

Synonyms

Abate :: :: subside; decrease, lessen
Abeyance :: suspended action
Abscond :: depart secretly and hide
Abstemious :: sparing in eating & drinking;
Abstruse :: obscure; profound; difficult to understand
Accord :: agreement
Acknowledge :: recognize, admit
Adamant :: hard; inflexible
Adept :: expert at
Admonish :: warn; reprove ::
Adulation :: flattery; admiration ::
Advocate :: urge; plead for ::
Affable :: courteous ::
Aesthetic :: artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciation of the beautiful
Affirmation :: positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath
Agenda :: items of business at a meeting
Aggrandize :: increase or intensify
Agility :: :: nimbleness
Alacrity :: cheerful promptness
Allege :: :: state without proof
Allegory :: story in which characters are used as symbols
Allusion :: indirect reference
Aloof :: :: apart; reserved
Altruistic :: unselfishly generous, concerned for others
Ambiguous :: unclear or doubtful in meaning
Ambivalence :: the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes
Ameliorate :: improve
Amenable :: readily managed; Willing 2b led
Amnesty :: pardon
Anachronism :: an error involving time in a story
Anarchist :: person who rebels against the established order
Analgesic :: causing insensitivity to pain
Anathema :: solemn curse
Anesthetic :: substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness
Animosity :: active enmity; hatred
Annotate :: comment; make explanatory notes
Annul :: :: make void

Anomalous :: abnormal; irregular ::
Antagonistic :: hostile; opposed;
Antiquated :: old-fashioned; obsolete ::
Antiseptic :: substance that prevents infection
Antithesis :: contrast; direct opposite
Apathy :: :: lack of caring; indifference :: ::
Aphorism :: pithy maxim :: ::
Apocalyptic :: prophetic;
Apocryphal :: untrue; made up ::
Apostate :: one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs ::
Apothegm :: pithy, compact saying :: ::
Apparition :: ghost; phantom :: ::
Appease :: pacify; soothe :: ::
Appraise :: estimate value of :: ::
Apprehend :: arrest(a criminal); dread; perceive
Apprehension :: fear ::
Apprise :: inform :: ::
Approval :: approval :: ::
Aptitude :: fitness; talent :: ::
Arable :: :: fit for plowing :: ::
Arbitrary :: unreasonable or capricious; imperious; tyrannical; despotic ::
Ardor :: :: heat; passion; zeal :: ::
Arduous :: hard; strenuous ::
Articulate :: effective; distinct ::
Ascendancy :: controlling influence;
Ascetic :: :: practicing self-denial, austere ::
Ascribe :: refer; attribute, assign ::
Asperity :: sharpness(of temper) :: ::
Aspersions :: slanderous remark :: ::
Aspirant :: seeker after position or status
Aspiration :: noble ambition :: ::
Assessment :: estimation :: ::
Assuage :: ease; lessen (pain) ::
Astringent :: binding; causing contraction
Atone :: :: make amends for; pay for
Atrocity :: brutal deed ::
Atrophy :: wasting away :: ::
Attentive :: considerate; thoughtful ::
Augment :: increase :: ::
August :: :: impressive; majestic ::
Austere :: strict; stern
Austerity :: sternness; severity
Authoritarian :: favoring or exercising total control; non-democratic
Authenticate :: prove genuine

Avarice :: greediness for wealth
Aver :: :: state confidently
Averse :: :: reluctant
Aversion :: firm dislike
Avert :: :: prevent; turn away
Avid :: :: greedy; eager for
Avow :: :: declare openly
Awe :: :: solemn wonder
Babble :: :: chatter ugly
Balk :: :: foil
Banal :: hackneyed; commonplace; trite
Bask :: luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth
Bassoon :: reed instrument of woodwind family
Belie :: contradict; give a false impression
Benevolent :: generous; charitable
Benign :: :: kindly; favorable; not malignant
Bequeath :: leave to someone by a will; hand down
Bilk :: :: swindle; cheat
Bizarre :: :: fantastic; violently contrasting
Blasphemy :: cursing; irreverence; sacrilege
Blighted :: suffering for a disease; destroyed
Blithe gay; joyous :: ::
Blunder :: error :: ::
Bolster :: :: support; prop up ::
Bogus :: :: counterfeit; not authentic
Bombastic :: pompous; inflated language
Boorish :: rude; clownish ::
Bristling :: rising like bristles; showing irritation :: ::
Brittle :: :: easy broken; difficult ::
Broach :: :: open up :: ::
Brooch :: :: ornamental clasp ::
Brusque :: blunt; abrupt ::
Burgeon :: grow forth; send out buds
Burlesque :: give an imitation that ridicules
Buttress :: support; prop up ::
Cajole :: :: coax; wheedle ::
Candor :: :: frankness ::
Cant :: jargon of thieves; pious phraseology
Cantata :: story set in music, to be sung by a chorus
Capricious :: Fickle; incalculable ::
Castigate :: punish ::
Censorious :: Critical ::
Censure :: blame; criticize
Cessation :: stopping
Chary :: :: cautiously watchful :: ::

