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使用说明

一、词的分级，即根据词频把词分为三级，它是针对 GRE 考试，* 表示常考、** 表示次常考、无 * 表示不常考。

二、词的分类，即主要是根据图书分类学列表。书后 LIST INDEX 中，是按图书分类法列。

三、词的相关，即根据情报学中主题词的参照关系，用 see also 表示，如 BAROQUE、ROCOCO 和 GOTHIC 是各种建筑式样，就用 BAROQUE see also ROCOCO，ROCOCO see also GOTHIC 表示，这样也就形成词串：BAROQUE→ROCOCO→GOTHIC。

四、词的同义、反义，如 PITHY see CONCISE; VERBOSE; PROLIX; GARRULOUS，这里 CONCISE 与 PITHY 同义，其余词与 PITHY 反义。

五、词的形象对比，用 cf. 符号表示比较，如，DEBOUCH cf. DEBAUCH 两字在字母上只 O 与 A 之差，经比较后，就容易区分。再如：VAPID 与 SAPID 两词后面读音相同，在字形上，只一字母之差，又正好是一对反义词。

六、词源分析，如，UNILATERAL(uni+lateral)，为了省略，前缀 uni- 表示‘单一’就不再具体说明。

以上就是英文单词的主要科学记忆方法。

书中，缩格的大写黑体字是上词条的反义词。本书收词量约 5000 余条。

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A

- ABAFT** behind; to the rear of **FORWARD.** ahead; up ahead; in front of
- * **ABASE** lower; humiliate, see also **DEROGATORY**
- * **ABASH** embarrass; disconcert
- * **ABDICATE** renounce; give up; resign
- ABEAM** at right angles to a ship's keel
- * * **ABECEDARIAN** see **ABSTRUSE**
- * **ABERRATION** wandering or straying away, adj. aberrant
- * **ABET** encourage
- * **ABEYANCE** temporary suspension of function or activity
- * **ABHORRENCE** repugnance; loathing; detestation, see **ABOMINATION**
- ADORATION** idolatry; worship; veneration, see also **ICON**
- * * **ABJECT** wretched; miserable; mean; nasty
- * **ABJURE** renounce from oath; disclaim
- * * **ABLUTION** washing; cleansing, see **DEFILE**
- * **ABNEGATION** self-denial; relinquishment; rejection; repudiation
- * **ABOMINATE** loathe; hate; detest; abhor
- * **ABORIGINE** original inhabitant; primitive tribesman, especially of Australia
- * **ABORTIVE** unsuccessful; fruitless; futile
- * * **ABRADE** wear away by friction; erode
- * **ABROGATE** to repeal, annul, nullify, or abolish an authoritative act, for example, a law or decree
- * **ENACT** put into effect; establish
- ABSCESS** a collection of pus formed in the body
- ABSCISSION** removal
- * * **ABSCOND** depart secretly and hide
- * **ABSOLVE** exculpate; pardon; clear; liberate
- IMPLICATE** involve; incriminate; imply, see also **OBLIGATORY**
- * **ABSTAIN** refrain voluntarily (usually from something considered improper); refrain from voting
- INDULGE** yield to desire, gratify oneself
- * **ABSTEMIOUS** refraining from pleasure, and from food or strong drink in particular; moderate, see **ABSTINENT**
- * **GLUTTONOUS** voracious; greedy; insatiable
- * **ABSTINENT** abstemious; self-restrained; self-denying, forbearing from any indulgence of appetite
- * * **ABSTRACT** take out; separate
- * **ABSTRUSE** difficult to comprehend; obscure; recondite, see also **RECONDITE; ESOTERIC**
- ABECEDARIAN** rudimentary; elementary; primary

