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999 Need-to-Know Words

(Intermediate – Upper Intermediate Level)

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abdicate v.
To give up power.

abdomen n.
Stomach area.

abduction n.
To kidnap.

aberration n.
Mistake, wrong choice.

abhorrence n.
Strong dislike.

able-bodied adj.
Physically well.

[ab- prefix: opposite to]

abnormal adj.
Not normal.

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aboriginal adj.

An original inhabitant.

about prep.

Near, concerning

abrasion n.

Cut made by rubbing.

abrupt adj.

Sudden.

absence n.

Being away.

absent-minded adj.

Forgetful.

absolute adj.

Complete, entire.

absorb v.

To take in liquid.

absurd adj.

Silly, stupid.

abundant adj.

Lots of...

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abusive adj.
Angry, nasty.

academic adj.
Of a university.

accelerate v.
Go faster.

accept v.
To agree, receive.

access n/v.
The entry point.
To enter.

accessible adj.
Able to enter.

accessory n.
An extra person or thing.

acclaim v.
Voice approval of.

accommodation n.
Place of living.

accompany v.
To join, travel with.

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accomplice n.
A partner in crime.

accomplish v.
To achieve a goal.

account n.
A financial business record.

accredit v.
To give credit to.

accuracy n.
Closeness.

accurate adj.
Of being close to, nearness.

accusation n.
Charge of wrongdoing.

accuse v.
To state another's wrong.

ace n.
Highest playing card
[also idiom meaning the best]

ache v.
To feel pain, tiredness.

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acid n.

A destructive chemical.

acknowledge v.

Recognize,

acquaint v.

Make familiar or known.

acquire v.

To own, buy.

acquisition n.

The item bought.

acquit v.

Set free, release.

actual adj.

Of a real situation.

adhesive adj.

Of sticking, of glue.

administrator n.

Person in administration.

admit v.

To allow entry to.

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adoration n.
State of extreme love.

advent n.
Start, beginning.

adverse adj.
Opposite to.

adversity n.
Bad luck, struggle.

advertisement n.
Showing a product.

advisory adj.
Should do.

advocate n.
Person who acts for another.

aerial adj.
In the air.

affable adj.
Easy to approach.

affect v.
To act upon

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affirmative adj.

Answering yes; to a question.

afterthought n.

A thought that comes after.

aggravate v.

To make worse.

aggregate n.

The number of something.

aggression n.

An attack.

agile adj.

Able to move quickly.

agitate v.

To move, excite or disturb

agrarian adj.

agricultural.

album n.

A book for photographs or like.

alcohol n.

Intoxicating liquid.

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alias n.

An assumed name.

alien n.

Someone or thing
that is foreign.

alienate v.

To cause to turn away.

allege v.

Assert as true

allegory n.

A story to explain something.

alleviate v.

To make easier.

alley n.

A narrow street.

alliance n.

A union for a common purpose.

allocate v.

To set aside, share.

allow v.

Permit, make possible.

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ally n.
A friend.

altar n.
A religious structure.

alter v.
To change.

alteration n.
Change or modification.

alternative n.
Opposite choice or possibility.

altitude n.
Vertical distance, height.

amalgamate v.
To mix or blend together.

amateur n/ adj.
Not professional.

ambiguous adj.
Double meaning.

ambitious n.
Eager to improve, be successful.

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ambulance n.
A hospital vehicle.

ambush n/v.
To surprise the enemy.

amicable adj.
Done in a friendly spirit.

amorous adj.
Loving.

ample adj.
Enough of.

amputate v.
Remove an arm or leg.

amusement n.
Fun or play activity.

anachronism n.
Anything out of
its proper time.

analogy n.
Story form explanation.

analyze v.
To examine critically.

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anarchy n.
Absence of social order.

anatomy n.
(Study of) the structure
of organisms.

ancestry n.
Family history.

anecdote n.
A brief story.

anemia n.
Deficiency of blood.

anaesthetic adj.
Substance to relieve pain.

anew adv.
Once more.

angelic adj.
Saintly.

angular adj.
Sharp-cornered.

animosity n.
hatred

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annex v.

To add to the end.

annihilate v.

To destroy absolutely.

annual adj.

Occurring every year.

anonymous adj.

Unknown identity.

antagonism n.

An opposition to.

Antarctic adj.

South Pole and regions.

anthology n.

A collection of writings.

anthropology n.

The science of man.

antic n.

A funny action.

anticlimax n.

Disappointment.

antidote n.

Medicine for poison.

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antiquate v.
To make old or out of date.

antique adj.
Pertaining to ancient times.

antiseptic n.
Chemical to destroy bacteria.

antonym n.
Opposite in meaning to.

anxious adj.
Worried.

apathy n.
Lazy feeling.

apex n.
The highest point..

apology n.
Saying sorry.

apparent adj.
Easily understood.

appropriate adj.
Suitable for the purpose.

appropriate adj.
Suitable for the circumstances.

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arbitrary adj.

Without general agreement.

arbitrate v.

To give judgment in an argument.

arcade n.

A covered street with shops.

archaic adj.

Old-fashioned.

archbishop n.

High religious official.

[-ology Suffix: study of]

archaeology n.

Study of ancient items.

archipelago n.

A chain of Islands e.g. Japan

arid adj.