Chicanery :: trickery :: ::
Circumlocution::indirect or roundabout expression :: ::
Circumspect :: prudent; cautious ::
Coagulate :: thicken; congeal; clot ::
Coercion :: use of force to get someone's compliance :: ::
Cogent :: :: convincing :: ::
Cognizance :: knowledge :: ::
Cohere :: :: stick together ::
Collusion :: conspiring in a fraudulent scheme ::
Commensurate equal in extent ::
Complacent :: self-satisfied ::
Compliance :: conformity in fulfilling requirements; readiness to yield ::
Composure :: mental calmness :: ::
Comprehensive thorough; inclusive ::
Conceit :: whimsical idea;
Concession :: act of yielding ::
Conciliatory :: reconciling; soothing :: ::
Concise :: brief and compact ::
Concoct :: prepare by combining; make up in concert ::
Concur :: :: agree :: ::
Condescend :: bestow courtesies with a superior air ::
Condone :: overlook; forgive ::
Confound :: confuse; puzzle ::
Conglomeration mass of material sticking together ::
Congruence :: correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship ::
Conifer :: pine tree; cone-bearing tree ::
Conjecture :: surmise; guess ::
Consign ::deliver officially; entrust; set apart
Console :: lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort ::
Conspicuous::easily seen; noticeable
Conspiracy :: treacherous plot ::
Contagion :: infection ::
Contend ::struggle; compete; assert earnestly
Contentious :: quarrelsome :: ::
Contingent :: conditional ::
Contract :: compress or shrink; make a pledge; catch a disease :: ::
Contrite :: penitent :: ::
Controvert :: oppose with arguments; contradict

Converge :: come together :: ::
Conviction :: strongly held belief ::
Convoke :: call together ::
Convolved :: coiled around ::
Cordial :: :: gracious; heartfelt ::
Corrugated :: wrinkled, ridged ::
Covert :: :: secret; hidden; implied ::
Convenant :: agreement ::
Cower :: :: shrink quivering, as from fear ::
Coy :: :: shy; modest; coquettish ::
Cozen :: :: cheat; hoodwink; swindle
Craven :: :: cowardly ::
Credulity :: belief on slight evidence ::
Criterion :: standard used in judging ::
Cryptic :: :: mysterious; puzzling; secret
Culpable :: deserving blame ::
Dally :: :: trifle with; procrastinate ::
Dank :: :: damp ::
Daunt :: :: intimidate :: ::
Debacle :: breaking up; downfall ::
Debilitate :: weaken; enfeeble ::
Decorous :: proper ::
Decry :: :: disparage ::
Deference :: courteous regard for another's wish
Delineate :: portray :: ::
Delude :: :: deceive ::
Delude :: :: flood; rush ::
Demur :: :: delay; object ::
Demure :: grave; serious; coy ::
Deplore :: regret; disapprove of :: ::
Deposition :: testimony under oath ::
Depravity :: corruption; wickedness :: ::
Deride :: :: scoff at :: ::
Descry :: :: catch sight of ::
Despicable :: contemptible ::
Despondent :: depressed; gloomy :: ::
Despot :: :: tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler
Destitute :: extremely poor ::
Desultory :: aimless; jumping around ::
Detached :: emotionally removed; calm
Deterrent :: something that discourages; hindrance
Devious :: going astray; erratic; cunning :: ::
Devoid :: :: lacking ::
Devout :: :: pious ::
Diatribes :: bitter scolding; invective ::
Didactic :: teaching; instructional :: ::

