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PREFACE

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SECTION ONE

SINGLE WORDS FOR PHRASES AND SENTENCES

WORDS DENOTING NUMBERS

A number of sheep	flock
A number of whales, porpoises	school, gam
A number of herrings, mackerel	shoal
A number of fish taken in a net	catch, haul
A small number of birds, e.g. partridge	covey
A number of asses	pack
A number of horses, ponies, etc. driven together	drove
A number of cattle or swine feeding or driven together	herd
A number of oxen or horses (two or more) harnessed together	team
A number of birds, bees or insects moving together	flight
A number of peacocks	muster
A number of wolves, hounds	pack
A number of leopards	leap
A number of geese	gaggle
A number of bees, locusts	swarm
A number of larks or quails	bevy
A number of bees living in the same place	hive
A number of ants, rabbits, living in the same place	nest
A number of horses kept for riding, racing, breeding	stud
A number of lions, monkeys	troop
A number of rooks	building
A number of cats	clowder
A colony of seals	rookery

Words Denoting Numbers (*contd.*)

A number of mules	baren
A number of chickens hatched at the same time	brood
A number of young pigs, dogs, cats brought forth at one birth	litter
A number of kittens	kindle
A number of hares	down
A collection of fowls, ducks, etc.	poultry
A number of hawks	cast
A number of wild geese, swans in flight	skein
A collection of wild animals	menagerie, zoo
A number of people at church	congregation
A number of people listening to a concert or lecture	audience
A number of people looking on at a football match, etc.	spectators
A number of people collected together in the street	crowd
A number of people gathered together for some common purpose	gathering, assembly, society
A group of people who get together to work for some cause or common interest	coterie
A number of disorderly people	mob, rabble, canaille
A number of savages	horde
A number of singers in a church	choir
A collection of angels	host
A number of artistes, dancers	troupe
A number of actors	company
A number of servants	staff
A number of persons, of the same race, character, etc.	tribe
A number of people following a funeral	cortege
A number of beautiful ladies	bevy
A number of soldiers	army, troop, battalion, regiment
A number of sailors manning a ship	crew
A number of workmen, prisoners, thieves	gang

Words Denoting Numbers (*contd.*)

A collection of slaves	gang, coffle
A number of policemen called to quell a riot	posse
A number of jurymen engaged on a case	panel
A number (more than two) of Judges, Bishops	bench
A number of Directors of a company	board
A collection of poems	anthology
A collection of books	library
A number of pictures, curiosities	collection
A collection of pearls	rope
A collection of flowers	bouquet
A collection of flags	bunting
A number of drawers	chest
A number of ships	fleet
A number of Merchant Ships protected by warships (in war time)	convoy
A collection of dried plants	herbarium
A number of nuts, grapes on a bunch	cluster
A number of trees	clump
A large collection of trees	forests
A collection of wood, hay, corn, piled together	stack
A cluster of houses in a village	hamlet
A number of stars grouped together	constellation
A collection of rays	pencil
A collection of eggs	clutch
A set of furniture, rooms	suite
A quantity of woollen thread	skein
A quantity of bread baked at the same time	batch
A mass of hair	shock, fell
A number of hired applauders, i.e. persons paid to clap	claque
A bundle of hay	truss

Words Denoting Numbers (contd.)

A collection of tools	set
A set of bells placed together for a tune to be played on them	carillon

With these may be added:

A *bale* of cotton, a *bale* of wool, a *tuft* of grass, a *sheaf* of corn, a *sheaf* of arrows, a *hand* of bananas, a *group* of islands, a *crate* of fruit, a *crate* of crockery, a *field* of athletes, a *nest* of machine guns, a *nest* of shelves.

WORDS DENOTING PLACES

A place where birds are kept	aviary
A place where bees are kept	apiary
A place where fishes are kept	aquarium
A place where rabbits are kept	hutch
A place where pigs are kept	sty
A place for keeping or breeding insects	insectarium
The house or shelter of an Eskimo	igloo
The house or shelter of a Swiss Peasant	chalet
The house or shelter of an Arab	dowar
The house or shelter of a Red Indian	wigwam, tepee
The house or shelter of a Gipsy	caravan
The house or shelter of a Zulu	kraal
The house or shelter of a Kirghis	kabitka
A house or shelter for a dog	kennel
A house or shelter for a horse	stable
A house or shelter for a cow	pen, byre
A house or box in which live pigeons or doves	dovecot
The dwelling place of an animal underground	burrow
The home of a lion	den
A squirrel's home	drey
The resting place of a wild animal	lair
The house or bed of a hare	form

Words Denoting Places (*contd.*)