- * * **ABUNDANT** plentiful; copious; ample
- * * **ABUSE** make a bad use of ; misuse
- * * **ABUT** border upon; adjoin
- * **ABYSMAL** bottomless; extreme, see **SUPERFICIAL**
- * * **ACCEDE** agree
- * **ACCELERATE** see decelerate
- * * **ACCENTUATE** give more force or importance to
- * * **ACCESSORY** additional object
- * * **ACCLAIM** praise; commend; laud; eulogize
- * * **ACCLIMATE** adjust to climate
- * **ACCLIVITY** sharp upslope of a hill
- * **ACCOLADE** award; expression of praise
- * * **ACCOMPLICE** partner in crime; confederate
- ACCORD** agreement
- ACOST** approach and speak first to a person
- * * **ACCOUTER** equip, see **PARAPHERNALIA**
- * * **ACCREDIT** send (an ambassador etc) with credentials
- * **ACCRETION** growth; increase
- * * **ACCRUE** come about by addition, see also **ACCUMULATE**
- ACCUMULATE** to acquire an increasing quantity of
- * * **ACEPHALOUS** headless
- * **ACERBIC** sour; harsh; severe
- * **ACETIC** vinegary; derived from vinegary
- * * **ACIDULOUS** slightly sour; sharp; caustic
- ACKNOWLEDGE** recognize; admit
- * * **ACME** top; pinnacle
- * * **ACOUSTICS** science of sound
- * **ACQUIESCENCE** submission; compliance, see **AVERSE**
- * * **ACQUISITION** acquiring
- * * **ACQUIT** declare not guilty; exonerate; absolve, see **EXONERATE**
- ACQUITTAL** deliverance from a charge

JURISPRUDENCE LIST

ABNEGATION; ABSCOND; ADJUDICATE; AFFIDAVIT; APPELLATE; ARSON; BARRISTER; BATTERY; BEQUEST; CODICIL; COLLUSION; CONTIGUOUS; CONTRABAND; CONTUMACIOUS; DEPOSITION; DISENFRANCHISE; EMBEZZLE; EXHUME; EXTRADITION; INCARCERATE; INJUNCTION; INTTESTATE; JURISPRUDENCE; LARCENY; LIEN; LITIGATION; LITIGIOUS; MISCREANT; PERPETRATOR; PLAGIARISM; PROBATION; TORT; TRIBUNAL.

- * * **ACRID** sharp; bitterly pungent
- * **ACRIMONY** sharpness, harshness, or bitterness of nature, speech, or disposition
- ACRONYM** a word formed from the initial letters of other words
- * * **ACROPHOBIA** acro+phobia pathological fear of high places, see also **PHOBIA; CLAUSTROPHOBIA; HYDROPHOBIA; XENOPHOBIA**
- * * **ACTUARIAL** calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics
- * * **ACTUATE** motivate; put into action; incite
- ACUPUNCTURE** acu+puncture pricking the tissues of the body with pine needles to relieve pain or as a local anaesthetic
- * * **ACUMEN** mental keenness; insight
- * * **ADAGE** wise saying; proverb, see **MAXIM; MOTTO; APHORISM;**
- APOTHEGM**
- * **ADAMANT** inflexible; quite firm; unyielding; grim; stubborn, see **OBDURATE**
- * **RELENTING** bending; yielding; give in
- ADAPT** alter; modify; make fit or suitable
- ADDICTION** liking; craving; habit
- * * **ADDLE** rotten; muddled; crazy
- * * **ADDUCE** present as evidence
- * **ADEPT** deft; skillful, see **ADROIT**
- ADHERE** stick fast to
- * * **ADIPOSE** fatty, see **SEBACEOUS**
- ADJOURN** to postpone; to break off temporarily
- ADJUDICATE** to act as judge in a court; tribunal
- ADJUNCT** something joined or added
- * * **ADJURATION** solemn urging; appeal; plea., see **ADJURE**
- * * **ADJURE** ask earnestly or solemnly
- ADJUST** adapt; fit; alter
- * * **ADMONISH** warn; reprove
- ADONIS** a youth loved by Aphrodite
- * **ADROIT** dexterous; deft; cleverly skillful; slick
- INEPT** clumsy; ungainly; awkward; bungling
- * **ADULATION** flattery; admiration, see **CONTEMN; DISPARAGEMENT; REVILEMENT**
- * **ADULTERATE** to corrupt or debase; to make impure
- ADUMBRATE** indicate faintly (esp. of a coming event)
- ADVENT** arrival or coming (of an important season, event etc.)
- ADVENTITIOUS** accidental; casual
- * * **ADVERSARY** opponent (in a contest)

