaintance
- interference:** (n) hindrance, disturbance, handicap, blocking, intercession, inhibition, encumbrance, barrier, intervention, block; (v) interfere. ANTONYMS: (n) nonintervention, help
- interminable:** (adj) endless, eternal, incessant, infinite, illimitable, immeasurable, unending, ceaseless, timeless, continual, unlimited. ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, finite, intermittent, sporadic, concise
- intermission:** (n) rest, pause, lull, cessation, suspension, interruption, abeyance, disruption, gap, discontinuance, respite.
- ANTONYM: (n) continuation
- intermittent:** (adj) broken, sporadic, fitful, discontinuous, spasmodic, irregular, periodic, uneven, recurrent; (adj, v) occasional; (adv) intermittently. ANTONYMS: (adj) constant, repeated, continual, steady, regular, recurring, frequent, spasmodic, unbroken, common
- interposed:** (adj) interjacent, intercedent, intervenient, parenthetical, intermediate colors, mediate
- interposition:** (adj, n) mediation; (adj) intercession; (n) intervention, interpolation, insertion, interruption, intermediation, interjection, location, locating, placement
- interpreted:** (adj) exactly limited, exact, drawn close, accurate, taken, strict, confined
- interpreting:** (n) rendering, interpret, explanation, translation, broad interpretation, interlingual rendition, rendition
- interrupted:** (adj) discontinuous, fitful, intermittent, discontinued, disconnected, unsuccessful, intervallic, episodic, gaping, periodic; (prep) interrupt
- interview:** (n) consultation, audience, conversation, hearing, examination, appointment, dialogue; (v) question, interrogate; (n, v) talk, encounter
- interwoven:** (adj) interlinking, interlacing, interlocking, complex, interwove, twine, contextual, entangled, inseparable, knotted, related
- intimate:** (adj, adv, v) close; (n, v) express, imply; (v) hint, indicate, allude, suggest; (adj) informal, inner, internal; (adj, v) confidential. ANTONYMS: (adj) formal, cold, unfriendly, external, outermost, public, superficial
- intolerable:** (adj) unbearable, insupportable, painful, obnoxious, detestable, inexcusable, deplorable, undesirable, hard, excruciating, difficult. ANTONYMS: (adj) bearable, tolerable, acceptable, reasonable, nice, understandable, lovable, excusable, inoffensive, manageable
- intricate:** (adj, n) complicated; (adj) difficult, knotty, hard, tricky, convoluted, tortuous, inextricable, elaborate, obscure; (adj, v) involved. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, easy, plain
- introductory:** (adj) elementary, incipient, basic, opening, first, prefatorial, preparatory, prelusive; (adj, v) inceptive, preliminary, prefatory
- invader:** (n) assailant, intruder, encroacher, attacker, raider, interloper, conqueror, trespasser, thief, robber, immigrant
- invent:** (v) devise, form, create, excogitate, concoct, imagine, contrive; (n, v) forge, fabricate, design, coin
- investigating:** (n) detection, enumeration, calibration, examination, analysis, counting, reckoning, tabulation, detecting, testing, surveillance
- invincible:** (adj) insurmountable, unbeatable, insuperable, impregnable, irresistible, unconquerable, unyielding, unquenchable, proof against, impassable, invulnerable. ANTONYMS: (adj) defenseless, powerless, weak, feeble
- invisible:** (adj) obscure, hidden, inconspicuous, intangible, sightless, concealed, impalpable, occult, indiscernible, inappreciable, unseen. ANTONYMS: (adj) obvious, conspicuous, noticeable, palpable
- invulnerability:** (n) impregnability, strength, protection, invulnerableness, impassibility, safety, inviolability. ANTONYM: (n) vulnerability
- invulnerable:** (adj) impregnable, impervious, impenetrable, safe, inviolable, unassailable, secure, indomitable, untouchable, woundless; (adj, v) defensible. ANTONYM: (adj) receptive
- inward:** (adj) inner, intrinsic, internal, interior, intestine, inherent, domestic; (adv) inwardly, inwards, in; (n) innards. ANTONYMS: (adj,

- adv) outward; (adj) outgoing, external
- inwardly:** (adv) inside, interiorly, innerly, within, secretly, intrinsically, intimately, privately, spiritually, incomingly; (adj) inwards. ANTONYM: (adv) openly
- ironical:** (adj) sarcastic, satirical, dry, burlesque, wry, sardonic, satiric, derisive, caustic, quizzical; (n) humorous
- ironlike:** (adj) strong
- irregular:** (adj) atypical, abnormal, erratic, anomalous, eccentric, broken, sporadic, disorderly, strange, changeable; (adj, n) guerilla. ANTONYMS: (adj) symmetrical, normal, smooth, constant, even, steady, compact, cyclic, equal, frequent, permanent
- irritably:** (adv) splenetically, cholericly, cholericly, impatiently, angrily, heatedly, irately, pettishly, petulantly, snappily, sulkily. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, cheerily, lightly
- irritated:** (adj) annoyed, exasperated, incensed, enraged, aggravated, furious, irate, inflamed, sore, displeased, provoked. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, pleased, patient, contented
- irritating:** (adj) infuriating, bothersome, annoying, exasperating, irksome, irritating, vexatious, aggravating, troublesome, irritant; (v) stinging. ANTONYMS: (adj) soothing, calming, delightful, pleasant
- irritation:** (n) exasperation, anger, annoyance, displeasure, bother, excitation, temper, excitement, irritability, vexation, annoying. ANTONYMS: (n) satisfaction, balm, calm, calmness, equanimity, patience
- isolated:** (adj, adv) apart; (adj) separate, deserted, distant, sporadic, separated, solitary, lone, remote, lonely, single. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, accessible, widespread, near, nearby, public, regular, populous, connected, cheerful, attached
- isolation:** (n) estrangement, privacy, alienation, insulation, dissociation, secrecy, loneliness, solitude, seclusion, insularity, desolation. ANTONYMS: (n) companionship, inclusion, unity, kinship, company, cheerfulness, integration
- issued:** (adj) executed, done
- jabbering:** (adj) babbling, blithering, blathering, loquacious, voluble, gabby; (n) jabber, gabble, babble, gibberish
- jack:** (n) sheath, cover, case, covering, envelope, coat, blazer, doublet, dust cover, skin, shield
- jaded:** (adj) tired, fatigued, worn, weary, wearied, fed up, satiate, worn-out, bored, satiated, sick. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, innocent, brilliant
- jangling:** (n) janglery; (adj) harsh, dissonant, discordant, strident, cacophonous, cacophonous
- jarring:** (adj, n) harsh, dissonant, inconsistent; (adj) rough, inharmonious, strident, grating, jolting, raucous, cacophonous, bumpy. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, usual
- jaunty:** (adj) dapper, dashing, debonair, breezy, perky, carefree, chipper, smart, bright, buoyant; (adj, n) janty. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressed, melancholy
- jealous:** (adj) distrustful, envious, covetous, suspicious, jealousy, resentful, invidious, green, grudging, jaundiced, attentive. ANTONYM: (adj) trusting
- jeer:** (n, v) gibe, flout, deride, mock, ridicule, hiss, taunt, scoff, laugh at, barrack; (n) mockery. ANTONYMS: (v) cheer, applaud
- jerking:** (adj) arrhythmic, arrhythmical, jerky, unsteady; (n) movement, jolt, dork, jar
- jerky:** (adj) uneven, abrupt, rough, unsteady, jerking, arrhythmic, spasmodic, shaky; (n) biltong, jerked meat, meat. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, graceful
- jest:** (n) gag, gibe, quip, game; (n, v) jape; (v) banter, jeer, deride, gird, sneer, clown
- jingling:** (adj) reverberant, clinking, jingly
- joggle:** (n, v) shake, bump, jerk; (v) jog, wiggle, waggle, jostle, jolt; (n) dowel, fastening, holdfast
- johnson:** (n) Andrew Johnson, LBJ, Lyndon Baines Johnson, Lyndon Johnson, president Andrew Johnson, president Johnson, president Lyndon Johnson, Samuel Johnson
- joke:** (n, v) banter; (n) hoax, fun, quip, gag, caper, game, antic, prank, humor; (v) tease
- jolted:** (adj) agitated
- jouncing:** (adj) jolting, moving, jolty, jarring, bouncy, bumpy
- jovial:** (adj, n) gay; (adj) jolly, genial, glad, festive, joyful, gleeful, merry, jocund, cheerful, blithe. ANTONYMS: (adj) miserable, gloomy, frosty, serious, hostile
- joyous:** (adj) happy, gleeful, elated, jolly, glad, gay, jovial, merry, festive, cheerful, jocund. ANTONYMS: (adj) despairing, joyless, miserable
- joyful:** (adj) exultant, joyful, gleeful, delighted, joyous, overjoyed, happy, triumphant, exulting, triumphal, rejoicing. ANTONYMS: (adj) sorrowful, despondent, disappointed, downcast, sad, down, desolate
- judges:** (n) judge, adjudicators, jury
- judgment:** (n, v) decision, belief, discernment, condemnation, sense, discrimination; (n) determination, discretion, opinion, assessment, adjudication. ANTONYMS: (n) clumsiness, request, tastelessness
- jumble:** (n, v) clutter, disorder, mix up, mix; (v) confuse, embroil, disturb, tumble; (n) hodgepodge, confusion; (adj, n) disarray. ANTONYMS: (n) neatness; (v) organize, separate, tidy, disentangle
- keeled:** (adj) carinated, carinate, ridged
- keen:** (adj, v) eager, fresh, biting, brisk, avid; (adj) sharp, intense, intelligent, enthusiastic, exquisite, piercing. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, apathetic, unenthusiastic, blunt, unwilling, reluctant, passive, stupid, unconcerned, lukewarm, disinterested
- keenly:** (adv) eagerly, zealously, piercingly, acutely, cuttingly, ardently, strongly, lively, penetratingly, fervently, avidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unenthusiastically, apathetically, faintly, reluctantly, patiently, passively, halfheartedly, vaguely
- keenness:** (n) ardor, eagerness, enthusiasm, acumen, sharpness, zeal, acuity, quickness, diligence, fervor; (n, v) edge. ANTONYMS: (n) unwillingness, dullness, indifference, faintness, dislike, patience, reluctance
- keyed:** (adj) tuned, adjusted
- kick:** (v) grumble, complain; (n) bitch, beef, thrill, gripe, charge, excitement; (n, v) recoil, spurn, protest. ANTONYMS: (v) start; (n) bore

- kicking:** (n) boot, recoil, movement, bang, automobile trunk, beef, charge, flush, gripe; (adj) peevish, disgruntled
- kilt:** (n) skirt, farthingale, panier, pinafore, filibeg, jupe, apron, bustle, crinoline
- kindred:** (adj) cognate, akin, similar, allied, related; (n) kin, consanguinity, relation, folk, folks, kin group
- kitten:** (n) cat, foal, kitty, colt, foetus; (v) teem, flower, fructify, bear fruit, farrow, EAN
- knapsack:** (n) bag, rucksack, haversack, kitbag, packsack, pack, back pack, wallet, pouch, scrip, kit bag
- knee:** (n) bracket, articulation, joint, kneel, knee joint, genu, articulation, genus, scythe, zigzag, sickle, bend
- kneeling:** (n) homage, kowtow, kneeling, prostration, genuflexion, genuflection, curtsy, courtesy, obeisance
- knees:** (n) knee
- knife:** (adj, n) blade; (adj) cutlery, edge tool; (v) stab; (n) sword, cleaver, whittle, cutter, tongue, pocketknife, chopper
- knifelike:** (adj) keen, acute, incisive, piercing, discriminating, cutting, acerbic, acerb, shrill, abrupt, bleak
- knight:** (n) horseman, horse, chevalier, banneret, warrior, steed, knighthood, rider, heroin, h; (v) dub
- knock:** (n, v) hit, blow, bang, bump, tap, strike, whack, bash, punch, cuff; (n) crash. ANTONYMS: (n) improvement, boost; (v) encourage, bolster, approve
- knocking:** (n) sound, bang, beating, hit, rap, strike, belt, criticism, bash
- knot:** (n) bow, cluster, lump, gang, joint; (v) entangle, knit, bind; (n, v) tie, loop, tangle. ANTONYMS: (v) unravel, undo, unknot, disentangle
- knotting:** (n) knotting varnish
- labor:** (n, v) toil, endeavor, drudgery, travail, struggle, confinement, childbirth, delivery, grind; (n) effort, exertion. ANTONYMS: (n, v) rest; (v) relax, ignore; (n) management, leisure, death, relaxation
- labored:** (adj) elaborate, strained, laborious, heavy, arduous, hard, artificial, laboured, awkward, unnatural, studied. ANTONYM: (adj) easy
- laborer:** (n) hand, labourer, operative, drudge, labor, employee, manual laborer, peon, navy, docker, day laborer
- laboring:** (adj) incomplete, inadequate, defective, absent, short, wanting, destitute, empty, devoid, insufficient; (adj, prep) without. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, plentiful, burdened, capable, adequate, perfect, present, complete, privileged; (prep) with, including
- laden:** (adj) fuddled, loaded, fuller, full, flush, crocked, blotto, blind drunk, affluent, besotted
- laggard:** (adj) slow, slack, lagging, tardy, lazy, remiss, poky, pokey; (n) drone, lagger, idler. ANTONYM: (adj) prompt
- lagging:** (n) insulation, cover, skin, sheathing, casing; (adj) lazy, slack, tardy, remiss, late, behindhand
- laid:** (adj) layed, lay, place, placed, put, situated, arranged, determined, dictated, hardened, ordered
- lain:** (adj) artless, unsophisticated, unaffected, naive, untutored, simple, pure, natural, native, inartificial
- lamblike:** (v) chastened, resigned, subdued; (adj) meek, compliant
- lamentation:** (n) dirge, grief, mourning, plaint, regret, complaint, cry, crying, wail, moan, condolence. ANTONYM: (n) celebration
- lamented:** (adj) mourned, bewailed
- landed:** (adj) land, territorial, allodial, predial
- landscape:** (n) sight, vista, scene, scenery, outlook, view, ground, lookout, landscape painting, countryside, perspective
- languid:** (adj) lazy, dull, indolent, feeble, lethargic, lackadaisical, sluggish, faint, torpid, inert, apathetic. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, lively, exciting, vigorous
- lapse:** (n, v) decline, drop, mistake; (adj, n, v) fall; (v) expire, elapse, collapse, go by; (n) oversight, error, fault. ANTONYMS: (v) behave, start, rise, renew, improve
- lashing:** (n) beating, drubbing, flagellation, trouncing, whipping, fastening, tanning, lacing, chastisement, thrashing
- lately:** (adv) tardily, newly, freshly, belatedly, slowly, latterly, deadily; (adj, adv) anew, late, afresh; (adj) recent
- laugh:** (n, v) joke, giggle, chortle, titter, snicker; (v) smile; (n) jest, gag, jape, laughter, cackle. ANTONYM: (v) weep
- laughing:** (adj) merry, smiling, laughable, jolly, gay, lighthearted, frolicsome, playful, pleased, dizzy; (adv) laughingly. ANTONYM: (adj) serious
- laughter:** (n) amusement, fun, guffaw, merriment, chortle, chuckle, mirth, hilarity, giggle, derision, happiness. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, gloom, despair, boredom, misery, despondency
- launch:** (v) found, dart, begin, introduce, fire, toss, institute, set up, establish, hurl; (n, v) start. ANTONYMS: (v) abolish, close, halt; (n) conclusion, culmination
- laurels:** (n) honor, laurel, accolade, fame, garland, award, trophy, decoration, glory, citation, glorification. ANTONYMS: (n) dishonor, criticism
- lavish:** (v) dissipate; (adj) exuberant, generous, copious, prodigal, ample, abundant, bountiful, excessive, improvident; (adj, v) profuse. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, scant, economical, impoverished, frugal, unadorned, plain; (v) stint, skimp, begrudge, economize
- laying:** (n) egg laying, placing, parturition, place, repose, setting, put, position, lay, oyster park, oviposition
- lazily:** (adv) indolently, idly, slothfully, languidly, slowly, torpidly, supinely, lethargically, sleepily, drowsily, apathetically. ANTONYMS: (adv) dynamically, vigorously
- lazy:** (adj) indolent, inert, idle, inactive, shiftless, slothful, fainteant, slow, sluggish; (adj, n) drowsy, dull. ANTONYMS: (adj) diligent, active, prompt, vigorous, industrious, keen, productive
- leaden:** (adj) heavy, gray, sluggish, grey, inert, torpid, grave, languid, drab, burdensome, livid. ANTONYM: (adj) bright
- lean:** (adj, v) gaunt; (adj) emaciated, thin, bony, lank; (n, v) bend, tilt, slant, list, careen; (n) inclination. ANTONYMS: (adj) plump, rich, chubby, greasy, stout; (v) straighten, repel
- leaned:** (v) erudite, lettered; (adj) tilted, inclined, educated
- leaning:** (adj, n) bent, disposition, partiality; (n) propensity, bias, tendency, incline, lean; (adj) tilted, canted, inclined. ANTONYMS: (n) antipathy, dislike; (adj) upright
- leaping:** (n) jump, bounce, bound,

leap, spring, saltation, bouncing; (v) jumping; (adj, v) bounding; (adj) springing; (adv) leapingly

learned: (adj) educated, knowledgeable, scholarly, academic, cultured, literary, bookish, lettered; (adj, v) enlightened, wise, knowing. ANTONYMS: (adj) innate, unconditioned, foolish, unlearned

leather: (n) fur, fleece, skin, buckskin, fell, pelt, doeskin; (v) drub, thrash, thrash; (n, v) hit

leisure: (n) idleness, convenience, vacation, inactivity, rest, repose, relaxation, recreation, pastime, opportunity; (adj) idle. ANTONYM: (n) work

leisurely: (adj) slow, deliberate, easygoing, leisure, at ease, unhurried, measured, idle; (adv) deliberately, slowly, at leisure. ANTONYMS: (adj) rushed, hurried, formal, vigorous, speedy, fast; (adv) formally, quickly

lesser: (adj) less, inferior, junior, insignificant, petty, subordinate, smaller, secondary, lower, slighter, small. ANTONYMS: (adj) major, primary, senior, superior, higher, main

lessons: (n) classes, coaching, tuition, schoolwork, revision, learning, education, training

liable: (adj) answerable, accountable, disposed, apt, responsible, inclined, exposed, likely, subject, culpable, vulnerable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwilling, innocent, unlikely, disinclined, impervious

license: (n, v) permit, allow, licence; (n) allowance, freedom, permission, liberty, authority, authorization, certificate; (v) certify. ANTONYMS: (v) decertify; (n) restriction

lick: (n, v) lap; (v) clobber, thrash, drub, beat, bat, defeat; (n) biff, jab, speed, dash

licked: (adj) dumbfounded

lids: (n) lid

lieutenant: (n) captain, assistant, vicegerent, help, helper, first lieutenant, commodore, chancellor, commander, levetenant, delegate

lifeless: (adj) inanimate, dull, insipid, defunct, inactive, flat, exanimate, dreary, tedious, inert, lackluster. ANTONYMS: (adj) lively, stiff, alive, interesting, awake, moving, upright, bright, brilliant, firm, inspiring

lift: (n, v) raise, rise, elevator, boost, heave, hike, airlift, advance; (v)

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elevate, erect, filch. ANTONYMS: (v) lower, descend, drop, hinder, put, return, impose; (n, v) knock

lifted: (adj) raised, elevated, lift, lofty, upraised, steep

lighted: (adj) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning, ignite, kindled, lighten

lighter: (n) light, flatboat, igniter, cigarette lighter, wherry, primer, scow, kindling, fuze, fuzee, houseboat

light-footed: (adj) light, rapid

lighthearted: (adj) blithesome, playful, blithe, jovial, gleeful, frolicsome, joyful, glad, jolly, optimistic, lightsome. ANTONYMS: (adj) troubled, weighty, solemn, lethargic, gloomy, anxious, melancholy

lightning: (n) levin, electricity, thunderbolt, Leven, ignis fatuus, heat lightning, forked lightning, fetter, dart, chain lightning; (adj) wind

limp: (adv, n, v) hobble; (adj, v) flabby; (n, v) hitch; (adj) flaccid, slack, flexible, drooping, flimsy, weak, loose; (v) hop. ANTONYMS: (adj) taut, firm, hard, rigid, upright, alive, strong, stiff, tight

lingeringly: (adv) slowly, longly, chronically, dilatorily, extendedly, leisurely

linked: (adj) allied, related, joined, coupled, correlated, associated, united, combined, conjugate, conjoint, committed. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrelated, unconnected, unattached, disparate

liquid: (adj) flowing, fluid, juicy, limpid, watery, succulent, sappy; (n) liquor, drink, beverage, juice. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) gaseous; (adj) firm, set, unavailable, unmelted

listener: (n, v) auditor; (n) eavesdropper, audience, observer, perceiver, hearkeeper, attender, attendee, attendant, beholder

listeners: (n) listener, viewers, spectators, addressees

listening: (v) listen, hear, obey; (n) auscultation, perception, sensing, audition, audience, earshot, auditory modality; (adj) attentive

littered: (v) untidy, under attack, beleaguered, beset, besieged, messy, plagued, topsy-turvy, tormented

livid: (adj) furious, irate, ashen, mad, blue, gray, ghastly, leaden, colorless, angry, enraged. ANTONYMS: (adj) flushed, happy, pleased

load: (adj, n, v) charge, fill; (n) cargo, freight, weight, consignment; (n, v) stack, heap, pack, pile; (v)

encumber. ANTONYMS: (v) unpack, remove, eject, relieve, empty, alleviate; (n) lightness

loaded: (adj) full, flush, moneyed, wealthy, affluent, rich, tinsy, tight, intoxicated, charged; (adj, prep) burdened. ANTONYMS: (adj) empty, lacking, unloaded, innocent, impoverished

loading: (n) cargo, load, burden, consignment, lading, charging, filler, freightage, encumbrance, shipment, burthen

locks: (n) hair, tresses, head of hair

longest: (adj) best, longest, fastest, top, record, best ever, greatest

long-winded: (adj) interminable, wordy, garrulous, loquacious, redundant, talkative, verbose, diffuse, long, ponderous, gabby

loon: (n) idler, lout, bum, gaffer, birdbrain, diver, dunce, oaf, rube, runion, underling

loosened: (adj) disentangled, loose, freed, disengaged, extricated, unsnarled

losing: (v) lose; (n) loss; (adv) losingly, behind; (adj) unbeneficial. ANTONYM: (adj) lucrative

loud: (adj) flashy, garish, gaudy, blatant, brassy, boisterous, high, jazzy, brazen, piercing; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful, gentle, quiet, subtle, subdued, low, muted, weak, tranquil, thin; (adv) softly

loudly: (adv) vociferously, noisily, loud, clamorously, showily, strongly, flamboyantly, obstreperously, luridly, boisterously; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, thinly, silently, piano, pleasantly

loving: (adj) fond, devoted, amorous, kind, friendly, ardent, attached, admiring, gentle, fatherly; (adj, v) tender. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, uncaring, malicious, cruel, unloving, rough, paternal, indifferent, distant, disapproving, callous

lowered: (adj) lower, reduced, cheap, bated, humbled. ANTONYM: (adj) raised

lowering: (adj) heavy, dismal, gloomy, threatening, dark, glum, murky; (n) fall, drop, cut, decline

loweringly: (adv) cloudily, dismally, darkly, glumly, murkily, gloomily, heavily, overcastly, threateningly

- lowly:** (adj) base, lower, low, inferior, baseborn; (adv) meekly, meanly, modestly, poorly, softly, humbly.
ANTONYMS: (adj) noble, privileged, high, aristocratic, refined, exalted, comfortable
- low-toned:** (adj) gentle
- loyalty:** (n) allegiance, faith, honesty, devotion, fealty, faithfulness, dedication, integrity, commitment, attachment; (adj, n) fidelity.
ANTONYMS: (n) unfaithfulness, disobedience, infidelity, treachery, impoliteness, deceit, indifference, doubt, dishonesty, unreliability
- lucid:** (adj) clear, transparent, limpid, coherent, distinct, evident, explicit, crystalline, light, diaphanous, bright.
ANTONYMS: (adj) opaque, unintelligible, muddled, unclear, irrational, confusing, illogical, ambiguous, confused, vague, incoherent
- luck:** (n) fortune, fate, accident, destiny, hazard, lot, advantage, providence, portion, happiness; (n, v) chance.
ANTONYM: (n) design
- lucky:** (adj, n) auspicious, happy, favored; (adj) favorable, prosperous, propitious, successful, favourable, flourishing, fortuitous; (n) fortune.
ANTONYMS: (adj) unlucky, hapless, unfortunate, unsuccessful, disadvantaged, inauspicious, underprivileged, unenviable, unsatisfactory
- ludicrous:** (adj) absurd, ridiculous, farcical, foolish, laughable, comical, grotesque, derisory, droll, preposterous, jocular.
ANTONYMS: (adj) sane, impressive
- lugubrious:** (adj) dismal, gloomy, doleful, dark, funereal, melancholy, grievous, somber, dolorous, plaintive, miserable.
ANTONYM: (adj) cheerful
- lull:** (n, v) calm, quiet, hush, rest, pause; (adj, v) assuage, pacify, tranquilize; (v) allay, still; (n) peace.
ANTONYMS: (v) waken; (n) activity, intensification
- lump:** (n, v) heap, knot, chunk, block; (n) gob, tumor, hunk, bit, bulge; (adj, n) clod; (adj, n, v) mass.
ANTONYM: (v) divide
- lungs:** (v) air pump, air blower, ventilator, punkah; (n) blowpipe, organ
- lunkhead:** (n) hayseed, fool, gowk, knucklehead, loggerhead, Caretta caretta, hammerhead shark, fuckhead, dunderhead, dolt, bonehead
- lurching:** (adj) stumbling, unsteady, weaving, astonishing, astounding
- lurid:** (adj) ghastly, grisly, gruesome, loud, frightful, sharp, shocking, gaudy, sensational, hideous, horrific.
ANTONYMS: (adj) subtle, muted, bland, dull, modest
- lurking:** (n) ambush; (adj) snaky, backstair, backstairs, clandestine, concealed, dormant, latent, potential, skulking, sneaky
- luster:** (n) gloss, light, glitter, brightness, brilliance, sheen, radiance, splendor, lustre, chandelier; (n, v) burnish.
ANTONYM: (n) dullness
- luxuriously:** (adv) richly, sumptuously, extravagantly, opulently, magnificently, voluptuously, lushly, lavishly, palatially, sensually, gorgeously.
ANTONYMS: (adv) meagerly, cheaply, simply
- machinery:** (n) machine, apparatus, enginery, equipment, plant, system, gear, tackle, mechanism, work, installation
- maddened:** (adj) angry, furious, deranged, angered, enraged, moonstruck, fierce, upset, aggravated, ferocious; (v) frantic
- maddening:** (adj) exasperating, annoying, aggravating, irritating, galling, trying, vexing, madden, bothersome, crazy, vexatious.
ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasing, soothing, satisfying
- madly:** (adv) insanely, furiously, sorely, frantically, wildly, devilishly, deadily, dementedly, foolishly, distractedly; (adj, adv) rabidly.
ANTONYMS: (adv) sensibly, calmly, sanely, carefully; (adj) slightly
- madman:** (n) bedlamite, maniac, crazy, loony, nut, madcap, looney, loco, sufferer, raver, nutcase
- madness:** (n) frenzy, insanity, lunacy, idiocy, folly, delirium, insaneness; (adj, n) furor, rage, desperation, furore.
ANTONYMS: (n) sense, calmness, order
- magic:** (n) incantation, charm, enchantment, sorcery, legerdemain, conjuring, glamour, black magic, illusion, theurgy; (adj) magical.
ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, science; (adj) everyday, prosaic, normal, natural
- magnificent:** (adj) imposing, brilliant, splendid, grandiose, superb, elegant; (adj, n) grand, excellent, gorgeous, illustrious, glorious.
ANTONYMS: (adj) awful, ridiculous, unimpressive, humble, inglorious, modest, meager, unattractive, boring, unexceptional, humdrum
- magnified:** (adj) enlarged, inflated, enlarge, hyperbolic, hypertrophied, increased, overblown, overstated, puffed up, made larger
- magnify:** (v) exaggerate, enhance, aggrandize, enlarge, intensify, laud, glorify, expand, increase, extend, aggravate.
ANTONYMS: (v) reduce, understate, minimize, shrink, decrease, alleviate
- maiden:** (n) maid, girl, demoiselle, damosel, wench, fille, lass, miss; (adj) first, initiatory, unmarried
- maimed:** (adj) disabled, mutilated, deformed, truncated, faulty, cut short, game, cut off; (n) wounded
- maine:** (n) pine tree state
- maintained:** (adj) kept up, preserved, repaired, serviced, serviceable, safe, fixed
- majesty:** (adj, n) grandeur, splendor, nobility; (n) dignity, loftiness, magnificence, stateliness, greatness, king, royalty, highness.
ANTONYMS: (n) austerity, simplicity
- malediction:** (n) imprecation, anathema, execration, denunciation, malison, oath, proscription, maranatha, profanity, swear word, heavy calamity.
ANTONYM: (n) blessing
- mane:** (n) enclosure, head of hair, crest, wool, tresses; (adj) brush, beard, ringlet, whisker, tress, moustache
- manfulness:** (n) manliness, bravery, courage, valor, gallantry, manhood, masculinity, heroism, hardihood, daring, dauntlessness
- manhood:** (n) majority, maturity, valor, resolution, personality, humanity, integrity, bravery; (adj) manliness, ripe age, maturity full age
- maniacal:** (adj) demented, lunatic, manic, mad, delirious, crazy, frenzied, insane, violent, homicidal, demonic
- maple:** (n) box elder, full moon maple, moosewood, hedge maple, great maple, dwarf maple, goosefoot maple, field maple
- marbles:** (n) wit, sanity, mind, reason, jackstones, jacks, cods

marches: (n) precinct, Marche, stint
marching: (n) walking, mar, drill;
 (adj) ongoing, moving
marks: (v) score; (n) first baron marks
 of Broughton, footprint, imprints,
 inscription, path, script, Simon
 marks, symbols, trace, track
marshal: (v) dispose, rally, mobilize,
 guide, group, muster, order, collect,
 organize, arrange; (n) Marshall.
 ANTONYMS: (v) disturb,
 demobilize, disband, dismiss,
 disperse
marshaling: (n) economic
 mobilisation, assemblage, assembly,
 economic mobilization, gathering
martial: (adj) military, warlike,
 soldierly, bellicose, belligerent,
 combative, brave, soldierlike,
 armigerous, militant, heroic.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) civilian,
 peaceful, unarmed
masses: (adj, n) plenty, heaps, loads;
 (adj, adv, n) lots; (n) mass, public,
 people, hoi polloi, crowd, common
 people, multitude. ANTONYMS: (n)
 aristocracy, few, elite; (adj)
 inadequate
master's: (n) postgraduate degree
matched: (adj) fitting,
 complementary, equal, fitted,
 duplicate, conformable, level,
 suitable, competitive, coordinated,
 corresponding. ANTONYM: (adj)
 wrong
mates: (n) match, couple, mate, pair,
 Lucifer, friction match, family unit,
 family, equal, dyad, duo
mathematically: (adv) arithmetically,
 scientifically, punctually,
 algebraically, algebraically
matted: (adj) entangled, tangled,
 knotted, flat, matt, matte, knotty,
 fixed, kinky, twisted; (v) crossed.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, straight,
 free
meager: (adj, v) lean, gaunt, bare,
 spare, frugal; (adj) emaciated, feeble,
 inadequate, insufficient, scant; (adj,
 adv) stingy. ANTONYMS: (adj)
 abundant, lavish, generous, fat,
 strong, luxurious, filling, large,
 plentiful, ample, privileged
meal: (n) repast, farina, flour, feed,
 banquet, dinner, luncheon, supper,
 refection, collation; (n, v) spread
meals: (n) nourishment, fare, food,
 meal, the food we eat, provisions
measured: (adj) careful, moderate,
 calculated, temperate, reasonable,
 regular, rhythmic, metrical, sober,
 rhythmical, leisurely. ANTONYMS:

(adj) rushed, unmeasured, fast,
 hurried, rapid, rash, thoughtless
meat: (n) food, gist, essence, core,
 kernel, heart, substance, marrow,
 crux, matter, beef
mechanical: (adj, v) instinctive; (v)
 involuntary, blind; (adj) unthinking,
 automated, habitual, mechanic,
 perfunctory, routine, mechanized,
 industrial. ANTONYMS: (adj)
 nonmechanical, deliberate,
 thoughtful, unusual, enthralling,
 stilted
mechanically: (adv) mechanistically,
 instinctively, routinely,
 involuntarily, industrially,
 unconsciously, automatically,
 intuitively, impulsively, technically,
 technologically. ANTONYMS: (adv)
 manually, consciously
medley: (n) mixture, miscellany,
 jumble, melange, potpourri,
 hotchpotch, concoction, admixture,
 hash; (adj) imbroglia, chaos
meek: (adj) lowly, docile, gentle,
 tame, low, submissive, compliant,
 mild, modest, quiet, kind.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) assertive, bossy,
 haughty, arrogant, overbearing,
 rebellious, disobedient, wild, harsh,
 brash
melancholy: (adj, v) dreary; (adj, n)
 gloom, melancholic; (adj) depressed,
 dejected, dismal, gloomy, deposed;
 (n, v) low spirits; (n) gloominess,
 depression. ANTONYMS: (n)
 happiness, cheerfulness,
 hopefulness, optimism; (adj) happy,
 bright, cheery, satisfied
melee: (adj, n) fight, brawl, uproar,
 fracas, row; (n) battle royal, fray,
 scrimmage; (adj) disturbance; (v)
 brabble, brigade
melody: (n) air, tune, music, measure,
 harmony, aria, song, strain, line,
 melodic phrase; (n, v) chant
melon: (n) cucumber, watermelon,
 muskmelon, gourd, dividend,
 cantaloupes, cucumber vine, gourd
 vine, share, revenue, receipts
melting: (n) thawing, fusion, melt,
 dissolution, warming, thaw,
 liquefaction, fusion range; (adj)
 liquescent, pathetic; (adj, n)
 dissolving
memories: (n) recollections,
 reminiscences, nostalgia, memento
 Mori
menace: (n) threat, danger; (n, v)
 hazard, risk, peril; (v) endanger,
 imperil, intimidate, jeopardize,
 threaten, bully. ANTONYMS: (v)

help, protect, guard; (n) pleasure
menaced: (adj) doomed, exposed
menacing: (adj) threatening, sinister,
 ominous, imminent, impending,
 minatory, ugly, frightening,
 minacious, dangerous, formidable.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) auspicious,
 approachable, promising,
 reassuring, soothing, favorable
mentally: (adv) spiritually,
 psychologically, rationally, ideally,
 innerly, psychically, lunatically,
 subjectively, madly, spiritual,
 inwardly. ANTONYMS: (adv)
 emotionally, physically
merciless: (adj) brutal, pitiless,
 unmerciful, remorseless, heartless,
 implacable, inhuman, hard, grim,
 barbarous, unfeeling. ANTONYMS:
 (adj) charitable, kind, humane, soft,
 caring, tolerant
mercy: (n) kindness, compassion,
 pity, favor, leniency, pardon,
 forgiveness, grace, charity,
 humanity; (n, v) quarter.
 ANTONYMS: (n) cruelty, harshness,
 unkindness, severity, mercilessness,
 ruthlessness, impatience,
 inhumanity
mere: (adj, n) entire; (adj) bare,
 simple, pure; (n) loch, tarn,
 boundary, absolute; (n, v)
 downright; (adv) merely; (adj, v)
 clear
merits: (n) qualities
merrily: (adv) gaily, cheerfully,
 blithely, cheerily, gladly, gleefully,
 mirthfully, brightly, jovially,
 joyfully, gayly. ANTONYMS: (adv)
 sadly, anxiously, miserably,
 unhappily, carefully, despondently
merriment: (n) fun, amusement,
 cheerfulness, hilarity, glee, jollity,
 frolic, gaiety, happiness, festivity;
 (adj, n) mirth. ANTONYMS: (n)
 misery, gloom, seriousness,
 despondency, boredom
merry: (adj) joyful, lively, cheerful,
 glad, jolly, facetious, frolicsome,
 lighthearted, festive; (adj, n)
 convivial, jovial. ANTONYMS: (adj)
 gloomy, miserable, serious, uptight
mess: (n) jumble, clutter,
 hodgepodge, jam, difficulty,
 confusion, disorder, chaos; (v) soil,
 botch; (adj, n) scrape. ANTONYMS:
 (n) success, space, neatness, ease
messenger: (n, v) herald; (n)
 harbinger, runner, emissary, bearer,
 ambassador, precursor, courier,
 carrier, apostle, errand
metallic: (adj) metal, harsh, metalline,

