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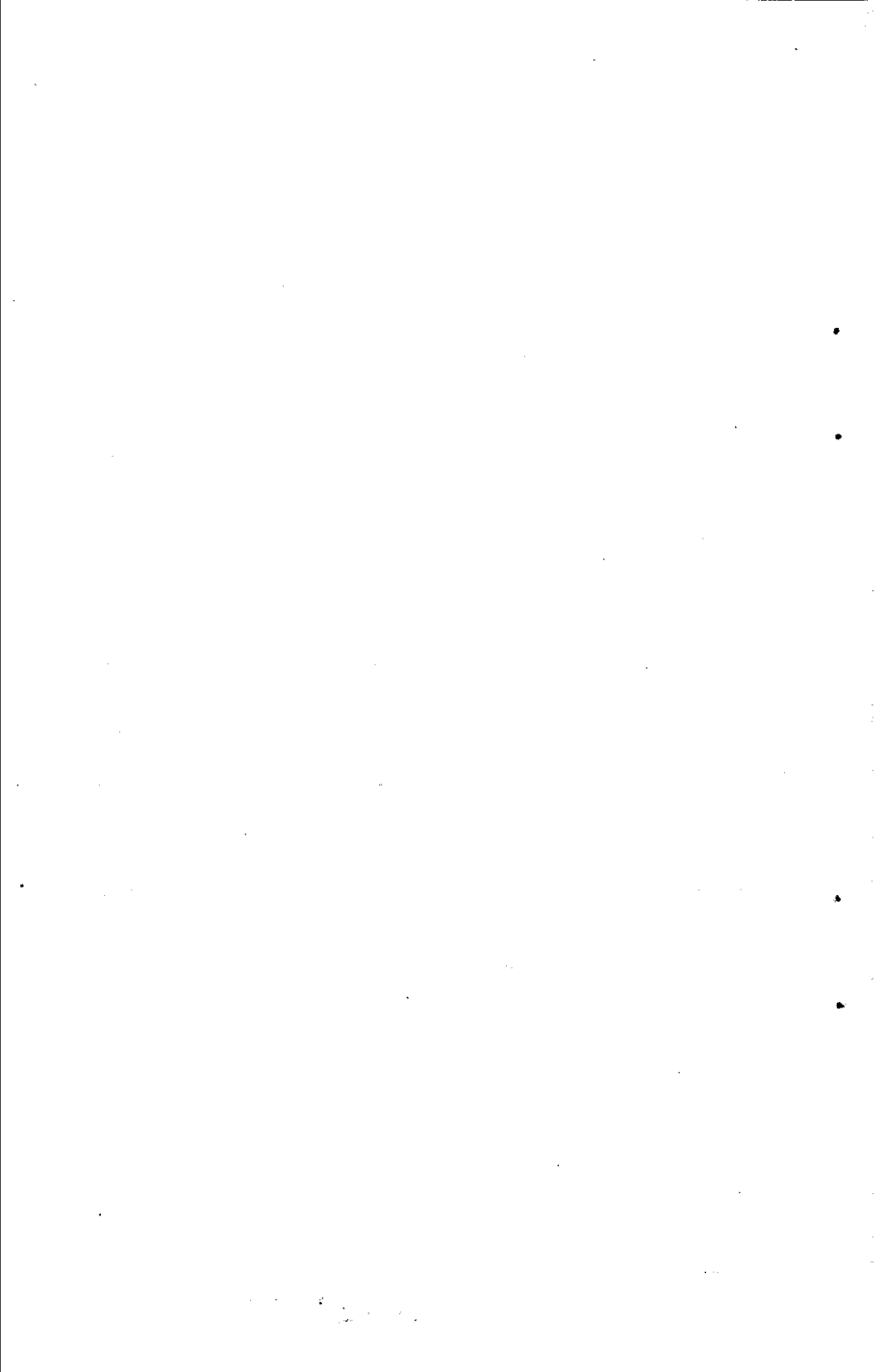
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# A