Desert-like, dry.

aristocracy n.

Ruling class, kings and queens.

armful n.

What can be held in arms.

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aroma n.

A pleasant smell.

arrange v.

To place in a proper order.

arrangement n.

The act of placing in order.

arrive v.

To reach a point.

arrogant adj.

Proud and loud, boastful.

ascendant adj.

Dominant.

ascent n.

The process of getting higher.

aspiration n.

The desire to advance.

aspire v.

The act of desiring advancement.

assassinate v.

To kill a famous person.

assess v.

To judge quality or quantity.

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assets n. pl.
Property (money, real estate).

assimilate v.
To adapt and join in.

atheism n.
Denies God's existence.

atrocious adj.
Terrible or shocking.

audible adj.
Loud enough to be heard.

audition n.
The act of hearing.

authentic adj.
True, honest.

autobiography n.
Self told story of one's life.

autonomous adj.
Freely acting.

autonomy n.
Self-government.

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autopsy n.

Examination of a dead body
to ascertain the cause of death.

auxiliary n.

Secondary, assistant.

avert v.

To turn away.

awaken v.

To wake up.

bacteria n.

A micro-organism.

baffle v.

To confuse.

ballad n.

A popular song or poem.

banal adj.

Commonplace, everyday.

barometer n.

Tells the weather changes.

bass adj.

Low in singing voice.

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batter v.
To hit repeatedly.

befriend v.
To make friends.

believe v.
To accept as true.

beneficial adj.
Helpful.

benefit n.
Helpful result.

berth n.
A bed in a ship.

bibliography n.
A list of books.

bilingual adj.
Can speak two languages.

[**bio-** prefix: life; **-graphy** suffix: writing]

biography n.
Story of a person's life.

biology n.
study of living things.

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bitterness n.
Sharp tasting.

[-ness suffix: quality of]

blaze n.
Strong fire.

bleak adj.
Empty, lonely.

bodily adj.
To do with the body.

bomb n.
Device to cause an explosion.

bore v.
To dig/
To be dull, uninteresting.

botanical adj.
About plants and gardens.

botany n.
The study of plants.

brittle adj.
Easily broken.

broadcast adj.
Inform through media.

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bureau n.
A government agency.

bureaucracy n.
Government departments.

bustle v.
Moving quickly.

butt v.
Hit with one's head.

cabinet n.
Storage item of furniture.

calculable adj.
Can be estimated.

calorie n.
Measure of food energy/ fat.

campaign n/v.
Series of planned events.

caption n.
Title of a text or article.

casual adj.
Easy going, unhurried.

casualty n.
Accident victim.

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causal adj.
Concerning causes.

cancel v.
To morally examine...

centenary n.
Celebration of 100 years.

centimeter n.
One hundredth of a meter.

cereal adj.
Grain or seed for eating.

ceremony n.
A celebration, religious event

chaos n.
State of confusion, disorder.

characterize v.
To identify or explain.

check v.
To examine, inspect.

circulate v.
To move in a circular direction.

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classify v.
Arrange in order

clumsy adj.
Uneasy movement, unsteady.

coincidence n.
The state of two events
Occurring at the same time.

collaborate v.
Two people working
for a common goal.

collapse v.
To fall down.

colleague n.
Professional workmate.

collector n.
Person who collects.

collide v.
To meet in a sudden, violent crash.

collision n.
The act of colliding.

commentary n.
A descriptive analysis, to comment on.

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commission n.

An official department.

commitment n.

State of giving trust.

commute v.

Traveling to work.

comparison n.

Similarities between things.

compensate v.

To pay for damage, refund for error.

competent adj.

Skilled, able to perform.

competitive adj.

Of competition, desire to win.

competitor n.

Person in a game of battle.

complex adj.

Difficult to understand.

complicate v.

To make difficult, increase problem.

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composure n.
State of personal being.

compress v.
press down, reduce.

compulsory adj.
Must do, cannot avoid.

compute v.
Calculate, work out math.

concede v.
Give in, accept another's argument.

conceit n.
High self opinion.

conceive v.
To think of, imagine.

concession n.
What is conceded, accepted.

conclusive adj.
Final reasons to win argument.

condense v.
To make shorter, smaller.

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confession n.

Telling of one's wrong doing.

confide v.

To trust with secrets.

confidence n.

Feeling of power and ability.

confident adj.

Positive feeling of one's ability.

confinement n.

State of restriction, held, cannot move.

confiscate v.

To legally remove.

conformity n.

Acting as others.

confront v.

To meet a challenge.

confuse v.

To make unsure, mix up.

congratulate v.

Celebrate another's success.

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conquer v.

To win, succeed by force.

conscious adj.

Awake; state of being aware.

consecutive adj.

One event following another.

conservative adj.

Of the dislike of change.

consistency n.

A state of permanence.

consolidate v.

To group together.

consumption n.

Purchase, use of products or materials.

contemplate v.

To think carefully.

contemporary adj.

Living or existing at the same time.

continuity n.

An ongoing process.

continuous adj.

Without pause or stopping.

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contradiction n.

Statement of the opposite opinion.

contribution n.

To give, offer.

control v.

To have power over.

converge v.

To bring two lines together,

conversion n.

To change from one thing to another.

corporate adj.

Of a large company.

cosmetic adj.