- metallics, hard, basic, actual, absolute, certain, chalybeate, clearly expressed. ANTONYM: (adj) soft
- methodical:** (adj) methodic, formal, systematic, regular, organized, businesslike, neat, precise, exact, correct, meticulous. ANTONYMS: (adj) careless, illogical, chaotic, aimless, thoughtless, haphazard, unprofessional, disorderly, unscientific, inconsistent
- midnight:** (n) dark, noon, hour
- midst:** (adj, n) middle; (adv) mid, between; (prep) among, amid; (n) core, center, thick, interior, heart, waist
- mighty:** (adj) immense, huge, grand, intense, high, big, forcible, strong, large, great; (adj, adv) powerful. ANTONYMS: (adj) puny, tiny, weak, insignificant
- mild:** (adj, n) kindly, gracious; (adj) easy, lenient, benign, docile, humble, clement, sweet, balmy, delicate. ANTONYMS: (adj) extreme, pungent, spicy, sharp, severe, scathing, incisive, hot, powerful, great, passionate
- mildly:** (adv) moderately, placidly, gently, tenderly, graciously, softly, lightly, kindly, calmly, sweetly, suavely. ANTONYMS: (adv) passionately, intensely, extremely, enormously, pithily, powerfully, harshly, severely, considerably
- mile:** (n) MI, nautical mile, land mile, knot, Swedish mile, international nautical mile, Admiralty mile, air mile, geographical mile, Roman mile; (v) furlong
- mimicry:** (n) imitation, emulation, apery, parody, mimesis, impersonation, caricature, mock, personation, burlesque; (n, v) mockery
- mingle:** (v) compound, combine, merge, amalgamate, intermix, mix, commingle, associate, confuse, join, intermingle. ANTONYM: (v) part
- mingled:** (adj) miscellaneous, complex, indiscriminate, heterogeneous, medley, confused, eclectic, motley, different; (v) blended, blent
- miracle:** (adj, n) wonder, prodigy; (n) phenomenon, mystery, wonderwork, surprise, sensation, event, theurgy, astonishment, amazement
- mire:** (n, v) bog, muck; (n) filth, marsh, quagmire, dirt, sludge, clay; (adj, n, v) mud; (v) involve, bog down
- miserable:** (adj, v) forlorn, wretched, unhappy; (adj) mean, low, abject, deplorable, downcast, bad, desolate; (adj, adv) meager. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, generous, cheerful, cheery, bright, fortunate, hopeful, jubilant, luxurious, overjoyed, heavenly
- misfortune:** (n) accident, hardship, misadventure, disaster, calamity, mischance, catastrophe, mishap, bad luck, misery, affliction. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, bonus, opportunity, privilege, success, happiness
- misgivings:** (n) anxiety, doubt, misgiving, apprehension, fear, suspicion, doubts, concern, consternation, disbelief, foreboding. ANTONYM: (n) equanimity
- misguided:** (adj) erroneous, mistaken, false, foolish, unwise, incorrect, imprudent, injudicious, perverted, flawed, faulty. ANTONYMS: (adj) correct, sensible
- mislaid:** (adj) misplaced, absent, disordered, gone astray, not there, missing, lost temporarily. ANTONYM: (adj) found
- mismanagement:** (n) maladministration, error, malpractice, miscarriage, management, misbehavior, delinquency, abuse, misdemeanor, misgovernment, bad behavior
- missile:** (n) guided missile, shot, arrow, pellet, projectile, rocket, ball, bolt, bomb, boomerang, explosive
- missiles:** (n) bullets, artillery, weaponry, shells, arsenal, weapons, armaments, guns, arms
- mission:** (n) job, delegation, deputation, goal, legation, assignment, duty, charge, chore, errand, task
- mist:** (n, v) cloud; (v) blur, cover, obscure, befog, drizzle, bedim; (n) haze, vapor, brume; (adj) misty
- mistake:** (n, v) miss, blunder, err, slip; (n) failure, error, misconception, misapprehension, defect, demerit; (v) misapprehend. ANTONYMS: (v) appreciate, distinguish, interpret
- mistaken:** (adj) wrong, erroneous, false, misguided, inaccurate, fallacious, untrue, misleading, confused, improper, error. ANTONYMS: (adj) accurate, wise, right
- misused:** (adj) tainted, perverted, lost, changed, misrepresented. ANTONYMS: (adj) unchanged, used
- mite:** (n, v) bit; (n) atom, jot, hint, pinch, crumb, acarus, dole, grain, acarid, iota
- mittens:** (n) glove, gloves
- mixed:** (adj) miscellaneous, composite, assorted, heterogeneous, medley, integrated, impure, amalgamated, motley, diverse; (adj, v) mingled. ANTONYMS: (adj) homogeneous, pure, insular, uniform, limited
- mixture:** (n) mix, alloy, concoction, hodgepodge, blend, jumble, medley, assortment, miscellany, combination, commixture. ANTONYMS: (n) agitation, uniformity, likeness
- moan:** (n, v) grumble, gripe, whine, lament, cry, howl; (v) bewail, complain, mourn; (n) complaint, lamentation. ANTONYMS: (v) compliment; (n) praise
- moans:** (adj) moaning
- moblike:** (adj) mob, mobbish, disorderly
- moderating:** (adj) abstemious, extenuating. ANTONYM: (adj) intensifying
- modest:** (adj) humble, lowly, moderate, gentle, low, meek, chaste, decent, unassuming; (adj, n) bashful, diffident. ANTONYMS: (adj) pretentious, arrogant, spectacular, conceited, showy, proud, pompous, elaborate, grand, conspicuous, ostentatious
- modesty:** (n) reserve, bashfulness, humility, diffidence, humbleness, demureness, coyness, gentleness, continence; (adj, n) decency, honesty. ANTONYMS: (n) arrogance, immodesty, spectacle, flamboyance, abandon, bigheadedness, pretension, decadence, boldness
- momentarily:** (adv) transitorily, temporarily, momentarily, transiently, passingly, ephemerally, fugitively, provisionally, briefly, cursorily, in a moment. ANTONYM: (adv) slowly
- momentary:** (adj) brief, fugitive, transient, short, instantaneous, ephemeral, passing, momentaneous, temporary, impermanent, temporal. ANTONYMS: (adj) lasting, lengthy, long
- monologue:** (n) soliloquy, speech, words, apostrophe, discourse, language

monotone: (adj) humdrum, monotonous, toneless, pedestrian; (n) drone, droning, bourdon, laggard, intonation, lagger

monotonous: (adj) dull, flat, boring, dreary, tedious, insipid, monotone, monotonous; (adj, v) dry, uninteresting, stupid. ANTONYMS: (adj) exciting, varied, stimulating, lively, exotic, enthralling, brilliant, flexible

monotony: (n) boredom, dullness, evenness, sameness, tediousness, flatness, dreariness, tautophony, tiresomeness; (adj) dull work, humdrum. ANTONYMS: (n) variety, variation

monster: (n) beast, fiend, devil, freak, brute, demon, ogre, leviathan, behemoth, monstrosity; (adj) huge

monstrosity: (n) freak, eyesore, leviathan, abortion, ogre, anamorphosis, malformation, *lusu naturae*; (adj, n) enormity; (adj) bizarrerie, immensity

monstrous: (adj) huge, atrocious, heinous, monster, immense, gigantic, grievous, ugly, flagitious, dreadful; (adj, v) grotesque. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, minute, beautiful, good, small, lovely, attractive

monument: (n) headstone, cenotaph, tombstone, tablet, shrine, slab, gravestone, landmark, statue; (adj, n) column; (n, v) record

mood: (adj, n) humor, frame of mind; (n) atmosphere, climate, disposition, attitude, air, feeling, mode, temper, temperament

moon: (adj) lunar; (n) month, moonshine, satellite, moonlight, luck, lunar month, GHURRY, epoch, orb of night; (v) daydream

moral: (n) lesson, meaning; (adj) good, decent, right, honest, virtuous, proper, chaste, upright, righteous. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, unwholesome, unethical, amoral, decadent, wrong, unjust, sinful, irreverent, dishonorable, degenerate

morgan: (n) Daniel Morgan, Henry Morgan, Lewis Henry Morgan, Morgan unit, sir Henry Morgan, Thomas hunt Morgan

morose: (adj) grim, dismal, glum, dark, moody, grumpy, dour, depressed, sullen, blue, dejected. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, cheery, stable

morrow: (n) morning, future, mean solar day, day

mortally: (adv) lethally, deadly, pestilently, perniciously, extremely, humanly, grievously, poisonously, individually, killingly, dangerously. ANTONYM: (adv) mildly

mortals: (n) people

mortification: (n) chagrin, embarrassment, shame, gangrene, disappointment, disgrace, corruption, necrosis, degradation; (adj, n) vexation; (adj) grievance

mostly: (adv) generally, chiefly, for the most part, ordinarily, in general, above all, mainly, primarily, principally, more often than not, by and large. ANTONYM: (adv) partially

motionless: (adj) inactive, inert, immobile, stationary, fixed, unmoving, quiescent, dead, torpid; (adj, adv) calm, at rest. ANTONYMS: (adj) mobile, active, alive, flowing

motive: (n, v) cause; (n) account, incentive, impulse, inducement, motif, motivation, incitement, reason, subject; (v) aim. ANTONYM: (n) disincentive

mountains: (n) plenty, mountain range, mountain chain

mounted: (adj) equestrian, mounting, mounts, set, firm, affixed, decorated. ANTONYM: (adj) unmounted

mournful: (adj) sad, miserable, melancholy, funereal, dolorous, dark, pensive, gloomy, lugubrious, lamentable; (adj, n) plaintive. ANTONYMS: (adj) joyful, happy, emotionless

mournfully: (adv) sadly, sorrowfully, glumly, woefully, unhappily, plaintively, grievously, funereally, dejectedly, dolorously, poignantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, joyfully

mouthful: (n) gulp, morsel, swallow, gobbet, nip, bit, sip, piece, drink; (adj, n) handful; (adj) thimbleful

muddle: (adj, n) mess; (n, v) clutter, disorder; (adj, v) confuse, fluster, bewilder, perplex; (adj, n, v) blunder; (v) addle, botch; (n) disarray. ANTONYMS: (v) enlighten, sharpen, soothe, organize, disentangle, tidy, clarify; (n) space, clarity, neatness

muffled: (adj) hushed, muted, hollow, inarticulate, faint, soft, subdued, low, quiet; (v) allusive, covert. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct, audible, slight

mule: (n) ass, donkey, jackass, hinny,

mules, scuff, bullhead, slipper; (adj) hybrid, crossbreed, Metis

mules: (n) mule, scuffs, carpet slipper, scuff

multiplied: (adj) many, multitudinous, teeming, peopled, populous, studded, thick, increased, frequent; (v) absorb, acquisition

multitude: (n) flock, horde, crowd, host, throng, concourse, mob, masses, mass, herd, swarm. ANTONYM: (n) trickle

mumbled: (adj) inaudible, faint, broken, slurred, thick, garbled, unintelligible, muffled, low, incomprehensible. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct

mumbling: (n) gumming, diction, enunciation, chewing, mussionation, mastication; (adj) inarticulate, incoherent

munitions: (n) ordnance, arms, weapons, military stores, armaments, artillery, guns, gun, military supplies, ordnance stores, defense

murderer: (n) assassin, cutthroat, killer, manslayer, murderess, executioner, thug, liquidator; (v) butcher; (n, v) slayer, terrorist

murmur: (n, v) grumble, mumble, hum, whisper, mutter, whine, babble, drone; (v) complain, bubble, breathe

murmuring: (n) murmuration, murmur, complaint, grumble, muttering, mutter, murmur vowel; (adj) whispering, humming, droning, murmurous

muscle: (n) potency, sinew, might, power, strength, force, energy, flesh, beef; (adj, n) physique; (adj) nerve

muscles: (n) sinew, strength

muscular: (adj) athletic, strong, brawny, hefty, burly, powerful, robust, husky, stout, stalwart, sturdy. ANTONYMS: (adj) puny, slight, weak, ectomorphic, endomorphic, skinny, unfit, feeble, frail, delicate

musically: (adv) harmoniously, melodiously, sweetly, melodically, dulcetly, euphoniously, pleasingly, canorously, pleasantly, rhythmically, metrically. ANTONYMS: (adv) harshly, unmusically

musings: (adj) contemplative, meditative, thoughtful, pensive; (n) meditation, consideration, reflection, rumination, reverie, thought, cogitation

musket: (n) fusil, blunderbuss, gun, rifle
musketry: (n) proficiency, rifle, musket, facility, army unit
mustache: (n) mustachio, mastax, moustachio, beard, whisker, whiskers, toothbrush, hair, handlebar mustache, body hair, facial hair
mute: (adj) dumb, silent, inarticulate, dummy, tongueless; (v) muffle, dampen, deaden, hush; (adj, v) quiet, dull. ANTONYMS: (adj) talkative, speaking, spoken; (v) amplify
mutely: (adv) dumbly, wordlessly, stilly, speechlessly, taciturnly, unspokenly, quietly, noiselessly, dully, soundlessly, dumbly.
 ANTONYM: (adv) noisily
mutter: (n, v) mumble, grumble, whisper; (v) growl, maunder, grouch, snarl, croak; (n) murmuration, grumbling, complaint
muttered: (adj) garbled, incoherent, broken, inarticulate
muttering: (n) grumbling, mutter, murmuring, grumble, murmuration, murmur vowel, complaint, heart murmur, cardiac murmur; (adj) mumbling, faint
mysterious: (adj) inscrutable, incomprehensible, deep, eerie, inexplicable, obscure, abstruse, dark, cryptic, secret, arcane. ANTONYMS: (adj) known, apparent, normal, open, explicable, facile, obvious, simple, legible, familiar, transparent
mystic: (adj, v) secret, recondite; (adj) mysterious, occult, cryptical, cryptic, esoteric, inscrutable, weird, magical; (adj, n) psychic
mythology: (n) legend, tradition, religion, folklore, cultural anthropology, collection, classical mythology, assemblage, aggregation, accumulation, lore
named: (adj, v) called; (adj) nominative, nominal, chosen, appointed, nominated, designated, titled, specified; (v) benempt, cyclepud
napoleon: (n) Polish bank, Napoleon I, Napoleon Bonaparte, lottery, lift smoke, connections, put, cassino, the little corporal, Bonaparte, blind hookey
narrowed: (adj) narrow, narrower, pointed, lessened, contracted, constricted, conical, angustate, tapering
narrowly: (adv) closely, barely,

hardly, strictly, slenderly, tightly, smally, contractly, slimly, precisely, nearly. ANTONYMS: (adv) broadly, inaccurately
nearer: (adj) adjacent, narre, hither; (adv) more rapidly, sooner, quicker, nigher, NER, faster, earlier, Neer
nearest: (adj) proximate, immediate, close, near, next, adjoining, intimate, direct, adjacent; (adj, adv) nighest; (adv) fore. ANTONYM: (adj) distant
neat: (adj) elegant, tidy, clear, natty, graceful, dainty, pretty, clever, pure, straight, nifty. ANTONYMS: (adj) messy, scruffy, unempt, clumsy, disordered, disorderly, diluted, large, lax, impulsive, loose
needles: (adj) gratuitous, wanton, unwarranted, unprovoked, senseless; (n) nervousness, anxiety
neglected: (adj) dilapidated, disregarded, ignored, deserted, derelict, forsaken, obsolete, antiquated, antique, shabby, unnoticed. ANTONYM: (adj) salubrious
negro: (n) black, darky, blackamoor, nigger, Negroid, black person, darkie, coon, moke, lightlessness; (adj) dark
neighborhood: (n) vicinity, district, area, community, locality, place, quarter, environs, section; (adj) neighboring, local
nerve: (n) cheek, audacity, boldness, brass, impudence, heart, mettle, daring, courage, face, fortitude. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, timidity, reticence, respect
nervous: (adj) anxious, excitable, afraid, uneasy, shy, fearful, apprehensive, firm; (adj, v) tense; (adj, adv) cowardly, excited. ANTONYMS: (adj) brave, relaxed, bold, composed, confident, fearless, untroubled, unflappable, still, unconcerned, carefree
nervously: (adv) edgily, anxiously, timidly, worriedly, uneasily, restlessly, timorously, skittishly, excitedly, neurotically, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (adv) confidently, boldly, fearlessly, unconcernedly, nonchalantly, trustingly
nestled: (adj) closer, close
newborn: (n) baby, babe, neonate, child, newborn baby, tot, toddler; (adj) young, unfledged, neonatal, callow
newspapers: (n) press, papers, the media, journalists, reporters

nightfall: (n) dusk, evening, twilight, sunset, gloaming, evenfall, dark, eventide, sundown, darkness, fall. ANTONYMS: (n) daybreak, sunrise
nightmare: (n) incubus, fantasy, terror, trial, air drawn dagger, bugbear, fancy, vision, fear, horror, situation. ANTONYM: (n) reality
nighttime: (n) night, dark, period, nightertale, darkness, iniquity; (adj) nocturnal, nightly. ANTONYM: (adj) daytime
nodding: (adj) cernuous, drooping, dozy, dozing, somnolent, drugged, pendulous, drowsing, droopy, annuent, flagging. ANTONYM: (adj) awake
noisy: (adj) boisterous, loud, vociferous, clamorous, turbulent, tumultuous, strident, blatant, shrill, rowdy, vocal. ANTONYMS: (adj) silent, peaceful, tranquil, calm, noiseless, soft, restrained, placid, orderly, gentle
nonchalant: (adj) careless, indifferent, insouciant, unconcerned, casual, carefree, calm, heedless, listless, apathetic, offhand. ANTONYMS: (adj) concerned, uptight, careful, excited
noon: (n) high noon, noonday, noontide, afternoon, hour, dinnertime, crest, twelve noon; (adj) meridian, meridional; (adj, n) culmination
nose: (n) hooter, neb, nozzle, proboscis, honker, bow, odour; (v) wind, pry, scent; (n, v) sniff
nostrils: (n) naris, nose
noting: (adj) conscious
notion: (n) belief, idea, impression, fancy, image, imagination, opinion, conception, concept; (adj, n, v) judgment; (n, v) caprice. ANTONYMS: (n) trust, certainty, fact, reality
nowise: (adv) no, nay, noways, not, none, to no degree
numb: (adj) benumbed, dead, asleep, torpid, insensible, deadened, callous, impassive; (adj, v) dull; (v) benumb, deaden. ANTONYMS: (adj) responsive, conscious; (v) sensitize
numbing: (adj) piercing, palliative, freezing, painkilling, desensitizing, anesthetic, soporific, cold, deadening
nurse: (n, v) nourish, nurture; (v) look after, entertain, attend, cherish, lactate, harbor, foster, cultivate, cradle

nursing: (n) attention, tending, care, breast feeding, treatment, nurture, suckling, nurse, feeding, treat, rearing

oaks: (n) beech family, *Castanopsis*, *Nothofagus*, *Lithocarpus*, genus *Quercus*, Genera *Castanea*, family *Fagaceae*, *Fagus*, *Fagaceae*, chestnuts

oath: (n) expletive, malediction, imprecation, promise, affidavit, cuss, swearing, pledge, assurance, asseveration; (v) swear

obdurate: (adj) inflexible, stony, obstinate, callous, firm, stubborn, headstrong, flinty, mulish, impenitent, rigid. ANTONYMS: (adj) compliant, amenable, accommodating, easygoing, caring, irresolute, soft, acquiescent

obedience: (n) meekness, submission, deference, obeisance, acquiescence, subordination, bow, observance, docility, loyalty, allegiance. ANTONYMS: (n) disobedience, defiance, naughtiness, resistance, divergence, chaos, wildness

obedient: (adj) submissive, compliant, good, conformable, tame, acquiescent, dutiful, meek, biddable, amenable, subservient. ANTONYMS: (adj) defiant, assertive, rebellious, crooked, intractable, naughty, wild, resistant

obediently: (adv) dutifully, yieldingly, compliantly, meekly, acquiescently, respectfully, tamely, subserviently, passively, loyally, devotedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) defiantly, assertively, wildly

objecting: (adj) disappointed, disinclined, opposed

objection: (n) dissent, complaint, grievance, exception, gripe, disagreement, outcry, difficulty, expostulation, disapproval, criticism. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, agreement, praise, acceptance

objectionable: (adj) distasteful, offensive, nasty, exceptionable, undesirable, disagreeable, unwelcome, disgusting, unacceptable, repugnant, obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) agreeable, desirable, acceptable, inoffensive

obliged: (adj) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable, compelled; (adj, v) bound, under obligation; (adj, prep) indebted; (v) oblige, binding. ANTONYM: (adj) ungrateful

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oblique: (adj) circuitous, devious, lateral, side, roundabout, slanting, evasive, collateral, sloping, inclined, tortuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) direct, level, perpendicular, parallel, overt, explicit, straight, clear, upright; (n) nominative

obliterated: (adj) obliterate, destroyed, lost, forgotten, invisible; (v) erased, effaced

oblivious: (adj) careless, inattentive, mindless, heedless, neglectful, unaware, ignorant, unwitting, Lethan, deaf, blind. ANTONYMS: (adj) aware, watchful, mindful, careful, sharp

obscure: (adj, n) cloudy, dark; (adj) gloomy, mysterious, incomprehensible, hidden, ambiguous, concealed; (adj, v) darken, muddy; (v) hide. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, noticeable, simple, obvious, distinct, mainstream, famous, definite, overt, plain; (v) reveal

obscurity: (n) gloom, darkness, shade, dimness, obscurity, night, oblivion, haze, ambiguity, shadow, cloudiness. ANTONYMS: (n) clarity, fame, light, simplicity, prominence, celebrity, brightness

observant: (adj) mindful, watchful, alert, cautious, circumspect, careful, aware, heedful, vigilant, awake, keen. ANTONYMS: (adj) unobservant, dreaming, insensitive, unprepared, oblivious

observance: (adj, n) observance; (n) remark, comment, attention, contemplation, perception, conception; (n, v) inspection, notice, note, consideration. ANTONYMS: (n) disregard, omission, neglect

observe: (n, v) comment, notice, note; (v) commemorate, mind, guard, mention, mark, see, discover; (int, v) look. ANTONYMS: (v) feel, disregard, break, overlook, disobey, disrespect, Miss, violate

observed: (adj) ascertained, empirical, discovered, viewed, experimental, experiential, determined, visual, disclosed

obstinately: (adv) obdurately, mulishly, persistently, perversely, doggedly, refractorily, unyieldingly, willfully, pigheadedly, waywardly, firmly. ANTONYM: (adv) helpfully

obstruction: (n, v) hindrance, impediment, interruption, check, difficulty; (n) bar, hitch, blockage, blockade, block, hurdle.

ANTONYMS: (n) success, boost, help

occasional: (adj) accidental, irregular, incidental, infrequent, episodic, intermittent, fortuitous, adventitious, contingent, rare, odd. ANTONYMS: (adj) frequent, recurrent, addicted, regular, common, continuous

occasionally: (adv) now and then, from time to time, accidentally, every so often, now and again, sometimes, irregularly, uncommonly, casually, every now and then, fortuitously. ANTONYMS: (adv) regularly, usually, often, recurrently, constantly

occupation: (n) occupancy, business, craft, calling, job, place, vocation, career, function, line; (n, v) affair. ANTONYM: (n) surrender

occupied: (adj) busy, engaged, employed, diligent, active, absorbed, engrossed, working, industrious, affianced, betrothed. ANTONYMS: (adj) empty, vacant, uninhabited, available, free, idle, liberated, unoccupied

odds: (n) likelihood, probability, possibility, chance, advantage, likeliness, chances, disparity, prospect; (v) dissension; (adj) odd. ANTONYM: (n) unlikelihood

odor: (n) aroma, scent, odour, bouquet, flavour, perfume, flavor, savor, stink; (n, v) smell, stench

oiled: (adj) intoxicated, oily. ANTONYM: (adj) unoiled

oily: (adj, v) bland, soapy; (adj) fatty, fat, oleaginous, unctuous, slick, buttery; (adv) unctuously, smoothly, oleaginously. ANTONYM: (adj) lean

omen: (n, v) harbinger, bode, herald, augury; (n) indication, portent, forerunner, foreboding, sign, mark, auspice

ominous: (adj) baleful, inauspicious, ill, menacing, threatening, black, sinister, minatory, unlucky, forbidding, minacious. ANTONYMS: (adj) promising, auspicious, reassuring, bright, lucky, wonderful

ominously: (adv) inauspiciously, portentously, forbiddingly, balefully, threateningly, menacingly, blackly, direly; (adj, adv) gloomily, fatefully, unpromisingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) favorably, innocently

oncoming: (adj) approaching,

- impending, imminent, nearing, upcoming, moving; (n) onset, attack
- onslaught:** (n) attack, onset, charge, invasion, offensive, barrage, bombardment, incursion, onrush, blitz, attempt. ANTONYMS: (n) defense, retreat
- onward:** (adv) ahead, forwards, before, forth, onwards, along, in advance, frontward, forrader; (adv, prep) on; (adj) progressive. ANTONYM: (adv) backward
- opponent:** (n) antagonist, competitor, adversary, foe, contrary, foeman, opposition, contestant, match, opposite, rival. ANTONYMS: (n) ally, supporter, follower, partner, friend, colleague, believer, fan
- opposed:** (adj) conflicting, hostile, contrary, antagonistic, adverse, contrasted, repugnant, averse, irreconcilable, incompatible; (adj, v) opposing. ANTONYMS: (adj) sympathetic, compatible, unopposed, similar, favorable, eager, agreeable, inclined, friendly
- opposing:** (adj) conflicting, antagonistic, opponent, contrary, adverse, hostile, antithetical, anti, contradictory, rival; (prep) against. ANTONYMS: (adj) compatible, consistent, allied, accepting
- opposite:** (adj, n) contrary, contradictory, opponent; (adj) adverse, different, opposing, hostile, diametric, opposed; (adj, pron) other; (adj, adv) counter. ANTONYMS: (adj) allied, alternate, identical, like, same, parallel; (n) sameness, alikeness, confirmation
- orange:** (n) orangeness, orange tree, Methyl orange, bergamot, red and yellow, lemon, marmalade orange, orange river; (adj, n) reddish yellow; (adj) amber, ocher
- oration:** (n) discourse, harangue, lecture, speech, declamation, homily, tirade, say, recitation, oratory, language
- oratorical:** (adj) grandiloquent, oratorial, bombastic, redundant, flatulent, Oratorian, overblown
- ordeal:** (n) trial, suffering, experience, martyrdom, affliction, test, tribulation, misery, trouble, water-ordeal, distress. ANTONYM: (n) pleasure
- ordered:** (adj) regular, arranged, methodical, trim, orderly, lawful, logical, consistent, coherent, commanded, organized. ANTONYMS: (adj) disordered,
- disarranged, inconsistent
- orderly:** (adj) neat, tidy, exact, regular, ordered, systematic, logical, coherent, businesslike; (adv) systematically; (n) attendant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unmanageable, rowdy, wild, disorganized, untidy, disorderly, confused, lawless, messy, defiant, haphazard
- ordinarily:** (adv) generally, usually, regularly, normally, frequently, customarily, habitually, routinely, middlingly, plainly, familiarly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unusually, rarely, strangely, exceptionally
- organs:** (n) offal, haslet, giblet, chitlins, chitlings, chitterlings, insides, tongue, variety meat, sweetbread, tripe
- out-and-out:** (adj) perfect, positive, sheer, stark, downright, outright, consummate, thorough, total, unmitigated, unqualified
- outburst:** (n) explosion, spurt, eruption, fit, burst, flash, effusion, gush, ebullition, blast, rage
- outcast:** (n) exile, castaway, leper, expatriate, outlaw, vagabond, lown, loon, refugee; (adj, n) derelict; (adj) homeless. ANTONYM: (n) native
- outcry:** (n, v) clamor, exclaim, call, shout, vociferation; (n) noise, exclamation, din, uproar, commotion, racket. ANTONYM: (n) acceptance
- outer:** (adj) exterior, outward, outside, extrinsic, outdoor, outlying, peripheral, surface, utter, extraneous, outmost. ANTONYMS: (adj) internal, inner, interior, inward, inside
- outlined:** (adj) clean-cut, clearly defined, formed, distinct, graphic
- overcome:** (v) crush, subdue, beat, vanquish, overpower, master, defeat, hurdle, get over, overwhelm; (adj) beaten. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, lose, comfort, protect, resist, surrender, capitulate; (adj) unimpressed
- overhanging:** (adj, v) projecting; (v) beetling; (adj) covering, imminent, impending, pendent, obumbrant, hanging over, overspreading, depending, hanging
- overhead:** (adv) aloft, on high, over, up, high up; (n) expense, ceiling, budget items, command processing overhead, operating cost; (adj) upper. ANTONYM: (adj) surface
- overhear:** (v) catch, eavesdrop, listen, overheard, understand, fold up,
- befool, fascinate, entrance, enchant, enamour
- overtook:** (v) overtake
- overture:** (n, v) offer, advance; (n) prelude, approach, introduction, preface, opening, presentation, feeler, bid, motion. ANTONYMS: (n) finale, conclusion, postscript
- overturned:** (adj) upturned, upside down, inverted, reversed, wrong way up, confused, broken, wrong side up, topsy-turvy, disturbed, disquieted
- overwhelmed:** (adj) beaten, overpowered, vanquished, dumbfounded, inundated, flooded, overthrown, engulfed, conquered, bewildered; (v) overcome. ANTONYM: (adj) unimpressed
- owned:** (v) owed, ought; (adj) own, proprietary; (n) aught
- pace:** (n, v) walk, gait, rate, march, stride, footstep; (n) speed, tempo, rapidity, tread, celerity
- pacific:** (adj) peaceable, calm, gentle, moderate, conciliatory, mild, peaceful, composed, imperturbable, bland, unruffled. ANTONYMS: (adj) hostile, troubled
- pacing:** (n) accelerando, andante, allegro, allegretto, pace, walk, tempo, musical time, maneuvering alongside another vessel, cardiac pacing
- packet:** (n) bundle, bale, container, parcel, pack, wad, carton, mail boat, wrap, deck, envelope
- paean:** (n) encomium, hymn, celebration, commemoration, ovation, jubilee, triumph, anthem, laud, praise, congratulations
- pagan:** (adj, n) gentile, ethnic, agnostic; (n) idolater, infidel, paynim, heretic; (adj) heathenish, irreligious, ethical, profane
- pail:** (n) bucketful, jug, tub, pailful, cannikin, pails, skeel, tankard, pot, pipkin, vessel
- pained:** (adj) offended, aggrieved, distressed, displeased, sore, grieved, miserable, injured, wounded, worried, upset. ANTONYM: (adj) unaffected
- painfully:** (adv) sorely, grievously, distressingly, severely, tenderly, badly, agonizingly, laboriously, sadly, bitterly, poignantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) easily, tolerably
- pains:** (n) nisis, labor, trouble, effort, exertion, labour, pain, care, struggle, attempt, strain
- pairs:** (n) quinze, brag, speculation,

- cassino, commerce, connections, Earl of Coventry, lift smoke, lottery, patience, blind hooky
- pale:** (adj) faint, wan, dull, weak, light, bloodless, pallid; (adv, v) dim; (n) boundary, confine; (v) blanch. ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, rosy, brown, well, glowing, vivid, healthy, clear, colorful; (v) redden, darken
- pallid:** (adj) ghastly, wan, bloodless, lurid, cadaverous, sickly, ashen, white, pasty, livid, watery. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, rosy, vivid
- pallor:** (n) pallidness, wanness, complexion, achromasia, lividity, lividness, luridness, pale, skin color, whiteness, sallowness. ANTONYMS: (n) rosiness, coloration, bloom
- pampered:** (adj) indulged, spoiled, soft, bad, fed luxuriously, luxurious
- pangs:** (n) anguish, compunction, contrition, distress
- panic:** (adj, n) dismay, horror, terror, dread; (n, v) alarm, scare, shock; (n) fright, anxiety, fear, flap. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, calmness, order, peace, bravery, security; (n, v) comfort; (v) relax, soothe
- panic-stricken:** (adj) afraid, hysterical
- panther:** (n) cougar, jaguar, leopard, puma, mountain lion, painter, Felis onca, Felis concolor, cat; (adj) lion, tiger
- panting:** (adj) gasping, breathless, blown, winded, puffed; (v) palpitation; (n) heaving, gasp, asthma, heave, puff
- pants:** (n) knickers, trousers, drawers, knickerbockers, underpants, chinos, cords, denim, bloomers, flannel, knee pants
- parade:** (v) flaunt, exhibit, demonstrate, strut, swagger; (n, v) march, show, array; (n) ostentation, pageant, ceremony
- parallel:** (v) compare; (n, v) match, duplicate; (adj, n) equivalent; (adj) even, like, comparable, alike; (n) analogy, likeness; (adj, adv) level. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) skew; (adj) dissimilar, conflicting, different, independent, separate, oblique, uneven; (n) dissimilarity, contrast, difference
- paralyze:** (v) palsy, cripple, paralyze, disable, deaden, petrify; (n, v) numb, stun; (adj, n) obtund, blunt; (adj) anaesthetize
- parcel:** (n) bale, pack, bundle, package, packet, section, division, batch; (n, v) portion; (v) distribute, apportion
- parched:** (adj, n) thirsty; (adj) arid, adust, torrid, barren, desiccated, dehydrated, scorched, baked, withered, shriveled. ANTONYMS: (adj) quenched, humid
- pardner:** (n) collaborator, cooperator, mate, pal, crony, married person, henchman, collaborationist, better half, associate, confederate
- parings:** (n) residue
- paroxysm:** (adj, n) fit, burst; (n) convulsion, outburst, explosion, attack, seizure, spasm, gust, agony; (adj) breaking out
- parrot:** (n, v) mimic; (n) popinjay, poll, parakeet, macaw, copycat, cockateel, Amazon, cockatiel, cockatoo; (v) ape
- parson:** (n) cleric, clergyman, rector, pastor, curate, preacher, ecclesiastic, divine, priest, vicar, father
- parted:** (adj) divided, separate, distributed, separated, divisible, disunited, compounder, compound, dividable
- parting:** (n) adieu, division, leave, departure, disunion, goodbye, leaving, segregation, dying, rupture; (adj) valedictory. ANTONYMS: (n) joining, meeting, connection, Reunion
- passing:** (adj) transient, ephemeral, momentary, cursory, brief; (n) overtaking, departure, expiration, decease, passage, death. ANTONYMS: (adj) lasting, thorough, intended, lengthy, long; (n) birth, failing
- passion:** (n) affection, fire, fervor, love, feeling, anger, enthusiasm, heat, craving, desire; (n, v) ardor. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, hate, serenity, meekness, hatred, doubt, dislike, calmness, moderation
- passionate:** (adj, v) ardent, impetuous; (adj) hot, excited, burning, angry, fervent, fierce, animated, earnest; (adj, adv) fiery. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, mild, passionless, unenthusiastic, cold, calm, halfhearted, cool, lukewarm, weak, uninterested
- passively:** (adv) inactively, inertly, quiescently, unresistingly, patiently, acquiescently, compliantly, meekly, tamely, dormantly, dutifully. ANTONYMS: (adv) vigorously, actively, assertively, defiantly
- paste:** (n, v) glue, gum, plaster; (n) dough, adhesive, cream, batter; (v) bond, affix, to stick, attach
- pasted:** (adj) affixed
- pastelike:** (adj) pasty, gummy, glutinous, gluey, colorless, pallid
- patch:** (v) piece; (n) plot, fleck, darn, blot, freckle, bed, maculation, field; (n, v) botch, repair
- patent:** (adj) overt, evident, apparent, manifest, plain, clear, conspicuous, open, palpable, explicit; (n) letters patent. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconspicuous, obscure, subtle, unobtrusive, veiled, ambiguous, furtive, questionable
- pathos:** (v) emotion, inspiration, impression, affection; (n) poignancy, pity, ruth, commiseration, grief, poignance, sympathy
- patience:** (n) endurance, fortitude, longanimity, equanimity, tolerance, resignation, restraint, composure, suffrance; (n, v) moderation, calmness. ANTONYMS: (n) impatience, eagerness, intolerance, annoyance
- patriotism:** (n) nationalism, nationality, love of country, chauvinism, jingoism, loyalty, public spirit, xenophobia, Americanism, national character, civism. ANTONYM: (n) disloyalty
- patronizing:** (adj) condescending, haughty, patronising, superior, arrogant, snobbish, arch, supercilious; (v) patronize; (n) patronage; (adv) patronizingly. ANTONYMS: (adj) humble, deferential, modest
- pause:** (n, v) halt, interruption, adjournment, delay, respite, stop; (adj, n, v) rest; (n) intermission, gap; (adj, v) discontinue; (v) hesitate. ANTONYMS: (n) decisiveness, continuation, start; (v) proceed
- peaceable:** (adj) gentle, calm, pacific, amicable, quiet, friendly, inoffensive, moderate, meek, serene; (adj, v) peaceful. ANTONYMS: (adj) argumentative, belligerent, intemperate, quarrelsome, crooked, disruptive, harsh, disordered
- peaceful:** (adj) peaceable, quiet, gentle, even, silent, meek, peace, staid, placid, tranquil, imperturbable. ANTONYMS: (adj) aggressive, tense, noisy, turbulent, disturbed, hostile, disruptive, bothered, warlike, unpeaceful, compulsory
- peak:** (adj, n) top, maximum; (n) apex, acme, crown, pinnacle, tip,