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<b>A (an)</b>	One; any; each.
<b>able</b>	Having the power to do something.
<b>about</b>	Nearly ("about half"). Of, or having a relation to ("we talk about the weather").
<b>above</b>	At a higher place.
<b>accept</b>	To agree to receive.
<b>accident</b>	Something that happens by chance or mistake; unplanned event.
<b>accuse</b>	To say a person is responsible for an act or crime; to make a statement against someone.
<b>across</b>	From side to side of; to the other side of.
<b>act</b>	To do something.
<b>activist</b>	One who seeks change through action.
<b>actor</b>	Someone acting in a play.
<b>add</b>	Put (something) with another to make it larger; to say more.
<b>administration</b>	Executive branch of a government.
<b>admit</b>	To accept (admitted to the U.N.). To express one's guilt or responsibility ("he admitted that what he did was wrong").
<b>advise</b>	To help with information, knowledge or ideas in the making of a decision.
<b>affect</b>	To produce an effect upon; to influence.

<b>afraid</b>	Filled with fear.
<b>after</b>	Later; behind.
<b>again</b>	Another time; as before.
<b>against</b>	Opposed to, not agreeing with something.
<b>age</b>	How old a person or thing is.
<b>agency</b>	Part of a larger group (United Nations agencies).
<b>ago</b>	Of time past.
<b>aggression</b>	An attack against a country, or violation of its borders.
<b>agree</b>	To have same belief as someone. To be willing to do something.
<b>agriculture</b>	Farming.
	
<b>aid</b>	To help; support.
<b>aim</b>	To point gun at. Purpose or goal.
<b>air</b>	The gases around the earth (oxygen, hydrogen, etc.).
<b>aircraft carrier</b>	A ship carrying planes.
<b>air force</b>	A military organization using airplanes.
<b>airplane</b>	A machine with wings that flies.
<b>airport</b>	A stopping place for airplanes.
<b>alive</b>	Having life, not dead; still in force or existence.

<b>all</b>	The greatest possible. Everything, everyone.
<b>ally</b>	A nation which has special ties with another nation.
<b>almost</b>	A little less than completely
<b>alone</b>	Separated from others.
<b>along</b>	Near or on ("along the road").
<b>already</b>	Before now; even now.
<b>also</b>	In addition (that is, added to).
<b>although</b>	Even if it is true that—"although he did not agree with me, he gave me his support").
<b>always</b>	At all times; every time.
<b>ambassador</b>	A nation's highest diplomatic representative (to another government).
<b>amend</b>	To add to or change (a proposal or law).
<b>ammunition</b>	The bullets or shells fired from guns.
<b>among</b>	In or part of (a group).
<b>amount</b>	The number, size or weight of anything.
<b>anarchy</b>	Disorder, lawlessness.
<b>ancient</b>	Very old, long ago.
<b>and</b>	In addition to.
<b>anger</b>	A strong (unpleasant) emotion against someone, something, etc. To make one angry.

**animal**

A living thing that moves, such as a dog, horse, etc.



**anniversary**

Yearly celebration or observance.

**announce**

To make known publicly; to declare formally.

**another**

One more; a different one.

**answer**

A statement produced by a question.

**any**

One, of whatever kind; every.

**apologize**

To express regret; to offer an excuse.

**appeal**

To take to a higher court or person or group for a decision. To call on somebody for help, etc.

**appear**

To show oneself; to come into sight; to seem.

**appoint**

To name, choose ("appointed as a judge").

**approve**

To agree with; agree to support.

**area**

Any place, or part of it.

**argue**

To dispute.

**arms**

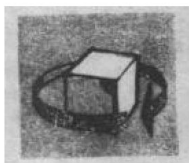
Military equipment, weapons.

**army**

Military ground forces.

**around**

On every side (of).