Of the surface; beauty products.

counteract v. To act in opposition to.

counterfeit adj.

Fake or not truthful.

counterpart n.

An exact or matching alternative.

courageous adj.

Of courage, without fear.

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course n.
Direction of a movement.

courtesy n.
Act of being polite.

creak n.
Sharp noise.

creamy adj.
Of cream.

crockery n.
Plates, cups, saucers.

cure n.
Medicine.

cynical adj.
Unbelieving.

cynicism n.
Quality of not believing.

debatable adj.
Open to other points of view.

deceive v.
To lie, trick by false statement.

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decent adj.

Of decency; moral, trustworthy.

decimal adj.

Of the number 10.

decisive adj.

Of being certain, able to decide.

decorate v.

To beautify, make attractive.

defensive adj.

In protection of, on guard.

defer v.

To wait, delay.

definite adj.

Of certainty, sure minded.

demonstrator n.

Person who demonstrates

deposit v.

To leave an item in another's care.

depress v.

To force downwards.

depression n.

State of sadness, unhappiness.

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depth n.
Measure of how deep.

descent n.
A downward movement.

desert v.
To leave a position of responsibility.

desperate adj.
Urgent, of crisis.

despite prep.
Although, yet.

determine v.
To make sure.

determination n.
Personal quality of being sure.

diagnose v.
To analyze a sickness.

dialogue n.
Conversation.

difference n.
The quality of not similar.

diplomat n.
An officer of a country overseas.

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[dis- prefix: opposite to]

disagree v.

To hold an opposing point of view.

disallow v.

To reject, refuse permission.

disappear v.

To no longer exist, exit.

disappoint v.

To fail another's hopes.

disapprove v.

To blame, hold negative opinion about.

discomfort n.

Feeling of unease.

disconnect v.

To break a connection with.

discover v.

To find out, identify for the first time.

discussion n.

Conversation or debate.

dishonest adj.

False, cannot be trusted.

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dismissal n.

Employer ends an employees service.

disregard v.

To overlook, not care about.

dissatisfy v.

To make unacceptable.

distinction n.

A level of high achievement.

distrust n.

State of not trusting in.

domesticity n.

The home, family.

dominate v.

To exert control over.

donate v.

To give a gift, provide money.

doubly adv.

Two of.

dramatic adj.

Serious, of the theatre.

economize v.

To spend less.

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editorial n.

Editor's opinion in media.

effect n.

Result, consequence of an action.

effective adj.

Suitable, works well.

efficient adj.

Of working well, of good results.

egoist n.

Person with high self opinion.

eject v.

To throw out, discard.

elasticity n.

Property of stretch in a material.

element n.

A part of, portion.

embarrass v.

To make another ashamed,

emerge v.

To appear, come into view.

emphasis n.

Extra attention, special notice.

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emphasize v.

To bring attention to.

employee n.

One who works for another.

employer n.

Boss, person who employs another.

energetic adj.

Of great energy, active.

enlist v.

To join a list, official group.

enormous adj.

Quality of being very large.

enthusiastic adj.

Of giving strong support to.

entirety n.

100%, total, everything.

episode n.

A section of a story or an event.

equalize v.

To make equal.

erroneous adj.

Wrong, in error.

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essence n.

That which is unique to, gives identity.

estimate v.

To calculate.

eventual adj.

That which will happen.

evidence n.

Material in support of a claim.

evoke v.

To bring forth, stimulate.

evolution n.

Process of gradual development.

evolve v.

To change to a more complex state.

exaggerate v.

To state more than what is.

excavate v.

To remove soil from, dig.

exceed v.

To go beyond a limit, boundary.

excel v.

To succeed, achieve high standard.

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excellence n.

State of high ability, competence.

excellent adj.

Of a high standard or quality.

excess n.

More than enough, too much.

excitement n.

State of being excited.

exclude v.

To leave out, not include.

exclusion n.

State of being left out.

excursion n.

A holiday, time away.

excusable adj.

Can be forgiven, excused.

execute v.

To perform a task.

exemplify v.

To demonstrate by example.

exempt adj.

Free of, not to be taxed.

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exert v.

To make an effort.

exhale v.

To breathe out.

exhaust v.

To empty, finish contents.

exhaustion n.

Lack of energy.

exhilarate v.

Make happy, exciting.

existence n.

State of physical being.

exit n.

Pathway out of a space.

exotic adj.

Unusual, different.

expand v.

To increase the size, quantity of.

expansion n.

The state of an increase in size.

expect v.

To wait for as being certain.

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expectancy n.
State of waiting as if certain.

expedient adj.
Useful but not essential.

expend v.
To spend energy, money.

expense n.
The cost of, price.

explicit adj.
Certain, very definite.

explode v.
To release energy suddenly,

explosion n.
The sudden and violent release of energy.

expose v.
To reveal, show, make clear.

exposure n.
Revealing a state of, Act of indicating.

expressive adj.
Full of meaning.

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extend n.

To lengthen, increase in time

extensive adj.

Complete, wide survey.

exterior n.

The outside of.

external n.

Of the outside.

extinct adj.

Of a dead species, finished.

extinguish v.

To end an event or process.

extraordinary adj.

Not usual, special.

extravagant adj.

Of spending for fun.

extreme adj.

