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abandon NOUNS 1 unrestraint, unconstraint, noncoercion, nonintimidation; **unreserve**, irrepressibleness, irrepressibility, uninhibitedness, exuberance
VERBS 2 **desert, forsake; quit, leave**, leave behind, take leave of, depart from, absent oneself from, turn one's back upon, say goodbye to, bid a long farewell to, walk away, **walk or run out on** <nonformal>, **leave flat and** leave high and dry or holding the bag or in the lurch <all nonformal>, leave one to one's fate, throw to the wolves <nonformal>

abandoned ADJS 1 **neglected**, unattended to, untended, unwatched, unchaperoned, uncared-for; **ignored, slighted**; half-done, undone, left undone; deserted
2 **unrestrained, unconstrained, unforced**, uncompelled, uncoerced; unmeasured, **uninhibited, unsuppressed, unrepressed, unreserved**, go-go <nonformal>, exuberant; **uncurbed, unchecked, unbridled**, unmuzzled; **unreined**, reinless

abashed ADJS perturbed, disquieted, discomforted, discomposed, agitated; **chagrined, embarrassed**, discomfited, **disconcerted, upset, confused**, mortified, **put-out**, out of countenance, cast down, chapfallen

aabbé NOUNS **clergyman**, man of the cloth, **divine, ecclesiastic, churchman, cleric**, clerical; parson, pastor, *curé* <Fr>, **rector**, curate, man of God, servant of God, shepherd

abbess NOUNS prioress; **mother superior**, lady superior, superioress, the reverend mother, holy mother; canoness, regular or secular canoness

abbey NOUNS **cloister, monastery, house**, friary; priory, priorate; lamasery; **convent, nunnery**

abbreviate VERBS **shorten, cut; reduce; abridge, condense**, compress, contract, **boil down**, abstract, sum up, synopsisize, epitomize, encapsulate, capsulize; **curtail**, truncate, retrench; bowdlerize; elide, **cut short**, cut down

abdicate VERBS renounce the throne, give up the crown; **give up, relinquish, surrender, yield**, waive, **forgo, resign, renounce**, throw up, **abjure, forswear, give up on, have done with**, wash one's

hands of, **write off**, drop, drop all idea of, drop like a hot potato

abdomen NOUNS **stomach, belly** <nonformal>, **midriff**, diaphragm; swollen or distended or protruding or prominent belly, *embonpoint* <Fr>, **paunch**, ventripotence

abdominal ADJS **digestive**; stomachal, stomachic; ventral, celiac, **gastric**, ventricular; big-bellied

abduct VERBS **kidnap**, snatch <nonformal>, carry off; shanghai

aberration NOUNS **deviation**, deviance or deviancy, deviousness, **departure, digression**, diversion, **divergence**, divarication, branching off, divagation, declination, aberration, aberrancy, **variation**, indirection, exorbitation; **straying**, errantry, pererration

abet VERBS **advance, further**, expedite, **encourage, hearten, embolden**, pat or clap on the back, stroke <nonformal>; **foster, nurture**, nourish, feed, **aid, help, assist**, comfort, **succor**, relieve, **ease**, doctor, remedy; be of some help, put one's oar in <nonformal>; do good, do a world of good, **benefit, avail**; aid and abet, encourage, hearten, embolden, comfort <old>

abhor VERBS **dislike**, disrelish, have no taste for, not stomach, not have the stomach for, not be one's cup of tea; be hostile to, have it in for <nonformal>; **hate, detest, loathe**, execrate, **abominate**, take an aversion to, be death on, not stand the sight of, not stomach, scorn, **despise**

abhorrent ADJS **offensive, objectionable, odious, repulsive**, repellent, rebarbative, **repugnant, revolting**, forbidding; **disgusting, sickening, loathsome**, gross and yucky and grungy and scuzzy <all nonformal>, beastly <nonformal>, **vile, foul, nasty, nauseating**; fulsome, mephitic, miasmal, miasmatic, malodorous, stinking, fetid, noisome, noxious

abide VERBS **await**, wait, wait for, wait on or upon; have or keep an eye out for, lie in wait for; watch, watch and wait; **bide one's time**, bide, **mark time**; cool one's heels <nonformal>; be on tenterhooks, be on pins and needles, hold one's breath, bite one's nails, sweat or sweat

out or sweat it or sweat it out <all non-formal>; **endure, bear, stand**, support, sustain, **suffer, tolerate**, live with; **bear up under, bear the brunt, bear with, put up with, stand for**, carry or bear one's cross, take what comes, take the bitter with the sweet

ability NOUNS **skillfulness, expertness, expertise, proficiency**, craft, **cleverness; dexterity**, dexterousness or dextrousness; **adroitness, adeptness, deftness**, handiness; **competence**, capability, capacity, ability; **facility, prowess**

abject ADJS **penitent, repentant; penitential**, penitentiary; **contrite**, abject, humble, humbled, **sheepish, apologetic**, touched, softened, melted

able ADJS **competent, capable, efficient, qualified, fit, fitted, suited, worthy**; fit or fitted for; effective, effectual, efficient, efficacious; productive; **proficient, equal to, up to**; up to snuff <nonformal>, up to the mark <nonformal>, *au fait* <Fr>

ably ADVS **skillfully, expertly, proficiently**, excellently, well; **dexterously, adroitly, deftly, adeptly**, aptly, handily; agilely, nimbly, featly, spryly; **competently, capably, efficiently; masterfully**

abnormal ADJS unnatural, irregular, divergent, deviative, deviant, different, exceptional; unconventional; **irregular**, deviative, divergent, **different; aberrant**, stray, straying, wandering; heteroclit, heteromorphic

abnormality NOUNS 1 anomaly, unnaturalness, irregularity, deviation, deviancy, differentness, divergence, aberration; **nonconformity**, unconventionality 2 **oddity, curiosity, wonder**, funny or peculiar or strange thing; **anomaly**

aboard ADVS **on board**, on shipboard, on board ship, all aboard, afloat; **on deck**, topside; aloft; in sail; before the mast

abode NOUNS **habitation, place, dwelling**, dwelling place, abiding place, place to live, where one lives or resides, where one is at home, roof, roof over one's head, **residence**, place of residence, **domicile, domus** <L>; **lodging**, lodgment, lodging place

abolish VERBS **repeal, revoke, rescind, reverse, strike down, abrogate**; renege, renig and go back on and welsh <all nonformal>; suspend; do away

with; **invalidate**, vacate, void, make void, declare null and void

abominable ADJS **wicked, evil, vicious, bad, naughty, wrong, sinful, iniquitous**, peccant, reprobate; dark, black; **base, low, vile**, foul, rank, flagrant, arrant, nefarious, **heinous**, villainous, criminal, up to no good, knavish, flagitious