Diffidence :: shyness ::
Digression :: wandering away from the subject :: ::
Dilettante :: aimless follower of the arts; amateur; dabbler ::
Diligence :: steadiness of effort; persistent hard work :: ::
Dilute :: :: make less concentrated; reduce in strength ::
Diminution :: lessening; reduction in size
Din :: :: continued loud noise ::
Dirge :: :: lament with music ::
Disabuse :: correct a false impression; undeceive ::
Discerning :: mentally quick and observant; having insight :: ::
Discomfit :: put to rout; defeat; disconcert ::
Discordant :: inharmonious; conflicting :: ::
Discourse :: formal discussion;
Discrete :: separate; unconnected ::
Discriminating :: able to see differences; prejudiced :: ::
Discursive :: digressing; rambling ::
Disdain :: treat with scorn or contempt ::
Disinclination :: unwillingness :: ::
Dismiss :: put away from consideration; reject
Disparage :: belittle :: ::
Disparate :: basically different; unrelated
Disparity :: difference; condition of inequality
Dispassionate :: calm; impartial :: ::
Dispel :: scatter; drive away; cause to vanish
Disperse :: scatter ::
Disputatious :: argumentative; fond of argument :: ::
Dissemble :: disguise; pretend ::
Disseminate :: scatter (like seeds) ::
Dissent :: disagree :: ::
Dissonance :: discord :: ::
Distend :: :: expand; swell out
Distract :: :: absentminded ::
Divergent :: differing; deviating
Divest :: strip; deprive ::
Divulge :: reveal ::
Document :: provide written evidence ::
Dogmatic :: positive; arbitrary :: ::
Dormant :: sleeping; lethargic; torpid ::
Droll :: queer and amusing ::
Drone :: idle person; male bee ::

Dichotomy :: branching into two parts ::

Drone ::talk dully; buzz or murmur like bee
Dubious :: doubtful :: ::
Duplicity :: double dealing; hypocrisy :: ::
Dwindle :: shrink; reduce ::
Ebullient ::showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm ::
Eccentric :: odd; whimsical; irregular ::
Eclectic :: selective in choosing from a variety of sources :: ::
Efficacy :: power to produce desired effect
Effervescent ::exuberant; bubbly and excited
Effrontery :: shameless boldness ::
Elaboration :: addition of details; intricacy
Elated ::overjoyed; in high spirits ::
Elegiacal :: like in elegy; mournful ::
Elicit :: draw out by discussion ::
Eloquence :: expressiveness; persuasive speech
Elucidate :: explain; enlighten ::
Elusive :: :: evasive; baffling; hard to grasp
Elysian :: :: relating to paradise; blissful ::
Emaciated :: thin and wasted :: ::
Embellish :: adorn :: ::
Embryonic :: undeveloped; rudimentary :: ::
Emissary :: agent; messenger ::
Emulate :: rival; imitate :: ::
Encomium :: high praise; eulogy ::
Encroachment :: gradual intrusion ::
Encumber :: burden ::
Endorse :: approve; support :: ::
Enervate :: weaken :: ::
Engender :: cause; produce :: ::
Engross :: occupy fully ::
Enhance :: advance; improve :: ::
Enigma :: puzzle :: ::
Enigmatic :: obscure; puzzling ::
Enmity :: :: ill will; hatred :: ::
Ephemeral :: short-lived; fleeting :: ::
Epic :: :: long heroic poem or similar work of art :: ::
Epithet :: :: a word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing ::
Equilibrium :: balance :: ::
Equivocal :: doubtful; ambiguous :: ::
Equivocate :: lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth ::