Of the furthest point, highest degree.

fabricate v.

To design, invent, produce.

fabulous adj.

Exciting, fun quality.

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facet n.
A small part of a larger surface.

facial adj.
Of the face.

facile adj.
Of the surface, silly.

facilitate v.
To make something happen.

facility n.
A special purpose building.

faction n.
People with a common interest.

fallacy n.
An error, a lie.

fallible adj.
Able to be proved wrong.

fanatic n.
One of extreme belief:
Politics/religion/ sport.

faulty adj.
Broken.

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feasible adj.

Of what is possible, can be done.

feminine adj.

Quality of the female.

ferocious adj.

Nasty, aggressive, violent.

festive adj.

Of celebration, of a festival.

fictitious adj.

Not actual, of imagination.

finally adv.

At the end of an action.

financial adj.

Of money.

finite adj.

With a definite ending, limited.

fiscal adj.

Of money.

fixture n.

An event / object attached
to another surface.

flexible adj.

Easy to change, bend.

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flimsy adj.
Not strong, easy to break.

floral adj.
Of flowers.

florist n.
Flower seller.

fluctuate v.
To change often between
two situations, attitudes.

fluent adj.
Of skill in use of a language.

fog n.
Ground level cloud.

forcible adj.
Of force.

foreshore n.
Land at edge of sea.

forecast v.
Predict future events.

foreign adj.
Of another country, alien.

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foreman n.
boss, leader of work team.

foresee v.
To see before, predict.

foresight n.
Ability to predict, see before.

forfeit v.
To lose, give up a privilege.

forgery n.
A copy, imitation of original.

formation n.
A structure, connected objects.

formula n.
Rule for solving a problem.

forth adv.
Movement forwards

forthright adv.
Of direct personal behaviour.

fortify v.
To protect, make strong.

fortitude n.
Quality of strength.

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fracture n.

To break, crack.

fragile adj.

Not strong, can be broken easily.

frailty n.

Quality of weakness.

frantic adj.

Very busy, crazy.

fraudulent adj.

Deceitful, not honest.

fray v.

Break edge of cloth.

frequency n.

How often something happens.

frightening adj.

Scary, terrible.

frontier n.

Border area of a country.

function n.

Position in a process.

fundamental adj.

Basic, central to.

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further adj.

Added measure of time or distance.

fuse v.

Join or unite together with heat.

futile adj.

Without point to, no meaning.

future n.

State of time still to come.

gauge n.

Device to measure quantity and quality with.

gamble v.

Take a risk or chance.

general adj.

Of the many, not specific.

generate v.

Cause, make, produce.

generosity n.

Quality of kindness, giving.

geology n.

Study of the earth, minerals.

gesture n.

Meaningful bodily action.

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gigantic adj.
Huge, very big.

glimpse n.
A quick look or glance.

glorious adj.
Wonderful, of glory.

[-less suffix: without]

graceless adj.
Without grace.

grandeur n.
Quality of greatness.

grapple v.
To grab, hold onto, wrestle.

gravity n.
The magnetic force of planetary objects.

grief n.
State of extreme sadness.

ground n.
Solid earth-level surface.

guess n.
Judgment made without certainty.

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guise n.
External appearance, costume.

gullible adj.
Easily tricked.

guy n.
Term for a man.

guzzle v.
To eat quickly and greedily.

habitual adj.
Routine, custom.

hanger-on n.
Unimportant group member.

harass v.
To annoy, continue to upset.

harmonious adj.
Unity of sound or action.

havoc n.
Disaster, destruction.

hazard n.
Danger, obstacle or trap.

head first adv.
To rush in, act without care.

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heptagon n.
A seven sided figure.

heritage n.
Set of personal or social traditions.

hesitant adj.
Of pausing before acting.

hesitation n.
State of pausing before action.

hexagon n.
A six-sided figure.

hilarious adj.
Very funny.

hinder v.
To prevent, make difficult.

hoard v.
To store away.

hospitable adj.
Welcoming to strangers.

hospitality n.
Display of welcome to strangers, guests.

hostility n.
Anger towards another.

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humane adj.
Quality of kindness towards other.

humiliate v.
To shame.

hustle v.
To rush, move quickly.

hybrid adj.
Mixture of genetic backgrounds.

hydraulic adj.
Of lifting by compressing fluid.

hydroelectric adj.
Generation of electricity with water.

hygiene n.
Care for cleanliness.

hypnosis n.
Externally stimulated deep sleep.

hypocrisy n.
Acting contrary to one's word or belief.

ice n.
Frozen water.

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icon n.
Religious image.

idealize v.
To imagine a perfect form.

idiom n.
Phrases unique to a language.

illegal adj.
Contrary to the law.

illicit adj.
Against the law.

illogical adj.
Of unclear, misguided thinking.

illuminate v.
To produce light on.

illusion n.
A false sense of reality.

imagine v.
To think beyond present time and place.

imitate n.
To make copy of.

immature adj.
Not yet reached adult status.

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immeasurable adj.
Unable to be measured.

immense adj.
Of great size.

immerse v.
To cover in water or other fluid.

immigrant n.
One who changes country of residence.

immigrate v.
Change one's country.

immoral adj.
Against usual moral laws.

immortal n.
One who does not die.

immune adj.
Safe from disease or harm.

impartial adj.
Without prior judgment.

impatience n.
Desire for action.

imperfect adj.
Not perfect.