- height, summit, mountain, extreme.
ANTONYMS: (n) trough, base, bottom, minimum; (n, v) dip
- peaked:** (adj) pointed, sharp, spiky, ensiform, peaky, poorly, salient, unwell, gaunt, wan, emaciated
- peal:** (n) ding, noise, clang, dingdong, blast; (v) chime, knell, toll, echo; (adj, n) swell; (n, v) bang
- pearl:** (adj, n) jewel; (n) gem, bead, dewdrop, ivory, bone; (adj) brilliant, flower, bijou, satin etched, ruby.
ANTONYM: (n) dud
- pebbles:** (n) shingle, grit, gravel, stones
- peck:** (n, v) nibble; (v) beak, pick, kiss, pick up; (n) pile, plenty, mass, slew, lot, mint
- peculiar:** (adj) particular, odd, exceptional, different, extraordinary, curious, eccentric, characteristic, anomalous, abnormal, distinctive.
ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, typical, common, universal, explicable, conventional
- peculiarly:** (adj, adv) particularly, curiously, unusually, uncommonly, singularly; (adv) especially, oddly, strangely, specifically, weirdly, specially. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) typically, ordinarily, slightly
- peeled:** (adj) naked, in the altogether, in the raw, naked as a jaybird, in the buff, bare, exposed, bleak, crude, cutting, natural
- peer:** (n, v) peep; (n) noble, mate, equal, equivalent, compeer, nobleman, fellow, associate; (v) peek, gaze. **ANTONYMS:** (v) glance, stare
- peering:** (adj) nosy, prying, snooply
- peevish:** (adj) fretful, fractious, morose, testy, irascible, moody, captious, petulant, cross, cantankerous, touchy
- pegs:** (v) legs, feet, trotters, pins
- pelt:** (n) hide, skin, fell, coat; (v) pepper, bombard, hurry, beat, hit, batter, pour
- pelting:** (n) successiveness, chronological sequence, chronological succession, hail, rain
- pencil:** (n) beam, Pleiades, gleam, light, group, cluster; (v) brush, draw, design, paint, limn draw
- penetrated:** (adj) perforated, entered
- peopled:** (adj) multinomial, multiple, manifold, multiplied, multitudinous, populous, inhabited, thick, studded, teeming, crowded.
ANTONYM: (adj) uninhabited
- perceive:** (v) comprehend, apprehend, discover, see, grasp, find, know, observe, sense, appreciate; (adj, v) discern.
ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, observe, ignore
- perceived:** (adj) sensed, apparent, supposed, professed, ostensible
- perceiving:** (n) feeling, sensing, hearing, looking at, recognition, thought, vision, lipreading; (adj) conscious, percipient, reasonable
- perception:** (n) conception, notion, idea, impression, feeling, discernment, insight, comprehension, taste, sensation, penetration. **ANTONYMS:** (n) unconsciousness, foolishness, dullness, clumsiness
- perch:** (adj, n, v) roost; (v) light, settle, sit, alight, squat, land; (adj, v) lodge, abide, dwell; (n) pole
- perchance:** (adv) maybe, possibly, by chance, peradventure, accidentally, incidentally, mayhap, chance, haphazard, probably, haply
- perched:** (adj) perked, alert, on the edge, balanced, poised, on the brink, suspended, perked up
- peremptory:** (adj) imperious, commanding, dictatorial, overbearing, decisive, magisterial; (adj, v) authoritative, dogmatic, flat, absolute; (v) decided. **ANTONYM:** (adj) polite
- perfection:** (n) maturity, ideal, consummation, paragon, completeness, finish, completion, crown, flawlessness, development, ne plus ultra. **ANTONYMS:** (n) imperfection, fault, abandonment, ugliness, deterioration
- performed:** (adj, v) done, finished; (adj) fulfilled
- perfunctorily:** (adv) superficially, automatically, carelessly, as a formality, involuntarily, quickly, hastily, unthinkingly, passingly, automatically, fleetingly. **ANTONYM:** (adv) thoroughly
- perfunctory:** (adj) cursory, casual, automatic, passing, superficial, offhand, mechanical, indifferent, hurried, sketchy, formal.
ANTONYMS: (adj) careful, thoughtful
- perilous:** (adj, v) dangerous, hazardous; (adj) insecure, unsafe, parous, precarious, risky, treacherous, dicey, critical, dodgy.
ANTONYM: (adj) secure
- permission:** (n, v) allowance; (n) consent, license, permit, authority, leave, licence, liberty, approval, sanction, assent. **ANTONYMS:** (n) refusal, ban, veto, intolerance, exclusion
- permit:** (adj, n, v) give, allow, consent; (adj, v) grant; (n, v) license, leave; (v) admit, let, bear; (n) licence, permission. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) ban; (v) prevent, prohibit, stop, refuse, veto, outlaw, disagree, debar, bar; (n) prohibition
- perpetually:** (adv) eternally, everlastingly, always, incessantly, continually, endlessly, permanently, unceasingly, ceaselessly, ever; (adj, adv) forever. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) erratically, sporadically
- perry:** (n) Ralph Barton perry, alcohol, alcoholic beverage, inebriant, commodore perry, drink, Oliver hazard perry
- persist:** (v) persevere, go on, endure, insist, maintain, remain, linger, follow; (n, v) last, abide, hold.
ANTONYMS: (v) abandon, desist, cease
- persistence:** (n) pertinacity, perseverance, tenacity, tenaciousness, obstinacy, doggedness, purpose, durability, firmness, stubbornness, inflexibility
- persistent:** (adj) lasting, obstinate, constant, continual, insistent, permanent, continuous, incessant, unrelenting, stubborn, chronic.
ANTONYMS: (adj) contained, irrelative, temporary, gentle, intermittent, compliant, caducous, fickle, fleeting, feeble, inconsistent
- persistently:** (adv) stubbornly, constantly, continually, firmly, tenaciously, unremittingly, continuously, incessantly, insistently, doggedly, pertinaciously. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) sporadically, acutely, aimlessly, inconsistently, spasmodically, halfheartedly
- personality:** (n) person, nature, identity, celebrity, character, temperament, disposition, characteristic, essence, individualism, public figure.
ANTONYM: (n) nobody
- personally:** (adv) privately, in person, intimately, directly, specially, confidentially, secretly, self, oneself, subjectively, particularly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) impersonally, indirectly, objectively, collectively, distantly, generally, universally

persons: (n) folk, public, society, world

perspiration: (n) diaphoresis, hidrosis, sudor, sweating, extravasation, secretion, exertion, exudation, effort, lather, water

pert: (adj) impertinent, bold, impudent, insolent, forward, fresh, brazen, saucy, malapert, irreverent, cheeky. ANTONYM: (adj) listless

perturbation: (n) commotion, agitation, fuss, emotion, excitement, confusion, dislocation, discomposure, interruption; (adj, n, v) trepidation; (adj, n) flutter

pestered: (adj) harassed, harried, vexed, peeved, nettled, irritated, much disputed, miffed

pestering: (n) harassment, annoyance; (adj) pesky, carking, vexatious, vexing, cranky, disagreeable; (adj, v) teasing; (v) worrying, tormenting

pestilential: (adj) pernicious, pestiferous, noxious, contagious, infectious, malignant, deadly, destructive, baneful, harmful, catching

petulantly: (adv) testily, impatiently, sulkily, querulously, pettishly, irritably, snappishly, morosely, tetchily, crossly, sullenly.

PHANTOM: (adv) calmly, lightly
phantom: (n, v) apparition, phantasm, vision, phantasma; (n) spectre, specter, appearance, shade, shadow, wraith, spirit

philippic: (n) diatribe, broadside, harangue, bill, broadsheet, denouncement, denunciation, flier, flyer, fulmination, handbill

philosopher: (n) thinker, bacon, libertarian, gymnosophist, empiricist, necessitarian, moralist, theorist, wisdom, pundit, mechanist

philosophical: (v) sedate, meditative, deliberative, platonic, museful, introspective, contemplative, pensive; (adj) cool; (adj, v) reflective, thoughtful. ANTONYMS: (adj) practical, nonphilosophical, emotional, realistic

philosophy: (n) ethics, logic, theory, ideology, literalism, monism, metaphysics, etiology, esthetics, axiology; (adj, n) stoicism

phosphorescent: (adj) bright, light, glowing, fluorescent, phosphoreous; (v) meteoric, in a blaze, ablaze, blazing, rutilant, relucent

phrase: (v) formulate, couch, put, articulate; (n) expression, idiom,

diction, speech, passage, locution; (n, v) word

pickets: (n) stakes

picking: (n) option, selection, alternative, gathering, collection, choice, harvesting, leavings, collecting, indefinite quantity; (v) choose

pictured: (adj) envisioned, portrayed, graphic, delineate, delineated, impictured, unreal, visualised, visualized, impressed

picturesque: (adj, v) pictorial; (adj) beautiful, striking, colorful, idyllic, scenic, vivid, quaint, lovely, romantic, colourful. ANTONYMS: (adj) drab, dull, ugly, unattractive, modern

picturing: (n) depiction, delineation, envisioning, pictorial representation, photography, portrayal, picture taking, photographic, imagination, mental imagery, imaging

pierced: (adj) punctured, perforate, penetrated, cut, cleft

pig-headed: (adj) stubborn, obstinate, opinionated, obdurate, perverse, willful, dogged, contumacious, intractable

pigs: (n) stock, hogs, Suidae, livestock, litter, family Suidae, domestic animals, cattle, boars, sheep, farm animals

pile: (n, v) heap, stack, mass, pack, jam; (n) congeries, mound, bunch, accumulation; (v) amass; (adj, n) nap. ANTONYM: (v) unload

piles: (adj, n) hemorrhoids, heaps, lots, loads, plenty; (n) hemorrhoid, stacks, haemorrhoid, tons; (adj) heartburn, hernia

pilfer: (v) steal, lift, purloin, cabbage, abstract, pinch, rob, embezzle, noble, pocket, swipe

pillar: (n) brace, mainstay, post, obelisk, foundation, pier, monument, stanchion, backbone, buttress; (adj, n) tower

pinched: (adj) haggard, drawn, emaciated, cadaverous, narrow, penurious, thin, penniless, adenoidal; (adj, n) necessitous; (n) distressed. ANTONYM: (adj) relaxed

pine: (v) languish, long, ache, droop, flag, crave, fade; (n) fir; (n, v) yearn, sink; (adj) peak

pink: (n) rose, crimson, gillyflower, paragon; (v) knock, gore, impale, stab, spike, spear; (adj) flower

pipe: (n) conduit, duct, flue, passage, pipage; (n, v) channel, cry; (v)

squeak, sing, peep, screech

piratical: (adj) lawless, buccaneerish

pitch: (n, v) fling, cast, degree, dip, tilt, lurch, toss, throw, slant; (v) chuck, hurl

pitched: (adj) oblique, thrown, slanting, at an angle, leaning; (v) fixed, pight, determined.

ANTONYM: (adj) level

pitching: (n) cast, lurch, nosing motion, playing, slant, delivery, lunge, stone facing, pitch shot; (adj) inclined; (adv) headlong

piteous: (adj) miserable, pitiful, pathetic, doleful, lamentable, abject, compassionate, unfortunate, poor, paltry, pitiable

piteously: (adj, adv) sadly; (adv) pitifully, wretchedly, ruefully, woefully, poorly, plaintively, sorrowfully, grievously, sorrowfully, dolefully

pitiful: (adj, n) abject; (adj) pathetic, lamentable, piteous, contemptible, miserable, distressing, mean, wretched, poor, sad. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, heartwarming, admirable, cheerful, fine, happy, impressive

pitiless: (adj) merciless, brutal, harsh, cruel, ruthless, implacable, remorseless, inexorable, inhuman, heartless, hard. ANTONYMS: (adj) merciful, charitable, soft, compassionate, warmhearted, sympathetic, flexible, caring, tolerant

pitilessly: (adv) remorselessly, ruthlessly, unmercifully, unfeelingly, heartlessly, harshly, cruelly, unsympathetically, brutally, relentlessly, unkindly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) mercifully, sensitively, sympathetically

pits: (n) depths, depths of despair, lowest point, nadir, raw deal, rock bottom

pity: (n, v) compassion, ruth; (n) mercy, commiseration, condolence, sympathy, clemency, remorse; (v) sympathize, compassionate, feel sorry for. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, cruelty, indifference, harshness, joy

pitying: (adj) sympathetic, merciful, pity, pityingly, gloomy, meritless, pitiful, sorry, sorry for, humane, dreary

placid: (adj) calm, composed, easygoing, equable, gentle, quiet, pacific, tranquil, cool, peaceable; (adj, v) peaceful. ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, energetic, stormy, frenetic,

- excitable, agitated, unstable, bothered, harsh, boisterous
- placidly:** (adv) coolly, calmly, tranquilly, peacefully, stilly, quietly, composedly, silently, meekly, impassively, collectedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) agitatedly, boisterously
- plain:** (adj) ordinary, comprehensible, intelligible, apparent, manifest, obvious, clear, simple; (adj, n) flat, homely, humble. ANTONYMS: (adj) elaborate, unclear, multicolored, mottled, ornate, concealed, attractive, confused, fussy, obscure, patterned
- plainly:** (adv) evidently, manifestly, clearly, distinctly, openly, obviously, patently, overtly, definitely; (adj, adv) frankly, honestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) imperceptibly, vaguely, obscurely, figuratively, unclearly, politely, incoherently, implicitly, finely, ambiguously, covertly
- plaintively:** (adv) piteously, sorrowfully, mournfully, pitifully, ruefully, grievously, lugubriously, pathetically, woefully, lamentingly, wistfully
- plane:** (adj, v) even, smooth; (n, v) airplane; (adj) flat, horizontal, flush; (n) face, surface, aircraft, degree; (v) flatten
- plank:** (n) timber, beam, slat, girder, panel, parachute, matchboard, footbridge, hardboard; (v) flump; (n, v) planch
- planned:** (adj) deliberate, intentional, calculated, designed, aforesought, scheduled, premeditated, plotted, prepared, future, studied. ANTONYMS: (adj) spontaneous, unplanned, ingenuous, accidental
- planting:** (n) plantation, positioning, position, cultivation, transplanting, set, planting system, husbandry, placement, locating, farming
- plead:** (v) entreat, implore, beg, adjure, petition, ask, appeal, defend, invoke, sue; (n, v) allege. ANTONYMS: (v) answer, demand
- pleading:** (adj) importunate, imploring, beseeching, appealing, supplicant; (n) defense, replication, demurrer, defence, advocacy, argument
- plight:** (n) condition, predicament, fix, fettle, quandary, dilemma, case, guarantee; (n, v) engage, promise; (v) covenant
- plodding:** (adj) slow, stodgy, heavy, hardworking, ponderous, steady; (n) persistence, grind, donkeywork, drudgery, walking. ANTONYMS: (adj) dilettante, rapid
- plum:** (n) damson, greengage, plum tree, prune, drupe, marmalade, lac, licorice; (adv) plumb, clean; (adj) mauve
- plumping:** (adj) biggest, bigger, large, largest
- plunge:** (n, v) drop, dive, fall, jump; (v) douse, duck, submerge, crash, dunk, plummet; (adj, v) immerse. ANTONYMS: (n, v) rise; (v) hesitate; (n) improvement
- pocket:** (v) take, appropriate, steal, lift, catch; (n, v) sack, pouch; (n) cavity, hole, hollow; (adj) digest. ANTONYM: (v) return
- poignant:** (adj, v) acrid, biting, harsh, painful, penetrating, brisk; (adj) acute, cutting, moving, affecting; (adj, n) piquant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unemotional, cheerful, emotionless
- pointed:** (adj) keen, poignant, acute, piquant, cutting, marked, pithy, biting, short, sharp, barbed. ANTONYMS: (adj) rounded, blunt, unpointed, pointless, mild, smooth, dull
- pointing:** (n) punctuation, indication, scoring
- poison:** (adj, v) contaminate, taint; (n, v) envenom, drug, empoison; (adj) toxic, poisonous; (v) defile, intoxicate; (n) bane, venom. ANTONYMS: (n) cure; (v) clean
- poiking:** (n) thrusting, jabbing, jab, driving force, dalliance, Phytolacca Americana, dig, biff, drive, carrier bag, garget
- pole:** (n) picket, bar, magnetic pole, mast, rod, terminal, post, support, axle, beam, axis
- polished:** (adj) glossy, cultured, finished, refined, smooth, lustrous, genteel, courtly; (adj, v) courteous, civil, polite. ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, coarse, shoddy, unpolished, amateur, awkward, unsophisticated
- polishing:** (n) shining, brightening, print polishing, brushing, mechanical polishing, bobbing; (adj) cultural, abrasive
- pompous:** (adj) grand, arrogant, ostentatious, affected, pretentious, overblown, showy, inflated, majestic, lordly; (adj, prep) bloated. ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, straightforward, unceremonious, quiet, unassuming, natural, deferential, relaxed, meek
- pompously:** (adv) ostentatiously, turgidly, proudly, pretentiously, imperiously, conceitedly, affectedly, stiltedly, puffily, showily, haughtily. ANTONYMS: (adv) modestly, meekly
- ponder:** (v) meditate, consider, cogitate, deliberate, think, reflect, conceive, mull, mull over; (n, v) muse, study. ANTONYMS: (v) decide, wander, ignore
- pondering:** (adj) pensive, musing, meditative, contemplative, thoughtful, reflective; (n) consideration, deliberation, cogitation, reflection, lucubration
- ponderous:** (adj) heavy, grave, onerous, burdensome, massive, unwieldy, bulky, stodgy, hard, tedious, dull. ANTONYMS: (adj) elegant, graceful, lively, brisk, manageable
- pontoon:** (n) float, bridge, barge, flatboat, raft, footbridge, limber, ponton, steppingstone, gangway, hoy
- poping:** (n) pop, blowing, cratering, dad, Dada, flaring, pa, papa, pappa; (adj) joyful, busy
- porcupine:** (n) hedgehog, rodent, brier, Erinaceus europaeus, gnawer, gnawing animal, porpentine, shrew; (adj) chevaux de frise, beard, thistle
- pork:** (n) pig, hog, swine, pork barrel, porc, red meat, white meat, animal protein, appropriation, beef, cochon de lait
- portal:** (n) gate, door, mouth, gateway, porch, entry, entrance, inlet, portals, entree, lips
- portentous:** (adj) fateful, extraordinary, pompous, amazing, pontifical, prodigious, grandiloquent, sinister, unusual, foreboding, astonishing. ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, promising
- portion:** (n, v) division, lot, allot, dividend, divide; (n) piece, parcel, fragment, component, section; (adj, n) constituent. ANTONYM: (n) whole
- portraying:** (n) portrayal, depiction, mirror, line drawing, personation, picture, portrait, portraiture, limning, enactment, characterization
- possess:** (adj, v) own; (v) hold, wield, occupy, bear, keep, enjoy, contain, retain, to have, maintain. ANTONYMS: (v) lack, remove
- possessed:** (adj) mad, obsessed, frantic, hysterical, furious, fanatical,

- infatuated, insane; (v) ought, owed, behoove. ANTONYM: (adj) uninterested
- possession:** (n) occupation, ownership, keeping, goods, substance, tenure, property, grasp, estate, domain; (n, v) acquisition. ANTONYMS: (n) vacancy, sale
- possibilities:** (n) potential, field
- posture:** (n) attitude, condition, stance, deportment, aspect, circumstance, manner, figure, mien; (n, v) pose, place
- potato:** (n) murphy, white potato, tater, spud, potato-ball, Solanum tuberosum, vine, tuber, bittersweet, eggplant, white potato vine
- potatoes:** (n) root crop
- potent:** (adj) forcible, influential, forceful, cogent, hard, mighty, persuasive, strong, efficacious; (adj, n) effective, effectual. ANTONYMS: (adj) impotent, ineffective, insignificant
- pottering:** (adj) movement, fussy, fidgety, bustle, ado, bother, stir; (n) fidgetiness, dalliance, idleness
- pounce:** (n) talon; (v) leap, bound, dive, descend, swoop, stoop, charge, attack, seize; (n, v) jump
- pounded:** (adj) beaten, ground, crushed, pulverized, minced, broken up, milled
- pounding:** (n) beat, throb, pound, hammering, pulsation, beating, throbbing, buffeting, hammer, thrashing, whipping
- pour:** (v) gush, shed, decant, scatter, stream, flow, pelt, discharge, teem, infuse; (n, v) overflow. ANTONYMS: (v) drizzle, trickle
- pouring:** (adj) gushing, teeming, flowing profusely, burbling, burbly; (n) casting, affusion, downpour, effusion, tapping, baptism. ANTONYM: (adj) light
- poverty:** (n, v) lack, destitution, penury, need, indigence, want; (adj, n) distress; (n) pauperism, impoverishment, squalor, deprivation. ANTONYMS: (n) wealth, riches, affluence, smartness, luxury, prosperity, fertility, surplus
- powder:** (n, v) dust; (v) grind, crush, pound, comminute, pulverize, sprinkle, pulverise; (n) gunpowder, pollen, explosive
- powerfully:** (adv) strongly, potently, vigorously, puissantly, effectively, forcefully, robustly, intensely, violently, hardily, firmly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, faintly,
- powerlessly, slightly, mildly, feebly, ineffectively, loosely, calmly
- practicable:** (adj) possible, operable, practical, executable, workable, viable, doable, achievable, attainable, likely, handy. ANTONYMS: (adj) impossible, impracticable, unrealistic, impractical
- prattling:** (n) gab; (adj) voluble, gabby
- prearranged:** (adj) fixed, premeditated, intelligence, intended, intentional, known, observer, occasional, predetermined, regular, selected. ANTONYM: (adj) changing
- precautions:** (n) protection, defense, safety net
- precede:** (v) lead, head, forego, antecede, antedate, anticipate, introduce, forerun, pass, preface, go. ANTONYMS: (v) succeed, postdate
- preceding:** (adj, adv) anterior, earlier; (adj) foregoing, former, previous, prior, past, precedent, preventive; (adv) forward; (prep) before. ANTONYMS: (adj) following, succeeding, next, present
- precious:** (adj, n) beloved; (adj) valuable, costly, cherished, invaluable, expensive, golden, choice, inestimable, exquisite; (n) darling. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheap, hated, shabby
- precise:** (adj, v) accurate, careful, close; (adj) correct, definite, minute, particular, delicate, neat, certain, clear. ANTONYMS: (adj) imprecise, inaccurate, vague, rough, careless, rushed, approximate, clumsy, unscientific, wrong, slapdash
- precisely:** (adv) accurately, correctly, strictly, truly, specifically, meticulously, minutely, literally, scrupulously, rigorously; (adj, adv) just. ANTONYMS: (adv) clumsily, indistinctly, approximately, inaccurately, imprecisely, wrongly, randomly, carelessly, poorly, wrong, haphazardly
- precision:** (n) accuracy, correctness, exactness, accurateness, preciseness, fidelity, nicety, delicacy, truth, exactitude; (adj) precise. ANTONYMS: (n) vagueness, inaccuracy, ambiguity, imprecision, clumsiness, impreciseness, neglect, messiness, incorrectness, faintness, carelessness
- predicting:** (adj) oracular; (n) estimation
- pregnant:** (adj, v) significant; (adj) meaningful, fraught, gravid, expectant, enceinte, heavy, big, meaning; (v) impregnate, conceive. ANTONYM: (adj) nonpregnant
- preparing:** (n) preparation, manufacturing; (v) brewing, prepare; (adj) preliminary, forthcoming, coming
- presently:** (adv) instantly, directly, currently, before long, shortly, soon, now, at present, readily, just, actually. ANTONYMS: (adv) later, now, formerly
- preserved:** (adj) kept, conserved, whole, pickled, condite, safe. ANTONYM: (adj) fresh
- pressed:** (adj) compact, urgent, printed, pressing, press, stamped, pushed, impelled, incited, bound, driven
- pressing:** (adj, v) exigent, importunate, important; (adj) imperative, immediate, imperious, instant, critical, insistent; (n) dishing, press. ANTONYM: (adj) mild
- presume:** (v) dare, consider, believe, think, infer, guess, expect, esteem, conclude, suppose, conjecture. ANTONYMS: (v) appreciate, despair, speculate
- prevented:** (adj) disallowed, barred, banned. ANTONYM: (adj) legitimate
- prey:** (n) chase, game, victim, immolation, quarry, target, mark, capture; (n, v) plunder, raven; (v) eat. ANTONYMS: (n) hunter, predator
- pricking:** (adj, v) keen, poignant, sharp; (v) suffer, smart, penetrating; (adj) pointed, piercing, urchin, thistly; (n) Peter
- prickling:** (n) itch, somaesthesia, somatesthesia, somesthesia, pins and needles, itching, itchiness, feeling, frisson; (adj, n) tingling; (adj) painful
- pride:** (n) arrogance, conceit, egotism, vanity, lordliness, assumption, insolence, disdain, hauteur; (n, v) boast; (v) plume. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, sorrow, dregs, disgrace, shame, baseness
- primed:** (adj) fitted, fit for, efficient, ready, capable, initiated, competent, up to the mark; (n) raddled, sewed up, whittled
- printed:** (adj) written, imprinted, stamped, pressed, embossed, on paper

- prisoner:** (n) captive, hostage, jailbird, accused, con, gaolbird, criminal, detainee, inmate, defendant, unfortunate
- privately:** (adv) covertly, privily, confidentially, personally, closely, stealthily, secludedly, domestically, informally, retiredly; (adj, adv) quietly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, officially
- privates:** (n) genitalia, genitals, genital organ, crotch, female genitalia, male genitalia, family jewels, fork, pudendal
- privilege:** (n) liberty, prerogative, immunity, freedom, grant, franchise, exemption, concession, claim; (n, v) license, permit. ANTONYM: (n) insult
- privileges:** (n) human rights, rights, openness, license, liberty, liberality, independence, civil liberties, immunities, constitutional rights, generosity
- prize:** (v) appreciate, esteem, value, cherish, admire; (n) plunder, award, booty, premium; (n, v) treasure, honor. ANTONYMS: (v) disrespect, scorn, hate; (n) dud
- probable:** (adj) likely, plausible, possible, potential, presumable, feasible, hopeful, convincing, believable, to be expected, specious. ANTONYMS: (adj) improbable, implausible, unbelievable
- probe:** (v) explore, inspect, fathom, investigate, search, look into, check; (n) investigation; (n, v) examination, research, inquiry
- proceed:** (v) move, advance, originate, ensue, flow, issue, arise, emanate; (adj, v) pass, run, extend. ANTONYMS: (v) discontinue, recede, regress, return, retreat
- proceeded:** (v) proceed, yode
- proceeding:** (n) matter, transaction, affair, procedure, lawsuit, proceedings; (v) deed, act; (n, v) measure; (adv, n) happening; (adj, adv, v) going on
- proceeds:** (n) return, take, earnings, gain, issue, revenue, emolument, receipts, profit, yield, takings. ANTONYMS: (n) loss, expenditure
- procession:** (n) march, convoy, cortege, cavalcade, file, string, pageant, series, sequence, progress, column
- proclaim:** (v) declare, assert, advertise, broadcast, promulgate, enunciate, herald, decree, divulge, notify, announce
- proclaiming:** (adj) predicating, predicant, declaring, affirming, oracular, hence
- prodigal:** (adj) extravagant, improvident, generous, lavish, wasteful, excessive, exuberant, liberal, profuse, dissipated; (adj, n) profligate. ANTONYMS: (adj) economical, cautious
- prodigious:** (adj) gigantic, enormous, huge, phenomenal, portentous, stupendous, exceptional, colossal, immense, gargantuan; (adj, v) monstrous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unexceptional, normal, average, tiny, weak
- producing:** (n) production, output, making, birth, childbirth; (adj) fertile, generating, procreant; (v) produced, to produce; (adv) yieldingly
- profane:** (v) desecrate, abuse, violate, defile, outrage, debauch; (adj) irreverent, impious, sacrilegious, unholy; (adj, v) foul. ANTONYMS: (adj) devout, sacred, moral, religious, reverent
- profanely:** (adv) sacrilegiously, secularly, irreverently, unholy, impiously, ungodly, unconsecratedly, sinfully, temporarily, impurely, heretically
- profanity:** (n) blasphemy, oath, irreverence, obscenity, swearing, profanation, sacrilege, swear word, explosive, disrespect, utterance. ANTONYM: (n) purity
- profound:** (adj) abstruse, intense, heavy, important, sound, bottomless, grave, obscure, utter, abysmal; (adj, v) solid. ANTONYMS: (adj) shallow, trivial, lightweight, stupid, simple, mild, facile, slight, insignificant, prosaic
- profoundly:** (adv) thoroughly, extremely, intensely, exhaustively, greatly, sincerely, gravely, deep, heavily, weightily, very. ANTONYMS: (adv) lightly, mildly
- profuse:** (adj, n) generous, liberal; (adj) plentiful, ample, copious, lavish, bounteous, exuberant, excessive, full, prodigal. ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, meager, thin, scanty, restrained, unhealthy, small
- projected:** (adj) proposed, jutting, planned, deliberate, protruding, protrusive, sticking, sticking out, likely, anticipated, expected
- projectile:** (n) bullet, shot, pellet, arrow, bolt, weapon, quoit, slug, cartridge, cannonball; (adj) propulsive
- prolongation:** (n, v) protraction; (n) continuance, extension, elongation, production, lengthening, perpetuation, length, maintenance, lengthiness, duration
- prolonged:** (adj) lengthy, chronic, extended, elongated, lengthened, continuous, continued, expanded, sustained; (adj, v) protracted, lingering. ANTONYMS: (adj) quick, short, temporary
- prominence:** (n) eminence, hump, importance, height, consequence, projection, distinction, bulge, celebrity, fame, moment. ANTONYMS: (n) valley, commonness, insignificance
- prominent:** (adj, n) notable; (adj) noted, great, illustrious, famous, obvious, distinguished, striking, celebrated; (adj, v) eminent, noticeable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unknown, minor, unimportant, low, obscure, insignificant, undistinguished
- prophecy:** (n) oracle, augury, prognostication, forecast, vaticination, prevision, prediction, prognosis, omen, revelation, foreboding
- prophet:** (n) augur, oracle, vaticinator, seer, predictor, diviner, forecaster, visionary, foreteller, priest, clairvoyant
- prophetic:** (adj) oracular, mantic, prophetic, prognostic, visionary, biblical, vaticinal, sibylline, foreshadowing, fatidical, pythonic. ANTONYMS: (adj) unprophetic, unimaginative
- proportions:** (n) size, magnitude, capacity, scope, figure, confines, acreage
- proposal:** (n) advice, suggestion, proposition, overture, plan, proffer, offer, hypothesis, presentation, idea, view
- proposing:** (adj) prosy, proponent, making proposals
- prospective:** (adj) future, eventual, imminent, likely, expected, unborn, impending, possible, intended, forthcoming, probable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlikely, retrospective
- prospects:** (n) perspective, forecast, circumstances, odds, expectation, possibilities, prediction, projection, scenario, diagnosis
- prostrate:** (adj, v) prone, exhaust,

level, fatigue; (v) fell, overwhelm, overcome, floor, overthrow; (adj) deject, knock down. **ANTONYM:** (adj) upright

protecting: (adj) shielding, defensive, preserving, protected, patron; (n) protection, patrol, conservation, tutelage, momism, preservation

protective: (adj) preventive, motherly, caring, maternal, paternal, shielding, sheltering, affectionate, tender; (adj, adv) fatherly; (v) protecting. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) aggressive, paternal

protest: (n) demonstration, objection, complaint, challenge, question; (v) assert, object, complain, remonstrate, demur; (n, v) moan. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) support, praise; (n) approval, acceptance; (v) approve, agree

protesting: (adj) disinclined, opposed; (n) clamor

protruding: (adj) obtrusive, projecting, jutting, protrusive, salient, projected, bulging, protuberant, noticeable, sticking out, proposed

proud: (adj) lofty, disdainful, haughty, exalted, egotistical, gallant, pompous, lordly, majestic, overbearing; (adj, v) dignified. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) humble, modest, ashamed, embarrassed, sorrowful, disappointed, miserable

proverbial: (adj) axiomatic, hackneyed saying, common saying, notorious, famed, legendary, famous, common, true saying, trite saying, recognizable

province: (n, v) district, department; (n) field, county, land, region, domain, colony, duty, sphere, line

prowess: (n) bravery, valor, art, heroism, proficiency, mastery, expertise, gallantry, intrepidity, chivalry, skill. **ANTONYMS:** (n) inability, ineptitude

proximity: (n) propinquity, vicinity, adjacency, neighborhood, contiguity, presence, closeness, contact, nearby, juxtaposition, approach. **ANTONYM:** (n) remoteness

pucker: (n, v) wrinkle, fold, gather, ruckle; (v) crumple, crinkle, furrow, plait, purse, knit, rumple. **ANTONYM:** (v) smooth

puckered: (adj) corrugated, wrinkly, unsmooth, rough, inflated, furrowed, cockled, bullate, creased

puffed: (adj) puff, bloated, distended,

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puffy, tumid, turgid, swell, breathless, beuffed, overflowing, out of breath

pull: (n, v) draw, drag, pluck, tug, wrench, jerk; (v) draught, haul, attract, pick; (n) attraction. **ANTONYMS:** (v) repel, shove, leave; (n) repulsion, repulsiveness

pulp: (n) flesh, pith, puree, cellulose, pap, magazine, bagasse, marrow; (v) grind, squash; (adj) taste

pulsating: (adj) vibrant, beating, vivacious, resonant, rhythmical, rhythmic, animated, exciting, lively, pulsatile, pulsing. **ANTONYM:** (adj) listless

pulseless: (adj) inanimate, dead, breathless, nonliving, dyspnoeic, dyspnoeal, dyspneic, dyspneal, breathtaking, appearing dead

pulsing: (adj) beating, pulsating; (n) pulse, pulsation, impulse, caprice, heartbeat, impulsion, beat, nerve impulse, heart rate

punching: (n) perforating, perforation, drilling

punishment: (n) correction, penance, chastisement, fine, judgement, rebuke, retribution, reward, castigation, execution; (adj, n) penalty. **ANTONYMS:** (n) persuasion, exoneration, reward

puny: (adj) weak, petty, feeble, frail, tiny, small, minute, measly, runty, paltry, trivial. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) muscular, brawny, strong, significant, fit, huge, enormous, robust, considerable

purchase: (v) obtain, get, procure, bribe; (n) acquisition, leverage, bargain, acquirement, grip, buying; (n, v) contract. **ANTONYMS:** (v) sell, lose; (n) loss, sale

pure: (adj) absolute, natural, faultless, innocent, immaculate, perfect, good, clean; (adj, n) chaste, genuine; (adj, v) mere. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) contaminated, dishonored, diluted, tainted, wicked, practical, polluted, flawed, marred, unsaturated, unchaste

purple: (adj) violet, lilac, imperial, regal, royal; (adj, n) empurpled; (v) empurple; (n) magenta, purpleness, ermine, pall

pur sue: (v) follow, dog, prosecute, hunt, course, tail, stalk, persist, hound, haunt, go after. **ANTONYMS:** (v) shun, eschew, avoid, discourage, lead, precede, find

pursued: (n) hunted person

pursuing: (n) pursuit, search, hunt; (adj) coming, engaged

pursuit: (n) quest, hunt, search, persecution, chase, career, interest, job, business, performance, employment

push: (n, v) press, thrust, impel, jolt, force, jab, nudge, crowd, prod, poke; (v) jostle. **ANTONYMS:** (v) drag, haul, unpack, inhibit, leave, oppose, prevent, restrain, understate, calm; (n) apathy

pushing: (adj) enterprising, pushy, pushful, ambitious, officious, adventurous; (n) push, propulsion, thrusting, actuation; (v) meddlesome

puzzled: (adj) bewildered, confused, baffled, nonplussed, doubtful, bemused, at a loss, curious, mystified, nonplused, dazed. **ANTONYM:** (adj) clear

quail: (v) cringe, cower, wince, funk, shrink, recoil, blench; (n, v) quake; (n) bobwhite, partridge, quiver

quaint: (adj) odd, funny, picturesque, comical, fanciful, curious, whimsical, strange, queer, peculiar, droll. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) modern, ordinary, dull

quaking: (adj) shaky, quivering, trembling, shaking, wobbly, unsteady; jarring, vibrant, uncertain, insecure; (n) fright

qualities: (n) character, disposition, nature, spirit, tone, quality, role, self, part, traits, individuality

quantity: (n) amount, quantum, extent, measure, sum, multitude, total, portion, heap, degree, deal

quarrel: (adj, n, v) dispute; (n, v) fight, feud, brawl, row, altercation, argue, conflict, squabble; (n) dissension, difference. **ANTONYMS:** (n) agreement, reconciliation, acceptance, concord, consensus; (v) agree

quarts: (n) quart

quavering: (adj) trembling, tremulous, unsteady, shaky, shivering, shaking, decrepit, doddering

quaveringly: (adv) tremblingly, shakily, tremulously

queer: (adj) fantastic, odd, eccentric, funny, curious, gay, peculiar, strange, quaint, fishy, outlandish. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) conventional, normal, well

querulous: (adj) petulant, irritable, fretful, discontented, tetchy, complaining, fractious, touchy,