A nest of a bird of prey	eyry, aerie
A place where medicines are compounded	dispensary
A place for the treatment of sick people	hospital
A residence for monks or priests	monastery
A place where milk is converted into butter and cheese	dairy
A place where bread and cakes are made	bakery
A place where animals are slaughtered for the market	abattoir
A factory for manufacturing beer	brewery
A place where spirituous liquors are produced	distillery
A place where clothes are washed and ironed	laundry
A place for housing motor cars	garage
A place for housing aeroplanes	hangar
A place where strangers or travellers may obtain lodging and refreshment	hotel, inn
A place where people may obtain food and refreshment	restaurant
A variety show performed in a restaurant for the benefit of the guests	cabaret
The kitchen of a ship	caboose, galley
A house for the residence of students	hostel
A place where books are kept	library
A place where Government records are kept	archives
A place where any manufacture is carried on	factory
A place where scientific experiments are conducted	laboratory
A place where house refuse is reduced to ashes	incinerator
A place where athletic exercises are performed	gymnasium
A place or room for the collection of dried plants	herbarium
A place where treasures of art, curiosities, etc. are preserved or exhibited	museum
A place where treasures, stores, ammunition are hidden	cache
A place for storing grain	granary
A place where goods are stored	depot
An upper room or storey immediately under the roof	garret

Words Denoting Places (*contd.*)

A place where leather is tanned	tannery
A building for the lodging and accommodation of soldiers	barracks
A place where soldiers are quartered	cantonment
A place where money is coined	mint
A place where astronomical observations are taken	observatory
A place where fruit trees are grown	orchard
A place where orphans are housed	orphanage
An institution for the reformation of young offenders	reformatory
A square courtyard bounded by buildings	quadrangle
A wide road lined with trees on both sides	avenue, boulevard
A street open at only one end	cul-de-sac
A Mohammedan place of worship	mosque
A place where water is collected and stored	reservoir
A place much frequented for reasons of pleasure or health	resort
A place with public dance halls, gambling tables, etc.	casino
A nursery where children of poor parents are cared for while their parents are at work	crèche
An enclosure adjoining a race-course where horses are kept before racing	paddock
A covered stall at a fair, horse races, etc.	booth
A place where plates, dishes, pots and other cooking utensils are washed up	scullery
A place where ships are repaired or built	dock
A place where ships are loaded and unloaded	quay
The sleeping rooms in a college or public institution	dormitory
A refreshment hall in monasteries and convents	refectory
A school for infants and young children	kindergarten
A room or building for the preservation of sculpture	glyptotheca
A place where animals are kept alive, and live as nearly as possible as in their natural state	vivarium

Words Denoting Places (contd.)*With these may be grouped the following:*

A receptacle for storing coal	bunker, scuttle
A small box in which tea is kept	caddy
A large cask for holding wine or beer	butt, hogshead
An underground place for storing wine or other provisions	cellar
A portable case for holding papers, drawings, etc.	portfolio
An ornamental glass bottle for holding wine or other spirituous liquors	decanter
A basket in which a fisherman puts his fish	creel
A ladies' handbag or workbag	reticule
A large jug or pitcher for holding water for the washbasin	ewer
A small bottle for holding sauces or condiments for the table	cruet
A case in which the blade of a sword is kept	sheath, scabbard

DENOTING PROFESSIONS OR TRADES

One who attends to the diseases of the eye	oculist
One who tests eyesight and sells spectacles	optician
One who attends to sick people and prescribes medicines	physician
One who compounds or sells drugs	druggist, pharmacist
One who treats diseases by performing operations	surgeon
One who attends to the teeth	dentist
One skilled in the care of hands and feet	chiropodist
One who treats diseases by rubbing the muscles	masseur
A physician who assists women at child-birth	obstetrician, accoucheur
One who drives a motor car	chauffeur
One who manages or attends to an engine	engineer
The person in charge of a ship	Captain
The commander of a fleet	Admiral

Denoting Professions or Trades (*contd.*)

One who carves in stone	sculptor
One who cuts precious stones	lapidary, lapidist
One who writes for the newspaper	journalist, reporter, correspondent
One who sets type (in a printing office)	compositor
One who plans and draws the design of buildings and superintends their erection	architect
One who draws plans for buildings	draughtsman
One who deals in flowers	florist
One who deals in fruits	fruiterer
One who deals in cattle	drover
One who sells fruits, vegetables, etc., from a barrow	costermonger
One who deals in iron and hardware	ironmonger
One who deals in medicinal herbs	herbalist
One who deals in fish	fishmonger
One who deals in furs	furrier
One who works in brass	brazier
One who sets glass in windows, doors, etc.	glazier
One who deals in wines	vintner
One who works in lead esp. mending water pipes	plumber
One who attends to the fire of a steam engine	stoker
One who makes barrels, tubs, etc.	cooper
One employed as a labourer to do excavating work	navvy
One who makes and sells ladies' hats	milliner
One who sells small articles such as ribbons, laces, thread	haberdasher
One who deals in cloths and other fabrics	draper
One who deals in silks, cotton, woollen, and linen goods	mercier
A professional rider in horse races	jockey
One who shoes horses	farrier
One who looks after horses at an inn	ostler, hostler
One who studies rocks and soils	geologist

Denoting Professions or Trades (*contd.*)