aborigine NOUNS **primitive, aboriginal**, bushman, autochthon; **cave man**, cave dweller, troglodyte; bog man, bog body, Lindow man; Stone Age man, Bronze Age man, Iron Age man

abort VERBS **miscarry**, be stillborn, die aborning; **go amiss**, go astray, **go wrong**, go on a wrong tack, take a wrong turn, derail, go off the rails

abortion NOUNS 1 **miscarriage**, miscarrying, abortive attempt, vain attempt; glitch <nonformal>; **dud** <nonformal> 2 **monstrosity, monster**, miscreation, teratism, abnormal or defective birth, abnormal or defective fetus

abortive ADJS **fruitless**, gainless, profitless, bootless, otiose, **unrewarding**, rewardless; barren, sterile, unproductive; failed, *manqué* <Fr>; fruitless, bootless, no-win <nonformal>, futile, useless; lame, **ineffectual**, ineffective, inefficacious

abound VERBS **teem with**, overflow with, **abound with**, burst with, bristle with, pullulate with, **swarm with**, throng with, creep with, **crawl with, be alive with**, be lousy with <nonformal>, bristle with; **have coming out of one's ears and have up the gazoo and kazoo** <both nonformal>

about ADVS 1 **approximately**, nearly, some, circa; more or less, *plus ou moins* <Fr>, by and large, upwards of 2 **near, nigh, close**; hard, at close quarters; **nearby, close by**, hard by, fast by, not far or far off, in the vicinity or **neighborhood of**, at hand, at close range, **near or close at hand**; thereabout or thereabouts, hereabout or hereabouts

above ADJS 1 **superior, greater**, better, finer; **higher**, ascendant, in the ascendant, in ascendancy, coming <nonformal>; **previous, prior, early, earlier, ci-devant or ci-dessus** <Fr>, **former**, fore, prime, first, **preceding**, foregoing, anterior, **anticipatory**, antecedent; **preexistent**

ADVS 2 **on high**, high up, high; **aloft**, aloof; **up**, upward, upwards, straight up, to the zenith; on the shoulders of; *supra*, *ubi supra* <L>, hereinabove, hereinbefore, *supra* <L>, *ante* <L>

3 **beyond**, **plus**; **extra**, on the side <nonformal>, for lagniappe; **more**, **moreover**, *au reste* <Fr>, *en plus* <Fr>, thereto, farther, further; **furthermore**, at the same time, then, again, yet; similarly, likewise, by the same token, by the same sign; item; therewith, withal <old>; all included, altogether; among other things, *inter alia* <L>

aboveboard ADJS 1 **straight**, **square**, foursquare, straight-arrow <nonformal>, honest and aboveboard, right as rain; **fair and square**; **square-dealing**, square-shooting, straight-shooting, up-and-up, **on the up-and-up** and **on the level**, and on the square <all nonformal>

ADVS 2 **openly**, **overtly**, before one, **before one's eyes** or very eyes, under one's nose <nonformal>; **publicly**, in public; **in the open**, out in the open, **in plain sight**, in broad daylight, for all to see, in public view, in plain view

abrasion NOUNS 1 **trauma**, **wound**, **injury**, hurt, lesion; **laceration**, mutilation; scuff, scrape, chafe, gall; frazzle, fray; run, **rip**, rent, slash, **tear**; **bruise**, **contusion**, ecchymosis, **black-and-blue mark**; **black eye**, shiner and mouse <both nonformal>

2 **attrition**, **erosion**, **wearing away**, **wear**, detrition, ablation; rubbing away or off or out; **grinding**, **filing**, rasping, limation; fretting; galling; **chafing**, **chafe**

abrasive ADJS **unpleasant**, **disagreeable**; **unlikable**, dislikable; unattractive, unappealing, unengaging, uninviting, unalluring

abreast ADJS 1 **informed**, **enlightened**, **instructed**, versed, well-versed, educated, schooled, **taught**; posted, briefed, primed, trained; **up on**, up-to-date, abreast of, *au courant* <Fr>

ADVS 2 **in parallel**; side-by-side, alongside; equidistantly, nonconvergently, nondivergently

abridge VERBS **shorten**, **condense**, **cut**, **clip**; **summarize**, synopsisize, wrap up <nonformal>; **sketch**, sketch out, hit the high spots; capsule, capsulize, encapsulate; **put in a nutshell**

abridgment NOUNS **condensation**, compression, conspectus, epitome, epitomization, summary, summation, précis, abstract, recapitulation, recap <nonformal>, wrapup, synopsis, encapsulation; **curtailment**, truncation, retrenchment; elision, ellipsis, syncope, apocope; foreshortening; **deletion**, erasure, cancellation, omission; editing, blue-penciling, striking or striking out; expurgation, bowdlerization, censoring or censorship; abbreviation

abroad ADJS 1 **nonresident**, not in residence, from home, **away from home**, on leave or vacation or holiday, on tour, on the road; overseas

ADVS 2 **far and wide**, far and near, distantly and broadly, widely

abrogate VERBS **abolish**, void, annihilate, annul, tear up, repeal, revoke, negate, invalidate, **undo**, **cancel**, cancel out, bring to naught, put or lay to rest; **repeal**, **revoke**, **rescind**, **reverse**, **strike down**, suspend

abrupt ADJS **sudden**, precipitant, **precipitate**; **hasty**, headlong, impulsive, impetuous; **unexpected**, unanticipated, unpredicted, unforeseen, unlooked-for; **gruff**, **brusque**, **curt**, short, sharp, snippy <nonformal>, **blunt**, bluff, brash, cavalier

abruptly ADVS **precipitately**, precipitantly, slap-bang; **suddenly**, abruptly; **impetuously**, **impulsively**, **rashly**; **headlong**, headfirst, head over heels, *à corps perdu* <Fr>; **gruffly**, **brusquely**, **curtly**, shortly, sharply, snippily <nonformal>, bluntly, bluffly, brashly, cavalierly

abscess NOUNS **sore**, **lesion**; pustule, papule, papula, fester, **pimple**, hickey and zit <both nonformal>; pock; ulcer, ulceration; fistula; suppuration

abscond VERBS **flee**, **fly**, **take flight**, take wing, fugitate, **run**, **cut and run** <nonformal>, make a precipitate departure, **run off** or **away**, run away from, bug out <nonformal>, **decamp**, pull up stakes, **take to one's heels**, make off, **depart**, do the disappearing act, make a quick exit, **beat a retreat** or **a hasty retreat**, **turn tail**

absence NOUNS 1 **nonattendance**, **absenting**, **leaving**, taking leave, **departure**; **truancy**, **hooky** <nonformal>, French leave, **cut** <nonformal>;