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imperialism n.

Program of military expansion.

impersonal adj.

Without personal quality, cold.

implicit adj.

Suggested, not obvious.

imply v.

Not to state directly, suggest.

import v.

To bring products
into a country.

improper adj.

Abnormal behaviour.

impulse n.

Short sensation.

inaccurate adj.

Not correct, not exact.

[in- prefix: opposite to]

inactive adj.

Not moving, still.

inadequate adj.

Lacking, not enough of.

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incapacity n.
Inability to perform.

incentive n.
Reason for action.

incident n.
Event or happening.

incompetent adj.
Of being useless.

incomplete adj.
Not whole.

inconsiderate adj.
Of not caring for others.

inconsistent adj.
Of changing often.

inconvenient adj.
Not comfortable, unsuitable.

indefinite adj.
Of not having a conclusion.

indescribable adj.
Of what cannot be described.

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indicate v.

To point out, make reference to.

indiscriminate adj.

Poor ability to choose wisely.

indistinct adj.

Not easy to see, lacks clarity.

indivisible adj.

Cannot be divided.

indulgent adj.

Of enjoying a special pleasure.

inefficient adj.

Of being slow to finish a task.

ineligible adj.

Of not being qualified for.

inept adj.

Unsuitable for, not capable.

inevitable adj.

Will certainly happen or occur.

inexcusable adj.

Without excuse, justification.

inexpensive adj.

Of low cost.

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inexperience n.
Lack of suitable skills.

infallible adj.
Of being always right.

infinite adj.
Never ending.

inflexible adj.
Cannot be changed easily.

influence n.
Power to persuade.

influential adj.
Of power to change.

influx n.
Sudden rush or arrival.

infrequent adj.
Not often.

infringe v.
To cross a boundary.

ingredient n.
Part of, especially a recipe..

inhibit v.
To restrict.

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inhuman adj.
Few human qualities.

initiate v.
To commence a process.

inject v.
Force liquid into a space.

inland adj.
Area away from the sea.

innovate v.
To create new ideas, products.

inoffensive adj.
Of causing no disturbance.

inquire v.
To ask about.

insecure adj.
Of feeling not safe.

insensitive adj.
Of being unaware, not caring.

inseparable adj.
Cannot be separated.

insignificant adj.
Of being without importance.

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insistent adj.
Of being urgent

inspector n.
An official who must oversee a process.

instance n.
a single happening of something.

instant n.
Short period of time.

instructive adj.
Of giving instructions.

insufficient adj.
Not enough, less than required.

insulate v.
Protect from heat or electricity.

integrity n.
Quality of being moral, honest.

intellect n.
Capacity for thinking.

intelligence n.
Capacity to think or understand.

intense adj.
Serious, of an extreme nature.

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intention n.

The original purpose of one's action.

interact v.

Action between two or more people.

intercept v.

To stop a process midway.

interpreter n.

One who translates another's speech.

interrogate v.

Questioning; usually about a crime.

interrupt v.

To cause a pause in a process.

intersect v.

Where two lines meet.

interval n.

A pause, short stop.

intervene v.

To act to alter a process.

intestine n.

Part of digestive system.

intimacy n.

Close or sexual friendship.

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intimidate v.

To cause fear in another.

intolerant adj.

Of being unable to endure.

intricate adj.

Complex or difficult.

intrinsic adj.

Essential to.

introductory adj.

Of the introduction.

intrude v.

To enter without permission.

intuition n.

Special understanding or insight.

invalid adj.

Without legal, correct status.

invaluable adj.

Of great value.

invasion n.

Forced occupation of a space.

inventive adj.

Of creating new ideas, products.

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investigator n.

Person who investigates.

investor n.

Person who provides money for business.

involuntary adj.

Of having no choice in or control over.

involve v.

To bring into an action or process.

irrational adj.

Of lacking logical thought.

irresponsible adj.

Of little care for a duty.

irritate v.

To cause annoyance.

isolate v.

To separate from others of its kind.

itinerary n.

A travel program.

jargon n.

Expert or technical language.

jeopardize v.

To risk, place in doubt.

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journal v.
A daily record, diary.

judgment n.
A careful decision between choices.

judicial adj.
Of the system of justice.

juggle v.
To balance items in motion.

juicy adj.
Of having an excess of moisture.

junction n.
Place of two lines meeting.

justification n.
Set of reasons to support an opinion.

juvenile adj.
Of a young adult, immature.

kilometer n.
1,000 meters.

kilowatt n.
1,000 watts.

kind-hearted adj.
Of being caring, generous.

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lag v.

To be slow.

landlord n.

One who owns land or property.

landmark n.

A special geographic feature.

landscape n.

The view of the land.

lapse n.

An error or gap.

later adv.

Following or after.

laundry n.

Room where clothes are washed

leaflet n.

Small book to advertise products.

legacy n.

A gift left to another following
death of the giver.

legalize v.

To make lawful.

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legible adj.
Of being readable.

legislate v.
To create laws.

legislator n.
A lawmaker.

legitimate adj.
Of having lawful authority.

leisure n.
Time spent in recreation.

lenient adj.
Of not enforcing a law or regulation.

lever n.
Control stick or lifting pole.

lexicon n.
Vocabulary list.

liable adj.
Legally responsible, most likely.

liberate v.
To make free, help to escape.

lifelike adj.
Good copy of something.

