

# Vocabulary

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**abacus** n. A frame with rows of wires or grooves along which beads are slid, used for calculating

**abase** v. To lower in position, estimation, or the like; degrade

**abate** v. To lessen, to subside

**abbey** n. The group of buildings which collectively form the dwelling-place of a society of monks or nuns

**abdicate** v. To give up (royal power or the like)

**abdication** n. Giving up control, authority

**abdomen** n. Stomach and bowels

**abdominal** n. Of, pertaining to, or situated in the abdomen

**abduction** n. Carrying away of a person against his will, or illegally

**abed** adv. In bed; on a bed

**aberration** n. Straying away from what is normal

**abet** v. To aid, promote, or encourage the commission of (an offence)

**abeyance** n. Suspended action; temporarily suspended or not used

**abhor** v. To hate, to detest

**abhorrence** n. The act of detesting extremely

**abhorrent** adj. Very repugnant; hateful

**abidance** n. An abiding. A noun derivative of the verb abide

**abide** v. Accept or observe (a rule or decision), endure

**object** adj. Extremely unpleasant and degrading

**abjure** v. Promise or swear to give up

**ablution** n. A washing or cleansing, especially of the body

**abnegate** v. To renounce (a right or privilege)

**abnormal** adj. Not conformed to the ordinary rule or standard

**abominable** adj. Very hateful

**abominate** v. To hate violently

**abomination** n. A very detestable act or practice

**abrade** v. To wear away the surface or some part of by friction

**abrasion** n. Rubbing, scraping, wearing off

**abrasive** adj. Harsh or rough

**abridge** v. To make shorter in words, keeping the essential features, leaving out minor aspects

**abridgment** n. A condensed form, as of a book or play

**abrogate** v. Repeal or annul by authority

**abrupt** adj. Beginning, ending, or changing suddenly or with a break

**abscess** n. A Collection of pus in a cavity formed within some tissue of the body

**abscond** v. To go away suddenly (to avoid arrest)

**absence** n. The fact of not being present or available

**absent-minded** adj. Lacking in attention to immediate surroundings or business

**absolution** n. Forgiveness, or passing over of offences

**absolve** v. To free from sin or its penalties

**absorption** n. The act or process of absorbing

**abstain** v. To keep oneself back (from doing or using something)

**abstemious** adj. Characterised by self denial or abstinence, as in the use of drink, food etc.

**abstinence** n. Self denial

**abstruse** adj. Difficult to comprehend; obscure

**absurd** adj. Inconsistent with reason or common sense

**abundant** adj. Plentiful

**abusive** adj. Employing harsh words or ill treatment

**abysmal** adj. Immeasurably low or wretched, bottomless

**abyss** n. Bottomless gulf

**academic** adj. Of or pertaining to an academy, college, or university

**academician** n. A member of an academy of literature, art, or science

**academy** n. Any institution where the higher branches of learning are taught

**accede** v. To agree

**accentuate** v. Give more force or attention to

**access** n. A way of approach or entrance; passage

**accessible** adj. Approachable

**accession** n. Induction or elevation, as to dignity, office, or government

## 7.2

**accessory** n. A person or thing that aids the principal agent  
**acclaim** v. To utter with a shout  
**acclaimed** v. Praise enthusiastically and publicly  
**accolade** n. Praise, approval  
**accommodate** v. To furnish something as a kindness or favour  
**accompaniment** n. A subordinate part or parts, enriching or supporting the leading part  
**accompany** v. To go with, or be associated with, as a companion  
**accomplice** n. An associate in wrong-doing  
**accomplish** v. To bring to pass  
**accordion** n. A portable free-reed musical instrument  
**accost** v. Approach and address boldly  
**account** n. A record or statement of receipts and expenditures, or of business transactions  
**accredit** v. To give credit or authority to  
**accretion** n. The growing of separate things into one  
**accumulate** v. To become greater in quantity or number  
**accurate** adj. Conforming exactly to truth or to a standard  
**accursed** adj. Doomed to evil, misery, or misfortune  
**accusation** n. A charge of crime, misdemeanour or error  
**accusatory** adj. Of, pertaining to, or involving an accusation  
**accuse** v. To charge with wrong doing, misconduct, or error  
**accustom** v. To make familiar by use  
**acerbity** n. Sourness, bitterness  
**acetic** adj. Of, pertaining to, or of the nature of vinegar  
**achromatic** adj. Colourless  
**acid** n. A sour substance  
**acidify** v. To change into acid  
**acknowledge** v. To recognise; to admit the genuineness or validity of  
**acknowledgment** n. Recognition  
**acme** n. The highest point or summit  
**acoustic** adj. Pertaining to the act or sense of hearing  
**acquaint** v. To make familiar or conversant  
**acquaintance** n. A person one knows slightly  
**acquiesce** v. Agree (without protest)  
**acquiescence** n. Passive consent  
**acquire** v. To get as one's own  
**acquisition** n. Something acquired  
**acquit** v. To free or clear, as from accusation  
**acquittal** n. A discharge from accusation by judicial action

## Vocabulary

**acreage** n. Quantity or extent of land, especially of cultivated land  
**acrid** adj. Harshly pungent or bitter  
**acrimonious** adj. Full of bitterness  
**acrimony** n. Sharpness or bitterness of speech or temper  
**actionable** adj. Affording cause for instituting an action, as in the case of trespass, or slanderous words  
**actuality** n. Any reality  
**actuary** n. An officer, as of an insurance company, who calculates and states the risks and premiums  
**actuate** v. To move or incite to action  
**acumen** n. Quickness of intellectual insight, or discernment; keenness of discrimination  
**acute** adj. Having fine and penetrating discernment; critical and serious  
**adamant** adj. Inflexible, unwilling to change one's mind or be open to persuasion  
**addendum** n. Something added, or to be added  
**addle** v. To make inefficient or worthless; muddle and confuse  
**adduce** v. To bring forward or name for consideration  
**adhere** v. Remain faithful, stick fast to  
**adherence** n. Attachment  
**adhesion** n. Adhering, support  
**adieu** n. Good-bye; farewell  
**adjacency** n. The state of being adjacent  
**adjacent** v. Lying near, next to  
**adjudge** v. To award or bestow by formal decision  
**adjunct** n. Something joined to or connected with another thing, but holding a subordinate place  
**adjuration** n. A vehement appeal  
**adjutant** adj. Auxiliary, aide  
**administrator** n. One who manages affairs of any kind  
**admissible** adj. Having the right or privilege of entry  
**admittance** n. Entrance, or the right or permission to enter  
**admonish** v. To warn of a fault  
**admonition** n. Gentle reproof  
**ado** n. Unnecessary activity or ceremony  
**adoration** n. Profound devotion  
**adorn** v. Add beauty; decorate  
**adroit** adj. Having skill in the use of the bodily or mental powers  
**adulterant** n. An adulterating substance  
**adulterate** v. To make impure by the admixture of other or baser ingredients

## Vocabulary

## 7.3

**adulteration** v. Making impure, poorer in quality

**adumbrate** v. To give a faint or general idea of, foreshadow

**advent** n. The coming or arrival, as of any important change, event, state, or personage

**adverse** adj. Opposing or opposed

**adversity** n. Misfortune or difficulty

**advert** v. To refer incidentally

**advertiser** n. One who advertises, especially in the newspapers

**advisory** adj. Not mandatory

**advocacy** n. The act of pleading a cause

**advocate** n. One who pleads the cause of another, as in a legal or ecclesiastical court

**aerial** adj. Of, pertaining to, or like the air

**aeronaut** n. One who navigates the air, a balloonist

**aeronautics** n. The art or practice of flying aircraft

**aerostat** n. A balloon or other apparatus floating in or sustained by the air

**aerostatics** n. The branch of pneumatics that treats of the equilibrium, pressure, and mechanical properties

**aesthetic** adj. Pertaining to beauty, taste, or the fine arts

**affable** adj. Easy to approach, good-natured and sociable

**affect** v. To act upon

**affectation** n. A studied or ostentatious pretence or attempt

**affiliate** n. Some auxiliary person or thing

**affinity** n. Close connection, relationship

**affirmative** adj. Answering yes; to a question at issue

**affix** v. To fasten

**affluence** n. A profuse or abundant supply of riches

**affront** n. An open insult or indignity

**afire** adv. & adj. On fire, literally or figuratively

**afoot** adv. In progress

**aforsaid** adj. Said in a preceding part or before

**afresh** adv. Once more, after rest or interval

**afterthought** n. A thought that comes later than its appropriate or expected time

**agglomerate** v. To pile or heap together

**aggrandise** v. To cause something to appear greatly better than is justified by facts

**aggravate** v. Make worse; irritate

**aggravation** n. The fact of being made heavier or more heinous, as a crime, offence, misfortune, etc

**aggregate** n. The entire number, sum, mass, or quantity of something

**aggress** v. To make the first attack

**aggression** n. An unprovoked attack

**aggrieve** v. To give grief or sorrow to

**aghost** adj. Struck with terror and amazement

**agile** adj. Active, quick-moving

**agitate** v. To move or excite (the feelings or thoughts)

**agrarian** adj. Pertaining to land, especially agricultural land

**aide-de-camp** n. An officer who receives and transmits the orders of the general

**ail** v. Trouble; be ill

**ailment** n. Slight sickness

**airy** adj. Delicate, ethereal

**akin** adj. Of similar nature or qualities

**alacrity** n. Eager and cheerful readiness

**albeit** conj. Even though

**albino** n. A person with milky white skin and hair, and eyes with bright red pupil and usually pink iris

**album** n. A book whose leaves are so made to form paper frames for holding photographs or the like

**alchemy** n. Chemistry of the middle ages, characterised by the pursuit of changing base metals to gold

**alcohol** n. A volatile, inflammable, colourless liquid of a penetrating odour and burning taste

**alcoholism** n. A condition resulting from the inordinate or persistent use of alcoholic beverages

**alcove** n. A covered recess connected with or at the side of a larger room

**alder** n. Any shrub or small tree of the genus *Alnus*, of the oak family

**alias** n. An assumed name

**alien** n. Belonging to a foreign country, stranger

**alienable** adj. Capable of being estranged

**alienate** v. Estrange

**aliment** n. Food. That which nourishes

**alkali** n. Anything that will neutralise an acid, as lime, magnesia, etc.

**allay** v. To calm the violence or reduce the intensity of; mitigate

**allege** v. To assert to be true, especially in a formal manner, as in court

**allegiance** n. Duty, support, loyalty

**allegory** n. The setting forth of a subject under the guise of another subject of aptly suggestive likeness

**alleviate** v. Make (pain) easier to bear

**alley** n. A narrow street, garden path, walkway

## 7.4

## Vocabulary

**alliance** n. Any combination or union for some common purpose

**allot** v. To assign a definite thing or part to a certain person

**allotment** n. Portion

**allude** v. To refer incidentally, or by suggestion

**allusion** n. An indirect and incidental reference to something without definite mention of it

**alluvion** n. Wash of sea or river against shore or bank, flood

**ally** n. A person or thing connected with another, usually in some relation of helpfulness

**almanac** n. A series of tables giving the days of the week together with certain astronomical information

**aloof** adj. Reserved, indifferent

**altar** n. Any raised place or structure on which sacrifices may be offered or incense burned

**alter** v. To make change in

**alteration** n. Change or modification

**altercate** v. To contend angrily or zealously in words

**alternative** n. Something that may or must exist, be taken or chosen, or done instead of something else

**altitude** n. Vertical distance or elevation above any point or base-level, as the sea

**alto** n. The lowest or deepest female voice or part

**altruism** n. Benevolence to others at the cost of subordination of self-interest

**altruist** n. One who advocates or practices altruism

**amalgam** n. An alloy or union of mercury with another metal

**amalgamate** v. Mix, combine, unite societies

**amateur** adj. Practicing an art or occupation for the love of it, but not as a profession

**amatory** adj. Designed to excite love

**ambidextrous** adj. Able to use the left hand and the right equally well

**ambiguous** adj. Doubtful, uncertain

**ambitious** adj. Eagerly desirous and aspiring

**ambivalent** adj. Having both of two contrary meanings

**ambrosial** adj. Divinely sweet, fragrant, or delicious

**ambulance** n. A vehicle equipped for transporting the sick and wounded

**ambulate** v. To walk about

**ambush** n. The act or state of lying concealed for the purpose of surprising or attacking the enemy

**ameliorate** v. Improve, make better

**amenable** adj. Willing and ready to submit

**amendment** n. Improvement

**amicable** adj. Friendly

**amity** n. Friendship

**amorous** adj. Having a propensity for falling in love

**amorphous** adj. Without determinate shape

**amortize** v. End (a debt) by paying money at regular intervals

**amour** n. A love-affair, especially one of an illicit nature

**ampere** n. The practical unit of electric-current strength

**ampersand** n. The character '&'; and

**amphibious** adj. Living both on land and in water

**amphitheatre** n. An edifice of elliptical shape, constructed about a central open space or arena

**amplify** v. Make larger or fuller, increase the strength

**amplitude** n. Largeness

**amply** adv. Sufficiently

**amputate** v. To cut (as a limb) from the body

**amusement** n. Diversion

**anachronism** n. Anything occurring or existing out of its proper time

**anagram** n. The letters of a word or phrase so transposed as to make a different word or phrase

**analogous** adj. Corresponding (to some other) in certain respects, as in form, proportion, relations

**analogy** n. Reasoning in which from certain and known relations or resemblance, others are formed

**analyst** n. One who analyses or makes use of the analytical method

**analyse** v. To examine minutely or critically

**anarchy** n. Absence or utter disregard of government

**anathema** n. Anything forbidden, as by social usage

**anatomy** n. That branch of morphology which treats of the structure of organisms

**ancestry** n. One's ancestors collectively

**anecdote** n. A brief account of some interesting event or incident

**anaemia** n. Deficiency of blood or red corpuscles

**anaemic** adj. Affected with anaemia

**anemometer** n. An instrument for measuring the force or velocity of wind

**anaesthetic** adj. Pertaining to or producing loss of sensation

**anew** adv. Once more

**angelic** adj. Saintly

**Anglophobia** n. Hatred or dread of England or of what is English

## Vocabulary

7.5

**Anglo-saxon** n. The entire English race wherever found, as in Europe, the United States, or India

**angular** adj. Sharp-cornered

**anhymous** adj. Withered; free from water

**animalcule** n. An animal of microscopic smallness

**animate** v. To make alive

**animosity** n. Strong dislike

**annalist** n. Historian

**annals** n. A record of events in their chronological order, year by year

**annex** v. To add or affix at the end

**annihilate** v. To destroy absolutely

**annotate** v. To make explanatory or critical notes on or upon

**annual** adj. Occurring every year

**annuity** n. An annual allowance, payment, or income

**annul** v. Put an end to

**annunciation** n. Proclamation

**anode** n. Positive electrode or terminal

**anonymous** adj. Of unknown authorship

**antagonism** n. Mutual opposition or resistance of counteracting forces, principles, or persons

**ante** n. In the game of poker, to put up a stake before the cards are dealt

**antecede** v. To precede

**antecedent** n. One who, or that which, precedes or goes before, as in time, place, rank, order, or causality

**antechamber** n. A waiting room for those who seek audience

**antedate** v. To assign or affix a date to earlier than the actual one

**antediluvian** adj. Made, evolved, or developed a long time ago

**antemeridian** adj. Before noon (a.m. for short)

**antenatal** adj. Occurring or existing before birth

**anterior** adj. Prior

**anteroom** n. A room situated before and opening into another, usually larger

**anthology** n. A collection of extracts from the writings of various authors

**anthracite** n. Hard coal

**anthropology** n. The science of man in general

**anthropomorphous** adj. Having or resembling human form

**antic** n. A grotesque, ludicrous, or fantastic action

**antichrist** n. Any opponent or enemy of Christ, whether a person or a power

**anticlimax** n. Sudden fall or unsatisfactory release from tension

**anticyclone** n. An atmospheric condition of high central pressure, with currents flowing outward

**antidote** n. Medicine used against a poison or a disease

**antilog** n. Inconsistency or contradiction in terms or ideas

**antiphon** n. A response or alteration of responses, generally musical

**antiphony** n. An anthem or other composition sung responsively

**antipodes** n. A place or region on the opposite side of the Earth

**antiquary** n. One who collects and examines old things, as coins, books, medals, weapons, etc

**antiquate** v. To make old or out of date

**antique** adj. Pertaining to ancient times

**antiseptic** n. Anything that destroys or restrains the growth of putrefactive micro-organisms

**antislavery** adj. Opposed to human slavery

**antispasmodic** adj. Tending to prevent or relieve non-inflammatory spasmodic affections

**antistrophe** n. The inversion of terms in successive classes, as in "the home of joy and the joy of home"

**antithetical** adj. Directly opposing

**antitoxin** n. A substance which neutralises the poisonous products of micro-organisms

**antonym** n. A word directly opposed to another in meaning

**anxious** adj. Distressed in mind regarding some uncertain matter

**apartheid** n. Brutal racial discrimination

**apathetic** adj. Indifferent

**apathy** n. Insensibility to emotion or passionate feeling

**aperture** n. Hole

**apex** n. The highest point, as of a mountain

**aphorism** n. Proverb

**apiary** n. A place where bees are kept

**aplomb** n. Self-confidence

**apogee** n. The climax; the farthest or highest point

**apology** n. A disclaimer of intentional error or offence

**apostasy** n. A total departure from one's faith or religion

**apostate** n. One who abandons long-held religious or political convictions

**apostle** n. Any messenger commissioned by or as by divine authority

**apothecary** n. One who keeps drugs for sale and puts up prescriptions

## 7.6

**apotheosis** n. Deification, glorification to godliness  
**appal** v. To fill with dismay or horror  
**apparent** adj. Easily understood  
**apparition** n. Ghost  
**appease** v. Make quiet or calm  
**appellate** adj. Capable of being appealed to  
**appellation** n. The name or title by which a particular person, class, or thing is called  
**append** v. To add or attach, as something accessory, subordinate, or supplementary  
**appertain** v. To belong, as by right, fitness, association, classification, possession, or natural relation  
**apposite** adj. Appropriate  
**apposition** n. The act of placing side by side, together, or in contact  
**appraise** v. To estimate the money value of  
**appreciable** adj. Capable of being discerned by the senses or intellect  
**apprehend** v. To make a prisoner of (a person) in the name of the law  
**apprehensible** adj. Capable of being conceived  
**apprehensive** adj. Grasping, understanding; fear, unhappy feeling about the future  
**apprise** v. Give notice to, inform  
**approbation** n. Approval  
**appropriate** adj. Take for one's own use, acquire, set aside, suitable for situation  
**apropos** prep. Appropriate to the situation; apt  
**apt** adj. Well-suited, quick-witted  
**aqueduct** n. A water-conduit, particularly one for supplying a community from a distance  
**aqueous** adj. Of, pertaining to, or containing water  
**arabesque** n. A complex, ornate design  
**arbiter** n. One chosen or appointed, by mutual consent of parties in dispute, to decide matters  
**arbitrary** adj. Fixed or done capriciously  
**arbitrate** v. Decide by arbitration  
**arbour** n. A shady garden alcove with the sides and roof formed by trees or climbing plants trained over a framework  
**arboreal** adj. Connected with trees  
**arborescent** adj. Having the nature of a tree  
**arboretum** n. A botanical garden or place devoted to the cultivation of trees or shrubs  
**arboriculture** n. The cultivation of trees or shrubs  
**arcade** n. A vaulted passageway or street; a roofed passageway having shops, etc., opening from it

## Vocabulary

**archaeology** n. The branch of anthropology concerned with the systematic investigation of the relics of man  
**archaic** adj. Antiquated  
**archaism** n. Obsolescence  
**archangel** n. An angel of high rank  
**archdeacon** n. A high official administrator of the affairs of a diocese  
**archbishop** n. The chief of the bishops of an ecclesiastical province in the Greek, Roman, and Anglican church  
**archetype** n. A prototype  
**archipelago** n. Any large body of water studded with islands, or the islands collectively themselves  
**ardent** adj. Burning with passion  
**ardently** adj. With or full of ardour  
**ardour** n. enthusiasm  
**arduous** adj. Steep, difficult ascent; laborious; hard to accomplish or achieve  
**arid** adj. Very dry  
**aristocracy** n. A hereditary nobility  
**aristocrat** n. A hereditary noble or one nearly connected with nobility  
**armada** n. A fleet of war-vessels  
**armful** n. As much as can be held in the arm or arms  
**armory** n. An arsenal; a supply of arms for defense or attack  
**aroma** n. An agreeable odour  
**arraign** v. To call into court, as a person indicted for crime, and demand whether he pleads guilty or not  
**arrange** v. To put in definite or proper order  
**arrangement** n. The act of putting in proper order, or the state of being put in order  
**arrant** adj. Being notoriously extreme, without moderation  
**arrear** n. Something overdue and unpaid  
**arrival** n. A coming to a stopping-place or destination  
**arrogance** n. Proud, superior manner of behaviour  
**arrogant** adj. Unduly or excessively proud, as of wealth, station, learning, etc  
**arrogate** v. To take, demand, or claim, especially presumptuously or without reasons or grounds  
**Artesian Well** n. A very deep bored well; water rises due to underground pressure  
**artful** adj. Characterised by craft or cunning  
**articulate** adj. Speak distinctly, connect by joints  
**artifice** n. Trickery  
**artless** adj. Ingenuous

## Vocabulary

7.7

**ascend** v. Go or come up

**ascendant** adj. Dominant

**ascension** n. The act of rising

**ascent** n. Upward slope

**ascertain** v. To find out or learn with certainty

**ascetic** adj. Practicing self-denial, austere, stark

**ascribe** v. To refer to a supposed cause, source or author

**asexual** adj. Having no distinct sexual organs

**ashen** adj. Pale

**askance** adv. With a side or indirect glance or meaning

**asperity** n. pl. Roughness, harshness, ill temper and irritability

**aspersions** n. Slandorous remarks

**aspirant** n. One who seeks earnestly, as for advancement, honours, place

**aspiration** n. An earnest wish for that which is above one's present reach

**aspire** v. To have an earnest desire, wish, or longing, as for something high and good, not yet attained

**assail with** v. Attack violently

**assailant** n. One who attacks

**assassin** n. One who kills, or tries to kill, treacherously or secretly

**assassinate** v. To kill, as by surprise or secret assault, especially the killing of some eminent person

**assassination** n. Murder, as by secret assault or treachery

**assay** n. The chemical analysis or testing of an alloy ore. To estimate and evaluate

**assent** v. To express agreement with a statement or matter of opinion

**assess** v. To determine the amount of (a tax or other sum to be paid)

**assessor** n. An officer whose duty it is to assess taxes

**assets** n. pl. Property in general, regarded as applicable to the payment of debts

**assiduous** adj. Diligent, hard-working and sedulous

**assignee** n. One who is appointed to act for another in the management of certain property and interests

**assimilate** v. To take in and understand

**assonance** n. Resemblance of sound in words or syllables

**assonant** adj. Having resemblance of sound

**assonate** v. To accord in sound, especially vowel sound

**astringency** n. Acetate; a salt of acetic acid

**assuage** v. Make something (pain, desire) less

**assumption** n. Something supposed but not proved

**astringent** adj. Chemically biting

**astute** adj. Clever; quick at seeing to get an advantage

**atheism** n. The denial of the existence of God

**athirst** adj. Wanting water; having a strong eager desire

**athwart** adv. From side to side; across

**atomiser** n. An apparatus for reducing a liquid to a fine spray, as for disinfection, inhalation, etc

**atone** v. To make amends for

**atonement** n. Making amends for a wrongdoing; reconciliation

**atrocious** adj. Outrageously or wantonly wicked, criminal, vile, or cruel

**atrocious** n. Great cruelty or reckless wickedness

**attaché** n. A subordinate member of a diplomatic embassy

**attenuate** v. Make thin; weaken and enervate

**attest** v. To certify as accurate, genuine or true

**attorney-general** n. The chief law-officer of a government

**auburn** adj. Reddish-brown, said usually of the hair

**audacious** adj. Daring, foolishly bold and impudent

**audible** adj. Loud enough to be heard

**audition** n. The act or sensation of hearing

**auditory** adj. Of or pertaining to hearing or the organs or sense of hearing

**augment** v. To make bigger

**augur** v. To predict

**augury** n. Omen, sign

**august** n. Majestic, venerable

**aura** n. An energy field that is held to emanate from a living being

**aural** adj. Pertaining to the ear or to the sense of hearing

**auricle** n. One of the two chambers of the heart which receives the blood from the veins

**auricular** adj. Of or pertaining to the ear, its auricle, or the sense of hearing

**auriferous** adj. Containing gold

**aurora** n. A luminous phenomenon in the upper regions of the atmosphere

**auspice** n. Protection or support, patronage

**auspicious** adj. Favourable, successful, prosperous

**austere** adj. Severely simple; unadorned

**autarchy** n. Self-sufficiency and independence

## 7.8

## Vocabulary



**authentic** adj. Of undisputed origin

**authenticity** n. The state or quality of being genuine, or of the origin and authorship claimed

**autobiography** n. The story of one's life written by himself

**autocracy** n. Government in which one person possesses unlimited power

**autocrat** n. Any one who claims or wields unrestricted or undisputed authority or influence

**automaton** n. Any living being whose actions are or appear to be involuntary or mechanical

**autonomous** adj. Self-governing

**autonomy** n. Self-government

**autopsy** n. The examination of a dead body by dissection to ascertain the cause of death

**autumnal** adj. Of or pertaining to autumn

**auxiliary** adj. Helping, supporting

**avalanche** n. The fall or sliding of a mass of snow or ice down a mountain-slope, often bearing with it rock

**avarice** n. Passion for getting and keeping riches; Greed

**aver** v. Affirm, assert, prove, justify

**averse** adj. Reluctant

**aversion** n. Strong dislike

**avert** v. To turn away or aside

**aviary** n. A spacious cage or enclosure in which live birds are kept

**avid** adj. Eager, greedy

**avidity** n. Keen eagerness, consuming greed

**avocation** n. Diversion

**avow** v. admit. Declare openly

**awry** adv. & adj. Out of the proper form, direction, or position

**aye** n. An expression of assent

**azalea** n. A flowering shrub

**azure** n. The colour of the sky



### DICTIONARY BUILDER!

Find the antonyms of:

- assent
- arrival
- ascent
- anterior
- acquit

**bacterium** n. A microbe

**badger** v. To pester

**baffle** v. To foil or frustrate

**bailiff** n. An officer of court having custody of prisoners under arraignment

**baize** n. A single-coloured visually green napped woolen fabric used for table-covers, lining

**bale** n. Great evil, woe, sorrow

**baelful** adj. Harmful, ominous, causing evil

**baulk** v. Hesitate or be unwilling to accept a new idea

**ballad** n. Any popular narrative poem, often with an epic subject and usually in lyrical form

**balloon** v. Swell out like a balloon

**balm** v. Sweet-smelling oil; consolation

**balsam** n. A medical preparation, aromatic and oily, used for healing

**banal** adj. Uninteresting

**band** n. Flat, thin strip of material; range of frequencies

**bane** n. Cause of injury, poison, source of harm

**baneful** adj. Causing harm or ruin, pernicious, destructive

**baritone** adj. Having a register higher than bass and lower than tenor

**barograph** n. An instrument that registers graphically and continuously the atmospheric pressure

**barometer** n. An instrument for indicating the atmospheric pressure per unit of surface

**barrage** n. Artificial obstacle built across a river

**barren** adj. Not good enough, unable to have young ones, without value

**barring** prep. Apart from

**bask** v. To make warm by genial heat

**bass** adj. Low in tone or compass

**baste** v. To cover with melted fat, gravy, while cooking; to beat severely or soundly

**baton** n. An official staff borne either as a weapon or as an emblem of authority or privilege

**battalion** n. A body of infantry composed of two or more companies, forming a part of a regiment

**batten** n. A narrow strip of wood

**batter** n. A thick liquid mixture of two or more materials beaten together, to be used in cookery

**bauble** n. A trinket

**baulk** v. Hesitate or be unwilling to accept a new idea

**bawl** v. To proclaim by outcry



## Vocabulary

7.9

**bazaar** n. Market

**beatify** v. To bless, make happy, or ascribe a virtue to

**beatitude** n. Any state of great happiness

**beau** n. An escort or lover

**becalm** v. To make quiet

**beck** v. To give a signal to, by nod or gesture

**bedaub** v. To smear over, as with something oily or sticky

**bedeck** v. To cover with ornament

**bedizen** v. To adorn, especially in a cheap, showy manner

**bedlam** n. Scene of confusion and noise

**befog** v. To confuse

**befriend** v. To be a friend to, especially when in need

**beget** v. To produce by sexual generation

**begrudge** v. To envy one of the possession of something

**belate** v. To delay past the proper hour

**belay** v. To make fast, as a rope, by winding round a cleat

**belie** v. Contradict, give a false impression

**believe** v. To accept as true on the testimony or authority of others

**belittle** v. Cause to seem unimportant

**belle** n. A woman who is a centre of attraction because of her beauty, accomplishments, etc

**bellicose** adj. Belligerent, pugnacious, warlike

**belligerent** adj. (person, nation) Waging war

**belligerently** adj. Hostile, aggressive; Engaging in the act of waging war

**bemoan** v. To lament

**bend** v. Cause something to be out of a straight line

**benediction** n. A solemn invocation of the divine blessing

**benefactor** n. Person who has given help

**benefice** n. A church office endowed with funds or property for the maintenance of divine service

**beneficent** adj. Characterised by charity and kindness

**beneficial** adj. Helpful

**beneficiary** n. One who is lawfully entitled to the profits and proceeds of an estate or property

**benefit** n. Helpful result

**benevolence** n. Wish or activity in doing good

**benevolent** adj. Loving others and actively desirous of their well-being

**benign** adj. Kind and gentle; mild (climate)

**benignant** adj. Benevolent in feeling, character, or aspect

**benignity** n. Kindness of feeling, disposition, or manner

**benison** n. Blessing

**bequeath** v. To give by will. To hand down and transmit

**bequest** n. Arrangement to give something at death

**berate** v. Scold sharply

**bereave** v. To make desolate with loneliness and grief

**berserk** adj. Wild, frenzied

**berth** n. A bunk or bed in a vessel, sleeping-car, etc

**beseech** v. To implore

**beset** v. To attack on all sides

**besmear** v. To smear over, as with any oily or sticky substance

**bestial** adj. Animal-like

**bestrew** v. To sprinkle or cover with things strewn

**bestride** v. To get or sit upon astride, as a horse

**bethink** v. To remind oneself

**betide** v. To happen to or befall

**betimes** adv. In good season or time

**betroth** v. To engage to marry

**betrothal** n. Engagement to marry

**bevel** n. Any inclination of two surfaces other than 90 degrees; oblique

**bewilder** v. Puzzle, confuse

**biased** v. Cause to feel or show unfair prejudice against a person or group

**bibliography** n. A list of the words of an author, or the literature bearing on a particular subject

**bibliomania** n. The passion for collecting books

**bibliophile** n. One who loves books

**bibulous** adj. Fond of drinking

**bide** v. To await

**biennial** n. A plant that produces leaves and roots the first year and flowers and fruit the second

**bier** n. A horizontal framework with two handles at each end for carrying a corpse to the grave

**bigamist** n. One who has two spouses at the same time

**bigamy** n. The crime of marrying any other person while having a legal spouse living

**bight** n. A slightly receding bay between headlands, formed by a long curve of a coast-line

**bigot** n. Stubborn, narrow-minded person

**bilateral** adj. Two-sided

**bilge** n. Bulge, the protuberance of a cask

**bilingual** adj. Speaking two languages

**bio-graph** n. A bibliographical sketch or notice

**biography** n. A written account of one's life, actions, and character

**biology** n. The science of life or living organisms

## 7.10

**biped** n. An animal having two feet  
**birthright** n. A privilege or possession into which one is born  
**bitterness** n. Acridity, as to the taste  
**blandishment** n. Flattery, coaxing  
**blandness** n. Polite manner, comforting, uninteresting  
**blasé** *adj.* Indifferent to or bored with life. Unimpressed, as or as if from an excess of worldly pleasures  
**blaspheme** v. To indulge in profane oaths  
**blatant** *adj.* Open and unashamed  
**blaze** *n.* A vivid glowing flame  
**blazon** v. To make widely or generally known  
**bleak** *adj.* Lacking in warmth, life or kindness; Grim. Exposed and barren and often windswept  
**blemish** n. A mark that mars beauty  
**blithe** *adj.* Cheerful, casual, carefree  
**blithesome** *adj.* Cheerful  
**blockade** n. The shutting up of a town, a frontier, or a line of coast by hostile forces  
**blueprint** n. Plan, scheme, photographic print  
**blunt** *adj.* Plain, not troubling to be polite  
**bodice** n. A women's ornamental corset-shaped laced waist  
**boggle** v. Be alarmed, hesitate, amazed  
**bogus** *adj.* Sham, counterfeit, not genuine  
**boisterous** *adj.* Loud, noisy, rough, lacking restraint  
**bole** n. The trunk or body of a tree  
**bolero** n. A Spanish dance, illustrative of the passion of love, accompanied by castanets and singing  
**boll** n. A round pod or seed-capsule, as a flax or cotton  
**bolster** v. Give greatly needed support  
**bombard** v. To assail with any missile or with abusive speech  
**bombardier** n. An artillery man who has charge of mortars, bombs, and shells  
**bombast** n. Inflated or extravagant language, especially on unimportant subjects  
**boorish** *adj.* Crude, offensive, rude  
**bore** v. To weary by tediousness or dullness  
**borough** n. An incorporated village or town  
**bosom** n. The breast or the upper front of the thorax of a human being, especially of a woman  
**botanical** *adj.* Connected with the study or cultivation of plants  
**botanise** v. To study plant-life

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**botany** n. The science that treats of plants  
**bountiful** *adj.* Showing abundance  
**bowdlerize** v. To expurgate in editing (a literary composition) by omitting words or passages  
**bowler** n. In cricket, the player who delivers the ball  
**boycott** v. To place the products or merchandise of under a ban  
**brae** n. Hillside  
**braggart** n. A vain boaster  
**braid** n. Strands of hair woven together  
**brandish** v. To wave, shake, or flourish triumphantly or defiantly, as a sword or spear  
**brash** *adj.* Hasty, rush; cheeky, saucy  
**brass** n. Yellow metal (mixing copper and zinc)  
**bravado** n. An aggressive display of boldness  
**bravo** *interj.* well done  
**bray** n. A loud harsh sound, as the cry of an ass or the blast of a horn  
**brazed** v. To make of, or ornament with, brass  
**brazen** *adj.* Bold and shameless  
**brazier** n. An open pan or basin for holding live coals  
**breach** n. A violation of a law, rule or agreement; a opening, broken place; a breakdown of relations  
**breaker** n. One who trains horses, dogs, etc  
**brethren** n. pl. Members of a brotherhood, gild, profession, association, or the like  
**brevity** n. Shortness of duration  
**bric-a-brac** n. Objects of curiosity or for decoration  
**bridle** n. The head-harness of a horse consisting of a head-stall, a bit, and the reins  
**brigade** n. A body of troops consisting of two or more regiments  
**brigadier** n. General officer who commands a brigade, ranking between a colonel and a major-general  
**brigand** n. One who lives by robbery and plunder  
**brimstone** n. Sulphur  
**brine** n. Water saturated with salt  
**brisk** *adj.* Active, lively  
**brisket** n. Breast of an animal  
**bristle** n. One of the coarse, stiff hairs of swine: used in brush-making, etc  
**Britannia** n. The United Kingdom of Great Britain  
**brittle** *adj.* Easily broken  
**broach** v. Bring up, announce, begin to talk about  
**broadcast** *adj.* Disseminated far and wide  
**brogan** n. A coarse, heavy shoe

## Vocabulary

7.11

**brogue** n. Any dialectic pronunciation of English, especially that of the Irish people

**brokerage** n. The business of making sales and purchases for a commission; a broker

**bromine** n. A dark reddish-brown, non-metallic liquid element with a suffocating odour

**bronchitis** n. Inflammation of the bronchial tubes

**bronchus** n. Either of the two subdivisions of the trachea conveying air into the lungs

**brooch** n. An article of jewellery fastened by a hinged pin and hook on the underside

**brook** v. To tolerate, endure

**brotherhood** n. Spiritual or social fellowship or solidarity

**browbeat** v. To overwhelm, or attempt to do so, by stern, haughty, or rude address or manner

**brusque** adj. Somewhat rough or rude in manner or speech

**buffoon** n. A clown

**buffoonery** n. Low drollery, coarse jokes, etc

**bulbous** adj. Of, or pertaining to, or like a bulb

**bullock** n. An ox

**bulrush** n. Any one of various tall rush-like plants growing in damp ground or water

**bulwark** n. Anything that gives security or defence

**bumper** n. A cup or glass filled to the brim, especially one to be drunk as a toast or health

**bumptious** adj. Full of offensive and aggressive self-conceit

**bungle** v. To execute clumsily

**buoyancy** n. Power or tendency to float on or in a liquid or gas

**buoyant** adj. Able to float; light-hearted

**bureau** n. A chest of drawers for clothing, etc.

**bureaucracy** n. Government by departments of men transacting particular branches of public business

**burgeon** v. Grow forth, send out buds. To grow and expand rapidly

**burnish** v. To polish, rub to a shine

**bursar** n. A treasurer

**bust** adj. Run out of money

**bustle** v. To hurry

**butt** v. To strike with or as with the head, or horns

**butte** n. A conspicuous hill, low mountain, or natural turret, generally isolated

**buttress** n. Any support or prop

**by-law** n. A rule or law adopted by an association, a corporation, or the like



## DICTIONARY BUILDER!

Find the nouns of:

- belligerent
- brag
- bereave
- blaspheme
- believe



**cabal** n. a Scheme or plot, a group of plotters

**cabalism** n. Superstitious devotion to one's religion

**cabinet** n. The body of men constituting the official advisors of the executive head of a nation

**cacophony** n. A disagreeable, harsh, or discordant sound or combination of sounds or tones

**cadaverous** adj. Resembling a corpse

**cadence** n. Rhythmical or measured flow or movement, as in poetry or the time and pace of marching troops

**cadenza** n. An embellishment or flourish, prepared or improvised, for a solo voice or instrument

**cadge** v. To beg, to get by begging

**cajole** v. To impose on or dupe by flattering speech

**cajolery** n. Delusive speech

**calculable** adj. That may be estimated by reckoning

**calculus** n. A concretion formed in various parts of the body resembling a pebble in hardness

**calipers** n. Metal supports attached to the legs, measuring instrument

**callosity** n. The state of being hard and insensible

**callow** adj. Without experience of the world

**Calorie** n. Amount of heat needed to raise the temperature of 1kilogram of water by 1 degree centigrade

**calumniate** v. To slander, present false accusations

**calumny** n. Slander, aspersion

**Calvary** n. The place where Christ was crucified

**cameo** n. Any small engraved or carved work in relief

**campaign** n. A complete series of connected military operations

**canary** adj. Of a bright but delicate yellow

**candid** adj. Frank, straight-forward

**candour** n. The quality of frankness or outspokenness

**canine** adj. Characteristic of a dog

**canon** n. Any rule or law

## 7.12

**cant** v. To talk in a singsong, preaching tone with affected solemnity

**cantata** n. A choral composition

**canto** n. One of the divisions of an extended poem

**cantonment** n. The part of the town or district in which the troops are quartered

**canvass** v. Discuss thoroughly; sort of touting

**capacious** adj. Roomy

**capillary** n. A minute vessel having walls composed of a single layer of cells

**capitulate** v. To surrender or stipulate terms

**caprice** n. A whim. A disposition to do things impulsively

**capricious** adj. Fickle, whimsical, given to change, unpredictable

**caption** n. A heading, as of a chapter, section, document, etc

**captious** adj. Hypercritical

**captivate** v. To fascinate, as by excellence, eloquence or beauty

**carcass** n. The dead body of an animal

**cardiac** adj. Pertaining to the heart

**cardinal** adj. Of prime or special importance

**caret** n. A sign (^) placed below a line, indicating where omitted words, etc., should be inserted

**caricature** n. A picture or description in which natural characteristics are exaggerated or distorted

**carnage** n. Massacre

**carnal** adj. Sensual. Bodily

**carnivorous** adj. Eating or living on flesh

**carouse** v. To drink deeply and in boisterous or jovial manner

**carrion** n. Dead and putrefying flesh

**cartilage** n. A firm elastic animal tissue

**cartridge** n. A charge for a firearm, or for blasting

**caste** n. The division of society on artificial grounds

**castigate** v. To chastise, correct by punishing

**castigation** n. Severe punishment

**casual** adj. Happening by chance, careless

**casualty** n. A fatal or serious accident or disaster

**cataclysm** n. A violent upheaval or disaster

**catalyst** n. Substance that causes speeding up

**cataract** n. Opacity of the lens of the eye resulting in complete or partial blindness

**catastrophe** n. Any great and sudden misfortune or calamity

**cathode** n. The negative pole or electrode of a galvanic

battery

**Catholicism** n. The system, doctrine, and practice of the Roman Catholic Church

**catholicity** n. Universal prevalence or acceptance

**caucus** n. A private meeting of members of a political party to select candidates

**causal** adj. Indicating or expressing a cause

**caustic** adj. Biting, sarcastic

**cauterise** v. To burn or sear as with a heated iron

**cede** v. To pass title to. To yield

**censor** n. An official examiner of manuscripts empowered to prohibit their publication

**ensorious** adj. Judging severely or harshly

**censure** n. expression of blame or disapproval; a rebuke

**census** n. Official counting of the population

**centenary** adj. Pertaining to a hundred years or a period of a hundred years

**centilitre** n. A hundredth of a litre

**centimetre** n. A length of one hundredth of a meter

**centurion** n. Leader of a unit of 100 soldiers in the Roman army of ancient times

**cereal** adj. Pertaining to edible grain or farinaceous seeds

**ceremonial** adj. Characterised by outward form or ceremony

**ceremonious** adj. Observant of ritual

**cessation** n. Discontinuance, as of action or motion

**cession** n. Surrender, as of possessions or rights

**chagrin** n. Keen vexation, annoyance, or mortification, as at one's failures or errors

**chameleon** adj. Changeable in appearance

**chancery** n. A court of equity, as distinguished from a common-law court

**chaos** n. Any condition of which the elements or parts are in utter disorder and confusion

**characteristic** n. A distinctive feature

**characterise** v. To describe by distinctive marks or peculiarities

**charlatan** n. A quack. An Impostor

**chary** adj. Cautious, wary

**chasm** n. A yawning hollow, as in the Earth's surface

**chasten** v. To purify by affliction

**chastened** v. Corrected, punished

**chastise** v. To subject to punitive measures

**chastisement** n. Punishment

**chastity** n. Sexual or moral purity

**chateau** n. A castle or manor-house

## Vocabulary

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7.13

**chattel** n. Any article of personal property  
**chauvinist** n. Blindly devoted patriot  
**check** v. To hold back  
**chiffon** n. A very thin gauze used for trimmings, evening dress, etc.  
**chisel** n. Steel tool for shaping materials  
**chivalry** n. The knightly system of feudal times with its code, usages and practices  
**cholera** n. An acute epidemic disease  
**choleric** adj. Easily provoked to anger  
**choral** adj. Pertaining to, intended for, or performed by a chorus or choir  
**Christ** n. A title of Jesus  
**christen** v. To name in baptism  
**Christendom** n. That part of the world where Christianity is generally professed  
**chromatic** adj. Belonging, relating to, or abounding in colour  
**chronology** n. The science that treats of computation of time or of investigation and arrangement of events  
**chronometer** n. A portable timekeeper of the highest attainable precision  
**churl** n. Bad-tempered person  
**cinch** n. A very easy task  
**circulate** v. To disseminate  
**circumference** n. The boundary-line of a circle  
**circumlocution** n. Indirect or roundabout expression  
**circumnavigate** v. To sail around  
**circumscribe** v. To confine within bounds  
**circumspect** adj. Showing watchfulness, caution, or careful consideration  
**citadel** n. Any strong fortress  
**cite** v. Give as an example or a source; to refer to  
**claimant** n. One who makes a claim or demand, as of right  
**clairvoyance** n. Intuitive sagacity or perception  
**clamour** n. shout, complain with a lot of noise  
**clamorous** adj. Urgent in complaint or demand  
**clan** n. A tribe  
**clandestine** adj. Surreptitious. Secretive  
**clangor** n. Clanking or a ringing, as of arms, chains, or bells; clamour  
**clarify** v. To render intelligible  
**clarion** n. A small shrill trumpet or bugle  
**classify** v. To arrange in a class or classes on the basis of observed resemblance's and differences

**cleanse** v. Make pure, thoroughly clean  
**clemency** n. Mercy  
**clement** adj. Compassionate. Lenient  
**close-hauled** adj. Having the sails set for sailing as close to the wind as possible  
**clot** n. Half-solid lump formed from liquid  
**clothier** n. One who makes or sells cloth or clothing  
**cloture** n. Closing, device (in Parliament) to end a debate by voting  
**clumsy** adj. Awkward of movement  
**coagulant** n. produces a substance that coagulates  
**coagulate** v. To change into a clot or a jelly, as by heat, by chemical action, or by a ferment  
**coalescence** n. The act or process of coming together so as to form one body, combination, or product  
**coalescing** v. Coming together and uniting into one substance  
**coalition** n. Combination in a body or mass  
**coax** v. Get somebody to do something by kindness  
**coddle** v. Treat with care and tenderness, as an invalid  
**codicil** n. A supplement adding to, revoking, or explaining in the body of a will  
**coerce** v. Compel, to force to make obedient  
**coercion** n. forcible constraint or restraint, moral or physical  
**coercive** adj. Serving or tending to force  
**coeval** v. Of the same period, coexisting  
**cogent** adj. Appealing strongly to the reason or conscience  
**cogent** adj. Strong, convincing  
**cogitate** v. Think deeply, meditate  
**cognate** adj. Akin  
**cognition** n. Knowing, awareness (emotionless)  
**cognizant** adj. Being fully aware of  
**cohere** v. To stick together  
**coherent** adj. Sticking together  
**cohesion** n. Consistency  
**cohesive** adj. Having the property of consistency  
**coincide** v. To correspond  
**coincidence** n. A circumstance so agreeing with another: Often implying accident  
**coincident** adj. Taking place at the same time  
**collaborate** v. Work in partnership  
**collapse** v. To cause to shrink, fall in, or fail  
**collapsible** adj. That may or can collapse

## 7.14

**colleague** n. An associate in professional employment  
**collective** adj. Consisting of a number of persons or objects considered as gathered into a mass, or sum  
**collector** n. One who makes a collection, as of objects of art, books, or the like  
**collegian** n. A college student  
**collide** v. To meet and strike violently  
**collier** n. One who works in a coal-mine  
**collision** n. Violent contact  
**colloquial** adj. Pertaining or peculiar to common speech as distinguished from literary  
**colloquialism** n. Form of speech used only or chiefly in conversation  
**colloquy** n. Conversation  
**collusion** n. Secret agreement for a deceitful purpose  
**colossus** n. Any strikingly great person or object  
**combustion** n. Process of burning  
**comely** adj. Handsome  
**comestible** adj. Fit to be eaten  
**comical** adj. Funny  
**commemorate** v. Keep the memory of  
**commend** v. Praise  
**commendable** adj. Worthy of praise  
**commentary** n. A series of illustrative or explanatory notes on any important work  
**commingle** v. Mingle together  
**commissariat** n. The department of an army charged with the provision of its food and water and daily needs  
**commission** v. To empower  
**commitment** n. The act or process of entrusting or consigning for safe-keeping  
**committal** n. The act, fact, or result of committing, or the state of being  
**commodity** n. Something that is bought and sold  
**commotion** n. A disturbance or violent agitation  
**commute** v. To put something, especially something less severe, in place of; to travel  
**comparable** adj. Fit to be compared  
**comparative** adj. Relative  
**comparison** n. Examination of two or more objects with reference to their likeness or unlikeness  
**compensate** v. To remunerate  
**competence** n. Adequate qualification or capacity  
**competent** adj. Qualified  
**competitive** adj. Characterised by rivalry

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**competitor** n. A rival  
**complacence** n. Satisfaction with one's acts or surroundings  
**complacent** adj. Pleased or satisfied with oneself  
**complaisance** n. Politeness  
**compliance** n. Tending to comply, obliging, willingness to please  
**complaisant** adj. Agreeable  
**complement** v. To make complete  
**complex** adj. Complicated  
**compliant** adj. Yielding  
**complicate** v. To make complex, difficult, or hard to deal with  
**complication** n. An intermingling or combination of things or parts, especially in a perplexing manner  
**complicity** n. Participation or partnership, as in wrongdoing or with a wrong-doer  
**compliment** v. To address or gratify with expressions of delicate praise  
**comply** v. Act in accordance  
**component** n. A constituent element or part  
**comport** v. To conduct or behave (oneself)  
**composure** n. Calmness  
**compound** v. Make worse  
**comprehensible** adj. Intelligible. Capable of being understood  
**comprehension** n. Ability to know  
**comprehensive** adj. Large in scope or content  
**compress** v. To press together or into smaller space  
**compressible** adj. Capable of being pressed into smaller space  
**compression** n. Constraint, as by force or authority  
**comprise** v. Be composed of  
**compulsion** n. Coercion  
**compulsory** adj. Mandatory. Enforced  
**compunction** n. Feeling of regret for one's action  
**compute** v. To ascertain by mathematical calculation  
**conceal** v. Hide, keep secret  
**concede** v. To surrender  
**conceit** n. Over-high opinion of, too much pride  
**conceive** v. To form an idea, mental image or thought of  
**concerto** n. A musical composition  
**concession** n. Anything granted or yielded, or admitted in response to a demand, petition, or claim  
**conciliate** v. To obtain the friendship of

## Vocabulary

7.15

**conciliatory** adj. Reconciling, soothing, comforting, mollifying

**conclusive** adj. Sufficient to convince or decide

**concord** n. Agreement or harmony

**concordance** n. Harmony

**concur** v. Agree in opinion, happen together

**concurrence** n. Agreement

**concurrent** adj. Occurring or acting together

**concussion** n. A violent shock to some organ by a fall or a sudden blow

**condensation** n. The act or process of making dense or denser

**condense** v. Increase in density, strength, make laconic or to abridge

**condescend** v. To come down voluntarily to equal terms with inferiors

**condolence** n. Expression of sympathy with a person in pain, sorrow, or misfortune

**condone** v. Forgive

**conduce** v. To bring about

**conductive** adj. Contributing to an end

**conductible** adj. Capable of being conducted or transmitted

**conduit** n. A means for conducting something, particularly a tube, pipe, or passageway for a fluid

**confectionery** n. The candy collectively that a confectioner makes or sells, as candy

**confederacy** n. A number of states or persons in compact or league with each other, as for mutual aid

**confederate** n. One who is united with others in a league, compact, or agreement

**confer** v. To bestow

**conferee** n. A person with whom another confers

**confessor** n. A spiritual advisor

**confidant** n. One to whom secrets are entrusted

**confide** v. To reveal in trust or confidence

**confidence** n. The state or feeling of trust in or reliance upon another

**confident** adj. Assured

**confinement** n. Restriction within limits or boundaries

**confiscate** v. To appropriate (private property) as forfeited to the public use or treasury

**conflagration** n. A great fire, as of many buildings, a forest, or the like

**confluence** n. The place where streams meet

**confluent** n. A stream that unites with another

**conformable** adj. Harmonious

**conformance** n. The act or state or conforming

**conformation** n. General structure, form, or outline

**conformity** n. Correspondence in form, manner, or use

**confront** v. To encounter, as difficulties or obstacles

**congeal** v. Make or become stiff and solid

**congenial** adj. Having kindred character or tastes

**congest** v. To collect into a mass

**congregate** v. To bring together into a crowd

**coniferous** adj. Cone-bearing trees

**conjecture** n. A guess

**conjoin** v. To join together

**conjugal** adj. Pertaining to marriage, marital rights, or married persons

**conjugate** adj. Joined together in pairs

**conjugation** n. The state or condition of being joined together

**conjunction** n. The state of being joined together, or the things so joined

**connive** v. To be in collusion. Conspire

**connoisseur** v. A person with good judgement (e.g., in art)

**connotation** n. Suggestion in addition to

**connote** v. To mean; signify

**connubial** adj. Pertaining to marriage or matrimony

**conquer** v. To overcome by force

**consanguineous** adj. Descended from the same parent or ancestor

**conscience** n. The faculty in human beings to distinguish between right and wrong in character and conduct

**conscientious** adj. Governed by moral standard

**conscious** adj. Aware that one lives, feels, and thinks

**conscript** v. To force into military service

**consecrate** v. To set apart as sacred

**consecutive** adj. Following in uninterrupted succession

**consensus** n. A collective unanimous opinion of a number of persons

**consent** v. Give agreement or permission

**consequential** adj. Having significant consequences; pompous, self-important

**conservatism** n. Tendency to adhere to the existing order of things

**conservative** adj. Adhering to the existing order of things

**conservatory** n. An institution for instruction and training in music and declamation

**consign** v. To entrust

## 7.16

**consignee** n. A person to whom goods or other property has been entrusted  
**consignor** n. One who entrusts  
**consistency** n. A state of permanence  
**consolation** n. Consoling or being consoled  
**console** v. Give comfort or sympathy to  
**consolidate** v. To combine into one body or system  
**consonance** n. The state or quality of being in accord with  
**consonant** adj. Being in agreement or harmony with  
**consort** n. A companion or associate  
**conspicuous** adj. Easily seen; remarkable  
**conspirator** n. One who agrees with others to cooperate in accomplishing some unlawful purpose  
**conspire** v. To plot  
**constable** n. An officer whose duty is to maintain the peace  
**constellation** n. An arbitrary assemblage or group of stars  
**consternation** n. Surprise and fear, dismay  
**constituency** n. The inhabitants or voters in a district represented in a legislative body  
**constituent** n. One who has the right to vote at an election.  
**constrict** v. Make tight or smaller  
**consul** n. An officer appointed to reside in a foreign city, chiefly to represent his country  
**consulate** n. The place in which a consul transacts official business  
**consume** v. Get to the end of  
**consummate** v. To bring to completion  
**consumption** n. Gradual destruction, as by burning, eating, or by using up, wearing out, etc  
**consumptive** adj. Tending to consume  
**contagion** n. The communication of disease from person to person  
**contagious** adj. Transmitting disease  
**contaminate** v. To pollute  
**contempt** n. Scorn or despise  
**contemplate** v. To consider thoughtfully  
**contemporaneous** adj. Living, occurring, or existing at the same time  
**contemporary** adj. Living or existing at the same time  
**contemptible** adj. Worthy of scorn or disdain  
**contemptuous** adj. Disdainful  
**contender** n. One who exerts oneself in opposition or rivalry

## Vocabulary

**contentious** adj. Argumentative, pugnacious, combative, quarrelsome  
**contiguity** n. Proximity  
**contiguous** adj. Touching, neighbouring, near  
**continence** n. Self-restraint with respect to desires, appetites, and passion  
**contingency** n. Possibility of happening  
**contingent** adj. Not predictable  
**continuance** n. Continuation; the quality of endurance; permanence  
**continuation** n. Prolongation  
**continuity** n. Uninterrupted connection in space, time, operation, or development  
**continuous** adj. Connected, extended, or prolonged without separation or interruption of sequence  
**contort** v. Twist or bent out of normal shape  
**contraband** n. Trade forbidden by law or treaty  
**contradiction** n. The assertion of the opposite of that which has been said  
**contradictory** adj. Inconsistent with itself  
**contraposition** n. A placing opposite  
**contravene** v. To prevent or obstruct the operation of  
**contribution** n. The act of giving for a common purpose  
**contributor** n. One who gives or furnishes, in common with others, for a common purpose  
**contrite** adj. Filled with deep sorrow for wrongdoing  
**contrivance** n. The act planning, devising, inventing, or adapting something to or for a special purpose  
**contrive** v. To manage or carry through by some device or scheme  
**control** v. To exercise a directing, restraining, or governing influence over  
**controller** n. One who or that which regulates or directs  
**contumacious** adj. Insubordinate, rebellious  
**contumacy** n. Contemptuous disregard of the requirements of rightful authority  
**contuse** v. To bruise by a blow, either with or without the breaking of the skin  
**contusion** n. A bruise  
**conundrum** n. A riddle, dilemma, enigma  
**convalesce** v. To recover after a sickness  
**convalescence** n. The state of progressive restoration to health and strength after the cessation of disease  
**convalescent** adj. Recovering health after sickness  
**convene** v. To summon or cause to assemble  
**convenience** n. Fitness, as of time or place



## Vocabulary

7.17

**converge** v. To cause to incline and approach nearer together

**convergent** adj. Tending to one point

**conversant** adj. Thoroughly informed

**conversion** n. Change from one state or position to another, or from one form to another

**convertible** adj. Interchangeable

**convex** adj. Curving like the segment of the globe or of the surface of a circle

**conveyance** n. That by which anything is transported

**conviction** n. Firm belief

**convivial** adj. Devoted to feasting, or to good-fellowship in eating or drinking

**convoke** v. Call together, summon

**convoluted** adj. Complicated; coiled, twisted

**convolution** n. A winding motion. A complication or intricacy of form, design or structure

**convolve** v. To move with a circling or winding motion

**convoy** n. A protecting force accompanying property in course of transportation

**convulse** v. To cause spasms in

**convulsion** n. A violent and abnormal muscular contraction of the body

**copious** adj. Plenteous

**coquette** n. A flirt

**cord** n. Twisted strands

**cordial** adj. Warm and sincere

**cordon** n. Line (of police acting as a guard)

**cornice** n. An ornamental moulding, running round the walls of a room close to the ceiling

**cornucopia** n. The horn of plenty; symbolising peace and prosperity. Abundance

**corollary** n. A proposition following so obviously from another that it requires little demonstration

**coronation** n. The act or ceremony of crowning a monarch

**coronet** n. Inferior crown denoting, according to its form, various degrees of noble rank less than sovereign

**corporal** adj. Belonging or relating to the body as opposed to the mind

**corporate** adj. Belonging to a corporation

**corporeal** adj. Physical; of or for the body. Not immaterial or intangible

**corps** n. A number or body of persons in some way associated or acting together

**corpse** n. A dead body

**corpulent** adj. Obese

**corpuscle** n. A minute particle of matter

**correlate** v. Have a mutual relation

**correlative** adj. Mutually involving or implying one another

**corrigible** adj. Capable of reformation

**corroborate** v. To strengthen, as proof or conviction

**corroboration** n. Additional, strengthening evidence; confirmation

**corrode** v. To ruin or destroy little by little

**corrosion** n. Gradual decay by crumbling or surface disintegration

**corrosive** n. That which causes gradual decay by crumbling or surface disintegration

**corruptible** adj. Open to bribery

**corruption** n. Loss of purity or integrity

**cosmetic** adj. Pertaining to the art of beautifying, especially the complexion

**cosmic** adj. Pertaining to the universe

**cosmogony** n. A doctrine of creation or of the origin of the universe

**cosmography** n. The science that describes the universe, including astronomy, geography, and geology

**cosmology** n. The general science of the universe

**cosmopolitan** adj. Common to all the world

**cosmopolitanism** n. A cosmopolitan character

**cosmos** n. The world or universe considered as a system, perfect in order and arrangement

**countenance** v. To favour or approve of

**countenance** n. Mental composure, calm expression. Face

**counteract** v. To act in opposition to

**counterbalance** v. To oppose with an equal force

**counter-charge** v. To accuse in return

**counter-claim** n. A cross-demand alleged by a defendant in his favour against the plaintiff

**counterfeit** adj. Forgery

**counterpart** n. Something taken with another for the completion of either

**countervail** v. Counterbalance

**countryman** n. A rustic

**courageous** adj. Brave

**course** n. Line of motion or direction

**courser** n. A fleet and spirited horse

**courtesy** n. Politeness originating in kindness and exercised habitually

**covenant** n. An agreement entered into by two or more persons or parties

**covert** adj. Disguised

**covetous** adj. Eagerly desirous

## 7.18

**covey** n. A flock of quails or partridges  
**cower** v. Crouch; shrink back  
**coxswain** n. One who steers a rowboat, or one who has charge of a ship's boat and its crew under an officer  
**crag** n. A rugged, rocky projection on a cliff or ledge  
**cranium** n. The skull of an animal, especially that part enclosing the brain  
**crass** adj. Coarse or thick in nature or structure, as opposed to thin or fine. Gross  
**craven** adj. Cowardly  
**craving** n. A vehement desire  
**creak** n. A sharp, harsh, squeaking sound  
**crease** n. Line made by crushing; white line on the ground in cricket  
**credence** n. Belief  
**credible** adj. Believable  
**credulity** n. Too great a readiness to believe things  
**credulous** adj. Ready to believe things  
**creed** n. A formal summary of fundamental points of religious belief  
**crematory** adj. A place for cremating dead bodies  
**crevasse** n. A deep crack or fissure in the ice of a glacier  
**crevice** n. A small fissure, as between two contiguous surfaces  
**criterion** n. A standard by which to determine the correctness of a judgment or conclusion  
**critique** n. A criticism or critical review  
**crockery** n. Earthenware made from baked clay  
**crucible** n. A trying and purifying test or agency  
**crusade** n. Any concerted movement, vigorously prosecuted, in behalf of an idea or principle  
**crush** v. Press, lose shape, subdue, overwhelm  
**crustacean** adj. Pertaining to a division of arthropods, containing lobsters, crabs, crawfish, etc  
**crustaceous** adj. Having a crust-like shell  
**cryptic** adj. Secret, with a hidden meaning  
**cryptogram** n. Anything written in characters that are secret or so arranged as to have hidden meaning  
**crystallise** v. To bring together or give fixed shape to  
**cudgel** n. A short thick stick used as a club  
**culinary** adj. Of or pertaining to cooking or the kitchen  
**cull** v. To pick or sort out from the rest  
**culpable** adj. Guilty  
**culprit** n. A guilty person  
**culvert** n. Any artificial covered channel for the passage of water through a bank or under a road, canal

## Vocabulary

**cumbersome** adj. Burdensome, heavy and awkward to carry  
**cupidity** n. Avarice. Greed  
**curable** adj. Capable of being remedied or corrected  
**curator** n. A person having charge of a library or museum  
**curio** n. Something considered rare or bizarre  
**curmudgeon** n. Bad-tempered person  
**curriculum** n. Course of study  
**cursive** adj. Writing in which the letters are joined together  
**cursor** adj. Quick, hurried  
**curt** adj. Concise, compressed, and abrupt in act or expression  
**curtail** v. Make shorter than was planned  
**curtsy** n. A downward movement of the body by bending the knees  
**cycloid** adj. Like a circle  
**cygnet** n. A young swan  
**cynic** v. Person who sees no good in anything. A fault finding captious critic  
**cynical** adj. Exhibiting moral scepticism  
**cynosure** n. That to which general interest or attention is directed



## DICTIONARY BUILDER!

In this list there are 5 words where the starting 'co' means combine / together  
 Can you find them?

- colander
- cooperation
- coincide
- colossus
- cohere
- collocate
- collar
- codify
- correlate
- corpus



**daring** adj. Brave  
**darkling** adv. Darkening, characterised by darkness  
**dart** n. Quick movement; missile in darts  
**Darwinism** n. The doctrine that natural selection has been the prime cause of evolution of higher forms  
**dastard** n. A base coward

## Vocabulary

7.19

**datum** n. A premise, starting-point, or given fact

**daunt** v. Intimidate, make fearful

**dauntless** adj. Fearless

**dawdler** n. Person who is slow; waste of time

**day-man** n. A day-labourer

**dead-heat** n. A race in which two or more competitors come out even, and there is no winner

**dearth** n. Shortage

**debacle** n. A break-up, overthrow, sudden disaster

**debase** v. To lower in character or virtue

**debatable** adj. Subject to contention or dispute

**debonair** adj. Having gentle or courteous bearing or manner

**debut** n. A first appearance in society or on the stage

**decagon** n. A figure with ten sides and ten angles

**decagram** n. A weight of 10 grams

**Decalogue** n. The ten commandments

**decametre** n. A length of ten metres

**decamp** v. To leave suddenly or unexpectedly

**decapitate** v. To behead

**decapods** adj. Ten-footed or ten-armed

**decasyllable** n. A line of ten syllables

**deceit** n. Falsehood

**deceitful** adj. Fraudulent

**deceive** v. To mislead by or as by falsehood

**decency** n. Moral fitness

**decent** adj. Characterised by propriety of conduct, speech, manners, or dress

**deciduous** adj. Falling off at maturity as petals after flowering, fruit when ripe, etc

**decilitre** n. A liquid and dry measure of 10 litres

**decimal** adj. Founded on the number 10

**decimate** v. To destroy a measurable or large proportion of

**decipher** v. To find out the true words or meaning of, as something hardly legible

**decisive** adj. Conclusive

**declamation** n. A speech recited or intended for recitation from memory in public

**declamatory** adj. A full and formal style of utterance

**declarative** adj. Containing a formal, positive, or explicit statement or affirmation

**declension** n. The change of endings in nouns and adjectives to express their different relations of gender

**decorate** v. To embellish

**decorous** adj. Polite, decent

**decorum** n. Propriety, properness

**decoy** n. Anything that allures, or is intended to allure into danger or temptation

**decree** n. Order given by authority

**decrepit** adj. Enfeebled, as by old age or some chronic infirmity

**decry** v. Disapprove of

**dedication** n. The voluntary consecration or relinquishment of something to an end or cause

**deduce** v. To derive or draw as a conclusion by reasoning from given premises or principles

**deface** v. To mar or disfigure the face or external surface of

**defalcate** v. Deduct, curtail. To engage in embezzlement

**defamation** n. Malicious and groundless injury done to the reputation or good name of another

**defame** v. To slander. Malign someone's reputation

**default** n. The neglect or omission of a legal requirement

**defendant** n. A person against whom a suit is brought

**defensible** adj. Capable of being maintained or justified

**defensive** adj. Carried on in resistance to aggression

**defer** v. Postpone; give way (to show respect)

**deference** n. Respectful submission or yielding, as to another's opinion, wishes, or judgment

**deference** n. Respect

**deferential** adj. Showing respect

**defiance** n. Open disobedience or resistance

**defiant** adj. Characterised by bold or insolent opposition

**deficiency** n. Lack or insufficiency

**deficient** adj. Not having an adequate or proper supply or amount

**definite** adj. Having an exact signification or positive meaning

**deflect** v. Turn aside

**deforest** v. To clear of forests

**deform** v. To disfigure

**deformity** n. A disfigurement

**defraud** v. To deprive of something dishonestly

**defray** v. To make payment for

**defy** v. Resist openly

**degeneracy** n. A becoming worse

**degenerate** v. To become worse or inferior

**degradation** n. Diminution, as of strength or magnitude

**degrade** v. Reduce in rank or status

**dehydrate** v. To deprive of water

**deify** v. To regard or worship as a god

## 7.20

**deign** v. To deem worthy of notice or account  
**deist** n. One who believes in God, but denies supernatural revelation  
**deity** n. A god, goddess, or divine person  
**deject** v. To dishearten  
**dejection** n. Lowness of spirits  
**delectable** adj. Delightful to the taste or to the senses  
**delectation** n. Delight  
**deleterious** adj. Hurtful, morally or physically  
**delicacy** n. That which is agreeable to a fine taste  
**delineate** v. To represent by sketch or diagram  
**deliquesce** v. To dissolve gradually and become liquid by absorption of moisture from the air  
**delirious** adj. Wildly excited, to the point of mental unbalance  
**delude** v. To mislead the mind or judgment of  
**deluge** v. To overwhelm with a flood of water  
**deluge** n. Great flood, heavy rush of water  
**delusion** n. Mistaken conviction, especially when more or less enduring  
**demagnetise** v. To deprive (a magnet) of magnetism  
**demagogue** n. An unprincipled politician, appealing not to reasons  
**demeanour** n. Deportment  
**demented** adj. Insane  
**demerit** n. A mark for failure or bad conduct  
**demise** n. Death  
**demobilise** v. To disband, as troops  
**demolish** v. To annihilate  
**demonstrable** adj. Capable of positive proof  
**demonstrate** v. To prove indubitably  
**demonstrative** adj. Inclined to strong exhibition or expression of feeling or thoughts  
**demonstrator** n. One who proves in a convincing and conclusive manner  
**demulcent** n. Any application soothing to an irritable surface  
**demur** v. To raise objections  
**demurrage** n. The detention of a vessel beyond the specified time of sailing  
**dendroid** adj. Like a tree  
**dendrology** n. The natural history of trees  
**denigrate** v. belittle, sully, defame  
**denizen** n. Inhabitant  
**denominate** v. To give a name or epithet to  
**denomination** n. A body of Christians united by a common faith and form of worship and discipline

## Vocabulary

**denominator** n. Part of a fraction which expresses the number of equal parts into which the unit is divided  
**denote** v. To designate by word or mark  
**denouement** n. An outcome or solution; the unravelling of a plot  
**denounce** v. To point out or publicly accuse as deserving of punishment, censure, or odium  
**dent** n. Hollow, depression made by a blow  
**dentifrice** n. Any preparation used for cleaning the teeth  
**denude** v. To strip the covering from  
**denunciation** n. The act of declaring an action or person worthy of reprobation or punishment  
**deplete** v. To reduce or lessen, as by use, exhaustion, or waste  
**deplorable** adj. Contemptible. Deserving blame  
**deplore** v. To regard with grief or sorrow  
**deponent** n. One who gives evidence  
**depopulate** v. To remove the inhabitants from  
**deport** v. To take or send away forcibly, as to a penal colony  
**deportment** n. Demeanour  
**deposition** n. Testimony legally taken on interrogatories and reduced to writing, for use as evidence in court  
**deposition** n. Dethronement, depositing  
**depositor** n. One who makes a deposit, or has an amount deposited  
**depository** n. A place where anything is kept in safety  
**deprave** v. To render bad, especially morally corrupt  
**deprecate** v. To express disapproval or regret for, with hope for the opposite  
**depreciate** v. To lessen the worth of  
**depreciation** n. A lowering in value or an underrating in worth  
**depress** v. To press down  
**depression** n. A falling of the spirits  
**depth** n. Deepness  
**derelict** adj. Neglectful of obligation  
**dereliction** n. Deserting and leaving to fall into ruins  
**deride** v. To ridicule  
**derisible** adj. Open to ridicule  
**derision** n. Ridicule  
**derivation** n. That process by which a word is traced from its original root or primitive form and meaning  
**derivative** adj. Coming or acquired from some origin  
**derive** v. To deduce, as from a premise  
**dermatology** n. The branch of medical science which relates to the skin and its diseases

## Vocabulary

7.21

**derogatory** adj. Insulting; tending to damage

**descendant** n. One who is descended lineally from another, as a child, grandchild, etc

**descendent** adj. Proceeding downward

**descent** n. The act of moving or going downward

**descry** v. Catch sight of, see something in the distance

**desert** v. To abandon without regard to the welfare of the abandoned.

**desiccant** n. Any remedy which, when applied externally, dries up or absorbs moisture, as that of wounds

**desiccate** v. To dry up, dehydrate

**designate** v. To select or appoint, as by authority

**desist** v. To cease from action

**desistance** n. Cessation

**despair** n. Utter hopelessness and despondency

**desperado** n. One without regard for law or life

**desperate** adj. Resorted to in a last extremity, or as if prompted by utter despair

**despicable** adj. Contemptible

**despite** prep. In spite of

**despond** v. To lose spirit, courage, or hope

**despondent** adj. Disheartened

**despot** n. An absolute and irresponsible monarch

**despotism** n. Any severe and strict rule in which the judgment of the governed has little or no part

**destitute** adj. Poverty-stricken

**desuetude** n. Cessation of use; disuse

**desultory** adj. Aimless, haphazard, digressing at random

**detach** v. Separate

**deter** v. Discourage, hinder

**deteriorate** v. To grow worse

**determinate** adj. Definitely limited or fixed

**determination** n. The act of deciding

**deterrent** adj. Hindering from action through fear

**detest** v. To dislike or hate with intensity

**detract** v. To take away in such manner as to lessen value or estimation

**detraction** n. Slandering, verbal attack, aspersion

**detriment** n. Something that causes damage, depreciation, or loss

**detrude** v. To push down forcibly

**detumescence** n. Diminishing or lessening of swelling or state of tension

**deviance** n. Being different in moral standards (from normal)

**deviate** v. To take a different course

**devilry** n. Malicious mischief

**deviltry** n. Wanton and malicious mischief

**devious** adj. Out of the common or regular track

**devise** v. To invent

**devout** adj. Religious. Expressing devotion or piety

**dexterity** n. Readiness, precision, efficiency, and ease in any physical activity or in any mechanical work

**dexterous** adj. Clever, skilful with hands

**diabolic** adj. Characteristic of the devil

**diacritical** adj. Marking a difference

**diagnose** v. To distinguish, as a disease, by its characteristic phenomena

**diagnosis** n. Determination of the distinctive nature of a disease

**dialect** n. Forms of speech collectively that are peculiar to the people of a particular region

**dialogue** n. A formal conversation in which two or more take part

**diaphanous** adj. Light and semi-transparent

**diatomic** adj. Containing only two atoms

**diatribe** n. A bitter or malicious criticism

**dictate** v. Order

**dictum** n. A noteworthy statement

**didactic** adj. Pertaining to teaching

**difference** n. Dissimilarity in any respect

**differentia** n. Any essential characteristic of a species by reason of which it differs from other species

**differential** adj. Distinctive

**differentiate** v. To acquire a distinct and separate character

**diffidence** n. Lack of social boldness, shyness

**diffident** adj. Hesitant in acting or speaking through lack of self confidence

**diffusible** adj. Spreading rapidly through the system and acting quickly

**diffusion** n. Dispersion

**dignitary** n. One who holds high rank

**digraph** n. A union of two characters representing a single sound, as in 'ph' or 'ea'

**digress** v. To turn aside from the main subject and for a time dwell on some incidental matter

**dilapidated** adj. Fallen into decay or partial ruin

**dilate** v. To enlarge or expand in bulk or extent

**dilatory** adj. Tending to cause delay

**dilemma** n. A situation in which a choice between opposing modes of conduct is necessary

## 7.22

**dilettante** n. A superficial amateur. Dabbler  
**diligence** n. Careful and persevering effort to accomplish what is undertaken  
**dilute** v. To make more fluid or less concentrated by admixture with something  
**diminution** n. Reduction  
**dimly** adv. Obscurely  
**diplomacy** n. Tact, shrewdness, or skill in conducting any kind of negotiations or in social matters  
**diplomat** n. A representative of one sovereign state at the capital or court of another  
**diplomatic** adj. Characterised by special tact in negotiations  
**diplomatist** n. One remarkable for tact and shrewd management  
**disabuse** To undeceive, correct a false impression  
**disagree** v. To be opposite in opinion  
**disallow** v. To withhold permission or sanction, refuse to allow or accept as correct  
**disappear** v. To cease to exist, either actually or for the time being  
**disappoint** v. To fail to fulfil the expectation, hope, wish, or desire of  
**disapprove** v. To regard with blame  
**disarm** v. To deprive of weapons  
**disarrange** v. To throw out of order  
**disavow** v. To disclaim responsibility for  
**disbeliever** n. One who refuses to believe  
**disburden** v. Unload  
**disburse** v. To pay out or expend, as money from a fund  
**discard** v. To reject  
**discern** v. To recognize or identify as separate and distinct  
**discernible** adj. Perceivable  
**disciple** n. One who believes the teaching of another, or who adopts and follows some doctrine  
**disciplinary** adj. Having the nature of systematic training or subjection to authority  
**discipline** v. To train to obedience  
**disclaim** v. To disavow any claim to, connection with, or responsibility to  
**discolour** v. To stain  
**discomfit** v. To put to confusion  
**discomfort** n. The state of being positively uncomfortable  
**disconcert** v. Upset the self-possession of  
**disconnect** v. To undo or dissolve the connection or association of