absence without leave *or* AWOL;
absenteeism, truantism

to leave is to die a little
 FRENCH SAYING

*Say, is not absence death to those
 who love?*
 POPE

2 want, lack, need, deficiency, deficit, shortage, shortfall, wantage, incompleteness, defectiveness, shortcoming, imperfection

absent ADJS not present, nonattendant, **away, gone**, departed, disappeared, vanished, absconded, out of sight; **missing**, among the missing, wanting, **lacking**, not found, nowhere to be found, omitted, taken away, subtracted, deleted

absentminded ADJS **forgetful, forgetting**, inclined to forget, **memoryless, unremembering, unmindful, oblivious**, insensible to the past, with a mind *or* memory like a sieve; amnesic, amnesitic; **abstracted, bemused**, museful <old>, **musings, preoccupied, absorbed, engrossed**, taken up; **absent**, faraway, elsewhere, somewhere else, not there; pensive, meditative; **lost in thought**, wrapped in thought

absolute ADJS **1 downright, outright, out-and-out; utter, perfect, consummate**, superlative, surpassing, the veriest, positive, definitive, classical, pronounced, decided, regular <nonformal>, proper <Brit nonformal>, precious, profound, stark; **unmitigated**, unqualified, unrelieved, unspoiled, undeniable, unquestionable, unequivocal
2 unrestricted, unconfined, uncircumscribed, unbounded, unmeasured; **unlimited**, limitless, illimitable

absolutely ADVS **1 certainly, surely, assuredly, positively, definitely**, decidedly; without batting an eye <nonformal>; decisively, distinctly, clearly, unequivocally, unmistakably
2 exactly, precisely, to a T, expressly; **just, dead**, right, straight, even, square, **plumb**, directly, squarely, point-blank; unerringly, undeviatingly; in every respect, in all respects, for all the world, neither more nor less

absolve VERBS **1 acquit, clear, exculpate, exonerate**, give absolution, bring in *or* return a verdict of not guilty; **par-**

don, excuse, forgive; remit, grant remission, remit the penalty of; wipe the slate clean; **whitewash**, decontaminate; destigmatize

2 confess, make confession, receive absolution; **shrive**, hear confession; administer absolution; administer extreme unction

absorb VERBS **1 assimilate**, engross, digest, **drink**, imbibe, take up *or* in, drink up *or* in, slurp up, swill up; blot, **blot up, soak up**, sponge; osmose; infiltrate, filter in; **soak in, seep in**, percolate in

2 understand, comprehend, apprehend, have, **know, conceive, realize**, appreciate, have no problem with, ken <Scots>, savvy <nonformal>, sense, make sense out of, make something of; **fathom, follow; grasp, seize**

absorbed ADJS **engrossed**, single-minded, **occupied, preoccupied, engaged**, devoted, devoted to, intent, intent on, monopolized, obsessed, monomaniacal, swept up, taken up with, **involved, caught up in**, wrapped in, **wrapped up in**, engrossed in, **absorbed in** *or* with *or* by, **lost in, immersed in**, submerged in, buried in

absorbing ADJS **deep, profound**; pervasive, pervading; **engrossing**, consuming, **gripping**, riveting, holding, **arresting**, engaging, attractive, **fascinating, enthralling, spellbinding**, enchanting, magnetic, hypnotic, mesmerizing, mesmeric; obsessive, obsessing

abstain VERBS refrain, **refrain from, forbear, forgo**, spare, withhold, hold back, **avoid, shun**, eschew, **pass up** <nonformal>, **keep from**, keep *or* stand *or* hold aloof from, have nothing to do with, take no part in, have no hand in, **let alone**, let well enough alone, let go by, **deny oneself**, do without, go without, make do without, not *or* never touch, keep hands off

abstinence NOUNS **asceticism, austerity, self-denial**, self-abnegation, **rigor; puritanism**, eremitism, anchoritism, anchorite *or* anchoritic monasticism, monasticism, monachism; **continence** *or* continency; abstemiousness, abstaining; celibacy; **virginity**, intactness, maidenhood, maidenhead

abstract NOUNS **1 abridgment**, compendium, *abrégé* <Fr>, **condensation**, condensed version, abbreviation, abbre-

viature, brief, digest, epitome, **précis**, **capsule**, capsulization, encapsulation, thumbnail sketch, **synopsis**, conspectus, syllabus, *aperçu* <Fr>, **survey**, **review**, pandect; **outline**, skeleton
 VERBS 2 **abbreviate**, **cut**; **reduce**; **abridge**, **condense**, compress, contract, **boil down**, abstract, sum up, summarize, recapitulate, recap <nonformal>, synopsise, epitomize, encapsulate, capsulize; **curtail**, truncate, retrench; bowdlerize

ADJS 3 **recondite**, **abstruse**, transcendental; **profound**, **deep**; **hidden**; arcane, **esoteric**, occult; **secret**; **general**, **generalized**, **nonspecific**, generic, **indefinite**, indeterminate, vague, nebulous, unspecified, undifferentiated, featureless, uncharacterized, bland, neutral

abstracted ADJS absorbed *or* engrossed in thought, **absorbed**, **engrossed**, introspective, rapt, **wrapped in thought**, **lost in thought**, immersed in thought, buried in thought, engaged in thought, occupied, **preoccupied**

abstraction NOUNS 1 **abstract idea**, general idea, generality, abstract; **generalization**, general idea, generalized proposition

2 **thoughtfulness**, contemplativeness, speculativeness, reflectiveness; **pensive-ness**, wistfulness, reverie, musing, melancholy; **preoccupation**, **absorption**, **engrossment**, brown study, intense *or* deep *or* profound thought

absurd ADJS 1 **humorous**, **funny**, **amusing**; **witty**; **droll**, **whimsical**, quizzical; **laughable**, risible, good for a laugh; **ludicrous**, **ridiculous**, **hilarious**, **absurd**, quaint, eccentric, incongruous, bizarre; **nonsensical**, insensate, ridiculous, laughable, ludicrous

2 **impossible**, **not possible**, beyond the bounds of possibility *or* reason, contrary to reason, at variance with the facts; **inconceivable**, **unimaginable**, **unthinkable**, **not to be thought of**, **out of the question**

abundance NOUNS **plenty**, plenitude, plentifulness, plenteousness; myriad, myriads, numerousness; **amplitude**, amplexness; substantiality, substantialness; **copiousness**; **wealth**, **opulence** *or* opulency, richness, affluence; **prevalence**, profuseness, **profusion**, riot; **superabundance**

abundant ADJS **much**, **many**, beaucoup <nonformal>, ample, copious, generous, overflowing, superabundant, multitudinous, plentiful, **numerous**, countless; **plentiful**, plenty, **plenteous**, plenitudinous; **bountiful**, bounteous, **lavish**, **generous**, **liberal**, **extravagant**, **prodigal**; **luxuriant**, fertile, productive, **rich**, fat, **wealthy**, **opulent**, **affluent**

abuse NOUNS 1 misuse, misusage, abuse; misapplication; **mishandling**, mismanagement, poor stewardship; malversation, breach of public trust, maladministration; diversion, defalcation, misappropriation, conversion, **embezzle-ment**, speculation, pilfering