- * **ADVERSE** unfavorable; hostile
- ADVERT** refer to
- ADVOCATE** urge; plead for
- * * **AEGIS** shield; defense
- * * **AEON** an immense time
- AERIAL** see **AMPHIBIAN**
- AEROBIC** using oxygen from the air
- * **AESTHETIC** a love of beauty
- * * **AFFABLE** courteous; polite
- * * **AFFECTED** artificial; pretended; assumed
- * * **AFFERENT** carrying toward the center
- MEDICAL SCIENCE LIST**

EMOLLIENT ABSCESS; APHASIA; COMATOSE; ETIOLOGY; EMETIC; MALINGERER; AUSCULTATION; ACUPUNCTURE; GERONTOLOGY; GLAUCOMA; CHIROPRACTIC; GYNECOLOGY; ASTIGMATISM; GALL; CATARACT; HYPEROPIA; PRESBYOPIA; NEUROLOGY; PAEDIATRICS; OBSTETRICS; PATHOLOGY; AUTOPSY; PHARMACOLOGY; ANAESTHETIC; ANALGESIC; BILE; ANEMIA; DELIRIUM; NEURASTHENIA; DERMATOLOGIST

- * * **AFFIDAVIT** written statement made under oath
- * **AFFILIATION** joining; associating with
- * **AFFINITY** having a natural attraction to
- ANTIPATHY** aversion; basic or habitual repugnance
- AFFIRM** declare firmly; assert; confirm
- * * **AFFLATUS** inspiration
- * **AFFLUENT** prosperous; wealthy; abundant
- * **INDIGENT** impoverished; destitute, see **NEEDY**
- * **PENURIOUS** extremely poor
- * * **AFFRAY** public brawl
- * * **AGAPE** open-mouthed
- AGENDA** business to be discussed at a meeting
- * * **AGGLOMERATION** collection; heap
- * * **AGGRANDIZE** increase or intensify; promote
- * * **AGGRAVATE** intensify; worsen; exasperate
- AGGREGATE** sum; total
- * * **AGHAST** horrified
- * * **AGILITY** nimbleness; swiftness
- * * **AGITATE** stir up; disturb; upset

- * * **AGNOSTIC** a+gnostic expressing ignorance (of god)
- * * **AGONY** great pain; anguish; pang
- * * **AGRARIAN** pertaining to land or its cultivation
- * * **AGRONOMIST** scientist engaged in the management of land
- AIL** trouble
- AKIMBO** with the hands on the hips and the elbows bent outwards
- * **ALACRITY** cheerfulness; a readiness or promptness to act or serve
- ALBEIT** although
- * * **ALCHEMY** magic; medieval form of chemistry, concerned with transmuting baser metals into gold; binding a universal solvent; making an elixir of life
- * * **ALERT** see **LETHARGIC**, see also **DEXTEROUS**
- ALIAS** an assumed name
- * **ALIEN** see **INDIGENOUS**
- * **ALIENATE** make hostile; separate; estrange
- ALIENIST** one specializing in the legal aspects of psychiatry
- ALIGHT** lighted up
- * * **ALIMENTARY** supplying nourishment, see also **JEJUNE**
- * * **ALIMONY** payment by a husband to his divorced wife
- * * **ALLAY** calm; pacify; moderate; soothe; assuage, see **ASSUAGE; ALLEV-IATE; SLAKE; PALLIATE; EXTENUATE**
- * * **ALLEGE** state as a fact; claim; affirm; aver; cite, see **AVER**
- * * **ALLEGORY** story in which characters are used as symbols; fable
- * **ALLEVIATE** relieve; assuage; lessen; allay; mitigate
- ALLITERATION** repetition of beginning sound in poetry