## Vocabulary

**disconsolate** adj. Grief-stricken  
**discontinuance** n. Interruption or intermission  
**discord** n. Absence of harmoniousness  
**discountenance** v. To look upon with disfavour  
**discountenance** v. Refuse to approve of  
**discourse** n. Speech, lecture, conversation  
**discover** v. To get first sight or knowledge of, as something previously unknown or unperceived  
**discredit** v. To injure the reputation of  
**discredit** v. Refuse to believe  
**discreet** adj. Judicious  
**discrepant** adj. Inconsistent  
**discriminate** v. To draw a distinction  
**discursive** adj. Passing from one subject to another  
**discussion** n. Debate  
**disdain** v. Look on with contempt  
**disencumber** v. Free from encumbrance  
**disenfranchise** v. To deprive of any right privilege or power  
**disengage** v. To become detached  
**disfavour** n. Disregard  
**disfigure** v. To impair or injure the beauty, symmetry, or appearance of  
**dishabille** n. Negligent attire. A deliberately careless or casual manner  
**dishevelled** adj. Untidy  
**dishonest** adj. Untrustworthy  
**disillusion** v. To disenchant  
**disinfect** v. To remove or destroy the poison of infectious or contagious diseases  
**disinfectant** n. A substance used to destroy the germs of infectious diseases  
**disingenuous** adj. Sophisticated, artful, trying to deceive, cunning  
**disinherit** v. To deprive of an inheritance  
**disinter** v. Dig up from the earth  
**disinterested** adj. Impartial  
**disjunctive** adj. Helping or serving to disconnect or separate  
**dislocate** v. To put out of proper place or order  
**dislodge** v. Move, force from the place occupied  
**dismal** adj. Sad, gloomy, miserable  
**dismissal** n. Displacement by authority from an office or an employment  
**dismount** v. To throw down, push off, or otherwise remove from a horse or the like  
**disobedience** n. Neglect or refusal to comply with an authoritative injunction

## Vocabulary

7.23

**disobedient** adj. Neglecting or refusing to obey

**disown** v. To refuse to acknowledge as one's own or as connected with oneself

**disparage** v. To regard or speak of in a slighting manner

**disparate** adj. Essentially different

**disparity** n. Inequality

**dispassionate** adj. Free from passion

**dispel** v. To drive away by or as by scattering in different directions

**dispensation** n. That which is bestowed on or appointed to one from a higher power. A general state or order of things

**displace** v. To put out of the proper or accustomed place

**dispossess** v. To deprive of actual occupancy, especially of real estate

**disputation** n. Verbal controversy

**disqualify** v. To debar

**disquiet** v. To deprive of peace or tranquillity

**disregard** v. To take no notice of

**disreputable** adj. Dishonourable or disgraceful

**disrobe** v. To unclothe

**disrupt** v. To burst or break asunder

**dissatisfy** v. To displease

**dissect** v. To cut apart or to pieces

**dissection** n. The act or operation of cutting in pieces, specifically of a plant or an animal

**dissemble** v. Speak or behave so as to hide something (in mind)

**disseminate** v. To sow or scatter abroad, distribute

**dissension** n. Angry or violent difference of opinion

**dissent** n. Disagreement

**dissent** v. Have a different opinion, refuse to assent

**dissentient** n. One who disagrees

**dissentious** adj. Contentious

**dissertation** n. Thesis

**disservice** n. Harm

**dissever** v. To divide

**dissimilar** adj. Different

**dissipate** v. To disperse or disappear

**dissipation** n. The state of being dispersed or scattered

**dissolute** adj. Lewd

**dissolution** n. A breaking up of a union of persons

**dissolve** v. To liquefy or soften, as by heat or moisture

**dissonance** n. Discord

**dissonant** adj. Harsh or disagreeable in sound

**dissuade** v. To change the purpose or alter the plans of by persuasion, counsel, or pleading

**dissuasion** n. The act of changing the purpose of or altering the plans of through persuasion, or pleading

**distemper** n. A disease or malady

**distend** v. To stretch out or expand in every direction. Swell

**distensible** adj. Capable of being stretched out or expanded in every direction

**distension** n. Expansion

**distil** v. To extract or produce by vaporisation and condensation

**distillation** n. Separation of the more volatile parts of a substance from those less volatile

**distiller** n. One occupied in the business of distilling alcoholic liquors

**distinct** adj. Easily heard, seen, understood, clearly marked

**distinction** n. A note or designation of honour, officially recognising superiority or success in studies

**distort** v. To twist into an unnatural or irregular form

**distorted** adj. Pulled out of the usual shape, give a false account of

**distrain** v. Seize someone's property in order to obtain payment for rent or some other money owed

**distraught** adj. Bewildered, distracted

**distress** n. Great pain; cause discomfort

**distrust** n. Lack of confidence in the power, wisdom, or good intent of any person

**disunion** n. Separation of relations or interests

**disyllable** n. A word of two syllables

**diurnal** adj. Daily

**divagation** n. Digression and divergence

**divergence** n. Getting farther apart from a point

**divergent** adj. Tending in different directions

**diverse** adj. Capable of various forms

**diversion** n. Pastime

**diversity** n. Dissimilitude

**divert** v. To turn from the accustomed course or a line of action already established

**divertible** adj. Able to be turned from the accustomed course or a line of action already established

**divest** v. To strip, specifically of clothes, ornaments, or accoutrements or disinvestment

**divestiture** n. Taking off, getting rid of, giving up

**divination** n. The pretended forecast of future events or discovery of what is lost or hidden

## 7.24

**divinity** n. The quality or character of being godlike  
**divisible** adj. Capable of being separated into parts  
**divisor** n. That by which a number or quantity is divided  
**divulge** v. To tell or make known, as something previously private or secret  
**divulgence** n. Disclosure  
**docket** n. The registry of judgments of a court  
**doe** n. The female of the deer  
**doggerel** adj. & n. Trivial, poorly constructed verse  
**dogma** n. A statement of religious faith or duty formulated by a body claiming authority  
**dogmatic** adj. Making statements without evidence, arbitrary, without room for discussion  
**dogmatism** n. Being dogmatic  
**dogmatise** v. To make positive assertions without supporting them by argument or evidence  
**doleful** adj. Melancholy  
**dolour** n. Lamentation. Sorrow. Mental suffering or anguish  
**dolorous** adj. Expressing or causing sorrow or pain  
**dolt** n. Stupid fellow  
**domain** n. A sphere or field of action or interest  
**domesticity** n. Life in or fondness for one's home and family  
**domicile** n. The place where one lives  
**dominance** n. Ascendancy  
**dominant** adj. Conspicuously prominent  
**dominate** v. To influence, control  
**domination** n. Control by the exercise of power or constituted authority  
**domineer** v. To rule with insolence or unnecessary annoyance  
**donate** v. To bestow as a gift, especially for a worthy cause  
**donee** n. A person to whom a donation is made  
**donor** n. One who makes a donation or present  
**dormant** adj. Being in a state of or resembling sleep or inactivity but awaiting development  
**dote** v. Show much fondness, centre one's attention  
**doublet** n. One of a pair of like things  
**doubly** adv. In twofold degree or extent  
**dowry** n. The property which a wife brings to her husband in marriage  
**drachma** n. A modern and an ancient Greek coin  
**dragnet** n. A net to be drawn along the bottom of the water

## Vocabulary

**dragoon** n. In the British army, a cavalryman  
**drainage** n. The means of draining collectively, as a system of conduits, trenches, pipes, etc  
**dramatist** n. One who writes plays  
**dramatise** v. To relate or represent in a dramatic or theatrical manner  
**drastic** adj. Acting vigorously  
**drone** n. Male bee, person who isn't self-employed  
**drought** n. Dry weather, especially when so long continued as to cause vegetation to wither  
**drowsiness** n. Feeling sleepy, half asleep  
**drowsy** adj. Heavy with sleepiness  
**drudgery** n. Hard and constant work in any menial or dull occupation  
**dubious** adj. Doubtful  
**duckling** n. A young duck  
**ductile** adj. Capable of being drawn out, as into wire or a thread  
**dud** n. No use person, that which fails  
**duet** n. A composition for two voices or instruments  
**dulcet** adj. Melodious, harmonious  
**dun** v. To make a demand or repeated demands on for payment  
**dupe** v. Cheat, make a fool of  
**duplex** adj. Having two parts  
**duplicity** n. Double-dealing  
**durance** n. Confinement  
**duration** n. The period of time during which anything lasts  
**duress** n. Threats to compel  
**duteous** adj. Showing submission to natural superiors  
**dutiable** adj. Subject to a duty, especially a customs duty  
**dutiful** adj. Obedient  
**dwarf** n. Person much below the usual size  
**dwindle** v. To diminish or become less



### DICTIONARY BUILDER!

Find out at least two different meanings for the following words

- deposit
- despite
- dice
- die
- discord





**earnest** adj. Ardent in spirit and speech

**earthenware** n. Anything made of clay and baked in a kiln or dried in the sun

**eatable** adj. Edible

**ebullience** n. Exuberance. Cheerful and full of energy

**ebullient** adj. Showing enthusiasm or exhilaration of feeling

**eccentric** adj. Peculiar

**eccentricity** n. Idiosyncrasy

**eclipse** n. The obstruction of a heavenly body by its entering into the shadow of another body

**economise** v. To spend sparingly

**ecstasy** n. Rapturous excitement or exaltation

**ecstatic** adj. Enraptured

**ecumenical** adj. Representing the whole Christian world. Worldwide or general in extent and influence

**edacious** adj. Voracious, devouring

**eddy** n. Circular or spiral movement (e.g., of wind)

**edible** adj. Suitable to be eaten

**edict** n. That which is uttered or proclaimed by authority as a rule of action

**edify** v. To build up, or strengthen, especially in morals or religion

**editorial** n. An article in a periodical written by the editor and published as an official argument

**educe** v. To draw out

**efface** v. To obliterate

**effect** n. A consequence

**effective** adj. Fit for a destined purpose

**effectual** adj. Efficient

**effeminacy** n. Characterised by attributes typical of a woman; unmanly, used in a derogative sense

**effeminate** adj. Having womanish traits or qualities

**effervesce** v. To bubble up

**effervescent** adj. Giving off bubbles of gas

**effete** adj. Infertile, worn out, weak

**efficacious** adj. Effective

**efficacy** n. The power to produce an intended effect as shown in the production of it

**efficiency** n. The state of possessing adequate skill or knowledge for the performance of a duty

**efficient** adj. Having and exercising the power to produce effects or results

**efflorescence** n. Blossoming. Fullness of manifestation; culmination

**efflorescent** adj. Opening in flower

**effluvia** n. Outflow in a stream of particles; a noxious odour or vapour

**effluvium** n. A noxious or ill-smelling exhalation from decaying or putrefying matter

**effrontery** n. Unblushing impudence

**effulgence** n. Splendour. Brilliance

**effuse** v. To pour forth

**effusion** n. An outpouring

**egoism** n. The theory that places man's chief good in the completeness of self

**egoist** n. One who advocates or practices egoism

**egotism** n. Self-conceit

**egotist** n. One given to self-mention or who is constantly telling of his own views and experiences

**egregious** adj. Conspicuously bad

**egress** n. Any place of exit

**eject** v. To expel

**elaborate** adj. Worked out with much care in great detail

**elapse** v. To quietly terminate: said of time. Pass

**elasticity** n. That property of matter by which a body tends to return to a former shape after being changed

**elate** v. To fill with joy or pride

**elation** n. High-spirits

**electorate** n. All the electors

**electrolysis** n. The process of decomposing a chemical compound by the passage of an electric current

**electrotype** n. A metallic copy of any surface, as a coin

**elegy** n. A lyric poem lamenting the dead

**element** n. A component or an essential part

**elicit** v. To educe or extract gradually or without violence

**eligible** adj. Qualified for selection

**eliminate** v. To separate and cast aside

**Elizabethan** adj. Relating to Elizabeth, queen of England, or to her era

**elocution** n. The art of correct intonation, inflection, and gesture in public speaking or reading

**eloquence** n. Fluent speaking; skilful use of language

**eloquent** adj. Marked by forceful and fluent expression

**elucidate** v. To bring out more clearly the facts concerning

**elude** v. To evade the search or pursuit of by dexterity or artifice

**elusion** n. Evasion

**emaciate** v. To waste away in flesh

## 7.26

**emanate** v. To flow forth or proceed, as from some source  
**emancipate** v. To release from bondage and restraint  
**embargo** n. Authoritative stoppage of foreign commerce or of any special trade  
**embark** v. To make a beginning in some occupation or scheme  
**embarrass** v. To render flustered or agitated  
**embellish** v. To make beautiful or elegant by adding attractive or ornamental features  
**embezzle** v. To misappropriate secretly  
**emblazon** v. To set forth publicly or in glowing terms. To celebrate or extol  
**emblem** n. A symbol  
**embody** v. To express, formulate, or exemplify in a concrete, compact or visible form  
**embolden** v. To give courage to  
**embolism** n. An obstruction or plugging up of an artery or other blood-vessel  
**embroil** v. To involve in dissension or strife  
**emerge** v. To come into view or into existence  
**emergence** n. A coming into view  
**emergent** adj. Coming into view  
**emeritus** adj. Retired from active service but retained to an honorary position  
**emigrant** n. One who moves from one place to settle in another  
**emigrate** v. To go from one country, state, or region for the purpose of settling or residing in another  
**eminence** n. An elevated position with respect to rank, place, character, condition, etc  
**eminent** adj. High in station, merit, or esteem  
**emit** v. To send or give out  
**emulous** adj. Seeking to resemble someone or something  
**emote** v. Stir up, excite  
**emphasis** n. Any special impressiveness added to an utterance or act, or stress laid upon some word  
**emphasise** v. To articulate or enunciate with special impressiveness upon a word, or a group of words  
**emphatic** adj. Spoken with any special impressiveness laid upon an act, word, or set of words  
**empirical** adj. Relying on experiment  
**employee** n. One who works for wages or a salary  
**employer** n. One who uses or engages the services of other persons for pay  
**emporium** n. A bazaar or shop  
**empower** v. To delegate authority to

## Vocabulary

**emulate** v. To imitate with intent to equal or surpass  
**enact** v. To make into law, as by legislative act  
**enamour** v. To inspire with ardent love  
**encamp** v. To pitch tents for a resting-place  
**encapsulate** v. Enclose in capsule  
**encomium** n. A formal or discriminating expression of praise  
**encompass** v. To encircle  
**encore** n. The call for a repetition, as of some part of a play or performance  
**encourage** v. To inspire with courage, hope, or strength of mind  
**encroach** v. To invade partially or insidiously and appropriate the possessions of another  
**encumber** v. To impede with obstacles  
**encumbrance** n. Burden; things that get on the way of  
**encyclical** adj. Intended for general circulation  
**encyclopaedia** n. A work containing information on subjects, or exhaustive of one subject  
**endanger** v. To expose to peril  
**endear** v. To cause to be loved  
**endearing** adj. Inspiring affection  
**endemic** adj. Peculiar to some specified country or people  
**endorse** v. Write one's name on the back of  
**endue** v. To endow with some quality, gift, or grace, usually spiritual  
**endurable** adj. Tolerable  
**endurance** n. The ability to suffer pain, distress, hardship, or stress of any kind without succumbing  
**enduring** adj. Lasting  
**energetic** adj. Working vigorously  
**enervate** v. Lacking physical mental or moral vigor  
**enfeeble** v. To debilitate. Deprive of strength  
**enfranchise** v. To endow with a privilege, especially with the right to vote  
**engender** v. To produce, cause  
**engrave** v. To cut or carve in or upon some surface  
**engross** v. To occupy, attention completely  
**engrossing** adj. Taking up all the interest and attention; producing a legal document in its final form  
**engulf** v. Swallow up  
**enhance** v. To intensify  
**enigma** n. A riddle  
**enjoin** v. To command  
**enkindle** v. To set on fire

## Vocabulary

7.27

**enlighten** v. To cause to see clearly  
**enlist** v. To enter voluntarily the military service by formal enrolment  
**enmity** n. Hatred  
**ennoble** v. To dignify  
**enormity** n. An outrageous improper, vicious or immoral act  
**enormous** adj. Gigantic  
**enormousness** n. Great size  
**enrage** v. To infuriate  
**enrapture** v. To delight extravagantly or intensely  
**enshrine** v. To keep sacred  
**ensnare** v. To entrap  
**entail** v. To involve; necessitate  
**entangle** v. To involve in difficulties, confusion, or complications  
**entangle** v. Put into difficulties  
**enthrall** v. To bring or hold under any overpowering influence  
**enthrone** v. To invest with sovereign power  
**enthuse** v. To yield to or display intense and rapturous feeling  
**enthusiastic** adj. Full of zeal and fervour  
**entirety** n. A complete thing  
**entomology** n. The branch of zoology that treats of insects  
**entrails** n. pl. The internal parts of an animal  
**entreat** v. Ask earnestly  
**entreaty** n. An earnest request  
**entree** n. The act of entering  
**entrench** v. To fortify or protect, as with a trench or ditch and wall  
**entwine** v. To interweave  
**enumerate** v. To name one by one  
**enzyme** n. Catalyst  
**epic** n. A poem celebrating in formal verse the mythical achievements of great personages, heroes, etc  
**epicure** n. One who cultivates a delicate taste for eating and drinking  
**epicurean** adj. Devoted to pleasure (sensuous enjoyment)  
**epicycle** n. A circle that rolls upon the external or internal circumference of another circle  
**epicycloids** n. A curve traced by a point on the circumference of a circle which rolls upon another circle  
**epidemic** n. Wide-spread occurrence of a disease in a certain region

**epidermis** n. The outer skin  
**epigram** n. A pithy phrasing of a shrewd observation  
**epilogue** n. The close of a narrative or dramatic poem  
**epiphany** n. Any appearance or bodily manifestation of a deity  
**episode** n. An incident or story in a literary work, separable from yet growing out of it  
**epistle** n. Letter  
**epitaph** n. An inscription on a tomb or monument in honour or in memory of the dead  
**epithet** n. Word or phrase used to describe the most important quality of person/thing  
**epitome** n. A typical or ideal example  
**epizootic** adj. Prevailing among animals  
**epoch** n. A interval of time, memorable for extraordinary events  
**epode** n. A species of lyric poems  
**equable** adj. Steady, regular  
**equalise** v. To render uniform  
**equanimity** n. Calmness of temperament  
**equestrian** adj. Pertaining to horses or horsemanship  
**equilibrium** n. A state of balance  
**equipose** n. Equal distribution of weight; equilibrium  
**equitable** adj. Characterised by fairness  
**equity** n. Fairness or impartiality  
**equivalent** adj. Equal in value, force, meaning, or the like  
**equivocal** adj. Having a double or doubtful meaning; suspicious  
**equivocate** v. To use equivocal language with intent to deceive  
**eradicate** v. To destroy thoroughly  
**erasure** n. Erasing, removing all traces  
**erode** v. Wear away, eat into  
**errant** adj. Roving or wandering, as in search of adventure or opportunity for gallant deeds  
**erratic** adj. Irregular  
**erroneous** adj. Incorrect  
**erudite** adj. Learned, scholarly  
**erudition** n. Extensive knowledge of literature, history, language, etc  
**escalate** v. Increase, develop  
**eschew** v. To keep clear of  
**esoteric** adj. Abstruse; intended only for the initiated  
**espouse** v. Marry; give one's support to  
**espy** v. To keep close watch

## 7.28

**esquire** n. A title of dignity, office, or courtesy  
**essence** n. That which makes a thing to be what it is  
**estimable** adj. Worthy of respect  
**estrangle** v. To alienate  
**estuary** n. A wide lower part of a tidal river  
**et cetera** (Latin) And so forth  
**eugenic** adj. Relating to the development and improvement of race  
**eulogise** v. To speak or write a laudation of a person's life or character  
**eulogy** n. A spoken or written formal praise of a person's life or character  
**euphemism** n. A figure of speech by which a less offensive phrase is substituted  
**euphonious** adj. Characterised by agreeableness of sound  
**euphony** n. Agreeableness of sound  
**euphoria** n. Elation; state of pleasant excitement  
**eureka** Greek. 'I have found it.'  
**euthanasia** n. Causing the easy and painless death of a patient suffering from an incurable disease or irreversible coma  
**evade** v. To avoid by artifice  
**evaluating** v. Finding out the value  
**evanesce** v. To vanish gradually  
**evanescent** adj. Fleeting  
**evangelical** adj. Seeking the conversion of sinners. Marked by crusading zeal  
**evangelist** n. A preacher who goes from place to place holding services  
**evaporate** v. change into vapour, disappear, die  
**evasion** n. Escape, avoidance  
**eventual** adj. Ultimate  
**evert** v. Used in Biology or physiology, to turn an organ or structure inside out  
**evict** v. To force out. To recover (property) from a person by legal process  
**evidential** adj. Indicative  
**evince** v. To make manifest or evident  
**evoke** v. To call or summon forth  
**evolution** n. Development or growth  
**evolve** v. To unfold or expand gradually  
**exacerbate** v. To make more sharp, severe, or virulent  
**exaggerate** v. To overstate  
**exasperate** v. To excite great anger in  
**excavate** v. To remove by digging or scooping out

## Vocabulary

**exceed** v. To go beyond, as in measure, quality, value, action, power, skill, etc  
**excel** v. To be superior or distinguished  
**excellence** n. Possession of eminently or unusually good qualities  
**excellency** n. A title of honour bestowed upon various high officials  
**excellent** adj. Possessing distinguished merit  
**excerpt** n. An extract or selection from written or printed matter  
**excess** n. That which passes the ordinary, proper, or required limit, measure, or experience  
**excitable** adj. Nervously high-strung  
**excitation** n. Intensified emotion or action  
**exclamation** n. An abrupt or emphatic expression of thought or feelings  
**exclude** v. To shut out purposely or forcibly  
**exclusion** n. Non-admission  
**excoriate** v. To flay, strip off the skin; to denounce sharply  
**excoriation** n. Severe criticism  
**excrecence** n. Any unnatural addition, outgrowth, or development  
**excretion** n. The getting rid of waste matter  
**excruciate** v. To inflict severe pain or agony upon  
**exculpate** v. Free from blame  
**excursion** n. A journey  
**excusable** adj. Justifiable  
**execrable** adj. Abominable. Very bad  
**execration** n. An accursed thing  
**executor** n. A person nominated by the will of another to execute the will  
**exegesis** n. Biblical exposition or interpretation  
**exemplar** n. A model, pattern, or original to be copied or imitated  
**exemplary** adj. Fitted to serve as a model or example worthy of imitation  
**exemplify** v. To show by example  
**exempt** adj. Free, clear, or released, as from some liability, or restriction affecting others  
**exert** v. To make an effort  
**exertion** n. Instance of exerting  
**exhale** v. To breathe out  
**exhaust** v. To empty by draining off the contents  
**exhaustible** adj. Causing or tending to cause exhaustion  
**exhaustion** n. Deprivation of strength or energy  
**exhaustive** adj. Thorough and complete in execution

## Vocabulary

7.29

**exhilarate** v. To fill with high or cheerful spirits

**exhume** v. To dig out of the earth (what has been buried)

**exigency** n. Emergency, an urgent situation

**exigent** adj. Urgent

**existence** n. Possession or continuance of being

**exit** n. A way or passage out

**exodus** n. A departure of many people from a place or country

**exonerate** v. To relieve or vindicate from accusation, imputation, or blame

**exoneration** n. Situation of setting somebody clear, free (e.g.. from blame)

**exorbitance** n. Extravagance or enormity

**exorbitant** adj. Going beyond usual and proper limits. Excessive

**exorcise** v. To cast or drive out an evil spirit by religious or magical means

**exotic** adj. Foreign

**expand** v. To increase in range or scope

**expanse** n. A continuous area or stretch

**expansion** n. Increase of amount, size, scope, or the like

**expatiate** v. To speak or write at length or in detail

**expatriate** v. To drive from one's own country

**expect** v. To look forward to as certain or probable

**expectancy** n. The act or state of looking forward to as certain or probable

**expectorate** v. To cough up and spit forth

**expediency** n. Fitness to meet the requirements of a particular case

**expedient** adj. Contributing to personal advantage

**expedite** v. To hasten the movement or progress of

**expeditious** adj. Speedy

**expend** v. To spend

**expense** n. The laying out or expending of money or other resources, as time or strength

**expiate** v. To make amends for

**explicate** v. To clear from involvement

**explicit** adj. Definite

**explode** v. To cause to burst in pieces by force from within

**exploit** v. Develop; use selfishly

**explosion** n. A sudden and violent outbreak

**explosive** adj. Pertaining to a sudden and violent outbreak

**exposition** n. Formal presentation

**expository** adj. Pertaining to a formal presentation

**expostulate** v. Argue earnestly to dissuade, correct, or protest

**exposure** n. An open situation or position in relation to the sun, elements, or points of the compass

**expressive** adj. Full of meaning

**expulsion** n. forcible ejection

**expurgate** v. To remove obscenity, purify, censor

**excise** v. To cut out, cut away

**exsert** v. Used in biology, thrust out, push forth

**extant** adj. Still existing and known

**extemporaneous** adj. Done or made without much or any preparation

**extempore** adv. Without studied or special preparation

**extensible** adj. Capable of being extended

**extension** n. A reaching or stretching out, as in space, time or scope

**extensive** adj. Extended widely in space, time, or scope

**extenuate** v. To diminish the gravity or importance of

**exterior** n. That which is outside

**external** n. Anything relating or belonging to the outside

**extinct** adj. Being no longer in existence

**extinguish** v. To render extinct

**extirpate** v. To destroy, exterminate, cut out. **excise** v. To cut out, excise

**extol** v. To praise in the highest terms

**extort** v. To obtain by violence, threats, compulsion, or the subjection of another to some necessity

**extortion** n. The practice of obtaining by violence or compulsion

**extradite** v. To surrender the custody of

**extradition** n. The surrender by a government of a person accused of crime to the justice of another government

**extrajudicial** adj. Happening out of court

**extralegal** adj. Outside the law

**extraneous** adj. Having no essential relation to a subject

**extraordinary** adj. Unusual

**extravagance** n. Undue expenditure of money

**extravagant** adj. Needlessly free or lavish in expenditure

**extremist** n. One who supports extreme measures or holds extreme views

**extremity** n. The utmost point, side, or border, or that farthest removed from a mean position

**extricable** adj. That which can be freed

**extricate** v. Disentangle

**extrovert** adj. Cheerful person

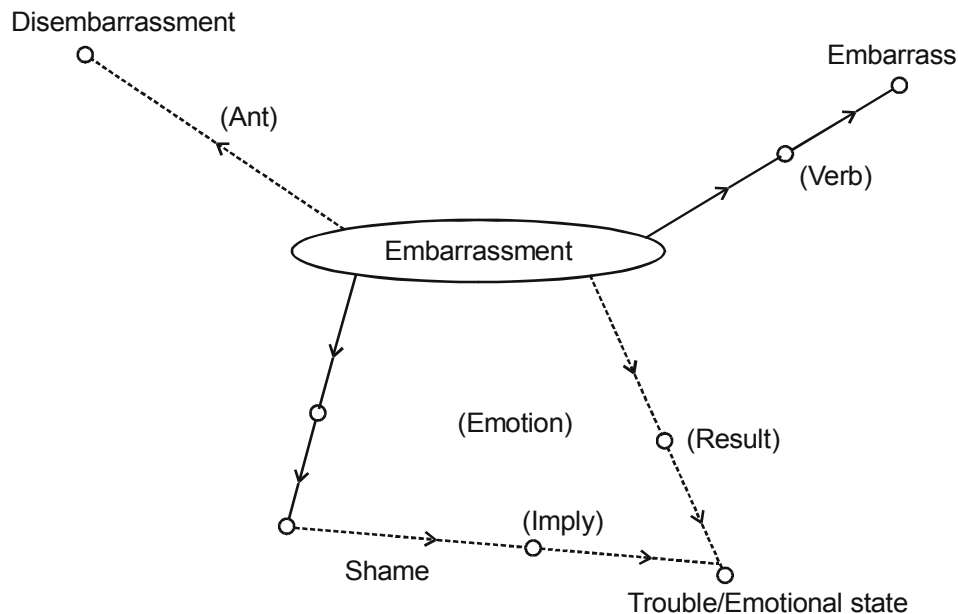
**extrude** v. To drive out or away. To force, press or push out

**exuberance** n. State of being full of life

**exuberant** adj. Marked by excitement, energy and cheer

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#### Explanation:

'Embarrassment' means 'shame or abashment'. It can be associated with emotional state (the association being that of 'meaning'). 'Disembarrassment' is the opposite of 'embarrassment' thus it has a broken line association with 'embarrassment'

Find an E word that means:

- Long Lasting -
- Hatred -
- To spend -
- Wear away -
- Free from Blame -

Now, use these words and build your own *Word Bridges*



**fabricate** v. To invent fancifully or falsely

**fabulous** adj. Incredible

**facet** n. One of the small triangular plane surfaces of a diamond or other gem, one aspect

**facetious** adj. Amusing, jocular

**facial** adj. Pertaining to the face

**facile** adj. Not difficult to do. Shallow and simplistic

**facilitate** v. To make more easy

**facsimile** n. An exact copy or reproduction

**faction** n. A number of persons combined for a common purpose

**factionous** adj. All too given to raising objections

**fallacious** adj. Illogical, based on error

**fallacy** n. False or mistaken belief

**fallible** adj. Capable of erring

**fallow** n. Land broken up and left to become mellow or to rest

**famish** v. To suffer extremity of hunger or thirst

**fanatic** n. A religious zealot

**fancier** n. One having a taste for or interest in special objects

**fanciless** adj. Unimaginative

**fastidious** adj. Hard to please

## Vocabulary

7.31

**fathom** n. A measure of length, 6 feet

**fatuous** adj. Idiotic

**faucet** n. Device for controlling the outflow of a liquid

**faulty** adj. Imperfect

**faun** n. One of a class of deities of the woods and herds represented as half human, with a goat's feet

**fawn** n. A young deer

**fawn** v. Try to win somebody's favour

**fealty** n. Loyalty

**feasible** adj. Which may be done, performed, or effected; practicable

**feckless** adj. Lacking purpose or vitality; ineffective; careless

**fecund** adj. Fertile

**federate** v. To league together

**feint** n. Any sham, pretence or deceptive movement

**felicitate** v. To wish joy or happiness to, especially in view of a coming event

**felicitous** adj. Apt; suitably expressed, well chosen, apropos

**felicity** n. A state of well-founded happiness

**felon** n. A criminal or depraved person

**felonious** adj. Showing criminal or evil purpose

**felony** n. One of the highest class of offences, and punishable with death or imprisonment

**feminine** adj. Characteristic of woman or womankind

**ferment** v. Substance; become excited

**fernery** n. A place in which ferns are grown

**ferocious** adj. Of a wild, fierce, and savage nature

**ferocity** n. Savageness

**ferret** v. Discover by searching; search

**fertile** adj. Producing much, full of ideas

**fertilise** v. Make fertile or productive

**fervent** adj. Ardent in feeling

**fervid** adj. Intense. Very hot. Zealous

**fervour** n. Ardor or intensity of feeling

**festal** adj. Festive of or relating to a feast

**festive** adj. Merry

**fete** n. A festival or feast

**fetter** v. To shackle, put in chains

**feud** n. Bitter quarrel over a long period of time

**feudal** adj. Pertaining to the relation of lord and vassal

**feudalism** n. The feudal system

**fiasco** n. A complete or humiliating failure

**fickle** adj. Unduly changeable in feeling, judgment, or purpose

**fictitious** adj. Created or formed by the imagination

**fidelity** n. Loyalty

**fidget** v. Move restlessly, make nervous

**fiducial** adj. Technical term, used especially of a point or line, a fixed basis of comparison

**fief** n. A landed estate held under feudal tenure

**figurehead** n. Carved image on the prow of a ship

**filibuster** n. One who attempts to obstruct legislation

**finale** n. Concluding performance

**finality** n. The state or quality of being final or complete

**financial** adj. Monetary

**financier** n. One skilled in or occupied with financial affairs or operations

**finery** n. That which is used to decorate the person or dress

**finesse** n. Subtle contrivance used to gain a point, delicate way of dealing with a situation

**finical** adj. Too fussy about food, clothing, etc

**finicky** adj. Finical

**finite** adj. Limited, having bounds

**fiscal** adj. Pertaining to the treasury or public finances of a government

**fishmonger** n. One who sells fish

**fission** n. Splitting or division (esp. of cells)

**fissure** n. A crack or crack-like depression

**fitful** adj. Spasmodic

**fixate** v. Stare at

**fixture** n. One who or that which is expected to remain permanently in its position

**flag-officer** n. The captain of a flag-ship

**flagrant** adj. Openly scandalous

**flamboyant** adj. Characterised by extravagance and in general by want of good taste

**flamboyant** adj. Brightly coloured, florid

**flammable** adj. Having tendency to burst into flames

**flatulence** n. Accumulation of gas in the stomach and bowels

**flaunting** v. Show off complacently

**flaw** v. Crack, lessen value. Error

## 7.32

**flax** n. Pale yellow (hair); a plant  
**flection** n. (also flexion) The act of bending  
**fledged** adj. Able to fly, trained, experienced  
**fledgling** n. A young bird  
**fleet** n. Number of ships, quick-moving  
**fleeting** adj. Passing quickly  
**flexibility** n. Able to be easily bent without breaking  
**flexible** adj. Pliable  
**flimsy** adj. Thin and weak  
**flinch** v. Draw, move back, wince  
**flippant** adj. Having a light, pert, trifling disposition  
**flora** n. The aggregate of plants growing without cultivation in a district  
**floral** adj. Pertaining to flowers  
**florid** adj. Very much ornamented; naturally red (e.g.. of face)  
**florist** n. A dealer in flowers  
**flout** v. Reject, mock, to go against (as in going against tradition)  
**fluctuate** v. To pass backward and forward irregularly from one state or degree to another  
**fluctuation** n. Frequent irregular change back and forth from one state or degree to another  
**flue** n. A smoke-duct in a chimney  
**fluent** adj. Having a ready or easy flow of words or ideas  
**fluster** v. Make nervous or confused  
**flux** n. A state of constant movement, change, or renewal  
**foggy** adj. Obscure  
**foible** n. A personal weakness or failing  
**foil** v. Prevent from carrying out  
**foist** v. To force (a thing) onto someone  
**foliage** n. Any growth of leaves  
**folio** n. A sheet of paper folded once, or of a size adapted to folding once  
**folk-lore** n. The traditions, beliefs, and customs of the common people  
**foment** v. Instigate or stir up an undesirable emotion, or to violent action. Rouse. Incite  
**fondle** v. To handle tenderly and lovingly  
**foolery** n. Foolish act  
**foot-note** n. A note of explanation or comment at the foot of a page or column  
**foppery** n. The behaviour or dress of a fop. Foolish character or action