One interested in prehistoric remains and ancient buildings	archaeologist
One who studies the stars	astronomer
One who foretells things by the stars	astrologer
One who directs the course of an aeroplane	pilot, aviator
One who works in a coal mine	collier
One who converts raw hide into leather	tanner
One who makes or deals in cutting instruments, e.g. knives	cutler
One who cleans the street	scavenger
A woman employed to clean out offices, public buildings or houses	charwoman
One who sells sweets and pastries	confectioner
One who induces or entraps men to serve in the army or navy	crimp
One who collects the bets and pays out to the winner when the game is played for money	croupier
One who takes care of a building	janitor
One who sells fowls, ducks, turkeys, etc.	poulterer
One who pays out money at a bank	cashier, teller
One who makes and sells cushions and covers chairs, motor car seats etc.	upholsterer
One who lends money at exorbitant interest	usurer
One who draws maps	cartographer
One who collects postage stamps	philatelist
One who performs tricks by sleight of hand	conjuror
	prestidigitator, juggler
One who walks on ropes	funambulist
One who performs daring gymnastic feats	acrobat
One who pastures cattle for the market	grazier
One who travels from place to place selling miscellaneous articles	huckster, pedlar, chapman, hawker
One who makes pots, cups etc.	potter
One who goes from place to place mending pots, pans etc.	tinker

Denoting Professions or Trades (*contd.*)

One who mends shoes	shoemaker, cobbler
One who travels from place to place selling religious articles	colporteur
A teacher who travels from place to place to give instruction	peripatetic
One who watches over students taking an examination	invigilator
A person in charge of a museum	curator
One who is in charge of giving alms and assistance to the poor	almoner
The person in charge of a library	librarian
The head of a College	Principal
The head of a Town Council or Corporation	Mayor
One who lends money and keeps goods as security	pawnbroker
One who draws up contracts and also lends money on interest	scrivener
One who builds ships	shipwright
One who loads and unloads ships	stevedore
One who makes wheels for carriages and carts	wheelwright
One who sells articles at public sales	auctioneer
A tradesman who manages funerals	undertaker
One skilled in the treatment of diseases of animals	veterinarian
One who writes shorthand	stenographer
One who writes poetry	poet
One who writes novels	novelist
One who writes books	author
One who compiles a dictionary	lexicographer
One who sells paper, ink, pens and writing materials	stationer
One who preserves the skins of animals and mounts them so as to resemble the living animals	taxidermist
One versed in the science of human races, their varieties and origin	ethnologist
One who studies the evolution of mankind	anthropologist
One who studies the working of the human mind	psychologist

Denoting Professions or Trades (contd.)

One who makes or sells candles	chandler
One who works or deals in feathers for apparel	plumassier
The treasurer of a college or University	bursar
An officer in charge of the stores, provisions and accounts on a ship	purser

NAMES BY WHICH PERSONS WITH CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS ARE KNOWN

One who looks on the bright side of things	optimist
One who looks on the dark side of things	pessimist
One who devotes his service or wealth for the love of mankind	philanthropist
A hater of mankind	misanthrope, misanthropist
One who becomes the favourite of a distinguished personage and serves him as a slave	minion
One who sneers at the aims and beliefs of his fellow men	cynic
One who walks in his sleep	somnambulist
One who talks in his sleep	somniloquist
One who has the art of speaking in such a way that the sound seems to come from another person	ventriloquist
One who delights to speak about himself or thinks only of his own welfare	egotist
One who devotes his life to the welfare and interests of other people	altruist
One who runs away from justice or the law	fugitive
One who takes refuge in a foreign country	refugee, alien
One who is banished from his home or his country	exile ✓
One who maliciously sets fire to a building	incendiary
One who has an irresistible tendency to steal	kleptomaniac
One who steals books	biblioklept
One who breaks images or church ornaments	iconoclast
One who dies for a noble cause	martyr
One who retires from society to live a solitary life	recluse, hermit

Names by which Persons with Certain Characteristics are Known (*contd.*)

One who offers his service of his own free will	volunteer
One who is compelled by law to serve as a soldier	conscript
A soldier or a sailor newly enlisted	recruit
One new to anything	novice, tyro, neophyte
A lover of animals	zoophilist
One who engages in any pursuit for the love of it, and not for gain	amateur
One who feeds on fruits	fruitarian
One who eats no animal flesh	vegetarian
One who feeds on human flesh	cannibal
One who journeys from place to place	itinerant
One who journeys on foot	pedestrian ✓
One who journeys to a Holy Place	pilgrim
One who goes from place to place begging alms	mendicant, ✓ beggar ✓
A leader of the people who can sway his followers by his oratory	demagogue
One whose reasoning is clever yet false	sophist
One who makes a display of his learning	pedant
One who has special skill in judging art, music, tastes, etc.	connoisseur
An expert at story telling	raconteur
One who listens to the conversation of others	eavesdropper
One who loves his country and serves it devotedly	patriot
One who foretells events	prophet ✓
One devoted to the pleasures of eating and drinking	epicure ✓
One given up to luxurious living	sybarite
One given to sensual pleasures and bodily enjoyment	voluptuary
One who pretends to be what he is not	hypocrite, impostor ✓
One who pretends to know a great deal about everything	mountebank, charlatan, quack ✓