- cross, grumpy, grouchy
questioning: (adj) inquisitive, curious, suspicious, quizzical, doubting; (n) question, inquiry, query, examination, interrogation, enquiry. ANTONYMS: (adj) illogical, certain, credulous
quickened: (adj) hasty, rapid, passionate, intoxicated
quietly: (adv) stilly, calmly, peacefully, silently, softly, smoothly, tranquilly, serenely, restfully, lully, moderately. ANTONYMS: (adv) loudly, harshly, raucously, vociferously, anxiously, energetically, manically, unquietly, clearly, heavily, brashly
quilt: (n) blanket, comforter, duvet, bedding, cover, bedspread, counterpane, quilting, eiderdown, sheet; (adj, v) embroider
quit: (adj, n, v) leave; (v) go, drop, break, cease, give up, depart, end, discontinue; (adj, v) discharge; (n, v) part. ANTONYMS: (v) stay, occupy, enter, maintain, start, come, arrive
quiver: (adj, n, v) shudder, shiver, tremble, shake; (v) flicker, flutter, vibrate; (n, v) palpitate, quaver; (n) vibration, tremor
quivering: (adj, n) trembling, tremor, quaking, trepidation; (n) palpitation, quiver, vibration; (adj) flutter, quavering, shivering, tremulous. ANTONYM: (adj) steady
quotation: (n) extract, mention, reference, passage, excerpt, quote, value, example, price, worth, cost
rabbit: (n) cony, hare, lapin, bunny, cottontail, leporide, shuttle, coward; (adj) milch cow, seed plot, warren
racing: (n) overspeed, horse racing, boat racing, athletics, camel racing, greyhound racing; (v) contend; (adj) fast
racket: (n) noise, din, disturbance, commotion, uproar; (n, v) hubbub, riot; (v) fuss, bustle, brawl, clutter. ANTONYMS: (n) silence, peace
radiance: (n) gleam, glory, brilliance, luster, lustre, beam, brightness, effulgence, sparkle, light; (adj, n) brilliancy. ANTONYMS: (n) darkness, gloominess
radiant: (adj, v) bright, glittering, lustrous, beamy, glorious; (adj) beaming, luminous, effulgent, lucid, glowing, beautiful. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, dark, pale, unhappy
radical: (adj) basic, exhaustive, extreme, primary, drastic, primordial; (adj, n) revolutionary, base, ultra; (n) basis, foundation. ANTONYMS: (adj) conventional, minor, cauline, modest, mainstream, reactionary; (n) traditionalist, conformist; (adj, n) conservative
ragamuffin: (n) tatterdemalion, waif, vagabond, raff, guttersnipe, rag, tatter, tramp, caitiff, urchin, sans culotte
rage: (adj, n, v) fume, bluster; (adj, n) wrath, indignation, frenzy, mania; (n) passion, anger, craze, exasperation; (n, v) storm. ANTONYMS: (n) gentleness, composure, calm, equanimity, pleasure, serenity
ragged: (adj, n) shabby; (adj) seedy, worn, hoarse, jagged, scruffy, torn, untidy, unkempt; (adj, v) threadbare; (n) harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) smart, elegant, smooth, new, even
rail: (n) balustrade, handrail, railing, fence, banister, track, guardrail, path; (v) inveigh, vituperate, fulminate
railing: (n) balustrade, rail, barrier, guardrail, banister, fence, pale, paling, breastwork, handrail; (adj, n) invective
rails: (n) track, railroad, Gruiformes, railing, railway, bustards, Coots, course, gallinules, crakes, order Gruiformes
raising: (n) bringing up, nurture, elevation, lift, raise, culture, heave, ascent, ascension, upbringing, rearing
rally: (n) assembly, convention; (n, v) muster; (v) pick up, gather, banter, convene, congregate, assemble, meet, tease. ANTONYMS: (v) demobilize, disband, wilt, part, disperse, decline; (n) slump
rallying: (n) effort, mobilization, mobilisation, mass meeting, feat, deed, exchange; (adj) moving, encouraging, disjaunted
rambling: (adj) conjoined, incoherent, desultory, discursive, erratic, excursive, meandering, diffuse, loose, errant; (adj, n) wandering. ANTONYMS: (adj) coherent, abrupt, conclusive, pithy, taciturn, compact
ramrod: (n) superintendent, rammer, rod, cleaning rod, overseer
rang: (n) rung
rank: (n, v) range, order, place, position, grade, class, line, file; (v) arrange, classify; (n) gradation. ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, pleasant, clean
ranks: (n) rank and file
rapid: (adj, v) fast, swift, prompt, fleet; (adj) speedy, agile, hasty, cursory, expeditious, sudden; (adv) quickly. ANTONYMS: (adj) slow, gradual, considered, leisurely, thorough, lengthy, protracted, sluggish
rasping: (adj) harsh, rough, raspy, strident, gravelly, hoarse, raucous, husky, guttural; (n) rasp, friction. ANTONYMS: (n) smoothness; (adj) velvety, smooth, harmonious
rations: (n) fare, food, foodstuff, grub, victuals, supplies, requirements, nutrition, nourishment, meat, groceries
rats: (n) mice, vermin, Rodentia, guinea pigs, agoutis, beavers, pests, gophers, order Rodentia, hamsters, marmots
rattle: (n, v) jingle, jangle, clatter; (n) click, clang, clack; (v) bang, confuse, shake, patter, disconcert
rattled: (adj) hot and bothered, perturbed, upset, unsettled, puzzled, disconcerted, discomposed, bewildered, beside oneself, abashed, addled. ANTONYM: (adj) calm
raving: (adj, v) wild; (adj) frantic, delirious, furious, mad, insane; (adj, n) madness, distraction, rage; (n) rabid, delirium
rays: (n) light, sunlight, Selachii, dogfishes, elasmobranch, Elasmobranchii, emission, daylight, sunshine, selachian, subclass Elasmobranchii
reaching: (n) reach, arrival, coming, accomplishment, outreach, advent, achievement, grasp, arriver, getting; (adj) suspicious
readiness: (n) facility, ease, expedition, preparation, promptness, knack, dexterity, eagerness, quickness, fitness; (adj, n) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (n) reluctance, delay
rear: (v) breed, raise, bring up, nurture, educate, foster, nurse; (adj, v) erect; (n) tail; (adj, n) posterior; (adj) after. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) front; (adj) fore; (n) head; (v) level
rearward: (adj, adv) back; (adj, n) rear; (adv) astern, backwards, abaft, aback, after, rearwards, aft; (n) backside; (adj) reverse
reassured: (adj) hopeful, reinsured, secure, confident
reassuringly: (adv) encouragingly

rebel: (v) mutiny, disobey, arise; (adj, n) nonconformist, insurgent; (adj, n, v) renegade; (n, v) revolt; (adj) mutineer; (n) traitor, insurrectionist, anarchist. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) conformist; (n) stalwart; (adj) compliant, content, obedient; (v) agree, obey

rebellion: (n) revolt, insurrection, mutiny, disobedience, uprising, unrest, revolution, outbreak, defiance, insurgency, commotion. ANTONYMS: (n) consent, compliance

rebellious: (adj) insubordinate, mutinous, disaffected, defiant, disobedient, contrary, contumacious, insurgent, stubborn, unruly, malcontent. ANTONYMS: (adj) docile, conventional, obedient, conformist, content, conforming, cooperative, loyal, meek, submissive, obliging

receding: (n) disappearance, fadeout, recession, niche; (adj) moving back, low, hairless, balding, going out, recessive, retiring

receiving: (n) getting, reception, acceptance, taking, adoption, reciprocity; (v) receive; (adj) received, accepting, admitting, recipient. ANTONYM: (n) rejection

receptacle: (n) box, holder, case, torus, can, outlet, pocket, pyx, beehive, cuspidor, pix

reception: (n) acceptance, admission, receiving, greeting, getting, salutation, acceptance, comprehension; (adj, n) entertainment, party; (n, v) adoption. ANTONYMS: (n) dispatch, rejection

recklessness: (n, v) imprudence; (n) rashness, carelessness, desperation, extravagance, heedlessness, negligence, temerity, adventurism, audacity, neglect. ANTONYMS: (n) care, carefulness, consideration, forethought, parsimony, deliberation, discretion, regard, restraint, thoughtfulness

recognized: (adj) accepted, noted, recognised, established, illustrious, distinguished, standard, known, notorious; (adj, v) received; (v) ascertained. ANTONYMS: (adj) unofficial, concealed, dubious, informal

recognizing: (v) recognize, acknowledge, recognise; (adj) conscious, respectful; (n) observation

recollect: (v) recall, remember, recognize, call to mind, remind, mind, think, call up, reminisce, refresh, retrieve. ANTONYM: (v) forget

recollecting: (n) recollection

recollection: (n, v) mind; (n) reminiscence, recall, anamnesis, remembrance, recognition, memento, memorial, commemoration, memoir, retrospect

reconnoitering: (n) reconnaissance, reconnoitring, scouting, exploratory survey

recounting: (n) narration, relation, recital, narrative, tale, story, notification, practice, recitation, relating, unfolding

recovered: (adj) cured, retrieved, well, well again, healthier, aged, improved, whole, better, corned.

ANTONYM: (adj) worse

recreation: (n) amusement, distraction, pastime, play, diversion, merriment, leisure, fun, game, frolic, sport

recruits: (n) human resources, employees, people, reinforcements, staff, workers, personnel, supplies, succors, reinforcements

recovery: (n) recovery, convalescence, healing, retrieval, improvement, revival, repossession, recreation, refreshment, renewal; (v) recover. ANTONYMS: (n) loss, decline

recur: (v) resort, repeat, go back, reappear, duplicate, revert, return, persist, fall back, cycle, circulate.

ANTONYM: (v) cease

red-faced: (adj) abashed

redly: (adv) rosily, reddishly, pinkly, sanguinely, crimsonly, radically, glowingly, bloodily, inflamedly, blushingly, flamingly

redoubtable: (adj) dreadful, illustrious, glorious, horrid, fearsome, fearful, terrible, alarming, dire, resolute, strong

reeking: (adj) dripping, overly diluted, odorous, noisome, high, fetid, stale; (v) sloppy, soft, soaking, sodden

reeling: (adj) giddy, intoxicated, tipsy, queer, lightheaded, groggy, fuddled, bewildered; (n) titubation, rotary straightening

refined: (adj) delicate, cultured, graceful, polite, gentle, urbane, courteous, courtly, cultivated; (adj, n) polished, pure. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrefined, raw, uncouth,

rough, careless, crude, brute, boorish, plain, lowly, inelegant

reflect: (v) deliberate, ponder, cogitate, muse, consider, meditate, contemplate, think, mull over, mull, mirror. ANTONYM: (v) ignore

reflecting: (adj) reflecting, reverberant, reflectent

reflectingly: (adv) reflectingly; (adj) reflective, thoughtful, calculating, reflected, shiny, shimmering, reflectent; (n) mirroring, reflection, reflexion

reflection: (n) contemplation, thought, deliberation, meditation, musing, cogitation, idea, notion, introspection; (n, v) observation, reflexion. ANTONYMS: (n) impulsiveness, confirmation

reflectively: (adv) contemplatively, meditatively, wistfully, thoughtfully, speculatively, ruminatively, studiously, regretfully, sadly, longingly, reflexively

reformed: (adj) improved, corrected, unorthodox, altered

refuse: (v) deny, reject, decline, disallow, rebuff, turn down; (adj, n) waste, trash; (n) offal, litter; (n, v) dross. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, receive, permit, offer, dedicate, approve, agree, admit, choose, pass, affirm

refused: (adj) forbidden, refuse, prohibited, hence

regard: (n, v) respect, esteem, attention, heed, concern, note; (adj, n, v) notice; (v) estimate, believe; (adj, v) attend; (n) deference. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect, disesteem, inattentiveness, disdain, detachment, infamy; (v) ignore, scorn, disregard

regarding: (prep) about, as regards, for, on, towards, apropos; (adj, prep) with regard to, with reference to; (adj) as to, in regard to, in relation to

regardless: (adj) inattentive, heedless, thoughtless, reckless, mindless, indifferent, negligent, neglectful; (adv) irregardless, irrespective, no matter

regiment: (n) corps, battalion, legion, host, brigade, division, multitude, cohort; (v) control, organize, regulate

regions: (n) area, region, parts

regret: (n, v) grieve, sorrow; (v) bewail, lament, mourn, bemoan, deplore; (n) remorse, penitence, compunction, contrition.

- ANTONYMS: (v) welcome, praise; (n) idealism, shamelessness, joy, satisfaction
- regularity:** (n) constancy, evenness, punctuality, orderliness, uniformity, steadiness, method, accuracy, discipline, system, exactness. ANTONYMS: (n) lateness, asymmetry, irregularity, disorder, variability, variety, abnormality
- rein:** (n) bridle, curb, restraint, check, strap; (v) leash, harness, contain, rule, rein in, confine
- reiterated:** (adj) repeated, monotonous, frequent
- rejoicing:** (n) exultation, jubilation, happiness, joy, mirth, pleasure, elation; (adj) jubilant, exultant; (v) rejoice; (adv) rejoicingly. ANTONYM: (n) sadness
- relate:** (v) recount, narrate, link, associate, tell, appertain, apply, detail, describe, recite, refer. ANTONYMS: (v) dissociate, conceal, conflict, contrast, disconnect, separate
- relatives:** (n) relations, kindred, kin, kinsfolk, kinfolk, relationship, affinity, relation, folks, intimates, house
- released:** (adj) loose, liberated, discharged, exempt, open, unbound, release, emancipated, gratuitous, free cells; (n) freer. ANTONYM: (adj) imprisoned
- relentless:** (adj) implacable, cruel, inflexible, stern, pitiless, harsh, merciless, grim, obdurate, persistent, unrelenting. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, lenient, merciful, finite, soft, sporadic, feeble
- reliable:** (adj, v) trustworthy, credible; (adj) honest, firm, dependable, safe, trusty, true, certain, authentic, faithful. ANTONYMS: (adj) fallacious, inconsistent, false, careless, unpredictable, unsafe, disreputable, doubtful, shaky, senseless, irresponsible
- reliance:** (n) credit, faith, trust, dependence, belief, credence, conviction, hope, assurance, dependency, expectation. ANTONYM: (n) distrust
- relieve:** (n, v) ease, assuage, mitigate, alleviate, allay, calm, redress; (v) free, help, console, excuse. ANTONYMS: (v) burden, aggravate, exacerbate, harbor, enforce, include, upset, depress
- relieved:** (adj) alleviated, thankful, mitigated, prominent, pleased, joyful, fresh, delighted, comfortable, cheerful, happy. ANTONYM: (adj) worried
- religion:** (n) piety, faith, creed, cult, sect, denomination, church, devotion, paganism, persuasion, holiness
- relinquish:** (v) abandon, abdicate, leave, cede, quit, renounce, give up, discard, disclaim, yield, desert. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, accept, continue, enforce, acquire
- relish:** (n, v) enjoy, fancy, love; (n) gusto, liking, palate, enthusiasm, enjoyment; (adj, n) flavor; (v) bask, like. ANTONYM: (n) apathy
- reload:** (v) charge, reloading, load, refill, stock up, laden, load up, restock, lade, replenish, fill
- reluctant:** (adj) loath, unwilling, averse, loth, indisposed, hesitant, involuntary, backward, diffident, shy, slow. ANTONYMS: (adj) inclined, eager, enthusiastic, happy, disposed, wholehearted, keen
- reluctantly:** (adv) loathly, averately, grudgingly, backwardly, hesitantly, reluctant, slowly, unenthusiastically, indisposedly, lothly, charily. ANTONYMS: (adv) freely, wholeheartedly
- remainder:** (n) excess, leftover, overplus, end, residue, oddment, balance, rest, surplus; (adj, n) remnant; (adv) after
- remark:** (n, v) comment, notice, note, mention, regard, mind; (adj, n, v) observe; (v) perceive, mark, discern; (n) observation
- remarkable:** (adj) notable, odd, noteworthy, exceptional, distinguished, conspicuous, phenomenal, famous, illustrious, curious; (adj, n) memorable. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, unremarkable, commonplace, usual, average, unimpressive, normal, inconspicuous, dreadful, dire, awful
- remarks:** (n) commentary, explanation
- remnant:** (n) end, relic, remains, residue, fragment, leftover, survival, trace, oddment, balance, stub
- remnants:** (n) leavings, remains, remainder, rest, leftovers, remnant, offal, leftover, vestige, relics, refuse
- remonstrance:** (n) protest, expostulation, objection, dissuasion, censure, remonstrator, reprehension, admonition, monstration, mediation, dehortation
- remorse:** (n) penitence, contrition, repentance, regret, guilt, penance, sorrow, grief, qualm, ruefulness, compassion. ANTONYM: (n) shamelessness
- rendezvous:** (n) encounter, tryst, appointment, meeting, meeting place, date, engagement, resort, affair; (v) meet, center round
- rending:** (adj) ripping, excruciating, cacophonous, cacophonous; (v) harrowing; (n) division, outbreak
- rent:** (n, v) breach, fissure, lease, let; (adj, n) cleft; (n) crevice, tear, crack, break; (v) charter, engage
- rents:** (n) quad, board walk, close, embankment, esplanade, lane, parade, alley, place, Alameda, quadrangle
- repeat:** (v) copy, recapitulate, reduplicate, reiterate, rehearse, return, say, double, renew, iterate, duplicate
- repeated:** (adj) continual, recurrent, frequent, persistent, repeat, double, habitual, chronic, again, common, continuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, rare, unique, alternate, unusual, spasmodic
- repeating:** (n) repeat, iteration, renewal, repetition, redundancy, copying, reduplication; (adj) repetitious, iterating, iterative, repetitive
- repetition:** (n) gemination, reiteration, recurrence, replication, iteration, return, repeating, renewal, duplication, rehearsal, reduplication. ANTONYM: (n) disappearance
- reply:** (n) echo, response, reaction, repay; (n, v) return, rejoinder; (v) respond, react, rejoin, retort, counter. ANTONYMS: (n, v) question; (v) interrogate, ignore
- replying:** (adj) respondent, responsive
- repose:** (n, v) recline, peace, lie, calm; (n) composure, ease, quiet, leisure, recreation, relaxation; (v) lay. ANTONYMS: (n, v) work; (n) activity, panic, agitation
- reposeful:** (adj) restful, relaxing, calm, quieter
- reproach:** (n, v) blame, rebuke, charge, abuse, disgrace, reprimand, invective; (v) accuse, chide, condemn; (n) condemnation. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) commend, approve; (n) compliment, commendation, approval
- reproof:** (n, v) reprimand, censure,

- rebuke, lecture; (n) reproach, admonition, reprehension, blame, condemnation, objugation, castigation
- reptiles:** (n) Vertebrata, subphylum Craniata, Permian, mammals, fishes, Craniata, birds, amphibians, Subphylum Vertebrata
- repulse:** (n, v) rebuff, defeat; (v) repel, nauseate, disgust, drive back, revolt, reject, refuse, beat back; (n) refusal. ANTONYMS: (v) attract, accept, delight, yield, please; (n, v) welcome
- reputation:** (n) name, prestige, distinction, face, celebrity, credit, character; (n, v) honor, esteem, report; (adj, n) renown. ANTONYMS: (n) infamy, dishonor, obscurity
- rescue:** (n, v) release, ransom, salvage; (n) deliverance, delivery, relieve; (v) extricate, recover, free, save, redeem. ANTONYMS: (n) involvement, loss, abandonment, downfall; (n, v) capture; (v) endanger, lose, aggravate
- resemblance:** (n) affinity, parallel, similarity, comparison, correspondence, likeness, conformity, appearance, analogy, semblance, resemble. ANTONYMS: (n) dissimilarity, contrast
- resent:** (v) resentful, envy, grudge, begrudge, embittered, angry, abhor, take offense, take umbrage, take exception, loathe. ANTONYMS: (v) welcome, wish, accept
- resentful:** (adj) angry, indignant, malicious, resent, embittered, rancorous, envious, jealous, offended, hurt, mad. ANTONYMS: (adj) resigned, unresentful, willing, sweet, pleased
- resentfully:** (adv) bitterly, enviously, jealously, indignantly, angrily, crossly, sulkily, maliciously, sullenly, petulantly, reluctantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gladly, contentedly, graciously, sweetly
- reserve:** (adj, v) save; (n) reservation, backup, modesty, bank; (adj, n) substitute; (v) keep back, maintain, book, withhold, appropriate. ANTONYMS: (n) warmth, friendliness, informality, approachability, arrogance, boldness, brashness; (v) show, use; (adj) active
- reserves:** (n) reserve, resources, militia, savings, saving, backup, provisions, provision, hoard, stockpile, second fiddle
- resistance:** (n) endurance, impedance, hindrance, friction, obstacle, immunity, insubordination, defiance, renitency; (v) rebellion; (n, v) interference. ANTONYMS: (n) obedience, agreement, susceptibility, acceptance, receptivity, frailty, friendliness, vulnerability, defeatism, attack, softness
- resisting:** (adj) tough, tenacious, sequacious, stringy, tough as whitleather, resistant, recalcitrant, opposing, making resistance, loath; (v) resist
- resolutely:** (adv) determinedly, decidedly, steadfastly, decisively, unflinching, boldly, steadily, stubbornly, definitely, resolutely, unwaveringly. ANTONYMS: (adv) irresolutely, indecisively, uncertainly, feebly, hesitantly, aimlessly
- resolution:** (n) determination, purpose, firmness, conclusion, answer, solution, resolve, decomposition, resoluteness, perseverance, settlement. ANTONYMS: (n) problem, feebleness, indecision, irresoluteness, irresolution, weakness, indifference
- resolved:** (adj, v) resolute, firm, certain; (adj) fixed, definite, set, decided, conclusive, intent, solved, positive. ANTONYMS: (adj) undecided, flexible, irresolute, unconfirmed, uncertain
- resounding:** (adj) booming, ringing, reverberating, loud, rolling, vibrant, emphatic, resonating, reverberant; (v) resound; (adv) resoundingly. ANTONYMS: (adj) qualified, marginal
- respectful:** (adj) deferential, mannerly, dutiful, courteous, attentive, obedient, reverent, respectful, reverent, polite, humble. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheeky, impudent, insolent, rude, contemptuous, disobedient, scornful, nasty, sneering, irreverent, impolite
- respite:** (n, v) pause, rest, lull; (n) repose, intermission, recess, break, remission, relief, cessation, interruption
- resplendent:** (adj, n) bright, lucid; (adj) radiant, luminous, illustrious, splendid, flamboyant, glorious, magnificent, gorgeous, effulgent.
- ANTONYM: (adj) dull
- responsibilities:** (n) responsibility, accountability, duty, errands, position, post, odd Jobs, household tasks, farm duties, everyday Jobs, tasks
- rested:** (adj) comfortable
- resting:** (adj) idle, quiescent, inactive, dormant, quiet, sleeping, reclining, obligatory, unemployed, asleep; (n) repose
- restive:** (adj) obstinate, edgy, fidgety, jittery, impatient, jumpy, intractable, restless, uptight, perverse; (adj, v) skittish. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, patient
- restless:** (adj) fidgety, uneasy, impatient, restive, agitated, fretful, turbulent, feverish; (adj, n) nervous, apprehensive; (adj, v) unquiet. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, peaceful, lethargic, unbroken, still, contented
- restored:** (adj) new, healthy, comfortable, convalescent
- restrain:** (adj, v) confine; (v) control, rein, hold, curb, bind, contain, prevent, limit, repress; (n, v) check. ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, promote, unleash, impel, release, intensify, increase, free, extend, express, support
- resume:** (v) restart, regain, summarize, continue, revert, adopt, recapitulate; (n, v) outline; (n) digest, synopsis, summary. ANTONYMS: (v) abandon, suspend, die, discontinue, expand
- retaliation:** (n) reprisal, revenge, requital, vengeance, payment, return, talion, repayment, reciprocation; (v) retortion; (adv, n) measure for measure. ANTONYM: (n) acceptance
- retarded:** (adj) slow, tardy, imbecile, belated, delayed, simple, obtuse, leisurely, dull, deferred, defective. ANTONYM: (adj) precocious
- retire:** (v) resign, retreat, withdraw, leave, abdicate, ebb, depart, turn in, fall back, hit the hay, go to bed. ANTONYMS: (v) remain, enter
- retired:** (adj) obscure, secluded, sequestered, solitary, emeritus, secret, lonely, withdrawn, superannuated, close; (adj, v) covert
- retiring:** (adj) humble, diffident, bashful, reserved, unassuming, unobtrusive, timid, coy, shy, sheepish, meek. ANTONYMS: (adj) assertive, bold, outgoing, forward, incoming, arrogant, brash, sociable

retort: (n, v) answer, return, riposte; (n) response, rejoinder, repartee, comeback; (v) respond, repay, rejoin, alembic

retrace: (v) recollect, recall, trace, etymologize, recognize, construct, call up, bethink oneself, speculate; (n, v) reconsider; (n) flyback

retreat: (v) retire, withdraw, depart; (n) refuge, departure, asylum, den, lair, retirement; (n, v) resort, return.

ANTONYMS: (n) raid, development, extension, arrival, company; (v) progress, remain

retreated: (adj) withdrawn, people

retreating: (n) flight; (adj) moving back

retribution: (n) reprisal, judgment, penalty, punishment, requital, repayment, recompense, reward, revenge, retaliation, restitution.

ANTONYM: (n) reward

returning: (adj) regressive, return, reverse, recurrent, coming back, ebbing, flowing back, new, newly appointed, newly elected, next.

ANTONYMS: (adj) outgoing, unique, occasional

revealed: (adj) exposed, disclosed, discovered, open, naked, manifest, unveiled, bare, detected, shown, observed. ANTONYM: (adj) concealed

revelation: (n) discovery, exposure, display, revealing, manifestation, betrayal, apocalypse, expose, inspiration, publication; (v) reveal. ANTONYM: (n) concealment

revenge: (n) retribution, vengeance, reprisal, retaliation, repayment, grudge, punishment; (v) retaliate, repay, requite, vindicate

reverie: (n) dream, fantasy, air castle, brown study, reverie, trance, abstraction, castle in Spain, castle in the air; (adj) preoccupation, distraction. ANTONYM: (n) reality

revolution: (n) change, rotation, turn, gyration, insurrection, mutiny, rebellion, revolt, alteration, cycle; (n, v) circuit

rhythmic: (n) measured, rhythmic; (adj) numereuse, cyclical, recurrent, cadenced, periodic, serial, diatonic, poetic, numerous. ANTONYM: (adj) unrhythmic

riddled: (v) infundibular, porous, cribriform, honeycombed; (adj) damaged; (n) fuller

ride: (n, v) outing; (adj, v) bestride; (n) run, lift, jaunt; (v) mount, bait, float, rag, tease, harass

rider: (n) horseman, appendix, passenger, equestrian, supplement, codicil, provision, clause, addition, condition, corollary

ridicule: (n, v) laugh at, deride, banter, insult, taunt, scorn, scoff; (n) derision, mockery; (adj, n) irony; (v) jeer. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise, respect; (v) approve; (n) approval, admiration

ridiculous: (adj) foolish, preposterous, funny, laughable, ludicrous, inane, nonsensical, comical, farcical, amusing, comic. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, inspiring, ordinary, sensitive, acceptable, generous, normal, possible, impressive, sane, worthwhile

riding: (n) ride, horseback riding, travel, hundred, tithing, soke, travelling, manege, athletics; (v) horsemanship; (adj) awheel

rifle: (v) plunder, pillage, despoil, loot, ransack, steal, foray, reave, take; (n) gun, firearm

rifles: (n) chasseur, light infantry

rift: (n, v) breach, fissure, split; (n) gap, break, chasm, crack, crevice, cleft, misunderstanding, rupture. ANTONYM: (n) unity

righteous: (adj) fair, right, good, moral, virtuous, honest, just, correct, honorable; (adj, n) pious, godly.

ANTONYMS: (adj) immoral, wicked, unrighteous, bad, corrupt, unethical, unjust, wrong, poor

rigid: (adj) inflexible, hard, fixed, stiff, strict, austere, firm, set, tense, tight, tough. ANTONYMS: (adj) flexible, soft, elastic, loose, nonrigid, limp, liberal, lenient, adaptable, irresolute, floppy

riotous: (adj) disorderly, turbulent, boisterous, insubordinate, lawless, insurgent, tumultuous, rebellious, dissolute, profuse, profligate.

ANTONYMS: (adj) orderly, manageable, peaceful, tranquil, gentle, conventional

ripped: (adj) rent, blasted, lacerated, drugged, depressed, desolate, desolated, deuced, devastated, darned, distressed

ripping: (adj) splitting, great, terrific, glorious, wonderful, exquisite, superb, splendid, excellent; (n) tear, scarfing

rival: (n) competitor, enemy, foe, contestant; (adj, n, v) emulate; (n, v) match, contest, corival; (adj, v) competitive; (v) compete, contend.

ANTONYMS: (adj) allied; (n) partner, friend, supporter

riveted: (adj) immovable, immobile, irremovable, rooted, wrapped up, intent; (v) wrapped in, engrossed in, rapt, absorbed, transfixed.

ANTONYM: (adj) detached

roads: (n) anchorage, anchorage ground, communications, infrastructure, port, road and rail network, transportation

roadway: (n) carriageway, track, pathway, path, highway, pavement, roadbed, way, stairway, runway, trail

roar: (n, v) bellow, cry, shout, howl, bark, clatter, holler; (adj, n, v) thunder; (v) bawl; (adj, v) bluster; (adj, n) peal. ANTONYMS: (v) cry, week

roaring: (n) bellowing, roar, bellow, thunder; (adj) booming, prosperous, thriving, flourishing, deafening, noisy, boisterous

roasted: (adj) fried, baked

robes: (n) garb, fine clothes, costume, best clothes

robust: (adj, n) hardy, firm, hard; (adj) strong, athletic, vigorous, powerful, muscular, larvous, lusty, mighty. ANTONYMS: (adj) slight, fragile, frail, delicate, flimsy, feeble, fickle

rogers: (n) Carl Rogers, ginger Rogers, Virginia Mcmath, will Rogers, William Penn Adair Rogers

rolled: (adj) rolling, furled, involute, scroll, coiled, resonant, trilled, reverberative, reverberating, resounding, spiral

rolling: (n) peal, curling, wheeling, rolling movement, finish rolling, pealing, crimping; (adj) resounding, rolled, tumbling, resonating

roof: (n, v) top, cover, shelter; (n) crown, housing, ceiling, dome, house, household, back, covering

rope: (n, v) lasso, leash, tie, tape; (n) lariat, noose, hawser, line, string, cord, thread

rough: (adj, n) hard, grating, jagged; (adj, n, v) harsh; (adj) raw, gross, cruel, crude, gruff; (adj, v) hoarse; (n, v) draft. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, silky, soft, sophisticated, refined, polished, precise, exact, pleasant, glossy, even

roughly: (adv) coarsely, harshly, violently, rudely, unevenly, hardly, severely, crudely; (adj, adv) nearly; (adv, prep) about; (adj, adv, prep) just about. ANTONYMS: (adv)

- softly, gently, smoothly, exactly, finely, lovingly, precisely, well, evenly
- roughness:** (n) harshness, asperity, crudeness, hoarseness, rigor, unevenness, disorderliness, gruffness, huskiness, inclemency, crudity. ANTONYMS: (n) softness, complexity, gentleness, mildness, evenness, exactness, friendliness, orderliness, grace, lenience
- roundabout:** (adj) indirect, oblique, devious, winding, circumlocutory, periphrastic; (n) circuit, rotary, circle, carousel, circumlocution. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, straightforward, decisive, overt
- rounded:** (adj) round, curved, circular, orbicular, full, globular, rotund, spherical, blunt, fat, obtuse. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, sharp, bony, concave, angular, thin
- rounds:** (n) patrol, beat, route, patient rounds
- rout:** (adj, n, v) defeat; (n, v) discomfiture, overthrow, discomfit; (v) conquer, overpower, overcome, crush, beat, overwhelm; (n) flight. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, surrender
- outed:** (adj) conquered, overwhelmed, overcome, overpowered, overthrown, vanquished, in retreat, flooded, destined, running scared, crushed
- rubbed:** (adj) polished, refined, terse, attrite, marked, accomplished, fretten
- rubber:** (n) overshoe, galosh, prophylactic, gum elastic, caoutchouc, eraser, condom, latex, ebonite, golph; (v) rubberize
- ruck:** (n, v) pucker, gather, wrinkle, crinkle, crumple, fold; (n) crease, herd; (v) cockle, crimp, tuck
- ruefully:** (adv) contritely, remorsefully, sorrowfully, sadly, piteously, dolefully, woefully, pitifully, dismally, repentantly, apologetically
- ruffled:** (adj) rippled, frilly, frilled, upset, disordered, excited, disconcerted, decorated, tousled, tangled, turbulent
- ruins:** (n) debris, wreck, remains, remainder, carcass, wreckage, relics, rubbish, shell, remnants, hulk
- rumble:** (n, v) murmur, roll, roar, grumble, mutter, bang, brawl, sound; (v) growl; (n) peal, noise
- rumor:** (n) hearsay, talk, news; (n, v) gossip, fame, buzz, bruit, noise, rumour; (v) repute, reputation.
- ANTONYM: (n) truth
- rush:** (n, v) charge, flood, dash, flow, gush, race, run, speed, attack; (adj, n, v) burst; (n) onrush.
- ANTONYMS: (v) delay, dawdle, linger, wander, amble, hesitate, crawl, trickle; (n) shortage, slowness, unimportance
- rushed:** (adj) hurried, rush, precipitate, rapid, unexpected, hassled, immediate, instant, instantaneous, quick, speedy. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurried, slow, considered, gradual
- rushes:** (n) rush, grasses
- rushing:** (adv) rushingly; (n) haste, hurry, hurrying, running, hastening, flush, movement; (adj) flowing, headlong, moving
- rustle:** (n, v) whisper; (v) lift, buzz, steal, pilfer, whiz, pinch, abstract, thief, purloin; (n) rustling
- rustling:** (n) rustle, whispering, whisper, larceny; (adj) murmurous, susurrous, active, sougling
- ruthless:** (adj) merciless, inhuman, remorseless, heartless, cruel, ferocious, unsparing, relentless, inexorable, harsh, grim. ANTONYMS: (adj) kind, charitable, gentle, compassionate, principled, unmotivated, tolerant
- sacred:** (adj) holy, hallowed, dedicated, consecrated, divine, religious, pious, spiritual, inviolable, blessed; (adj, v) solemn. ANTONYMS: (adj) profane, unconsecrated, cursed, breakable
- sacrifice:** (n, v) oblation, forfeit; (v) offer, immolate, offer up, give, give up, relinquish; (n) immolation, loss, forfeiture
- sacrifices:** (n) holocaust
- saddened:** (adj) sorry, sad, depressed, dejected, upset, dismayed, unhappy, dissatisfied, troubled, disillusioned, in a state. ANTONYM: (adj) satisfied
- saddle:** (v) charge, load, burden, encumber, adjure, bear down, blame; (n) pillion, seat, saddleback, bicycle seat. ANTONYM: (v) relieve
- sadly:** (adv) pitifully, dolefully, unfortunately, mournfully, sorrowfully, woefully, dejectedly, pathetically, wretchedly, forlornly; (adj, adv) seriously. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, contentedly, gladly, joyfully, fortunately, luckily, enthusiastically
- sagacious:** (adj, v) judicious, prudent, discreet; (adj) rational, astute, acute, discerning, keen, perspicacious, intelligent, shrewd. ANTONYMS: (adj) foolish, stupid, dense
- sailing:** (adj) nautical, at sea; (adj, n) seafaring; (n) departure, glide, gliding, boating, cruise, soaring, going, leaving
- saliva:** (n) drivel, spittle, spit, dribble, drool, sputum, secretion, slabber, mucus, slaver, slobber
- saloon:** (n) pub, public house, salon, parlour, pothouse, hall, barroom, gin mill, alehouse, tavern, taproom
- salt:** (adj) salty, saline, briny, brackish, pungent; (v) cure, pickle; (n) salinity, common salt, alkali; (adj, n) spice
- salvation:** (n) redemption, rescue, delivery, preservation, savior, deliverance, liberation, expiation, propitiation; (adj, n) justification; (adj) conversion. ANTONYMS: (n) damnation, destruction
- salve:** (n) ointment, balm, unguent, liniment, oil; (v) relieve, salvage, assuage, heal, soothe, appease
- sandwich:** (n) bomber, hoagy, hoagie, hero, beefburger, butty, poor boy, open sandwich, doorstep, hotdog; (v) enter
- sang:** (n) panax quinquefolius, sing, herb, herbaceous plant
- sapphire:** (adj, n) azure; (n) cerulean, lazuline, corundum, corundum, blueness; (adj) lapis lazuli, turquoise, cobalt, navy, chromatic
- sarcasm:** (adj, n) irony, ridicule, satire, humor; (n) gibe, bitterness, jeer, scorn, insinuation, taunt; (adj) sarcastic. ANTONYM: (n) kindness
- sarcastic:** (adj) sharp, poignant, caustic, bitter, biting, pungent, acid, acrimonious, ironical; (adj, v) derisive, satirical. ANTONYMS: (adj) sympathetic, pleasant, approving, kind, complimentary, mild, respectful
- sardonic:** (adj) dry, wry, cynical, ironic, ironical, cutting, biting, bitter, derisive, mocking; (adj, v) satirical. ANTONYM: (adj) approving
- satanic:** (adj) infernal, hellish, fiendish, diabolical, diabolic, demonic, demoniacal, wicked, unholy; (adj, v) mephistophelian, Stygian
- satisfaction:** (n, v) pleasure, gratification, contentment, content; (n) enjoyment, joy, complacency, amends, reparation, redress, recompense. ANTONYMS: (n) displeasure, discontent, aggravation,