POETRY LIST

COUPLET; ODE; RHYME; CANTO; SONNET; PROSODY; DACTYL; DOG-GEREL

- * **ALLOCATE** assign; set aside; allot; apportion; distribute
- * * **ALLOY** to reduce the purity of (a metal) by mixing with one less valuable; to debase by mixing with something inferior
- * **ALLUSIVE** having reference to something implied or suggested. v. allure n. al-lusion
- * **ALLURE** tempt; entice; induce; lure; attract
- * **ALLUSION** indirect reference
- * **ALLUVIAL** of or pertaining to alluvium; sandy soil deposited by running water
- * **ALOOF** apart; indifferent; apathetic
- * * **ALPINISM** mountain climbing
- * * **SPELUNKING** cave exploring

- * * **ALTERCATION** wordy quarrel; controversy, see also **HARMONY**
- ALTO** the highest adult male singing voice
- * **ALTRUISM** selfless concern for others
- EGOISM** selfishness; opposed to altruism; self-interest
- * **AMALGAMATE** combine; unite in one body; merge; mingle; blend; to mix; to alloy with mercury, see **ALLOY**
- * * **AMASS** collect; pile, see also **DISPERSION; DISBURSE**
- * * **AMAZON** female warrior
- * * **AMATORY** showing; love
- * **AMBIGUOUS** see **EXPLICIT**
- AMBIVALENT** ambi+valent, having simultaneous feelings of attraction toward and repulsion from.
- SINGLE-MINDED** having a single purpose
- * * **AMBLE** move at an easy pace; stroll; saunter, see **SAUNTER**
- * * **AMBROSIA** food of the gods
- AMBULATORY** walking; movable
- * **AMELIORATE** to improve; to make better
- * **AMENABLE** tractable; agreeable; answerable
- * **AVERSE** opposed; unwilling
- * * **AMENITIES** agreeable manners; courtesies
- * **AMIALE** agreeable; lovable; charming, see also **TESTY; PESSIMISTIC**
- * * **AMICABLE** friendly
- * **AMITY** see **ANIMOSITY**
- * * **AMNESIA** loss of memory
- * * **AMNESTY** a general pardon, especially for offences against the state
- AMNION** the membrane enclosing the foetus and the fluid that surrounds it before birth

AMORAL a+moral; non-moral

- * * **AMORPHOUS** a+morphous; shapeless

METALLURGY LIST

ALLOY; AMORPHOUS; FERROUS; LATTICE; METALLURGY; ANNEAL

- * **AMORTIZATION** act of reducing a debt through partial payment
- * **AMPHIBIAN** living / operating on land and in water
- * **AGUATIC** living in water
- * **TERRESTRIAL** living on land
- * **ARBOREAL** living in trees
- * **AERIAL** living in the air

BIOLOGY LIST

FROND; EMBRYONIC; AMNION; APIARY; AGUILINE; ARACHNID;
 ARTHROPOD; ATAVISM; BOVINE; EQUINE; FELINE; HIRCINE; OVINE;
 PISCINE; URSINE; VULPINE; FAUNA; FLORA; GOSLING; HERBIVORE
 CARNIVORE; HERPETOLOGIST; HIBERNATE; ESTIVATE; HYBRID;
 OVIPAROUS; MOLT; SLOUGH VIVIPAROUS; DECIDUOUS;
 CONIFEROUS; RODENT

AMPHITHEATER oval building with tiers of seats

* **AMPLE** adequate or more than adequate in extent, size, etc.; abundant

MEAGER scanty; insufficient

* * **AMPLIFY** enlarge; expand; magnify, see also **EPITOME; CURTAIL**

* * **AMPUTATE** cut off part of body; prune

* * **AMUCK** in a state of rage

* * **AMULET** charm; talisman

* **ANACKRONISTIC** erroneous in date; characterized by being out of its historical time