## Vocabulary

**foppish** adj. Like a man who pays too much attention to his clothes  
**forbear** v. Refrain from, be patient  
**forbearance** n. Patient endurance or toleration of offences  
**forcible** adj. Violent  
**ford** n. Shallow place in a river (to cross)  
**forebode** v. To be an omen or warning sign of, especially of evil  
**forecast** v. To predict  
**forecastle** n. That part of the upper deck of a ship forward of the after fore-shrouds  
**foreclose** v. To shut out. To hold exclusively  
**forecourt** n. A court opening directly from the street  
**forefather** n. An ancestor  
**forego** v. To deny oneself the pleasure or profit of  
**foreground** n. That part of a landscape or picture situated or represented as nearest the spectator  
**forejudge** v. To judge of before hearing evidence  
**foreknowledge** n. Awareness of something before it occurs  
**foreman** n. The head man  
**foreordain** v. To predetermine  
**foreordination** n. Predestination  
**forepeak** n. The extreme forward part of a ship's hold, under the lowest deck  
**forerun** v. To go before as introducing or ushering in  
**foresail** n. A square sail  
**foresee** v. To discern beforehand  
**foreshore** n. That part of a shore uncovered at low tide  
**foresight** n. Provision against harm or need  
**forestall** v. Prevent by taking action in advance, pre-empt  
**foretell** v. To predict  
**forethought** n. Premeditation  
**forfeit** v. To lose possession of through failure to fulfil some obligation  
**forfeit** v. Suffer the loss of something  
**forfend** v. To ward off. Prevent  
**forge** n. Workshop for the shaping of metal; to shape metal; lead  
**forgery** n. Counterfeiting  
**forego** v. To deny oneself  
**formation** n. Relative disposition of parts



## Vocabulary

7.33

**formidable** adj. Difficult to accomplish

**formula** n. Fixed rule or set form

**forswear** v. To renounce upon oath

**forte** n. A strong point

**forth** adv. Into notice or view

**forthright** adv. With directness

**fortify** v. Strengthen

**fortitude** n. Patient courage

**fortuitous** adj. Happening by chance

**foster** v. Nurture, care for

**foursome** adj. Consisting of four

**fracture** n. A break

**fragile** adj. Easily broken

**fragrant** v. Sweet-smelling

**frailty** n. Liability to be broken or destroyed

**franchise** n. Special right given by authority

**frankincense** n. A gum or resin which on burning yields aromatic fumes

**frantic** adj. Frenzied

**fraternal** adj. Brotherly

**fraudulence** n. Deceitfulness

**fraudulent** adj. Counterfeit

**fray** v. To fret at the edge so as to loosen or break the threads

**free trade** n. Commerce unrestricted by tariff or customs

**freemason** n. A member of an ancient secret fraternity originally confined to skilled artisans

**freethinker** n. One who rejects authority or inspiration in religion

**frenetic** adj. Frantic, frenzied. Widely excited to the point of mental unbalance

**frequency** n. The comparative number of any kind of occurrences within a given time or space

**fresco** n. The art of painting on a surface of plaster, particularly on walls and ceilings

**freshness** n. The state, quality, or degree of being fresh

**fret** v. Worry; irritation; wear away

**fretful** adj. Disposed to peevishness

**friction** n. The rubbing of one thing against another, difference of opinion

**frightful** adj. Apt to induce terror or alarm

**frigid** adj. Lacking warmth

**frigidarium** n. A room kept at a low temperature for preserving fruits, meat, etc. Historically, a cold room in an ancient Roman bath

**fringe** n. Edge; ornamental border; part of hair over the forehead

**frivolity** n. A trifling act, thought, saying, or practice

**frivolous** adj. Trivial

**frizz** v. To give a crinkled, fluffy appearance to

**frizzle** v. To cause to crinkle or curl, as the hair

**frolicsome** adj. Prankish

**frontier** n. The part of a nation's territory that abuts upon another country

**froward** adj. Used of a person, intractable, not willing to yield or comply, stubborn

**frowzy** adj. Not neat. Unkempt and untidy

**frugal** adj. Economical

**fruition** n. Fulfilment

**fugacious** adj. Fleeting. Lasting a short time

**fulcrum** n. The support on or against which a lever rests, or the point about which it turns

**fulminate** v. Berate, vituperate, to thunder out, to explode

**fulmination** n. Bitter protest

**fulsome** adj. Offensive from excess of praise or commendation. Characterized by abundance

**fumigate** v. To subject to the action of smoke or fumes, especially to disinfect

**functionary** n. An official

**fundamental** adj. Basic

**fungible** adj. Interchangeable. Flexible

**fungous** adj. Fungal

**fungus** n. A plant destitute of chlorophyll, as a mushroom

**furbish** v. To restore brightness or beauty to

**furlong** n. A measure, one-eighth of a mile

**furlough** n. A temporary absence of a soldier or sailor by permission of the commanding officer

**furrier** n. A dealer in or maker of fur goods

**further** adj. More distant or advanced

**furtherance** n. Advancement

**furtive** adj. Stealthy or sly, like the actions of a thief

**fuse** v. To unite or blend as by melting together

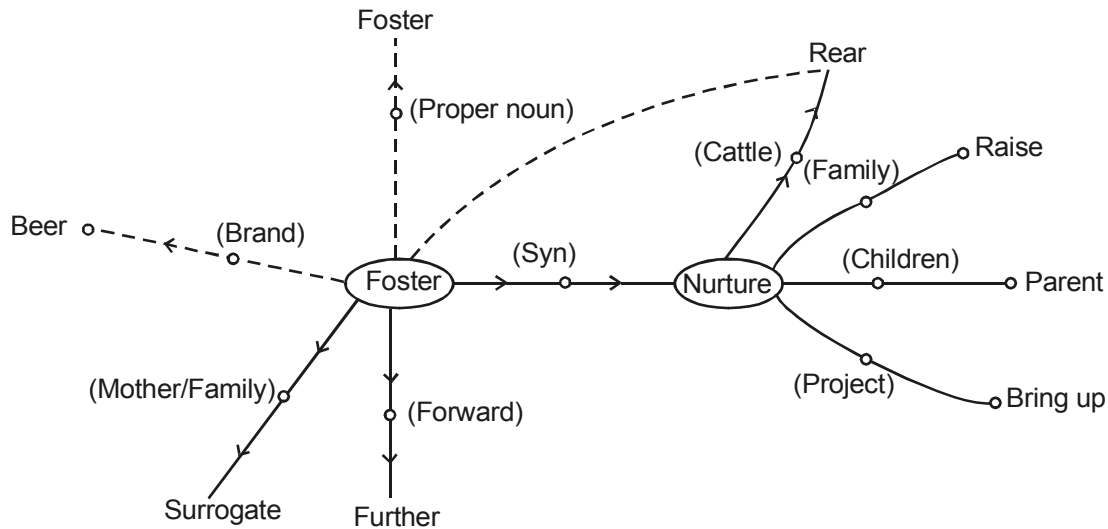
**fusible** adj. Capable of being melted by heat

**futile** adj. Of no avail or effect

**futurist** n. A person of expectant temperament

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The word 'Foster' can be used in different contexts. 'To Foster' is to nurture. Now the word nurture can be used for cattle (rear), for children (parent), for a family (raise), for a project/concept/idea (bring up). Thus 'foster' will have broken line associations to all of the meanings of nurture. 'Foster' is often used as a proper noun. It is a last name and a brand name. 'To foster' is to take things forward

Similarly, you can make *Word Bridges* for other words starting from the alphabet F



**gaiety** n. Festivity

**gaily** adv. Merrily

**gainsay** v. To deny, declare false, to oppose

**gait** n. A manner of walking. A manner or rate of movement or progress

**gallant** adj. Possessing a brave or chivalrous spirit

**galore** adv. Abundant

**galvanic** adj. Pertaining or relating to electricity, produced by chemical action. To impart energy to

**galvanism** n. Current electricity, especially that arising from chemical action

**galvanise** v. To imbue with life or animation

**gamble** v. To risk money or other possession on an event, chance, or contingency

**gambol** n. Quick, playful jumping

**gamester** n. A gambler

**gamut** n. The whole range or sequence

**garment** n. Article of clothing

**garner** v. To gather and save; to store up

**garnish** v. In cookery, to add embellishment

**garrison** n. The military force stationed in a fort, town, or other place for its defence

**garrote** v. To execute by strangling

**garrulity** n. Talkativeness

**garrulous** adj. Too talkative

**gaseous** adj. Light and unsubstantial

**gastric** adj. Of, pertaining to, or near the stomach

**gastritis** n. Inflammation of the stomach

**gastronomy** n. The art of preparing and serving appetising food

**gaucherie** n. Socially awkward, tactless behaviour

**gauge** n. An instrument for measuring

**genealogist** n. A tracer of pedigrees

**genealogy** n. A list, in the order of succession, of ancestors and their descendants

**generality** n. The principal portion

**generalise** v. To draw general inferences

**generally** adv. Ordinarily

**generate** v. To produce or cause to be

## Vocabulary

7.35

**generic** adj. Noting a genus or kind; opposed to specific  
**generosity** n. A disposition to give liberally or to bestow favours heartily

**genesis** n. Creation

**geniality** n. Warmth and kindliness of disposition

**genital** adj. Of or pertaining to the animal reproductive organs

**genitive** adj. Indicating source, origin, possession, or the like

**genteel** adj. Well-bred or refined. Showing good manners

**gentile** adj. Belonging to a people not Jewish

**geology** n. The department of natural science that deals with the constitution and structure of the Earth

**germane** adj. Relevant; pertinent to

**germinate** v. To begin to develop into an embryo or higher form

**gestation** n. Pregnancy

**gesticulate** v. To make gestures or motions, as in speaking, or in place of speech

**gesture** n. A movement or action of the hands or face, expressive of some idea or emotion

**ghastly** adj. Hideous

**gibe** v. To utter taunts or reproaches

**giddy** adj. Affected with a whirling or swimming sensation in the head. Lightheartedly silly

**gigantic** adj. Tremendous

**gist** n. The point, general sense

**giver** n. One who gives, in any sense

**glacial** adj. Icy, or icily cold

**glacier** n. A field or stream of ice

**gladden** v. To make joyous

**glazier** n. One who cuts and fits panes of glass, as for windows

**glean** v. Gather facts in small quantities

**glib** adj. Ready and smooth but not sincere

**glimmer** n. A faint, wavering, unsteady light

**glimpse** n. A momentary look

**gloat** v. To look or glance admiringly or amorously

**globose** adj. Spherical or rounded

**globular** adj. Spherical

**glorious** adj. Of excellence and splendour

**glut** n. Excess supply

**glutinous** adj. Sticky

**gluttonous** adj. Given to excess in eating. Voracious

**gnash** v. To grind or strike the teeth together, as from rage

**gnaw** v. Waste away; bite steadily

**goad** n. Something urging a person to action

**goad** v. Urging with goad

**Gordian knot** n. An intricate problem. A problem insoluble in its own terms

**gosling** n. A young goose. A foolish or callow person

**gossamer** adj. Flimsy

**gossamer** n. Soft, light, delicate material

**gouge** n. Tool for cutting grooves in wood

**gourd** n. A melon, pumpkin, squash, or some similar fruit having a hard rind

**gourmand** n. One who is excessively fond of eating and drinking; Glutton

**grace** n. Favour

**graceless** adj. Ungracious

**gradation** n. A step, degree, rank, or relative position in an order or series

**gradient** adj. Moving or advancing by steps

**granary** n. A storehouse for grain after it is thrashed or husked

**grandeur** n. The quality of being grand or admirably great

**grandiloquent** adj. Speaking in or characterised by a pompous or bombastic style

**grandiose** adj. Having an imposing style or effect

**grantee** n. The person to whom property is transferred by deed

**grantor** n. The maker of a deed

**granular** adj. Composed of small grains or particles

**granulate** v. To form into grains or small particles

**granule** n. A small grain or particle

**grapple** v. To take hold of

**gratification** n. Satisfaction

**gratify** v. To please, as by satisfying a physical or mental desire or need

**gratuitous** adj. Given without compensation. Not called circumstances. For by the unwarranted

**gratuity** n. That which is given without demand or claim

**grave** adj. Serious, requiring consideration

**gravity** n. Seriousness

**gregarious** adj. Living in societies; liking the company of others

**grenadier** n. A member of a regiment composed of men of great stature

**grief** n. Sorrow

**grievance** n. Cause for complaint or protest

**grievous** adj. Causing grief or pain; serious, dire, grave

**grimace** n. Twisted expression of a face

## 7.36

**grind** v. Crush, polish  
**grindstone** n. A flat circular stone, used for sharpening tools  
**grisly** adj. Fear-inspiring  
**grooves** n. Long channel in the surface, habitual way of living  
**grotesque** adj. Bizarre. Absurdly incongruous  
**grotto** n. A small cavern  
**ground** n. A pavement or floor or any supporting surface on which one may walk  
**grovel** v. Crawl, humble oneself  
**guess** n. Surmise  
**guile** n. Deceit, cunning  
**guileless** adj. Straight-forward, candid  
**guinea** n. An English monetary unit  
**guise** n. The external appearance as produced by garb or costume  
**gull** v. Cheat, deceive  
**gullible** adj. Easily gulled  
**gumption** n. Common sense. Initiative  
**gust** n. Outburst of feeling; sudden rain, wind, fire, etc  
**gusto** n. Keen enjoyment  
**guy** n. Stay-rope  
**guzzle** v. To swallow greedily or hastily; gulp  
**gynaecocracy** n. Female supremacy  
**gynaecology** n. The science that treats of the functions and diseases peculiar to women  
**gyrate** v. To revolve  
**gyroscope** n. An instrument for illustrating the laws of rotation



### DICTIONARY BUILDER!

Find six words in the G-list which pertain to food



**habitable** adj. Fit to be dwelt in  
**habitant** n. Dweller  
**habitual** adj. According to usual practice  
**habitude** n. Customary relation or association  
**hack** v. & n. Cut roughly; hired horse  
**hackney** v. To make stale or trite by repetition  
**haemorrhage** n. Discharge of blood from a ruptured or wounded blood-vessel

## Vocabulary

**haggard** adj. Worn and gaunt in appearance  
**halcyon** adj. Calm  
**hale** adj. Of sound and vigorous health  
**hallow** v. To make holy; consecrate  
**hamper** n. & v. Basket with a lid, prevent free movement or activity  
**hanger-on** n. A parasite  
**hapless** adj. Unlucky, unfortunate  
**happy-go-lucky** adj. Carefree  
**harangue** n. A long, passionate speech  
**harass** v. To trouble with importunities, cares, or annoyances  
**harbinger** n. Something or somebody that foretells the coming of  
**hard-hearted** adj. Lacking pity or sympathy  
**harmonious** adj. Concordant in sound  
**harrow** v. To distress, create stress or torment  
**harsh** adj. Rough, cruel, stern  
**haughty** adj. Arrogant; conceited  
**haven** n. Harbour, safe place  
**havoc** n. Devastation  
**hawthorn** n. A thorny shrub much used in England for hedges  
**hazard** n. Risk  
**head first** adv. Precipitately, as in diving  
**head foremost** adv. Precipitately, as in diving  
**heartrending** adj. Very depressing. Heartbreaking  
**heathenish** adj. Irreligious  
**heed** v. Pay attention; notice  
**heedless** adj. Thoughtless  
**heifer** n. A young cow  
**heinous** adj. Odious (of crime)  
**henchman** n. A servile assistant and subordinate  
**henpeck** v. To worry or harass by ill temper and petty annoyances  
**heptagon** n. A figure having seven sides and seven angles  
**heptarchy** n. A state or region governed by a group of seven autonomous governments  
**herbaceous** adj. Having the character of a herb  
**herbarium** n. A collection of dried plants scientifically arranged for study  
**herbivorous** adj. Feeding on herbs or other vegetable matter, as animals  
**hereditary** adj. Passing naturally from parent to child  
**heredity** n. Transmission of physical or mental qualities, diseases, etc., from parent to offspring

## Vocabulary

7.37

**heresy** n. Belief contrary to what is generally accepted

**heretic** n. One who holds opinions contrary to the recognised standards or tenets of any philosophy

**heritage** n. Inheritance

**hermetic** adj. Hard to understand, leak proof

**hernia** n. Protrusion of any internal organ in whole or in part from its normal position

**hesitancy** n. A pausing to consider

**hesitant** adj. Vacillating

**hesitation** n. Vacillation

**heterodox** adj. At variance with any commonly accepted doctrine or opinion. Unconventional

**heterogeneity** n. Unlikeness of constituent parts

**heterogeneous** adj. Made up of different kinds

**heteromorphic** adj. Used in biology, appearing in two or more different forms in a life-cycle, e.g. a butterfly

**hew** v. Make by hard work; cut (by striking)

**hexagon** n. A figure with six angles

**hexangular** adj. Having six angles

**hexapod** adj. Having six feet

**hiatus** n. A break or gap

**hibernal** adj. Pertaining to winter

**hideous** adj. Appalling

**hilarious** adj. Boisterously merry

**hillock** n. A small hill or mound

**hinder** v. To obstruct

**hindmost** adj. Farthest from the front

**hindrance** n. An obstacle

**hirsute** adj. Hairy, shaggy

**hoard** v. To gather and store away for the sake of accumulation

**hoarse** adj. Having the voice harsh or rough, as from a cold or fatigue

**hoax** n. Mischievous trick played on someone for a joke

**hoi polloi** n. The masses; the rabble

**hollow** adj. Not soled, with hole

**holster** n. Leather case for a pistol

**homage** n. Reverential regard or worship

**homogeneity** n. Congruity of the members or elements or parts

**homogeneous** adj. Made up of similar parts or elements

**homologous** adj. Identical in nature, make-up, or relation

**homonym** n. A word agreeing in sound with but different in meaning from another

**homophone** n. A word agreeing in sound but with different in meaning and spelling from another

**hone** n. Stone used for sharpening tools

**honorarium** n. A token fee or payment to a professional man for services

**hoodwink** v. Trick, mislead

**horde** n. A gathered multitude of human beings

**hosiery** n. A stocking or a knitted woven garment

**hospitable** adj. Liking to give hospitality

**hospitality** n. The practice of receiving and entertaining strangers and guests with kindness

**hostility** n. Enmity

**hubris** n. Arrogant pride

**huckster** n. Hawker. Peddler

**humane** adj. Compassionate

**humanitarian** n. A philanthropist

**humanise** v. To make gentle or refined

**humbug** n. Anything intended or calculated to deceive or mislead

**humiliate** v. To put to shame

**hurdle** n. Light frame, fence to be jumped over

**husk** n. Worthless outside part of anything

**hussar** n. A light-horse trooper armed with saber and carbine

**hustle** v. To move with haste and promptness

**hybrid** adj. Cross-bred

**hydra** n. The seven or nine-headed water-serpent slain by Hercules

**hydraulic** adj. Involving the moving of water, of the force exerted by water in motion

**hydrodynamics** n. The branch of mechanics that treats the dynamics of fluids

**hydroelectric** adj. Pertaining to electricity developed from water or steam

**hydromechanics** n. The mechanics of fluids

**hydrometer** n. An instrument for determining the density of solids and liquids by flotation

**hydrostatics** n. The branch of science that treats of the pressure and equilibrium of fluids

**hydrous** adj. Watery

**hygiene** n. The branch of medical science that relates to improving health

**hypercritical** adj. Faultfinding

**hypnosis** n. An artificial trance-sleep

**hypnotic** adj. Tending to produce sleep

**hypnotism** n. An artificially induced somnambulistic state in which the mind readily acts on suggestion

**hypnotise** v. To produce a somnambulistic state in which the mind readily acts on suggestions

**hypocrisy** n. Falsely making oneself appear to be good

**hypocrite** n. One who makes false professions of his views or beliefs

**hypodermic** adj. Pertaining to the area under the skin

**hypotenuse** n. The side of a right-angled triangle opposite the right angle

**hypothesis** n. A proposition taken for granted as a premise from which to reach a conclusion

**hysteria** n. A nervous affection occurring typically in paroxysms of laughing and crying



### DICTIONARY BUILDER!

Make a list of 10 homonyms -

e.g. read and read

Make a list of 10 homophones -

e.g. sea and see



**ichthyic** adj. Fish-like

**ichthyology** n. The branch of zoology that treats fishes

**ichthyosaurs** n. A fossil reptile

**icily** adv. Frigidly

**iciness** n. The state of being icy

**icon** n. An image or likeness

**iconoclast** adj. Person who attacks popular beliefs

**iconoclastic** adj. Attacking cherished beliefs

**idealise** v. To make to conform to some mental or imaginary standard

**idiom** n. A use of words peculiar to a particular language

**idiosyncrasy** n. Personal mannerism. Peculiarity

**idolatrous** adj. Worshipping idols

**idolatry** n. Excessive admiration of

**idolise** v. To regard with inordinate love or admiration

**idyll** n. A carefree episode or experience

**ignoble** adj. Dishonourable, common, undignified

**ignominious** adj. Shameful, dishonourable, undignified, disgraceful

**Iliad** n. A Greek epic poem describing scenes from the siege of Troy

**illegal** adj. Not according to law

**illegible** adj. Undecipherable

**illegitimate** adj. Unlawfully begotten

**illiberal** adj. Not liberal. Bigoted

**illicit** adj. Unlawful, forbidden

**illimitable** adj. Boundless

**illiterate** adj. Having little or no book-learning

**illogical** adj. Contrary to the rules of sound thought

**illuminant** n. That which may be used to produce light

**illuminate** v. To supply with light

**illumine** v. To make bright or clear

**illusion** n. An unreal image presented to the senses

**illusive** adj. Deceptive

**illusory** adj. Deceptive; an illusion

**imaginable** adj. That which can be imagined or conceived in the mind

**imaginary** adj. Fancied

**imbibe** v. To drink or take in

**imbroglio** n. Complicated and embarrassing situation

**imbrue** v. Stain. To water, soak

**imitation** n. That which is made as a likeness or copy

**imitator** n. One who makes in imitation

**immaculate** adj. Pure, faultless

**immaterial** adj. Of no essential consequence

**immature** adj. Not full-grown

**immeasurable** adj. Indefinitely extensive

**immense** adj. Very great in degree, extent, size, or quantity

**immerse** v. Absorb; put under the surface of

**immersion** n. The act of plunging or dipping entirely under water or another fluid

**immigrant** n. A foreigner who enters a country to settle there

**immigrate** v. To come into a country or region from a former habitat

**imminence** n. Impending evil or danger

**imminent** adj. Likely to come or happen soon

**immiscible** adj. Incapable of mixing or attaining homogeneity

**immoderately** adj. Extravagantly, unappeasably

**immoral** adj. Habitually engaged in licentious or lewd practices

**immortalise** v. To cause to be remembered for great length of time

**immovable** adj. Steadfast

**immune** adj. Exempt, as from disease

**immutable** adj. That cannot be changed

## Vocabulary

7.39

- impair** v. Worsen, diminish in value  
**impaired** adj. Damaged, weakened  
**impalpable** adj. Imperceptible to the touch  
**impartial** adj. Unbiased  
**impassable** adj. That can not be passed through or over  
**impassible** adj. Not moved or affected by pain  
**impassive** adj. Unmoved; feeling no sign of passion  
**impatience** n. Unwillingness to brook delays or wait the natural course of things  
**impeccable** adj. Blameless  
**impecunious** adj. Having little or no money  
**impede** v. Hinder; get in the way of  
**impediment** n. Something that hinders (e.g. stammer)  
**impel** v. To drive or urge forward  
**impend** v. To be imminent  
**impending** adj. Imminent, being about to happen, expected  
**imperative** adj. Urgent, essential  
**imperceptible** adj. Indiscernible  
**imperil** v. To endanger  
**imperious** adj. Commanding, haughty, arrogant  
**impermeable** adj. That cannot be permeated  
**impermissible** adj. Not permissible  
**impersonal** adj. Not relating to a particular person or thing  
**impersonate** v. To appear or act in the character of  
**impertinence** n. Rudeness  
**imperturbable** adj. Calm; not capable of being excited  
**impervious** adj. Not allowing to pass through (of materials). Not capable of being affected or disturbed  
**impetuosity** n. Rashness  
**impetuous** adj. Having sudden energy, impulsive, thrusting ahead, forceful  
**impetus** n. Any impulse or incentive  
**impiety** n. Lack of reverence or dutifulness  
**impious** adj. Characterised by irreverence or irreligion  
**implacable** adj. Incapable of being placated, unappeasable  
**implausibility** n. Incredibility  
**implausible** adj. Provoking disbelief  
**implicate** v. Show that somebody has a share / is also involved in something  
**implicit** adj. Implied though not plainly expressed  
**implosion** n. Collapse; bursting inward  
**imply** v. Make a suggestion  
**impolitic** adj. Unwise  
**importation** n. The act or practice of bringing from one country into another  
**importunate** adj. Urgent in character, request, or demand  
**importune** v. Annoy and trouble. Beg urgently; solicit (of a prostitute)  
**impotent** adj. Destitute of or lacking in power, physical, moral, or intellectual  
**impoverish** v. To make indigent or poor  
**impracticable** adj. Not feasible  
**imprecation** n. An invocation of evil; a curse  
**impregnable** adj. That can not be taken by assault  
**impregnate** v. To make pregnant  
**impromptu** adj. Without preparation  
**improper** adj. Not appropriate, suitable, or becoming  
**impropriety** n. The state or quality of being unfit, unseemly, or inappropriate  
**improvident** adj. Lacking foresight or thrift  
**improvise** v. To do anything extemporaneously or offhand  
**imprudent** adj. Lacking wisdom or good judgment  
**impudence** n. Rashness, indiscreetness  
**impudent** adj. Rash, indiscreet  
**impugn** v. To assail with arguments, insinuations, or accusations  
**impugned** adj. Challenged, called into question  
**impulsion** n. Impetus  
**impulsive** adj. Unpremeditated  
**impunity** n. Freedom from punishment  
**impure** adj. Tainted  
**impute** v. To attribute to a cause or source, ascribe  
**inaccessible** adj. Difficult to approach  
**inaccurate** adj. Not exactly according to the facts  
**inactive** adj. Inert  
**inadequate** adj. Insufficient  
**inadmissible** adj. Not to be approved, considered, or allowed, as testimony  
**inadvertent** adj. Not paying proper attention  
**inadvisable** adj. Unadvisable  
**inane** adj. Silly, senseless  
**inanimate** adj. Destitute of animal life  
**inapprehensible** adj. Not to be understood  
**inapt** adj. Awkward or slow  
**inarticulate** adj. Speechless  
**inasmuch** adv. Since, because  
**inaudible** adj. That can not be heard

## 7.40

**inborn** adj. Implanted by nature  
**inbred** adj. Innate  
**incandescence** n. The state of being white or glowing with heat  
**incandescent** adj. White or glowing with heat  
**incapacitate** v. To deprive of power, capacity, competency, or qualification  
**incapacity** n. Want of power to apprehend, understand, and manage  
**incarcerate** v. To imprison  
**incendiary** n. Chemical or person who starts a fire-literally or figuratively  
**incense** v. Make angry  
**incentive** n. That which moves the mind or inflames the passions  
**inception** n. The beginning  
**inceptive** adj. Beginning  
**incessant** adj. Often repeated, continual  
**inchmeal** adv. Piecemeal  
**inchoate** adj. Not yet fully formed, rudimentary, elementary  
**inchoative** n. That which begins, or expresses beginning  
**incidence** n. Casual occurrence  
**incident** n. A happening in general, especially one of little importance  
**incidentally** adv. Without intention  
**incinerate** v. To reduce to ashes  
**incipience** n. Beginning  
**incipient** adj. Initial  
**incise** v. Engrave, make a cut in  
**incisor** n. A front or cutting tooth  
**incite** v. Stir up, rouse  
**incitement** n. That which moves to action, or serves as an incentive or stimulus  
**inclined** adj. Directing the mind in a certain direction  
**incoercible** adj. Incapable of being forced, constrained, or compelled  
**incoherence** n. Want of connection, or agreement, as of parts or ideas in thought, speech, etc  
**incoherent** adj. Not logically coordinated, as to parts, elements, or details  
**incoherently** adv. Not consistently, unclear  
**incombustible** adj. That can not be burned  
**incomparable** adj. Matchless  
**incompatible** adj. Discordant  
**incompetence** n. General lack of capacity or fitness

## Vocabulary

**incompetent** adj. Not having the abilities desired or necessary for any purpose  
**incomplete** adj. Lacking some element, part, or adjunct necessary or required  
**incomprehensible** adj. Not understandable  
**incompressible** adj. Resisting all attempts to reduce volume by pressure  
**inconceivable** adj. Incomprehensible  
**incongruous** adj. Out of place, not in harmony or agreement  
**inconsequential** adj. Valueless  
**inconsiderable** adj. Small in quantity or importance  
**inconsistent** adj. Contradictory  
**inconstant** adj. Changeable  
**incontrovertible** adj. Indisputable  
**inconvenient** adj. Interfering with comfort or progress  
**incurability** n. Cannot be cured or corrected  
**incredulous** adj. Sceptical, unwilling to believe  
**inculcate** v. Fix firmly by repetition  
**incumbent** n. One that occupies a particular position  
**incursion** n. A raid, a sudden attack  
**indefatigability** adj. Not easily exhaustible; tirelessness. Incapable of being maintained as right or valid  
**indefensible** adj. Untenable  
**indefinitely** adv. In a vague or uncertain way  
**indelible** adj. That cannot be rubbed out  
**indelicate** adj. Immodest; lacking in refinement  
**indescribable** adj. That can not be described  
**indestructible** adj. That can not be destroyed  
**indicant** adj. That which points out  
**indicator** n. One who or that which points out  
**indict** v. To find and declare chargeable with crime  
**indigence** n. Poverty  
**indigenous** adj. Native  
**indigent** adj. Poor  
**indigestible** adj. Not digestible, or difficult to digest  
**indigestion** n. Difficulty or failure in the alimentary canal in changing food into absorptive nutriment  
**indignant** adj. Having such anger and scorn as is aroused by meanness or wickedness  
**indignity** n. Unmerited contemptuous conduct or treatment  
**indiscernible** adj. Not perceptible  
**indiscreet** adj. Lacking wise judgment  
**indiscriminate** adj. Haphazard, random. Not marked by careful distinction



## Vocabulary

7.41

**indispensable** adj. Necessary or requisite for the purpose  
**indistinct** adj. Not easily heard, seen, clearly marked  
**indivertible** adj. That can not be turned aside  
**indivisible** adj. Not separable into parts  
**indolence** n. Laziness  
**indolent** adj. Habitually inactive or idle  
**indomitable** adj. Not easily discouraged or subdued  
**induct** v. To bring in  
**indulge** v. Gratify, give way to, satisfy; allow oneself  
**indulgence** n. The yielding to inclination, passion, desire, or propensity in oneself or another  
**indulgent** adj. Inclined to indulge  
**inebriate** v. To make drunk  
**inedible** adj. Not good for food  
**ineffable** adj. Something that cannot be described in words  
**inefficiency** n. That which does not accomplish an intended purpose  
**inefficient** adj. Not accomplishing an intended purpose  
**ineligible** adj. Not suitable to be selected or chosen  
**ineluctable** adj. Certain, inevitable  
**inept** adj. Unskilful; said or done at the wrong time  
**inert** adj. Inanimate. Lacking vigour or vitality  
**inestimable** adj. Incapable of being estimated or computed  
**inevitable** adj. Unavoidable  
**inexcusable** adj. Not to be justified  
**inexhaustible** adj. So large or furnishing so great a supply as not to be emptied, wasted, or spent  
**inexorable** adj. Unrelenting. Not to be persuaded, moved or stopped  
**inexpedient** adj. Inadvisable  
**inexpensive** adj. Low-priced  
**inexperience** n. Lack of or deficiency in experience  
**inexplicable** adj. Such as can not be made plain  
**inexpressible** adj. Unutterable  
**inextensible** adj. Of unchangeable length or area  
**infallible** adj. Exempt from error of judgment, as in opinion or statement  
**infamous** adj. Publicly branded or notorious, as for vice, or crime  
**infamy** n. Total loss or destitution of honour or reputation  
**inference** n. The derivation of a judgment from any given material of knowledge on the ground of law  
**infernal** adj. Akin to or befitting hell or its occupants  
**infertile** adj. Not fertile, barren

**infest** v. To be present in such numbers as to be a source of annoyance, trouble, or danger  
**infidel** n. One who denies the existence of God  
**infidelity** n. Disloyalty  
**infinity** n. Boundless or immeasurable extension or duration  
**infirm** adj. Lacking in bodily or mental strength  
**infirmary** n. A place for the reception or treatment of the sick  
**infirmary** n. A physical, mental, or moral weakness or flaw  
**inflamm** v. Become red, angry  
**inflammable** adj. Easily set on fire or excited  
**inflammation** n. A morbid process in some part of the body characterised by heat, swelling, and pain  
**inflammatory** adj. Tending to inflame  
**inflexible** adj. That can not be altered or varied  
**influence** n. Ability to sway the will of another  
**influential** adj. Having the power to sway the will of another  
**influx** n. Infusion  
**infrequency** n. Rareness  
**infrequent** adj. Uncommon  
**infringe** v. To trespass upon. To break a regulation  
**infuriate** v. Fill with fury or rage  
**infuse** v. Put, pour, fill; instil, imbue  
**infusion** n. The act of imbuing, or pouring in  
**ingenious** adj. Evincing skill, originality, or cleverness, as in contrivance or arrangement  
**ingenuity** n. Cleverness in contriving, combining, or originating  
**ingenuous** adj. Naive, young, artless, frank, honest, sincere  
**ingest** v. Take in by swallowing  
**inglorious** adj. Shameful  
**in graft** v. To set or implant deeply and firmly  
**ingratiate** v. To win confidence or good graces for oneself  
**ingratitude** n. Insensibility to kindness  
**ingredient** n. Component  
**inherence** n. The state of being permanently existing in something  
**inherent** adj. Intrinsic  
**inherent** n. Existing as a natural part  
**inhibit** v. Hinder, restrain  
**inhospitable** adj. Not disposed to entertain strangers gratuitously

## 7.42

**inhuman** adj. Savage. Lacking pity and kindness  
**inhume** v. To place in the earth, as a dead body  
**inimical** adj. Harmful or friendly  
**inimitable** adj. Defying imitation, unmatched  
**iniquity** n. Gross wrong or injustice  
**initiate** v. To perform the first act or rite  
**inject** v. To introduce, as a fluid, by injection  
**injunction** n. Order. What someone is instructed to do  
**inkling** n. A hint  
**inland** adj. Remote from the sea  
**inlet** n. A small body of water leading into a larger  
**inmost** adj. Deepest within  
**innocuous** adj. Causing no harm  
**innovate** v. To introduce or strive to introduce new things  
**innuendo** n. Insinuation. Implicit additional meaning  
**innumerable** adj. Countless  
**inoffensive** adj. Causing nothing displeasing or disturbing  
**inopportune** adj. Unsuitable or inconvenient, especially as to time  
**inquire** v. To ask information about  
**inquisition** n. The act inquiring. A judicial or official enquiry  
**inquisitive** adj. Given to questioning, especially out of curiosity  
**inquisitor** n. One who makes an investigation  
**inroad** n. forcible encroachment or trespass  
**insatiable** adj. That desires or craves  
**inscribe** v. To enter in a book, or on a list, roll, or document, by writing  
**inscrutable** adj. Incapable of being discovered or understood  
**insecure** adj. Not assured of safety  
**insensible** adj. Unconscious, unresponsive, unaffected  
**insentient** adj. Lacking the power of feeling or perceiving  
**inseparable** adj. That can not be separated  
**insidious** adj. Working ill by slow and stealthy means  
**insight** n. Intellectual discernment  
**insignificance** n. Lack of import or of importance  
**insignificant** adj. Without importance, force, or influence  
**insinuate** v. Suggest unpleasantly; make a way for something gently. To introduce an idea or suggestion in a subtle and indirect way  
**insipid** adj. Without taste or flavour. Dull  
**insistence** n. Urgency  
**insistent** adj. Urgent  
**insolence** n. Pride or haughtiness exhibited in contemptuous and overbearing treatment of others