2 **mistreatment**, **ill-treatment**, **mal-treatment**, **ill-use**, ill-usage; **molesting**, **molestation**, child abuse *or* molestation; **berating**, rating, tongue-lashing; **revilement**, **vilification**, blackening, **execration**, **vituperation**, invective, contumely, hard *or* cutting *or* bitter words; **tirade**, **diatribe**, jeremiad, screed, philippic

VERBS 3 **exploit**, **take advantage of**, **use**, make use of, **use for one's own ends**; **manipulate**, work on, work upon, stroke, play on *or* upon; play both ends against the middle; **impose upon**, presume upon

4 **misuse**, **misemploy**, **misapply**; **mishandle**, mismanage, maladminister; divert, misappropriate, convert, defalcate <old>, **embezzle**, pilfer, speculate, feather one's nest <nonformal>; pervert, prostitute; profane, violate, pollute, foul, foul one's own nest, befoul, desecrate, defile, debase

5 **vilify**, **revile**, vituperate, blackguard, call names, epithet, epithetize; **swear at**, damn, cuss out <nonformal>

abusive ADJS **condemnatory**, **ensorious**, censorial, damnatory, **denunciatory**, **reproachful**, blameful, reprobative, objurgatory, priggish; reviling; **disparaging**, **derogatory**, derogative, depreciative, deprecatory, slighting, belittling, minimizing, detractory, pejorative, backbiting, catty *and* bitchy <both nonformal>, contemptuous, derisive, derisory, ridiculing

abut VERBS adjoin, **join**, **conjoin**, connect, **butt**, **abut on** *or* **upon**, **be contiguous**, **be in contact**; neighbor, **border**, border on *or* upon, **verge on** *or* upon

abyss NOUNS 1 **pit, deep, depth, hole**, hollow, **cavity**, shaft, well, **gulf, chasm**, abysm

2 **ocean depths, the deep sea, the deep**, trench, deep-sea trench, hadal zone, **the deeps, the depths**, bottomless depths, inner space; bottom waters

academic NOUNS 1 **professor**, member of academy; don <Brit>, fellow; guide, docent; rabbi, *melamed* <Heb>, pandit, pundit, guru, *mullah* <Persian>, *starets* <Russ>

ADJS 2 **studious, scholarly**, scholastic, professorial, tweedy, donnish <Brit>; owlsh; rabbinic, mandarin; pedantic, dry as dust; bookish; diligent

accelerate VERBS **speed up, step up** <nonformal>, **hurry up, quicken; hasten; rush**, quicken, hustle <nonformal>, bustle, bundle, precipitate, forward; **dispatch, expedite; intensify, heighten, deepen**, enhance, **strengthen**, aggravate, exacerbate; **reinforce**, double, redouble; **complicate**, ramify, make complex; give a boost to, **step up** <nonformal>

accent NOUNS 1 brogue, twang, burr, drawl, broad accent; **foreign accent**; accentuation, stress accent; **emphasis, stress, word stress**; ictus, beat, rhythmic stress; rhythm, rhythmic pattern, **cadence**

VERBS 2 emphasize, stress, lay emphasis or stress upon, feature, highlight, place emphasis on, give emphasis to, **accentuate, punctuate, point up**, bring to the fore, put in the foreground

accept VERBS 1 **condone, countenance**; overlook, not make an issue of, let go by, let pass; **reconcile oneself to**, resign oneself to, yield or submit to, obey; accustom or accommodate or adjust oneself to, sit through; accept one's fate, lay in the lap of the gods, take things as they come, roll with the punches <nonformal>

2 <nonformal> **take it**, take it on the chin, take it like a man, not let it get one down, stand the gaff, bite the bullet; hold still or stand still for, swallow, stick, **hang in, hang in there, hang tough**, tough or stick it out; lump it

3 **assent**, give or yield assent, **acquiesce, consent, comply, accede, agree**, agree to or with, have no problem with;

find it in one's heart; take kindly to and hold with <both nonformal>; buy <nonformal>, take one up on <nonformal>; **subscribe to**, acquiesce in, abide by; **say 'yes' to; ratify, endorse**, sign off on, second, support, **certify, confirm, validate, authenticate**, give the nod or the green light or the go-ahead or the OK <all nonformal>, give one's imprimatur, permit, give permission, **approve**; sanction, **authorize**, warrant, accredit

acceptable ADJS **tolerable, goodish, fair, fairish**, moderate, tidy <nonformal>, **decent**, respectable, presentable, good enough, **pretty good, not bad**, not amiss, not half bad, not so bad, **adequate, satisfactory, all right**, OK or okay <nonformal>; better than nothing; admissible, **passable**, unobjectionable, unexceptionable

accepted ADJS 1 **approved**, received; acknowledged, admitted, allowed, granted, conceded, recognized, professed, confessed, avowed, warranted; self-confessed; **ratified, endorsed, certified**, confirmed, validated, authenticated

2 **customary, wonted**, consuetudinary; traditional, time-honored; familiar, everyday, ordinary, **usual; established**, received, accepted; set, prescribed, prescriptive; **conventional**; conformist, conformable

accepting ADJS 1 **patient**, armed with patience, with a soul possessed in patience, patient as Job, Job-like, Griselda-like

*like patience on a monument
smiling at grief*
SHAKESPEARE

2 **submissive, compliant**, compliable <old>, complaisant, complying, **acquiescent**, consenting; **assenting**, agreeable; subservient, abject, **obedient**

access NOUNS 1 entree, entrée, in <nonformal>, entry, **entrance**, opening, **open door**, open arms; a foot in the door, an opening wedge, the camel's nose under the wall of the tent; **opening** 2 accessibility, approachability, openness, reachableness, come-at-ableness and get-at-ableness <both nonformal>; **penetrability**, perviousness; **availability, donability, procurability**, procur-

ableness, securableness, getableness, acquirability

VERBS 3 **enter, go in or into**, cross the threshold, **come in**, find one's way into, put in *or* into; be admitted, gain admission *or* admittance, have an entree, have an in <nonformal>; **set foot in**, step in, walk in

accessible **ADJS** 1 **handy, convenient; available, ready, at hand**, to hand, **on hand**, on tap, on deck <nonformal>, on call, at one's call *or* beck and call, at one's elbow, at one's fingertips, just around the corner, at one's disposal
2 **communicative, talkative**, gossipy, newsy; **sociable; unreserved, unreticent**, unshrinking, **unrestrained, unconstrained**, unhampered, unrestricted; demonstrative, expansive, effusive

accessory **NOUNS** 1 **belongings, appurtenances**, trappings, paraphernalia, appointments, accessories, perquisites, appendages, appanages, choses local
2 **attendant**, concomitant, corollary, appendage; **adjunct; accomplice**, cohort, confederate, fellow conspirator, coconspirator, partner *or* accomplice in crime; *particeps criminis*, *socius criminis* <both L>; accessory before the fact, accessory after the fact