Erudite :: :: learned; scholarly :: ::
Eschew :: avoid ::
Esoteric :: known only to a chosen few :: ::
Espouse :: adopt; support ::
Eulogy :: :: praise :: ::
Euphemism :: mild expression in place of an unpleasant one :: ::
Euphoria :: feeling of great happiness and well-being (sometimes exaggerated) ::
Evanescent :: fleeting; vanishing ::
Evoke :: call forth ::
Exacerbate :: worsen; embitter :: ::
Exculpate :: clear from blame ::
Execute :: put into effect; carry out ::
Exegesis :: explanation, especially of Biblical passages ::
Exemplary:: serving as a model; outstanding
Exemplify ::serve as an example of; embody
Exertion :: effort; expenditure of much physical work ::
Exhaustive :: thorough; comprehensive ::
Exonerate :: acquit; exculpate :: ::
Expedite :: hasten :: ::
Expiate :: :: make amends for (a sin) ::
Explicit :: definite; open :: ::
Exploit :: deed or action, particularly a brave deed ::
Extemporaneous :: not planned; impromptu
Extant :: still in existence ::
Extol :: praise; glorify :: ::
Extraneous ::not essential; external ::
Extricate :: free; disentangle :: ::
Exuberance :: abundance; effusiveness; lavishness :: ::
Facetious :: humorous; jocular ::
Facile :: easy; expert :: :: `
Facilitate :: make less difficult :: ::
Faction :: :: party; clique; dissension ::
Fallacious :: misleading ::
Falter :: hesitate ::
Fanaticism :: excessive zeal :: ::
Fawning :: courting behavior by cringing and flattering ::
Felicitous :: apt; suitably expressed; well chosen ::
Felon :: person convicted of grave crime ::
Fervent :: :: ardent; hot ::
Fervor :: :: glowing ardor :: ::
Fickle :: changeable; faithless ::

Erratic :: :: odd; unpredictable :: ::
Erroneous :: mistaken; wrong :: ::

Finicky :: too particular; fussy ::
Flagrant :: conspicuously wicked ::
Flamboyant :: ornate ::
Flaunt :: display ostentatiously ::
Fledgling :: inexperienced ::
Flinch :: hesitate; shrink
Flippancy :: trifling gaiety ::
Flit :: :: fly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by ::
Florid :: :: flowery; ruddy ::
Flout :: :: reject; mock ::
Fluke::unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune
Fluster :: :: confuse ::
Foible :: :: weakness; slight fault ::
Foment :: stir up; instigate ::
Foolhardy :: rash ::
Foppish :: vain about dress and appearance
Fgainsay :: deny ::
Oresight :: ability to foresee future happenings; prudence :: ::
Forestall :: prevent by taking action in advance ::
Formidable :: menacing; threatening ::
Fortuitous :: accidental; by chance ::
Foster :: :: rear; encourage ::
Fracas :: :: brawl; melee ::
Fraudulent :: cheating; deceitful ::
Frenzied :: madly excited ::
Fret :: :: to be annoyed or vexed ::
Frivolity :: lack of seriousness :: ::
Furtive :: :: stealthy; sneaky :: ::
Gaffe :: :: social blunder ::
Gainsay :: deny ::
Garbled :: mixed up; based on false or unfair selection :: ::
Garner :: :: gather; store up ::
Garrulous :: loquacious; wordy ::
Gauche :: clumsy; boorish ::
Gist :: :: essence ::
Glib :: :: fluent ::
Gloat :: :: express evil satisfaction;
Glutton :: someone who eats too much :: ::
Goad :: :: urge on ::
Gorge :: :: small, steep-walled canyon ::
Gorge :: :: stuff oneself ::
Gouge :: :: tear out ::
Gravity :: seriousness :: ::

Grudging :: unwilling; reluctant; stingy ::
Guile :: deceit; duplicity :: ::
Gullible :: easily deceived ::
Hackneyed :: commonplace; trite ::
Hallucination :: delusion ::
Hamper :: :: obstruct :: ::
Haphazard :: random; by chance :: ::
Harangue :: noisy speech ::
Harbor :: provide a refuge for; hide ::
Hardy :: sturdy; robust;
Haughtiness :: pride; arrogance :: ::
Hedonism :: belief that pleasure is the sole aim of life :: ::
Heretic :: person who maintains opinions contrary to the doctrines of the church
Heterodox :: unorthodox; unconventional
Hoax :: trick; practical joke ::
Holster :: :: pistol case ::
Homogeneous ::of the same kind ::
Humane :: kind :: ::
Hyperbole :: exaggeration; overstatement ::
Hypercritical :: excessively exacting ::
Hypocritical :: pertaining to be virtuous; deceiving :: ::
Idiosyncrasy :: peculiarity; eccentricity ::
Idolatry :: worship of idols; excessive admiration ::
Illicit :: :: illegal ::
Immutable :: unchangeable :: ::
Impair :: :: worsen; diminish in value :: ::
Impassive :: without feeling; not affected by pain :: ::
Impede :: :: hinder; block; delay :: ::
Impervious :: not penetrable; not permitting passage through ::
Impetuous :: violent; hasty; rash ::
Implacable :: incapable of being pacified ::
Implement :: put into effect; supply with tools
Implication :: that is hinted at or suggested
Implicit :: understood but not stated :: ::
Impostor :: someone who assumes false identity ::
Impregnable :: invulnerable ::
Impromptu :: without previous preparation ::
Improvise :: compose on the spur of the moment ::
Imprudent :: lacking caution; injudicious ::