## Vocabulary

**insolent** adj. Impudent. Exhibiting boldness or effrontery  
**insomnia** n. Sleeplessness  
**insouciant** adj. Unconcerned, carefree  
**inspector** n. An official appointed to examine or oversee any matter of public interest or importance  
**instance** n. A single occurrence or happening of a given kind  
**instant** n. A very brief portion of time  
**instantaneous** adj. Done without perceptible lapse of time  
**instigate** v. To provoke  
**instigator** n. One who incites to evil  
**instil** v. To infuse  
**instructive** adj. Conveying knowledge  
**insufficiency** n. Inadequacy  
**insufficient** adj. Inadequate for some need, purpose, or use  
**insular** adj. Having or reflecting a narrow provincial view point. Pertaining to an island  
**insularity** n. Narrow-mindedness, isolated  
**insulate** v. To place in a detached state or situation  
**insuperable** adj. Invincible  
**insurgence** n. Uprising  
**insurgent** n. One who takes part in forcible opposition to the constituted authorities of a place  
**insurrection** n. Rising of people to open resistance against an authority or government  
**intangible** adj. Not perceptible to the touch  
**integrity** n. Uprightness of character and soundness of moral principle  
**intellect** n. The faculty of perception or thought  
**intellectual** adj. Characterised by intelligence  
**intelligence** n. Capacity to know or understand  
**intelligible** adj. Comprehensible  
**intemperance** n. Immoderate action or indulgence, as of the appetites  
**intension** n. The act of stringing or stretching, or state of being strained  
**intensive** adj. Adding emphasis or force  
**intention** n. That upon which the mind is set  
**interact** v. To act reciprocally  
**intercede** v. To mediate between persons  
**intercept** v. To interrupt the course of  
**intercession** n. Entreaty in behalf of others  
**intercessor** n. A mediator  
**interdict** v. Prohibit, forbid

## Vocabulary

7.43

**interim** n. Time between acts or periods

**interim** n. As an instalment

**interlocutor** n. One who takes part in a conversation or oral discussion

**interlude** n. An action or event considered as coming between others of greater length

**intermediate** adj. Being in a middle place or degree or between extremes

**interminable** adj. Having no limit or end

**intermission** n. A recess

**intermit** v. To cause to cease temporarily

**intermittent** adj. A temporary discontinuance

**interpolation** n. To insert between other things or parts

**interpose** v. To come between other things or persons

**interposition** n. A coming between

**interpreter** n. A person who makes intelligible the speech of a foreigner by oral translation

**interrogate** v. To examine formally by questioning

**interrogative** adj. Having the nature or form of a question

**interrogatory** n. A question or inquiry

**interrupt** v. To stop while in progress

**intersect** v. To cut through or into so as to divide

**intersperse** v. Place here and there

**intervene** v. Come between; interfere to change the result

**intestacy** n. The condition resulting from one's dying not having made a valid will

**intestate** adj. Not having made a valid will

**intimacy** n. Close or confidential friendship

**intimidate** v. To cause to become frightened

**intolerable** adj. Insufferable

**intolerance** n. Inability or unwillingness to bear or endure

**intolerant** adj. Bigoted

**intoxicant** n. Anything that unduly exhilarates or excites

**intoxicate** v. To make drunk. To poison

**intracellular** adj. Occurring or situated within a cell

**intractable** adj. Unruly, refractory, stubborn

**intramural** adj. Situated within the walls of a city

**intransigence** n. Unwillingness to compromise, stubbornness, intractability

**intransigent** Uncompromising

**intrepid** adj. Fearless, brave, undaunted

**intricacy** n. Perplexity

**intricate** adj. Difficult to follow or understand

**intrigue** n. A plot or scheme, usually complicated and intended to accomplish something by secret ways

**intrinsic** adj. Inherent

**introductory** adj. Preliminary

**introgression** n. (*Biology*) The transfer of genetic information from one species to another as a result of hybridisation between them and repeated backcrossing

**introspect** v. To look into

**introspection** n. Examining one's own thoughts and feelings

**introversion** n. Predominantly concerned with and interested in one's own mental life

**introvert** v. n. To turn within, one who turns within.

**intrude** v. To come in without leave or license

**intrusion** n. The act of entering without warrant or invitation; encroachment

**intuition** n. Instinctive knowledge or feeling

**inundate** v. Flood; cover by overflowing

**inundation** n. Flood

**inure** v. To harden or toughen by use, exercise, or exposure

**inured** v. Accustomed to, adapted

**invalid** n. One who is disabled by illness or injury

**invalidate** v. To render of no force or effect

**invaluable** adj. Exceedingly precious

**invariable** adj. Unchangeable

**invasion** n. Encroachment, as by an act of intrusion or trespass

**invective** n. Abusive language, curses

**inveigh** v. To attack verbally, denounce, deprecate. To protest or complain bitterly

**inverse** adj. Contrary in tendency or direction

**inversion** n. Change of order so that the first shall become last and the last first

**invert** v. To turn inside out, upside down, or in opposite direction

**investigator** n. One who investigates

**investor** n. One who invests money

**inveterate** adj. Deep-rooted. long-established

**invidious** adj. Tending to cause discontent, animosity or envy. Showing or feeling envy

**invigorate** v. To animate

**invincible** adj. Not to be conquered, subdued, or overcome

**invulnerable** adj. Incapable of being injured or disturbed

**invoke** v. To call on for assistance or protection

**involuntary** adj. Unwilling

**involute** adj. Complex; intricate

## 7.44

**involution** n. Intricacy; complexity  
**involve** v. To Draw into entanglement, literally or figuratively  
**invulnerable** adj. That cannot be wounded or hurt  
**inwardly** adv. With no outward manifestation  
**iota** n. A small or insignificant mark or part  
**irascible** adj. Irritable, easily angered  
**irate** adj. Angry  
**ire** n. Anger  
**iridescence** n. A many-coloured appearance  
**iridescent** adj. Exhibiting changing rainbow-colours due to the interference of the light  
**irk** v. To afflict with pain, vexation, or fatigue  
**irksome** adj. Tiresome  
**irony** n. Censure or ridicule under cover of praise or compliment  
**irradiance** n. Lustre  
**irradiate** v. To render clear and intelligible  
**irrational** adj. Not possessed of reasoning powers or understanding  
**irreducible** adj. That cannot be lessened  
**irrefragable** adj. That cannot be refuted or disproved  
**irrefragible** adj. Which cannot be broken or violated; inviolable  
**irrelevant** adj. Not relevant, not connected  
**irreligious** adj. Indifferent or opposed to religion  
**irreparable** adj. That cannot be rectified or made amends for  
**irrepressible** adj. That cannot be restrained or kept down  
**irresistible** adj. That cannot be successfully withstood or opposed  
**irresolute** adj. Hesitating; undecided  
**irresponsible** adj. Careless of or unable to meet responsibilities  
**irreverence** n. The quality showing or expressing a deficiency of veneration, especially for sacred things  
**irreversible** adj. Irrevocable  
**irrevocable** adj. Final and unalterable  
**irrigate** v. To water, as land, by ditches or other artificial means  
**irritable** adj. Showing impatience or ill temper on little provocation  
**irritancy** n. The quality of producing vexation  
**irritant** n. A mechanical, chemical, or pathological agent of inflammation, pain, or tension  
**irritate** v. To excite ill temper or impatience in

## Vocabulary

**irruption** n. Sudden invasion  
**isle** n. An island  
**islet** n. A little island  
**isobar** n. A line joining points at which the barometric pressure is the same at a specified moment  
**isochronous** adj. Relating to or denoting equal intervals of time  
**isolate** v. To separate from others of its kind  
**isothermal** adj. Having or marking equality of temperature  
**itinerant** adj. Wandering  
**itinerary** n. Plan for a journey, details or records of a route  
**itinerate** v. To travel from place to place, to peregrinate



### DICTIONARY BUILDER!

Find 10 words in the I-List which would mean just the opposite if the beginning 'in' is removed – e.g. intangible and tangible



**jabber** v. Talk excitedly; utter rapidly. Language  
**jargon** n. Confused, unintelligible. The technical terminology of a special group  
**jaundice** n. A morbid condition, due to obstructed excretion of bile or characterised by yellowing of the skin  
**jeopardise** v. Put in danger  
**jibe** v. Gibe. To utter taunting words  
**jingo** n. Someone aggressively patriotic  
**jocose** adj. Done or made in jest  
**jocular** adj. Meant as a joke  
**joggle** v.. A sudden irregular shake or a push causing such a shake  
**journalise** v. To keep a diary  
**joust** v. To engage in a tilt with lances on horseback  
**jovial** adj. Merry  
**jubilant** n. An act of rejoicing  
**judgment** n. The faculty by the exercise of which a deliberate conclusion is reached  
**judicature** n. Distribution and administration of justice by trial and judgment  
**judicial** adj. Pertaining to the administration of justice  
**judiciary** n. That department of government which administers the law relating to civil and criminal matters

## Vocabulary

7.45

**judicious** adj. Sound in judgment; wise

**juggle** v. To perform tricks of a juggler

**jugglery** n. The art or practice of sleight of hand

**jugular** adj. Pertaining to the throat

**junction** n. The condition of being joined

**juncture** n. An articulation, joint, or seam

**junta** n. A council or assembly that deliberates in secret upon the affairs of government

**juridical** adj. Assumed by law to exist

**jurisdiction** n. Lawful power or right to exercise official authority

**jurisprudence** n. The science of rights in accordance with positive law

**juror** n. One who serves on a jury or is sworn in for jury duty in a court of justice

**justification** n. Vindication

**juvenile** adj. Characteristic of youth

**juxtapose** v. To place close together

Now that you have studied the word lists - G, H, I, J, let's find the **Odd Word Out!**

10. (a) Intransigent

(b) Innocuous

(c) Hurtless

(d) Harmless



**keepsake** n. Anything kept or given to be kept for the sake of the giver

**kerchief** n. A square of linen, silk, or other material, used as a covering for the head or neck

**kernel** n. A grain or seed

**kiln** n. An oven or furnace for baking, burning, or drying industrial products

**kilolitre** n. One thousand litres

**kilometre** n. A length of 1,000 metres

**kilowatt** n. One thousand watts

**kimono** n. A loose robe, fastening with a sash, the principal outer garment in Japan

**kind-hearted** adj. Having a kind and sympathetic nature

**kinglet** n. A petty king, usually used derogatively

**kingship** n. Royal state

**kinsfolk** n. pl. Relatives

**knavery** n. Deceitfulness in dealing

**knead** v. To mix and work into a homogeneous mass, especially with the hands

**knickknack** n. A small article, more for ornament rather than use

**knights errant** n. One of the wandering knights who in the middle ages went forth in search of adventure

**knighthood** n. Chivalry

**knit** v. Draw together, unite firmly



**laborious** adj. Toilsome

**labyrinth** n. A maze

**labyrinthine** adj. Intricate, involved

**lacerate** v. To tear rudely or raggedly

**lachrymose** adj. Causing tears, tearful

**lackadaisical** adj. Listless

**lacklustre** adj. (Of eyes) Dull

**laconic** adj. Brief, to the point, terse

**lactation** n. The secretion of milk

**lacteal** adj. Milky

**lactic** adj. Pertaining to milk

## Exercise – I

**Directions for questions 1 to 10:** Four words are given in each of the following questions. Three of them are similar or connected to each other in some way. You have to pick the odd word out

- (a) Imperilment (b) Hazard  
(c) Jeopardy (d) Goad
- (a) Jocularly (b) Gaiety  
(c) Impetuosity (d) Hilarity
- (a) Interim (b) Joggle  
(c) Gap (d) Hiatus
- (a) Imposture (b) Hoodwink  
(c) Gimmick (d) Joust
- (a) Haughty (b) Grisly  
(c) Hubris (d) Insolence
- (a) Guileless (b) Ingenuous  
(c) Honest (d) Jocose
- (a) Humour (b) Indulge  
(c) Gratify (d) Jabber
- (a) Huckster (b) Indelicate  
(c) Immodest (d) Gauche
- (a) Incipient (b) Initiatory  
(c) Inceptive (d) Inimitable

## 7.46

**laddie** n. A lad  
**ladle** n. A cup-shaped vessel with a long handle, intended for dipping up and pouring liquids  
**lag** v. Go too slow  
**laggard** adj. Falling behind  
**lament** v. Show, feel great sorrow  
**landholder** n. Landowner  
**landlord** n. A man who owns and lets a tenement or tenements  
**landmark** n. A familiar object in the landscape serving as a guide to an area otherwise easily lost track of  
**landscape** n. A rural view, especially one of picturesque effect, as seen from a distance or an elevation  
**languid** adj. Lacking vigour or vitality  
**languor** n. Lassitude of body or depression  
**lapse** n. A slight deviation from what is right, proper, or just  
**lascivious** adj. Lustful  
**lassie** n. A little lass  
**lassitude** n. Weariness, tiredness  
**latency** n. The state of being dormant  
**latent** adj. Present but not yet active, developed or visible  
**later** adv. At a subsequent time  
**lateral** adj. Directed toward the side  
**latish** adj. Rather late  
**lattice** n. Openwork of metal or wood, formed by crossing or interlacing strips or bars  
**laud** v. To praise in words or song  
**laudable** adj. Praiseworthy  
**laudation** n. High praise  
**laudatory** adj. Expressing or giving praise  
**laundress** n. Washerwoman  
**laureate** adj. Crowned with laurel, as a mark of distinction  
**lave** v. To wash or bathe  
**lavish** v. Giving or producing generously  
**lawgiver** n. A legislator  
**lawmaker** n. A legislator  
**lax** adj. Not stringent or energetic  
**laxative** adj. Having power to open or loosen the bowels  
**lea** n. A field  
**leaflet** n. A little leaf or a booklet  
**leakage** n. The process of leaking  
**leaven** v. To make light by fermentation, as dough  
**leeward** n. That side or direction toward which the wind blows

## Vocabulary

**left-handed** adj. Using the left hand or arm more dexterously than the right  
**legacy** n. Something handed down from ancestors  
**legalise** v. To give the authority of law to  
**legging** n. A covering for the leg  
**legible** adj. That may be read with ease  
**legionary** n. A member of an ancient Roman legion or of the modern French Legion of Honour  
**legislate** v. To make or enact a law or laws  
**legislative** adj. That makes or enacts laws  
**legislator** n. A lawgiver  
**legitimacy** n. Accordance with law  
**legitimate** adj. Having the sanction of law or established custom  
**leisure** n. Spare time  
**leniency** n. Forbearance  
**lenient** adj. Not harsh  
**leonine** adj. Like a lion  
**lethargy** n. Prolonged sluggishness of body or mind  
**levee** n. An embankment beside a river or stream or an arm of the sea, to prevent overflow  
**lever** n. That which exerts, or through which one may exert great power  
**leviathan** n. Any large animal, as a whale  
**levity** n. Frivolity  
**levy** v. To impose and collect by force or threat of force  
**lewd** adj. Characterised by lust or lasciviousness  
**lexicographer** n. One who makes dictionaries  
**lexicography** n. The making of dictionaries  
**lexicon** n. A dictionary  
**liable** adj. Justly or legally responsible  
**libel** n. Statement that damages reputation  
**liberalism** n. Opposition to conservatism  
**liberality** n. Free giving; generosity  
**liberate** v. To set free or release from bondage  
**libertine** n. Immoral person  
**licentious** adj. Wanton. Lacking legal or moral restraints  
**licit** adj. Lawful  
**liege** adj. Sovereign. Faithful and loyal  
**lien** n. Legal claim on a property until a debt on it is repaid  
**lieu** n. Stead. As a substitute for  
**lifelike** adj. Realistic  
**lifelong** adj. Lasting or continuous through life  
**lifetime** n. The time that life continues  
**ligament** n. That which binds objects together

## Vocabulary

7.47

**ligature** n. Anything that constricts, or serves for binding or tying

**light-hearted** adj. Free from care

**ligneous** adj. Having the texture of appearance of wood

**likelihood** n. A probability

**likely** adj. Plausible

**limitation** n. A restriction

**limn** v. Paint, portray. Delineate

**limp** adj. Lacking strength, walking unevenly

**linear** adj. Of the nature of a line

**liner** n. A vessel belonging to a steamship-line

**lingo** n. Language

**lingua** n. The tongue

**lingual** adj. Pertaining to the use of the tongue in utterance

**linguist** n. One who is acquainted with several languages

**linguistics** n. The science of languages, or of the origin, history, and significance of words

**liniment** n. A liquid preparation for rubbing on the skin in cases of bruises, inflammation, etc

**liquefier** adj. Possessing a liquefying nature or power

**liquefy** v. To convert into a liquid or into liquid form

**liqueur** n. An alcoholic cordial sweetened and flavoured with aromatic substances

**liquidate** v. To deliver the amount or value of

**liquor** n. Any alcoholic or intoxicating liquid

**listless** adj. Inattentive

**literacy** n. The state or condition of knowing how to read and write

**literal** adj. Following the exact words

**literature** n. The written or printed productions of the human mind collectively

**lithe** adj. Easily bent or drawn

**lithesome** adj. Nimble

**lithograph** n. A print made by printing from stone

**litho type** n. In engraving, an etched stone surface for printing

**litigant** n. A party to a lawsuit

**litigate** v. To cause to become the subject-matter of a suit at law

**litigious** adj. Quarrelsome

**littoral** adj. Of, pertaining to, or living on a shore

**liturgy** n. A ritual

**livelihood** n. Means of subsistence

**livid** adj. Black-and-blue, as contused flesh

**loam** n. A non-coherent mixture of sand and clay

**loath** adj. Averse

**loathe** v. To hate, detest

**locative** adj. Indicating place, or the place where or wherein an action occurs

**loch** n. A lake

**locomotion** n. The act or power of moving from one place to another

**lode** n. A somewhat continuous un-stratified metal-bearing vein

**lodgement** n. The act of furnishing with temporary quarters

**logic** n. The science of correct thinking

**logical** adj. Capable of or characterised by clear reasoning

**logician** n. An expert reasoner

**loiterer** n. One who consumes time idly

**loll** v. Rest, to sit or stand in a lazy way; hang (dog's tongue)

**loneliness** n. Solitude

**longevity** n. Unusually prolonged life

**loot** v. To plunder

**loquacious** adj. Talkative, garrulous

**lordling** n. A little lord, chiefly used derogatively

**lough** n. Irish spelling for loch, a lake

**louse** n. A small insect parasitic on and sucking the blood of mammals

**lowly** adv. In a humble or meek manner

**low-spirited** adj. Depressed. Despondent

**lubricant** n. Substance that makes work easier

**lubricate** v. Put oil to make work easily

**lubricious** adj. Lewd, wanton, greasy, slippery

**lucid** adj. Clear to the understanding rational

**lucrative** adj. Highly profitable

**lucubration** adj. Laborious or intensive study

**lucubrate** v. Write in scholarly fashion

**luculent** adj. Easily understood, lucid, clear

**ludicrous** adj. Laughable

**lugubrious** adj. Mournful, excessively sad

**lull** v. Become quiet or less active

**luminary** n. Star, light-giving body

**luminescence** n. The emission of light by a substance that has not been heated, as in phosphorescence

**luminescent** adj. Showing increase of light

**luminosity** n. The quality of giving or radiating light

**luminous** adj. Giving or radiating light

## 7.48

**lunacy** n. Mental unsoundness  
**lunar** adj. Pertaining to the moon  
**lunatic** n. An insane person  
**lune** n. The moon  
**lurid** adj. Ghastly and sensational  
**luscious** adj. Rich, sweet, and delicious  
**lustrous** adj. Being bright, polished  
**luxuriance** n. Excessive or superfluous growth or quantity  
**luxuriant** adj. Abundant or superabundant in growth  
**luxuriate** v. To soak up pleasure  
**lyre** n. One of the most ancient of stringed instruments of the harp class  
**lyric** adj. The words of a song



**macabre** adj. Gruesome, suggesting death  
**macadamise** v. To cover or pave, as a path or roadway, with small broken stone  
**machination** n. Plot, scheme (esp. evil)  
**machinery** n. The parts of a machine or engine, taken collectively  
**machinist** n. One who makes or repairs machines, or uses metal-working tools  
**macrocosm** n. The whole of any sphere or department of nature or knowledge to which man is related  
**madden** v. To inflame with passion  
**Madonna** n. A painted or sculptured representation of the Virgin, usually with the infant Jesus  
**magician** n. One skilled in magic  
**magisterial** adj. Having an air of authority  
**magistracy** n. The office or dignity of a magistrate  
**magnanimous** adj. Generous in treating or judging others  
**magnate** n. A person of rank or importance  
**magnet** n. A body possessing that peculiar form of polarity found in nature in the lodestone  
**magnetise** v. To make a magnet of, permanently, or temporarily  
**magnificence** n. The exhibition of greatness of action, character, intellect, wealth, or power  
**magnificent** adj. Grand or majestic in appearance, quality, or action  
**magnitude** n. Importance  
**maharaja** n. A great Hindu prince  
**maidenhood** n. Virginity

## Vocabulary

**maintain** v. To hold or preserve in any particular state or condition  
**maintenance** n. That which supports or sustains  
**maize** n. Indian corn: usually in the United States called simply corn  
**makeup** n. The arrangements or combination of the parts of which anything is composed  
**maladroit** adj. Tactless, clumsy  
**malady** n. Any physical disease or disorder, especially a chronic or deep-seated one  
**malapropism** n. Misuse of a word (for one that resembles it)  
**malaria** n. A fever characterised by alternating chills, fever, and sweating  
**malcontent** n. One who is dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs  
**malediction** n. A curse  
**malefactor** n. One who injures another  
**maleficent** adj. Mischievous. Working or productive of harm or evil  
**malevolence** n. Wishing to do evil  
**malevolent** adj. Wishing evil to others  
**malign** v. Injurious, speak ill of others, tell lies  
**malignant** adj. Evil in nature or tending to do great harm or mischief  
**malingering** v. To fake illness or injury, in order to shirk a duty  
**malleable** adj. Yielding; easily shaped  
**mallet** n. A wooden hammer  
**maltreat** v. To treat ill, unkindly, roughly, or abusively  
**manacle** n. Chains for the hands. Handcuffs  
**mandate** n. A command  
**mandatory** adj. Compulsory  
**manage** v. Conduct affairs by strategy  
**mane** n. The long hair growing upon and about the neck of certain animals, as the horse and the lion  
**mania** n. Insanity  
**maniac** n. A person raving with madness  
**manifesto** n. A public declaration, announcing intentions and aims, especially by a political party before an election  
**manlike** adj. Like a man  
**manliness** n. The qualities characteristic of a true man, as bravery, resolution, etc  
**mannerism** n. Constant or excessive adherence to one manner, style, or peculiarity, as of action or speech  
**manoeuvre** v. Something done to achieve an end, action, measure, move



## Vocabulary

7.49

**manor** n. The landed estate of a lord or nobleman

**mantel** n. The facing, sometimes richly ornamented, about a fireplace, including the usual shelf above it

**mantle** n. A cloak

**man-trap** n. A place or structure dangerous to human life

**manumission** n. Emancipation. Often refers to freeing of slaves legally

**manumit** v. To set free from bondage

**marine** adj. Of or pertaining to the sea or matters connected with the sea

**maritime** adj. Situated on or near the sea

**maroon** v. To put ashore and abandon (a person) on a desolate coast or island

**martial** adj. Related to war

**Martian** adj. Pertaining to Mars, either the Roman god of war or the planet

**martyrdom** n. Submission to death or persecution for the sake of faith or principle

**marvel** v. To be astonished and perplexed because of (something)

**masonry** n. The art or work of constructing, as buildings, walls, etc., with regularly arranged stones

**masquerade** n. A social party composed of persons masked and costumed so as to be disguised

**massacre** n. Cruel killing of a large number of people

**massive** adj. Of considerable bulk and weight

**masterpiece** n. A superior production

**mastery** n. The attainment of superior skill

**material** n. That of which anything is composed or may be constructed

**materialise** v. To take perceptible or substantial form

**maternal** adj. Pertaining or peculiar to a mother or to motherhood

**matinee** n. An entertainment (especially theatrical) held in the daytime

**matricide** n. The killing, especially the murdering, of one's mother

**matriculation** n. State of gaining admittance to a university

**matrimony** n. The union of a man and a woman in marriage

**matrix** n. That which contains and gives shape or form to anything

**matter of fact** n. Something that has actual and undeniable existence or reality

**mature** v. Come to full development, to a state ready for use

**maudlin** adj. Sentimental in a silly or tearful way

**mausoleum** n. A tomb of more than ordinary size or architectural pretensions

**maverick** n. Rebel, nonconformist

**maxim** n. A principle accepted as true and acted on as a rule or guide

**maze** n. A labyrinth. A brain-teaser of complex shapes

**mead** n. A meadow

**meagre** adj. Scanty. A fermented beverage made of water and honey

**mealy-mouthed** adj. Afraid to express facts or opinions plainly

**meander** v. To wind and turn while proceeding in a course

**mechanics** n. The branch of physics that treats the phenomena caused by the action of forces

**medallion** n. A large medal

**meddlesome** adj. Interfering

**medial** adj. Of or pertaining to the middle

**mediate** v. To effect by negotiating as an agent between parties

**medicine** n. A substance possessing or reputed to possess curative or remedial properties

**medieval** adj. Belonging or relating to or descriptive of the middle ages

**mediocre** adj. Ordinary

**meditation** n. The turning or revolving of a subject in the mind

**medley** n. A composition of different songs or parts of songs arranged to run as a continuous whole

**meliorate** v. To make better or improve, as in quality or social or physical condition

**mellifluous** adj. Sweetly flowing. Pleasant to hear

**melodious** adj. Characterised by a sweet succession of sounds

**melodrama** n. A drama with a romantic story or plot and sensational situation and incidents

**memento** n. A souvenir

**memorable** adj. Noteworthy

**menace** n. A threat

**menagerie** n. A collection of wild animals, especially when kept for exhibition

**mendacious** adj. False

**mendacity** n. Dishonesty

**mendicant** n. A beggar

**mentality** n. Intellectuality

**mentor** n. A wise and faithful teacher, guide, and friend

**mercantile** adj. Conducted or acting on business principles; commercial

**mercenary** adj. Serving merely for pay

**merciful** adj. Disposed to pity and forgive

**merciless** adj. Cruel

**mercurial** adj. Quick, changeable in character, fleeting

**meretricious** adj. Attractive on the surface but of little value. In showy bad taste

**mesmerise** v. Hypnotise

**metal** n. An element that forms a base by combining with oxygen, is usually hard, heavy, and lustrous

**metallurgy** n. The art or science of extracting a metal from ores, as by smelting

**metamorphosis** n. A passing from one form or shape into another

**metaphor** n. A figure of speech in which one object is likened to another, by speaking as if the other

**metaphysical** adj. Philosophical

**metaphysician** n. One skilled in metaphysics

**metaphysics** n. The principles of philosophy as applied to explain the methods of any particular science

**mete** v. To apportion

**metempsychosis** n. Transition of the soul of a human being at death into another body, whether human or other

**meticulous** adj. Giving great attention to details

**metonymy** n. A figure of speech that consists in the naming of a thing by one of its attributes

**metric** adj. Relating to measurement

**metronome** n. An instrument for indicating and marking exact time in music

**metropolis** n. A chief city, either the capital or the largest or most important city of a state

**metropolitan** adj. Pertaining to a chief city

**mettle** n. Quality of endurance or courage

**mettlesome** adj. Courageous, high-spirited

**microcosm** n. The world or universe on a small scale

**micrometer** n. An instrument for measuring very small angles or dimensions

**microphone** n. An apparatus for magnifying faint sounds

**microscope** n. An instrument for assisting the eye in the vision of minute objects or features of objects

**microscopic** adj. Adapted to or characterised by minute observation

**microscopy** n. The art of examining objects with the microscope

**middling** adj. Fairly good but not very good

**midsummer** n. The middle of the summer

**midwife** n. A woman who makes a business of assisting at childbirth

**migrant** adj. Wandering

**migrate** v. To remove or pass from one country, region, or habitat to another

**migratory** adj. Wandering

**mileage** n. A distance in miles

**militant** adj. Of a warlike or combative disposition or tendency

**militarism** n. A policy of maintaining great standing armies

**militate** v. To have weight or influence (in determining a question)

**militia** n. Those citizens, collectively, who are enrolled and drilled in temporary military organisations

**millet** n. A grass cultivated for forage and cereal

**mimic** v. To imitate the speech or actions of

**minatory** adj. Menacing, threatening

**mince** v. Pronounce or speak affectedly, euphemise

**miniature** adj. Much smaller than reality or that the normal size

**minimise** v. To reduce to the smallest possible amount or degree

**minion** n. A servile favourite

**ministration** n. Any religious ceremonial

**ministry** n. A service

**minority** n. The smaller in number of two portions into which a number or a group is divided

**minute** adj. Exceedingly small in extent or quantity

**minutia** n. A small or unimportant particular or detail

**mirage** n. An optical effect looking like a sheet of water in the desert. Something seen but not there

**misadventure** n. An unlucky accident

**misanthrope** n. Person who hates mankind

**misanthropic** adj. Hating mankind

**misanthropy** n. Hatred of mankind

**misapprehend** v. To misunderstand

**misbehave** v. To behave ill

**misbehaviour** n. Ill or improper behaviour

**mischievous** adj. Harmful, causing mischief

**miscount** v. To make a mistake in counting

**miscreant** n. A villain

**misdeed** n. A wrong or improper act

**misdemeanour** n. Evil conduct, small crime

**miser** n. person who loves wealth and spends little

**mishap** n. Misfortune

## Vocabulary

7.51

**misinterpret** v. To misunderstand

**mislay** v. To misplace

**mismanage** v. To manage badly, improperly, or unskilfully

**misnomer** n. A name wrongly or mistakenly applied

**misogamy** n. Hatred of marriage

**misogynist** n. One who hates women/females

**misogyny** n. Hatred of women

**misplace** v. To put into a wrong place

**misrepresent** v. To give a wrong impression

**misrule** v. To misgovern

**missal** n. The book containing the service for the celebration of mass

**missive** n. A message in writing

**mistrust** v. To regard with suspicion or jealousy

**misty** adj. Lacking clearness

**misunderstand** v. To Take in a wrong sense

**misuse** v. To maltreat

**mite** n. A very small amount, portion, or particle

**mitigate** v. Make less severe or painful

**mitre** n. A tall headdress worn by bishops and senior abbots as a symbol of office; the junction of two bodies at an equally divided angle

**mnemonics** n. A system of principles and formulas designed to assist the recollection in certain instances

**moat** n. A ditch on the outside of a fortress wall

**mobocracy** n. Lawless control of public affairs by the mob or populace

**moccasin** n. A foot-covering made of soft leather or buckskin

**mockery** n. Ridicule

**moderation** n. Quality of being limited, not extreme

**moderator** n. The presiding officer of a meeting

**modernity** n. The state or character of being modern

**modernise** v. To make characteristic of the present or of recent times

**modification** n. A change

**modify** v. To make somewhat different

**modish** adj. Fashionable

**modulate** v. To vary in tone, inflection, pitch or other quality of sound

**mollify** v. Make calmer or quieter

**momentary** adj. Lasting for a short time

**momentous** adj. Very significant

**momentum** n. An impetus

**monarchy** n. Government by a single, sovereign ruler

**monastery** n. A dwelling-place occupied in common by persons under religious vows of seclusion

**monetary** adj. Financial

**mongrel** n. The progeny resulting from the crossing of different breeds or varieties

**monition** n. Friendly counsel given by way of warning and implying caution or reproof

**monitory** n. Admonition or warning

**monocracy** n. Government by a single person

**monogamy** n. The habit of pairing, or having but one mate

**monogram** n. A character consisting of two or more letters interwoven into one, usually initials of a person

**monograph** n. A treatise discussing a single subject or branch of a subject

**monolith** n. Any structure or sculpture in stone formed of a single piece

**monologue** n. A story or drama told or performed by one person

**monopoly** n. The control of a thing, as a commodity, to enable a person to raise its price

**monosyllable** n. A word of one syllable

**monotone** n. The sameness or monotony of utterance

**monotonous** adj. Unchanging and tedious

**monotony** n. A lack of variety

**monstrosity** n. Anything unnaturally huge or distorted

**moonbeam** n. A ray of moonlight

**morale** n. A state of mind with reference to confidence, courage, zeal, and the like

**moralist** n. A writer on ethics

**morality** n. Virtue

**moralise** v. To render virtuous

**moratorium** n. An emergency legislation authorising a government to suspend some action temporarily

**morbid** adj. Caused by or denoting a diseased or unsound condition of body or mind

**morbid** adj. Diseased, unhealthy (e.g.. about ideas)

**mordacious** adj. Biting or giving to biting

**mordant** adj. Biting

**moribund** adj. On the point of dying

**morose** adj. Gloomy

**morose** adj. Ill-tempered, unsocial

**morphology** n. The science of organic forms

**mortuary** n. Place where dead bodies are taken to be kept until burial

**motive** n. Cause or purpose

**motley** adj. Composed of heterogeneous or inharmonious elements

**motto** n. An expressive word or pithy sentence enunciating some guiding rule of life, or faith

**moult** v. Of animals, lose hair, feathers before new growing

**mountaineer** n. One who travels among or climbs mountains for pleasure or exercise

**mountainous** adj. Full of or abounding in mountains

**mouthful** n. As much as can be or is usually put into the mouth

**muddle** v. To confuse or becloud, especially with or as with drink

**muffle** v. To deaden the sound of, as by wraps

**mulatto** n. The offspring of a white person and a black person

**multifarious** adj. Varied, motley, greatly diversified

**multiform** adj. Having many shapes, or appearances

**multiplicity** n. The condition of being manifold or very various

**mundane** adj. Worldly, as opposed to spiritual commonplace, everyday

**municipal** adj. Of or pertaining to a town or city, or to its corporate or local government

**munificence** n. A giving characterised by generous motives and extraordinary liberality

**munificent** adj. Extraordinarily generous

**muster** n. An assemblage or review of troops for parade or inspection, or for numbering off

**mutation** n. The act or process of change

**mutilate** v. To disfigure

**mutiny** n. Rebellion against lawful or constituted authority

**myriad** n. A vast indefinite number

**mystic** n. One who professes direct divine illumination, or relies upon meditation to acquire truth

**mystification** n. The act of artfully perplexing

**myth** n. A fictitious narrative presented as historical, but without any basis of fact

**mythology** n. The whole body of legends cherished by a race concerning gods and heroes



**nadir** n. Lowest, weakest point

**nameless** adj. Having no fame or reputation

**naphtha** n. A light, colourless, volatile, inflammable oil used as a solvent, as in manufacture of paints

**Narcissus** n. The son of the Athenian river-god Cephissus fabled to have fallen in love with his reflection

**narrate** v. To tell a story

**narration** n. The act of recounting the particulars of an event in the order of time or occurrence

**narrative** n. An orderly continuous account of the successive particulars of an event

**narrator** n. One who narrates anything

**narrow-minded** adj. Characterised by illiberal views or sentiments

**nasal** adj. Pertaining to the nose

**nascent** adj. Coming into existence, emerging

**natal** adj. Pertaining to one's birth

**nationality** n. A connection with a particular nation

**naturally** adv. According to the usual order of things

**nausea** n. An affection of the stomach producing dizziness and usually an impulse to vomit

**nauseate** v. To cause to loathe

**nauseous** adj. Loathsome

**nautical** adj. Pertaining to ships, seamen, or navigation

**naval** adj. Pertaining to ships

**navel** n. The depression on the abdomen where the umbilical cord of the foetus was attached

**navigable** adj. Capable of commercial navigation

**navigate** v. To traverse by ship

**nebula** n. A gaseous body of unorganised stellar substance

**nebulous** adj. Cloud-like; hazy; vague; indistinct

**necessary** adj. Indispensably requisite or absolutely needed to accomplish a desired result

**necessitate** v. To render indispensable

**necessity** n. That which is indispensably requisite to an end desired

**necrology** n. A list of persons who have died in a certain place or time

**necromancer** n. One who practices the art of foretelling the future by means of communication with the dead

**necropolis** n. A city of the dead

**necrosis** n. The death of part of the body

**nectar** n. Any especially sweet and delicious drink

**nectarine** n. A variety of the peach

**needlework** n. Embroidery

**needy** adj. Being in need, want, or poverty



## DICTIONARY BUILDER!

Find out what the following prefixes mean:

- mal
- mis
- mini
- micro

## Vocabulary

7.53

**nefarious** adj. Wicked in the extreme

**negate** v. To deny

**negation** n. The act of denying or of asserting the falsity of a proposition

**neglectful** adj. Exhibiting or indicating omission

**negligee** n. A loose gown worn by women

**negligence** n. Omission of that which ought to be done

**negligent** adj. Taking too little care

**negligible** adj. Transferable by assignment, endorsement, or delivery

**negotiable** v. To bargain with others for an agreement, as for a treaty or transfer of property

**Nemesis** n. A goddess; divinity of chastisement and vengeance; A prime enemy

**neocracy** n. Government administered by new or untried persons

**neo-Darwinism** n. Darwinism as modified and extended by more recent students

**neo-Latin** n. Modernised Latin

**Neolithic** adj. Pertaining to the later stone age

**neology** n. The coining or using of new words or new meanings of words

**neopaganism** n. A new or revived paganism

**neophyte** n. person who has been converted to a belief

**nestle** v. To adjust cosily in snug quarters

**nestling** adj. Recently hatched

**nettle** v. To excite sensations of uneasiness or displeasure in

**network** n. Anything that presents a system of cross-lines

**neural** adj. Pertaining to the nerves or nervous system

**neurology** n. The science of the nervous system

**neuter** adj. Neither masculine nor feminine

**neutral** adj. Belonging to or under control of neither of two contestants

**nevertheless** conj. Notwithstanding

**nexus** n. A connection, tie, or link

**niggardly** adj. Stingy. (no longer acceptable to use)

**nihilist** n. An advocate of the doctrine that nothing either exists or can be known

**nil** n. Nothing

**nimble** adj. Light and quick in motion or action

**nit** n. The egg of a louse or some other insect

**nocturnal** adj. Of or pertaining to the night

**noisome** adj. Offensive, disgusting (smell)

**nomad** adj. Having no fixed abode

**nominal** adj. Trivial

**nominate** v. To designate as a candidate for any office

**nomination** n. The act or ceremony of naming a man or woman for office

**nominee** n. One who receives a nomination

**nonchalance** n. A state of mind indicating lack of interest

**nonchalant** adj. Not having interest

**non-combatant** n. One attached to the army or navy, but having duties other than that of fighting

**nondescript** adj. Indescribable

**nonentity** n. A person or thing of little or no account

**non-existent** n. That which does not exist

**nonpareil** n. One who or that which is of unequalled excellence

**nonplussed** v. Greatly surprised

**non-resident** adj. Not residing within a given jurisdiction

**norm** n. A model

**normalcy** n. The state of being normal

**Norman** adj. Of or peculiar to Normandy, in northern France

**nostrum** n. A quack remedy, an untested cure

**noticeable** adj. Perceptible

**notional** adj. Nominal, token

**notorious** adj. Unfavourably known to the general public

**nolette** n. A short novel

**novice** n. A beginner in any business or occupation

**noxious** adj. Harmful

**nuance** n. A slight degree of difference in anything perceptible to the sense of the mind

**nucleus** n. A central point or part about which matter is aggregated

**nude** adj. Naked

**nugatory** adj. Trifling. Inconsequential. Having no power or force

**nuisance** n. That which annoys, vexes, or irritates

**nullify** v. Make void and null

**numb** v. Without ability to feel or move

**numbness** n. Without ability to move a finger

**numeration** n. The act or art of reading or naming numbers

**numerical** adj. Of or pertaining to numbers

**nunnery** n. A convent for nuns

**nuptial** adj. Of or pertaining to marriage, especially to the marriage ceremony

**nurture** n. The process of fostering or promoting growth

**nutriment** n. That which nourishes

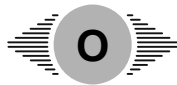
**nutritive** adj. Having nutritious properties

Now that you have studied the word lists - K, L, M, N, let's find the **Odd Word Out!**

## Exercise – II

**Directions for questions 1 to 10:** Four words are given in each of the following questions. Three of them are similar or connected to each other in some way. You have to pick the odd word out.