- sorrow, dismay, anxiety
satisfied: (adj) happy, content, full, pleased, confident, complacent, persuaded, fulfilled; (adj, v) certain, sure; (v) convinced. ANTONYMS: (adj) frustrated, anxious, disgruntled, hungry, insistent, pensive, unsure, dissatisfied, ashamed
savage: (adj, v) fierce, wild, furious; (adj) ferocious, brutal, cruel, bloodthirsty, rough, pitiless; (adj, n) brute; (n) vandal. ANTONYMS: (adj) civilized, gentle, nice
savagely: (adv) brutally, ferociously, barbarously, wildly, barbarically, viciously, uncivilizedly, violently, felly, untamedly, roughly
savageness: (n) barbarity, savagery, ferociousness, wildness, cruelty, barbarism, fierceness, ferocity, rudeness, inhumanity, harshness
saver: (n) salvor, recoverer, economizer, someone, soul, somebody, salvager, deliverer, saviour, savior, saving
saving: (adj, n) frugal, economical; (adj) thrifty, save; (n) economy, conservation, salvation, rescue, preservation, cut, retrenchment. ANTONYMS: (n) extravagance, expenditure; (adj) spendthrift
scalp: (v) pare, flay, peel, excoriate, decorticate; (n) tegument, head, cutis, scaup; (adj) lifted
scamper: (v) dash, sprint, dart, scuttle, skitter, skip, hustle, hasten, bolt; (n, v) run; (n) haste
scampering: (n) running
scarce: (adj) rare, insufficient, deficient, infrequent, uncommon, scant, scanty, few, sparse; (adv) just, barely. ANTONYMS: (adj) plentiful, common, adequate, strong, usual, extensive
scarcely: (adv) narrowly, rarely, hardly, just, scarce, uncommonly, insufficiently, scantily, scanty, only just, seldom. ANTONYMS: (adv) easily, liberally
scared: (adj) afraid, frightened, fearful, anxious, nervous, timid, intimidated, terrified, horrified, panicky; (adj, adv) cowardly. ANTONYMS: (adj) confident, fearless, brave
scarred: (adj) marred, scorn, marked, hurt, defaced
scars: (n) seams
scathing: (adj) caustic, sharp, mordant, sarcastic, severe, cutting, incisive, ironic, abusive, pungent, bitter. ANTONYMS: (adj) complimentary, gentle, approving
scattered: (adj) dissipated, thin, disordered, disconnected, confused, sparse, sporadic, distributed, rare, diffuse; (v) disperse
scattering: (n) diffusion, dissipation, dispersion, distribution, scatter, dissemination, sprinkle, sprinkling, strewing; (adj, n) spreading; (adj) distributive
schedule: (n, v) register, program; (n) agenda, catalog, calendar, catalogue, table, inventory, roll, index; (v) book. ANTONYMS: (v) cancel
schoolboy: (n) lad, scholar, pupil, student, disciple, learner, schoolchild, youngun, younker, youth, school child
schoolmistress: (n) schoolmarm, teacher, schoolma'am, schoolmaster, educator, instructor, schoolteacher, preceptress, dame, fancy woman, kept woman
scoffing: (n) scoff, mockery, jeer, derision, sibilation, gibe; (adj) mocking, derisive, cynical, sceptical, jesting
scold: (v) reprimand, chide, berate, rebuke, abuse, lecture, reproach, rail, grouch; (n, v) nag; (adj, n) shrew. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, compliment, approve
scolding: (n) rebuke, lecture, castigation, admonition, reproof, objurgation, chiding, dressing, jobation, scold, rating. ANTONYMS: (n) compliment, approval
scorched: (adj) baked, adust, burnt, dry, seared, burned, charred, torrid, dried out, destroyed, drier. ANTONYMS: (adj) wet, humid
scorching: (adj) hot, sweltering, scalding, baking, broiling, boiling, sultry, stifling, torrid; (v) fiery, flaming. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, fresh, cool
scorn: (v) despise, contempt, reject; (n, v) ridicule, neglect, disregard, deride, slight; (n) contempt, derision, mockery. ANTONYMS: (n, v) respect, praise; (v) appreciate, revere, value, approve, admire, accept; (n) admiration, commendation, humility
scorned: (adj) detested, hated, abject, neglected, contemptuous, despicable, insolent, undesirable, unloved, unpopular, mean
scowl: (n, v) glare, grimace, roar, sneer; (v) glower, pout, lower, sulk; (adj) black looks, mumps; (n) growl. ANTONYMS: (n, v) grin
scramble: (v) clamber, beat, strive; (n, v) climb, struggle, bustle, jumble, scabble, rush; (adj, n) hurry; (n) haste. ANTONYMS: (v) descend; (n) descent
scrambled: (adj) twisted, snarled, miscellaneous, knotted, jumbled
scratching: (n) scrape, scraping, abrasion, mark, scar, poor handwriting, incision, excoriation, chicken feed; (adj) hoarse, abrasive
screaming: (adv) screamingly; (n) shrieking, shriek, screeching, screech, vociferation; (adj) garish, loud, uproarious, showy, noisy
screech: (n, v) cry, shout, shriek, yell, scream, yelp, yowl, roar; (n) screaming; (v) squawk, pipe
scrutinizing: (adj) exploring thoroughly, inquisitive, searching, penetrating
scrutiny: (n) examination, review, inspection, search, investigation, check, inquiry, research, analysis, study, surveillance. ANTONYM: (n) glance
scuffle: (n, v) tussle, fight, scrap, struggle, disturbance, encounter; (v) grapple, shuffle; (n) melee, scramble, fighting
scurry: (n, v) scamper, scramble, race; (v) hasten, dash, rush, run, scuttle, sprint, dart; (n) haste. ANTONYMS: (v) amble, stroll
scurrying: (adj) faster, fast
seal: (n, v) stamp; (v) plug, bar, caulk, stop, shut; (n) cachet, hallmark, imprint, signet; (adj) conclude. ANTONYMS: (n, v) open; (v) unseal
searching: (adj) piercing, inquisitive, probing, acute, exhaustive, curious, inquiring, profound, exploratory; (adj, v) cutting; (v) excruciating
seated: (adj) sat, sedentary
secluded: (adj) remote, secret, reclusive, privy, cloistered, isolated, lonely, retired, sequestered, solitary; (adj, v) hidden. ANTONYMS: (adj) nearby, near, exposed, busy, accessible
secret: (adj, v) mysterious, hidden, covert, secluded, confidential; (adj) concealed, furtive, occult, obscure; (adj, n) privacy, secrecy. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) known, public; (adj) open, overt, apparent, unrestricted, external, visible, outermost, transparent, blatant
secretly: (adv) privately, confidentially, quietly, stealthily, surreptitiously, furtively, in secret,

- darkly, secretly, clandestinely, occultly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, deliberately, brazenly
- secrets:** (n) secrecy
- secular:** (adj) profane, lay, worldly, earthly, laic, temporal, terrestrial, mundane, unconsecrated; (n) layman; (v) centennial.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritual, religious, church, heavenly
- seductive:** (adj) enticing, tempting, alluring, inviting, desirable, sexy, irresistible, persuasive, charming, fascinating; (adj, v) seducing.
- ANTONYM: (adj) repulsive
- seeking:** (n) hunt, pursuit, hunting, effort, pursuance; (adj) searching, zetetic; (prep) looking for
- seeming:** (adj) ostensible, superficial, illusory, outward, probable, deceptive, specious; (adj, n) appearance, semblance; (n) aspect, show. ANTONYMS: (adj) actual, deep, inner
- seemingly:** (adv) evidently, ostensibly, clearly, outwardly, presumably, obviously, allegedly, plainly, manifestly, probably, on the face of it. ANTONYMS: (adv) underneath, truly
- seer:** (n) prophet, augur, diviner, oracle, forecaster, visionary, clairvoyant, illusionist, conjuror, idealist, predictor
- seething:** (v) ebullient; (adj) irate, raging, enraged, spitting mad, beside yourself, teed off, packed; (n) ebullition, tumult, digestion
- seize:** (v) catch, capture, grab, arrest, clutch, get, apprehend, receive, annex, clasp; (n, v) grapple. ANTONYMS: (v) baulk, relinquish, restore, surrender, give, remove
- seized:** (adj) confiscate, appropriated, condemned, apprehended, grasped, taken, held, seised, detained, obtained, arraigned
- seldom:** (adj) scarce, rare, few, infrequent; (adv) occasionally, infrequently, uncommonly, hardly, scarcely, not often, once in a blue moon. ANTONYMS: (adv) often, seldom
- self-confidence:** (n) confidence, assurance, pride, egoism, effrontery, determination, morale
- self-confident:** (adj) assured, cocky, confident, assertive, jaunty, sanguine, secure, self-sufficient, certain
- selfish:** (adj) mean, greedy, mercenary, egotistical, egotistic, egoistic, self-interested, stingy, egocentric, self-centered, covetous. ANTONYMS: (adj) selfless, altruistic, generous, altruism, considerate, philanthropic, thoughtful, constructive, concerned, abstemious, kind
- selfishness:** (n) greed, egotism, greediness, meanness, individuality, opportunism, expedience, individualism, self, selfishness, selfish. ANTONYMS: (n) altruism, selflessness, sensitivity, thoughtfulness, conformity, generosity
- self-respect:** (n) pride, self-esteem, dignity, face, honesty
- self-satisfaction:** (n) boast, pride
- semblance:** (adj, n) color; (n) resemblance, appearance, look, aspect, air, image, similarity, pretense, guise, pretext. ANTONYM: (n) difference
- seminary:** (n) school, college, Alma mater, university, seminar, hotbed, nursery, abbey, institution, lyceum, private school
- sensation:** (n, v) feeling, impression, sense; (v) affection; (n) emotion, feel, perception, wonder, sensibility, sensitivity, thrill. ANTONYMS: (n) deadness, flop, dud, calm, failure
- sensations:** (n) feelings, vibrations, ambiance
- senses:** (adj) sober senses, sound mind; (n) reason, mind, conception, consciousness, judgment, faculties, mother wit, right mind, sanity
- sentiment:** (n) emotion, mind, notion, feeling, persuasion, opinion, judgment, sense, judgement, attitude, impression
- separated:** (adj, prep) separate, isolated, disjoined, distinct; (adj, adv) apart; (adj) detached, divided, disjoined, free, disjunct, discrete. ANTONYMS: (adj) attached, connected
- separation:** (n) disjunction, detachment, disunion, seclusion, disconnection, rift, isolation, divorce, parting, departure; (n, v) division. ANTONYMS: (n) unification, closeness, marriage, union, unity, connection, bond, integration, synthesis, inclusion, meeting
- serene:** (adj) peaceful, calm, quiet, placid, composed, impassive, clear, pacific, gentle, cool; (adj, v) tranquil. ANTONYMS: (adj) agitated, anxious, noisy, nervous, impatient, excitable, scatterbrained, harsh, boisterous, excited, disturbed
- serenely:** (adv) calmly, composedly, quietly, placidly, stilly, steadily, impassively, peacefully, Pacifically, clearly, coolly. ANTONYMS: (adv) nervously, agitatedly, boisterously, manically
- sergeant:** (n) police sergeant, noncom, serjeant, sergeant major, staff sergeant, technical sergeant, corporal, master sergeant, officer, deskman, gunnery sergeant
- serpent:** (n) snake, ophidian, viper, snake in the grass, reptile, rattlesnake, colubrid, contrafagotto, cor anglais, hautboy; (v) goose
- servants:** (n) staff, suite
- servicing:** (n) helping, share, service, piece, attendance, help, serve, drumstick, plate, libation, service of process
- settled:** (adj) definite, set, firm, permanent, certain, calm, established, decided, formed, defined, finished. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsettled, exciting, temporary
- severely:** (adv) seriously, gravely, badly, sternly, harshly, hardly, strictly, rigidly, violently, sharply, strongly. ANTONYMS: (adv) leniently, gently, elaborately, lightheartedly, slightly, mildly, compassionately, tenderly, warmly, superficially, modestly
- shade:** (n, v) screen, tinge, shadow, tint, color, cloud; (n) ghost, hue, blind, conceal, tone. ANTONYMS: (n) brightness, glare; (v) brighten, clarify, expose
- shaded:** (adj) dark, shads, sheltered, shadowed, umbrageous, twilight, sunless, subdued, soft, colored, darksome. ANTONYM: (adj) unshaded
- shadow:** (n) ghost, darkness, apparition, follower, gloom, reflection; (n, v) eclipse, trace, tail, hint; (v) follow. ANTONYMS: (v) brighten, lead; (n) brightness, pallor
- shadows:** (n) dark, darkness, night, dimness, dusk, fogginess, mistiness, gloom, cloudiness. ANTONYM: (n) brightness
- shadowy:** (adj) indistinct, misty, dark, faint, obscure, hazy, gloomy, vague, shady, insubstantial, dusky. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, palpable, light, distinct, open
- shaggy:** (adj) bushy, hirsute, hairy, bearded, shagged, pilous, brushy, unkempt, hispid; (adj, n) ragged; (n)

- rugged. ANTONYMS: (adj) sleek, tidy
- shake**: (n, v) jolt, beat, jar, quiver, wave; (v) agitate, excite, disturb; (adv, v) brandish; (adj, v) quake, totter. ANTONYMS: (v) soothe, steady
- shaken**: (adj) jolted, agitated, dilapidated, frayed; (v) passe, lame, broken, threadbare, wilted, shaky, vibrate
- shaking**: (adj, n) quivering, tremor, jarring; (n) quiver, palpitation, quake; (adj) quaking, shaky, flutter, unsteady, shivering
- shame**: (n, v) disgrace, dishonor, discredit, humiliate, degrade, chagrin; (n) humiliation, modesty, scandal, insult; (v) abash. ANTONYMS: (n) pride, glorification, making, worthiness; (v) acknowledge, glorify, respect, dignify
- shamed**: (adj) dishonored, ashamed, hangdog, guilty, discredited, abashed, sheepish, embarrassed, shamefaced, bullied, cowed
- shameful**: (adj) scandalous, dishonorable, opprobrious, shocking, ignominious, disreputable, despicable; (adj, v) foul, base, gross, black. ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, noble, dignified, admirable, faultless, reputable, glorious, compassionate, praiseworthy, commendable, excellent
- sharp**: (adj, n, v) keen, acute, bitter; (adj) intelligent, intense, incisive; (adj, v) biting, acid, acrid, severe, harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, mild, gentle, sweet, rounded, bland, round, smooth, blurred, naive, kind
- sharper**: (n, v) cheat; (n) rogue, impostor, swindler, chiseler, deceiver, cheater, welsher, sharpie; (v) shark, fraud
- sharply**: (adj, adv) piercingly, harshly, penetratingly; (adv) keenly, severely, abruptly, trenchantly, shrewdly, biting, cuttingly, bitterly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, kindly, sweetly, politely, gradually, pleasantly
- shattered**: (adj) destroyed, smashed, done in, crazy, shaky, crushed; (adj, v) exhausted; (v) battered, dead beat, done up, lame. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, energetic, lively, whole, strong
- shattering**: (n) smashing, breakage; (adj) piercing, loud, ruinous, severe, grueling, earsplitting, dreadful, disastrous; (v) shatter. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, fortunate
- shed**: (v) discard, drop, moult, scatter, exuviate, molt, cast off, dismiss; (n) shack, hut, cabin. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, cover; (adj) persistent
- sheep**: (n) goat, ram, tup, ewe, cattle, follower, Bovidae, stock, simple, simpleton, family Bovidae
- sheeplike**: (adj) docile, obedient, shamefaced
- sheets**: (n) rain, bed linen
- shell**: (n) rind, sheath, case, casing, bullet, bark, shot, crust; (n, v) bomb, pod; (v) bombard. ANTONYM: (n) middle
- shelling**: (n) barrage, bombing, husking, battery, fire, barrage fire, bombarding, shelly rail, scaling, gunfire, peeling
- shield**: (n, v) shelter, screen, cover, guard, safeguard, buffer; (v) preserve, secure, defend, hide; (n) protection. ANTONYMS: (n) danger, exposure; (v) endanger, attack, reveal
- shifted**: (adj) disordered, gone
- shifting**: (adj) moving, variable, changeable, fickle, changing, varying, unsettled, movable, fitful; (n) change, movement. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, consistent
- shin**: (v) clamber, shinny, make unintelligible, abrade, bark, beat; (n) tibia, shinbone, leg, alphabetic character, body part
- shine**: (n, v) light, sheen, flash, glitter, sparkle, polish, rub; (v) burnish, gleam, blaze; (n) radiance
- shining**: (adj, v) brilliant; (adj) lustrous, radiant, glossy, luminous, glorious, glowing; (adj, n) lucid, resplendent, clear; (v) shine. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, pale, blemished
- shirking**: (n) avoidance, goofing off, goldbricking, dodging, escape, elusion, soldiering, skirting, slacking, fudging
- shirt**: (n) Jersey, chemise, blouse, hair shirt, dress shirt, evening shirt, polo shirt
- shiver**: (n, v) shake, tremble, shudder, fragment, thrill, splinter, tingle; (v) quake, shatter, palpitate; (adj, v) break
- shivering**: (adj) quivering, shaking, trembling, shaky, quaking, tremulous, shuddering, chilled; (n) chill, cold, shiver. ANTONYM: (adj) composed
- shoe**: (n) horseshoe, sandal, shoes, moccasin, footgear, footwear, skid, flippers, ankle, flipper, track shoe
- shoes**: (n) footwear, shoe, place, position, situation, post, plaza, property, lieu, home, blank space
- shoot**: (v) discharge, flash, drive, dart, dash, send, photograph; (n) scion, branch; (n, v) sprout, hunt. ANTONYM: (v) trickle
- shooting**: (v) shoot, hunting, coursing; (n) gunfire, killing, gunshot, shot, murder; (adj) sharp, acute, piercing
- shore**: (n) coast, edge, beach, seashore, stay, seaside, brace, margin; (n, v) prop, land, buttress. ANTONYM: (n) sea
- shortly**: (adv) presently, curtly, before long, soon, concisely, brusquely, abruptly, tersely, succinctly; (adj, adv) immediately, summarily. ANTONYMS: (adv) politely, pleasantly, verbosely, later
- shout**: (n, v) cry, clamor, scream, yell, roar, call, bellow, screech; (v) bawl, holler; (n) cheer
- shouted**: (adj) screamed, loud
- shouting**: (adj, n) yelling; (adj) crying, howling, vociferous; (n) clamor, calling, noise, cheering, vociferation, tumult; (v) bawl
- shouts**: (n) cries
- shower**: (n, v) wash, rain, hail, drizzle, bath; (v) sprinkle, bathe, shed, scatter; (n) rain shower, rainfall. ANTONYM: (n) trickle
- shrank**: (v) minify
- shriek**: (n, v) screech, cry, shout, call, howl, yell, yowl, scream; (v) bellow, caterwaul, shrill. ANTONYM: (v) sigh
- shrieking**: (n) shriek, screeching, screech, scream, belly laugh, shrigh, howler, riot; (adj) sharp
- shrill**: (adj) piercing, penetrating, strident, keen, shrewd; (v) shriek, screech, scream, yell; (adj, v) high, sharp. ANTONYMS: (adj) low, quiet, resonant
- shrink**: (adj, v) recoil; (n, v) flinch, wince; (v) contract, shorten, lessen, diminish, cower, reduce, quail, decrease. ANTONYMS: (v) increase, enlarge, grow, stretch, swell, bloom, rise, inflate
- shuddering**: (adj, n) quivering, shaking; (adv) shudderingly; (n) cold sweat, tremor; (adj) rough, shaky, jumpy, quaking, shivery,

bumpy. ANTONYM: (adj) smooth
shuffled: (adj) disorganized
shut: (v) seal, bar, fasten, obstruct, lock, exclude; (adj) closed, cut; (n) shutting, end, finish. ANTONYMS: (v) admit, undo
sick: (adj) ill, queasy, poorly, ailing, weary, diseased, sickly, morbid; (adj, v) indisposed, unwell; (adj, n) invalid. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, fond, wholesome
sickness: (n, v) disease, indisposition, malady, disorder, distemper, ailment; (n) complaint, qualm, nausea, disgust, queasiness
sidelong: (adj) indirect, oblique, side, askew, askance, askant; (adv) sideways, obliquely, askew, askant, sideling. ANTONYM: (adj) direct
sidle: (v) sneak, sashay, edge, slink, cock, move sideways, move, prance, approach, inch, skirt
sifting: (n) winnowing, scrutiny, hunt, judgment, winnow, separation; (v) sift; (adj) inquisitive
sigh: (n, v) groan, sigh, murmur; (v) breathe, languish, pine; (n) breath, wail, whimper, whine, suspiration
signal: (n, v) omen, gesture, presage, wave, alert; (n) indication, flag, alarm; (v) indicate; (adj, n) salient, prominent. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconspicuous, ordinary
signing: (n) signature, signage, linguistic communication, fingerspelling, ASL, language; (adj) signatory
silent: (adj, adv) motionless; (adj) dumb, tacit, mute, noiseless, reserved, placid, reticent, mum, taciturn, hush. ANTONYMS: (adj) spoken, talkative, loud, explicit, open, live, forthcoming, verbal, audible, talking, moving
silently: (adv) mutely, stily, quietly, noiselessly, soundlessly, taciturnly, wordlessly, secretly, speechlessly, placidly, tacitly. ANTONYMS: (adv) loudly, audibly, openly, brazenly
silk: (adj) silky, down, silken, velure, velvet; (n) silks, satin, cloth, animal fiber, fabric, dental floss
silver: (n) money, gold, bullion, precious Metals; (adj) silvery, argent, white, silvern, gray, neutral tint; (v) plate
similarity: (n) parallelism, likeness, kinship, parallel, identity, conformity, parity, semblance, sameness, affinity, comparison. ANTONYMS: (n) difference,

contrast, disparity, isolation
simpson: (n) Wallis Warfield Simpson, duchess of Windsor, Wallis Warfield Windsor
sincere: (adj, v) earnest, devout; (adj) genuine, faithful, heartfelt, honest, serious, open, artless, candid; (adj, n) cordial. ANTONYMS: (adj) insincere, dishonest, guarded, flippant, affected, disingenuous, hypocritical, cunning, unfaithful, unenthusiastic, unbelievable
sincerity: (adj, n) candor, honesty, integrity, probity, faithfulness; (n) earnestness, heartiness, genuineness, candour, frankness, cordiality. ANTONYMS: (n) dishonesty, hypocrisy, flippancy, frivolity, affectedness, caution, reticence, deceit, doubt
sing: (v) hymn, hum, chirp, drone, intone, vocalize, pipe, carol, snitch; (n, v) twitter, squeak
singular: (adj, n) extraordinary; (adj) odd, individual, particular, peculiar, phenomenal, rare, queer, single, quaint, exceptional. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, together, usual, customary
singularly: (adv) peculiarly, uniquely, unusually, curiously, rarely, uncommonly, oddly, solely, exceptionally, individually; (adj, adv) remarkably
sinister: (adj) dark, forbidding, black, menacing, wicked, baleful, threatening, malevolent, malign, inauspicious, vicious. ANTONYMS: (adj) innocent, hospitable, good, normal, favorable
sink: (n, v) sag, dip; (v) decline, fall, set, descend, drop, fell, subside, settle; (adj, n, v) droop. ANTONYMS: (v) rise, float, improve, increase, recover, drift, ascend, raise
sinking: (n) sinkage, settling, fall, descent, foundering, depression, immersion, submersion, submergence; (v) decrease, decline. ANTONYM: (adj) rising
sinuous: (adj) anfractuous, sinuate, curved, meandering, snaky, lithe, flexible, elastic, limber; (adj, v) tortuous; (v) mazy. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, inflexible, stilted, jerky, stocky
skedaddle: (v) abscond, scarper, run away, run, flee, get out, scam, Levant, fly, give leg bail, decamp
sketch: (n, v) plan, outline, draft, scheme, picture, project; (n)

drawing, cartoon, plot; (v) paint, draw
skies: (n) heavens, firmament, expanse
skill: (n) artifice, capacity, capability, knack, ability, faculty, finesse, cleverness, expertise; (adj, n) craft, cunning. ANTONYMS: (n) clumsiness, incompetence, uselessness, stupidity, ineptness, tactlessness, inexperience, ignorance, inaccuracy, delay, drawback
skillful: (adj) expert, proficient, capable, good, accomplished, adept, able, ready; (adj, v) dexterous, crafty; (adj, n, v) knowing. ANTONYMS: (adj) clumsy, incompetent, unprofessional, bad, untrained, ordinary, amateur, mediocre; (adv) incompetently
skillfully: (adv) adroitly, expertly, cleverly, craftily, skilfully, proficiently, deftly, ingeniously, adeptly, competently, artfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) ineptly, badly, incompetently
skins: (n) cash, folding money
skirmish: (n, v) fight, combat, battle, conflict, scuffle; (n) encounter, brush, engagement, struggle, confrontation, dispute
skulking: (adj) surreptitious, stealthy, lurking, hiding, clandestine, backstairs, concealed, cowardly; (n) malingering, dodging, evasion
slack: (adj, v) loose, lax, remiss, slow, dull; (adj) indolent, negligent, idle, flaccid, limp, baggy. ANTONYMS: (adj) strict, taut, thorough, brisk, diligent, attentive, upright, prompt, meticulous; (v) tighten; (n) tautness
slacken: (adj, n, v) loosen; (v) abate, remit, retard, loose, douse, lessen, slow, slack up; (adj, v) slack; (n, v) ease. ANTONYMS: (v) tense, increase
slackened: (adj) leisurely
slain: (v) slay; (adj) overthrown, mat, fallen, dejected, cast down
slang: (n) lingo, cant, vernacular, argot, dialect, patois, language; (v) put one over, put one across, put on, dupe
slanted: (adj) slanting, diagonal, lopsided, tilted, sloped, sloping, oblique, skewed, askant, askew, aslope. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, balanced, impartial, level, upright
slantingly: (adv) obliquely, diagonally, slantedly, slopedly,

- aslantly, tiltedly, tiltingly,
slantways, slantwise, leaningly,
indirectly
- slapped:** (adj) mistreated
- slashed:** (adj) gashed, torn, split,
mown, cut down, decreased, down,
emasculated, fringed, gelded, cheap
- slate:** (n) list, platform, plank; (v)
condemn, paper, papyrus,
parchment, foolscap, chide,
lambaste, intend
- slaves:** (n) helotry, bondsmen
- sleeping:** (adj) asleep, inactive, latent,
sleepy, vegetive, vegetative; (n)
dormancy, noctambulism,
quiescence, quiescency, short sleep.
ANTONYMS: (adj) active; (n)
waking
- sleepy:** (adj) drowsy, dozy, slow,
lazy, hypnotic, inactive, comatose,
dull, heavy, dreamy; (adv) asleep.
ANTONYMS: (adj) awake,
energetic, vigorous, clear, lively,
refreshed
- sleeve:** (n) arm, liner, cover, cuff,
wristband, collar, socket, skin,
sheath; (v) plexus, skein
- slender:** (adj, v) lean, meager; (adj)
little, thin, fine, lithe, slight, delicate,
lissom, flimsy, faint. ANTONYMS:
(adj) stocky, fat, wide, considerable,
short, substantial, good, adequate,
stout, thick
- slice:** (n, v) share, part, slash, gash,
chip; (n) section, piece, bit, morsel,
slab; (v) carve
- sliding:** (n) skating, shifting; (adj)
gliding, down, downhill, slippery,
labent, descending, downward; (v)
to slide
- slight:** (adj, adv) light; (adj) thin,
flimsy, slender, fragile, petty, little;
(adv, n, v) neglect; (n, v) insult,
scorn; (v) ignore. ANTONYMS: (adj)
considerable, major, obvious,
thickset, severe, wide, fat, intense,
heavy, likely; (v) acknowledge
- slim:** (adj, v) thin; (adj) slight,
narrow, lean, remote, fine, skinny,
tiny, meager; (v) reduce, lose
weight. ANTONYMS: (adj) heavy,
hefty, plump, stocky, wide,
considerable, substantial, strong,
stout; (v) gain
- slinking:** (adj) stealthy, surreptitious,
furtive
- slippery:** (adj, v) precarious; (adj)
crafty, glib, elusive, oily, glossy,
untrustworthy, wily, unreliable,
tricky; (v) questionable.
ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, dry,
reliable, straight, direct
- slipping:** (n) skidding, slippage; (adj)
slithering, gliding, down, labent
- slit:** (n, v) score, rip, split, breach,
slash, crack, scratch; (n) crevice, gap;
(adj, n) cleft; (v) slice
- slope:** (n, v) pitch, slant, dip, tilt; (v)
cant, lean; (n) declivity, acclivity,
hill, gradient; (adj, n) inclination.
ANTONYMS: (v) level; (n) descent,
hollow, ascent
- sloping:** (adj, v) oblique, slope; (adj)
slanting, inclined, slanted, diagonal,
leaning, sloped; (adj, adv) aslope,
aslant; (v) slant. ANTONYMS: (adj)
horizontal, upright
- slowing:** (n) deceleration, slowness,
slowdown, mental retardation, lag,
fastness, backwardness.
ANTONYM: (n) acceleration
- slowness:** (n) dilatoriness, lethargy,
lateness, backwardness,
awkwardness, deliberation,
dullness, sluggishness, stupidity,
indolence; (adj, n) delay.
ANTONYMS: (n) haste, quickness,
rapidity, intelligence, cleverness,
nimbleness, speediness,
promptness, punctuality, vigor
- slumber:** (n, v) rest, doze, snooze,
nap, drowse, repose, catnap; (v) be
asleep, kip, take a nap; (n) siesta
- slurred:** (adj) inarticulate, faint,
loggerheaded, mumbled, not thin,
unintelligible, thick, dense,
fatheaded, deep, compact.
ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, slight
- smart:** (adj, n) sharp, quick, bright; (n,
v) pain; (adj) shrewd, crafty, sly,
dapper, prompt, astute, intelligent.
ANTONYMS: (adj) stupid, scruffy,
unkempt, dim, shabby, slow, naive,
unfashionable, unstylish,
unintelligent, thick
- smash:** (n, v) crash, hit, bang, clash,
knock; (v) shatter, crush, mash,
break, defeat, ruin. ANTONYMS:
(v) mend, preserve; (n) flop
- smite:** (v) strike, hit, buffet, bang,
clout, knock, smash, thrash, thump,
batter, affect
- smithers:** (n) smithereens, atoms,
fragments
- smitten:** (adj, v) stricken; (adj) in love,
crazy, enamored, struck, nuts, dotty,
besotted, gaga, taken with, affected
- smoke:** (n) fumes, cigarette, cigar,
smog, fog; (n, v) reek, fumigate,
puff; (v) exhale, cure; (adj) tobacco
- smoldering:** (adj) latent, unexerted,
smouldering, on fire, ablaze, aflame,
angry, blazing, burning, flaming; (v)
smolder
- smooth:** (adj, v) quiet, level, facilitate;
(adj) calm, oily, facile, fluent,
flowing, flat, fluid, graceful.
ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, uneven,
wrinkled, peeling, jerky, ridged,
flaking, abrasive, coarse, prickly; (v)
wrinkle
- smothered:** (adj) strangled, stifled,
smothers, pent-up, covered
- smothering:** (adj) choking,
suffocative, suffocating, tight, sultry,
breathless; (adv) smotheringly; (v)
suffocate
- smudged:** (adj) dirty, unclean,
smirched, grubby, smudgy
- snake:** (n) serpent, ophidian, viper,
constrictor, hydra, elapid; (v) wind,
twist, curl, weave; (n, v) sneak
- snappy:** (adj) racy, sprightly, quick,
smart, brisk, crisp, live, lively,
animated, energetic, vigorous.
ANTONYM: (adj) slovenly
- snarl:** (n, v) tangle, growl, knot,
muddle, yap, howl, bark; (adj, v)
snap; (v) entangle; (n) kink, maze.
ANTONYMS: (v) facilitate, undo
- snarled:** (adj) tangled, gnarly,
knobbed, complex, twisted, snarly,
gnarled, matted, untidy, knotty
- sneaking:** (adj) hangdog, furtive,
contemptible, abject, clandestine,
confidential, dirty, shabby; (n)
creeping, crawling; (adj, n) sneaky
- sneering:** (adj) contemptuous,
disdainful, sarcastic, mocking, snide,
scornful, disparaging, disapproving;
(n) mockery, disdain; (adv)
sneeringly. ANTONYMS: (adj)
respectful, admiring
- snoring:** (n) stertor, respiration; (adj)
stertorous, asleep
- snuggled:** (n) contraband goods
- snugly:** (adv) cozily, cosily,
comfortably, closely, tightly,
pleasantly, compactly, neatly,
conveniently, homely, trimly
- soaking:** (adj, adv) sopping; (adj) wet,
soaked, sodden, saturated, soggy;
(n) soak, dip, sousing, souse; (adv,
v) dripping. ANTONYM: (adj) dry
- soar:** (v) climb, hover, fly, mount,
glide, leap, jump, lift, billow; (n, v)
rise, increase. ANTONYMS: (v)
decrease, drop, descend, collapse,
sink
- sober:** (adj, v) grave, sedate; (adj)
sane, earnest, quiet, solemn,
moderate, modest, serene, dull,
somber. ANTONYMS: (adj)
intoxicated, unrestrained, drunk,
playful, sensational, emotional,
cheerful, frivolous, funny, muddled,