Gregarious :: sociable :: ::
Grill :: :: question severely ::
Grovel :: :: crawl or creep on ground;

Impunity :: freedom from punishment ::
Inadvertently :: carelessly; unintentionally ::
Inane :: :: silly; senseless :: ::
Inaugurate :: start; initiate; install at office ::
Incessant :: uninterrupted :: ::
Inchoate :: recently begun; rudimentary; elementary ::
Incidence :: rate of occurrence; particular occurrence ::
Incidental :: not essential; minor :: ::
Incipient :: beginning; in an early stage ::
Incisive :: cutting; sharp :: ::
Incite :: :: arouse to action :: ::
Inclusive :: tending to include all :: ::
Incongruous :: not fitting; absurd :: ::
Inconsequential :: of trifling significance
Incontinent :: lacking self-restraint; licentious ::
Incontrovertible :: indisputable :: ::
Incorporeal :: immaterial;
Incorrigible :: uncorrectable :: ::
Incursion :: temporary invasion ::
Indict :: :: charge :: ::
Indifferent :: unmoved; lacking concern :: ::
Indigenous :: native ::
Indigent :: poor ::
Indiscriminate :: choosing at random; confused :: ::
Indolent :: lazy :: ::
Induce :: :: persuade; bring about :: ::
Indulgent :: humoring; yielding; lenient :: ::
Inept :: :: unsuited; absurd; incompetent ::
Inert :: :: inactive; lacking power to move
Infamous :: notoriously bad :: ::
Infer :: :: deduce; conclude :: ::
Infiltrate :: pass into or through; penetrate (an organization) sneakily :: ::
Ingenious :: naïve; young; unsophisticated ::
Inherent :: firmly established by nature or habit :: ::
Inimical :: unfriendly; hostile ::
Innate :: :: inborn :: ::
Innocuous :: harmless :: ::
Innovation :: change; introduction of something new :: ::

Insolvent :: bankrupt; lacking money to pay
Insularity :: narrow-mindedness; isolation ::
Intangible :: not material; not able to be perceived by touch :: ::
Integrity :: wholeness; purify; uprightness ::
Interminable :: endless :: ::
Intermittent :: periodic; on and off :: ::
Intractable :: unruly; refractory :: ::
Intransigent :: refusing any compromise; stubborn ::
Intrepid :: fearless ::
Intricate :: complex; knotty; tangled ::
Inundate :: overflow; flood ::
Inured :: :: accustomed; hardened ::
Invective :: abuse ::
Invert :: :: turn upside down or inside out ::
Invoke :: :: call upon; ask for ::
Irascible :: irritable; easily angered :: ::
Ironic :: :: resulting in unexpected and contrary manner :: ::
Irate :: :: angry ::
Irresolute :: uncertain how to act; weak :: ::
Irreverence :: lack of proper respect :: ::
Jocular :: :: said or done in jest ::
Jovial :: :: good-natured; merry ::
Judicious :: sound in judgment; wise :: ::
Kindle :: :: start a fire; inspire :: ::
Lackluster :: dull ::
Laconic :: brief and to the point :: ::
Lament :: grieve; express sorrow :: ::
Lampoon :: ridicule ::
Languish :: lose animation; lose strength ::
Latitude :: freedom from narrow limitations
Laud :: :: praise :: ::
Lavish :: :: liberal; wasteful ::
Lax :: :: careless ::
Leaven:::cause to rise or grow lighter;enliven
Legacy :: :: gift made by a will :: ::
Lethargic :: drowsy; dull :: ::
Levity :: :: lightness :: ::
Levy :: impose (a fine); collect (a payment)
Limber :: :: flexible ::
Limpid :: :: clear ::
Loath :: :: averse; reluctant ::
Loathe :: :: detest ::
Lode :: :: metal-bearing vein ::
Lofty :: :: very high :: ::