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lifelong adj.

Of remaining throughout one's life.

lifetime n.

Period of a life.

light-hearted adj.

Happy, not feeling serious.

likelihood n.

Likely to happen

likely adj.

Will probably happen.

limitation n.

Boundary or restriction.

linear adj.

Of the nature of a line.

liquor n.

Alcoholic drink.

literacy n.

Capacity for reading and writing.

literal adj.

Exact meaning of a word.

literature n.

Category of all books, essays, articles.

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logic n.
Rationally ordered thinking.

logical adj.
Of rational, clear thinking.

lonely adj.
Of feeling alone.

lucrative adj.
Of being very profitable.

machinery n.
Mechanical devices.

magician n.
Practitioner of magic.

magnet n.
Electrically charged mineral.

magnificent adj.
Of great appearance.

maintain v.
To continue.

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maintenance n.
State of continuity.

maniac n.
Person with mania.

manufacturer n.
Producer of products.

marine adj.
Of the sea.

maritime adj.
About the sea, sailing.

massive adj.
Very large.

masterpiece n.
High quality artwork.

material n.
Basic substance; cloth.

maternal adj.
Of the mother.

matter of fact n.
Statement of reality.

maze n.
Network of paths.

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meager adj.
Little of.

mechanics n.
Study of physical processes.

medicine n.
Treatment for illness.

mediocre adj.
Average quality.

memorable adj.
Of strong memory.

menace n.
Danger.

mentality n.
State of mind.

merciful adj.
Of kindness, pity.

metal n.
Hard processed mineral.

metaphor n.
One term is substituted for
another to explain meaning.

metropolitan adj.
Of the major city.

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microscopic adj.
Of being very small.

[*micro-* *root: small*]

migrate v.
To change nationality.

miniature adj.
Of smaller size.

minimize v.
To reduce.

minority n.
The numerically smaller group.

minute n.
Sixty seconds.

minute adj.
Of being very small.

mishap n.
Unlucky event.

[*mis-* *prefix: opposite to*]

misinterpret v.
To misunderstand.

missile n.
Airborne (explosive) device.

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moderation n.
State of balance.

modify v.
To make a change.

momentary adj.
Of a moment.

monarchy n.
Government by royalty.

monopoly n.
State of singular control.

[*mono-* *root: one of*]

monotonous adj.
Dull and unchanging.

morality n.
System of values.

muddle v.
To confuse.

multiplicity n.
State of many.

municipal adj.
Of local government.

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myth n.
Ancient story, legend.

narrate v.
To tell a story.

narrative n.
Story of events.

narrow-minded adj.
Limited point of view.

nasal adj.
Of the nose.

nationality n.
One's national identity.

nausea n.
Sickness.

nautical adj.
Of ships, of sailing.

naval adj.
Of sea warfare.

navel n.
Stomach.

navigate v.
To find a way.

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necessary adj.
Essential.

necessity n.
A required thing.

negate v.
To cancel.

negation n.
Act of canceling.

neglect v.
Fail to care for.

network n.
A system of communication.

neutral adj.
Not positive or negative.

nevertheless conj.
Yet, however.

nil n.
Zero.

nominate v.
To name.

norm n.
The usual.

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normal n.
Ordinary or typical state.

nowadays adv.
In the present time.

nowhere adv.
Of no place.

noxious adj.
Poisonous.

nude adj.
Naked.

nuisance n.
Thing, person that annoys.

nurture v.
Help to grow.

objective n.
Goal or end state.

obligation n.
Duty.

observe v.
Notice, see.

obsolete adj.
No longer required.

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obstruct v.

To make difficult, delay.

occasion n.

An special event.

Occident n.

Western nations.

occupy v.

To live in.

occurrence n.

An event.

octagon n.

Eight sided shape.

odd adj.

Unusual.

official adj.

Of authority, government.

ointment n.

Medicine applied to skin.

onset n.

Beginning of a process.

onus n.

Weight, load.

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operate v.
To start, control a process.

opinion n.
One's point of view.

opponent n.
One's opposite in competition.

opportunity n.
Good chance.

opposite adj.
100% different from.

optic n.
Of seeing, the eyes.

optimism n.
Positive point of view on life.

option n.
Choice.

oral adj.
Of the mouth.

ordeal n.
Difficult struggle.

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origin n.
The beginning place or time.

original adj.
Real, not a copy.

orthodox adj.
Widely-held, proper belief.

ought v.
Must do

outbreak n.
Sudden start of a process.

outburst n.
A violent speech.

outcast n.
Social reject.

outcry n.
Loud cry.

[**out-** prefix: opposite, extra]

outlaw n.
Person outside law.

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outrage n.
Moral anger at other's action.

outright adv.
Completely.

outstretch v.
To reach out.

[**over-** *prefix: more than, extra*]

overdo v.
To do too much.

overdose n.
Dangerous excess of drugs.

overeat v.
To eat too much.

overpay v.
to pay too much

overpower v.
To gain power over.

overproduction n.
to produce too much.

overshadow v.
To dominate.