ADJS 3 **additional, supplementary, supplemental; extra**, plus, further, farther, fresh, **more**, new, **other**, another, ulterior; **auxiliary**, ancillary, supernumerary, contributory, collateral; **surplus**, spare

4 **accompanying, attending, attendant, concomitant**, collateral

accident **NOUNS** **misfortune, mishap**, ill hap, **misadventure, mischance**, *contretemps* <Fr>, grief; **disaster, calamity, catastrophe**, meltdown, cataclysm, **tragedy; happening**, hap, happenstance; **fortuity**, casualty, adventure, hazard

accidental **ADJS** 1 **incidental, occasional, casual**; parenthetical, by-the-way; **unessential**, inessential *or* nonessential, unnecessary, nonvital, superfluous; **accessory, extra**, collateral, auxiliary, supernumerary; adventitious, appurtenant, adscititious
2 **circumstantial**, conditional, provisional; **incidental**, occasional, contingent, adventitious, **accidental, chance**, fortuitous, casual, aleatory, unessential *or* inessential *or* nonessential

acclaim **NOUNS** 1 **applause**, plaudit, éclat, **acclamation; popularity**; ovation, standing ovation; **repute, reputation; fame**, famousness, **renown; kudos**, report, **glory; celebrity**, recognition, a place in the sun; popular acceptance *or* favor, vogue

the bubble reputation
SHAKESPEARE

that last infirmity of noble mind
MILTON

VERBS 2 **applaud, hail; clap**, clap one's hands, give a hand *or* big hand, have *or* hear a hand *or* big hand for, hear it for <nonformal>; root for <nonformal>, cheer on

acclaimed **ADJS** **distinguished**, distingué; **famous**, famed, honored, **renowned, celebrated, popular**, much acclaimed, sought-after, hot *and* world-class <both nonformal>, **notorious, well-known**, best-known, on everyone's tongue *or* lips

accommodate **VERBS** 1 **be kind**, show kindness; treat well, do right by; favor, oblige; **conform, comply, correspond**, accord, harmonize; **adapt**, adjust, bend, meet, suit, fit, shape; **adapt to**, adjust to, gear to, assimilate to, **accommodate to or with; reconcile**, settle, compose
2 **provide, supply**, find, dish up *and* rustle up <both nonformal>, **furnish**; invest, endow, fund, subsidize

accommodating **ADJS** **considerate, thoughtful**, mindful, heedful, regardful, solicitous, attentive, delicate, tactful, mindful of others; complaisant, accommodative, at one's service, **helpful**, agreeable, **obliging**, indulgent, tolerant, lenient; **courteous, polite, civil, urbane, gracious**, graceful, agreeable, affable, fair

accommodation **NOUNS** 1 **compromise**, adjustment, settlement, mutual concession, give-and-take; bargain, deal <nonformal>, arrangement, understanding; **concession**, giving way, yielding
2 accommodations, facilities; **lodgings; room and board**, bed and board; **subsistence**, keep, fostering

accompaniment **NOUNS** **supplement**, complement, continuation, extrapolation, extension; offshoot, side issue, corollary, sidebar <nonformal>, side effect, spin-off <nonformal>, **concomi-**

tant, additive, adjuvant; **adjunct, addition**, increase, **increment**

accompany VERBS 1 **agree**, match, go along with, go hand in hand, keep pace with, keep in step; **coincide**, concur; **coexist**; coextend; **synchronize**, isochronize

2 **result, ensue, issue, follow**, attend; **turn out, come out**, fall out, redound, **work out**, pan out <nonformal>, fare

accomplice NOUNS **participator, participant, partaker, player, sharer**; party, a **party to**, accessory; cohort, confederate, coconspirator, partner in crime; *particeps criminis*, *socius criminis* <both L>; **abettor**

accomplish VERBS 1 **achieve, effect, effectuate**, compass, consummate, **do, execute, produce, deliver, make**, enact, **perform, discharge, fulfill, realize, attain**, run with *and* hack *and* swing <all nonformal>; **work**, work out 2 **complete**, bring to completion or fruition, mature; **fill in, fill out**, piece out, top off, eke *or* eke out, round out

accomplished ADJS 1 **achieved, effected, effectuated, implemented, consummated, executed, discharged, fulfilled, realized**, compassed, **attained** 2 **skilled; practiced**; trained, coached, prepared, primed, finished; at one's best, at concert pitch

accomplishment NOUNS **act, action, deed, doing**, thing, thing done; **turn; feat, stunt and trick** <both nonformal>; **master stroke, tour de force** <Fr>, **exploit**, adventure, gest, **enterprise, initiative**, track record <nonformal>; accomplished fact, *fait accompli* <Fr>, done deal <nonformal>; **achievement, fulfillment, performance, execution, effectuation**, implementation, carrying out *or* through, **discharge, dispatch, consummation, realization, attainment**, production, fruition

accord NOUNS 1 **unanimity**, unanimity, universal *or* univocal *or* unambiguous assent; **like-mindedness, meeting of minds**, one *or* same mind; **concurrence, consent**, general consent, common assent *or* consent, consentaneity, accordance, **concord**, concordance, **agreement**, general agreement; **consensus**; *consensus omnium* <L>, universal agreement *or* accord, *consensus gentium* <L>, agreement of all, shared sense, sense of the meeting

2 **compact, pact, contract**, legal contract, valid contract, **covenant**, convention, transaction, paction <Scots>, formal agreement, legal agreement, undertaking, stipulation; adjustment, accommodation; **understanding, arrangement, bargain**, dicker *and* deal <both nonformal>

VERBS 3 **permit, allow, admit, let**, leave <nonformal>, give permission, give leave, make possible; **allow or permit of**; give *or* leave room for, open the door to; consent; **grant**, vouchsafe