Innuendo :: hint; inspiration ::
Inopportune :: untimely; poorly chosen ::
Insinuate :: hint; imply ::
Insipid :: :: tasteless; dull :: ::

Lope :: :: gallop softly ::
Lucid :: :: easily understood :: ::
Ludicrous :: laughable; trifling ::
Lull :: :: moment of calm ::
Lumber :: move heavily or clumsily ::
Luminous :: shining; issuing light ::
Luminary :: celebrity; dignitary ::
Magnanimous :: generous :: ::
Malapropism :: comic misuse of a word ::
Manifest :: understandable; clear ::
Marred :: :: damaged; disfigured :: ::
Martial :: :: warlike ::
Maverick :: rebel; nonconformist ::
Meager :: scantily; inadequate :: ::
Meddlesome :: interfering ::
Mediocre :: ordinary; commonplace ::
Mercenary :: interested in money or gain ::
Mercurial :: fickle; changing ::
Metaphysical :: pertaining to speculative philosophy ::
Methodological :: systematic :: ::
Meticulous :: excessively careful :: ::
Mettle :: :: courage; spirit ::
Minuscule :: extremely small ::
Misanthrope :: one who hates mankind ::
Misconstrue :: interpret incorrectly; misjudge :: ::
Miserly :: stingy; mean :: ::
Mitigate :: appease :: ::
Mollify :: soothe ::
Molt :: :: shed or cast off hair or feathers ::
Morose :: ill-humored; sullen :: ::
Muddle :: confuse; mix up ::
Mundane :: worldly as opposed to spiritual ::
Nadir :: :: lowest point ::
Nonchalance :: indifference; lack of interest
Nonplus :: bring to a halt confusion ::
Notoriety :: disrepute; ill fame :: ::
Novelty :: something new; newness :: ::
Nullify :: :: to make invalid :: ::
Nurture :: bring up; feed; educate :: ::
Obdurate :: stubborn ::
Obliterate :: destroy completely :: ::
Oblivion :: forgetfulness :: ::

Obstinate :: stubborn :: ::
Obtuse :: :: blunt; stupid ::
Obviate :: make unnecessary; get rid of ::
Obtrusive :: pushed forward ::
Occult :: :: mysterious; secret; supernatural
Odious :: :: hateful ::
Odium :: :: repugnance; dislike ::
Ogle :: glance coquettishly at; make eyes at :
Ominous :: threatening :: ::
Onerous :: burdensome ::
Opaque :: dark; not transparent :: ::
Opprobrium :: infamy; vilification ::
Optimist :: person who looks on the good side :: ::
Opulence :: wealth :: ::
Overt :: :: open to view ::
Panegyric :: formal praise :: ::
Paragon :: model of reflection :: ::
Parasite :: animal or plant living on another; toady; sycophant :: ::
Pathological :: pertaining to disease :: ::
Paucity :: :: scarcity :: ::
Peccadillo :: slight offense ::
Pedant :: :: scholar who overemphasizes book learning and technicalities :: ::
Pedantic :: showing off learning; bookish ::
Pedestrian :: ordinary, unimaginative :: ::
Penchant :: strong inclination; liking :: ::
Penury :: :: extreme poverty :: ::
Peremptory :: demanding and leaving no choice :: ::
Perennial :: something that is continuing or recent :: ::
Perfidious :: basely false :: ::
Perfidy :: :: violation of a trust :: ::
Perfunctory :: superficial; not thorough :: ::
Peripheral :: marginal; outer :: ::
Pernicious :: very destructive :: ::
Perpetual :: everlasting :: ::
Pertinent :: suitable; to the point :: ::
Perturbation :: agitation :: ::
Pervasive :: spread throughout; permeating
Petulant :: touchy, peevish :: ::
Philanthropist :: lover of mankind; doer of good
Piety :: :: religious devotion; godliness :: ::