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overthrow v.
To win, defeat.

overwhelm v.
Take control of, defeat.

packet n.
Enclosed material.

pamphlet n.
A short public essay.

panel n.
A section; committee.

panic n.
Sudden fear.

paradox n.
When both the negative and
positive are true.

parallel v.
Alongside.

paralyze v.
To make powerless.

paraphrase v.
To re-write a phrase
in one's own words.

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parliament n.
Political institution.

participate v.
To join in.

passive adj.
Not moving.

peaceful adj.
Calm, not upset.

[-ful suffix: completely]

pedestrian n.
Walking person on street.

penalty n.
Punishment for wrongdoing.

penetrate v.
To enter with force.

peninsular adj.
Finger of land surrounded
by water.

pension n.
Government payment.

pentagon n.
Five sided shpae.

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perceive v.
To see, feel.

perception n.
State of seeing, awareness.

perfect adj.
Cannot be improved.

perform v.
To act, to do.

perhaps adv.
Maybe.

permanent adj.
Solid, unchanging.

permissible adj.
Of what is allowed.

persecute v.
Regular attack, abuse.

persist v.
To keep going.

personal adj.
Private, of self.

personality n.
Character qualities.

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personnel n.

Collection of people at work.

perspective n.

A special point of view.

persuade v.

To change another's opinion.

phenomenon n.

A special event.

philosophy n.

Belief system.

phonetic adj.

Sounds in a language.

physics n.

Study of time and space.

physique n.

Shape of one's body.

pioneer v.

To lead, discover.

pipe n.

Hollow tube carrying liquid.

pitch v.

Throw, or position.

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pity n.
Feeling sorry for another.

plagiarism n.
To copy another's writing without
reference to.

plastic n.
Artificial material; false.

plausible adj.
Of being true, believable.

plea n.
An emotional request.

pleasant adj.
Nice.

plural adj.
More than two of.

pollute v.
To spoil, make unclean.

population n.
Number of people in a city
or a nation.

port n.
Facility for ships, harbour.

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portfolio n.

Example of one's artistic work.

position n.

Place, location.

positive adj.

Of clear, confident opinion.

possess v.

To own, hold.

possible adj.

That which can happen.

potent adj.

Of strength, power.

potential n.

That which is possible.

portion n.

Piece of.

practical adj.

Of common sense.

precede v.

To happen first.

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precise adj.
Exact.

precision n.
Accuracy.

predecessor n.
Previous person in a job.

predict v.
Guess the future.

prediction n.
Statement about the future.

preface n.
Introductory comments.

prefer v.
To choose between.

preference n.
The thing chosen.

[*pre-* **prefix: before**]

prejudice n.
Prior judgment.

premature adj.
Arriving early.

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premier adj.
First.

premise n.
Basis of an argument.

preparation n.
State of getting ready.

prescription n.
Direction, command.

preserve v.
To protect for the future.

presume v.
To think before.

pretence n.
State of falseness.

pretext n.
A reason for acting.

prevent n.
To stop something.

prickle n.
Plant with sharp spikes.

primitive adj.
Old, basic, traditional.

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principle n.

A rule.

privilege n.

A right not all have.
special conditions.

procedure n.

A system of rules
guiding action.

proceed v.

To move forwards.

productive adj.

Of making products.

profession n.

qualified job or career.

profile n.

Description.

progression n.

Forwards course.

prohibit v.

To prevent, not allow.

prolong v.

To extend in time.

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prominent adj.
Outstanding, important.

propel v.
To force forwards.

protection n.
Guarantee of security.

proverb n.
Instructive saying.

provincial adj.
Of the country side.

psychic adj.
Of the mind.

punctual adj.
Of being on time.

qualification n.
Grade of education.

qualify v.
Achieve a grade, level.

quality n.
Special feature of a thing.

quantity n.
Amount of.

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quarter n.
One of four equal parts.

query n.
An inquiry.

queue n.
People waiting in line.

quiet adj.
Of no noise.

quite adv.
Fully.

radiate v.
Move out from the centre.

radical adj.
Of extreme belief.

rapid adj.
Fast.

ration v.
Divide food, to share.

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rational adj.

Of ordered thinking.

reaction n.

Movement away from.

readjust v.

Return to correct setting.

ready adj.

Of being prepared for.

receptive adj.

Of being ready to receive.

reciprocal adj.

Of giving the same as
one receives.

reckless adj.

Foolish lack of fear.

reclaim v.

To take back.

[re- *prefix: do again, repeated*]

recline v.

To lay back.

recognize v.

To know again.

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recreation n.

Game or leisure activity.

recruit n.

A new member.

refer v.

To direct attention to.

reflection n.

Returned image from a
polished surface.

reform n.

To improve.

refusal n.

Rejecting a request.

refute v.

To prove a claim is false.

regretful adj.

Of feeling sorry.

relevant adj.

Important.

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reluctant adj.
Not wanting to.

repetition n.
Event happening again.

reproduce v.
To make a copy of.

resemblance n.
Similar in shape, image.

resent v.
To not like.

reservoir n.
Water storage facility.

resistance n.
State of refusal to.

resource n.
A store of value.

respect n.
To think highly of, honour.

respond v.
To react to, communicate.

responsible adj.
Of being trustworthy, careful.

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resume v.

To start again.

retain v.