* **ANAESTHETIC** agent capable of making unconscious cf. **AESTHETIC**
 see **NARCOTIC**

* * **ANALGESIC** causing insensitivity to pain

ANAGRAM a word or phrase made from another by rearranging its letters

LINGUISTIC LIST

ACRONYM; MALAPROPISM; METAPHOR; METONYMY;
 ONOMATOPOEIA; OXYMORON; POLYGLOT; SEMANTICS; SIMILE;
 SYNECDOCHE; LEXICOLOGY; RHETORIC; ASSIMILATE

* **ANALOGOUS** similar; comparable; corresponding

* **DISPARATE** dissimilar; incongruous

* **ANATHEMA** a ban or curse; a person or thing considered hateful

* * **ANARCHY** absence of governing body; state of disorder

* * **ANCHORITE** hermit

* * **ANCILLARY** serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; subordinate (to)

* * **ANDIRONS** metal supports in a fireplace for cooking utensils or logs

* **ANEMIA** condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles

ANEROID a barometer using no fluid

* **ANHYDROUS** an+hydrous; without water

ANIMADVERSION critical remark

* **ANILE** like a weak old woman, senile, referring to loss of faculties due to old age, see also **DOTAGE; SENILITY; DOTARD; SENESCENT**

ANIMALCULE microscopic animal

* * **ANIMATED** lively; spirited

LETHARGIC drowsy; sluggish; apathetic.

* **ANIMOSITY** ill will; hostility; antagonism, see also **ANIMUS**

* **AMITY** friendship; harmony

* * **ANIMUS** hostile feeling or intent

* * **ANNALS** records; history

* **ANNEAL** tougher; temper

ANNEX take possession of (territory etc.)

* **ANNIHILATE** ruin; destroy utterly

* * **ANNOTATE** an+notate; comment; make explanatory notes

* * **ANNUITY** yearly allowance

* **ANNUL** nullify; cancel; obliterate

* * **ANODYNE** pain reliever

* **ANOMOLOUS** deviating from the general rule; abnormal; irregular; unexpected

* **ANOMALY** irregularity; exception

* * **ANONYMOUS** having no name signed

* * **ANTAGONISTIC** adverse; opposed

* * **ANTEDILUVIAN** antiquated; ancient; primitive

* * **ANTHROPOID** anthro+poid manlike

* * **ANTHROPOLOGY** the history and science of mankind

form

ANTHROPOMORPHIC anthro+morphic having human form or characteristics

ANTICLIMAX anti+climax; ludicrous let-down in thought or emotion

ANTIHISTAMINE a substance that counteracts the effects of histamine, used in treating allergies

* **ANTIPATHY** see affinity

ANTIPODES anything exactly opposite; opposite poles

* **ANTISEPTIC** a drug opposing poisoning, anti+septic, see also **ASEPTIC**

ANTISOCIAL opposed to organized societies

ANTITHESIS contrast; direct opposite of or to

* **APATHY** indifference; lack of emotion, a+pathy, see also **ANTIPATHY**

* **APATHETIC** impassive; unresponsive; indifferent

RESPONSIVE reacting readily; concerned

* * **APERTURE** opening; hole

* **APEX** tip; summit; climax, see also **ZENITH**

* * **APHASIA** a+phasia; loss of speech due to injury

* * **APHORISM** pithy maxim

* * **APHELION** ap+helion the point in a planet's orbit that is farthest from the sun

- * * **APIARY** a bee house (contains several hives)
- * **PERIHELION** peri+helion the point, as above, that is nearest the sun
- * **APLOMB** imperturbable self—possession; great poise
- * **PERTURBATION** agitation; excitability; nervousness
- * **APOCALYPSE** a revelation
- * **APOCALYPTIC** revelatory; prophetic
- * **APOCHRYPHAL** false; spurious; of doubtful authenticity; sham
- * **APOGEE** the point in a satellite's orbit when it is farthest from the earth
- * **PERIGEE** the point as above, that is nearest the earth
- ASTRONOMY LIST**

APHELION; PERIHELION; APOGEE; PERIGEE; ASTEROID; ASTRAL; ASTROLOGY; EQUINOX; MYRIAD; NADIR; PISCES; ZENITH; ZODIAC; SIDEREAL; ASTROPHYSICS.