1. (a) Munificent (b) Lavish  
(c) Liberal (d) Knavery
2. (a) Nugatory (b) Lugubrious  
(c) Lamentable (d) Mournful
3. (a) Malignant (b) Malevolent  
(c) Nasty (d) Listless
4. (a) Nefarious (b) Mean  
(c) Knead (d) Loathsome
5. (a) Multifarious (b) Malinger  
(c) Motley (d) Mixed
6. (a) Misdemeanor (b) Mishap  
(c) Misadventure (d) Misfortune
7. (a) Momentous (b) Noteworthy  
(c) Memorable (d) Noxious
8. (a) Mordacious (b) Necessary  
(c) Mandatory (d) Needful
9. (a) Lewd (b) Lascivious  
(c) Licentious (d) Litigious
10. (a) Labyrinth (b) Maze  
(c) Knot (d) Menagerie



**oakum** n. Hemp-fibre obtained by untwisting and picking out loosely the yarns of old hemp rope

**obdurate** adj. Hardened and not repenting; stubborn, inflexible

**obelisk** n. A square shaft with pyramidal top, usually monumental or commemorative

**obese** adj. Exceedingly fat

**obesity** n. Excessive fatness

**obfuscate** v. To darken, make obscure, muddle

**obituary** adj. A published notice of a death

**objective** adj. Grasping and representing facts as they are

**objector** n. One who objects, as to a proposition, measure, or ruling

**obligate** v. To hold to the fulfilment of duty

**obligatory** adj. Binding in law or conscience

**oblique** adj. Slanting; said of lines

**obliterate** v. To remove from existence

**oblivion** n. The state of having passed out of the memory or of being utterly forgotten

**oblivious** adj. Unaware, having no memory

**oblong** adj. Longer than broad; applied most commonly to rectangular objects considerably elongated

**obloquy** n. Abusively detractive language, sharp criticism, vituperation

**obnoxious** adj. Detestable

**obsequies** n. Funeral rites

**obsequious** adj. Too eager to obey or serve

**observance** n. A traditional form or customary act

**observant** adj. Quick to notice

**observatory** n. A building designed for systematic astronomical observations

**obsolescence** n. The condition or process of gradually falling into disuse

**obsolescent** adj. Passing out of use, as a word

**obsolete** adj. No longer practiced or accepted

**obstetrician** n. A practitioner of midwifery

**obstetrics** n. The branch of medical science concerned with the treatment and care of women during pregnancy and childbirth

**obstinacy** n. Stubborn adherence to opinion, arising from conceit or the desire to have one's own way

**obstreperous** adj. Noisy, loud

**obstruct** v. To fill with impediments so as to prevent passage, either wholly or in part

**obstruction** n. Hindrance

**obtain** v. To be established, accepted or customary

**obtrude** v. To be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence

**obtrusive** adj. Projecting, prominent, undesirably noticeable

**obvert** v. To turn the front or principal side of (a thing) toward any person or object

**obviate** v. To make unnecessary, get rid of

**occasion** n. An important event or celebration

**Occident** n. The countries lying west of Asia and the Turkish dominions

**occlude** v. To absorb, as a gas by a metal

**occluded** v. Blocked up

**occult** adj. Hidden, concealed, beyond comprehension

**occupant** n. A tenant in possession of property, as distinguished from the actual owner

## Vocabulary

7.55

- occurrence** n. A happening
- octagon** n. A figure with eight sides and eight angles
- octave** n. A note at this interval above or below any other, considered in relation to that other
- octavo** n. A book, or collection of paper in which the sheets are so folded as to make eight leaves
- octogenarian** adj. A person of between eighty and ninety years
- ocular** adj. Of or pertaining to the eye
- oculist** n. One versed or skilled in treating diseases of the eye
- oddity** n. An eccentricity
- ode** n. The form of lyric poetry anciently intended to be sung
- odious** adj. Repulsive, hateful
- odium** n. Contempt, dislike, aversion
- odour** n. Smell; favour; reputation
- odoriferous** adj. Having or diffusing an odour or scent, especially an agreeable one
- odorous** adj. Having an odour, especially a fragrant one
- offhand** adv. Without preparation
- officiate** v. To act as an officer or leader
- officious** adj. Too eager or ready to help, offer advice. Meddlesome
- offshoot** n. Something that branches off from the parent stock
- ogre** n. A demon or monster that was supposed to devour human beings
- ointment** n. A fatty preparation with a butter-like consistency in which a medicinal substance exists
- olfactory** adj. Of or pertaining to the sense of smell
- olive-branch** n. A branch of the olive-tree, as an emblem of peace
- ominous** adj. Boding ill. Threatening
- omission** n. Exclusion
- omnipotence** n. Unlimited and universal power
- omnipotent** adj. Possessed of unlimited and universal power
- omniscience** n. Unlimited or infinite knowledge
- omniscient** adj. Characterised by unlimited or infinite knowledge
- omnivorous** adj. Eating or living upon food of all kinds indiscriminately
- onerous** adj. Needing effort, burdensome
- onrush** n. Onset
- onset** n. An assault, especially of troops, upon an enemy or fortification
- onslaught** n. A violent onset
- onus** n. A burden or responsibility
- opalescence** n. The property of combined refraction and reflection of light, resulting in smoky tints
- opaque** adj. Impervious to light
- operate** v. To put in action and supervise the working of
- operative** adj. Active
- operator** n. One who works with or controls some machine or scientific apparatus
- opinion** n. A conclusion or judgment held with confidence, but falling short of positive knowledge
- opponent** n. One who supports the opposite side in a debate, discussion, struggle, or sport
- opportune** adj. Especially fit as occurring, said, or done at the right moment
- opportunist** n. One who takes advantage of circumstances to gain his ends
- opportunity** n. Favourable or advantageous chance or opening
- opposite** adj. Radically different or contrary in action or movement
- opprobrious** adj. Showing scorn or reproach
- opprobrium** n. The state of being scornfully reproached or accused of evil
- optic** n. Pertaining to the eye or vision
- optician** n. One who makes or deals in optical instruments or eye-glasses
- optics** n. The science that treats of light and vision, and all that is connected with sight
- optimism** n. The view that everything in nature and the history of mankind is ordered for the best
- optometry** n. Measurement of the powers of vision
- opulence** n. Affluence
- opulent** adj. Wealthy
- orate** v. To deliver an elaborate or formal public speech
- oration** n. An elaborate or formal public speech
- orator** n. One who delivers an elaborate or formal speech
- oratorio** n. A composition for solo voices, chorus, and orchestra, generally taken from the Scriptures
- oratory** n. The art of public speaking
- ordeal** n. Anything that severely tests courage, strength, patience, conscience, etc
- ordinal** n. That form of the numeral that shows the order of anything in a series, as first, second, third
- ordination** n. A consecration to the ministry
- ordnance** n. A general name for all kinds of weapons and their appliances used in war

## 7.56

**orgies** n. Wild or wanton revelry  
**origin** n. The beginning of that which becomes or is made to be  
**original** adj. Not copied nor produced by imitation  
**originate** v. To cause or constitute the beginning or first stage of the existence of  
**ornate** adj. Ornamented to a marked degree  
**orthodox** adj. Holding the commonly accepted faith  
**orthodoxy** n. Acceptance of the common faith  
**orthogonal** adj. Having or determined by right angles  
**oscillate** v. To swing back and forth  
**osculate** v. To kiss  
**ossify** v. to turn to bone; to settle rigidly into an idea  
**ostensible** adj. seeming, appearing as such, professed  
**ostentation** n. Display to obtain admiration or envy  
**ostentatious** adj. Fond of showing ostentation  
**ostracism** n. Shut out from society, refuse to meet, talk  
**ostracise** v. To exclude from public or private favour  
**ought** v. To be under moral obligation to be or do  
**oust** v. To eject  
**out-and-out** adv. Utter. Absolute  
**outbreak** n. A sudden and violent breaking forth, as of something that has been pent up or restrained  
**outburst** n. A violent issue, especially of passion in an individual  
**outcast** n. One rejected and despised, especially socially  
**outcry** n. A vehement or loud cry or clamour  
**outdo** v. To surpass  
**outlandish** adj. Strikingly out of the ordinary. Bizarre  
**outlast** v. To last longer than  
**outlaw** n. A habitual lawbreaker  
**outlive** v. To continue to exist after  
**out-of-the-way** adj. Remotely situated  
**outpost** n. A detachment of troops stationed at a distance from the main body to guard against surprise  
**outrage** n. A gross infringement of morality or decency  
**outrageous** adj. Shocking in conduct  
**outreach** v. To reach or go beyond  
**outride** v. To ride faster than  
**outrigger** n. A part built or arranged to project beyond a natural outline for support  
**outright** adv. Entirely  
**outset** n. Start  
**outskirt** n. A border region  
**outstretch** v. To extend  
**outstrip** v. To go beyond. To do better than

## Vocabulary

**outweigh** v. To surpass in importance or excellence  
**overdo** v. To overtax the strength of  
**overdose** n. An excessive dose, usually so large a dose of a medicine that its effect is toxic  
**overeate** v. To eat to excess  
**overhang** n. A portion of a structure which projects or hangs over  
**overhaul** v. Examine thoroughly to learn about the condition  
**overleap** v. To leap beyond  
**overlord** n. One who holds supremacy over another  
**overpass** v. To pass across or over, as a river  
**overpay** v. To pay or reward in excess  
**overpower** v. To gain supremacy or victory over by superior power  
**overproduction** n. Excessive production  
**overreach** v. To stretch out too far  
**overrun** v. To infest or ravage  
**oversee** v. To superintend  
**overseer** n. A supervisor  
**overshadow** v. To cast into the shade or render insignificant by comparison  
**over stride** v. To step beyond  
**overthrow** v. To vanquish an established ruler or government  
**overtone** n. A harmonic  
**overture** n. An initiative toward agreement or action  
**overweening** adj. Presumptuously arrogant, overbearing, immoderate, being a jerk  
**overwhelm** v. Weigh down, submerge



**pacify** v. To bring into a peaceful state  
**packet** n. A bundle, as of letters  
**pact** n. An agreement among nations. Treaty  
**paean** n. Song of praise or triumph  
**pagan** n. A worshiper of false gods  
**pageant** n. A dramatic representation, especially a spectacular one  
**palate** n. Roof of the mouth; sense of taste  
**palatial** adj. Magnificent  
**palaeontology** n. The branch of biology that treats of ancient life and fossil organisms  
**palette** n. A thin tablet, with a hole for the thumb, upon which artists lay their colours for painting



## Vocabulary

7.57

- palinode** n. A retraction
- pall** v. To make dull by satiety
- palliate** v. To make something appear less serious, to alleviate, to gloss over
- pallid** adj. Of a pale or wan appearance
- palpability** n. Can be felt, touched, understood
- palpable** n. Perceptible by feeling or touch
- palpitate** v. Tremble, beat rapidly and irregularly
- palsy** n. Paralysis
- pale** adj. Lacking colour or brilliancy
- pamphlet** n. A brief treatise or essay, usually on a subject of current interest
- pamphleteer** v. To compose or issue pamphlets, especially controversial ones
- panacea** n. A remedy or medicine proposed for or professing to cure all diseases
- pandemic** adj. Affecting a whole people or all classes, as a disease
- pandemonium** n. A fiendish or riotous uproar
- panegyric** n. Formal praise, eulogy
- panel** n. A rectangular piece set in or as in a frame
- panic** n. A sudden, unreasonable, overpowering fear
- panoply** n. Full set of armour. A magnificent or impressive array
- panorama** n. A series of large pictures representing a continuous scene. A comprehensive presentation of a subject. Range
- pantheism** n. The worship of all gods of different creeds, cults or peoples
- pantomime** n. Conveyance of a story by bodily or facial movements
- papacy** n. The office of pope. A succession or line of popes
- papyrus** n. The writing-paper of the ancient Egyptians, and later of the Romans
- parable** n. Short fictitious story that illustrates a moral attitude or religious principle
- paradigm** n. A model, example, or pattern
- paradox** n. A statement or doctrine seemingly in contradiction to the received belief
- paragon** n. A model of excellence
- parallel** v. To cause to correspond or lie in the same direction and equidistant in all parts
- parallelism** n. Essential likeness
- paralysis** n. Loss of the power of contractility in the voluntary or involuntary muscles
- paralyse** v. To deprive of the power to act
- paramount** adj. Supreme in authority
- paramour** n. One who is unlawfully and immorally a lover or a mistress
- paraphernalia** n. Miscellaneous articles of equipment or adornment
- paraphrase** v. A restatement of a text, passage or work giving the meaning in another form
- pare** v. To cut, shave, or remove (the outside) from anything
- parentage** n. The relation of parent to child, of the producer to the produced, or of cause to effect
- parenthesis** n. Sentence within another one, something separated
- pariah** n. An outcast, a rejected and despised person
- parish** n. Church districts
- Parisian** adj. Of or pertaining to the city of Paris
- parity** n. Equality, as of condition or rank
- parlance** n. Mode of speech
- parley** v. To speak with another, confer
- parliament** n. A legislative body
- parlour** n. A room for reception of callers or entertainment of guests
- parody** v. To render ludicrous by imitating the language of
- paronymous** adj. Derived from another word, and having the same meaning, e.g., 'wisdom' from 'wise'
- paroxysm** n. A sudden outburst of any kind of activity
- parricide** n. The murder of a parent
- parse** v. To describe, as a sentence, by separating it into its elements and describing each word
- parsimonious** adj. Too economical, miserly
- partible** adj. Divisible
- participant** n. One having a share or part
- participate** v. To receive or have a part or share of
- partisan** adj. One-sided, committed to a party, biased or prejudiced
- partition** n. That which separates anything into distinct parts
- passive** adj. Unresponsive
- pastoral** adj. Having the spirit or sentiment of rural life. Relating to the priesthood
- paternal** adj. Fatherly
- paternity** n. Fatherhood
- pathos** n. The quality in any form of representation that rouses emotion or sympathy
- patriarch** n. The chief of a tribe or race who rules by paternal right
- patrician** adj. Of senatorial or noble rank

## 7.58

**patrimony** n. An inheritance from an ancestor, especially from one's father

**patriotism** n. Love and devotion to one's country

**patron** n. Regular customer; person who gives support

**patronise** v. To exercise an arrogant condescension toward

**patronymic** adj. Formed after one's father's name

**patter** v. To mumble something over and over

**paucity** n. Scarcity, a lacking of

**pauper** n. One without means of support

**pauperism** n. Dependence on charity

**pavilion** n. An open structure for temporary shelter

**payee** n. A person to whom money has been or is to be paid

**peaceable** adj. Promoting peace

**peaceful** adj. Tranquil

**peccable** adj. Capable of sinning

**peccadillo** n. Small sin; small weakness in one's character

**peccant** adj. Guilty of a fault or sin

**pectoral** adj. Pertaining to the breast or thorax

**pecuniary** adj. Consisting of money

**pedagogue** n. A schoolmaster

**pedagogy** n. The science and art of teaching

**pedal** n. A lever for the foot usually applied only to musical instruments, cycles, and other machines

**pedant** n. A scholar who makes needless and inopportune display of his learning

**pedantic** adj. Bookish, showing off learning

**peddle** v. To go about with a small stock of goods to sell

**peddler** n. One who travels from house to house with an assortment of goods for retail

**pedestal** n. A base or support as for a column, statue, or vase

**pedestrian** adj. & n. Commonplace, trite, unremarkable or one who journeys on foot

**paediatrics** n. The department of medical science, that treats the diseases of childhood

**pedigree** n. One's line of ancestors

**peerage** n. The nobility

**peerless** adj. Of unequalled excellence or worth

**peevish** adj. Querulous in temperament. Marked by ill temper

**pellucid** adj. Transparent, easy to understand

**penalty** n. The consequences that follow the transgression of natural or divine law

## Vocabulary

**penance** n. Punishment to which one voluntarily submits or subjects himself as an expression of sin or guilt

**penchant** n. Strong inclination, a liking

**pendant** n. Anything that hangs from something else, either for ornament or for use

**pendulous** adj. Hanging, especially so as to swing by an attached end or part

**pendulum** n. A weight hung on a rod, serving by its oscillation to regulate the rate of a clock

**penetrable** adj. That may be pierced by physical, moral, or intellectual force

**penetrate** v. To enter or force a way into the interior parts of

**penetration** n. The power of thinking

**peninsular** adj. Pertaining to a piece of land almost surrounded by water

**penitence** n. Sorrow for sin with desire to amend and to atone

**penitent** adj. Feeling or showing regret

**penitential** adj. Pertaining to sorrow for sin with desire to amend and to atone

**pennant** n. A small flag

**pension** n. A periodical allowance to an individual on account of his/her past service

**pentad** n. A group of five

**pentagon** n. A figure, especially, with five angles and five sides

**pentagram** n. A figure having five points or lobes

**pentahedron** n. A solid bounded by five plane faces

**pentameter** n. In prosody, a line of verse containing five units or feet

**pentathlon** n. The contest of five associated exercises in the great games and the same contestants

**penultimate** adj. A syllable or member of a series that is last but one

**penurious** adj. Excessively sparing in the use of money

**penury** n. Extreme poverty

**perambulate** v. To walk about

**perceive** v. To have knowledge of, or receive impressions concerning, through the medium of the body

**perceptible** adj. Observable, palpable

**perception** n. Knowledge through the senses of the existence and properties of matter or the external

**percipience** n. The act of perceiving

**percipient** n. One who or that which perceives

**percolate** v. To seep through a substance

**percolator** n. A filter

**percussion** n. The sharp striking of one body against another

## Vocabulary

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**peregrination** n. Travelling about, wandering

**peremptory** adj. Urgent, imperative, unchallengeable, ending debate

**perennial** adj. Lasting for a long time (e.g.. a year)

**perfectible** adj. Capable of being made perfect

**perfidious** adj. Treacherous, faithless

**perfidy** n. Treachery; breaking of faith

**perforate** v. To make a hole or holes through

**perform** v. To accomplish

**perfumery** n. The preparation of perfumes

**perfunctory** adj. Characterized by routine or superficiality

**perigee** n. The point in the orbit of the moon when it is nearest the Earth

**perilous** adj. Dangerous

**periodicity** n. The habit or characteristic of recurrence at regular intervals

**peripatetic** adj. Wandering

**perish** v. Be destroyed; decay

**perjure** v. To swear falsely to

**perjury** n. Wilful false statement, unlawful act

**permanence** n. A continuance in the same state, or without any change that destroys the essential form or nature

**permanent** adj. Lasting for all time

**permeate** v. Spread into every part

**permissible** adj. That may be allowed

**permutation** n. Reciprocal change, different ordering of same items

**pernicious** adj. Harmful, injurious

**perpendicular** adj. Straight up and down

**perpetrate** v. Commit (a crime)

**perpetrator** n. The doer of a wrong or a criminal act

**perpetuate** v. To preserve from extinction or oblivion. To cause to last indefinitely

**perquisite** n. Any profit from service beyond the amount fixed as salary or wages

**persecution** n. Harsh or malignant oppression

**perseverance** n. A persistence in purpose and effort

**persevere** v. Keep on steadily, continue

**persist** v. To continue steadfast against opposition

**persistence** n. A fixed adherence to a resolve, course of conduct, or the like

**personable** adj. Pleasing in appearance, attractive

**personage** n. A man or woman as an individual, especially one of rank or high station

**personal** adj. Not general or public

**personality** n. The attributes, taken collectively, that make up the character and nature of an individual

**personnel** n. The force of persons collectively employed in some service

**perspective** n. The relative importance of facts or matters from any special point of view

**perspicacious** adj. Astute

**perspicacity** n. Quick judging and understanding

**perspicuous** adj. Lucid

**perspiration** n. Sweat

**perspire** v. To excrete through the pores of the skin

**persuadable** adj. Capable of influencing to action by entreaty, statement, or anything that moves the reason

**persuade** v. To win the mind of by argument, eloquence, evidence, or reflection

**pertain** v. Belong as a part, have reference

**pertinacious** adj. Persistent or unyielding

**pertinacity** n. Unyielding adherence

**pertinent** adj. Relevant

**perturb** v. To disturb greatly

**perturbation** n. Mental excitement or confusion

**perusal** n. The act of reading in a casual or cursory manner

**pervade** v. To pass or spread through every part

**pervasion** n. The state of spreading through every part

**pervasive** adj. Thoroughly penetrating or permeating

**perverse** adj. Unreasonable

**perversion** n. Diversion from the true meaning or proper purpose

**perversity** n. Wickedness

**pervert** n. Deviant. Degenerate

**pervious** adj. Accessible, permeable

**pest** n. Destructive thing or a person who is a nuisance

**pestilence** n. A raging epidemic

**pestilent** adj. Having a malign influence or effect

**pestilential** adj. Having the nature of or breeding pestilence

**peter** v. To fail or lose power, efficiency, or value

**petrified** v. Taken away power (to think, feel, act)

**petrify** v. To make hard, rocklike

**petrous** adj. Relating to or denoting the dense part of the temporal bone, at the base of the skull

**petulance** n. The character or condition of being impatient, capricious or petulant

**petulant** adj. Unreasonably impatient. Insolent or rude

**pharmacopoeia** n. A book containing the formulas and methods of preparation of medicines for the use of one who makes medicines

**pharmacy** n. The art or business of compounding and dispensing medicines

**phenomenal** adj. Extraordinary or marvellous

**phenomenon** n. Any unusual occurrence

**philander** v. To play at courtship with a woman

**philanthropic** adj. Benevolent

**philanthropist** n. One who endeavours to help his fellow men

**philanthropy** n. Active humanitarianism

**philately** n. The study and collection of stamps

**philharmonic** adj. Fond of music

**philistine** n. A smug ignorant person; one who lacks knowledge

**philogynist** n. One who is fond of women

**philologist** n. An expert in linguistics

**philology** n. The study of language in connection with history and literature

**philosophise** v. To seek ultimate causes and principles

**philosophy** n. The general principles, laws, or causes that furnish the rational explanation of anything

**phlegmatic** adj. Calm, sluggish temperament; unemotional

**phonetic** adj. Representing articulate sounds or speech

**phonic** adj. Pertaining to the nature of sound

**phonogram** n. A graphic character symbolising an articulate sound

**phonology** n. The science of human vocal sounds

**phosphorescence** n. The property of emitting light

**photoelectric** adj. Pertaining to the combined action of light and electricity

**photometer** n. Any instrument for measuring the intensity of light or comparing the intensity of two lights

**photometry** n. The art of measuring the intensity of light

**physicist** n. A specialist in the science that treats of the phenomena associated with matter and energy

**physics** n. The science that treats of the phenomena associated with matter and energy

**physiocracy** n. The doctrine that land and its products are the only true wealth

**physiognomy** n. The external appearance merely

**physiography** n. Another term for physical geography

**physiology** n. The science of organic functions

**physique** n. The physical structure or organisation of a person

**picaresque** adj. Involving clever rogues or adventurers

**picayune** adj. Of small value

**piccolo** n. A small flute

**piece** n. A loose or separated part, as distinguished from the whole or the mass

**piecemeal** adv. Gradually

**pied** adj. Of mixed colours

**pillage** n. Open robbery, as in war

**pillory** n. A wooden framework in which an offender is fastened to boards and is exposed to the public. A means for exposing one to public ridicule

**pincers** n. An instrument having two lever-handles and two jaws working on a pivot

**pinch** v. Be too tight, take between the thumb and finger

**pinchers** n. An instrument having two jaws working on a pivot

**pinnacle** n. A high or topmost point, as a mountain-peak

**pioneer** n. One among the first to explore a country

**pious** adj. Dutiful to parents; devoted to religion

**piquant** adj. Agreeably pungent, stimulating

**pique** v. Hurt the pride or self-respect, stir (curiosity)

**piteous** adj. Compassionate

**pitfall** n. Covered hole as a trap, unsuspected danger

**pith** n. Essential part, force, soft liquid substance

**pitiable** adj. Contemptible

**pitiful** adj. Wretched

**pitiless** adj. Hard-hearted

**pittance** n. Any small portion or meagre allowance

**pivotal** adj. Of great importance (others depend on it)

**placate** v. To bring from a state of angry or hostile feeling to one of patience or friendliness

**placate** v. Soothe, pacify, calm

**placid** adj. Serene

**plagiarism** n. The stealing of passages from the writings of another and publishing them as one's own

**plaintive** adj. Mournful, melancholy, sorrowful

**planisphere** n. A polar projection of the heavens on a chart

**plaque** v. Flat metal on a wall as a memorial

**plasticity** n. The property of some substances through which their form can be easily shaped or moulded

**platitude** n. A trite or banal statement; unoriginality

**plaudit** n. An expression of applause

**plausible** adj. Seeming likely to be true, though open to doubt

**playful** adj. Frolicsome

**playwright** n. A maker of plays for the stage

**plea** n. Request

## Vocabulary

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**plead** v. Address a court of law as an advocate or to beg for something

**pleasant** adj. Agreeable

**pleasurable** adj. Affording gratification

**plebeian** adj. Belonging to the common people

**pledgee** n. The person to whom anything is pledged

**pledgeor** n. One who gives a pledge

**plenary** adj. Entire. Complete in every respect

**plenipotentiary** n. A person fully empowered to transact any business

**plenitude** n. Abundance

**plenteous** adj. Abundant

**plethora** n. Glut. Excess

**pliant** adj. Pliable, easily bent, shaped or twisted

**plod** v. Continue doing something without resting

**plumb** v. & n. Get to the root of, or a weight suspended by a line to make measurements

**plummet** v. Fall, plunge, steeply

**plunge** v. Move quickly, suddenly and with force

**pluperfect** adj. Expressing past time or action prior to some other past time or action. Utterly perfect or complete

**plural** adj. Containing or consisting of more than one

**plurality** n. A majority

**plutocracy** n. A wealthy class in a political community who control the government by means of their wealth

**pneumatic** adj. Pertaining to or consisting of air or gas

**poesy** n. Poetry

**poetaster** n. An inferior poet

**poetic** adj. Pertaining to poetry

**poetics** n. The rules and principles of poetry

**poignancy** n. Severity or acuteness, especially of pain or grief

**poignant** adj. Deeply moving; keen

**poise** v. & n. Be ready, be balanced, self-possession

**polar** adj. Pertaining to the poles of a sphere, especially of the Earth

**polemical** adj. Controversial, argued

**polemics** n. The art of controversy or disputation

**pollen** n. The fine dust-like grains or powder formed within the anther of a flowering plant

**pollute** v. To contaminate

**polyarchy** n. Government by several or many persons of what-ever class

**polycracy** n. The rule of many

**polygamy** n. The fact or condition of having more than one wife or husband at once

**polyglot** adj. Speaking several tongues

**polygon** n. A figure having many angles

**polyhedron** n. A solid bounded by plane faces, especially by more than four

**polysyllable** adj. Having several syllables, especially more than three syllables

**polytechnic** adj. Pertaining to, embracing, or practicing many arts

**polytheism** n. The doctrine or belief that there are more gods than one

**pommel** v. To beat with something thick or bulky

**pomposity** n. The quality of being marked by an assumed stateliness and impressiveness of manner

**pompous** adj. Marked by an assumed stateliness and impressiveness of manner

**ponder** v. To meditate or reflect upon

**ponderous** adj. Heavy, bulky, dull

**pontiff** n. The Pope. Head of the Catholic Christian Church worldwide

**populace** n. The common people

**populous** adj. Containing many inhabitants, especially in proportion to the territory

**portend** v. To indicate as being about to happen, especially by previous signs

**portent** n. Omen; marvellous; threatening, happening

**portfolio** n. A portable case for holding writing-materials, drawings, etc

**poseur** n. Someone taking on airs to impress others; a phoney

**posit** v. To present in an orderly manner. To propose as an explanation

**position** n. The manner in which a thing is placed

**positive** adj. Free from doubt or hesitation

**posse** n. A force of men. A large group often with a common interest

**possess** v. To own

**possession** n. The having, holding, or detention of property in one's power or command

**possessive** adj. Pertaining to the having, holding, or detention of property in one's power or command

**possessor** n. One who owns, enjoys, or controls anything, as property

**possible** adj. Being not beyond the reach of power natural, moral, or supernatural

**postdate** v. To make the date of any writing later than the real date

**posterior** n. The hinder part

**postgraduate** adj. Pertaining to studies that are pursued after receiving a degree

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**postscript** n. Something added to a letter after the writer's signature  
**posture** n. State, attitude; adopt a vain attitude  
**potency** n. Power  
**potent** adj. Physically powerful  
**potentate** n. One possessed of great power or sway. Ruler  
**potential** n. Anything that may be possible  
**potion** n. A dose of liquid medicine  
**poverty** n. State of being poor  
**powerless** adj. Impotent  
**practicable** adj. Feasible  
**pragmatic** adj. Practical, favouring utility  
**prate** v. To talk about vainly or foolishly  
**prattle** v. To utter in simple or childish talk  
**preamble** n. A statement introductory to and explanatory of what follows  
**precarious** adj. Uncertain, risky, dangerous  
**precaution** n. A provision made in advance for some possible emergency or danger  
**precede** v. To happen first  
**precedence** n. Priority in place, time, or rank  
**precedent** n. An instance that may serve as a guide or basis for a rule  
**precepts** n. Rules establishing standards of conduct  
**precession** n. The act of going forward  
**precipice** n. A high and very steep or approximately vertical cliff  
**precipitant** adj. Moving onward quickly and heedlessly  
**precipitate** v. Throw something violently down from a height. To bring about  
**precise** adj. Exact  
**precision** n. Accuracy of limitation, definition, or adjustment  
**preclude** v. Prevent, make impossible  
**precocious** adj. Having the mental faculties prematurely developed  
**precursor** n. A forerunner or herald  
**precursory** adj. Preliminary, anticipating  
**predatory** adj. Prone to pillaging  
**predecessor** n. An incumbent of a given office previous to another  
**predicament** n. A difficult, trying situation or plight  
**predicate** v. To state as belonging to something  
**predict** v. To foretell  
**prediction** n. A prophecy

## Vocabulary

**predilection** n. Special liking, mental preference  
**predominance** n. Ascendancy or preponderance  
**predominant** adj. Superior in power, influence, effectiveness, number, or degree  
**predominate** v. Have more power than others  
**pre-eminence** n. Special eminence. Superiority  
**pre-empt** v. Obtain by pre-emption or in advance  
**pre-emption** n. The right or act of purchasing before others  
**pre-engage** v. To preoccupy  
**pre-establish** v. To settle or arrange beforehand  
**pre-exist** v. To exist at a period or in a state earlier than something else  
**pre-existence** n. Existence antecedent to something  
**preface** n. A brief explanation or address to the reader, at the beginning of a book  
**prefatory** adj. Pertaining to a brief explanation to the reader at the beginning of a book  
**prefer** v. To hold in higher estimation  
**preferable** adj. More desirable than others  
**preference** n. An object of favour or choice  
**preferential** adj. Possessing, giving, or constituting preference or priority  
**preferment** n. Preference  
**prefix** v. To attach at the beginning  
**prehensile** adj. Adapted for grasping or holding  
**prehension** n. In zoology or biology, the act of laying hold of or grasping  
**prejudice** n. A judgment or opinion formed without due examination of the facts  
**prelacy** n. A system of church government  
**prelate** n. One of a higher order of clergy having direct authority over other clergy  
**prelude** n. An introductory or opening performance  
**premature** adj. Doing or happening of something before the right time  
**premier** adj. First in rank or position  
**premise** n. A judgment as a conclusion  
**premonition** n. Foreboding  
**preoccupation** n. The state of having the mind, attention, or inclination preoccupied  
**preoccupy** v. To fill the mind of a person to the exclusion of other subjects  
**preordain** v. To foreordain  
**preparation** n. An act or proceeding designed to bring about some event

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**preparatory** adj. Having to do with what is preliminary  
**preponderance** n. Greatness in number, strength, weight  
**preponderant** adj. Prevalent  
**preponderate** v. To exceed in influence or power  
**prepossession** n. A preconceived liking  
**preposterous** adj. Utterly ridiculous or absurd  
**prerogative** adj. Having superior rank or precedence  
**presage** n. Warning sign  
**prescience** n. Knowledge of events before they take place  
**prescient** adj. Foreknowing  
**prescript** adj. Prescribed as a rule or model  
**prescription** n. An authoritative direction  
**presentient** adj. Perceiving or feeling beforehand  
**presentiment** n. Foreboding  
**preservation** n. Conservation  
**presumption** n. That which may be logically assumed to be true until disproved  
**presumptuous** adj. Assuming too much  
**pretension** n. A bold or presumptuous assertion  
**pretentious** adj. Marked by pretence, conceit, or display  
**preternatural** adj. not normal or usual  
**pretext** n. A fictitious reason or motive  
**prevalence** n. Frequency  
**prevalent** adj. Common  
**prevaricate** v. To equivocate, to stray from the truth  
**prevention** n. Thwarting  
**prickle** v. To puncture slightly with fine, sharp points  
**priggish** adj. Disdaining openings in carnal and social matters  
**prim** adj. Neat; formal  
**prima** adj. First  
**primer** n. An elementary reading-book for children  
**primeval** adj. Belonging to the first ages  
**primitive** adj. Pertaining to the beginning or early times  
**principal** adj. Most important  
**principality** n. The territory of a reigning prince  
**principle** n. A general truth or proposition  
**priory** n. A monastic house  
**pristine** adj. Primitive, unspoiled, pure, as in earlier times, unadulterated  
**privateer** n. A vessel owned and officered by private persons, but carrying on maritime war  
**privilege** n. A right or immunity not enjoyed by all, or that may be enjoyed only under special authority  
**privity** n. Knowledge shared with another or others regarding a private matter