Obscure :: darken; make unclear ::
Obscure :: dark; vague; unclear ::
Obsequious :: slavishly attentive; servile; sycophantic
Obsolete :: outmoded ::

Placate :: :: pacify; conciliate :: ::
Placid :: :: peaceful; calm ::
Plaintive :: mournful ::
Platitude :: trite remark; commonplace statement
Plumb :: checking perpendicularly; vertical ::
Polemic :: controversy; argument in support of point of view ::
Ponderous :: weighty; unwieldy ::
Poignancy :: quality of being deeply moving; keenness of emotion :: ::
Potent :: powerful; persuasive; greatly influential
Preamble :: introductory statement ::
Pragmatic :: practical;
Precarious :: uncertain; risky :: ::
Precedent :: something preceding in time which may be used as an authority or guide for future decision ::
Precedent :: preceding in time, rank, etc. ::
Precipitate :: headlong; rash ::
Preclude :: make impossible; eliminate :: ::
Precocious :: advanced in development :: ::
Predecessor :: former occupant of a post :: ::
Predilection :: partiality; preference :: ::
Premise :: assumption; postulate ::
Prerogative :: privilege; unquestionable right
Presumptuous :: arrogant; taking liberties ::
Pretentious :: ostentatious; ambitious :: ::
Prevalent :: widespread; generally accepted ::
Prevaricate :: lie pristine characteristic of earlier times; primitive; unspoiled ::
Probity :: :: uprightness; incorruptibility ::
Prodigal :: wasteful; reckless in money :: ::
Prodigious :: marvelous; enormous :: ::
Proclivity :: inclination; natural tendency ::
Profligate :: dissipated; wasteful; licentious
Profound :: deep; not superficial; complete ::
Profusion :: lavish expenditure; overabundant condition :: ::
Proliferation :: rapid growth; spread;
Prolific :: :: abundantly fruitful :: ::
Prone :: :: inclined to; prostrate ::

Prune :: :: cut away; trim ::
Pugnacious :: combative; disposed to fight ::
Pundit :: learned Hindu; any learned man;
Pungent :: stinging; caustic ::
Quack :: :: charlatan; impostor ::
Quaff :: :: drink with relish ::
Qualms :: misgivings ::
Qualified :: limited; restricted :: ::
Quandary :: dilemma :: ::
Quarantine :: isolation of person or ship to prevent spread of infection ::
Quibble :: equivocate; play on words ::
Ramification :: branching out; subdivision ::
Rampant :: rearing up on hind legs; unrestrained ::
Rebuff :: :: snub; beat back :: ::
Rebuttal :: refutation; response with contrary evidence :: ::
Recalcitrant :: obstinately stubborn ::
Recant :: repudiate; withdraw previous statement
Recluse :: hermit :: ::
Reciprocal :: mutual; exchangeable; interacting ::
Recondite :: abstruse; profound; secret ::
Recourse :: resorting to help when in trouble
Rectify :: :: correct :: ::
Redoubtable :: formidable; causing fear ::
Refectory :: dining hall ::
Refute :: :: disprove :: ::
Relegate :: banish; consign to inferior position
Relevancy :: pertinence; reference to the case in hand
Remnant :: remainder ::
Remorse :: guilt; self-reproach :: ::
Rece :: abandon; discontinue; disown; repudiate
Renegade :: deserter; apostate ::
Repine :: :: fret; complain ::
Repress :: restrain; crush; oppress ::
Reprimand :: reprove severely :: ::
Reprobation :: severe disapproval ::
Reprove :: censure; rebuke :: ::
Repudiate :: disown; disavow :: ::
Repugnance :: loathing ::

Propensity :: natural inclination ::
Propriety :: fitness; correct conduct ::
Protract :: prolong ::
Provoke :: stir to anger; cause retaliation ::
Proximity :: nearness ::
Prudent :: cautious; careful ::