- * * **APOLOGUE** moral fable
- * * **APOTHECARY** druggist; pharmacist
- * **APOSTATE** one who deserts his religion or principles
- * **APOTHEGM** pithy, compact saying see **ADAGE**
- * **APOTHEOSIS** a glorification to the point of godliness
- * **APPAL** overcome with fear; horrify
- * * **APPARITION** ghost; phantom, see also spectral
- * * **APPEASE** pacify; soothe, see **ASSUAGE**
- * **APPELATE** having the power to review the judgment of another tribunal
- * * **APPELLATION** name; title; denomination
- * * **APPEND** attach; affix; adjoin
- * * **APPOSITE** appropriate; fitting; see **APT; APROPOS**
- * * **APPRAISE** assess; estimate; evaluate
- * * **APPREHEND** understand; arrest (a criminal); dread
- * * **APPRISE** inform; notify
- * * **APPROBATION** approval
- * **APPURTENANCE** subordinate possessions
- * **APROPOS** with reference to; properly, see **APPOSITE**
- * **APT** likely
- * **APTITUDE** talent; cleverness cf. **ATTITUDE**
- * * **AQUATIC** see **AMPHIBIAN**
- * * **AQUILINE** hooked; eaglelike
- * **ARABESQUE** in the Arabian style
- * * **ARABLE** fit for plowing
- * * **ARBITER** a judge or umpire, see **UMPIRE**

ARBITRARY fixed or decided; despotic, see also **DESPOTISM**

* **ARBOREAL** see **AMPHIBIAN**

ARCADE a covered passageway, usually lined with shops

ARCANE mysterious, secret

* **ARACHNID** spider, scorpion, tick, mite, etc.

* **ARCHAEOLOGY** archa+eology, study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

* **ARCHAIC** antiquated; old-fashioned

archa+ic

old + a.

* * **ARCHETYPE** arche+type, prototype; an primitive model see also **PROTO-TYPE**

* * **ARCHIPELAGO** group of closely located islands

* * **ARCHIVES** public records; place where public records are kept

* **ARDOR** fervor; zeal; passion

* **ARDUOUS** steep and therefore difficult of ascent; difficult to do; requiring exertion; laborious

* * **ARGOT** slang, see also **JARGON; CANT**

* **ARID** dry; parched; uninteresting

* * **ARISTOCRACY** a ruling body of nobles

ARMADA a fleet of warships

* * **AROMATIC** fragrant; balmy

ARRAIGN charge in court; indict; cite

ARRANT thorough; complete; unmitigated; outright, see also **OUTRIGHT**

ARROGANCE haughtiness

ARROGATE claim without reasonable grounds

ar+rog+ate

to+ask+v.

ARSENAL building for storing or making weapons and ammunition

ARTERIOSCLEROSIS a chronic disease characterized by abnormal thickening and hardening of the arterial walls with resulting loss of elasticity

* * **ARTHROPOD** segmented invertebrate, such as insect, arachnid, crustacean, etc