**privy** adj. Participating with another or others in the knowledge of a secret transaction  
**probate** n. The determination of the validity of a will  
**probation** n. Any proceeding designed to ascertain or test character, qualification, or the like  
**probe** v. To search through and through  
**probity** n. Uprightness, incorruptibility, principled  
**procedure** n. A manner or method of acting  
**proceed** v. To renew motion or action, as after rest or interruption  
**proclamation** n. Any announcement made in a public manner  
**proclivity** n. Inclination  
**procrastinate** v. To put off till tomorrow or till a future time  
**procrastination** n. Delay  
**proctor** n. Supervisor. Monitor  
**prodigal** adj. Wasteful, reckless with money  
**prodigious** adj. Enormous, wonderful  
**prodigy** n. A person or thing of very remarkable gifts or qualities  
**productive** adj. Yielding in abundance  
**profane** adj. Unsanctified, impure and obscene  
**profession** n. Any calling or occupation involving special mental or other special disciplines  
**professor** n. A public teacher of the highest grade in a university or college  
**proffer** v. To offer to another for acceptance  
**proficiency** n. An advanced state of acquirement, as in some knowledge, art, or science  
**proficient** adj. Possessing ample and ready knowledge or of skill in any art, science, or industry  
**profile** n. An outline or contour  
**profiteer** n. One who profits  
**profligacy** n. Shameless viciousness  
**profligate** adj. Wasteful, prodigal, licentious, extravagant  
**profundity** n. Depth  
**profuse** adj. Produced or displayed in overabundance  
**progeny** n. Offspring  
**progression** n. A moving forward or proceeding in course  
**prohibition** n. A decree or an order forbidding something  
**prohibitionist** n. One who favours the prohibition by law of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic  
**prohibitory** adj. Involving or equivalent to prohibition, especially of the sale of alcoholic beverages  
**projection** n. A prominence

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**proletarian** n. A person of the lowest or poorest class  
**proliferate** v. Grow, reproduce by rapid multiplication  
**prolific** adj. Producing offspring or fruit  
**prolix** adj. Tiring because too long  
**prologue** n. A prefatory statement or explanation to a poem, discourse, or performance  
**prolong** v. To extend in time or duration  
**promenade** v. To walk for amusement or exercise. A dance party  
**prominence** n. The quality of being noticeable or distinguished  
**prominent** adj. Conspicuous in position, character, or importance  
**promiscuous** adj. Brought together without order, distinction, or design (for sex)  
**promissory** adj. Expressing an engagement to pay  
**promontory** n. A high point of land extending outward from the coastline into the sea  
**promoter** n. A furtherer, forwarder, or encourager  
**promulgate** v. To proclaim  
**prone** adj. Prostrate; inclined to (undesirable things)  
**propaganda** n. Any institution or systematic scheme for propagating a doctrine or system  
**propagate** v. To create more of the species. Reproduce. Spawn  
**propagation** n. increasing the number, spreading, extending  
**propel** v. To drive or urge forward  
**propellant** adj. Propelling  
**propeller** n. One who or that which propels  
**prophecy** n. Any prediction or foretelling  
**propinquity** n. nearness in time or place, affinity of nature  
**propitiate** v. do something to take away the anger of  
**propitiatory** adj. conciliatory, appeasing, mitigating  
**propitious** adj. Auspicious, presenting favourable circumstances  
**proportionate** adj. Being in proportion  
**propriety** n. Accordance with recognised usage, custom, or principles  
**propulsion** n. A driving onward or forward  
**prosaic** adj. Everyday, mundane, commonplace, trite, pedestrian  
**proscenium** n. That part of the stage between the curtain and the orchestra  
**proscribe** v. Denounce as dangerous  
**proscription** n. Any act of condemnation and rejection from favour and privilege

## Vocabulary

**proselyte** n. One who has been won over from one religious belief to another  
**prosody** n. The science of poetical forms  
**prospector** n. One who makes exploration, search, or examination, especially for minerals  
**prospectus** n. A paper or pamphlet containing information of a proposed undertaking  
**prostrate** adj. Lying prone, or with the head to the ground  
**protagonist** n. A leader in any enterprise or contest. The principal character in a story or real event  
**protection** n. Preservation from harm, danger, annoyance, or any other evil  
**protective** adj. Sheltering  
**protector** n. A defender  
**protégé** n. One specially cared for and favoured by another usually older person  
**Protestant** n. A Christian who denies the authority of the Pope and holds the right of special judgment  
**protocol** n. A declaration or memorandum of agreement less solemn and formal than a treaty  
**protomartyr** n. The earliest victim in any cause  
**protoplasm** n. The substance that forms the principal portion of an animal or vegetable cell  
**prototype** n. A work, original in character, afterward imitated in form or spirit  
**protract** v. To prolong  
**protracted** adj. Prolonged  
**protrude** v. To push out or thrust forth  
**protrusion** n. The act of protruding  
**protuberance** n. Something that swells out from a surrounding surface  
**protuberant** adj. Bulging  
**proverb** n. A brief, pithy saying, condensing in witty or striking form the wisdom of experience  
**provident** adj. Frugal; looking to the future  
**providential** adj. Effected by divine guidance  
**provincial** adj. Uncultured in thought and manner  
**provisional** adj. Of the present time only. Temporary  
**proviso** n. A clause in a contract, will, etc., by which its operation is rendered conditional  
**provocation** n. An action or mode of conduct that excites resentment  
**provoke** v. Make angry  
**prowess** n. Strength, skill, and intrepidity in battle  
**proximately** adv. Immediately  
**proxy** n. A person who is empowered by another to represent him or her in a given matter. Substitute



## Vocabulary

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**prudence** n. Careful forethought  
**prudential** adj. Proceeding or marked by caution  
**prudery** n. An undue display of modesty or delicacy  
**prudish** adj. Easily shocked, excessively modest  
**prune** n. Dried plum, silly person  
**prurient** adj. Inclined to lascivious thoughts and desires  
**pry** v. Inquire too curiously  
**pseudonym** n. A fictitious name, especially when assumed by a writer  
**pseudonymity** n. The state or character of using a fictitious name  
**psychiatry** n. The branch of medicine that relates to mental disease  
**psychic** adj. Pertaining to the mind or soul  
**psychopathic** adj. Not in one's right mind, crazy. Disturbed  
**psychotherapy** n. The treatment of mental disease  
**pudgy** adj. Short and plump  
**puerile** adj. Childish  
**pugnacious** adj. In the habit of fighting  
**puissant** adj. Possessing strength  
**pulmonary** adj. Pertaining to the lungs  
**punch** v. & n. Strike with the fist; tool for cutting holes; alcoholic drink often made at parties by spiking fruit juice with alcohol  
**punctilious** adj. Precise, paying attention to details  
**punctual** adj. Observant and exact in points of time  
**pundit** n. Pedant, authority on a subject  
**pungency** n. Sharpness; stinging quality  
**pungent** adj. Affecting the sense of smell  
**punitive** adj. Pertaining to punishment  
**pupilage** n. The state or period of being a student  
**purgatory** n. An intermediate state where souls are made fit for paradise or heaven by expiatory suffering  
**purl** v. To cause to whirl, as in an eddy. To knit purl stitch  
**purloin** v. To steal  
**purport** n. The meaning conveyed or implied; Gist  
**purvey** v. Provide, supply  
**purveyor** n. One who supplies  
**pusillanimous** adj. Cowardly, craven  
**putrescent** adj. Undergoing decomposition of animal or vegetable matter accompanied by fetid odours  
**pyre** n. Large pile of wood for burning a dead body  
**pyromania** n. An insane propensity to set things on fire  
**pyrotechnic** adj. Pertaining to fireworks or their manufacture



## DICTIONARY BUILDER!

Find a P-word for each of the following:

- The act of saving
- Smelly and decaying
- Sad and sorrowful
- Alarm
- Spreading throughout
- Flexible
- Calm



**quackery** n. Pretensions to knowledge or ability  
**quadrant** v. To divide into quarters  
**quadruple** v. To multiply by four  
**quaff** v. Drink deeply  
**quail** v. Lose courage, turn frightened  
**qualification** n. A requisite for an employment, position, right, or privilege  
**qualify** v. To endow or furnish with requisite ability, character, knowledge, skill, or possessions  
**qualm** n. Feeling of doubt, temporary feeling of sickness  
**quandary** n. A puzzling predicament  
**quantity** n. Magnitude  
**quarantine** n. The enforced isolation of any person or place infected with contagious disease  
**quarrelsome** adj. Having an eager desire for a fight  
**quarter** n. One of four equal parts into which anything is or may be divided  
**quarterly** adj. Occurring or made at intervals of three months  
**quartet** n. A composition for four voices or four instruments  
**quarto** n. The size of a piece of paper cut four from a sheet  
**quay** n. Places to park a ship  
**quell** v. Suppress, subdue  
**querulous** adj. Habitually complaining  
**query** v. To make inquiry  
**queue** n. A file of persons waiting in order of their arrival, as for admittance  
**quibble** v. To engage in petty argument  
**quiescence** n. The quality or state of being quiet  
**quiescent** n. At rest, dormant, torpid

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**quiet** adj. Making no noise  
**quietus** n. Final settlement. Cessation of life  
**quintessence** n. The most essential part of anything  
**quintet** n. Musical composition arranged for five voices or instruments  
**quirk** n. Habit or action peculiar to somebody or something  
**quite** adv. Fully  
**quixotic** adj. Generous, unselfish  
**quotidian** adj. Banal; everyday



**rabble** n. Mob, crowd; the lower classes of populace  
**rabid** adj. Affected with rabies or hydrophobia  
**raconteur** n. Person who tells anecdotes  
**racy** adj. Risque; suggestive. Full of zest or vigour  
**radiance** n. Brilliant or sparkling lustre  
**radiant** adj. Bright, shining  
**radiate** v. To extend in all directions, as from a source or focus  
**radical** n. One who holds extreme views or advocates extreme measures  
**radix** n. That from or on which something is developed  
**raffish** adj. Low, vulgar, base, tawdry  
**rail at** v. Find fault, utter reproaches  
**raillery** n. Good-humoured satire  
**ramify** v. To be divided or subdivided; to branch out  
**ramose** adj. Branch-like  
**rampant** adj. Growing, climbing, or running without check or restraint  
**rampart** n. A bulwark or construction to oppose assault or hostile entry  
**rancour** n. Malice  
**rancorous** n. Feeling bitterness, spitefulness  
**rankle** v. To produce irritation or festering  
**rant** v. Use extravagant language  
**rapacious** adj. Greedy (esp. for money)  
**rapid** adj. Having great speed  
**rapine** n. The act of seizing and carrying off property by superior force, as in war  
**rapt** adj. Enraptured  
**raptorial** adj. Seizing and devouring living prey  
**rarefy** v. To make thin, to make less dense, to purify or refine

## Vocabulary

**ration** v. To provide with a fixed allowance or portion, especially of food  
**rationalism** n. The formation of opinions by relying upon reason alone, independently of authority  
**raucous** adj. Harsh  
**ravage** v. To lay waste by pillage, rapine, devouring, or other destructive methods  
**ravenous** adj. Furiously voracious or hungry  
**ravine** n. A deep gorge or hollow, especially one worn by a stream or flow of water  
**reaction** n. Tendency towards a former, or opposite state of things, as after reform, revolution or inflation  
**reactionary** n. Person opposing progress  
**readily** adv. Without objection or reluctance  
**readjust** v. To put in order after disarrangement  
**ready** adj. In a state of preparedness for any given purpose or occasion  
**realism** n. The principle and practice of depicting persons and scenes as they are believed really to exist  
**rearrange** v. To arrange again or in a different order  
**reassure** v. To give new confidence  
**rebellious** adj. Insubordinate  
**rebuff** v. Snub  
**rebuild** v. To build again or anew  
**rebut** v. To oppose by argument or a sufficient answer  
**recalcitrant** adj. Disobedient  
**recant** v. Take back as being false; give up  
**recapitulate** v. To repeat again the principal points of  
**recapture** v. To capture again  
**recast** v. Cast or fashion anew  
**recede** v. To move back or away  
**receivable** adj. Capable of being or fit to be received - often money  
**receptive** adj. Having the capacity, quality, or ability of receiving, as truths or impressions  
**recessive** adj. Having a tendency to go back  
**recidivism** n. Relapse into antisocial or criminal behaviour  
**recidivist** n. A confirmed criminal  
**reciprocal** adj. Mutually interchangeable or convertible  
**reciprocate** v. To give and take mutually  
**reciprocity** n. Granting of privileges in return for similar  
**recitals** n. A number of, performance of music  
**recitation** n. The act of reciting or repeating, especially in public and from memory  
**reck** v. To have a care or thought for. Worry

## Vocabulary

7.67

**reckless** adj. Careless of consequences

**reclaim** v. To demand or to obtain the return or restoration of

**recline** v. To cause to assume a leaning or recumbent attitude or position

**recluse** n. Person who lives alone and avoids people

**recognisance** n. An acknowledgment entered into before a court with condition to do some particular act

**recognise** v. To recall the identity of (a person or thing)

**recoil** v. To start back as in dismay, loathing, or dread

**recollect** v. To recall the knowledge of

**recompense** v. Make payment to; reward, punish

**reconcilable** adj. Capable of being adjusted or harmonised

**reconcile** v. Settle a quarrel; restore peace

**recondite** adj. Little known; abstruse

**reconsider** v. To review with care, especially with a view to a reversal of previous action

**reconstruct** v. To rebuild

**recourse** n. Something turned to for help

**recover** v. To regain

**recreant** n. A cowardly or faithless person

**recreate** v. To refresh after labour

**recrudescence** n. The state of becoming raw or sore again. Renewal

**recrudescent** adj. Becoming raw or sore again

**recruit** v. To enlist men for military or naval service

**rectify** v. To correct

**rectitude** n. The quality of being upright in principles and conduct

**recuperate** v. Become strong after illness, loss, exhaustion

**recur** v. To happen again or repeatedly, especially at regular intervals. Resort

**recure** v. To cure again

**recurrent** adj. Returning from time to time, especially at regular or stated intervals

**redeem** v. Get back by payment; compensate

**redemption** n. The recovery of what is mortgaged or pledged, by paying the debt

**redemptive** n. Serving to redeem

**redolence** n. A pleasant smell

**redolent** adj. Smelling sweet and agreeable

**redoubtable** adj. Formidable, causing fear

**redound** n. Rebound. Reflect

**redress** v. To set right, as a wrong by compensation or the punishment of the wrong-doer

**reducible** adj. That may be reduced

**redundant** adj. Constituting an excess

**re-establish** v. To restore

**refer** v. To direct or send for information or other purpose

**referable** adj. Ascribable

**referee** n. An umpire

**referrer** n. One who refers

**refine** v. Make or become pure, cultural

**refinery** n. A place where some crude material, as sugar or petroleum, is purified

**reflection** n. The throwing off or back of light, heat, sound, or any form of energy that travels in waves

**reflector** n. A mirror, as of metal, for reflecting light, heat, or sound in a particular direction

**reflexible** adj. Capable of being reflected

**reform** n. Change for the better

**reformer** n. One who carries out a reform

**refract** v. To bend or turn from a direct course

**refractory** adj. Stubborn, unmanageable, intractable

**refulgent** adj. Shining, brilliant

**refusal** n. Denial of what is asked

**refute** v. To prove to be wrong

**regale** v. To delight or entertain; to feast

**regalia** n. pl. The emblems of royalty

**regality** n. The state of being a king or queen

**regenerate** v. To reproduce

**regent** n. One who is lawfully deputed to administer the government for the time being in the name of the ruler

**regicide** n. Crime of killing a king

**regime** n. Particular conduct or administration of affairs

**regimen** n. A systematised order or course of living with reference to food, clothing and personal habits

**regiment** n. A body of soldiers

**regnant** adj. Exercising royal authority in one's own right

**regress** v. To return to a former place or condition

**regretful** adj. Feeling, expressive of, or full of regret

**rehabilitate** v. To restore to a former status, capacity, right rank, or privilege

**reign** v. To hold and exercise sovereign power

**reimburse** v. To pay back as an equivalent of what has been expended

**rein** n. A strap attached to the bit for controlling a horse or other draft-animal

**reinstale** v. To restore to a former state, station, or authority

**reiterate** v. Say or do again several times

**rejoin** v. To reunite after separation

**rejuvenate** v. To restore to youth

**rejuvenation** n. Becoming young in nature or appearance

**rejuvenescence** n. A renewal of youth

**relapse** v. Fall back again

**relegate** v. To send off or consign, as to an obscure position or remote destination

**relent** v. To yield

**relevant** adj. Bearing upon the matter in hand

**reliance** n. Dependence

**reliant** adj. Having confidence

**relinquish** v. Give up

**reliquary** n. A casket, coffer, or repository in which relics are kept

**relish** v. To like the taste or savour of

**reluctance** n. Unwillingness

**reluctant** adj. Unwilling or disinclined

**remembrance** n. Recollection

**reminiscence** n. The calling to mind of incidents within the range of personal knowledge or experience

**reminiscent** adj. Pertaining to the recollection of matters of personal interest

**remission** n. Temporary diminution of a disease

**remodel** v. Reconstruct

**remonstrance** n. A presentation of reasons for opposition or grievance

**remonstrant** adj. Having the character of a reproof

**remonstrate** v. To protest, object

**remunerate** v. To pay or pay for

**remuneration** n. Compensation

**Renaissance** n. The revival of letters, and then of art, which marks the transition from medieval to modern time

**render** v. Deliver, provide, represent

**rendezvous** n. A prearranged place of meeting

**rendition** n. Interpretation

**renovate** v. Restore something to better condition

**renowned** adj. Celebrated, famous

**rent** n. Regular payment for the use of something, division or split

**renunciation** n. An explicit disclaimer of a right or privilege

**reorganise** v. To change to a more satisfactory form of organisation

**reparable** adj. Capable of repair

**reparation** n. The act of making amends, as for an injury, loss, or wrong

**repartee** n. A ready, witty, or apt reply

**repast** n. Meal

**repeal** v. Cancel. Nullify

**repel** v. To force or keep back in a manner, physically or mentally

**repellent** adj. Having power to force back in a manner, physically or mentally

**repentance** n. Sorrow for something done or left undone, with desire to make things right by undoing the wrong

**repertory** n. A place where things are stored or gathered together. Repository

**repetition** n. The act of repeating

**repine** v. Complain and find faults

**replenish** v. To fill again, as something that has been emptied

**replete** adj. Full to the uttermost

**replica** n. A duplicate executed by the artist himself, and regarded, equally with the first, as an original

**repository** n. A place in which goods are stored

**reprehend** v. To find fault with. Criticize

**reprehensible** adj. Censurable. Deserving blame

**reprehension** n. Expression of blame

**repress** v. To keep under restraint or control

**repressible** adj. Able to be kept under restraint or control

**reprieve** v. To grant a respite from punishment to

**reprimand** v. To chide or rebuke for a fault

**reprisal** n. Any infliction or act by way of retaliation on an enemy

**reproach** v. Scold, upbraid

**reprobate** n. Person hardened in sin; one devoid of decency. An evil person

**reproduce** v. To make a copy of

**reproduction** n. The process by which an animal or plant gives rise to another of its kind

**reproof** n. An expression of disapproval or blame personally addressed to one censured

**repudiate** v. Disown, refuse to accept or pay

**repugnance** n. Thorough dislike

**repugnant** adj. Offensive to taste and feeling

**repulse** n. The act of beating or driving back, as an attacking or advancing enemy

**repulsive** adj. Causing a feeling of disgust

**repute** v. To hold in general opinion

**requiem** n. A solemn mass sung for the repose of the souls of the dead

**requisite** adj. Necessary

## Vocabulary

7.69

**requital** n. Adequate return for good or ill

**requite** v. Repay, give in return

**rescind** v. To make void, as an act, by the enacting authority or a superior authority

**reseat** v. To place in position of office again

**resemblance** n. Similarity in quality or form

**resent** v. To be indignant at, as an injury or insult

**reservoir** n. A receptacle where a quantity of some material, especially of a liquid or gas, may be kept

**residue** n. A remainder or surplus after a part has been separated or otherwise treated

**resigned** adj. Unresisting, submissive

**resilience** n. Quality of quickly recovering the original shape

**resilient** adj. Having the quality of springing back to a former position

**resistance** n. The exertion of opposite effort or effect

**resistant** adj. Offering or tending to produce resistance

**resistive** adj. Having or exercising the power of resistance

**resistless** adj. Powerless

**resolve** v. Determine

**resonance** n. The quality of being able to reinforce sound by sympathetic vibrations

**resonate** v. To have or produce resonance

**resort to** v. Frequently visit. To have recourse

**resource** n. That which is restored to, relied upon, or made available for aid or support

**respite** n. Interval of rest

**resplendent** adj. Very bright

**respondent** adj. Answering. The 2<sup>nd</sup> party, (similar to defendant) in a court case. Often the counter to an appellant

**restitution** n. Restoration of anything to the one to whom it properly belongs

**restive** adj. Refusing to move; reluctant to be controlled. Lacking patience

**resumption** n. The act of taking back, or taking again

**resurgent** adj. Surging back or again

**resurrect** v. Bring back into use

**resurrection** n. A return from death to life

**resuscitate** v. To restore from apparent death

**resuscitation** n. Coming back to consciousness

**retaliate** v. To repay evil with a similar evil

**retard** v. Check, hinder

**retch** v. To make an effort to vomit. Vomit

**retention** n. The keeping of a thing within one's power or possession

**reticence** n. The quality of habitually keeping silent or being reserved in utterance

**reticent** adj. Reserved, uncommunicative, silent, taciturn

**retinue** n. The body of persons who attend to a person of importance in travel or public appearance

**retort** n. A retaliatory statement

**retouch** v. To modify the details of

**retrace** v. To follow backward or toward the place of beginning, as a track or marking

**retract** v. To recall or take back (something that one has said)

**retrench** v. To cut down or reduce in extent or quantity

**retrieve** v. To recover something by searching

**retroactive** adj. Operative on, affecting, or having reference to past events, transactions, responsibilities

**retrograde** v. To cause to deteriorate or to move backward

**retrogression** n. A going or moving backward or in a reverse direction

**retrospect** n. A view or contemplation of something past

**retrospective** adj. Looking back on the past

**reunite** v. To unite or join again, as after separation

**revelation** n. A disclosing, discovering, or making known of what was before secret, private, or unknown

**revere** v. Have deep respect for

**reverent** adj. Worshipful. Adhering to a religion

**reversion** n. A return to or toward some former state or condition. Often refers to a property returning to an original owner

**revert** v. To return, or turn or look back, as toward a former position or the like

**revile** v. To heap abuse upon

**revisal** n. Revision

**revise** v. To examine for the correction of errors, or for the purpose of making changes

**revocation** n. Repeal

**revoke** v. Take back. Recall

**rhapsody** n. Rapt or rapturous utterance

**rhetoric** n. The art of discourse

**rhetorician** n. A showy writer or speaker. Orator

**ribald** adj. Indulging in or manifesting coarse indecency or obscenity. Crude and offensive

**riddance** n. The act or ridding or delivering from something undesirable

**ridicule** n. Looks or acts expressing amused contempt

**ridiculous** adj. Laughable and contemptible

**rife** adj. Abundant

## 7.70

**rift** n. Split, crack, dissension  
**righteousness** n. Moral excellence. Integrity  
**rightful** adj. Conformed to a just claim according to established laws or usage  
**rigmarole** n. Nonsense. Confused or meaningless talk  
**rigour** n. Inflexibility  
**rigorous** adj. Uncompromising  
**ripple** n. A small ripple, as of water  
**risible** adj. Capable of exciting laughter  
**rivet** n. & v. Fix, take up, secure; metal pin  
**rivulet** n. A small stream or brook  
**robust** adj. Characterised by great strength or power of endurance  
**rope** n. Thick strong cord made by twisting  
**rotary** adj. Turning around its axis, like a wheel, or so constructed as to turn thus  
**rotate** v. To cause to turn on or as on its axis, as a wheel  
**rote** n. The use of memory with little intelligence  
**rotund** adj. Rich and deep; plump and round  
**rubric** n. Name, title, or category  
**rudimentary** adj. Being in an initial, early, or incomplete stage of development  
**rue** v. To regret extremely  
**ruffian** n. Violent, cruel man  
**ruminant** adj. One that chews the cud, contemplative  
**ruminate** v. To go over in the mind repeatedly. To chew over again, as food previously swallowed and regurgitated  
**rupture** v. To separate the parts of by violence  
**rustic** adj. Characteristic of dwelling in the country



**sacrifice** v. To make an offering to deity, especially by presenting on an altar  
**sacrificial** adj. Offering or offered as an atonement for sin  
**sacrilege** n. The act of violating or profaning anything sacred  
**sacrilegious** adj. Impious  
**safeguard** v. To protect  
**sagacious** adj. Having sound judgment; perceptive, wise; like a sage  
**salacious** adj. Obscene  
**salience** n. The condition of standing out distinctly  
**salient** adj. Prominent, protruding, conspicuous, highly relevant

## Vocabulary

**saline** adj. Constituting or consisting of salt  
**salubrious** adj. Healthful  
**salutary** adj. Remedial, wholesome, causing improvement  
**salutation** n. Any form of greeting, hailing, or welcome, whether by word or act  
**salvage** n. Any act of saving property  
**salvo** n. A salute given by firing all the guns, as at the funeral of an officer  
**sanctimonious** adj. Making an ostentatious display or hypocritical pretence of holiness or piety  
**sanctimony** n. Self-righteousness, hypocritical, with false piety  
**sanction** n. Approval (by authority); penalty  
**sanctity** n. Holiness  
**sanguinary** adj. Bloody  
**sanguine** adj. Cheerful, confident, optimistic  
**sanguineous** adj. Consisting of blood  
**sanity** n. Health of mind; soundness of judgement  
**sap** v. Weaken  
**sapid** adj. Affecting the sense of taste  
**sapience** n. Deep wisdom or knowledge  
**sapient** adj. Possessing wisdom  
**saponaceous** adj. Having the nature or quality of soap  
**sarcasm** n. Cutting and reproachful language  
**sarcophagus** n. A stone coffin or a chest-like tomb  
**sardonic** adj. Scornfully or bitterly sarcastic  
**sate** v. Satisfy  
**satiate** v. To satisfy fully the appetite or desire of  
**satire** n. The employment of sarcasm, irony, or keenness of wit in ridiculing vices  
**satiric** adj. Resembling poetry, in which vice, incapacity, or corruption is held up to ridicule  
**satirise** v. To treat with sarcasm or derisive wit  
**saturnine** adj. Gloomy, dark, sullen, morose  
**satyr** n. A very lascivious person  
**savage** n. A wild and uncivilised human being  
**savant** n. Person of great learning  
**savour** v. Taste, flavour something  
**sawdust** n. Tiny bits of wood  
**scabbard** n. Sheath for the blade  
**scarcity** n. Insufficiency of supply for needs or ordinary demands  
**scent** n. Smell (esp. pleasant)  
**sceptic** n. One who doubts any statements

## Vocabulary

7.71

**scepticism** n. The entertainment of doubt concerning something

**scholarly** adj. Characteristic of an erudite person

**scholastic** adj. Pertaining to education or schools

**scintilla** n. Spark. Trace

**scintillate** v. To emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light

**scope** n. A range of action or view

**scoundrel** n. A man without principles

**scribble** v. Write hastily

**scribe** n. One who writes or is skilled in writing

**script** n. Writing or handwriting of the ordinary cursive form

**scriptural** adj. Pertaining to, contained in, or warranted by the Holy Scriptures

**scruple** n. Doubt or uncertainty regarding a question of moral right or duty

**scrupulous** adj. Paying due attention to detail

**scurrilous** adj. Grossly indecent or vulgar

**scurvy** adj. Mean, contemptible

**scuttle** v. To sink (a ship) by making holes in the bottom. Destroy. Wreck

**scythe** n. A long curved blade for mowing, reaping, etc

**seal** n. Piece of wax, lead, etc stamped on the document

**séance** n. A meeting of spirituals for consulting spirits

**sear** v. To burn on the surface

**sebaceous** adj. Pertaining to or appearing like fat

**secant** adj. Cutting, especially into two parts

**secede** v. To withdraw from union or association, especially from a political or religious body

**secession** n. Voluntary withdrawal from fellowship, especially from political or religious bodies

**seclude** v. To place, keep, or withdraw from the companionship of others

**seclusion** n. Solitude

**secondary** adj. Less important or effective than that which is primary

**secondly** adv. In the second place in order or succession

**second-rate** adj. Second in quality, size, rank, importance, etc

**secrecy** n. Concealment

**secretary** n. One who attends to correspondence, keeps records, or does other writing for others

**secretive** adj. Having a tendency to conceal

**secular** adj. Material (not spiritual); living outside monasteries

**sedate** adj. Even-tempered

**sedentary** adj. Involving or requiring much sitting

**sediment** n. Matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid

**sedition** n. Conduct directed against public order and the tranquillity of the state

**seditious** adj. Promotive of conduct directed against public order and the tranquillity of the state

**seduce** v. To lead into temptation

**sedulous** adj. Persevering. Dedicated to the task

**seer** n. A prophet

**seethe** v. To be violently excited or agitated

**seismograph** n. An instrument for recording the phenomena of earthquakes

**seize** v. To catch or take hold of suddenly and forcibly

**selective** adj. Having the power of choice

**self-respect** n. Self-esteem

**semblance** n. Outward appearance

**semi-annual** adj. Recurring at intervals of six months

**semicircle** n. A half-circle

**semi-civilised** adj. Half-civilised

**semiconscious** adj. Partially conscious

**seminal** adj. Like a seed; constituting a source, originative. Creative and original

**seminar** n. Any assemblage of pupils for real research in some specific study under a teacher

**seminary** n. A special school, as of theology or pedagogic

**senile** adj. Peculiar to or proceeding from the weakness or infirmity of old age

**sensation** n. A condition of mind resulting from spiritual or inherent feeling

**sense** n. The signification conveyed by some word, phrase, or action

**sensibility** n. Power to perceive or feel

**sensitive** adj. Easily affected by outside operations or influences

**sensorium** n. The sensory apparatus considered as a whole

**sensual** adj. Pertaining to the body or the physical senses

**sensuous** adj. Having a warm appreciation of the beautiful or of the refinements of luxury

**sentence** n. A related group of words containing a subject and a predicate and expressing a complete thought

**sententious** adj. Short and pithy, full of maxims/proverbs

**sentience** n. Capacity for sensation or sense-perception

**sentient** adj. Possessing the power of sense or sense-perception

**sentinel** n. Any guard or watch stationed for protection

**separable** adj. Capable of being disjoined or divided

## 7.72

**separate** v. To take apart  
**separatist** n. A seceder. One that favours separatism  
**septennial** adj. Recurring every seven years  
**sepulchre** n. A burial-place. Tomb  
**sequacious** adj. Ready to be led; lacking independence or originality of thought  
**sequel** n. That which follows in consequence of what has previously happened  
**sequence** n. Succession, connected line of  
**sequent** adj. Following in the order of time  
**sequester** v. To cause to withdraw or retire, as from society or public life  
**sequestrate** v. To set apart, segregate  
**sergeant** n. A non-commissioned military officer ranking next above a corporal  
**sergeant-major** n. The highest non-commissioned officer in a regiment  
**serration** n. Having a toothed edge  
**service** n. Any work done for the benefit of another  
**serviceable** adj. Helpful. Useful. Fit for use  
**servile** adj. Like a slave, lacking independence  
**servitude** n. Slavery  
**severance** n. Severing  
**severely** adv. Extremely  
**sextet** n. A band of six singers or players  
**sextuple** adj. Multiplied by six  
**shaft** n. Arrow or spear, something long and narrow  
**shallow** adj. Little depth; not earnest  
**shard** n. A piece of brittle substance  
**sheath** n. Cover for the blade of a weapon or a tool  
**sheer** adj. Absolute  
**shiftless** adj. Wanting in resource, energy, or executive ability  
**shove** v. Push  
**shrewd** adj. Astute; showing sound judgement  
**shriek** n. A sharp, shrill outcry or scream, caused by agony or terror  
**shrill** adj. Sharp, piercing  
**shrinkage** n. A contraction of any material into less bulk or dimension  
**shrivel** v. To draw or be drawn into wrinkles  
**shuffle** n. A mixing or changing the order of things  
**shun** v. Keep away from; avoid  
**shunt** v. Send from one track to another; lay aside; evade discussion  
**sibilance** n. A hissing sound

## Vocabulary

**sibilant** adj. Made with a hissing sound  
**sibilate** v. To give a hissing sound to, as in pronouncing the letter s  
**sidelong** adj. Inclining or tending to one side  
**sidereal** adj. Pertaining to stars, astral  
**sidestep** v. Step to one side  
**significance** n. Importance  
**significant** adj. Important, especially as pointing something out  
**signification** n. The meaning conveyed by language, actions, or signs  
**similar** adj. Bearing resemblance to one another or to something else  
**simile** n. A comparison which directs the mind to the representative object itself  
**similitude** n. Similarity  
**simplify** v. To make less complex or difficult  
**simulate** v. Imitate  
**simultaneous** adj. Occurring, done, or existing at the same time  
**sinecure** n. Any position having emoluments with few or no duties  
**singe** v. To burn slightly or superficially  
**sinister** adj. Evil  
**sinuosity** n. The quality of curving in and out  
**sinuous** adj. Winding, undulating, serpentine. Intricate  
**sinus** n. An opening or cavity  
**siren** n. A sea-nymph, described by Homer as dwelling between the island of Circe and Scylla  
**sirocco** n. Hot winds from Africa  
**sisterhood** n. A body of sisters united by some bond of sympathy or by a religious vow  
**skiff** n. Small boat  
**skirmish** n. Desultory fighting between advanced detachments of two armies  
**skit** n. Short piece of humorous writing  
**slack** adj. Sluggish; dull; not tight  
**slake** v. To assuage, to satisfy, allay  
**slate** n. & v. Kind of blue-grey stone; propose; criticise  
**sleight** n. A trick or feat so deftly done that the manner of performance escapes observation  
**slight** adj. Of a small importance or significance  
**slothful** adj. Lazy  
**sluggard** adj. Lazy, slow-moving person  
**soar** v. Rise, fly high  
**sober** adj. Self-controlled