<b>arrest</b>	To hold a person for further action. To make a prisoner.
<b>arrive</b>	To come to a place, especially at the end of a trip.
<b>art</b>	Things created by man (painting, music, writing, statues).
<b>artillery</b>	Big guns (cannon).
<b>as</b>	Equally ("as fast as"); when, while.
<b>ash</b>	The part left when something burns.
<b>ask</b>	To question; to say something is wanted ("he asks her to sing").
<b>assist</b>	To help.
<b>astronaut</b>	A traveller in outer space.
<b>asylum</b>	Protection given by a government to a refugee from another country.
<b>at</b>	In or near ("at the edge"); where ("look at," etc.); when ("at noon").
<b>atom</b>	A very small part of all things; the smallest part of an element that can join with parts of other elements.
<b>atmosphere</b>	Gaseous mass surrounding any star, planet, etc.
<b>attack</b>	A violent attempt to damage, to defeat someone or something.
<b>attempt</b>	To work toward something ("they will attempt to land on the Moon").
<b>attend</b>	To be present at.

**automobile**

A gasoline-powered car.



**autumn**

Part of the year between summer and winter.

**awake**

Not sleeping.

**award**

An honor or prize for an act or service.

**away**

Not near; to a different place.

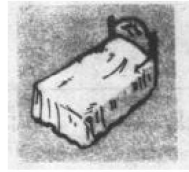
# B

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<b>back</b>	The part behind the front. The other way from forward.
<b>bad</b>	Wrong; acting against law; not good.
<b>balance</b>	To make two sides or forces equal.
<b>ball</b>	Something round.
<b>balloon</b>	Ball of gas for trip through the air.
<b>ballot</b>	A piece of paper used for voting.
<b>ban</b>	Not permit; to stop.
<b>bank (shore)</b>	Land along a river, lake, ocean.
<b>bank (money)</b>	An organization that keeps and lends money.
<b>bar</b>	To keep out, block, ban.
<b>base</b>	Military center; to establish as a fact.
<b>battle</b>	To fight, especially in war.
<b>be</b>	To live, to happen, to exist, etc. (the most often used verb—see back of book).
<b>beach</b>	Land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake.
<b>beat</b>	To hit again and again.
<b>beauty</b>	That which pleases the eye, ear, or spirit.
<b>became</b>	For the reason that...
<b>become</b>	Come to be.

**bed**

Sleeping place.



**before**

Earlier.

**beg**

To ask for food, money, etc.

**begin**

To do the first act, or part of an action.

**behind**

To or at the back (of).

**believe**

To think; to feel sure of; to trust.

**bell**

A metal instrument that makes a musical sound (such as a church bell).

**belong**

To be owned by; to be a member of.

**below**

Lower than.

**best**

The most good.

**betray**

To turn against; to be false to.

**better**

More good than.

**between**

In or across; from one to the other ("talks between two nations").

**big**

Of great size; not small.

**bill (legislation)**

A legislative proposal.

**bird**

A creature that flies.

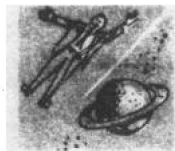




<b>bite</b>	To cut with the teeth.
<b>bitter</b>	Intense, very sharp or unpleasant.
<b>black</b>	Dark, without light or color.
<b>blame</b>	To hold responsible for; to accuse.
<b>blanket</b>	A woolen or cotton cover used to keep warm.
<b>bleed</b>	To lose blood.
<b>blind</b>	Not able to see.



<b>block</b>	To stop something from being done.
<b>blood</b>	Red liquid in body.
<b>blow</b>	To move, as air ("the wind blows").
<b>blue</b>	Of the color of the sky.
<b>boat</b>	Something built to travel on water, often carrying people or products.
<b>body</b>	All of man or animal; a thing in space, such as a planet or star.



<b>boil</b>	To heat up.
<b>bomb</b>	A weapon made to explode.
<b>bone</b>	The hardest part of the body.
<b>book</b>	Published pieces of paper, in a cover, for reading.