Resigned :: unresisting; patiently submissive
Resolve :: determination ::
Resolution :: determination ::
Reticence :: reserve; uncommunicativeness; inclination to be silent ::
Reverent :: respectful; worshipful ::
Revile :: :: slander; vilify ::
Rhetoric :: art of effective communication; insincere language ::
Rift :: :: opening; break ::
Roster :: :: list ::
Sagacious :: keen; shrewd; having insight ::
Salutary :: tending to improve; beneficial;
Salvage :: rescue from loss ::
Sanction :: approve; ratify ::
Satirical :: mocking ::
Saturate :: soak ::
Savory :: :: tasty; pleasing, attractive
Scanty :: :: meager; insufficient ::
Scrupulous :: conscientious; extremely thorough
Scrutinize :: examine closely and critically ::
Seclusion :: isolation; solitude ::
Sedentary :: requiring sitting ::
Serenity :: calmness; placidity ::
Servile :: :: slavish; cringing ::
Severance :: division; partition; separation ::
Smirking :: smirking ::
Skeptic :: doubter;
Slacken :: slow up; loosen ::
Solemnity :: seriousness; gravity ::
Somber :: gloomy; depressing ::
Sordid :: :: filthy; base; vile ::
Spendthrift :: someone who wastes money ::
Sporadic :: occurring irregularly ::
Spurious :: false; counterfeit ::
Squander :: waste ::
Squalid :: dirty; neglected; poor ::
Stanza :: :: division of a poem ::
Static :: :: unchanging; lacking development
Statue :: :: law ::
Steadfast :: loyal ::
Stigma :: :: token of disgrace; brand ::
Stigmatize :: brand; mark as wicked ::

Strut :: :: supporting bar ::
Submissive :: yielding; timid ::
Subside :: settle down; descend; grow quiet
Subtlety :: nicety; cunning; guile; delicacy ::
Subversive :: tending to overthrow or ruin ::
Succinct :: brief; terse; compact ::
Superfluous :: excessive; overabundant;
Supplant :: replace; usurp ::
Supplicate :: petition humbly;
Surpass :: exceed ::
Surreptitious :: secret :: Adj
Susceptible :: impressionable; easily influenced;
Sustain :: :: experience; support; nourish ::
Swindle :: cheat ::
Sycophant :: servile flatterer ::
Tacit :: :: understood; not put into words ::
Taciturn :: habitually silent; talking little ::
Tangential :: peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing ::
Tangible :: able to be touched; real; palpable
Taper :: :: candle ::
Taut :: :: tight; ready ::
Tedious :: boring; tiring ::
Tentative :: provisional; experimental ::
Tepid :: :: lukewarm ::
Terse :: :: concise; abrupt; pithy ::
Tirade :: :: extended scolding; denunciation
Torpid :: :: dormant; dull; lethargic ::
Transgression :: violation of law; sin ::
Trenchant :: cutting; keen ::
Trepidation :: fear; trembling agitation ::
Trite :: :: hackneyed; commonplace ::
Trivia :: :: trifles; unimportant matters ::
Truculent :: aggressive; savage ::
Turpitude :: depravity ::
Turbulence :: state of violent agitation ::
Uniformity :: sameness; monotony ::
Unkempt :: disheveled; with uncared-for appearance
Unobtrusive :: inconspicuous; not blatant ::
Unprecedented :: novel; unparalleled ::
Unwarranted :: unjustified; groundless;
Untenable :: insupportable ::

Stint :: :: supply; assigned portion of work ::
Stipulate :: make express conditions; specify
Stoic :: person who is indifferent to pleasure or pain :: ::
Strut :: :: pompous walk ::

Veracious :: truthful ::
Verbose :: wordy :: ::
Verdant :: green; fresh ::
Vertigo :: dizziness ::
Vestige :: trace; remains ::
Vex :: :: annoy; distress ::
Viable :: :: capable of maintaining life :: ::
Vicarious :: acting as a substitute;
Vigor :: :: active strength ::
Vilify :: :: slander :: ::
Vindictive :: revengeful ::
Virtuoso :: highly skilled artist :: ::
Virulent :: extremely poisonous :: ::

Vituperative :: abusive; scolding ::
Volatile :: evaporating rapidly; lighthearted;
Voluble :: fluent; glib ::
Voracious :: ravenous ::
Vulnerable :: susceptible to wounds ::
Wary :: :: very cautious ::
Wax :: :: increase; grow ::
Wheedle :: cajole; coax; deceive by flattery :
Welt :: :: mark from a beating or whipping :
Whimsical :: capricious; fanciful; quaint ::
Zealot :: :: fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal ::