

1.	adds	<i>verb</i>	combines two or more numbers into one sum.
2.	sit	<i>verb</i>	to rest in an upright position balanced on the thighs or seat.
3.	cry	<i>noun</i>	an act of shedding tears.
4.	put	<i>verb</i>	to move in a specific direction or into a specific place.
5.	look	<i>verb</i>	to discover by using one's eyes.
6.	hey	<i>interjection</i>	— used to call attention or to express surprise, joy, or a question.
7.	tell	<i>verb</i>	to say.
8.	none	<i>pronoun</i>	not any.
9.	need	<i>noun</i>	poverty.
10.	poke	<i>noun</i>	a quick thrust : a jab.
11.	drag	<i>verb</i>	to trail along on the ground.
12.	off	<i>adverb</i>	to a state or condition of being separate.
13.	long	<i>adjective</i>	extending for a rather large distance.
14.	grass	<i>noun</i>	green narrow-leaved plants.
15.	came	<i>verb</i>	moved toward or away from something : approached.
16.	make	<i>verb</i>	to bring something into being by forming, shaping, or altering material : to construct.
17.	had	<i>verb</i>	owned.
18.	trees	<i>plural noun</i>	tall plants with one main woody stem and lots of branches and leaves at the top.
19.	can	<i>noun</i>	a cylinder-shaped container that often holds liquids.
20.	not	<i>adverb</i>	— used as a function word to express the opposite of a word or group of words.

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21.	plan	<i>verb</i>	to have in mind : to intend.
22.	sink	<i>noun</i>	an open container or vessel with sloping sides that sometimes is connected to a cabinet and usually has a water supply for washing and draining things.
23.	tote	<i>verb</i>	to carry by hand.
24.	hint	<i>noun</i>	a very small amount : a dash.
25.	rice	<i>noun</i>	a type of grass that has seeds that are used for food.
26.	doll	<i>noun</i>	a small-scale figure of a human being used as a child's plaything.
27.	bill	<i>noun</i>	the jaws of a bird and the hard covering of the jaws : beak.
28.	pants	<i>plural noun</i>	a piece of clothing that covers the legs : trousers.
29.	nets	<i>plural noun</i>	devices made of meshed threads or ropes that have been knotted together at regular intervals and that are used for catching fish, birds, or insects.
30.	pod	<i>noun</i>	a number of animals (such as whales) closely grouped together : a school.
31.	cups	<i>plural noun</i>	usually open bowl-shaped drinking vessels.
32.	page	<i>noun</i>	one of the leaves of a book or magazine.
33.	top	<i>adjective</i>	highest.
34.	trap	<i>noun</i>	a device for catching animals.
35.	map	<i>noun</i>	a drawing that shows an area (such as the surface of the earth) and indicates the position and size of selected details, such as countries, cities, and bodies of water.
36.	toys	<i>plural noun</i>	items for a child to play with.
37.	ten	<i>adjective</i>	being one more than nine in number.
38.	food	<i>noun</i>	material that is taken or absorbed into the body in order to support growth and to provide energy.
39.	five	<i>adjective</i>	being one more than four in number.

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40.	tiny	<i>adjective</i>	very small.
41.	nose	<i>noun</i>	the part of the face on humans or other mammals that sticks out and has the nostrils.
42.	meal	<i>noun</i>	the food eaten at a particular time to satisfy hunger.
43.	moo	<i>verb</i>	to make the noise of a cow.
44.	share	<i>verb</i>	to use, experience, or enjoy with others.
45.	help	<i>verb</i>	to give assistance or support to : to aid.
46.	like	<i>preposition</i>	the same as or similar to (as in appearance).
47.	hot	<i>adjective</i>	having a high temperature.
48.	feel	<i>verb</i>	to touch.
49.	ears	<i>plural noun</i>	the organs of hearing and balance in mammals.
50.	cute	<i>adjective</i>	attractive or pretty.
51.	barked	<i>verb</i>	made the short loud cry of a dog.
52.	sway	<i>verb</i>	to move in usually slow and rhythmic back and forth movements.
53.	harsh	<i>adjective</i>	physically disagreeable : uncomfortable.
54.	porch	<i>noun</i>	a covered entrance to a building usually with a roof.
55.	crops	<i>plural noun</i>	plants or animals that can be grown and harvested on a large scale for profit or food.
56.	order	<i>verb</i>	to require or request with authority that something be done : to command.
57.	stumped	<i>verb</i>	blocked the progress or efforts of : perplexed, confused.
58.	blue	<i>adjective</i>	having the color of the clear sky or the deep sea.
59.	sorry	<i>adjective</i>	feeling emotional suffering over the loss of some good; feeling sadness or regret.

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60.	many	<i>adjective</i>	consisting of or amounting to a large but indefinite number : not few.
61.	blast	<i>noun</i>	an enjoyably exciting experience, occasion, or event.
62.	shelf	<i>noun</i>	a thin flat piece of wood or other material fastened horizontally at a distance from the floor (as on a wall or in a frame) to hold objects.
63.	chores	<i>plural noun</i>	recurring tasks performed at regular intervals in the running of a farm, home, or business.
64.	bottom	<i>noun</i>	the lower or lowest section, point, region, or level.
65.	busy	<i>adjective</i>	doing something requiring time or attention : not idle or at leisure.
66.	copy	<i>verb</i>	to try to be like or similar to : to follow especially in behavior or actions.
67.	tales	<i>plural noun</i>	stories.
68.	stairs	<i>plural noun</i>	steps of a series for going up or down to a different level (as within a building).
69.	white	<i>noun</i>	of a color like that of new snow or clean milk.
70.	speck	<i>noun</i>	a tiny bit of something : a small piece, particle, or amount.
71.	leave	<i>verb</i>	to go away or depart from.
72.	pace	<i>noun</i>	rate of performance or delivery : speed.
73.	party	<i>noun</i>	a social gathering of persons for entertainment or fun.
74.	smell	<i>verb</i>	to have an odor or scent : to give off an aroma.
75.	moon	<i>noun</i>	a body orbiting another of larger size in the sky.
76.	washing	<i>verb</i>	cleaning the body, especially the hands and face, with water.
77.	two	<i>adjective</i>	being one more than one in number.
78.	trash	<i>noun</i>	something worth relatively little or nothing : junk : rubbish.
79.	bobbed	<i>verb</i>	moved down and up or up and down suddenly and briefly and often repeatedly.

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80.	some	<i>pronoun</i>	a part of a group.
81.	what	<i>pronoun</i>	— used in questions as a pronoun to ask about the identity of an object or matter.
82.	few	<i>plural pronoun</i>	not many persons or things.
83.	pail	<i>noun</i>	a cylindrical container for catching, holding, or carrying liquids or solids.
84.	area	<i>noun</i>	any particular amount of space or surface.
85.	story	<i>noun</i>	an account of some incident or event; often : a tale written or told especially for the entertainment of children.
86.	sheesh	<i>interjection</i>	— used to express disappointment, annoyance, or surprise.
87.	sole	<i>noun</i>	the part of a shoe or other article of footwear on which the bottom of the foot rests and upon which the wearer walks.
88.	files	<i>plural noun</i>	groups of related data records, such as for a computer.
89.	wiggle	<i>verb</i>	to move back and forth or up and down with quick jerky or shaking motions.
90.	baggy	<i>adjective</i>	loose, puffed out, or hanging.
91.	phone	<i>verb</i>	to call (a person) using a device for reproducing sounds, especially speech, at a distance.
92.	blame	<i>verb</i>	to express disapproval of : to find fault with.
93.	skipped	<i>verb</i>	passed over without notice, mention, or attention.
94.	crafty	<i>adjective</i>	skilled at deceiving others : cunning, wily.
95.	scars	<i>plural noun</i>	marks left in the skin where it has been injured (as by a burn or cut) and healed.
96.	table	<i>noun</i>	a piece of furniture consisting of a smooth flat slab fixed on legs.
97.	roots	<i>plural noun</i>	the underground parts of a plant.
98.	stinky	<i>adjective</i>	that sends out a strong and bad smell.
99.	only	<i>adjective</i>	alone in a class or category.

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100.	bones	<i>plural noun</i>	the hard parts of the skeleton.
101.	marry	<i>verb</i>	to take a husband or a wife : to wed.
102.	swept	<i>verb</i>	removed pieces of dirt from the surface of something with a broom or brush.
103.	chunks	<i>plural noun</i>	short thick pieces of something often roughly formed : lumps.
104.	forget	<i>verb</i>	to not be able to think of or remember.
105.	rare	<i>adjective</i>	not often occurring or appearing : unusual, uncommon.
106.	feedback	<i>noun</i>	evaluative or corrective information communicated about an action, event, process, or product to the original source.
107.	scared	<i>verb</i>	frightened.
108.	lousy	<i>adjective</i>	miserably poor or inferior.
109.	coop	<i>noun</i>	a cage or small enclosure for poultry.
110.	during	<i>preposition</i>	at some point in the course of.
111.	faith	<i>noun</i>	firm trust or confidence in the value, power, or effectiveness of something.
112.	bandmates	<i>plural noun</i>	fellow members of a group of musicians that play music together.
113.	quiet	<i>adjective</i>	making no noise : acting or resting in silence.
114.	minute	<i>noun</i>	a unit of time equal to the 60th part of an hour and containing 60 seconds.
115.	streak	<i>noun</i>	a continuous series (as of victories or defeats).
116.	freedom	<i>noun</i>	the quality or state of being released.
117.	stuttered	<i>verb</i>	spoke with disruption of speech that is not by choice (as by repetition of vocal sounds).
118.	fudge	<i>verb</i>	to cheat or act dishonestly in a way that is usually subtle or not easily noticeable.
119.	damaged	<i>verb</i>	caused harm to : hurt, injured.

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120.	frantic	<i>adjective</i>	marked by fast and nervous, disordered activity.
121.	clash	<i>verb</i>	to be completely and sharply in disagreement, or to lack harmony or consistency.
122.	funky	<i>adjective</i>	odd or quaint in appearance or feeling.
123.	tower	<i>noun</i>	a building or structure that is taller than it is wide, and is high compared to its surroundings.
124.	swoop	<i>verb</i>	to plunge suddenly or move in a sweeping curved path.
125.	greasy	<i>adjective</i>	containing an unusual amount of animal fat that has been extracted and clarified by melting.
126.	gravy	<i>noun</i>	any of several thickened sauces served especially with meat or potatoes.
127.	display	<i>noun</i>	an exhibiting or showing of something.
128.	growling	<i>verb</i>	making a low heavy rolling sound : rumbling.
129.	visit	<i>verb</i>	to go somewhere and spend time with someone socially.
130.	blessings	<i>plural noun</i>	things that tend to promote happiness or welfare.
131.	peacock	<i>noun</i>	a male peafowl with long tail feathers tipped with eyelike spots that are spread into a fan shimmering with iridescent color.
132.	Ohio	<i>geographical entry</i>	a state in northeast central U.S.
133.	elves	<i>plural noun</i>	small mythical beings in human form that have magical powers and interfere in human affairs.
134.	uplift	<i>verb</i>	to improve the condition of someone or something, especially spiritually or intellectually.
135.	everyone	<i>pronoun</i>	each person.
136.	another	<i>adjective</i>	being one more in addition to one or another number : additional.
137.	beetle	<i>noun</i>	an insect with four wings and an armored body that is sometimes a pest to crops.
138.	sights	<i>plural noun</i>	aims, goals.
139.	choose	<i>verb</i>	to elect.

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140.	wonder	<i>verb</i>	to be curious about : to wish to know.
141.	belongs	<i>verb</i>	is a member of a club or similar organization — used with “to.”
142.	model	<i>noun</i>	a usually miniature three-dimensional representation of something.
143.	fasting	<i>noun</i>	the act of choosing to not eat food often as a form of religious observance.
144.	until	<i>conjunction</i>	up to the time that.
145.	nobody	<i>pronoun</i>	no person : not anyone.
146.	color OR *colour	<i>noun</i>	the tint typical of good health and spirits or of outdoor activity.
147.	curly	<i>adjective</i>	twisting into round shapes or coils.
148.	heavy	<i>adjective</i>	having great weight.
149.	build	<i>verb</i>	to construct for a home.
150.	greeting	<i>noun</i>	a formal, often traditional gesture of welcome.
151.	comic	<i>noun</i>	a set of cartoons or drawings arranged to form a story.
152.	awesome	<i>adjective</i>	extremely or amazingly good.
153.	Wi-Fi	<i>certification mark</i>	— used to certify the compatibility of wireless computer networking devices.
154.	glide	<i>verb</i>	to move with a quiet smoothness.
155.	spading	<i>verb</i>	digging with a tool resembling a shovel that is used for turning soil.
156.	sifting	<i>verb</i>	studying or examining carefully and extracting the good, essential, or desirable.
157.	railings	<i>plural noun</i>	barriers (such as fences) consisting of usually wooden or metal bars and supports.
158.	pitch-black	<i>adjective</i>	extremely dark.

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159.	jinx	<i>noun</i>	something that is felt to bring bad luck; especially : an evil spell.
160.	hummingbird	<i>noun</i>	a small feathered animal with a slender bill and a long tongue.
161.	hauling	<i>verb</i>	transporting from one place to another in a vehicle.
162.	nimble	<i>adjective</i>	marked by quick light movement : agile.
163.	slippery	<i>adjective</i>	causing one to slide or fall down.
164.	hitched	<i>verb</i>	fastened by a hook or knot.
165.	tingle	<i>verb</i>	to experience or feel a ringing, stinging, prickling, or thrilling sensation.
166.	ebb	<i>verb</i>	to fall from a higher to a lower level (as of activity) or from a better to a worse state.
167.	chase	<i>verb</i>	to follow usually rapidly and intently : to pursue.
168.	doodled	<i>verb</i>	made an aimless scribble or drawing while one is thinking about something else.
169.	everlasting	<i>adjective</i>	continuing forever.
170.	snooty	<i>adjective</i>	haughtily or arrogantly contemptuous : snobbish.
171.	innings	<i>plural noun</i>	divisions in baseball consisting of a turn at bat for each team.
172.	upbeat	<i>adjective</i>	marked by optimism : optimistic, cheerful, happy.
173.	trout	<i>noun</i>	any of various mostly freshwater fishes that are usually smaller than salmon and are highly regarded for their attractive colors and rich well-flavored flesh.
174.	joggled	<i>verb</i>	shook slightly : jostled.
175.	waist	<i>noun</i>	the part of the body between the chest and hips.
176.	landline	<i>noun</i>	a wire or a whole system of wires connecting one telephone station with another for communication.
177.	sparrow	<i>noun</i>	any of numerous finches having feathers streaked with brown or gray.

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178.	whizzed	<i>verb</i>	flew or moved swiftly with a hissing or buzzing sound.
179.	weave	<i>verb</i>	to form (cloth) by interlacing strands (as of yarn).
180.	slivers	<i>plural noun</i>	long slender pieces cut or torn off : splinters.
181.	spellbound	<i>adjective</i>	held by or as if by a charm or incantation : fascinated.
182.	former	<i>adjective</i>	having been at some earlier time : onetime.
183.	cottonwood	<i>noun</i>	a fast-growing American tree that has a tuft of downy hairs on the seed.
184.	bossiness	<i>noun</i>	the quality or state of being like a dictator or like someone who rules over others in an oppressive or unjust way.
185.	blotch	<i>noun</i>	a spot or mark (as of color or ink) especially when large or oddly shaped.
186.	easily	<i>adverb</i>	without difficulty.
187.	skidded	<i>verb</i>	slipped sideways on the road.
188.	overseas	<i>adverb</i>	beyond or across the oceans : abroad.
189.	sheepish	<i>adjective</i>	embarrassed by awareness of a fault.
190.	gloomy	<i>adjective</i>	low in spirits : dejected.
191.	inkling	<i>noun</i>	a faint or slight suggestion : a hint.
192.	interesting	<i>adjective</i>	engaging the attention : capable of giving rise to curiosity or emotion.
193.	beginning	<i>verb</i>	starting.
194.	slouch	<i>verb</i>	to move, walk, stand, or sit with a manner characterized by ungainly stooping of head and shoulders or excessive relaxation of body muscles : to slump.
195.	foster	<i>adjective</i>	giving or receiving upbringing or parental care though not related by blood or legal ties.
196.	smirk	<i>noun</i>	a fake smile : a simper.

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197.	discarded	<i>verb</i>	got rid of as no longer useful, valuable, or pleasurable.
198.	rental	<i>noun</i>	a property given for use in return for payment.
199.	people	<i>plural noun</i>	human beings.
200.	saints	<i>plural noun</i>	people who are more charitable, patient, or virtuous than the average person.
201.	purchase	<i>noun</i>	something obtained for a price in money or its equivalent.
202.	shrivel	<i>verb</i>	to shrink and form wrinkles.
203.	limbering	<i>verb</i>	making flexible or pliant : loosening.
204.	sockets	<i>plural noun</i>	various hollows in body structures in which some other part normally lodges.
205.	squinched	<i>verb</i>	contorted the face as a signal or as an involuntary sign (as of pain).
206.	orca	<i>noun</i>	a relatively small toothed whale that is black above with white underparts and white oval-shaped patches behind the eyes : killer whale.
207.	newt	<i>noun</i>	any of various small semiaquatic salamanders.
208.	camel	<i>noun</i>	either of two large ruminant mammals used as draft and saddle animals in desert regions especially of Africa and Asia and peculiarly adapted to desert life.
209.	**spick-and-span OR spic-and-span	<i>adjective</i>	spotlessly clean.
210.	arrows	<i>plural noun</i>	missile weapons shot from a bow and usually consisting of a straight slender shaft that has a point or sharp head of stone or metal and feathers fastened near the end.
211.	tomorrow	<i>adverb</i>	on or for the day after today.
212.	distracted	<i>verb</i>	drew attention to a different object or compellingly and confusingly attracted in divergent directions at once.
213.	balance	<i>noun</i>	stability as a result of equally spreading your weight.
214.	probably	<i>adverb</i>	without much doubt : with practical certainty : very likely.

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215.	pottery	<i>noun</i>	an article made of fired clay.
216.	beyond	<i>preposition</i>	greater than the grasp or power of.
217.	twelve	<i>adjective</i>	being one more than 11 in number.
218.	respond	<i>verb</i>	to say something in return : to make an answer.
219.	grimy	<i>adjective</i>	full of or covered with soil, such as soot or dirt.
220.	arrive	<i>verb</i>	to reach a destination : to come to the end of a journey.
221.	archers	<i>plural noun</i>	persons skilled in the use of the bow and arrow.
222.	slather	<i>verb</i>	to spread thickly or lavishly.
223.	compute	<i>verb</i>	to make sense.
224.	switcheroo	<i>noun</i>	a reversal or surprising variation of a familiar or expected action or manner.
225.	donkeys	<i>plural noun</i>	domestic mammals of the genus <i>Equus</i> that are smaller than horses, with shorter manes and shorter hair on the tail, and with long ears.
226.	disband	<i>verb</i>	to break up the organization of : to dissolve.
227.	constant	<i>noun</i>	something that does not vary or change in its relationship or in an essential relationship with other things.
228.	balm	<i>noun</i>	a healing ointment.
229.	traditional	<i>adjective</i>	following or conforming to a cultural feature (as an attitude, belief, custom, institution) preserved or evolved from the past.
230.	bandage	<i>noun</i>	a narrow length of fabric used to cover a wound, hold a dressing in place, immobilize an injured part, or apply pressure.
231.	floral	<i>adjective</i>	of, relating to, or associated with a flower.
232.	bruise	<i>noun</i>	an injury, especially one produced by a blow or collision, that does not break the surface it injures.
233.	astride	<i>preposition</i>	on or above and with one leg on each side of.
234.	actually	<i>adverb</i>	in point of fact : in truth — used to imply that one would expect the fact to be the opposite of what is stated.

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235.	decide	<i>verb</i>	to make a choice or reach a solution.
236.	exciting	<i>adjective</i>	absorbingly interesting.
237.	smooshed	<i>verb</i>	squashed or mashed.
238.	shawl	<i>noun</i>	a usually square or oblong piece of fabric used especially as a covering for the head or shoulders.
239.	murals	<i>plural noun</i>	paintings or other works applied to and made integral with wall surfaces.
240.	casa	<i>noun</i>	a dwelling house.
241.	kneeling	<i>verb</i>	falling or resting on the joints in the middle part of the human leg.
242.	potion	<i>noun</i>	a liquid mixture or dose of a medicine or drug.
243.	devoured	<i>verb</i>	ate up greedily : consumed ravenously.
244.	rifled	<i>verb</i>	leafed through (as a book) rapidly or hastily.
245.	adorable	<i>adjective</i>	extremely charming or lovable : delightful.
246.	section	<i>verb</i>	to cut or separate into parts.
247.	puttering	<i>verb</i>	moving or acting without plan or purpose : occupying oneself aimlessly.
248.	python	<i>noun</i>	a large constricting snake (as a boa or anaconda).
249.	apartment	<i>noun</i>	a room or a set of rooms used as a dwelling and located in a private house, a hotel, or a building containing only such rooms or suites with hallways.
250.	yurt	<i>noun</i>	a circular domed tent of skins or felt used by herding peoples of inner Asia.
251.	bovines	<i>plural noun</i>	animals of a group of mammals that chew cud, including cattle and sometimes water buffaloes.
252.	rituals	<i>plural noun</i>	practices done or regularly repeated in a set precise manner and often felt to have a symbolic significance.
253.	Andean	<i>adjective</i>	of, relating to, or characteristic of a mountain system of South America extending along its western coast from Panama to Tierra del Fuego.

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254.	scrawled	<i>verb</i>	wrote hastily and carelessly : scribbled.
255.	arrested	<i>verb</i>	taken or kept in custody by authority of law.
256.	oftentimes	<i>adverb</i>	not seldom : frequently.
257.	embrace	<i>verb</i>	to clasp in the arms usually as a gesture of affection : to hug.
258.	ceiling	<i>noun</i>	the overhead inside lining of a room.
259.	adaptable	<i>adjective</i>	capable of being made suitable (as for a particular use, purpose, or situation) or of making oneself suitable.
260.	alternate	<i>verb</i>	to take turns.
261.	Chicago	<i>geographical entry</i>	city and port on Lake Michigan in northeastern Illinois.
262.	observations	<i>plural noun</i>	acts of recognizing and noting some fact or occurrence often involving the measurement of some magnitude with suitable instruments.
263.	**benefited OR benefitted	<i>verb</i>	to have been useful, helpful, or profitable to: aided.
264.	pistons	<i>plural noun</i>	sliding pieces moved by or moving against fluid pressure and each usually consisting of a short cylinder fitting within a cylindrical vessel along which it moves back and forth.
265.	pangs	<i>plural noun</i>	brief piercing bursts of pain.
266.	abodes	<i>plural noun</i>	places where people dwell : homes.
267.	declaration	<i>noun</i>	something that is openly made known, proclaimed, or publicly announced : formal statement.
268.	soldiers	<i>plural noun</i>	persons engaged in military service.
269.	cronies	<i>plural noun</i>	familiar friends : old chums.
270.	peevish	<i>adjective</i>	marked by ill temper.
271.	dredged	<i>verb</i>	to make a search of or dig into deeply with or as if with a tool for digging earth from the bed of a body of water.

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272.	**Navajo OR Navaho	<i>noun</i>	an Athapaskan people of northern New Mexico and Arizona ranging also into Colorado and Utah.
273.	adjusted	<i>verb</i>	changed the position of (as for better fit or appearance).
274.	temperature	<i>noun</i>	degree of hotness or coldness measured on one of several arbitrary scales based on some observable phenomenon.
275.	poppet	<i>noun</i>	little one, dear — used in Britain.
276.	intertribal	<i>adjective</i>	existing or occurring between social groups made up of numerous families, clans, or generations.
277.	Angola	<i>geographical entry</i>	a country in southwestern Africa on the Atlantic coast.
278.	contours	<i>plural noun</i>	shape, form.
279.	republic	<i>noun</i>	a government in which supreme power resides in a body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected representatives governing according to law.
280.	paradise	<i>noun</i>	a place of bliss.
281.	vertical	<i>adjective</i>	perpendicular to the plane of the horizon or to a primary axis : upright.
282.	equipment	<i>noun</i>	the implements used in an operation or activity.
283.	debit	<i>noun</i>	a charge against a bank deposit account.
284.	minerals	<i>plural noun</i>	various naturally occurring usually but not necessarily solid substances (such as ore, coal, precious stones, salt, sand) obtained for human use usually from the ground.
285.	container	<i>noun</i>	a receptacle (as a box or jar) for packing or shipment.
286.	economy	<i>noun</i>	a system concerned with the production, distribution, and consumption of goods.
287.	wrestle	<i>verb</i>	to contend by grappling with and striving to trip or throw down an opponent.
288.	overtly	<i>adverb</i>	publicly, openly.
289.	innocent	<i>adjective</i>	free from legal guilt or responsibility for wrongdoing or failure.

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290.	tallyho	<i>noun</i>	the cry sounded by hunters upon sighting the fox as it breaks from cover—usually used interjectionally.
291.	reservation	<i>noun</i>	an arranging in advance of some accommodation or service.
292.	flybys	<i>plural noun</i>	flights of a spacecraft past a celestial body (as Mars) close enough to obtain scientific data.
293.	inlet	<i>noun</i>	a narrow strip of water running into the land or between islands.
294.	pandemic	<i>noun</i>	an outbreak of a disease occurring over a wide geographic area and affecting an exceptionally high proportion of the population.
295.	doorjamb	<i>noun</i>	an upright piece forming the side of an entranceway into a building or a room.
296.	torment	<i>noun</i>	extreme pain or anguish of body or mind : severe distress : agony.
297.	evaded	<i>verb</i>	avoided answering directly (as a question or a questioner).
298.	instead	<i>adverb</i>	as a substitute.
299.	potential	<i>noun</i>	something that exists in possibility and can change or develop into actuality.
300.	Alberta	<i>geographical entry</i>	a province of western Canada located north of Montana.
301.	hematology	<i>noun</i>	a branch of biology that deals with the blood and blood-forming organs.
302.	efficient	<i>adjective</i>	marked by qualities, characteristics, or equipment that facilitate the serving of a purpose or the performance of a task in the best possible manner.
303.	unacknowledged	<i>adjective</i>	not generally known and openly stated to be real or true : not recognized, accepted, or admitted.
304.	brooding	<i>verb</i>	dwelling continuously or moodily on a subject.
305.	pioneered	<i>verb</i>	acted as one that begins or helps develop something new and prepares a way for others to follow : led the way.
306.	sedan	<i>noun</i>	an automobile having four or two doors and an enclosed body with permanent top of one compartment seating four to seven persons including the driver.
307.	menacing	<i>adjective</i>	presenting, suggesting, or constituting a threat : threatening.
308.	tiara	<i>noun</i>	a decorative band or semicircular ornament for the head often made of flowers, fabric, or metal for wear on formal occasions.



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309.	homeopathic	<i>adjective</i>	of or relating to the belief in or practice of a system of medical practice that treats a disease especially by the administration of minute doses of a remedy that would in larger amounts produce in healthy persons symptoms similar to those of the disease.
310.	exhilaration	<i>noun</i>	the feeling or the state of being refreshed, invigorated, or stimulated.
311.	feisty	<i>adjective</i>	having or showing a lively aggressiveness : spunky.
312.	configuration	<i>noun</i>	relative arrangement of parts.
313.	ruckus	<i>noun</i>	a noisy fight; especially : one involving a number of people.
314.	dissolute	<i>adjective</i>	unrestrained or lawless in conduct.
315.	confiscated	<i>verb</i>	seized by or as if by public authority.
316.	enamel	<i>noun</i>	a hard substance that forms a thin layer capping the teeth.
317.	retribution	<i>noun</i>	something given or exacted in compensation; especially : punishment.
318.	aggravate	<i>verb</i>	to make worse, more serious, or more severe : to intensify.
319.	acrid	<i>adjective</i>	unpleasantly or irritatingly sharp or strong to the taste or to the smell : stingingly bitter.
320.	ballast	<i>noun</i>	something that gives stability or weight especially in character, conduct, ideas, or morals.
321.	encompass	<i>verb</i>	to bring within : to include.
322.	ordained	<i>verb</i>	invested with ministerial or priestly functions.
323.	dais	<i>noun</i>	a platform raised usually above the floor of a hall or large room to give distinction or prominence to those occupying it.
324.	serum	<i>noun</i>	a clear fluid containing antibodies that is used in treatment of disease.
325.	batten	<i>verb</i>	to fasten by or as if by means of a reinforcing strip.
326.	ambient	<i>adjective</i>	surrounding on all sides : encompassing, enveloping.
327.	geopolitics	<i>plural noun</i>	a study of the influence of such physical factors as geography, economics, and demography upon the politics and especially the foreign policy of a state.

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328.	broached	<i>verb</i>	opened up a subject for discussion or debate.
329.	appendages	<i>plural noun</i>	persons accompanying or in constant attendance on another, usually as subordinates : hangers-on.
330.	tenets	<i>plural noun</i>	principles, dogmas, beliefs, or doctrines generally held to be true; especially : ones held in common by members of an organization, group, movement, or profession.
331.	seminary	<i>noun</i>	an institution for the training of candidates for the priesthood, ministry, or rabbinate.
332.	intubated	<i>verb</i>	treated by the introduction of a tube into a hollow organ (as the trachea or intestine) to keep the the organ open or to restore its openness if obstructed.
333.	counterfeit	<i>noun</i>	an imitation or replica markedly close or faithful to an original and typically made to deceive for gain.
334.	antidote	<i>noun</i>	a remedy to counteract the effects of poison.
335.	pomade	<i>noun</i>	a fragrant usually medicated ointment for the hair or scalp.
336.	Manhattan	<i>geographical entry</i>	an island 13 miles long in southeastern New York.
337.	humbug	<i>noun</i>	something empty of sense or meaning : drivel, nonsense.
338.	embossed	<i>verb</i>	adorned (as leather or metal) with raised work.
339.	smite	<i>verb</i>	to inflict punishment (such as destruction, death, or severe injury) upon as if by a stroke.
340.	provocation	<i>noun</i>	the act or process of stirring up or bringing about : stimulation, incitement.
341.	crevices	<i>plural noun</i>	narrow openings of some depth caused especially by a split : narrow recess-like slits.
342.	maniacal	<i>adjective</i>	indicating or suggestive of madness.
343.	defunct	<i>adjective</i>	having finished the course of life or existence : dead, deceased, extinct.
344.	deviation	<i>noun</i>	noticeable or marked departure from accepted societal norms of behavior.
345.	reenactment	<i>noun</i>	the process of performing again.
346.	offhandedly	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner showing no premeditation or preparation.

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347.	churned	<i>verb</i>	produced, proceeded with, or experienced violent motion or agitation.
348.	mutiny	<i>noun</i>	refusal to obey authority.
349.	apex	<i>noun</i>	the highest or uppermost point : summit, top, peak.
350.	subsidence	<i>noun</i>	the act or process of sinking to the bottom or settling : a falling, lowering, or flattening out.
351.	effigy	<i>noun</i>	a full or partial representation especially of a person.
352.	vestments	<i>plural noun</i>	garments worn during the rites of the Christian church.
353.	Lithuania	<i>geographical entry</i>	a country in north central Europe bordering on the Baltic Sea.
354.	Azores	<i>geographical entry</i>	islands of the North Atlantic constituting an autonomous region of Portugal and lying about 800 miles off the coast of mainland Portugal.
355.	tankard	<i>noun</i>	a tall one-handled drinking vessel; especially : a mug of silver or pewter with a lid.
356.	starboard	<i>noun</i>	the right side of a ship or airplane looking forward.
357.	maneuverable	<i>adjective</i>	capable of being guided or directed with skill and design.
358.	lurid	<i>adjective</i>	highly colored : extravagant, sensational.
359.	blasphemous	<i>adjective</i>	speaking or writing that is irreverent toward something considered sacred or held in high regard.
360.	chemotherapy	<i>noun</i>	the administration of one or more cytotoxic drugs to destroy or inhibit the growth and division of malignant cells in the treatment of cancer.
361.	proscribed	<i>verb</i>	condemned or forbidden as harmful : prohibited.
362.	emigrate	<i>verb</i>	to leave a home (such as a country) for life or residence elsewhere.
363.	Zimbabwe	<i>geographical entry</i>	a landlocked country in southern Africa south of the Zambezi River whose capital is Harare.
364.	impudence	<i>noun</i>	an attitude marked by disrespect or insolence : cocky self-assurance.
365.	oncologist	<i>noun</i>	a specialist in the study of tumors.

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366.	inaudible	<i>adjective</i>	incapable of being heard.
367.	telenovelas	<i>plural noun</i>	soap operas produced in Latin America and televised in or from many Latin-American countries.
368.	mullioned	<i>verb</i>	furnished with slender vertical usually nonstructural bars or piers forming a division between the lights of windows, doors, or screens.
369.	benighted	<i>adjective</i>	being in a state of intellectual, moral, or social darkness : unenlightened.
370.	philology	<i>noun</i>	the study of human speech especially as the vehicle of literature and as a field of study that sheds light on cultural history.
371.	prophetically	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner tending to indicate what is going to happen : like or characteristic of one who foretells future events.
372.	cul-de-sac	<i>noun</i>	a street that is closed at one end but usually has a circular area for turning around at that end.
373.	pell-mell	<i>adverb</i>	in mingled confusion or disorder.
374.	Sanskrit	<i>noun</i>	the ancient classical language of India and of Hinduism.
375.	parathas	<i>plural noun</i>	unleavened Indian wheat breads that are usually fried on a griddle.
376.	rejoinder	<i>noun</i>	a reply.
377.	preternaturally	<i>adverb</i>	in a manner lying beyond or outside ordinary experience : in a manner inexplicable by ordinary means.
378.	canid	<i>noun</i>	a member of a family of carnivorous mammals including the dogs, wolves, jackals, foxes, and extinct related animals.
379.	forsooth	<i>adverb</i>	in truth : certainly.
380.	masa	<i>noun</i>	a dough used in Mexican cuisine (as for tortillas and tamales) that is made from ground corn soaked in a lime and water solution.
381.	Leander	<i>noun</i>	in Greek mythology, a youth who swims the Hellespont nightly to visit Hero and who ultimately drowns in one of the crossings.
382.	pneumonia	<i>noun</i>	a severe disease that is marked by inflammation of lung tissue, is characterized by fever, chills, and difficulty in breathing, and is typically caused by an infectious agent (such as a bacterium, virus, or fungus).
383.	subservient	<i>adjective</i>	useful in an inferior capacity: subordinate.
384.	mercenary	<i>adjective</i>	serving merely for pay or gain : seeking sordid advantage.

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385.	trey	<i>noun</i>	a three-point shot in basketball.
386.	urchins	<i>plural noun</i>	impudent or roguish youngsters.
387.	xylem	<i>noun</i>	a complex tissue in the vascular system of higher plants, functioning chiefly in conduction but also in support and storage, and typically constituting the woody element (as of a stem).
388.	fumatorium	<i>noun</i>	an airtight compartment in which vapor may be generated to destroy fungal or insect pests (as on growing plants).
389.	deign	<i>verb</i>	to stoop to a less dignified level.
390.	catastrophe	<i>noun</i>	a momentous tragic and usually sudden event marked by effects ranging from extreme misfortune to utter overthrow or ruin.
391.	infrared	<i>adjective</i>	lying outside the visible spectrum at its red end.
392.	mausoleum	<i>noun</i>	a magnificent tomb.
393.	incontrovertible	<i>adjective</i>	not open to question : indisputable, certain.
394.	assimilation	<i>noun</i>	the act or process of receiving into the mind, considering, and thoroughly comprehending.
395.	conjugate	<i>verb</i>	to give in some prescribed order the various inflectional forms of.
396.	commemoration	<i>noun</i>	something marked by some ceremony or observation.
397.	conifers	<i>plural noun</i>	plants of an order of chiefly evergreen trees and shrubs having needle-like, linear, or lanceolate leaves and a woody cone or fleshy aril.
398.	Beijing	<i>geographical entry</i>	municipality constituting a special administrative unit in northeastern China and serving as the national capital.
399.	architrave	<i>noun</i>	the molded band, group of moldings, or other architectural member around a door or other opening especially if rectangular in form.
400.	andromeda	<i>noun</i>	a plant of a genus of low evergreen boreal or arctic shrubs with leathery leaves and drooping white or pinkish flowers.
401.	Spandau	<i>geographical entry</i>	a western section of Berlin, Germany, on the Spree River.
402.	estampies	<i>plural noun</i>	monophonic musical works of the late Middle Ages consisting of several repeated units that probably accompanied a dance.
403.	Penelope	<i>noun</i>	the wife of Odysseus who waits faithfully for him during his 20 years' absence.