- delirious
- soberly:** (adv) seriously, gravely, staidly, solemnly, temperately, somberly, sedately, modestly, severely, sanely, calmly.
ANTONYM: (adv) cheerfully
- socially:** (adv) socially, pleasantly, warmly, kindly, entertainingly, enjoyably, cordially, companionably, convivially.
ANTONYMS: (adv) shyly, unsocially, inhospitably
- softened:** (adj) diffused, muffled, muted, quiet, slow, touched, sluggish, soften, pultaceous, subdued, low-key
- softly:** (adv) quietly, mildly, lightly, tenderly, delicately, gently, soft, quiet, silently, kindly, slowly.
ANTONYMS: (adv) hoarsely, roughly, loudly, clearly, harshly, forte, severely, strongly, heavily, convincingly, brightly
- soiled:** (adj) grubby, dirty, nasty, grimy, unclean, filthy, muddy, black, mucky, polluted, foul.
ANTONYMS: (adj) pure, immaculate
- soldier:** (n) warrior, fighter, serviceman, champion, ranker, military personnel, swordsman, trooper, cavalryman, guardsman, janissary
- soldiers:** (n) military, troop, force, the military, troops, defense force, military service, militia, soldiery, Territorial Army, armed forces
- soldiery:** (n) troops, military personnel, serviceman, horse, garrison, cavalry, army, troop, the army, military man, force
- solemn:** (adj, n, v) serious; (adj, v) sober, important, sedate, devout, formal, demure; (adj) heavy, dignified, sacred; (adj, n) earnest.
ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, cheerful, unceremonious, funny, playful, flippant, relaxed
- solemnly:** (adv) earnestly, gravely, majestically, stately, sternly, staidly, thoughtfully, soberly, formally, ceremoniously, importantly.
ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, flippantly
- soles:** (n) family Soleidae
- somber:** (adj) gloomy, melancholy, solemn, dull, grave, drab, sober, dark, sullen, dim, dismal.
ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, funny, cheery, frivolous, fussy
- song:** (adj, v) lay; (n, v) ditty, chant; (n) air, strain, cry, warble, canto, poem; (v) sing; (adj) ballad
- sonny:** (n) boy, laddie, lad, cub, male child, rookie, sonny boy, youngster, fellow, kiddy, kiddie
- soothingly:** (adv) softly, quietly, calmingly, lullingly, lightly, tenderly, kindly, blandly, calmly, comfortingly, sedately
- sooty:** (adj) black, dark, dusky, smoky, pitchy, fuliginous, grimy, dingy, murky; (v) smutty; (adj, v) dusty
- sore:** (adj, n, v) hurt; (adj) sensitive, angry, grievous, raw; (n) injury, lesion, cut, boil; (v) acute; (adj, v) sharp. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, healthy, pleased, comfortable
- sorrow:** (n, v) regret, lament, grieve; (v) mourn; (n) mourning, heartache, repentance, remorse; (adj, n) sadness, misery; (adj, n, v) distress. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, delight, happiness, peace, hopefulness, cheerfulness, shamelessness, calm, content; (v) rejoice
- sorrowful:** (adj) melancholy, doleful, sad, rueful, lugubrious, gloomy, dreary, grievous, piteous, unhappy, mournful. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, content, joyful, successful
- soul:** (n) creature, human, person, personification, ghost, individual, mind, essence, life, self; (adj, n) heart. ANTONYMS: (n) surface, body
- sounded:** (adj) measured, oral
- soup:** (v) pottage, potage, drink, liquor; (n) juice, gumbo, mulligatawny, borscht, bortsch, borsht; (adj) emulsion
- soused:** (adj) wet, tipsy, tight, pickled, loaded, besotted, dunked, intoxicated, ladened, laden, lactating
- spaces:** (n) seats, seating
- spare:** (adj, v) free, reserve, save, thin; (adj) slender, slight, additional, lean; (adj, n) extra, excess; (v) exempt. ANTONYMS: (n) shortfall, original; (adj) principal, fat, basic, abundant, stout; (v) need, include
- spasmodic:** (adj) spastic, convulsive, intermittent, erratic, broken, irregular, sporadic, desultory, sudden, discontinuous; (v) inconstant. ANTONYM: (adj) continuous
- spat:** (n, v) squabble, altercation, tiff, bicker, dispute, wrangle, row; (n) gaiter, argument, bickering, fuss. ANTONYM: (n) agreement
- spatter:** (n, v) splash, plash, sputter; (v) dash, slop, scatter, smear, spit, spray, squirt, soil
- speaks:** (n) talks
- spear:** (n) harpoon, lance, pike, fizgig, prick, gig, javelin, shaft, halberd; (v) stab, spike
- specially:** (adv) especially, peculiarly, specifically, extraordinarily, exceptionally, unusually, exclusively, expressly, in particular, particular, distinctively.
ANTONYM: (adv) generally
- spectacle:** (n) scene, pageant, display, exhibition, phenomenon, appearance, spectacles, view, wonder; (n, v) sight, parade. ANTONYM: (n) understatement
- spectator:** (n) eyewitness, observer, onlooker, witness, audience, beholder, viewer, watcher, spectators, looker, ogler. ANTONYM: (n) player
- spectators:** (n) spectator, gallery, viewer, viewers, attendance
- specter:** (n) ghost, spirit, shade, spectre, phantasm, wraith, shadow, revenant; (n, v) apparition, phantom, vision
- spectral:** (adj) ghostly, phantasmal, apparitional, unearthly, ghostlike, supernatural, ghastrly, shadowy, insubstantial, eerie, cadaverous
- speculate:** (v) contemplate, deliberate, suppose, imagine, venture, consider, hazard, meditate, muse, reflect, ponder
- speculation:** (n) guess, venture, reflection, meditation, guesswork, gamble, supposition, theory, surmise, adventure, conjecture. ANTONYM: (n) fact
- sped:** (v) done for
- speedily:** (adj, adv) quickly, quick, immediately; (adv) rapidly, promptly, hastily, swiftly, fast, apace, hurriedly, fleetly. ANTONYMS: (adv) later, eventually
- speeding:** (n) acceleration, quickening, hurrying, fastness, f number, scudding, focal ratio, amphetamine; (adj) active, hastening; (adv) faster
- speedy:** (adj, v) rapid, prompt, fleet, swift; (adj) fast, agile, ready, immediate, cursory, hurried, brisk. ANTONYMS: (adj) leisurely, plodding
- spell:** (n) magic, fascination, bout, conjuration, period, incantation, sorcery, enchantment, turn, span, bewitchment. ANTONYM: (n) alertness
- spellbound:** (adj) fascinated,

- enchanted, mesmerized, captivated, charmed, bewitched, hypnotized, hypnotised, mesmerised, infatuated, enthralled. ANTONYM: (adj) uninterested
- spill:** (n, v) overflow, fall, drop, flow, stream; (v) shed, empty, upset, pour, slop, cast
- spirited:** (adj) animated, frisky, energetic, racy, bold, gritty, quick, enthusiastic, dashing, peppy, brave. ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritless, lifeless, feeble, cowardly, apathetic, lethargic, spineless, dull, solemn, sluggish, lackluster
- spirits:** (n) alcohol, booze, humor, frame of mind, liqueur, strong drink, hard drink; (adj) cheer, geniality, good humor; (v) wine
- spiteful:** (adj) malicious, malevolent, sinister, nasty, malignant, venomous, spiteful, ill-natured, vindictive, cruel, hateful. ANTONYMS: (adj) benevolent, harmless, merciful, kindhearted, friendly, pleasant, loving, benign, generous, gentle, flattering
- splashed:** (adj) dabbled, bespattered, besplashed, spattered, marked, unclean, dirty, splattered, distributed, splashy, dotted
- splatter:** (v) spill, slop, slosh, dash, swash; (n, v) splash, plash, sputter; (n) splutter, spray, dab
- splattered:** (adj) splashy, dabbled, splashed, spattered, showy, covered, bespattered, besplashed, covered patchily
- splendid:** (adj, n, v) illustrious, glorious; (adj) gorgeous, beautiful, royal, gallant, proud; (adj, n) magnificent, noble, grand; (adj, v) brilliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, modest, humble, ordinary, undistinguished, meager, awful, dire, lowly, inglorious, shabby
- splendor:** (adj, n, v) brilliancy; (n) magnificence, pomp, sheen, lustre, luster, glory, ostentation, glitter; (n, v) brightness; (adj, n) radiance. ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, ordinariness, paucity, austerity, understatement, shabbiness, simplicity, unattractiveness
- splinter:** (adj, v) break, shiver, crack; (adj, n, v) split; (n, v) chip, fragment, fracture; (adj, n) shred; (n) shaving, part; (v) smash
- splintered:** (adj) shattered, broken, pixilated, split, soaked, blind drunk, soused, blotto, sozzled, cracked, plastered
- splintering:** (n) crack, chipping, break, breakage, breaking, buffalo chip, check, chip shot, bit, cow chip, cow dung
- split:** (adj, n, v) break, cut; (n, v) rip, rupture, fracture, slit, tear, burst, divorce; (v) divide, separate. ANTONYMS: (v) join, unite, merge, converge, combine; (n) union, unity, marriage, convergence, closure; (n, v) mend
- splitting:** (adj) ripping; (n) fission, partition, division, schism, crack, breakup, disunion, dissociation, cleavage; (v) to split
- splutter:** (v) spit, expectorate; (n, v) sputter; (adj) bustle, fuss, fidget; (n) splatter, spatter, splash, sputtering; (adj, v) scramble
- spluttering:** (adj) noisy
- spoiled:** (adj) bad, rotten, stale, spoil, coddled, pampered, corrupt, damaged, spoilt, putrid, rancid. ANTONYM: (adj) unspoiled
- spoken:** (adj) verbal, expressed, speaking, speak, unwritten, vocal, voiced, talk, said, informal, conversational. ANTONYMS: (adj) written, unspoken, tacit, formal, silent
- spots:** (n) damp, drifter, floater, floating policy, muscae volitantes, Musca volitans
- sprawled:** (adj) sprawling
- sprawling:** (adj) sprawled, roomy, sizeable, untidy, straggling, expansive, sprawly, wide, extensive; (adv) asprawl; (n) attitude. ANTONYM: (adj) narrow
- spray:** (n) mist, froth, aerosol, atomizer, foam, branch; (n, v) spout, spurt; (v) splash, shower, atomize. ANTONYM: (v) trickle
- sprightly:** (adj) spirited, cheerful, alive, blithe, agile, airy, keen; (adj, v) nimble, active; (adj, n) brisk; (adj, adv) jolly. ANTONYMS: (adj) inactive, slow, clumsy, sluggish
- springing:** (v) jumping, climbing, bounding, furious, conspicuous, prominent, ascending, projecting outwardly; (n) growth, suspension, emanation
- sprinkling:** (n) sprinkle, scattering, touch, aspersion, smack, spray, bit, scatter, watering; (adj, n) spice; (adj) drop
- sprinter:** (n) sprinter-runner, racer, lewis
- sputtering:** (n) splutter, splatter, spattering, spatter, splattering, dab, splashing, splash; (adj) spluttering, noisy; (v) sizzle
- squadron:** (n) group, brigade, navy, flotilla, corps, armada, cavalry, battalion, wing, detachment, division
- squalling:** (adj) unquiet
- squarely:** (adv) straightforwardly, square, forthright, rightly, fairly, quadrately, truly, right, squaredly, correspondingly, straightly
- squat:** (adj) short, chunky, stumpy, squatty, thick, low; (v) crouch, perch, sit, hunker down, bend. ANTONYMS: (adj) slender, tall, slight
- squawk:** (n, v) cry, shout, gripe, beef; (v) shriek, scream, screech, complain, call, crow, grumble
- squawking:** (adj) hoarse
- squeezed:** (adj) cramped
- squirrel:** (n) hackee, spermophile, baranduki, burunduki, gopher, baranduki, burunduki, collector; (v) bank, conserve; (adj) courser
- staggered:** (adj) dumbfounded, astonished, flabbergasted, astounded, stunned, bewildered, surprised, thunderstruck, angular, dizzy, taken aback
- staggering:** (adj) astounding, amazing, incredible, inconceivable, prodigious, marvelous, startling, ghastly, shocking, remarkable, extraordinary. ANTONYMS: (adj) unremarkable, normal, lovely, comforting
- stain:** (n, v) spot, blemish, tarnish, blot, dye, smear, disgrace, mark, soil, dirt, defile. ANTONYMS: (v) enhance, dignify, clean
- stained:** (adj) besmirched, dirty, colored, tarnished, soiled, tainted, sullied, flyblown, discolored, painted; (v) polluted. ANTONYMS: (adj) unspoiled, unstained, unblemished, clean
- stakes:** (n) stake, ante, wager, kitty, jackpot, pool, pot, gamble, prize, interest, fence
- stalking:** (n) deerstalking, hunting, chaff, harassment, still hunt, shuck, pestering, pursuit, husk, nuisance, angry walk
- stammer:** (v) falter, hesitate, stumble, bumble, fumble, mumble, utter, verbalize, waver, halt, splutter
- stammering:** (n) hesitation, hesitancy, psellism, indistinct pronunciation, doubt; (adj) halting, hesitating, inarticulate, incoherent, broken, ashamed

stamped: (adj) beaten, marked, pressed, printed; (v) fixed, engraved

stamped: (n, v) panic; (v) dash, charge; (n) run, influx, assembly, departure, concourse, consternation, change of location, onrush

stare: (n, v) gaze, look; (v) gape, glare, peer, squint, goggle, see, outface; (n) regard, contemplation. ANTONYM: (v) glance

staring: (adj) conspicuous, garish, agaze, vivid, noisy, showy, fixed, opened, glassy; (adv) staringly

stars: (n) heavenly bodies, fate

startled: (adj) dumbfounded, dismayed, distressed, aghast, frightened, astonished, amazed, terrified, afraid, shocked, astounded

startling: (adj) wonderful, shocking, surprising, striking, alarming, appalling, marvellous, dramatic, frightful, sensational, lurid. ANTONYMS: (adj) unremarkable, soothing, comforting

statue: (n) figure, monument, statuette, effigy, idol, sculpture, carving, bust, sphinx, icon, representation

steadfastly: (adv) steadily, solidly, unwaveringly, resolutely, unflinching, unswervingly, determinedly, faithfully, persistently, permanently, staunchly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unreliably, irresolutely, unfaithfully

steady: (adj, v) steadfast, even, secure, resolute, regular, calm, sedate; (adj, adv) stable; (adj) constant, continual, fixed. ANTONYMS: (adj) shaky, wobbly, intermittent, unreliable, irregular, fluctuating, inconsistent, unbalanced, unstable, unfaithful; (adv) unsteadily

steal: (v) purloin, abstract, sneak, filch, pinch, creep, misappropriate, rob, pilfer; (n) bargain; (n, v) snatch

stealing: (n) pilferage, larceny, theft, steal, burglary, misappropriation, embezzlement, stolen, thievery, pilfering, thieving

stealthily: (adv) furtively, sneakily, surreptitiously, covertly, clandestinely, underhandedly, underhandedly, in secret, privately, sneakily; (adj, adv) noiselessly. ANTONYM: (adv) brazenly

stealthy: (adj) clandestine, secret, surreptitious, sneaky, covert, private, backstairs, concealed, feline; (adj, v) sly, insidious. ANTONYM: (adj) blatant

steel: (n) blade, brand, foil, sword, case harden; (n, v) nerve, brace, fortify; (adj) iron, adamant; (v) temper

stentorian: (adj) booming, vocal, piercing, strident, resonant, powerful, flourishing, full, fuller, palmy, stentorophonic

stepped: (v) advanced, gone, stopen

stern: (adj) rigid, rigorous, austere, hard, strict, grim, solemn, rough; (adj, v) harsh; (n) back; (adj, n) rear. ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, approving, lenient, funny, genial, gentle, kindly, lax, liberal, cheerful, flexible

stewing: (n) simmering, boiling, agitation, cooking, cookery; (adj) sweltering

stick: (adj, v) adhere, cohere; (n, v) stab, paste, staff; (v) cling, attach, fix, bind, affix; (n) bar. ANTONYMS: (v) detach, open, undo

sticking: (n) soldering, adhesion; (adj) adhering, clinging, glutinous, viscous, stuck, projected, tenacious, closefisted, cohesive

sticks: (n) backwoods, firewood, frontier, outskirts, suburb, town, wilderness, brushwood, high sticks; (adj) distant

stiff: (adj) hard, formal, inflexible, difficult, rigorous, numb, firm, sturdy; (adj, n) stark, severe; (n) corpse. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, supple, flexible, floppy, pliable, free, easy, loose, informal, mild, pliant

stiffening: (n) stiffness, rigidification, reinforcement, process, rigidifying, procedure

stiffly: (adj) firmly, stiff, awkwardly, unbendingly, difficultly, woodenly, strongly, formally, stringently, clumsily, strictly. ANTONYM: (adv) loosely

stiffness: (n) hardness, severity, inflexibility, rigor, clumsiness, firmness, awkwardness, inclemency, harshness, tension, roughness. ANTONYMS: (n) softness, looseness, suppleness, weakness, ease, malleability, friendliness, relaxation, leniency, smoothness, limpness

stillness: (n) hush, calmness, immobility, serenity, silence, quietness, peacefulness; (adj, n) calm, quiet, peace, still. ANTONYMS: (n) bustle, movement, uproar, motion, turbulence, turmoil, vigor, disturbance, chaos, agitation

sting: (n, v) bite, hurt, con, pain; (v)

prick, itch, irritate, prickle, goad, provoke, smart. ANTONYMS: (v) calm; (n) honesty

stirred: (adj) excited, agitated, moved, affected, aroused, emotional, aflame, Stirn, horny, susceptible, stirred up

stocks: (n) stock, bilboes, provisions, securities, whipping post, inventory, store, supplies, supply, bonds, instrument of punishment

stoic: (adj) stoical, matter-of-fact, stolid, apathetic; (n) unemotional person, philosopher

stoical: (adj, n) stoic; (adj) indifferent, patient, imperturbable, calm, spirited, princely, phlegmatic, exalted, elevated, lofty

stole: (n) wrap, stolen, scarf, stolon, stealing, robe, alb, tunic, surplice, alba, cassock

stolen: (adj) stealed, stole, stealing, steal, steals, forlorn, stealthy, secret, taken, misbegotten, sly

stolid: (adj) impassive, obtuse, stupid, heavy, doltish, bovine, insulse, expressionless, shallow, petty, apathetic. ANTONYMS: (adj) emotional, imaginative, exciting

stolidly: (adv) stupidly, phlegmatically, phlegmatically, doltishly, dully, bovinely, obtusely, heavily, bluntly, firmly, unintelligently

stomach: (adj, v) brook, digest; (v) endure, stand, abide, bear, suffer, tolerate, take; (n) abdomen, appetite

stones: (n) shingle, grit

stonily: (adv) icily, pitilessly, unfeelingly, cruelly, hardly, roughly, rockily, heartlessly, frigidly, insensitively, mercilessly. ANTONYM: (adv) kindly

stools: (n) shit, excrement, evacuation, dejection

stooped: (adj) hunched, stoop, stooping, crooked, bended, not straight, inclined, not erect, arched, asymmetrical, droopy

stooping: (adj) hunched, crooked, asymmetrical, not erect, not straight, corrupt; (n) patronage

stopping: (n) stoppage, cessation, shutdown, padding, fillet, suspension, stay, discontinuance, abeyance, interruption; (adv) haltingly

store: (n, v) stock, hoard, bank, cache, supply; (n) shop, market, business; (v) accumulate, garner, keep. ANTONYMS: (v) spend, delete; (n) dearth

storm: (n, v) rush, tempest, hail, attack, assault, charge; (v) fume; (n) shower, blizzard, hurricane, gust.

ANTONYM: (n) trickle

stormy: (adj, n) inclement, boisterous, rough, severe; (adj) fierce, windy, wild, dirty, foul, tempestuous, blustering. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, still, pleasant, fair, mild, relaxed

stout: (adj, n) sturdy, stocky, hearty; (adj) hardy, strong, robust, obese, husky, bold, corpulent, fleshy. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, slim, flimsy, cowardly, slight, skinny, fragile, weak

stoutly: (adv) sturdily, robustly, strongly, solidly, lustily, vigorously, toughly, resolutely, stockily, portly, obstinately. ANTONYM: (adv) feebly

stove: (n) cooker, hearth, heater, furnace, fireplace, kiln, oven, cooking stove, cookstove, kitchen stove, kitchen range

stow: (v) cram, house, load, charge, store, place, squeeze, deposit, set, crush, put

straddle: (n, v) stride; (v) range, ramble, play fast and loose, coquet, shuffle, be on the fence, bestride; (n) stalk, strut, stump

straggling: (adj) rambling, straggly, spread, few, trailing, untidy, vagabond, sprawly, sprawled.

ANTONYM: (adj) compact

straighten: (v) tidy, unbend, neaten, square away, extend, dress, adjust, stretch, unwind, right, straight. ANTONYMS: (v) bend, sink, withdraw, align, stoop, distort, confuse, complicate, tilt

strain: (n, v) stretch, sift; (adj, n, v) tax; (v) screen, filter, try, exert; (n) effort, breed, exertion, song.

ANTONYMS: (v) laze; (n) ease, relief

strained: (adj) tense, labored, intense, constrained, laboured, unnatural, nervous, affected, taut, artificial, tight. ANTONYMS: (adj) natural, calm

straining: (n) effort, push, exertion, distortion, overrefinement, tension, endeavor, torture, twisting; (adj) arduous; (v) tighten

strangely: (adv) curiously, queerly, unusually, funnily, peculiarly, weirdly, marvelously, uncommonly, extraordinarily, singularly, bizarrely. ANTONYMS: (adv) typically, ordinarily, harmoniously

strangeness: (n) oddity, oddness,

quaintness, peculiarity, curiousness, abnormality, weirdness, foreignness, queerness, singularity, quirk.

ANTONYMS: (n) familiarity, nativeness

strangle: (v) smother, stifle, asphyxiate, scrag, tighten, repress, constrict, pinch, strangulate; (adj, v) throttle; (n) strangling

strangled: (adj) smothered, completely covered, muffled, suppressed; (v) bowstrangled

strangulation: (n) strangling, constriction, throttling, asphyxiation, execution; (v) suffocation

streaked: (adj) veined, striped, streaky, brindled, lined, mottled, virgated, patterned; (v) areolar, cancellated, grated

streaks: (n) stripes, cords

stream: (adj, n, prep, v) current, course; (n, prep, v) flood; (n, v) brook, run, crowd, jet, gush; (n) river; (v) pour, swarm. ANTONYMS: (n) shortage; (v) drizzle

streaming: (adj) flowing, flapping, detached, incoherent, baggy, slack, relaxed, loose, lax; (n) cyclosis; (v) disheveled

strenuously: (adv) energetically, zealously, arduously, severely, forcefully, earnestly, laboriously, busily, toilsomely, forwardly, hardly

stressed: (adj) in a bad way, distressed, emphasized, emphatic, accentuated, hard put, uptight, troubled, tense, taut, strained. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, carefree, unstressed

stretch: (adj, n, v) strain; (adj, v) extend, elongate, lengthen; (n) extent, expanse; (v) prolong, draw; (n, v) run, spread, range. ANTONYMS: (v) shorten, shrink, withdraw, narrow, relax; (adj) inflexible

stretched: (adj) extended, stiff, tight, tense, stretched out, strained, expanded, outstretched, elongated, outspread, prolonged. ANTONYMS: (adj) loose, short

stretches: (adj) stretched

strewed: (v) besprent, sprinkled over

strewn: (adj) spread, distributed, disordered, strewed, confused, covered, diffuse, disconnected, disjointed, circulated, dispersed

stricken: (adj) smitten, struck, beaten, laid low, affected, hurt, low, impaired, doty; (v) heavy laden,

victimized

stride: (n, v) pace, tread, walk, stalk, rate, toddle, stump; (n) footstep, gait, progress; (v) march

strife: (n) discord, disagreement, dissension, conflict, competition, feud, fight; (adj, n, v) dispute, debate; (n, v) controversy; (adj, n) quarrel. ANTONYMS: (n) accord, cooperation, calm, peace

striking: (adj) outstanding, dramatic, spectacular, salient, imposing, conspicuous, vivid, remarkable, notable, astonishing; (n) strike. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, ordinary, unimpressive, unremarkable, inconspicuous, unattractive, uninteresting, plain, insignificant, humble, obscure

string: (n) chain, twine, strand, series, filament; (adj, n) file, row, range, rank; (n, v) run, thread. ANTONYM: (v) unstring

strings: (n) string, string section, sway, control, dealings, domination, jurisdiction, terms, condition, command, provision

stripes: (n) stripe, chevron, grade insignia, streak, banding, badge, band, uniform

strive: (v) endeavor, contend, contest, struggle, fight, attempt, combat, strain, work, aspire, aim

stroke: (adj, n) blow; (n, v) touch, caress, mark, buffet, lick, pat; (n) beat, hit, knock, bang

stroking: (v) caress, strike, blow; (n) cam stroke, feeling, effleurage, diagonal, CVA, commendation, glide, slash

strive: (v) strive

struck: (adj, v) smitten; (v) stroke; (adj) affected, afflicted, doting, doty, enamored, gaga, hurt, in love, infatuated

struggle: (n, v) contest, battle, conflict, combat, strain, endeavor, attempt, dispute, quarrel; (n) effort, exertion. ANTONYMS: (v) flourish; (n) ease, surrender, friendship

struggling: (v) strive; (adj) harassed, hostile, under pressure, stressed, aggressive, agonizing, rebellious, belligerent, careworn; (n) collocation

strut: (adj, n, v) swagger; (n, v) stalk, prance, stride, support; (n) buttress, brace, prop; (v) parade, boast, cock. ANTONYM: (v) conceal

stubbornly: (adv) obdurately, mulishly, persistently, doggedly, tenaciously, unyieldingly, firmly,

- waywardly, contrarily, pertinaciously, insistently. ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, helpfully, openly, hesitantly
- stuck:** (adj) stranded, jammed, delayed, fast; (adj, adv) aground; (n) stuck ware, thrust, sticking; (v) stucked, fasten, attach. ANTONYMS: (adj) unstuck, loose
- studied:** (adj) deliberate, calculated, conscious, premeditated, affected, elaborate, learned, intended, designed, willful; (v) advised. ANTONYMS: (adj) spontaneous, unstudied, casual
- studiously:** (adv) industriously, assiduously, busily, earnestly, carefully, eagerly, bookishly; (adj, adv) designedly; (adj) knowingly, purposely, wittingly
- studying:** (n) poring over, perusal, study, learning, reading, speculation
- stuffing:** (n) pad, filling, forcemeat, farce, dressing, filler, fill, wadding, contents, inside, tompion
- stumbling:** (adj) lurching, astounding, hesitant, halting, awkward, astonishing, maladroit, clumsy, weaving; (adv) stumblingly; (n) hesitation. ANTONYM: (adj) firm
- stung:** (adj) sting, bit, annoyed, roiled, irritated, nettled, peeved, pissed, riled, stings, thrust
- stunned:** (adj) dumbfounded, astonished, astounded, amazed, flabbergasted, dazed, stupefied, staggered, bewildered, confused; (adj, v) astonished. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, unimpressed
- stupendous:** (adj, v) prodigious; (adj) huge, terrific, marvellous, immense, tremendous, fantastic, mighty, mammoth, miraculous, enormous. ANTONYM: (adj) abysmal
- stupid:** (adj, n) foolish, silly, simple, absurd; (adj, adv, n) dull; (adj) idiotic, ridiculous, senseless, fatuous, crass, insane. ANTONYMS: (adj) wise, clever, bright, intelligent, shrewd, prudent, responsible, smart, great, sensitive, useful
- stupidity:** (n) foolishness, nonsense, obtuseness, dullness, fatuity, absurdity, stolidity, slowness, denseness, idiocy, imbecility. ANTONYMS: (n) sense, logic, cleverness, shrewdness, wisdom, ability
- stupidly:** (adv) dully, thickly, obtusely, senselessly, fatuously, slowly, insanelly, unwisely, doltishly, crassly, densely. ANTONYMS: (adv) shrewdly, brightly, sensibly, wisely, sensitively, prudently, carefully
- stupor:** (n) lethargy, stupefaction, coma, shock, insensibility, unconsciousness, trance, sluggishness, torpor, haze, grogginess. ANTONYMS: (n) alertness, awareness, wakefulness
- sturdy:** (adj) strong, stout, solid, rugged, firm, mighty, robust, healthy, muscular; (adj, n) burly, brawny. ANTONYMS: (adj) flimsy, puny, fragile, rickety, slight, ramshackle, infirm, frail, feeble, delicate, soft
- subdued:** (adj) quiet, muffled, dull, restrained, muted, tame, faint, repressed, low, meek; (adj, v) resigned. ANTONYMS: (adj) enthusiastic, lively, uninhibited, unsubdued, rebellious, noisy, bright, elaborate, frivolous, upbeat
- sublime:** (adj, v) majestic; (adj) dignified, grand, lofty, magnificent, elevated, noble, exalted, glorious; (v) sacred, sublimate. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, ridiculous
- submission:** (n) compliance, obedience, acquiescence, bid, offer, deference, entry, presentation, conformity; (adj, n) resignation, surrender. ANTONYMS: (n) defiance, divergence, disobedience
- substance:** (adj, n) subject; (n) body, significance, import, material, matter, meaning, amount, means, gist, core. ANTONYMS: (n) meaninglessness, lightness, surface
- subtle:** (adj) delicate, sharp, nice, acute, astute, insidious, exquisite, elusive; (adj, v) shrewd, sly, crafty. ANTONYMS: (adj) loud, bright, considerable, tactless, overpowering, harsh, concrete, dark
- succeed:** (v) follow, arrive, prosper, prevail, manage, supplant, ensue, supersede, do, achieve, flourish. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, precede, lose, botch, restore, neglect, Miss, deteriorate
- successfully:** (adv) victoriously, prosperously, happily, thrivingly, luckily, effectively, triumphantly, efficiently, well, swimmingly, rewardingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) ineffectively, unsuccessfully, fruitlessly, inefficiently
- succor:** (n, v) relief, support, comfort, aid, assistance, succour, ease; (v) assist, relieve; (n) ministration, consolation. ANTONYM: (n) distress
- sucking:** (n) suck, intake, uptake, aspiration, ingestion, consumption
- sudden:** (adj) precipitous, quick, abrupt, hasty, rash, unexpected, steep, unforeseen, drastic, immediate, swift. ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, slow, gentle, leisurely, protracted, sensible, smooth
- suffering:** (n) distress, agony, affliction, anguish, torture, grief, torment, misery, hardship; (adj, n) hurt; (adj) miserable. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) content; (n) peace, ecstasy, joy, pleasure
- sufficiently:** (adv) fully, satisfactorily, enough, amply, quite, properly, competently, decently, abundantly, goodly, completely. ANTONYM: (adv) inadequately
- suffocate:** (v) strangle, stifle, smother, asphyxiate, throttle, gag, extinguish, drown, die, quench; (adj) suffocating
- suffold:** (adj) distributed, covered, full
- sugar:** (n) darling, saccharide, carbohydrate, love, beloved, jaggery; (adj, n) dear; (v) saccharify, sweeten, dulcify, edulcorate
- suggestion:** (n) advice, intimation, proposal, counsel, allusion, sign, trace, proposition, recommendation; (n, v) touch, dash. ANTONYMS: (n) warning, practice
- suggestive:** (adj, v) expressive; (adj) obscene, spicy, allusive, graphic, smutty, significative, narrative, meaningful, epic, implicative
- suit:** (adj, v) proper, fit, fitted, adapted, convenient; (adj) appropriate, good, apt, eligible, capable, useful. ANTONYMS: (adj) incompatible, wrong, inappropriate
- sulkily:** (adv) morosely, glumly, peevishly, crossly, grumpily, petulantly, moodily, gloomily, surly, resentfully, angrily. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerily, gladly
- sullen:** (adj, n) morose, sulky, sour; (adj) gloomy, gruff, glum, moody, dark, cross, surly; (adj, v) grim. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, cheery; (n) cheeriness
- sullenly:** (adv) sulkily, sourly, grumpily, morosely, moodily, dourly, somberly, peevishly, surly, crossly, petulantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) graciously, contentedly, gladly, cheerily

sultry: (adj) hot, humid, muggy, oppressive, stifling, sticky, ardent, sensual, stuffy, sweltering, torrid. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, cool, cold, temperate, dry

sundown: (n) nightfall, evening, dusk, twilight, hour. ANTONYMS: (n) dawn, daybreak, sunrise

sun-dried: (n) sundry

sunlight: (n) sunshine, daylight, the sun, positive, solar, sunbeam, brightness, sunbeams, rays, shaft, beam

sunstruck: (adj) lighter, light

superficial: (adj) shallow, external, sketchy, slight, outward, frivolous, exterior, surface, apparent, outer, flimsy. ANTONYMS: (adj) innate, deep, real, profound, permanent, inner, weighty, authentic, genuine, intense, serious

superior: (adj) dominant, exceptional, predominant, better, great, proud, arrogant, excellent, select, high; (adj, n) elder. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) inferior, subscrip; (adj) humble, worse, poor, adscript, junior, lesser, low; (n) subordinate, associate

supports: (n) ropes, chains, rigging
suppressed: (adj) stifled, smothered, strangled, repressed, downtrodden, buried, hidden, pent-up, latent, untold; (n) subordinate.

ANTONYMS: (adj) publicized, overt

supreme: (adj, n) maximum, utmost; (adj) dominant, sovereign, chief, principal, superlative, uppermost, consummate, preeminent; (adj, v) head. ANTONYMS: (adj) inferior, vulnerable, lowly, poor, secondary, worst, abysmal, powerless, provisional, weak

surety: (n) collateral, pledge, hostage, guarantee, earnest, guaranty, guarantor, certainty, assurance, sponsor, bail

surgings: (adj) rolling, billowing, boiling, heaving, seething, stormy, swelling, rising and falling; (n) foaming, wash

surlily: (adj) sullen, grumpy, peevish, crusty, churlish, grouchy, gruff, morose; (adj, n) harsh, rude; (adj, adv) unfriendly. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, gentle, pleasant, courteous, easygoing, friendly

surmounted: (adj) beaten

surprised: (adj) amazed, dumbfounded, shocked, astounded, stunned, taken aback, bewildered, startled, surprise, aghast, to be astonished. ANTONYM: (adj)

unsurprised

surprising: (adj, n) marvelous, strange, incredible; (adj) amazing, remarkable, wonderful, shocking, extraordinary, striking, unusual; (adj, v) startling. ANTONYMS: (adj) predictable, comforting, ordinary, normal, unremarkable

surrounded: (adj) enclosed, ingirt, not independent, ringed, inside, rooted, conditioned, circumstanced, bounded; (v) beset, furnished

surveying: (n) mensuration, measurement, investigation, triangulation; (v) inspect, examine; (adj) observant

suspected: (adj) supposed, doubted, suspicious, suspicion, inspiring distrust, distrusted

suspicion: (n) distrust, inkling, misgiving, hunch, qualm, scruple, surmise, supposition; (n, v) doubt, mistrust, fear. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, knowledge, information, carelessness, recklessness, certitude

swad: (adj) loaf, tun, lump, cord, bulk, block, mass

swaggering: (adj) hectoring, swashbuckling, supercilious, sniffy, boastful, lordly, disdainful, prideful; (v) swagger; (n) boasting, bravado. ANTONYM: (adj) insecure

swallow: (n, v) drink, gulp, taste, sip, swig; (v) bolt, consume, devour, accept, stomach, endure.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) sip; (v) doubt, expel, disbelieve, reject, express

swallowed: (adj) engulfed, gulped, inundated, overcome, overwhelmed, flooded, overpowered, enclosed

swamp: (v) flood, submerge, overwhelm, inundate, drench; (n) marsh, mire, quagmire, morass; (adj, v) sink, drown. ANTONYMS: (v) underwhelm, disperse, dry

sward: (n) sod, greensward, lawn, green, divot, turf, grass, meadow, mead, sodomite, grassplat

swarm: (n) host, horde, multitude, drove, throng, cloud, assembly; (n, v) mob; (v) teem, pour; (adj) shoal. ANTONYMS: (v) retreat; (n) few

swarming: (adj) full, crowded, alive, packed, populous, sensitive, thick; (v) dense, crowded to suffocation, serried, closely packed.

ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, deserted
swash: (v) swagger, splatter, bluster, spatter, splash, boast, slosh, vaunt, flush; (adj, v) sprinkle; (adj) wash

swashbuckler: (n) daredevil,

hothead, lunatic, adventurer, drawcansir, madcap, bully, braggart, tearaway, Parolles, pistol
sway: (n, v) command, rule, control, rock, stagger, roll; (v) oscillate, reel, lurch, shake; (n) reign.

ANTONYMS: (v) stay, dissuade, discourage

swayed: (adj) persuaded, susceptible, touched, convinced. ANTONYM: (adj) doubtful

swaying: (adj) swinging, convincing, oscillating, influential, persuasive, moving, tilting, groggy; (n) floating, manipulation

swear: (v) declare, assure, assert, affirm, curse, pledge; (n, v) promise, avow, depone, depose, aver.

ANTONYMS: (v) distrust, refute, deny, compliment

swearing: (n) curse, expletive, profanity, oath, abuse, blasphemy, swearword, execration, adjuration, asseveration; (v) swear

sweat: (n, v) work, toil, struggle; (v) perspire, drudge, exude; (n) perspiration, lather, sudor, effort; (adj) perspiring. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore; (n) entertainment, ease, relaxation

sweating: (n) sweat, exudation, diaphoresis, hidrosis, sudation, extravasation, fermentation, transpiration, bodily process; (adj) perspiring, sweaty

sweep: (adj, v) brush, rake; (n, v) range, reach, sway; (n) compass, expanse, scope, field; (v) sail; (adj, n) curve

sweeping: (adj) broad, extensive, radical, wholesale, indiscriminate, exhaustive, blanket, thorough, general, wide; (adv) sweepingly.

ANTONYMS: (adj) narrow, restricted, exclusive, specific, modest, isolated

sweet: (adj) fresh, mellow, lovable, dear, pleasant, musical, melodious, pleasing, sugary; (adj, v) lovely; (adj, n) beloved. ANTONYMS: (adj) discordant, bitter, acid, sharp, acidic, pungent, salty, harsh, detestable, cacophonous, dry

swell: (n, v) rise, heave, increase, wave, billow; (v) enlarge, expand, puff, grow, bloat; (adj, n) dandy. ANTONYMS: (v) deflate, desiccate, shrink, compress, concentrate, wane; (n, v) decline; (adj) bad, horrible, shabby, awful

swelled: (adj) big, inflated, bloated, swollen, adult, boastful, bighearted,

bad, fully grown, crowing, elder
swelling: (n) protuberance, lump, swell, intumescence, growth, projection, prominence, bulge, dropsy; (adj, v) inflated; (adj) growing. ANTONYM: (n) decline
swept: (adj) clean
swift: (adj, adv, v) fast; (adj) quick, fleet, speedy, alert, nimble, hasty, prompt, sudden, hurried; (adj, v) rapid. ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, leisurely, sluggish, gradual, delayed, clumsy
swiftly: (adv) rapidly, speedily, fleetly, promptly, expeditiously, alertly, hastily, suddenly, readily; (adj, adv) quickly, fast. ANTONYMS: (adv) eventually, sluggishly, gradually
swing: (n, v) sway, sweep, turn, change, beat; (v) fluctuate, oscillate, dangle, rock, vibrate; (adj, v) hang
swinging: (adj) swaying, excessive, lilting, inordinate, hanging, exorbitant, pendulous, outrageous, preposterous, extravagant; (n) slewing
swirling: (adj) whirling, spinning, moving, billowy
swishing: (adj) swishy, noisy
swollen: (adj, v) inflated, distended; (adj) bombastic, puffy, turgid, puffed, high, egotistic, bulging; (v) blown; (adj, prep) pompous. ANTONYMS: (adj) contracted, shrunken
swoon: (adj, n, v) faint; (adj, n) collapse; (n) fainting, syncope, prostration, deliquium; (v) conk, black out, pass out, die; (adj) puff
sword: (n) blade, sabre, brand, broadsword, falchion, cutlass, saber, steel, glaive, backsword, cutlas
sworn: (adj) extreme, mortal, implacable, engaged, dedicated, committed, betrothed, bespoken, affianced, inveterate
symmetrical: (adj) symmetric, balanced, shapely, proportionate, regular, methodical, unsymmetrical, equal, even, correct, neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) irregular, disproportioned
sympathetic: (adj, v) compassionate, tender, affectionate; (adj, n) kindly, congenial, humane, gentle, favorable; (adj) merciful, agreeable, friendly. ANTONYMS: (adj) hardhearted, unfeeling, callous, uncaring, unsociable, unforgiving, unfriendly, negative, sarcastic, opposed, unhelpful

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sympathy: (n) compassion, kindness, commiseration, mercy, feeling, understanding, rapport, benevolence, agreement; (adj, n) humanity, charity. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, cruelty, coldness, disdain, incompatibility, thoughtlessness, mercilessness, callousness, incomprehension, inhumanity, insensitivity
tableau: (n) scene, prospect, scenery, perspective, spectacle, landscape, lookout, act, outlook; (v) painting, piece
tablets: (n) pills, medicine, medication, drug
tack: (v) affix, attach, fasten, veer; (n, v) baste, shift, turn; (n) pin, tache, brad; (adj, v) sew. ANTONYMS: (v) separate, detach
takin: (n) gnu goat, goat antelope
tale: (n) account, narrative, narration, recital, fib, fable, report, fiction, lie, relation, yarn. ANTONYM: (n) fact
tangle: (v) entangle, embroil, enmesh, embrangle, ruffle, mat; (n) maze, confusion; (n, v) jumble, muddle, knot. ANTONYMS: (n) order, line, peace; (v) unravel, undo, untangle, straighten
tangled: (adj) involved, complex, knotted, intricate, complicated, entangled, knotty, convoluted, disheveled, tousled, matted. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, straightforward, untangled, neat, simple
tantalize: (v) tease, irritate, rally, frustrate, pester, taunt, jeer, badger, harass, tantalise, twit
tasks: (n) farm duties, household tasks, odd Jobs, errands
tattered: (adj) shabby, ragged, scruffy, dilapidated, threadbare, frayed, seedy, worn out, torn, shattered; (adj, v) bedraggled. ANTONYMS: (adj) elegant, smart, new
taught: (adj) instructed, educated, schooled, instruct, well-bred, scholarly, provided; (v) firm, fast, close, taut
taunt: (n, v) ridicule, gibe, flout, insult, mock, deride, sneer, twit, quip; (n) scoff; (v) bait. ANTONYMS: (n, v) respect, compliment; (v) applaud, comfort
taunting: (n) twit, taunt, ridicule, scorn, witty; (adj) mocking, gibelike, sarcastic, jeering, unkind; (adj, n) satirical
taunts: (n) mocking, jeers

tawny: (n) tan, buff; (adj, n) brown, auburn; (adj) luteous, golden, sallow, russet, chestnut, creamy, moderately black
taylor: (n) Zachary Taylor, Joseph Deems Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor, Deems Taylor
teamster: (n) carter, driver, muleteer, postilion, arriero, cartman, carrier, porter, vetturino, truck driver, lorry driver
tear: (n, v) rip, break, split, rupture, crack, run, slit; (v) pull, rend, lacerate; (adj, v) rush. ANTONYMS: (v) wait, mend, idle, fix, amble, dawdle
tears: (n) cry, crying, snivel, brine, weeping, activity, bawling, bodily function, bodily process, body process, lacerations
teasing: (n) tease, play, joke, fun, banter; (adj) quizzical, vexatious, pestering, annoying, playful; (v) worrying. ANTONYM: (n) seriousness
tech: (n) engineering school, polytechnic institute, polytechnics, school, technical school
temerity: (n) nerve, effrontery, hardihood, boldness, rashness, imprudence, audaciousness, carelessness, assurance, indiscretion, venturesomeness. ANTONYMS: (n) caution, care, reticence
temper: (adj, v) moderate, soften, mitigate, harden; (n) character, disposition, humor, nature; (v) modify, season, qualify. ANTONYMS: (n, v) upset; (v) soften, agitate, excite, flex, bend, increase; (n) composure, happiness, wrath, equanimity
tempest: (adj, n) storm, gust; (n) gale, hurricane, squall, disturbance, cyclone, typhoon, agitation, tornado, blizzard. ANTONYM: (n) serenity
temple: (n) church, place of worship, shrine, Fane, house of worship, pantheon, pagoda, synagogue, brow, sanctuary, mosque
temples: (n) brow
temporarily: (adv) for the time being, transitorily, transiently, temporally, momentarily, for a moment, ephemerally, makeshiftly, intermly, impermanently, evanescently. ANTONYMS: (adv) permanently, enduringly, everlastingly
temporary: (adj) ephemeral, acting, momentary, fleeting, provisional, impermanent, transient, evanescent, transitory, brief; (adj, v) temporal.

- ANTONYMS: (adj) continuous, enduring, eternal, everlasting, sustained, continued, lasting
- tender:** (n, v) offer, proffer, bid; (adj, v) affectionate; (adj) painful, sensitive, soft, loving, sore; (v) propose, present. ANTONYMS: (adj) hardhearted, rubbery, hard, rough, uncaring, healthy, mature, unfeeling, cold, experienced; (v) withdraw
- tenderly:** (adv) softly, kindly, delicately, affectionately, fondly, warmly, painfully, sensitively, caringly, sympathetically, gently. ANTONYMS: (adv) roughly, severely, disapprovingly, harshly
- tenderness:** (n) fondness, soreness, love, affection, sympathy; (adj, n) clemency, mildness, compassion, gentleness, softness, delicacy. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, dryness, hatred, strength, detachment
- tenor:** (n) purport, meaning, substance, tendency, spirit, tone, mood, effect, set, temper; (adj) soprano
- tenion:** (n) pressure, strain, stress, nervousness, tensity, tautness, tone, nerves, suspense, effort, mental strain. ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, relaxation, slack, peace, limpness, concord, calm, pleasure, accord, relief, ease
- tent:** (n) awning, marquee, pavilion, canopy, collapsible shelter, tabernacle, attention, pack tent, parasol, pop tent; (n, v) camp
- tents:** (n) encampment
- terrific:** (adj) tremendous, fantastic, great, wonderful, dreadful, formidable, splendid, brilliant, marvellous; (adj, v) terrible, shocking. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, abysmal, bad, calm, moderate, nasty, dreadful, insignificant, ordinary, unremarkable
- terrified:** (adj) afraid, frightened, fearful, panicky, panicked, aghast, timid, timorous, apprehensive, startled, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (adj) fearless, brave
- terror:** (n, v) alarm, scare; (adj, n) dread, awe; (n) fear, dismay, consternation, horror, panic, apprehension, scourge. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, security, delight, calm, confidence
- terror-stricken:** (adj) afraid, scared
- tested:** (adj) experienced, valid, tried and true, qualified, veteran, proven, proved, hardened, genuine, faithful, dependable. ANTONYM: (adj) inexperienced
- thence:** (adv) therefore, thus, therefrom, thereof, consequently, then, so, thereafter, thenceforth, since, on account of
- thereafter:** (adv) next, afterward, close upon, in the sequel, upon which, thence, later, accordingly, therefore, thereupon; (adj) after
- thick:** (adj) compact, stupid, crowded, slow, opaque, dull, heavy, stocky, deep, close, familiar. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, intelligent, sparse, bright, slight, clever, transparent, diluted, fine, clear, runny
- thicket:** (n) brake, coppice, brush, grove, spinney, bush, brushwood, cluster, underbrush, undergrowth, underwood
- thigh:** (n) portion, limb, second joint, femur, hip, serving, drumstick, crus, helping, flank
- thinness:** (n) slenderness, slimness, tenuity, leanness, rarity, narrowness, slightness, fluidity, fluidness, maceration, emaciation. ANTONYMS: (n) plumpness, stoutness, width, thickness, fatness, roundness, coarseness, strength
- thirst:** (n, v) hunger, lust, wish; (n) longing, yen, craving, hankering, dryness, appetite; (v) starve, crave. ANTONYM: (n) dislike
- thither:** (adv) hither, whither, on that point, in that respect, at that place, in that location; (adj) further, ulterior, remoter, succeeding, more distant
- thompson:** (n) Benjamin Thompson, count Rumford, homer Armstrong Thompson
- thoughtful:** (adj, v) serious, solemn, grave; (adj) kind, careful, pensive, heedful, attentive, discreet, sensible, courteous. ANTONYMS: (adj) thoughtless, careless, heedless, uncaring, unkind, tactless, superficial, stupid, negligent, idiotic, unthinking
- thoughtfully:** (adv) considerably, carefully, kindly, reflectively, meditatively, attentively, solemnly, contemplatively, seriously, prudently, cautiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) unsympathetically, unthinkingly, carelessly, contentedly, rashly, inconsiderately, selfishly, meanly, insensitively, tactlessly, cruelly
- thoughtless:** (adj, v) careless, heedless, rash, improvident; (adj) reckless, inattentive, hasty, unthinking, negligent, neglectful, imprudent. ANTONYMS: (adj) considerate, considered, heedful, prudent, kind, cautious, mindful, responsible, attentive, observant, sensible
- thrash:** (v) flog, whip, beat, pound, defeat, whack, lam, drub, baste, lick, clobber
- thrashing:** (n) beating, lashing, flogging, whipping, drubbing, licking, flagellation, rout, tanning, hiding, debacle. ANTONYMS: (n) victory, win
- threaten:** (v) intimidate, loom, bully, endanger, offer, imperil, jeopardize, peril, foreshadow, portend; (n, v) threat. ANTONYMS: (v) guard, protect, relieve, save, alleviate, reassure, recede, strengthen
- threatened:** (adj) vulnerable, in jeopardy, exposed, endangered, doomed, at risk
- threshold:** (n) brink, beginning, outset, entrance, entry, doorsill, doorstep, doorway, edge, vestibule, border. ANTONYM: (n) end
- thrice:** (adv) three times, thirdly
- thrill:** (n, v) delight, shudder, quiver, shiver; (v) excite, exhilarate, exalt, stir; (n) shake, excitement, chill. ANTONYMS: (v) dishearten, discourage, disappoint, displease; (n) depression, calm, boredom, agony, sorrow; (n, v) bore
- thrilled:** (adj) jubilant, excited, happy, overjoyed, elated, ecstatic, pleased, thrilled, contented, grateful, flattered. ANTONYMS: (adj) bored, unhappy, depressed, desolate, sad, down, miserable
- throat:** (n) orifice, pharynx, gorge, mouth, muzzle, nozzle, sucker, shaft, quarl, throat depth, nostril
- throre:** (n) distress, pain, anguish, agony, suffering, pang, twinge, misery, stroke; (adj, n, v) spasm; (v) thrill
- throng:** (n, v) swarm, herd, mob, flock, press; (n) multitude, host, horde, mass, assembly, concourse. ANTONYMS: (n) trickle, few; (v) disperse
- thronged:** (adj) throng, busy, populous, brisk, teeming, swarming, sprightly, sensitive, replete, overflowing; (n) persistent
- throttle:** (v) choke, asphyxiate, strangulate, smother, scrag, constrain, stifle, suffocate, restrain,

cumber; (n) accelerator
throw: (n, v) cast, pitch, push; (v) shed, hurl, heave, chuck, flip, pass, hurtle; (n) shot. ANTONYMS: (v) explain, help, receive, clarify, encourage
thrown: (adj) puzzled, confused, thrown and twisted, upset, disconcerted, unnerved, terrified, scared out of your wits, mystified, frightened; (n) reminder. ANTONYM: (adj) calm
thrust: (n, v) poke, stab, jab, drive, shove, force, punch, boost, cast, dig; (v) ram. ANTONYM: (n) inertia
thrusting: (n) thrust, push, jab, poke, jabbing, stab, driving force, scoke, sack, punch, *Phytolacca Americana*
thudding: (adj) humongous, highly diluted, grey, gray, dumb, dim, dense, irksome, boring, muted, deadening
thumb: (v) feel, flip, handle, leaf, touch, flick, hitch, riff; (n) pollex, bull nose, forefinger
thump: (n, v) thud, bang, bump, knock, hit, strike, cuff, punch, crash, crack; (v) pound. ANTONYM: (v) tiptoe
thumping: (adj) spanking, whacking, roaring, thudding, lubberly, walloping, lumpish, gaunt; (n) thud, thump, clump
thunder: (adj, n, v) boom; (n, v) roar, bang, roll, bellow; (adj, n) peal; (adj, v) explode, detonate; (v) howl, rumble, fulminate
thundering: (adj) thumping, whopping, lumpish, gaunt, hulky, lubberly, spanking, big, loud, striking terror; (n) thunder
thunderous: (adj) earsplitting, deafening, loud, booming, roaring, terrific, shrill, boisterous, unpropitious, turbulent, thriving
tide: (n, v) wave, flood, surge; (n) stream, flow, course, drift, time, high tide, run, piping times. ANTONYM: (v) ebb
tidings: (n) intelligence, information, message, report, word, advice, communication, dispute, wind, statement, tiding
tied: (adj) bound, connected, laced, united, fixed, even, liable, tight, spiked, responsible, attached. ANTONYMS: (adj) untied, unlaced
tight: (adj, v) narrow, parsimonious, compact, stingy; (adj, adv, v) fast, firm; (adj) mean, taut, secure, snug, tense. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, baggy, slack, wide, easy, open,

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leaky, giving, free, floppy; (adv) loosely
tightened: (adj) secure, securer, firm
till: (conj, prep) until, unto; (v) plow, hoe, farm, dig; (adj) up to; (n) tiller, drawer; (adv) so far; (prep) to
tilted: (adj) leaning, slanting, inclined, oblique, crooked, slanted, atilt, askew, sloping, at an angle, uneven. ANTONYM: (adj) upright
timid: (adj) shy, afraid, diffident, coy, bashful, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, modest; (adj, adv) cowardly; (adj, n) cautious. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) brave; (adj) confident, bold, fearless, resolute, forward, daring, brazen, extrovert, brash, talkative
timidly: (adv) fearfully, timorously, cautiously, shyly, diffidently, anxiously, nervously, shily, gingerly, modestly, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (adv) confidently, bravely, daringly, brashly, fearlessly, decisively, brazenly
tinged: (adj) plausible, bright, painted, fey, touched, specious, colorful, stained, tined, dyed, tinct
tinker: (v) monkey, fiddle, putter, mess around, toy, tamper, vamp; (n) cobbler, mender, *Scomber japonicus*, chub mackerel
tinkle: (n, v) clink, tink, ting, ring, chink, chime, clank, buzz; (n) sound, clang; (v) peal
tingsel: (adj, n) frippery, finery; (adj, v) meretricious; (v) gloss; (adj) gaudy, trumpery, tawdry, showy; (n) gimcrack, gewgaw, clinquant
tired: (adj, v) fatigued, weary, exhausted, stale; (adj) threadbare, commonplace, trite, banal, haggard, stock, jaded. ANTONYMS: (adj) invigorated, alert, refreshed, energetic, original, strong, awake, energized, lively, rested, relaxed
tireless: (adj) diligent, untiring, energetic, industrious, unflagging, unwearying, busy, hardworking, steadfast, active, resolute. ANTONYMS: (adj) fickle, lazy
firing: (adj) tiresome, exhausting, wearing, hard, laborious, arduous, grueling, boring, wearisome, onerous, strenuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) easy, undemanding, light, refreshing, empty, interesting
tittering: (adj) thoriated; (n) laughter
tobacco: (adj) nicotine; (n) filler, nicotian, plant product, mustard tree, herb, herbaceous plant, common tobacco, drug of abuse,

street drug, smoking mixture
toiling: (adj) labouring, drudging, busy
tolerant: (adj) liberal, patient, lenient, broad, kind, understanding, forbearing, permissive, forgiving, merciful; (adj, v) meek. ANTONYMS: (adj) strict, impatient, chauvinistic, bigoted, oppressive, prejudiced, unforgiving, harsh, severe, unsympathetic, biased
tomb: (n) sepulchre, sepulchre, crypt, pit, sepulture, vault, monument, entomb, mausoleum; (n, v) bury; (v) inter
toned: (adj) pastel
tongue: (n) lingua, speech, idiom, dialect, clapper, glossa, natural language, striker, talk; (v) lick; (adj) flowing
topic: (n) theme, question, matter, affair, issue, text, point, business, subject matter, substance, area
toppling: (adj) falling
tor: (adj, prep) lacerated, rent, mangled; (adj) ripped, tattered, blasted, lacerate, shabby, goddamned, infernal, made uninhabitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) pristine, sure, resolute, healed, decided, mended
torrent: (n) flood, cloudburst, overflow, stream, downpour, rain, shower, soaker, inundation; (adj, n) volley, eruption. ANTONYMS: (n) drought, trickle, shower
tortured: (adj) anguished, suffering, agonized, excruciate, excruciated, gnarled, hagridden, miserable, woeful, hurt
torturing: (n) torture, excruciation, crucifixion, torment, agony, anguish, dismemberment; (adj) harrowing, agonizing, torturesome, agonising
tottering: (adj) unsteady, ramshackle, easily shaken, tottery, sick, rocky, broken, trembling, cracked; (v) drooping; (n) convulsion
touched: (adj) insane, cracked, tinged, not right, daft, crazy, nutty; (v) compassionate, sympathetic, pitiful, mucid. ANTONYMS: (adj) untouched, sane, unemotional, unmoved, well
touching: (adj, v) affecting; (adj) poignant, pitiful, pathetic, adjacent, adjoining, emotional; (n) touch, contact; (prep) concerning, about. ANTONYMS: (adj) unaffecting, everyday, heartwarming, unmoving, heartbreaking,

- emotionless, unemotional, impassive
- tousled:** (adj) dishevelled, untidy, rumpled, unkempt, crumpled, uncombed, tangled, crumpled, knotted, disordered, entangled. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, neat, ordered, kempt
- toward:** (prep) to, towards, approaching, headed for, just before, of, in the direction of; (adv, prep) on; (adv) about, around, by. ANTONYMS: (prep) from, away
- tower:** (n) column, spire, steeple, pinnacle, pylon, castle; (adj, n) pillar; (v) ascend, rise, loom, arise
- traditions:** (n) background, society, mores, conduct, behavior, civilization, customs
- tragedy:** (n) calamity, disaster, misfortune, play, cataclysm, drama, bad luck, bale, apocalypse, farce, tragic. ANTONYMS: (n) humor, blessing, joy, boon, advantage, comedy
- tragic:** (adj) calamitous, disastrous, dreadful, grievous, catastrophic, unlucky, unfortunate, woeful, tragical, comic, heartbreaking. ANTONYMS: (adj) humorous, heartwarming, blessed, advantageous, lucky, fortunate, joyous
- trail:** (n, v) track, haul, trace, tail, hunt, path, train; (v) drag, pursue, chase, draw. ANTONYMS: (n) room; (v) push, precede
- tramping:** (adj) moving
- trampled:** (adj) crushed, damaged, flattened, compressed, packed down
- trampling:** (n) trample; (adj) moving
- trance:** (adj, n) ecstasy; (n, v) coma, charm; (n) fascination, daze, dream, captivation, spell, stupor, obstupefaction; (v) capture. ANTONYMS: (n) loyalist, reality, alertness
- tranquil:** (adj, v) quiet, unruffled, smooth; (adj, n) peaceful; (adj) placid, still, serene, sedate, collected, composed, equitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) noisy, tense, agitated, anxious, troubled, bustling, loud, perturbed, frenetic, moving, bothered
- tranquilly:** (adv) serenely, calmly, peacefully, quietly, stillly, undisturbedly, untroubledly, restfully, placidly, coolly, unperturbedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, noisily
- transfixed:** (adj) fascinated, hypnotized, mesmerized, mesmerized, hypnotised, stranded; (v) engrossed in, wrapped in, absorbed, rapt; (adv) aground
- transparent:** (adj) diaphanous, obvious, plain, limpid, sheer, filmy, gauzy, pellucid; (adj, n) lucid, luminous, bright. ANTONYMS: (adj) solid, unclear, cloudy, thick, vague, subtle, questionable, hidden, robust, heavy, furtive
- trap:** (n, v) net, catch, ambush, mesh, trick; (v) entrap, ensnare, entangle; (n) gin, noose, entanglement. ANTONYMS: (v) release
- trapped:** (adj) cornered, fixed, treed, wedged, restrained, rapt, intent, fascinated, entangled, ensnared, confined. ANTONYMS: (adj) loose, free
- treachery:** (n) betrayal, disloyalty, infidelity, duplicity, treason, perfidy, falseness, faithlessness, perfidiousness, guile, dishonesty. ANTONYMS: (n) loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, reliability, allegiance, goodness
- treed:** (n, v) pace, walk, rate, march, tramp; (n) gait, stride, footstep, footfall, track; (v) trample
- treasure:** (n) gem, fortune, riches, funds; (n, v) hoard, prize, store; (v) cherish, appreciate; (adj, n) jewel, precious stone. ANTONYMS: (v) dislike, disparage, scorn, neglect; (n) dud, poverty
- treetop:** (n) crown, capitulum, peak, crest, head, pate, pennant, poll, spike, summit, tip
- tremble:** (adj, n, v) shiver; (n, v) quiver, shudder, thrill, palpitate; (adj, v) totter, quake; (n) throb; (v) flutter, quail, falter. ANTONYMS: (v) steady, calm
- trembling:** (adj, n) shaking; (adj, n, v) tremor; (adj) shaky, quaking, shivering, flutter; (n) palpitation, quiver, vibration, shiver, quake. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, steady
- tremendous:** (adj) terrific, fantastic, enormous, immense, wonderful, dreadful, huge, marvelous, gigantic, formidable, mighty. ANTONYMS: (adj) awful, unimportant, tiny, small, unremarkable, poor, dreadful, abysmal
- tremor:** (n, v) shiver, quake, shudder, shake; (n) agitation, vibration, earthquake, convulsion; (adj, v) flutter; (adj, n) trepidation; (v) tremble
- trepidation:** (n) fear, tremor, alarm, apprehension, fright, terror, dread, dismay, consternation, perturbation, disquiet. ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, calm, confidence, equanimity, bravery, reassurance
- trifle:** (n, v) play; (adj, n, v) trinket; (v) dally, fiddle, flirt, fool, frivol; (n) nothing, triviality, detail; (adj, n) bagatelle
- trigger:** (v) initiate, start, spark, motivate, incite, set off, provoke, stir; (n, v) spur; (n) release, heft. ANTONYMS: (v) block, stop, check, defuse, retard
- trip:** (n, v) journey, excursion, tour, expedition, travel, jaunt; (adj, n, v) slip, stumble, blunder; (n) flight; (adj, v) fall. ANTONYMS: (n) correction; (v) correct
- triple:** (adj) threefold, ternary, triplex, trine, tripartite, Ternate, triplasian; (adj, n) thribble; (n) triad, safety, threesome
- triumphant:** (adj) victorious, successful, triumphal, exulting, winning, joyful, rejoicing, elated, conquering, prideful; (adj, v) exultant. ANTONYMS: (adj) disappointed, failing, losing, defeated, miserable, sorrowful
- trivial:** (adj) trifling, frivolous, little, small, commonplace, superficial, petty, paltry, inconsiderable, piddling, slight. ANTONYMS: (adj) important, vital, major, urgent, profound, crucial, consequential, considerable, enormous, mature, serious
- trod:** (adj) trampled, damaged, beaten, compressed, packed down. ANTONYMS: (adj) loose
- troubles:** (n) dilemma, evils, harms, ills
- trough:** (n) chute, channel, manger, depression, gutter, conduit, ditch, canal, crib, valley, bowl. ANTONYMS: (n) ridge
- trousers:** (n) breeches, knickers, pantaloons, trows, bellbottoms, chinos, cords, denim, flannel, gabardine, knickerbockers
- truly:** (adj, adv) really; (adv) sincerely, in truth, exactly, in fact, indeed, in reality, genuinely, right, certainly, honestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) insincerely, dubiously, doubtfully, apparently, inaccurately, indefinite, dishonestly, mildly, wrongly
- trunks:** (n) short pants, pants, luggage, Jockey shorts, Jamaica shorts, Bermuda shorts, bathing trunks, bathing suit, costume,

drawers, swimming trunks
trusted: (adj) intimate, confidential, sure, bosom, beloved, cherished, familiar, trustworthy, indisputable, trusty, reliable
trustworthy: (adj) honest, trusty, dependable, safe, faithful, sound, certain, good, responsible; (adj, n, v) credible; (adj, n) true. ANTONYMS: (adj) suspect, dubious, untrustworthy, undependable, sneaky, doubtful, deceitful, disloyal, disreputable, irresponsible, degenerate
truthful: (adj) honest, genuine, frank, real, candid, sincere, guileless, realistic, reliable, faithful, honorable. ANTONYMS: (adj) dishonest, inaccurate, fictional, guarded, lying, improbable, deceptive, deceitful, false, wrong, evasive
tumbled: (adj) disordered
tumbling: (adj) falling, billowing, dropping, rolled; (adj, adv) plunging; (n) gymnastics, acrobatics, stunting, stunt flying, rumbling; (adv) headfirst
tumult: (adj, n, v) hubbub, disturbance; (n) stir, commotion, bustle, din, fuss, excitement; (n, v) clamor, disorder, brawl. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, push, serenity, order, calm
tune: (n) song, strain, air, harmony, note, concord; (v) adjust, regulate, string, tune up; (n, v) chant. ANTONYMS: (n) silence; (v) untune
tuned: (adj) keyed, adjusted, musical, tempered, melodious
turbulent: (adj, n) tempestuous, rough, stormy, boisterous, rude; (adj) furious, disorderly, violent, wild, noisy, riotous. ANTONYMS: (adj) peaceful, untroubled, manageable, moderate, obedient, settled, still, relaxed, orderly, mild
turmoil: (n, v) commotion; (n) disturbance, agitation, disorder, hubbub, confusion, excitement, flurry, mess, hullabaloo, disruption. ANTONYMS: (n) order, calm, peace, accord
turnpike: (n) superhighway, motorway, freeway, expressway, road, pike, highway, hayfork, pick, royal road, state highway
twiddle: (v) twirl, whirl, rotate, revolve, fiddle with, fidget, spin, reel, spin around, gyrate; (n) tilde
twigs: (n) sprays
twilight: (n) nightfall, night, sunset, gloaming, evening, sundown,

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eventide, fall, decline, evenfall; (adj) aurora. ANTONYMS: (n) daybreak, sunrise
twined: (adj) bent, coiled, contorted, distorted, misrepresented, perverted
twinkling: (n) moment, jiffy, minute, second, flash, trice, twinkle, wink, split second, breath; (adj) sparkling. ANTONYM: (adj) dull
twisted: (adj) perverted, deformed, bent, distorted, misshapen, coiled, twined, curved, wry, contorted; (adj, v) winding. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, normal, perfect, wholesome
twisting: (adj) tortuous, winding, sinuous, crooked, zigzag, meandering; (n) distortion, turn, spin, torsion, overrefinement
twoscore: (adj) forty, XL, cardinal
tying: (n) ligation, bundling, attachment, knotting, lacing; (adj) binding; (v) restrict
ugly: (adj, adv) surly; (adj) nasty, repulsive, frightful, forbidding, disagreeable, hideous, gruesome, evil, offensive, shocking. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, flowing, ornamental, nice, lovely, pleasant, safe, kind, gentle, appealing, agreeable
ultimate: (adj) conclusive, final, supreme, definitive, decisive, elemental, extreme, furthest; (adj, n, v) end; (n) maximum; (adj, adv) farthest. ANTONYMS: (adj) first, worst, tentative, introductory, beginning, lowest, extra, inessential, least, proximate, auxiliary
unaware: (adj) ignorant, incognizant, unwitting, unknowing, unconscious, oblivious, blind, unmindful, unweeting, unknowledgeable, uninformed. ANTONYMS: (adj) cognizant, conscious, informed, witting, knowledgeable, mindful, wary
unawares: (adv) suddenly, pop, plump, abruptly, a l'improviste, unaware, all at once, unexpectedly, inadvertently; (adj) unwary, unsuspecting. ANTONYMS: (adj) prepared; (adv) knowingly, consciously
unbidden: (adj) unbid, uninvited, spontaneous, voluntary, willing, unwanted
unbuttoned: (adj) unobstructed, untrammelled, unchecked, unconfined, unprevented, unhindered, uncaught, unrestrained, unlaced, unfastened, unconstrained

uncertain: (adj) changeable, dubious, questionable, indistinct, equivocal, chancy, unsure, unsafe; (adj, v) indefinite, vague; (adj, n) doubtful. ANTONYMS: (adj) definite, clear, decisive, sure, decided, unquestionable, inevitable, safe, unreserved, sealed, determined
uncertainly: (adv) dubiously, doubtfully, unsurely, unsettledly, falteringly, unsteadily, waveringly, irresolutely, undecidedly, undeterminedly, unfixedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) firmly, determinedly, decisively, steadily, indisputably, boldly, certainly, admirably
uncertainty: (n) doubtfulness, suspicion, distrust, indecision, suspense, irresolution, hesitation, incertitude, dubiety, question, dubiousness. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, decisiveness, confidence, clarity, sureness, definiteness, resolution, predictability, security, certitude, understanding
unconcern: (n) apathy, nonchalance, insouciance, coldness, detachment, impassiveness, insensibility, disregard, phlegm, carelessness, lethargy. ANTONYMS: (n) responsiveness, worry, anxiety, interest
unconcernedly: (adv) nonchalantly, impassively, aloofly, carelessly, uninterestedly, unsympathetically, dispassionately, lackadaisically, insouciantly, apathetically, distantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) nervously, anxiously
unconquerable: (adj) insurmountable, impregnable, insuperable, irresistible, unbeatable, proof against, resistless, indomitable, unquenchable, impassable, inextinguishable. ANTONYMS: (adj) conquerable, feeble
unconquered: (adj) unbeaten, unvanquished, not conquered
unconsciously: (adv) instinctively, unintentionally, unthinkingly, unwittingly, ignorantly, innocently, comatosely, automatically, obliviously, unsuspectingly, inadvertently. ANTONYMS: (adv) consciously, deliberately, knowingly, purposely
uncontrolled: (adj) unconstrained, unchecked, uninhibited, wild, unbound, mad, loose, out of control; (adj, n) licentious, profligate,