* * **ARTICULATE** spoken clearly, in words; able to express ideas clearly

* * **ARTIFACTS** products of primitive art

* * **ARTIFICE** deception; trickery; imposture

arti+ifice

skill+make

- * * **ARTISAN** a manually skilled worker; craftsman
- ASCENDANT** ascending; rising
- * * **ASCERTAIN** find out for certain
- * **ASCETIC** austere; rigorously abstinent; one who practices extreme self-denial or self-mortification, n. asceticism
- * **HEDONIST** one who devotes himself to pleasure
- ASCRIBE** refer; attribute; assign
- * **ASEPTIC** a+septic preventing putrefaction or blood poisoning by killing bacteria, see **SEPTIC**
- * * **ASHEN** ash-colored
- * * **ASININE** stupid, see also **ASTUTE**
- ASKANCE** with a sideways or indirect look
- * * **ASKEW** crookedly; slanted; obliquely, see also **OBLIQUE**
- * * **ASPERITY** sharpness (of temper); boorish, see also **URBANE; GENTEEL**
- * * **ASPERSION** slanderous remark, see **SLANDER; MALIGN; DETRACTION; CALUMNY; DEPRECIATION**, see also **ADULATION**
- * * **ASPIRANT** seeker after position or status
- * * **ASPIRATION** noble ambition
- * * **ASSAIL** assault
- * * **ASSAY** analyze; evaluate, see also **DISSECTION**
- * * **ASSEVERATE** make a positive statement or solemn declaration; assert
- * **ASSIDUOUS** diligent; industrious
- * **SLOTH** indolent; easy; sluggish, see **SEDULOUS**
- ASSIMILATE** make like; compare
- * **ASSUAGE** appease; mollify; pacify; soothe **PERTURB** disturb; irritate; agitate, see **APPEASE; MOLLIFY; ALLAY; MITIGATE**
- * * **ASTEROID** small planet
- * * **ASTIGMATISM** eye defect which prevents proper focus, see also **GLAUCOMA; HYPEROPIA; MYOPIA; PRESBYOPIA**
- * * **ASTRAL** relating to the stars
- * * **ASTRINGENT** binding; causing contraction
- * * **ASTROPHYSIC** a branch of astronomy dealing with the physical and chemical constitution of celestial matter, n. astrophysicist
- * **ASTUTE** sagacious; shrewd; ingenious
- INJUDICIOUS** ill-advised; foolish; asinine, see also **ASININE; SAGACIOUS**
- * * **ASUNDER** in pieces; apart
- * * **ATAVISM** resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; deformity returning after passage of two or more generations

- ATELIER** an artist's studio
- * * **ATHEISTIC** a+theistic denying the existence of god
- * * **ATHWART** a+thwart across from side to side, see **THWART**
- ATONE** make amends
- * **ATROCITY** brutal deed
- * * **ATROPHY** cause to waste away
- * **ATTENUATE** weaken; make slender; reduce in force or intensity
- ENLARGE** increase; expand; amplify
- * **AUDACIOUS** bold or adventuresome, see also **BRAVADO; EFFRONTERY;**
- * **TIMOROUS** fearful; cautious; nervous; apprehensive, see also **CRAVEN; HUMILITY; GENTILITY**
- * * **ATTEST** testify, bear witness; confirm; substantiate
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| at + test |
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| to+witness |
- ATTRIBUTE** essential quality
- * * **ATTRITION** a gradual wearing down
- * * **ATYPICAL** a+typical, not normal
- * * **AUDIT** examination of accounts
- * * **AUGMENT** increase; enhance; magnify, see also **WITHER**
- * * **AUGURY** omen; prophecy, v. augur
- AUGUST** majestic; awesome; imposing, see **AWE**
- AUREATE** golden; resplendent
- AUREOLE** sun's corona; halo, see **HALO**
- * * **AURORA** radiant emissions; polar lights
- AURORA BOREALIS** northern lights
- AURORA AUSTRALIS** southern lights
- * * **AUSCULTATION** act of listening to the heart or lungs to discover abnormalities
- AUSPICE** an omen; protection
- * **AUSPICIOUS** see **SINISTER; OMINOUS**
- * * **AUSTERE** strict, stern; severe; rigorous, see also **AWE**
- * * **AUSTRAL** southern
- BOREAL** northern
- AUTARCHY** absolute sovereignty; autocratic government
- AUTHENTICATE** prove genuine, adj. authentic
- * **AUTHORITARIAN** domineering; autocratic, favoring complete subjection to authority