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404.	roulette	<i>noun</i>	a gambling game in which players bet on which numbered red or black compartment of a revolving wheel a small ball spun in the opposite direction will come to rest in.
405.	lustrum	<i>noun</i>	a period of five years.
406.	Arcturus	<i>noun</i>	a giant fixed star of the first magnitude that is the brightest star in the constellation Boötes.
407.	hobbledehoy	<i>noun</i>	a usually awkward callow adolescent male : a gawky youth.
408.	**eurhythmics OR eurythmics	<i>plural noun</i>	a method of musical training for young people that involves specific body movements in response to changing accent patterns and pitches.
409.	miscellaneous	<i>adjective</i>	comprising members or items of different kinds.
410.	sackbuts	<i>plural noun</i>	medieval trombones.
411.	tilapia	<i>noun</i>	a type of African food fish that lives in fresh water and looks much like an American sunfish.
412.	caparisoned	<i>verb</i>	adorned.
413.	doppelgänger	<i>noun</i>	a living person who closely resembles another living person.
414.	Piraeus	<i>geographical entry</i>	a city in eastern Greece that serves as the port for Athens.
415.	**misericords OR misericordes	<i>plural noun</i>	small projections on the bottom of hinged church seats that give support to a standing worshiper when the seats are turned up; also : the seats themselves.
416.	aye-aye	<i>noun</i>	a nocturnal lemur found in Madagascar that has incisor teeth like those of a rodent and long fingers with sharp nails.
417.	trilby	<i>noun</i>	a soft felt hat with an indented crown.
418.	Jicarilla	<i>noun</i>	an Apache people of the western group ranging through southeastern Colorado, northern New Mexico, and adjacent sections of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.
419.	thurible	<i>noun</i>	a vessel for burning incense that is used in religious services.
420.	Vesuvian	<i>adjective</i>	marked by uncertainty or sudden outbursts : furious.
421.	saltarellos	<i>plural noun</i>	Italian dances characterized by a lively hop step at the beginning of each measure.

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422.	chatelaine	<i>noun</i>	an ornamental chain, pin, or clasp usually worn at a woman's waist to which trinkets, keys, a purse, or other articles are attached.
423.	cuirass	<i>noun</i>	any ancient close-fitting body armor.
424.	chachalacas	<i>plural noun</i>	large chiefly arboreal game birds that somewhat resemble wild turkeys but have a well-developed feathered crest and that are native to Central America and Mexico with one variety extending into southern Texas.
425.	urad	<i>noun</i>	a small-seeded Indian pulse resembling the related mung bean.
426.	hurdy-gurdy	<i>noun</i>	a stringed musical instrument resembling a lute in which the sound is produced by the friction of a rosined wheel turned by a crank against the strings and the pitches are varied by a set of keys.
427.	Alhambra	<i>noun</i>	the palace of the Moorish kings at Granada, Spain.
428.	kumkum	<i>noun</i>	red turmeric powder used for making the distinctive Hindu mark on the forehead.
429.	kirpan	<i>noun</i>	the sacred dagger of the Sikhs.
430.	**biryani OR biriani	<i>noun</i>	an Indian dish of meat, fish, or vegetables cooked with rice flavored especially with saffron or turmeric.
431.	Sikhism	<i>noun</i>	a monotheistic religion of India founded about 1500 and characterized by its allegiance to sacred scriptures.
432.	cirrhosis	<i>noun</i>	widespread disruption of normal liver structure caused by any of various chronic progressive conditions affecting the liver (such as hepatitis).
433.	Bangalore	<i>geographical entry</i>	a city in southern India west of Madras and capital of the state of Karnataka.
434.	cirque	<i>noun</i>	a deep steep-walled basin high on a mountain usually shaped like half a bowl and often containing a small lake.
435.	nom de plume	<i>noun</i>	a pseudonym assumed by a writer : a pen name.
436.	undine	<i>noun</i>	a water nymph : an elemental spirit of the water.
437.	marguerite	<i>noun</i>	a European herb having flower heads with small white or pink ray flowers and yellow disk flowers — called also English daisy.
438.	Tamil	<i>noun</i>	a Dravidian language of a southern state in India and of northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

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439.	garderobe	<i>noun</i>	a closet where clothes are stored.
440.	clerisy	<i>noun</i>	the well-educated or learned class.
441.	nares	<i>plural noun</i>	the openings of the nose or nasal cavity of a vertebrate.
442.	Andalusian	<i>noun</i>	a horse of Spanish origin that has a high-stepping gait.
443.	carillon	<i>noun</i>	a set of fixed bells sounded by hammers controlled by a keyboard.
444.	cortege	<i>noun</i>	a procession of mourners at a funeral.
445.	Gaels	<i>plural noun</i>	Celtic inhabitants of Ireland, Scotland, or the Isle of Man.
446.	fado	<i>noun</i>	a Portuguese folk song typically plaintive or mournful.
447.	athenaeum OR atheneum	<i>noun</i>	a building or a room in which books, periodicals, and newspapers are kept for use : a reading room.
448.	Ayurvedic	<i>adjective</i>	related to a form of alternative medicine that is the traditional system of medicine of India that seeks to treat and integrate body, mind, and spirit using a comprehensive holistic approach.
449.	chiasmus	<i>noun</i>	the inversion of the order of syntactical elements in the second of two juxtaposed and syntactically parallel phrases or clauses.
450.	Camelot	<i>noun</i>	a time, place, or atmosphere of idyllic happiness.