To keep, hold on to.

revert v.

Change back to original.

revise v.

To examine again.

rotate v.

To turn in circle.

sacrifice v.

To suffer for others.

safeguard v.

To make safe.

salvage n.

To save damaged property.

sanction v.

Give authority to.

sarcasm n.

Disguised, hurtful criticism.

savage adj.

Wild, dangerous.

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scarcity n.
State of being without.

scope n.
Range of possibilities.

scribble n.
Careless writing.

script n.
Writing, meaningful symbols.

secondary adj.
Less important than the first.

secrecy n.
State of being hidden.

seize v.
To grab with force.

select v.
To choose between.

self-confident adj.
Of belief in oneself.

self-control n.
Control over oneself.

semicircle n.
A half circle.

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[*semi-* prefix: half of]

senior adj.
Older than, higher position.

sensation n.
Feeling or emotion.

sensitive adj.
Extra emotional ability.

sentence n.
Complete unit of written
expression.

separate v.
To divide, put apart.

sequel n.
That which follows in a series.

sequence n.
The order of a series.

serious adj.
Important, not funny.

service n.
Act of serving.

session n.
A period of time for
study or work.

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sheer adj.
Absolute.

significant adj.
Important.

similar adj.
Nearly the same as.

simplify v.
To make less difficult.

skepticism n.
Doubt.

slight adj.
Of little importance.

solar adj.
Of the sun.

sophisticated adj.
Fashionable, trendy.

specialize v.
To focus on one thing.

specialty n.
A particular ability or interest.

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species n.
Category of animals or plants.

specimen n.
A single example of.

spectator n.
Person who watches sport.

spontaneous adj.
Of happening without warning.

static adj.
Still.

stationary adj.
Not moving.

statistic n.
Number in a survey.

statue n.
Figure in stone or metal.

stimulate v.
To move to action.

strategy n.
Plan, move in a game.

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subconscious adj.

Non-immediate level of thought.

[*sub-* prefix: under, less than]

submerge v.

Force beneath water.

submission n.

Give in to force.

subsequent adj.

Of the next in a series.

subside v.

To decrease, become less.

subterranean adj.

Under the ground.

subtle adj.

Delicate, fine quality.

succeed v.

To achieve goal.

success n.

State of achievement.

sufficiency n.

State of enough.

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suggest v.

To state an idea for action.

summary n.

Shortened re-statement.

superb adj.

Excellent, highest quality.

superficial adj.

On the surface, not deep.

supplementary adj.

Of being extra.

surcharge n.

An extra charge.

surround v.

To close around.

suspend v.

To hang.

suspicious adj.

Of not believing, doubting.

syllable n.

Separate sound in a word.

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syllabus n.

Educational course outline.

symmetrical adj.

Of being in equal balance.

symmetry n.

State of harmony.

sympathetic adj.

Kind feeling for another.

synonym n.

Same meaning as.

systematic adj.

Of careful planning.

tactics n.

Actions to reach a goal.

technique n.

Special skill in
performing a task.

technology n.

Human use of machines.

temporary adj.

Impermanent.

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tempt v.
To persuade with an offer.

tenant n.
Renting occupant.

tendency n.
Direction of movement.

tense adj.
Nervous, anxious.

terminate v.
To end.

territory n.
Land or country.

theorist n.
One who creates theories.

tolerant adj.
Of not prejudging.

transact v.
To deal or make business.

transcend v.
To move above.

transfer v.
To move from one

place to another.

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transition n.

Movement between places

[*trans-* prefix: across, between]

translate v.

To convert meanings from
one language to another.

transmit v.

To send a signal.

transparent adj.

See-through material, clear.

tremendous adj.

Great, huge.

trio n.

Three people in group.

triple adj.

Three of.

trivial adj.

Of little importance or value.

triumph n.

Victory, celebration.

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typical adj.
Usual, normal.

ultimate adj.
The highest level.

unaffected adj.
Natural personality.

unavoidable adj.
Certain.

unbearable adj.
Of painful weight,emotion.

uncommon adj.
Rare.

unconscious adj.
Unaware of outside world.

undersized adj.
Of smaller size.

undermine v.
To dig beneath.

undervalue v.
Rate too low.

unfavorable adj.
Against.

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unicellular adj.
One cell.

[*uni-* prefix: singular]

unify v.
Make as one.

unique adj.
Of a special type.

unison n.
State of unity.

unlawful adj.
Illegal.

[*un-* prefix: opposite to]

unlimited adj.
Without end.

unnatural adj.
Artificial.

unnecessary adj.
Not required.

unsettle v.
To disturb.

urban adj.
Of the city.

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urgent adj.

Of needing to do quickly.

usage n.

State of being used.

utmost n.

Greatest degree.

vacate v.

To leave.

valid adj.

Of being truthful.

variation n.

Rate of change.

vegetation n.

Plant-life.

vendor n.

A seller.

veneer n.

Thin surface layer.

verify v.

To prove.

versatile adj.

Of multiple abilities.

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version n.
One description, one account.

vertical adj.
Top to bottom direction.

veto n.
Right to say no.

visual adj.
Can be seen.

vital adj.
Essential to life.

whereabouts n.
Place a person is.

wherever adv.
Any where.

wholly adv.
Totally, entirely.