## Vocabulary

7.73

**sobriety** n. Quality or condition of being sober

**sociable** adj. Inclined to seek company

**socialism** n. A theory of civil polity that aims to secure the reconstruction of society

**socialist** adj. One who advocates reconstruction of society by collective ownership of land and capital

**sociology** n. The philosophical study of society

**sodden** adj. Soaked, saturated

**soggy** adj. Heavy with water

**Sol** n. The sun

**solace** n. Comfort in grief, trouble, or calamity

**solar** adj. Pertaining to the sun

**solder** n. A fusible alloy used for joining metallic surfaces or margins

**soldier** n. A person engaged in military service

**solecism** n. Any violation of established rules or customs

**solicitor** n. One who represents a client in court of justice; an attorney

**solicitude** n. Uneasiness of mind occasioned by desire, anxiety, or fear

**soliloquy** n. The act of talking to oneself

**solstice** n. The time of year when the sun is at its greatest declination

**soluble** adj. Capable of being dissolved, as in a fluid

**solvent** adj. Of the power of forming a solution or, having sufficient funds to pay all debts

**somatic** adj. Of the body

**sombre** adj. Gloomy

**somniferous** adj. Tending to produce sleep

**somnolence** n. Oppressive drowsiness

**somnolent** adj. Sleepy

**sonata** n. An instrumental composition

**sonorous** adj. Resonant

**soot** n. Black powder in smoke

**soothsayer** n. One who claims to have supernatural insight or foresight

**sophism** n. A false argument understood to be such by the reasoner himself and intentionally used to deceive

**sophistical** adj. Clever, but fallacious

**sophisticate** v. To deprive of simplicity of mind or manner

**sophisticated** adj. Complex, subtle, refined

**sophistry** n. Fallacious reasoning, faulty logic

**sophomoric** adj. Self-assured though immature, affected, bombastic, overblown

**soprano** n. A woman's or boy's voice of high range

**sorcery** n. Witchcraft

**sordid** adj. Wretched, comfortless, contemptible

**souvenir** n. A token of remembrance

**sparse** adj. Thinly diffused

**Spartan** adj. Exceptionally brave; rigorously severe

**spasmodic** adj. Convulsive

**spear** n. Weapon with a metal point on a long shaft

**specialise** v. To assume an individual or specific character, or adopt a singular or special course

**specialty** n. An employment limited to one particular line of work

**specie** n. A coin or coins of gold, silver, copper, or other metal

**species** n. A classificatory group of animals or plants subordinate to a genus

**specimen** n. One of a class of persons or things regarded as representative of the class

**specious** adj. Having deceptive attraction or allure

**spectator** n. One who beholds or looks on

**spectre** n. Apparition

**spectrum** n. An image formed by rays of light or other radiant energy

**speculate** v. To pursue inquiries and form conjectures

**speculator** n. One who makes an investment that involves a risk of loss, but also a chance of profit

**spheroid** n. A body having nearly the form of a sphere

**spherometer** n. An instrument for measuring curvature or radii of spherical surfaces

**spinster** n. A woman who has never been married

**splenetic** adj. Bad-tempered, irritable

**splice** v. Join (two ends)

**sponge** n. porous rubber for washing; live at one's expense

**spontaneous** adj. Arising from inherent qualities or tendencies without external efficient cause

**sprightly** adj. Vivacious. Lively

**spurious** adj. False, counterfeit

**spurn** v. Have nothing to do; reject or refuse

**squabble** v. To quarrel

**squalid** adj. Foul, filthy

**squander** v. Spend wastefully

**squatter** n. One who settles on land without permission or right

**stagnant** adj. Not flowing: said of water, as in a pool

**stagnate** v. To become dull or inert

**stagnation** n. The condition of not flowing or not changing

**stagy** adj. Having a theatrical manner

## 7.74

**staid** adj. Of a steady and sober character  
**stallion** n. An uncastrated male horse, commonly one kept for breeding  
**stanch** v. To stop the flow of a fluid  
**stanchion** n. A vertical bar, or a pair of bars, used to confine cattle in a stall  
**stanza** n. A group of rimed lines, usually forming one of a series of similar divisions in a poem  
**statecraft** n. The art of conducting state affairs  
**static** adj. Pertaining to or designating bodies at rest or forces in equilibrium  
**statics** n. The branch of mechanics that treats of the relations that subsist among forces in order  
**stationary** adj. Not moving  
**statistician** n. One who is skilled in collecting and tabulating numerical facts  
**statuesque** adj. Having the grace, pose, or quietude of a statue  
**statuette** n. A figurine. A small carved or molded figure  
**stature** n. The natural height of an animal body  
**statute** n. Any authoritatively declared rule, ordinance, decree, or law. Generally refers specifically to laws passed by a legislature  
**stealth** n. A concealed manner of acting  
**steeply** adv. Rising or falling sharply  
**stellar** adj. Pertaining to the stars  
**stentorian** adj. Extremely loud and powerful  
**steppe** n. One of the extensive plains in Russia and Siberia  
**sterling** adj. Genuine. Of highest quality  
**stickler** n. Person who insists on importance of something  
**stifle** v. To smother  
**stigma** n. Mark of shame or disgrace  
**stigmatise** v. Describe somebody scornfully  
**stiletto** n. A small dagger  
**stimulant** n. Anything that rouses to activity or to quickened action  
**stimulate** v. To rouse to activity or to quickened action  
**stimulus** n. Incentive  
**sting** n. Something sharp  
**stingy** adj. Spending, using unwillingly  
**stint** v. To be thrifty, to set limits  
**stipend** n. A definite amount paid at stated periods in compensation for services or as an allowance  
**stipulate** v. State or put forward as a necessary condition  
**stoicism** n. The principles or the practice of the Stoics-being very even tempered in success and failure

## Vocabulary

**stolid** adj. Showing no emotion; impassive  
**strait** n. A narrow passage of water connecting two larger bodies of water  
**strands** n. Something twisted together into a rope, line of development  
**stratagem** n. Any clever trick or device for obtaining an advantage  
**stratum** n. A natural or artificial layer, bed, or thickness of any substance or material  
**stray** v. Wander, lose one's way  
**streak** adj. & v. Long, thin; move very fast  
**streamlet** n. Rivulet  
**striated** adj. Striped, grooved, or banded  
**stride** v. Walk with long steps  
**stringency** n. Strictness  
**stringent** adj. Rigid  
**stripling** n. A mere youth  
**strut** v. To walk with a pompous air  
**studious** adj. Having or showing devotion to the acquisition of knowledge  
**stultify** v. To give an appearance of foolishness to. To impair and make ineffective  
**stupendous** adj. Of prodigious size, bulk, or degree  
**stupor** n. Profound lethargy  
**stygian** adj. Dense, dark, gloomy, relating to the river Styx in Greek mythology  
**stymie** v. To hinder, obstruct, or block  
**suasion** n. The act of persuading  
**suave** adj. Smooth and pleasant in manner  
**subacid** adj. Somewhat sharp or biting to the taste  
**subaquatic** adj. Being, formed, or operating under water  
**subconscious** adj. Being or occurring in the mind, but without attendant consciousness or conscious perception  
**subdue** v. Overcome, bring under control  
**subjacent** adj. Situated directly underneath  
**subjection** n. The act of bringing into a state of submission  
**subjugate** v. To conquer  
**sublime** adj. Extreme; astounding  
**subliminal** adj. Being beneath the threshold of consciousness  
**sublingual** adj. Situated beneath the tongue  
**submarine** adj. Existing, done, or operating beneath the surface of the sea  
**submerge** v. Put under water, liquid, sink out of sight  
**submergence** n. The act of submerging

## Vocabulary

7.75

**submersible** adj. Capable of being put underwater

**submersion** n. The act of submerging

**submission** n. A yielding to the power or authority of another

**submittal** n. The act of submitting

**subordinate** adj. Belonging to an inferior order in a classification

**suborn** v. Induce by bribery or something to commit perjury. Or generally, induce someone to your side, to gain advantage

**subpoena** n. Written order requiring a person to appear in a low court

**subsequent** adj. Following in time

**subservience** n. The quality, character, or condition of being overly submissive

**subservient** adj. Overly submissive, servile

**subside** v. To relapse into a state of repose and tranquillity

**subsist** v. To be maintained or sustained

**subsistence** n. Enough money to live on

**substantive** adj. Genuine, meaningful

**subsume** v. Include under a rule

**subtend** v. To extend opposite to

**subterfuge** n. Evasion. Deception

**subterranean** adj. Situated or occurring below the surface of the Earth

**subtle** adj. Delicate. Not obvious

**subtrahend** n. That which is to be subtracted

**subversion** n. An overthrow, as from the foundation

**subvert** v. To bring to ruin. To overthrow

**succeed** v. To accomplish what is attempted or intended

**successor** n. One who or that which takes the place of a predecessor or preceding thing

**succinct** adj. Concise. Using only few words

**succour** n. Assistance, relief in time of distress

**succulent** adj. Juicy. Moist and tasty

**succumb** v. To cease to resist

**sufferance** n. Toleration

**suffice** v. Be enough

**sufficiency** n. An ample or adequate supply

**suffrage** n. The right or privilege of voting

**suffuse** v. To cover or fill the surface of

**suggestible** adj. That can be suggested

**suggestive** adj. Stimulating to thought or reflection

**sullied** v. To be stained or discredited

**summarily** adv. Briefly; without delay

**summary** n. An abstract

**sumptuous** adj. Magnificent

**sundry** adj. Various, miscellaneous, separate

**superabundance** n. An excessive amount

**superannuate** v. To become deteriorated or incapacitated by long service

**superb** adj. Sumptuously elegant

**supercilious** adj. Disdainful; characterised by haughty scorn

**superficial** adj. Knowing and understanding only the ordinary and the obvious

**superfluity** n. That part of anything that is in excess of what is needed

**superfluous** adj. More than is needed or wanted

**superimpose** v. Put something on the top

**superintend** v. To have the charge and direction of, especially of some work or movement

**superintendence** n. Direction and management

**superintendent** n. One who has the charge and direction of, especially of some work or movement

**superlative** n. That which is of the highest possible excellence or eminence

**supernatural** adj. Caused miraculously or by the immediate exercise of divine power

**supernumerary** adj. Superfluous

**supersede** v. Take the place of

**supine** adj. Lying on the back; slow to act, passive

**supplant** v. To take the place of

**supple** adj. Easily bent

**supplementary** adj. Being an addition to

**suppliant** n. Humble petitioner

**supplicant** n. One who asks humbly and earnestly

**supplicate** v. Make a humble petition or request to

**supposition** n. Conjecture

**suppress** v. prevent from being known; put an end to

**suppressible** adj. Capable of being suppressed

**suppression** n. A forcible putting or keeping down

**supramundane** adj. Supernatural

**surcharge** n. An additional amount charged

**surety** n. Security for payment or performance

**surfeit** v. Satisfy, feed to fullness or to excess.

**surmise** v. To conjecture

**surmount** v. To overcome by force of will

**surreptitious** adj. Clandestine. Secretive

**surrogate** n. One who or that which is substituted for or appointed to act in place of another

**surround** v. To encircle

**surveyor** n. A land-measurer  
**susceptibility** n. Sensitiveness  
**susceptible** adj. Easily under a specified power or influence  
**suspense** n. Uncertainty  
**suspension** n. A hanging from a support  
**suspicious** adj. Inclined to doubt or mistrust  
**sustain** v. Keep from falling; maintain; suffer; give a decision  
**sustenance** n. Food. Living  
**swarthy** adj. Having a dark hue, especially a dark or sunburned complexion  
**sybarite** n. A luxurious person  
**syccophant** n. Person who flatter to the rich and powerful  
**syllabic** adj. Consisting of that which is uttered in a single vocal impulse  
**syllabication** n. Division of words into that which is uttered in a single vocal impulse  
**syllable** n. That which is uttered in a single vocal impulse  
**syllabus** n. Outline of a subject, course, lecture, or treatise  
**sylph** n. A slender, graceful young woman or girl  
**symmetrical** adj. Well-balanced  
**symmetry** n. Relative proportion and harmony  
**sympathetic** adj. Having a fellow-feeling for or like feelings with another or others  
**sympathise** v. To share the sentiments or mental states of another  
**symphonic** adj. Characterised by a harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds  
**symphony** n. A harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds  
**synchronism** n. Simultaneousness  
**syndicate** n. An association of individuals united for the prosecution of some enterprise  
**syneresis** n. The coalescence of two vowels or syllables, as e'er for ever  
**synod** n. An ecclesiastical council. That is, a religious council  
**synonym** n. A word having the same or almost the same meaning as some other  
**synopsis** n. Summary or outline  
**systematic** adj. Methodical



**tableau** n. An arrangement of inanimate figures representing a scene from real life

**tacit** adj. Understood  
**taciturn** adj. Disinclined to conversation  
**tack** n. A small sharp-pointed nail  
**tact** n. Fine or ready mental discernment shown in saying or doing the proper thing  
**tactician** n. One who directs affairs with skill and shrewdness  
**tactics** n. Any manoeuvring or adroit management for effecting an object  
**talon** n. Claw of a bird of prey  
**tamp** v. Tap or drive down by repeated light blows  
**tamper** v. Interfere with  
**tangency** n. The state of touching  
**tangent** adj. Divergent. Touching lightly  
**tangential** adj. Suddenly changeable  
**tangible** adj. Perceptible by touch  
**tannery** n. A place where leather is tanned  
**tantalise** v. To tease  
**tantamount** adj. Having equal or equivalent value, effect, or import  
**tapestry** n. A fabric to which a pattern is applied with a needle, designed for ornamental hangings  
**tarnish** v. To lessen or destroy the lustre of in any way  
**tarnished** adj. Lost brightness  
**taunt** v. Contemptuous reproach, hurtful remark  
**taut** adj. Tightly stretched  
**tautology** n. A repetition, a redundancy  
**tawdry** adj. Cheap, gaudy, showy, tacky  
**taxation** n. A levy, by government, of a fixed contribution  
**taxidermy** n. The art or process of preserving dead animals or parts of them  
**tease** v. Annoy; puzzling question  
**technic** adj. Technical; technical  
**technicality** n. Something peculiar to a particular art, trade, or the like  
**technique** n. Manner of performance  
**technology** n. The knowledge relating to industries and manufactures  
**tedious** adj. Tiresome  
**teem** v. To be full to overflowing  
**teetotal** v. Oppose to alcohol  
**telepathy** n. Thought-transference  
**telephony** n. The art or process of communicating by telephone  
**telescope** v. To drive together so that one slides into the another like the sections of a spy-glass

## Vocabulary

7.77

**telltale** adj. That gives warning or information

**temerity** adj. Boldness, brashness, intrepidity

**temperance** n. Abstinence from alcohol, self-control, moderation

**temperate** adj. Showing self-control

**temporal** adj. Pertaining to or concerned with the affairs of the present life

**temporary** adj. Lasting for a short time only

**temporise** v. To pursue a policy of delay

**tempt** v. To offer to (somebody) an inducement to do wrong

**tempter** n. An allurer or enticer to evil

**tenacious** adj. Unyielding

**tenacity** n. Firmness, persistency, adhesiveness, tending to hang on

**tenant** n. An occupant

**tendency** n. Direction or inclination, as toward some object or end

**tenet** n. Any opinion, principle, dogma, or doctrine that a person believes or maintains as true

**tenor** n. The drift of something spoken or written

**tense** adj. Strained to stiffness

**tentative** adj. Done as an experiment

**tenuous** adj. Insubstantial, flimsy, weak

**tenure** n. The term during which a thing is held

**termagant** adj. Violently abusive and quarrelsome. Shrew

**terminal** adj. Pertaining to or creative of a boundary, limit

**terminate** v. To put an end or stop to

**termination** n. The act of ending or concluding

**terminus** n. The final point or goal

**terrify** v. To fill with extreme fear

**territorial** adj. Pertaining to the domain over which a sovereign state exercises jurisdiction

**terse** adj. Brief and to the point

**testament** n. A will. A tangible proof or tribute

**testator** n. A person who dies leaving a will in force

**testimonial** n. A formal token of regard, often presented in public

**thearchy** n. Government by a supreme deity

**theism** n. Belief in God

**theocracy** n. A government administered by ecclesiastics

**theologian** n. A professor of divinity

**theological** adj. Based on or growing out of divine revelation

**theology** n. The branch of theological science that treats of God

**theoretical** adj. Directed toward knowledge for its own sake without respect to applications

**theorist** n. One given to speculating

**theorise** v. To speculate

**thereabout** adv. Near that number, quantity, degree, place, or time, approximately

**therefore** adv. For that or this

**thermal** adj. Of or pertaining to heat

**thesis** n. An essay or treatise on a particular subject

**thoroughbred** adj. Bred from the best or purest blood or stock

**thoroughfare** n. A public street or road

**thrall** n. One controlled by an appetite or a passion

**thrift** n. Care, economy, thriving, prosperous

**timbre** n. The quality of a tone, as distinguished from intensity and pitch

**timid** adj. Shy, easily frightened

**timorous** adj. Fearful, timid, afraid

**tincture** n. A solution, usually alcoholic, of some principle used in medicine

**tinge** n. A faint trace of colour

**tipsy** adj. Drunk

**tirade** n. Harangue

**tireless** adj. Untiring

**tiresome** adj. Wearisome

**toilsome** adj. Laborious

**tolerable** adj. Fairly good

**tolerance** n. Forbearance in judging of the acts or opinions of others

**tolerant** adj. Indulgent

**tolerate** v. To passively permit or put up with

**toleration** n. A spirit of charitable leniency

**tonic** n. Something giving strength or energy

**topography** n. The art of representing on a map the physical features of any locality or region with accuracy

**topple** v. Be unsteady and overturn

**torment** n. Severe pain or suffering

**torpid** adj. Sleeping, sluggish, lethargic, dormant

**torpor** n. Apathy

**torrid** adj. Excessively hot. Passionate

**tortious** adj. Wrongful

**tortuous** adj. Full of twists and bends

**torturous** adj. Marked by extreme suffering

**tout** n. Person who worries others to buy something, to use his service

**touting** v. Act as tout

## 7.78

**toy** v. Think not seriously, handle absent-mindedly  
**tractable** adj. Easily controlled or guided  
**trait** n. A distinguishing feature or quality  
**trajectory** n. The path described by a projectile moving under given forces  
**trammel** n. An impediment  
**tranquil** adj. Calm  
**tranquillity** n. Calmness  
**tranquillise** v. To soothe  
**transact** v. To do business  
**transatlantic** adj. Situated beyond or on the other side of the Atlantic  
**transcend** v. To surpass  
**transcendent** adj. Exceeding usual limits  
**transcontinental** adj. Extending or passing across a continent  
**transcribe** v. To write over again (something already written)  
**transcript** n. A copy made directly from an original  
**transfer** v. To convey, remove, or cause to pass from one person or place to another  
**transferable** adj. Capable of being conveyed from one person or place to another  
**transferee** n. The person to whom a transfer is made  
**transference** n. The act of conveying from one person or place to another  
**transferor** n. One who or that which conveys from one person or place to another  
**transfigure** v. To give an exalted meaning or glorified appearance to  
**transfuse** v. To pour or cause to pass, as a fluid, from one vessel to another  
**transfusion** n. The act of pouring from one vessel to another  
**transgress** v. Break, go beyond (a limit)  
**transience** n. Something that is of short duration  
**transient** adj. Temporary, fleeting  
**transition** n. Passage from one place, condition, or action to another  
**transitory** adj. Brief  
**translate** v. To give the sense or equivalent of in another language or dialect  
**translator** n. An interpreter  
**translucence** n. The property or state of allowing the passage of light  
**translucent** adj. Allowing the passage of light  
**transmissible** adj. That may be sent through or across

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**transmission** n. The act of sending through or across  
**transmit** v. To send through or across  
**transmute** v. To change in nature, substance, or form  
**transparent** adj. Easy to see through or understand  
**transpire** v. To come to pass  
**transplant** v. To remove and plant in another place  
**transposition** n. The act of reversing the order or changing the place of  
**transverse** adj. Lying or being across or in a crosswise direction  
**travail** n. Hard or agonising labour  
**travesty** n. A grotesque imitation. Posing a danger  
**treacherous** adj. Lacking honesty  
**treachery** n. Violation of allegiance, confidence, or pledged faith  
**treasonable** adj. Of the nature of betrayal, treachery, or breach of allegiance  
**treatise** n. An elaborate literary composition presenting a subject in all its parts  
**treble** adj. Multiplied by three  
**trebly** adv. Triply  
**tremendous** adj. Awe-inspiring  
**tremor** n. An involuntary trembling or shivering  
**tremulous** adj. Characterised by trembling or unsteadiness  
**trenchant** adj. Forceful, effective, vigorous; extremely perceptive, incisive  
**trend** n. Tendency, general direction  
**trepidation** n. Alarm, excited state of mind  
**traverse** n. An open braced framework for supporting the horizontal stringers of a railway-bridge  
**triad** n. A group of three persons or things  
**tribune** n. Any champion of the rights and liberties of the people: often used as the name for a newspaper  
**trickery** n. Artifice  
**tricolour** adj. Of three colours. Often refers to the Indian flag  
**tricycle** n. A three-wheeled vehicle  
**trident** n. The three-pronged fork that was the emblem of Neptune  
**triennial** adj. Taking place every third year  
**trifling** adj. Unimportant  
**trimness** n. Neatness  
**trinity** n. A threefold personality existing in the one divine being or substance  
**trio** n. Three things grouped or associated together  
**triple** adj. Threefold

## Vocabulary

7.79

**triplicate** adj. Composed of or pertaining to three related things or parts

**triplicity** n. The state of being triple or threefold

**tripod** n. A three-legged stand, usually hinged near the top, for supporting some instrument

**trisection** v. To divide into three parts, especially into three equal parts

**trite** adj. Not new

**triumvir** n. One of three men united coordinately in public office or authority

**trivial** adj. Of little importance or value

**troublesome** adj. Burdensome

**truculence** n. Aggressiveness, ferocity

**truculent** adj. Having the character or the spirit of a savage

**trudge** v. Walk heavily

**truism** n. A statement so plainly true as hardly to require statement or proof

**turbid** adj. Muddy, having the sediment stirred up

**turbulence** n. Being uncontrolled, violent

**turgid** adj. Excessively ornate; swollen or bloated

**turmoil** n. Trouble, disturbance

**turpitude** n. Wickedness, shamefulness. Moral lowness

**tutelage** n. The act of training or the state of being under instruction

**tutorship** n. The office of a guardian

**twinge** n. A darting momentary local pain

**typical** adj. Characteristic

**typify** v. To serve as a characteristic example of

**typographical** adj. Pertaining to typography or printing

**typography** n. The arrangement of composed type, or the appearance of printed matter

**tyrannical** adj. Despotic. Exercising unrestrained authority

**tyranny** n. Absolute power arbitrarily or unjustly administered

**tyro** n. One slightly skilled in or acquainted with any trade or profession



**ubiquitous** adj. Being present everywhere

**ulterior** adj. Situated beyond. Referring to something beyond that which is visible - often hidden motives or reasons

**ultimate** adj. Beyond which there is nothing else

**ultimatum** n. A final statement or proposal, as concerning terms or conditions

**umbrage** n. Offence, resentment

**unaccountable** adj. Inexplicable

**unaffected** adj. Sincere

**unanimity** n. The state or quality of being of one mind

**unanimous** adj. Sharing the same views or sentiments

**unavoidable** adj. Inevitable

**unbearable** adj. Unendurable

**unbecoming** adj. Unsuitable to the wearer, place, or surroundings

**unbelief** n. Doubt

**unbiased** adj. Impartial, as judgment

**unbridled** adj. Being without restraint

**uncommon** adj. Rare

**unconscionable** adj. Ridiculously or unjustly excessive

**unconscious** adj. Not cognisant of objects, actions, etc

**uncouth** adj. Rough, awkward

**unction** n. The art of anointing as with oil

**unctuous** adj. Oily

**undecieve** v. To free from deception, as by apprising of the real state of affairs

**underbid** v. Make a lower bid than somebody else

**undercharge** v. To make an inadequate charge for

**underexposed** adj. Insufficiently exposed for proper or full development, as negatives in photography

**undergarment** n. A garment to be worn under the ordinary outer garments

**underhanded** adj. Clandestinely carried on

**underlie** v. To be the ground or support of

**underling** n. A subordinate

**under man** v. To equip with less than the full complement of men

**undermine** v. To subvert in an underhand way

**undermine** v. Weaken gradually, at the base; to excavate under

**underrate** v. To undervalue

**undersell** v. To sell at a lower price than

**undersized** adj. Of less than the customary size

**understate** v. To fail to put strongly enough, as a case

**undervalue** v. To underestimate

**underworld** n. The place of deputed souls

**underwrite** v. To issue or be party to the issue of a policy of insurance

**undue** adj. More than sufficient

**undulate** v. To move in wavelike fashion, fluctuate

**unencumbered** adj. Easy-going

**unfavourable** adj. Adverse



**unfounded** adj. Without a basis  
**ungainly** adj. Clumsy  
**unguent** n. Any ointment or lubricant for local application  
**unicellular** adj. Consisting of a single cell  
**unify** v. To cause to be one  
**unique** adj. Being the only one of its kind  
**unison** n. A condition of perfect agreement and accord  
**unlawful** adj. Illegal  
**unlimited** adj. Unconstrained  
**unnatural** adj. Artificial  
**unnecessary** adj. Not essential under the circumstances  
**unscathed** adj. Unharmful, unhurt  
**unsettle** v. To put into confusion  
**unsophisticated** adj. Showing inexperience  
**unspeakable** adj. Abominable  
**untimely** adj. Unseasonable  
**untoward** adj. Unfortunate, inconvenient  
**unutterable** adj. Inexpressible  
**unwieldy** adj. Moved or managed with difficulty, as from great size or awkward shape  
**unwise** adj. Foolish  
**unyoke** v. To separate  
**upbraid** v. Scold, reproach  
**up cast** n. A throwing upward  
**upheaval** n. Overthrow or violent disturbance of established order or condition  
**up-keep** n. Maintenance  
**uppermost** adj. First in order of precedence  
**uproarious** adj. Noisy  
**uproot** v. To eradicate  
**upturn** v. To turn up or over  
**urban** adj. Of, or pertaining to, or like a city  
**urbane** adj. Elegant, refined in manners  
**urbanity** n. Refined or elegant courtesy  
**urchin** n. A roguish, mischievous boy  
**urgency** n. The pressure of necessity  
**usurious** adj. Taking unlawful or exorbitant interest on money loaned  
**usurp** v. To take possession of by force  
**usury** n. The demanding for the use of money as a loan, a rate of interest beyond what is allowed by law  
**utilitarianism** n. The ethical doctrine that actions are right because they are useful or of beneficial tendency. Often attributed in creation / popularisation to Bentham  
**utility** n. Fitness for some desirable practical purpose  
**utmost** n. The greatest possible extent

**vacate** v. To leave  
**vaccinate** v. To inoculate with vaccine virus or virus of cowpox  
**vacillate** v. To waver  
**vacillation** n. Being uncertain, hesitating  
**vacuous** adj. Empty  
**vacuum** n. A space entirely devoid of matter  
**vagabond** n. A wanderer  
**vagary** n. Strange act or idea  
**vagrant** n. An idle wanderer  
**vain** adj. Without use, result; conceited  
**vainglory** n. Excessive, pretentious, and demonstrative vanity  
**vale** n. Valley. World  
**valediction** n. A bidding farewell  
**valedictory** n. A parting address  
**valiant** adj. Brave  
**valid** adj. Founded on truth  
**valorous** adj. Brave  
**vanquish** v. Conquer  
**vapid** adj. Having lost sparkling quality and flavour. Dull  
**vapour** n. Steam, mist  
**vaporiser** n. An atomiser  
**variable** adj. Having a tendency to change  
**variance** n. Change  
**variant** n. A thing that differs from another in form only, being the same in essence or substance  
**variation** n. Modification  
**variegate** v. To mark with different shades or colours  
**vassal** n. A slave or bondman  
**veer** v. Change direction  
**vegetal** adj. Of or pertaining to plants  
**vegetarian** n. One who believes in the theory that man's food should be exclusively vegetable derived  
**vegetate** v. To live in a monotonous, passive way without exercise of the mental faculties  
**vegetation** n. Plant-life in the aggregate  
**vegetative** adj. Pertaining to the process of plant-life  
**vehement** adj. Loud and forceful  
**velocity** n. Rapid motion  
**velvety** adj. Marked by lightness and softness  
**venal** adj. Corrupt. Bribe



## Vocabulary

7.81

**vendible** adj. Marketable

**vendor** n. A seller

**veneer** n. Surface appearance covering the true nature

**venerable** adj. Meriting or commanding high esteem

**venerate** v. To cherish reverentially

**veneration** n. Regard with deep respect

**venereal** adj. Pertaining to or proceeding from sexual intercourse

**venial** adj. That may be pardoned or forgiven, a forgivable sin

**venison** n. The flesh of deer

**venom** n. The poisonous fluid that certain animals secrete

**venous** adj. Of, pertaining to, or contained or carried in a vein or veins

**veracious** adj. Habitually disposed to speak the truth

**veracity** n. Truth

**verbatim** adv. Word for word

**verbiage** n. Use of many words without necessity. Pompous empty talk

**verbose** adj. Wordy

**verdant** adj. Green with vegetation. Green

**verification** n. The act of proving to be true, exact, or accurate

**verify** v. To prove to be true, exact, or accurate

**verily** adv. In truth. Certainly

**verisimilitude** Appearing true or real

**veritable** adj. Real, rightly named

**verity** n. Truth

**vermin** n. A noxious or troublesome animal

**vernacular** n. The language of one's country

**vernal** adj. Belonging to or suggestive of the spring

**versatile** adj. Having an aptitude for applying oneself to new and varied tasks or to various subjects

**version** n. A description or report of something as modified by one's character or opinion

**vertex** n. Apex

**vertical** adj. Lying or directed perpendicularly to the horizon

**vertigo** n. Dizziness

**verve** n. Spirit, vigour, enthusiasm

**vestige** n. A visible trace, mark, or impression, of something absent, lost, or gone

**vestment** n. Clothing or covering

**veto** n. The constitutional right in a chief executive of refusing to approve an enactment

**vex** v. Annoy, distress, trouble

**vicarious** adj. Suffered or done in place of or for the sake of another

**viceroys** n. A ruler acting with royal authority in place of the sovereign in a colony or province

**vicissitude** n. A change, especially a complete change, of condition or circumstances, as of fortune

**vie** v. To contend. To compete

**vigilance** n. Watchfulness, self-appointed group who maintain order

**vigilant** n. Member of a vigilance committee

**vignette** n. A picture having a background or that is shaded off gradually

**vigorous** adj. Strong, energetic

**vilify** v. Slander, say evil things

**vincible** adj. Conquerable

**vindicate** v. To prove true, right, or real

**vindictive** adj. Revengeful

**vindictory** adj. Justificatory

**vindictive** adj. Having a desire to revenge

**vinery** n. A greenhouse for grapes

**violation** n. Infringement

**violator** n. One who transgresses

**virago** n. A loud, domineering woman; a scold or nag

**virile** adj. Masculine

**virtual** adj. Being in essence or effect, but not in form or appearance

**virtuoso** n. A master in the technique of some particular fine art

**virulent** adj. Exceedingly noxious or deleterious

**visage** n. The face, countenance, or look of a person

**visceral** adj. Of the internal organs of the body

**viscount** n. In England, a title of nobility, ranking fourth in the order of British peerage

**vista** n. A view or prospect

**visual** adj. Perceptible by sight

**visualise** v. To give pictorial vividness to a mental representation

**vitality** n. The quality of being alive

**vitalise** v. To endow with life or energy

**vitiate** v. Lower the quality; weaken the strength. Often refers to refuting or weakening a proposition or argument

**vituperable** adj. Deserving of censure

**vituperate** v. Curse, abuse in words

**vivacious** adj. Lively, high-spirited

**vivacity** n. Liveliness

**vivify** v. To endow with life

**vivisection** n. The dissection of a living animal

**vocable** n. A word, especially one regarded in relation merely to its qualities of sound

## 7.82

**vocative** adj. Of or pertaining to the act of calling  
**vociferate** v. To utter with a loud and vehement voice  
**vociferation** n. The quality of making a clamour  
**vociferous** adj. Making a loud outcry  
**vogue** n. The prevalent way or fashion  
**volant** adj. Flying or able to fly, quick  
**volatile** adj. Changeable, inconstant, fickle, unstable, explosive  
**volition** n. An act or exercise of will  
**volitive** adj. Exercising the will  
**volubility** n. Fluency, verbosity, easy use of spoken language  
**voluble** adj. Fluent. Tending to talk  
**voluminous** adj. Occupying much space  
**voluptuous** adj. Having fullness of beautiful form, as a woman, with or without sensuous or sensual quality  
**voracious** adj. Eating with greediness or in very large quantities  
**vortex** n. A mass of rotating or whirling fluid, especially when sucked spirally toward the centre  
**votary** adj. Enthusiast. A devoted admirer  
**votive** adj. Dedicated by a vow  
**vulgarity** n. Lack of refinement in conduct or speech  
**vulnerable** adj. Capable of receiving injuries  
 Now that you have studied the word lists - S, T, U, V, let's find the **Odd Word Out!**

### Exercise – III

**Directions for questions 1 to 10:** Four words are given in each of the following questions. Three of them are similar or connected to each other in some way. You have to pick the odd word out

1. (a) Temperance (b) Sobriety  
(c) Teetotalism (d) Umbrage
2. (a) Veracity (b) Unresponsive  
(c) Stuporous (d) Torpid
3. (a) Vivacious (b) Sprightly  
(c) Vigorous (d) Sinecure
4. (a) Subsistence (b) Sustenance  
(c) Support (d) Subterfuge
5. (a) Tenuous (b) Vicarious  
(c) Substitute (d) Surrogate
6. (a) Violate (b) Transgress  
(c) Trespass (d) Undulate
7. (a) Unaffected (b) Nonchalant  
(c) Insouciant (d) Torrid

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8. (a) Underestimate (b) Underhanded  
(c) Undervalue (d) Underrate
9. (a) Sheer (b) Unscathed  
(c) Unbounded (d) Unconstrained
10. (a) Turpitude (b) Shameful  
(c) Vile (d) Uction



**waft** n. Scent, waving movement; carry lightly through  
**wag** n. Merry person  
**wage** n. Payment, carry on, engage in (war)  
**waif** n. A homeless, neglected wanderer  
**waistcoat** n. A vest  
**waive** v. To relinquish, especially temporarily, as a right or claim  
**wane** v. To diminish in size and brilliancy  
**wantonness** n. Recklessness  
**warlike** adj. Belligerent  
**warmonger** n. Person who stirs up war  
**warp** v. Become bent. Contort. Distort  
**warrant** n. Authority, written order, guarantee  
**wary** adj. Cautious  
**wavelet** n. A ripple  
**weak-kneed** adj. Without resolute purpose or energy  
**weal** n. Well-being  
**wean** v. To transfer (the young) from dependence on mother's milk to another form of nourishment  
**wearisome** adj. Fatiguing  
**weave** v. Make (threads) into cloth  
**wee** adj. Very small  
**weigh** v. To measure how heavy something is  
**well-bred** adj. Of good ancestry  
**well-doer** n. A performer of moral and social duties  
**well-to-do** adj. In prosperous circumstances  
**welter** n. Turmoil; a bewildering jumble  
**wend** v. To go, proceed. To direct one's course  
**whereabouts** n. The place in or near which a person or thing is  
**whereupon** adv. After which  
**wherever** adv. In or at whatever place  
**wherewith** n. The necessary means or resources  
**whet** v. To make more keen or eager. To make sharp  
**whimsical** adj. Full of odd and fanciful ideas

## Vocabulary

7.83

**whine** v. To utter with complaining tone

**wholly** adv. Completely

**wield** v. To use, control, or manage, as a weapon, or instrument, especially with full command

**wile** n. An act or a means of cunning deception

**wince** v. Show bodily or mental pain

**winsome** adj. Attractive

**wintry** adj. Lacking warmth of manner

**wiry** adj. Thin, but tough and sinewy

**witchcraft** n. Sorcery

**witless** adj. Foolish, indiscreet, or silly

**witling** n. A person who has little understanding

**witticism** n. A witty, brilliant, or original saying or sentiment

**wittingly** adv. With knowledge and by design

**wizen** v. To become or dry, shrunken and wrinkled

**wizen-faced** adj. Having a shrivelled face

**woo** v. Try to win

**workmanlike** adj. Like or befitting a skilled workman

**workmanship** n. The art or skill of a workman

**wrangle** v. To maintain by noisy argument or dispute

**wreak** v. To inflict, as a revenge or punishment

**wrest** v. To pull or force away by or as by violent twisting or wringing

**wretchedness** n. Extreme misery or unhappiness

**writh** v. To twist the body, face, or limbs or as in pain or distress

**writing** n. The act or art of tracing or inscribing on a surface letters or ideographs

**wry** adj. Deviating from that which is proper or right. Marked by irony



**xenophobia** n. Dislike for foreigners

**xerographic** adj. Related to copying process using coloured powders

**X-Ray** n. Picture made by electromagnetic radiation of short wavelength



**yarn** n. Tale, story; fibres for knitting

**yearling** n. A young animal past its first year and not yet two years old. Often refers to horses



**zealot** n. One who espouses a cause or pursues an object in an immoderately partisan manner

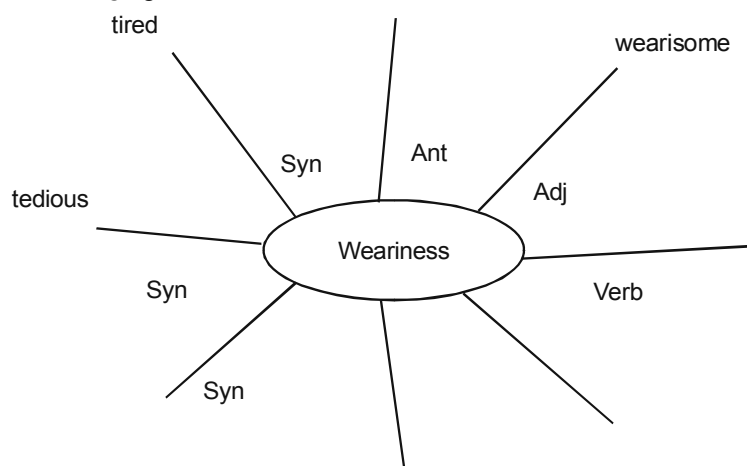
**zeitgeist** n. The intellectual and moral tendencies that characterise any age or epoch

**zenith** n. The culminating-point of prosperity, influence, or greatness

**zephyr** n. Any soft, gentle wind

**zodiac** n. An imaginary belt encircling the heavens containing the larger planet

Complete the *Word Bridge* given below:



Now, select one word each from the word list of the alphabets - X, Y, Z

Go ahead! Build your own *Word Bridge*