- dissolute. ANTONYMS: (adj) controlled, restrained, cautious, calm, contained, relaxed, mild, mellow, limited, voluntary
- undaunted:** (adj, n) bold; (adj) fearless, brave, intrepid, resolute, dauntless, daring, heroic, unabashed, valiant, confident. ANTONYMS: (adj) cowardly, timid, afraid, anxious, scared
- underbrush:** (n) brushwood, brush, underwood, groundcover, thicket, scrub, bushes, coppice, ground cover, shrub, weed
- undercurrent:** (n) undertow, stream, tinge, cross fire, feeling, underset, vortex, flow, undertide; (v) indraught, reflux
- understood:** (adj) tacit, implicit, implied, silent, assumed, accepted, appreciated, unstated, undeclared; (v) of course, admitted. ANTONYMS: (adj) explicit, spoken, written, explained
- undiminished:** (adj) unabated, unrestricted, unreduced, undying, not deficient, morally whole, internal, faithful, unrelieved, interior; (v) on the increase
- unendurable:** (adj) intolerable, insufferable, insupportable, excruciating, impossible, unsupportable, uneasy, teasing, passionate, not patient, intolerant. ANTONYM: (adj) bearable
- uneven:** (adj) unequal, irregular, patchy, spotty, erratic, disproportionate; (adj, n) jagged, rugged, harsh, ragged; (adj, v) broken. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, straight, equal, symmetrical, corresponding, balanced, constant, stable, consistent, level, steady
- unevenly:** (adv) unequally, roughly, raggedly, erratically, jaggedly, unsteadily, harshly, bumpily, disproportionately, patchily, crookedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) smoothly, consistently, systematically, firmly, straight, regularly
- unexpected:** (adj) sudden, abrupt, casual, unforeseen, unanticipated, accidental, strange, unsuspected; (adj, v) unlooked for, unpredicted; (n) surprise. ANTONYMS: (adj) expected, gradual, normal, commonplace, protracted, ordinary, typical, customary
- unfaltering:** (adj) unwavering, steadfast, steady, constant, firm, determined, sure, unflinching,
- unshakable, indefatigable, unflagging. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsteady, fickle, uncommitted, hesitant
- unfastened:** (adj) open, movable, loose, unbuttoned, overt, opened, opened out, slack, undecided, undetermined, assailable. ANTONYMS: (adj) buttoned, fixed, shut, tied
- unfortunate:** (adj) inauspicious, sad, hapless, bad, inopportune, disastrous, adverse, deplorable, infelicitous, untoward, lamentable. ANTONYMS: (adj) lucky, auspicious, good, opportune, joyous, timely, appropriate, successful, easy, privileged
- ungainly:** (adj) clumsy, gawky, unwieldy, inelegant, inept, maladroit, uncouth, graceless, stiff, wooden, unmanageable. ANTONYMS: (adj) graceful, manageable, adroit, fitting, elegant
- unguided:** (adj) aimless, misguided, aimlessly drifting, directionless, planless, rudderless, unled, unprompted. ANTONYM: (adj) guided
- unheeded:** (adj) unnoticed, neglected, disregarded, ignored; (v) unthought of, unseen, unperceived, unobserved, unnoted, unmarked, unmissed
- unheeding:** (adj) regardless, heedless, inattentive, unmindful, unobservant, deaf to, unthinking, neglectful, inadvertent; (adj, n) careless; (n) incautious. ANTONYM: (adj) heedful
- unholy:** (adj) wicked, sinful, unhallowed, profane, fiendish, impious, diabolic, infernal, unsanctified, evil; (adv) wickedly. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, pious, godly, sensible, religious
- uniform:** (adj, v) even; (adj, n) constant, steady; (adj) equal, consistent, same, level, invariable, homogenous, equable, unchanging. ANTONYMS: (adj) varied, assorted, inconsistent, unequal, different, multiform, multicolored, differentiated, unlike, dissimilar, intermittent
- unimpressed:** (adj) indifferent, unstimulated, unshocked, unstruck, subdued, unexcited, untouched, untruffled, unresponsive, unmoved, uncertain. ANTONYMS: (adj) frightened, bewildered, enthusiastic, affected
- uninitiated:** (adj) uninitiate, uninformed, uncultivated, unschooled, untutored, unfamiliar, amateur, ignorant, incompetent; (v) unaccustomed; (adj, v) untrained
- unintelligent:** (adj) dull, silly, senseless, foolish, mindless, brainless, idiotic, inane, shallow, stolid, thick. ANTONYMS: (adj) intelligent, bright, clever, wise, confident, sensible
- unison:** (n) agreement, union, accord, coincidence, concordance, concord, unity, unisonance, concurrence, consonance, concordance. ANTONYMS: (n) discord, disharmony, disarray
- universe:** (n) world, creation, cosmos, population, earth, macrocosm, space, globe, existence, outer space, mankind
- unjust:** (adj) partial, injurious, wrong, inequitable, unrighteous, wicked, foul, wrongful, improper, unmerited, unjustified. ANTONYMS: (adj) just, equitable, rightful, reasonable, good
- unmolested:** (adj) undisturbed, untroubled, unthreatened, peaceable, tranquil, still, smooth, safe, quiet; (v) unafflicted, unplagued
- unnoticed:** (v) unheeded, unthought of, unregarded; (adj) disregarded, unmarked, hidden, neglected, ignored, obscure; (adj, v) unremarked, unobserved. ANTONYMS: (adj) evident, seen, noticeable, noted, obvious
- unnumbered:** (adj) numberless, uncounted, countless, infinite, innumerable, untold, multitudinous, myriad, unnumberable, incalculable, unbounded
- unopposed:** (adj) unchecked, resistless, unconstrained, unimpeded, unobstructed, unresisted, unrestricted, not resisted, accepted. ANTONYM: (adj) opposed
- unpleasant:** (adj, n) harsh; (adj) disagreeable, obnoxious, ugly, nasty, sour, awkward, repulsive, forbidding, bad, hard. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, agreeable, wonderful, nice, enjoyable, attractive, comfortable, charming, inoffensive, amicable, cordial
- unprecedented:** (adj) singular, unexampled, extraordinary, unique, new, undescribed, remarkable, exceptional, almost unheard of,

uncommon, unheard-of.
ANTONYMS: (adj) usual, unexceptional, unremarkable
unprotesting: (adj) resigned, uncomplaining
unqualified: (adj) incompetent, sheer, total, unconditional, absolute, incapable, complete, utter, unmitigated, unfit, perfect.
ANTONYMS: (adj) qualified, trained, prepared, competent, fit, conditional, indefinite, tentative, capable, incomplete, partial
unraveled: (adj) tattered, ragged, worn
unsatisfactory: (adj) insufficient, poor, deficient, bad, lame, dissatisfactory, disappointing, empty, mediocre, limited, pitiful.
ANTONYMS: (adj) acceptable, reasonable, adequate, satisfying, impressive, perfect
unscathed: (adj) uninjured, unhurt, intact, safe, safe and sound, undamaged, unscratched, whole, unmarred, untouched; (n) untainted.
ANTONYMS: (adj) hurt, injured, harmed
unscrupulous: (adj) dishonest, unprincipled, unethical, immoral, dishonorable, crooked, unfair, unconscionable, sharp, unscrupulous, sly. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) scrupulous, principled, ethical, honest, moral
unseeing: (adj) sightless, eyesless, unobservant, blinder, inattentive, lacking sight, unsighted, unperceiving
unseen: (adj, v) unknown; (adj) invisible, concealed, hidden, unobserved, secret, veiled, latent; (v) unheeded, unperceived; (n) spiritual world. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) seen, visible, open, famous, noticeable
unselfishness: (n) generosity, selflessness, generousness, kindness, pity, martyrdom, magnanimity, courtesy, consideration, care, acting generously. **ANTONYM:** (n) thoughtlessness
unspeakable: (adj) ineffable, dreadful, awful, terrible, inexpressible, nasty, horrible, atrocious, undefinable, shocking; (adj, v) unutterable. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) nice, wonderful, pleasant, good, lovely, bearable
unsteadily: (adv) precariously, unevenly, irregularly, insecurely, erratically, falteringly, dizzily, shakily, volatily, giddily,

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waveringly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) firmly, alertly, securely
untested: (adj) unproven, unseasoned, new, unverified, unsalted, original, unconfirmed, unchecked, virgin, speculative, raw. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) proven, seasoned
unto: (prep, v) to, till, up to; (prep) towards, before
untried: (adj) raw, new, untested, unseasoned, fresh, untried, unsalted, young, unverified, untouched; (v) undetermined. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) proven, seasoned, familiar, experienced
unutterably: (adv) ineffably, inexpressibly, indescribably, beyond words, deeply, overwhelming
unwillingness: (n) disinclination, indisposition, aversion, hesitation, hesitancy, resistance, antipathy, reluctance, dislike, distaste, irreconcilableness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) enthusiasm, disposition, keenness, inclination
unwritten: (adj) spoken, verbal, vocal, traditional, spontaneous; (v) unsaid, unregistered, unrecorded, lingual, phonetic, not written. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) written, stated, explained, explicit
uplifted: (adj) high, raised, noble, not inverted, not prone, proud, undismayed, stately, lofty, sublime, animated
uplifting: (n) ascent, exaltation, edification, upbuoyance; (adj) heartening, healing, gratifying, exhilarating, exalted, curative, cheering. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) deadly, ridiculous, heartbreaking
upraised: (adj) erect, elevated, high, raised
upright: (adj) perpendicular, erect, fair, good, righteous, just, virtuous, true, honorable, plumb; (adj, n) vertical. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) prone, disreputable, degenerate, hanging, unwholesome, dishonest, dishonorable, lying, horizontal, falling; (adv) horizontally
uproar: (adj, n, v) hubbub, disturbance, tumult; (n) din, noise, turmoil, commotion, disorder, confusion; (adj, n) row; (n, v) brawl. **ANTONYMS:** (n) calm, peace, serenity, order
upward: (adv) upwards, upwardly, aloft; (adj) overhead, rising, upper, increasing, open, vertical, mounting, upright. **ANTONYMS:** (adj)

descending, downward; (adv) down
urchin: (n) brat, imp, elf, ragamuffin, pixy, rogue, bairn, scamp, fairy; (adj, n) chit, dwarf
urging: (n) spur, encouragement, prod, prodding, goad, advocacy, spurring, goading, influence, exhortation; (adj) driving
useless: (adj) pointless, unnecessary, needless, worthless, fruitless, hopeless, abortive, idle, barren, superfluous, unavailing. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) helpful, effective, competent, convenient, valuable, necessary, brilliant, great, meaningful, usable, worthwhile
utensils: (n) gear, equipment, tackle, apparatus, hardware
utter: (v) say, state, speak, breathe, articulate, deliver, voice, pronounce; (adj, n, v) express, declare; (adj, v) tell. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) qualified, incomplete, uncertain, rather, slight; (v) conceal, hide, block
uttered: (adj) expressed, express, verbalised, verbalized, vocal, explicit, oral; (v) spoke, quota, said
utterly: (adv) completely, absolutely, totally, entirely, extremely, altogether, expressly, purely, dead, fully, wholly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) partly, uncertain, slightly, incompletely, hardly, somewhat
vacancy: (n) emptiness, blank, opening, void, incogitancy, post, blankness, inanity, absence; (adj, n) vacuity; (adj) depletion. **ANTONYMS:** (n) fill, tenancy, overflow
vacant: (adj) blank, hollow, unfilled, void, free, unoccupied, bare, idle, expressionless, open; (adj, v) devoid. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) full, cognizant, overflowing, inhabited, aware, comprehending, animated, solid, expressive, knowing
vacantly: (adj, adv) vacuously, expressionlessly, inanely; (adv) voidly, empty, unoccupied, hollowly, unemployedly, thoughtlessly, freely, barely
vague: (adj) obscure, indistinct, indeterminate, undefined, undetermined, indefinite, uncertain, faint, ambiguous; (adj, v) loose, equivocal. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) clear, distinct, exact, particular, precise, specific, sure, certain, defined, alert, detailed
vaguely: (adv) hazily, faintly, indistinctly, ambiguously, dimly, mistily, unclearly, loosely,

- shadowily, indeterminately, obscurely. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, definitely, unmistakably, exactly, closely, distinctly, alertly, calmly, considerably, intelligibly
- valiant:** (adj) brave, courageous, intrepid, fearless, heroic, audacious, gallant, daring, dauntless, stout, stalwart. ANTONYMS: (adj) afraid, despicable
- valor:** (n) bravery, courage, heroism, valiancy, daring, spirit, pluck, audacity, boldness; (adj, n) gallantry, prowess
- valuable:** (adj) costly, beneficial, expensive, helpful, useful, admirable, important, invaluable; (adj, n) estimable, worthy; (n) treasure. ANTONYMS: (adj) useless, unimportant, valueless, insignificant, ineffectual, shabby, cheap, detrimental, disadvantageous; (n) trash, garbage
- valueless:** (adj) useless, futile, insignificant, meaningless, null, unvalued, trifling, of no value, rubbish, priceless, refuse. ANTONYM: (adj) valuable
- vanished:** (adj, v) extinct, lost; (adj) disappeared, departed, missing, died out, absent, dead, wiped out, bygone; (v) exhausted. ANTONYMS: (adj) found, living
- vanishing:** (n) disappearance, vanishment, dissipation; (adj) dying, fleeting, momentary, breaking up, declining, diminishing, dissolving, evanescent. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, increasing
- vanity:** (n) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceitedness, pretension, pomposity; (adj, n) amour propre. ANTONYMS: (n) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness
- vanquished:** (adj) beaten, overwhelmed, routed, overcome, overpowered, overthrown, defeated, crushed, tried, tired out, practiced
- vapor:** (n) fog, cloud, steam, haze, evaporation, vapour, fume; (adj, n) gas, air; (adj, v) bluster; (v) boast
- variation:** (n) divergence, alteration, difference, mutation, change, discrepancy, deviation, fluctuation, departure, disagreement, dissimilarity. ANTONYMS: (n) agreement, repetitiveness, monotony, consistency, conformity, preservation, equality
- variations:** (n) concerto, fantasia, overture, pastorale, roulade, symphony, cadenza
- varied:** (adj) mixed, various, diverse, assorted, different, sundry, diversified, heterogeneous, manifold, motley, many. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, homogeneous, uniform, same, unvaried, similar, like, conservative, unchanged, limited
- varying:** (adj) shifting, patchy, changeable, unequal, changing, varied, variant, fickle, unreliable, untrustworthy, altering
- vastly:** (adv) greatly, hugely, enormously, infinitely, extremely, exceedingly, massively, very, tremendously, highly, colossally
- vehement:** (adj) fierce, intense, violent, strong, furious, passionate, ferocious, eager, hot, fervent, fervid. ANTONYMS: (adj) impassionate, indifferent, mild, calm
- veil:** (n, v) cover, hide, disguise, mask, cloud, shroud, camouflage; (v) cloak, conceal; (n) curtain, blind. ANTONYMS: (v) disclose, unveil, expose
- veiled:** (adj) hidden, unseen, covert, secret, masked, disguised, obscure, cryptic, covered, indistinct, oblique. ANTONYMS: (adj) overt, open, unveiled, blatant
- vengeance:** (n) retribution, reprisal, retaliation, requital, avengement, wrath, vendetta, spite, revengeance; (n, v) avenge, resentment. ANTONYMS: (n) forgiveness, acceptance
- vent:** (n) exit, opening, flue, chimney, escape, blowhole; (n, v) discharge, air, release; (v) emit, ventilate. ANTONYMS: (n) door, closure; (v) block, suppress
- verge:** (n, v) edge, skirt; (n) boundary, brink, margin, limit, rim, bound, brim, side; (v) bend. ANTONYMS: (n) end, middle; (v) retreat
- veteran:** (adj) experienced, skilled, seasoned, skillful, versed, practiced, old; (n) campaigner, vet, oldtimer, old stager. ANTONYMS: (adj) green, amateur
- vexation:** (adj, n) annoyance, nuisance; (n) irritation, worry, aggravation, displeasure, chagrin, chafe, anger, frustration, botheration
- vials:** (n) provender, victuals, provisions, food, sustenance, commissariat, larder, cates, diet, nourishment, edible
- vicinity:** (n) region, district, proximity, place, neighbourhood, locality, environs, vicinage, area, propinquity, nearness
- vicious:** (adj) malicious, bad, depraved, wicked, brutal, malevolent, cruel, venomous, immoral, nasty, corrupt. ANTONYMS: (adj) kind, gentle, friendly, good, right, pleasant, kindhearted, nice, cordial, constructive
- viewing:** (n) showing, contemplation, preview, exhibit, display, view, sight, look, show, performance, covering
- vigilant:** (n) caution, alertness, prudence, attention, watchfulness, surveillance, jealousy, vigil, watch, circumspection; (adj) vigilant. ANTONYMS: (n) carelessness, indiscretion, negligence, inattentiveness, recklessness
- vigorous:** (adj, n) robust, hardy, powerful, brave; (adj) energetic, strenuous, mighty, hearty, athletic; (adj, v) lively, brisk. ANTONYMS: (adj) feeble, weak, dull, inactive, impotent, enervated, unwell, uncommitted, unfit, weary, slow
- villain:** (n) rascal, scoundrel, rogue, knave, miscreant, criminal, bandit, crook, reprobate, varlet, rapsallion. ANTONYMS: (n) heroine, hero
- vindication:** (n) defense, apology, excuse, defence, plea, alibi, acquittal, assertion, reason, exoneration, protection. ANTONYM: (n) accusation
- vindictive:** (adj) vengeful, malicious, revengeful, unforgiving, punitive, malevolent, remorseless, implacable, spiteful, vindictive, virulent. ANTONYMS: (adj) nice, charitable, forgiving, helpful, merciful, tolerant
- violent:** (adj, n) rough, furious, tempestuous, severe, turbulent, boisterous, powerful; (adj, v) vehement; (adj) raging, intense, sharp. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, calm, nonviolent, mild, passive, moderate, pleasant, slight, refined, relaxed, friendly
- virtues:** (n) brawn, sinew, qualities, nerve, manner, habit, disposition, custom
- virtuous:** (adj) upright, pure, righteous, good, moral, just, honorable, honest, respectable, decent, pious. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, sinful, corrupt, impure, unethical, decadent, degenerate, irreverent

visible: (adj) obvious, conspicuous, apparent, open, evident, clear, plain, manifest, discernible; (adj, adv) noticeable, observable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) invisible, imperceptible, unclear, obscured, concealed, hidden, obscure, undetectable, inconspicuous; (adv) absent

vision: (n) view, dream, imagination, daydream, outlook, specter, ghost, spirit, image, apparition; (n, v) fancy. **ANTONYMS:** (n) sightlessness, fact, actuality, blindness

vista: (n) outlook, panorama, horizon, aspect, scene, landscape, scenery, picture, alley; (adj, n) view, perspective

vitality: (n) energy, life, animation, life force, vigor, liveliness, verve, sparkle, spirit, vigour, vim.

ANTONYMS: (n) lethargy, apathy, sluggishness

vitality: (adv) necessarily, significantly, basically, crucially, fundamentally, principally, decisively, materially, importantly, vivaciously, primarily. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) insignificantly, superficially

vivacious: (adj) lively, animated, sprightly, vibrant, spry, effervescent, gay; (adj, v) cheerful, active, buoyant, brisk. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) dull, lethargic, listless, compliment, inactive, praise, languid, lifeless, serious, sluggish

vivid: (adj) intense, graphic, lifelike, brilliant, rich, live, strong, acute, animated, glowing, colorful. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) weak, bland, light, vague, straightforward, dark, modest, secretive

vocal: (adj) oral, unwritten, outspoken, noisy, phonetic, sonant, sonorous, voiced, vowel, sung, eloquent. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) written, instrumental, shy, introverted, modest, silent

vociferous: (adj) loud, clamorous, blatant, boisterous, clamant, strident, obstreperous, vocal, tumultuous, turbulent, blustering. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) silent, tranquil, shy, gentle, soft

voices: (n) chorus

volley: (n, v) hail, firing, blast, explosion; (adj, n, v) burst, discharge; (n) fusillade, shower, storm, barrage, fire

vulnerable: (adj) exposed, tender,

sensitive, susceptible, unguarded, unprotected, defenseless, insecure, impressionable; (adj, v) feeble, frail.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unassailable, invincible, unbeatable, invulnerable, impervious, secure, untouchable, defensible, guarded, protected, defendable

wafer: (n) cookie, waffle, paste, cement, glue, size, gum, coke, stucco, staff of life, solder

wager: (n, v) stake, hazard, risk, venture, gamble, chance; (v) lay, pledge, pawn, play; (n) stakes

wags: (adv) as the world goes

waifful: (adj) wailing

wailing: (n, v) lamentation, lament, moaning; (adj) lamenting, weeping, crying, wailful, howling, sobbing; (adj, n) bawling; (n) cry

wallop: (n, v) hit, bang, punch, knock, whack, clout, strike, bash; (v) beat, thrash; (n) blow. **ANTONYMS:** (v) fail, lose, surrender

walnut: (n) wood, walnut tree; (v) succotash, waffle, vanilla, trepang, porterhouse steak, supawn, salmis, sea slug, sauerkraut

wand: (n, v) stick, rod; (n) scepter, verge, mace, pole, baton, sceptre, fasces, rod of empire; (v) staff

wanderer: (n) vagabond, roamer, tramp, nomad, drifter, traveler, wayfarer, stranger, hobo, traveller; (n, v) rambler

wandering: (adj) itinerant, nomadic, erratic, rambling, errant, migratory; (adj, v) stray, vagrant, vagabond, unsettled; (n) peregrination.

ANTONYM: (adj) resident

wane: (n, v) ebb; (v) fade, sink, fall, decrease, recede, diminish, fail, wither, dwindle, shrink. **ANTONYMS:** (v) wax, increase, rise, expand, continue, strengthen, appear, rally

waning: (n) decrease, decline, lessening, ebb, failure; (adj) run to seed, ripe, mellow, diminishing, abating, moribund. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) growing, thriving, waxing, increasing; (n) improvement

warily: (adv) carefully, guardedly, cautiously, circumspectly, charily, vigilantly, watchfully, thoughtfully, gingerly, attentively, suspiciously. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) boldly, unwarily, trustingly, thoughtlessly, rashly, recklessly

warmed: (adj) warmer, warm, baked

warning: (n) notice, indication, caution, advice, example, lesson,

hint, premonition, caveat, admonition; (adj, n) monitory.

ANTONYMS: (n) encouragement, recommendation, approval; (adj) promising

wash: (adj, n, v) soak; (n, v) paint; (v) clean, scrub, mop, moisten, lave, scour, bathe; (n) washing, ablution. **ANTONYM:** (v) soil

washed: (adj) wash, cleaner, colored, refined, wet, watery

washington: (n) District of Columbia, George Washington, booker Taliaferro Washington, capital of the united States, capitol, Evergreen State, government, president Washington, Uncle Sam, Wa, Capitol building

watchful: (adj) alert, observant, careful, cautious, wary, attentive, wakeful, mindful, circumspect, sleepless, awake. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) inattentive, negligent, oblivious, forgetful, careless, asleep, trusting, unprepared, reckless

watchfully: (adv) attentively, carefully, observantly, cautiously, wakefully, warily, alertly, mindfully, circumspectly, guardedly, heedfully. **ANTONYM:** (adv) recklessly

waters: (n) Clara Erskine Clement, amniotic fluid, amniotic fluid, body fluid, liquid body substance, Ethel waters, body of water, bodily fluid, boot

watery: (adj) moist, diluted, wet, dilute, washy, thin, damp, fluid, aqueous, weak, insipid.

ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, solid, dry, soft, dehydrated, lively, dark, clear, thick, hard

wave: (v) flap, undulate, swing, flourish; (n, v) gesture, billow, flutter, swell, motion, curl; (n) surge **waved:** (adj) undulating, wavy, curly, not dated, undated

waves: (n) brine, effect, salt water, deep, main, ocean, undulation, breakers, influence, emission, offing **waving:** (adj) flying, aflare, fluttering, flaring, flared, curly, burning, blazing, billowy, palpitating; (n) wafture

waxlike: (adj) ceraceous, waxy, pale, colorless

weak: (adj, n) frail; (adj) flat, watery, fragile, flimsy, faint, thin, light, sickly, soft, nerveless. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) concentrated, firm, brave, safe, forceful, effective, healthy, intense, determined, powerful, robust

weakened: (adj) lessened, faded, hurt, vitiated, damaged, cut, diluted, thinned, attenuated, attenuate, disabled

weakly: (adj) feeble, infirm, weak; (adv) frailly, badly, softly, lightly, infirmly, effeminately, slightly; (adj, adv) sickly. ANTONYMS: (adv) strongly, confidently, powerfully, firmly, well, competently, convincingly, wholeheartedly, admirably, persuasively, interestingly

weakness: (adj, n) failing, fault, debility, defect, infirmity, fragility, feebleness, deficiency, imperfection, foible; (n) flaw. ANTONYMS: (n) power, dislike, intensity, supremacy, determination, advantage, brightness, superiority, resistance, robustness, energy

weapon: (n) arm, missile, arms, knuckles, spear, steel, tomahawk, firearm, flamethrower, projectile, hatchet

weapons: (n) weaponry, weapon, ordnance, munitions, defense, guns, armaments, artillery

wearied: (adj) jaded, tired, spent, fatigued, weary, prostrate, limp, haggard, shattered, worn, fatigate

wearily: (adv) sickly, boredly, dully, languidly, jadedly, exhaustedly, sadly, soberly, gravely, heavily, seriously. ANTONYMS: (adv) hopefully, untiringly, energetically, dynamically

weariness: (n) exhaustion, tiredness, lassitude, languor, asthenopia, defatigation, grogginess, listlessness, boredom, ennui, prostration

weary: (adj, n, v) fatigue; (v) exhaust, tire out; (adj) tired, exhausted, fatigued, weary, beat, languid; (n, v) jade, bore. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, fresh, lively, untiring, hopeful, refreshed; (v) refresh, enliven, energize, activate, rally

weekly: (n) magazine, journal, newspaper, periodical, academic journal, publication; (adv)

hebdomadally, each week; (v) tertian, quotidian; (adj) hebdomadal

weeping: (adj) tearful, lachrymose, dolorous, dolorous; (n, v) lament, lamentation; (v) weailing; (n) sobbing, tears, cry; (adj, n) howling. ANTONYM: (n) celebration

weighted: (adj) laden, leaden, adjusted, plodding, impure, unfair, prejudiced, gray, loaded, opinionated, grey. ANTONYM:

(adj) impartial

weird: (adj) strange, uncanny, supernatural, unearthly, mysterious, odd, bizarre, unusual, curious, peculiar, eerie. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, typical, real, usual, regular, natural, commonplace, sensible, conventional, human

well-balanced: (adj) uniform, even, together, farsighted, trim

whale: (n) monster, leviathan, blower, behemoth, hulk, heavyweight, narwhal, narwal; (v) thrash, beat; (adj) cachalot

wheeled: (adj) on wheels. ANTONYM: (adj) wheeless

wheeling: (adj) rotating, revolving, moving; (n) rolling, city, metropolis, peal, propulsion, roll, transmission service, urban center

wheezing: (adj) breathless, asthmatic, gasping, out of breath, panting, puffed, puffing, reedy, wheezy, winded

whence: (adv) wherefrom, hence, because, for, why, wherefore, how, then, then thence so, how comes it, how happens it

whenever: (n) anytime, convenience; (adv) always, where'er.

ANTONYM: (adv) immediately

wherever: (adv) anywhere, wheresoever, everywhere, where'er; (n) anyplace

whichever: (adv) any; (adj) a few, one, several, some

whim: (n, v) fancy, vagary, humor, freak; (n) notion, impulse, fad, mood, whimsy, thought, idea. ANTONYMS: (n) plan, reality, aversion

whip: (n, v) lash, strap, goad; (v) flog, flagellate, beat, punish, thrash, trounce, stir, wallop. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, return

whipped: (v) whipt

whirl: (n, v) spin, turn, eddy, roll, wheel, twist, swirl; (v) reel, gyrate; (n) go, fling

whirling: (adj) rotary, revolving, dizzy, giddy, lightheaded, rotating, vortical; (n) rotation, gyration, revolution; (adj, n) swirling

whirring: (n) whirr, brr; (adj) noisy

whiskers: (n) fuzz, goatee, hair, imperial, face fungus, beaver, mustache, moustache, sideburns, facial hair, sideboards

whisper: (n, v) murmur, hum, mumble, suggestion, hint, inkling; (v) breathe, hiss; (n) rustle, trace, breath. ANTONYM: (n) information

whispered: (adj) low, voiceless, unvoiced, nonvocal, weak, unheard, surd, supposed, sharp, thought, quiet

whispering: (n) whisper, murmur, susurration, rustle, report, stage whisper; (adj, n) rustling; (adj) susurrant, tranquil, hoarse, susurrous

whistle: (v) sing, twitter, hiss, warble, tweet, cheep, chirp, wheeze; (n, v) cry; (n) whistling, tin whistle

whistling: (n) whistle, sound, tin whistle, music, pennywhistle, sign, signal, signaling

whoop: (n, v) shout, call; (v) howl, yell, shriek, roar, bellow, halloo, cough, hack; (n) vociferation

wicked: (adj) bad, sinful, atrocious, evil, vile, depraved, mischievous, immoral, unholy, nasty, naughty. ANTONYMS: (adj) innocent, pure, pious, moral, kind, admirable, kindhearted, helpful, decent, assisting, aiding

wiggling: (adj) squirming, wiggly, wriggling, twisting, sinuate, twisty, moving, sinuous, tortuous, wobbly, wriggly

wildly: (adj, adv) madly, extravagantly; (adv) savagely, fiercely, violently, frantically, brutally, furiously, tempestuously, viciously, crazily. ANTONYMS: (adv) quietly, peacefully, meekly, cautiously, gently

wildness: (n) fierceness, ferocity, savageness, abandon, rage, extravagance, ferociousness, intensity, vehemence; (v) wilderness; (n, v) waste. ANTONYMS: (n) tameness, order, meekness, gentleness, caution, orderliness

willed: (adj) voluntary, hereditary

willingness: (n) alacrity, obedience, promptness, receptiveness, receptivity, openness, desire, appetite, happy, volition, aptitude. ANTONYM: (n) reluctance

wilson: (n) Thomas Woodrow Wilson, Robert Woodrow Wilson, President Wilson, Angus Frank Johnstone Wilson, Edward Osborne Wilson, Edmund Wilson, Alexander Wilson, Charles Thomson Rees Wilson, Woodrow Wilson, James Wilson

winding: (n) twist, wind, turn; (adj) indirect, crooked, circuitous, meandering, twisty, wandering; (adj, n) twisting, twisted.

ANTONYMS: (adj) direct, unbent
wing: (n) pinion, limb, arm, fender, flank, pennon, Ala, extension, feather; (v) fly, soar. ANTONYM: (n) headquarters

winging: (n) flight

wings: (n) insignia, agency

winning: (adj) victorious, triumphant, charming, engaging, pleasing, lovely, enchanting, captivating, taking, fetching, successful. ANTONYMS: (adj) failing, forfeiting, ugly, unappealing, unattractive, unconvincing, sorrowful, unpleasant, unsuccessful

wisdom: (n) judiciousness, knowledge, sapience, sagacity, sense, prudence, discernment, insight, learning, depth, reasonableness. ANTONYMS: (n) stupidity, folly, inexperience, ignorance, flippancy, banality

wise: (adj) reasonable, sensible, sound, rational, sagacious, intelligent, prudent, shrewd, discreet; (adj, n) knowing; (n) method. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwise, stupid, ignorant, mistaken, illogical, reckless, naive, irrational, dense

witch: (n) hag, pythoness, sorceress, enchantress, magician, lamia; (v) charm, bewitch, glamour, hex, jinx
withal: (adv) nevertheless, notwithstanding, however, even so, all the same, nonetheless, with; (adj) likewise; (n) sufficiency, adequacy, enough

withdraw: (v) retire, remove, retract, retreat, abandon, pull out, disengage, draw, cancel, leave, recede. ANTONYMS: (v) propose, give, advance, extend, offer, deposit, remain, engage, allow, permit, stay
withstood: (v) resist

witness: (n, v) testimony, attest, evidence; (n) bystander, eyewitness, onlooker, observer; (v) observe, notice, see, view. ANTONYMS: (v) deny, participate, refute

woeful: (adj) sad, lamentable, sorrowful, pitiful, wretched, pitiable, doleful, woebegone, deplorable, piteous, regrettable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, joyful, glad, praiseworthy, laudable
wolflike: (adj) esurient, rapacious, ravening, edacious, voracious, ravenous

wolves: (n) jackals, skunks, raccoons, panthers, order Carnivora, lions, tigers, foxes, cats, Carnivora, Canis

wondering: (adj) inquisitive, speculative, suspicious

wondrous: (adj) marvelous, miraculous, marvellous, astonishing, tremendous, fantastic, phenomenal, extraordinary, rattling; (adv) wonderfully, marvellously

wondrously: (adv) wonderfully, marvellously, terrifically, superbly, wondrous, toppingly, miraculously, astonishingly, phenomenally, extraordinarily, fantastically

woodenly: (adv) clumsily, gracelessly, ungracefully, ineptly, stiffly, ungraciously, without graciousness, woody, rigidly, expressionlessly, stiltedly

woodpecker: (n) redhead, ivorybill, pecker, piculet, nib, woodpeck, tool, Speight, Specht, shaft, redheaded woodpecker

woods: (n) forest, woodland, grove, timber, jungle, sir Henry wood, vegetation, timberland, Natalie wood, virgin forest; (adj) wooden
woolen: (adj, n) woollen; (n) fleece, tweed, fabric, cloth, woolen goods; (adj) woolly

worm: (v) squirm, wriggle, twist, spiral, helix, writhe; (n) helminth, maggot; (n) emmet, midge, fly
worn: (adj) haggard, tired, tattered, threadbare, ragged, drawn, jaded, fatigued, exhausted, faded, wasted.

ANTONYMS: (adj) new, smart, unused, unworn, pristine, original
worried: (adj) uneasy, distressed, nervous, apprehensive, upset, anxious, disturbed, concerned, afraid, troubled, bothered.

ANTONYMS: (adj) carefree, reassured, relaxed, untroubled, fearless, unworried, unconcerned, content, confident, serene

worriest: (n) anxiety, worry, troublesomeness, awkwardness, distress, bother, trepidation, unwieldiness, flea bite, tension, problem

worthy: (adj) noble, good, meritorious, valuable, estimable, respectable, deserving, worthwhile, virtuous, honorable; (adj, n) celebrity. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, unrespected, disreputable, mediocre, petty, poor, unimpressive, insignificant, dishonorable, despicable; (n) nobody

wound: (n, v) bruise, cut, harm, pain, damage, scratch, stab, sting; (n) injury; (v) offend, injure. ANTONYMS: (v) heal, appease, aid,

cure, repair

wounded: (adj, v) hurt; (n) casualty, maimed; (adj) bruised, injured, bloody, aggrieved, saddened; (v) stricken, wound, struck.

ANTONYM: (adj) unaffected

woven: (adj) plaited

wrangle: (adj, n, v) squabble; (n, v) quarrel, dispute, brawl, debate, bicker, contest, row, altercation, fight, argue. ANTONYMS: (v) agree; (n) peace

wrangling: (n) quarrel, bickering, controversy, polemics, discussion, haggle, haggling, dispute, strife, altercation, jangle

wrapped: (prep) covered; (adj) clothed, draped, rapt, intent, absorbed, engrossed, mantled, packed, immersed; (adj, prep) cloaked

wrath: (n) rage, resentment, ire, fury, displeasure, indignation, passion, madness, choler, irritation; (adj) angry. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, love, composure, serenity

wrathful: (adj) furious, irate, wroth, ireful, indignant, incensed, mad, raging, resentful, infuriated, choleric. ANTONYM: (adj) pleased

wrathfully: (adv) furiously, irately, wrothly, indignantly, irefully, ragingly, heatedly, infuriatedly, madly, resentfully, very angrily

wreathed: (adj) ringed, serpentine, coiled, circular, circinate, bent, annulate, tortile, torqued, surrounded, curled

wrench: (n, v) pull, jerk, strain, turn, twist, tug, yank; (n) spanner; (v) distort, contort, force

wrenched: (adj) strained, weakened
wrenching: (n) extraction; (adj) painful

wrestle: (v) struggle, scuffle, fight, strive, battle, wrench, tussle, contest, scramble, clash; (n, v) grapple

wrestling: (n) grapple, grappling, rassling, bout, event, clamshell, athletics, boxing, braving, pugilism; (adj) fighting

wretch: (n) victim, villain, scoundrel, reprobate, reptile, miscreant, martyr, object of compassion, poor devil, prey, wreak

wretched: (adj) unfortunate, pitiful, sad, pitiable, woeful, pathetic, piteous, lamentable; (adj, v) poor, unhappy, forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) fine, strong, fortunate, overjoyed, nice, admirable, good, cheery, joyous, lucky, comfortable

wriggling: (adj) squirming, writhing, twisting, wiggly, wriggle, moving, flexible, frisky, pliant, wriggly, winding

wring: (n, v) squeeze; (v) twist, wrench, wrest, torture, torment, distort, extract, twine, contort, rack

writhe: (adj, v) distort, wrest; (v) contort, wriggle, squirm, wrench, worm, coil, wiggle, thrash, warp

writhed: (adj) crooked, writhen, distorted, twisted

writhing: (adj, n) twisting; (adj) wriggly, squirming, wiggling, wiggly, twisty, tortuous, snaky, winding, sinuous; (n) twist

wronged: (adj) upset, hurt, indignant, offended

wrongly: (adv) incorrectly, mistakenly, improperly, wrong, falsely, badly, unjustly, inaccurately, faultily, fallaciously, amissly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) suitably, justifiably, rightly, right, ethically, appropriately, justly, accurately, fairly, perfectly

yawn: (v) open, ope, yaw, look stupidly, breathe; (n) yawning, nod, get sleep, tedium, bore, boredom

yell: (n, v) cry, roar, scream, howl, call, bellow, whoop, shriek, outcry; (v) bawl, holler

yelled: (adj) loud

yelling: (adj) crying, howling, fantastic, noisy, marvelous, marvellous, instant, insistent, rank; (n) screaming, noise

yellow: (adv) cowardly; (adj) amber, xanthous, chickenhearted, fearful, chicken, craven, spineless; (n) coward, saffron, maize.

ANTONYMS: (adj) bold, brave, confident

yellowish: (adj) sallow, yellowed, flavescent, xanthous, turning yellow, sensationalistic, jaundiced, luteous, chickenhearted, easily frightened, chicken

yokel: (n) hick, bumpkin, hayseed, rustic, rube, clod, hobnail, yahoo, chawbacon, yochel, boor

yours: (adj) own

youthful: (adj) immature, fresh, green, juvenile, vernal, adolescent, childish, new, tender, sappy, beardless. ANTONYMS: (adj) adult, mature, experienced, sophisticated, late

zeal: (adj, n) eagerness; (n) fervor, enthusiasm, devotion, passion, vehemence, fire, fervency, heat, fervour, ardour. ANTONYMS: (n)

apathy, lethargy, patience