4 **agree, harmonize, concur**, have no problem with, go along with <nonformal>, **cooperate, correspond, conform**, coincide, parallel, intersect, overlap, **match**, tally, hit, register, lock, interlock, check <nonformal>, square, dovetail, jibe <nonformal>; **assent**, come to an agreement, be of one *or* the same *or* like mind, see eye to eye, sing in chorus, have a meeting of the minds, climb on the bandwagon

accordingly ADVS **in that case, in that event, at that rate**, that being the case, such being the case, that being so, **under the circumstances**, the condition being such, as it is, as matters stand, as the matter stands, **therefore, consequently; hence, wherefore**, wherefrom, whence, then, thence, *ergo* <L>, for which reason; **consequently**

account NOUNS 1 **record, recording**, documentation, written word; **chronicle, annals**, history, story; letters, correspondence; **vestige, trace**, memorial, token, relic, remains; **story, tale, yarn, narrative**, narration, chronicle; **anecdote**, anecdoteage; **epic**, epos, **saga** 2 **reckoning, tally, score**; account current; account rendered, *compte rendu* <Fr>; **reckoning, check, l'addition** <Fr>, score *or* tab <both nonformal>

accountable ADJS **responsible, answerable; liable**, amenable, unexempt from, chargeable, on one's head, at one's doorstep, on the hook <nonformal>; **attributable, assignable, ascribable, imputable**, traceable, referable, explicable

accountant NOUNS cost accountant, cost keeper; certified public accountant *or* CPA; chartered accountant *or* CA <Brit>; **auditor**, bank examiner

accrue VERBS 1 **grow, increase, advance**, appreciate; **spread, widen**,

broaden; **intensify**, **develop**, gain strength, strengthen; accumulate; **multiply**, **proliferate**, breed, teem; run or shoot up, **boom**, **explode**

2 **result from**, be the effect of, be due to, originate in or from, **come from**, come out of, grow from, **grow out of**, follow from or on, proceed from, descend from, emerge from, issue from, ensue from, emanate from, flow from, **derive from**, accrue from, rise or arise from, take its rise from, **spring from**, **stem from**, sprout from; **depend on**, hinge or pivot or turn on, hang on, be contingent on

accumulate VERBS cumulate, **amass**, mass, bulk, batch; agglomerate, conglomerate, aggregate; **combine**, **network**, **join**, **bring together**, get together, **gather together**, draw or lump or batch or bunch together, pack, pack in, cram, cram in; **bunch**, bunch up; **cluster**, clump

accuracy NOUNS **correctness**, care for truth, attention to fact, right, subservience to the facts or the data, **rightness**, **rigor**, **rigorousness**, **exactness**, **exactitude**

accurate ADJS **meticulous**, **exacting**, **scrupulous**, **conscientious**, religious, punctilious, punctual, **particular**, **fussy**, **critical**, **attentive**, scrutinizing; **thorough**, thoroughgoing, thoroughpaced; **finical**, finicking, finicky; **exact**, **precise**, precisionistic, precisianistic, prissy, **correct**

accurately ADVS **meticulously**, **exactly**, **scrupulously**, **conscientiously**, religiously, punctiliously, punctually, fussily; strictly, rigorously

accusation NOUNS finger-pointing <nonformal>, accusal, **charge**, **complaint**, **plaint**, count, **blame**, **imputation**, delation, reproach, taxing; **accusing**, **bringing of charges**, laying of charges, bringing to book; **denunciation**, denouncement; **impeachment**, **arraignment**, **indictment**, bill of indictment, true bill

accuse VERBS 1 **charge**, **press charges**, **prefer** or **bring charges**, lay charges; complain, **lodge a complaint**, lodge a **plaint**; **impeach**, **arraign**, **indict**, bring in or hand up an indictment, return a true bill, article, **cite**, cite on several counts; book; **denounce**, denunciate; **finger** and point the finger at and put or lay the finger on <all nonformal>, **inform on** or **against**

2 **censure**, reprehend; **blame**, lay or cast blame upon; **bash** and trash and rubbish <all nonformal>; **reproach**, impugn; **condemn**, damn, take out after; damn with faint praise; fulminate against, anathematize, anathematize

accuser NOUNS accusant, accusatrix; incriminator, delator, allegator, impugner, informer; impeacher, indicator; **plaintiff**, **complainant**, claimant, appellant, petitioner, libellant, suitor; **prosecutor**, the prosecution

accustomed ADJS **wont**, **wanted**, **used to**; **conditioned**, trained, seasoned; experienced, **familiarized**, naturalized <old>, broken-in, run-in <nonformal>; **usual**, **regular**; **customary**, habitual, **normative**, prescriptive, standard, regulation, conventional

ache NOUNS 1 aching, throbbing, throbbing ache or pain; **pain**, **distress**, **grief**, stress, stress of life, suffering, passion, dolor; pang, wrench, throes, cramp, spasm; wound, injury, hurt; **sore**, sore spot, tender spot, lesion; cut, stroke; shock, blow, hard or nasty blow
VERBS 2 **suffer**, **feel pain**, feel the pangs, anguish; **hurt**, have a misery <nonformal>; ail; **smart**, tingle; throb, pound; shoot; twinge, thrill, twitch; **wince**, blanch, shrink, make a wry face, grimace; **agonize**, writhe; **suffer anguish**; **agonize**; go hard with, have a bad time of it, go through hell; quaff the bitter cup, drain the cup of misery to the dregs, be nailed to the cross

3 **wish for**, **hope for**, **yearn for**, yen for and have a yen for <both nonformal>, **itch for**, lust for, pant for, **long for**, **pine for**, hone for <nonformal>, ache for, be hurting for <nonformal>, weary for, languish for, **be dying for**, thirst for, sigh for, gape for <old>; cry for, clamor for; spoil for <nonformal>

achieve VERBS 1 **succeed with**, crown with success; **make a go of it**; **accomplish**, compass, **achieve**; **bring off**, **carry off**, **pull off** <nonformal>, turn or do the trick <nonformal>, **put through**, bring through; **put over** or **across** <nonformal>; get away with it and get by <both nonformal>

2 **arrive**, arrive at, arrive in, come, **come** or **get to**, approach, access, **reach**, **hit** <nonformal>; find, **gain**, attain, attain to, accomplish, make, **make it** <nonformal>, fetch, fetch up

at, get there, reach one's destination, come to one's journey's end, end up
 3 **perform, do**, work, act, execute,
accomplish, deliver, come through
 with, realize, engineer, effectuate, **bring about**, bring to fruition or into being, cause; mass-produce, volume-produce, industrialize; overproduce; underproduce; **be productive**

achievement NOUNS **exploit, feat, deed, enterprise, adventure, gest, bold stroke**, heroic act or deed; aristeia; **performance, execution, doing, accomplishment**, productive effort or effect, realization, bringing to fruition, fructification, effectuation, operation

Achilles' heel NOUNS weak point, vulnerable place, chink in one's armor, weak link; **fault, faute** <Fr>, **defect, deficiency, inadequacy**, imperfection, kink, defection <old>; **flaw**, hole, bug <nonformal>; something missing; catch <nonformal>, fly in the ointment, problem, little problem, curate's egg <Brit>, snag, drawback; **crack**, rift; **weakness**, frailty, infirmity, failure, **failing, foible, shortcoming; blemish**, taint

acid NOUNS 1 **bitterness, bitter resentment**, bitterness of spirit, heartburning; **rancor**, virulence, **acrimony**, acerbity, asperity; causticity; **choler**, gall, bile, spleen, acidity, acidulousness

2 <nonformal terms for LSD> big D, blotter, blue acid, blue cheer, blue heaven, California sunshine, cap, cubes, D, deeda, dots, electric Kool-Aid, haze, L, mellow yellows, orange cubes, pearly gates, pink owsley, strawberry fields, sugar, sunshine, tabs, yellow

ADJS 3 acidulous, acidulent, acidulated; acetic, acetous, acetose

4 **pungent, piquant, poignant; sharp, keen**, piercing, penetrating, nose-tickling, stinging, **biting, acrid**, astringent, irritating, harsh, rough, severe, asperous, cutting, trenchant; **caustic**, vitriolic, mordant, escharotic; **bitter**; acerbic, **sour**

acknowledge VERBS 1 **admit, own, confess, allow**, avow, **grant**, warrant, **concede**, yield <old>; **accept, recognize**
 2 **thank, extend gratitude** or thanks, bless; give one's thanks, **express one's appreciation; offer** or give thanks,

tender or render thanks, return thanks
acknowledged ADJS **accepted, approved**, received; admitted, allowed, granted, conceded, recognized, professed, confessed, avowed, warranted; self-confessed; **ratified, endorsed, certified**, confirmed, validated, authenticated; certificatory, confirmatory, validating, warranting; **signed**, sealed, signed and sealed, countersigned, underwritten; stamped; sworn to, notarized, affirmed, sworn and affirmed

acme NOUNS **summit**, top; **tip-top, peak**, pinnacle; **crest, brow**; ridge, edge; **crown**, cap, **tip**, point, spire, pitch; highest pitch, no place higher, **apex**, vertex, *ne plus ultra* <Fr>, **zenith, climax**, apogee; **culmination**

acoustic ADJS acoustical, phonic; **auditory**, audio, audile, **hearing, aural**, auricular, otic; **sonic**; subsonic, supersonic, ultrasonic, hypersonic; transonic or transsonic

acquaint VERBS **inform, tell, speak on or for**, apprise, **advise, advertise**, advertise of, **give word**, mention to, **enlighten**, familiarize, brief, verse, give the facts, give an account of, give by way of information

acquaintance NOUNS 1 casual acquaintance; pickup <nonformal>; close acquaintance; confidant, confidante, repository; **intimate**, familiar, **close friend**, intimate or familiar friend; **bosom friend**, friend of one's bosom, inseparable friend, **best friend**

2 **knowledge**, knowing, knowingness, ken; **command**, reach; **familiarity**, intimacy; private knowledge, privacy

acquiesce VERBS **be willing, be game** <nonformal>, be ready; be of favorable disposition, take the trouble, find it in one's heart, find one's heart <old>, have a willing heart; **incline, lean**; look kindly upon; **bite the bullet; knuckle down or under**, take it, swallow it; grin and bear it, make the best of it, take the bitter with the sweet, shrug, shrug off, **live with it; obey**

acquiescent ADJS **assenting, agreeing**, acquiescing, **compliant**, consenting, consentient, consensual, submissive, unmurmuring, conceding, concessive, assentatious, **agreed, content**

acquire VERBS **get, gain, obtain, secure, procure; win, score; earn, make; reap, harvest; receive**, have, come by, be in

receipt of, be on the receiving end;
obtain

acquisition NOUNS **taking**, possession, taking possession, taking away; **claiming**, staking one's claim; **reception**

acquit VERBS **clear**, **exculpate**, **exonerate**, **absolve**, bring in or return a verdict of not guilty; **vindicate**, justify; grant or extend amnesty; **discharge**, **release**, **dismiss**, **free**, **set free**, let off <nonformal>, let go; withdraw the charge; shrive, purge; wipe the slate clean

acquittal NOUNS acquittance; **exculpation**, disculpation, verdict of not guilty; **exoneration**, **absolution**, **vindication**, **remission**, compurgation, purgation, purging; **discharge**, **release**, dismissal, setting free; quashing of the charge or indictment

acrimonious ADJS **harsh**, fierce, **rigorous**, severe, rough, stringent, astringent, strident, **sharp**, **keen**, sharpish, incisive, trenchant, **cutting**, biting, stinging, **scathing**, stabbing, **piercing**, **poignant**, penetrating, edged, double-edged

across ADJS 1 **transverse**, crosswise or crossways, thwart, athwart; **diagonal**, bendwise; catercorner or **catercornered** or cattycorner or cattycornered or kitty-corner or kittycornered

ADVS 2 **crosswise** or crossways or crossway, decussatively; **cross**, **criss-cross**, thwart, thwartly, thwartways, **athwart**, athwartwise, overthwart; **transverse**, transversely, transversally; obliquely; **sideways** or sideways; across the grain, against the grain

act NOUNS 1 **process**, **procedure**, proceeding, course; step, measure, initiative, *démarche* <Fr>, move, maneuver, motion

2 **law**, *lex*, *jus* <both L>, **statute**, rubric, **canon**, institution; **ordinance**; measure, legislation; **rule**, **ruling**; **prescript**, prescription; **regulation**, *règlement* <Fr>; **dictate**, dictation; bylaw; **edict**, **decree**; **bill**

VERBS 3 **perform**, **do**, work, execute, **bring about**, bring to fruition or into being, cause; **be productive**; **behave**, go on; **behave oneself**, **conduct oneself**, manage oneself, **handle oneself**, guide oneself, **comport oneself**, **deport oneself**

4 **take action**, **take steps** or **measures**; **proceed**, proceed with, go ahead with, go with, go through with; do something,

go or swing into action, **do something about**, take it on, run with it <nonformal>, get off the dime or one's ass or one's dead ass <nonformal>

5 **play**, playact, tread the boards, strut one's stuff <nonformal>; appear, **appear on the stage**; emote <nonformal>; pantomime, mime

acting NOUNS 1 **action**, **activity**, act, willed action or activity; **sham**, **fakery**, faking, falsity, feigning, pretending; feint, pretext, **pretense**, hollow pretense, **pretension**, **false pretense** or **pretension**

ADJS 2 performing, practicing, serving, functioning, functional, operating, operative, operational, working; **deputy**, deputative

action NOUNS **activity**, act, willed action or activity; **acting**, **doing**, activism, direct action, not words but action; **undertaking**, **enterprise**, **operation**, work, **venture**, **project**, proposition and deal <both nonformal>; **program**, **plan**; **affair**, **business**, **matter**, **task**, concern, interest; **initiative**, effort, attempt

active ADJS 1 **operating**, **operational**, **working**, **functioning**, operant, functional, running, **going**, going on, ongoing; **in operation**, in action, **in practice**, **in force**, in play, in exercise, at work, on foot

2 **lively**, **animated**, **spirited**, bubbly, ebullient, effervescent, **vivacious**, **sprightly**, chipper and perky <both nonformal>; pert; **spry**, **breezy**, **brisk**, **energetic**, eager, keen, can-do <nonformal>; full of life, **peppy** and snappy and zingy <all nonformal>; frisky, bouncing, bouncy

activist NOUNS 1 **man** or **woman** of **action**, **doer**; **hustler** and self-starter <both nonformal>, hustler; go-getter and ball of fire and live wire and powerhouse and human dynamo and spitfire <all nonformal>; **eager beaver** <nonformal>; take-charge guy <nonformal>

ADJS 2 **enterprising**, **aggressive**, **dynamic**, proactive, driving, forceful, **pushing**, pushful, **pushy**, **up-and-coming**, **go-ahead** and **hustling** <both nonformal>

activity NOUNS 1 **action**, activeness; **movement**, motion, **stir**; **proceedings**, **doings**, **goings-on**

2 **occupation**, **work**, business, **function**, enterprise, undertaking, **work**,

affairs, labor; thing *and* bag <both non-formal>

actor NOUNS **actress**, **player**, stage player *or* performer, playactor, histrion, histrio, thespian, theatrical <nonformal>, trouper; mummer, pantomime, pantomimist; monologist, diseur, diseuse, reciter; mime, mimer, mimic; character actor *or* actress; **villain**, antagonist, **bad guy** *or* **heavy** *or* black hat <all nonformal>; juvenile, ingenue; soubrette; straight man; matinee idol <nonformal>; romantic lead

actual ADJS **real**, factual, veritable, for real <nonformal>, de facto, simple, sober, **hard**; **self-evident**, axiomatic; accepted, conceded, stipulated, given; admitted, well-known, **established**, **inescapable**, **indisputable**, **undeniable**; **demonstrable**, provable; empirical, **objective**, historical

actuality NOUNS **fact**, **reality**, the real world; the true, ultimate truth; eternal verities; truthfulness, veracity; **the present**, presentness, present time, the here and now; **now**, the present juncture *or* occasion, the present hour *or* moment, this instant *or* second *or* moment

actually ADVS **truly**, **really**, **in truth**, in good *or* very truth, historically, objectively, impersonally, rigorously, strictly, strictly speaking, unquestionably, without question, **in reality**, **in fact**, factually, technically, in point of fact, as a matter of fact

acute ADJS 1 **painful**; hurtful, **hurting**, distressing, afflictive; **sharp**, piercing, stabbing, shooting, stinging, biting, gnawing; **poignant**, pungent, **severe**, cruel, harsh, grave, hard; **agonizing**, **excruciating**, martyring, **harrowing**, **cutting**, knifelike; sharp as a razor *or* needle *or* tack

sharp as a two-edged sword
BIBLE

2 **sagacious**, **astute**, longheaded, argute; **understanding**, **discerning**, penetrating, incisive, trenchant, cogent, piercing; **perspicacious**, perspicuous; **perceptive**, **percipient**, apperceptive, apperipient

3 **urgent**, **imperative**, imperious, **compelling**, **pressing**, high-priority, high-pressure, crying, clamorous, insistent, exigent; crucial, critical, pivotal

adamant ADJS **unyielding**, **unbending**, **inflexible**, **hard**, **hard-line**, inelastic, impliable, ungiving, **firm**, **stiff**, **rigid**, rigorous, stuffy; rock-ribbed, rock-hard, rock-like; adamantine; unmoved, unaffected; iron, cast-iron, flinty, steely

adapt VERBS **accustom**, **habituate**, wont; **condition**, season, **train**; familiarize, naturalize <old>, break in <nonformal>, orient, orientate; acclimatize, acclimate; inure, harden, case harden; adjust, accommodate

adaptable ADJS **versatile**, **ambidextrous**, two-handed, **all around** <nonformal>, broad-gauge, **well-rounded**, **many-sided**, generally capable; **pliant**, **pliable**, **flexible**, flexile, flexuous, **plastic**, **elastic**, **ductile**, sequacious *or* facile <both old>, tractile, **tractable**, **yielding**, giving, bending; **malleable**, moldable

add VERBS 1 **combine**, **unite**, **unify**, couple, link, yoke, yoke together; **incorporate**, **amalgamate**, **consolidate**, assimilate, **integrate**, solidify, coalesce, compound, put *or* lump together, roll into one, come together, make one, unitize
2 **calculate**, **compute**, **estimate**, **reckon**, **figure**, reckon at, put at, cipher, cast, tally, score

addict NOUNS 1 **drug addict**, **narcotics addict**, **user**, **drug user**, drug abuser, junkie *and* head *and* druggy *and* dooper *and* toker *and* fiend *and* freak *and* space cadet <all nonformal>; cocaine user, cokie *and* coke head *and* crackhead *and* sniffer *and* snow drifter *and* flaky <all nonformal>

2 **enthusiast**, **zealot**, infatuate, energumen, rhapsodist; faddist; **fanatic**; **devotee**, votary, aficionada, aficionado, **fancier**

addiction NOUNS **substance abuse**, **drug abuse**, narcotics abuse, drug use, glue-sniffing, solvent abuse; **addictedness**, **drug addiction**, narcotic addiction, drug habit, drug habituation, drug dependence, physical addiction *or* dependence, psychological addiction *or* dependence, jones *and* monkey on one's back *and* Mighty Joe Young <all nonformal>

addition NOUNS accession, annexation, affixation, suffixation, prefixation, agglutination, attachment, junction, **joining**, adjunction, uniting; **increase**; **augmentation**, **supplementation**, **complementation**, reinforcement

additional ADJS **supplementary, supplemental**; **extra**, plus, further, farther, fresh, **more**, new, **other**; **auxiliary**, ancillary, supernumerary, contributory, **accessory**, collateral

addled ADJS **muddled**, in a muddle; fuddled <nonformal>, **befuddled**; muddle-headed, fuddlebrained <nonformal>; adrift, at sea, foggy, fogged, in a fog, hazy, muzzy <nonformal>, misted, misty, cloudy, beclouded

address NOUNS 1 **remark, statement**, earful *and* crack *and* one's two cents' worth <all nonformal>, **word**, say, **saying, utterance, observation, reflection, expression; assertion**, averment, allegation, affirmation, pronouncement, position, dictum

2 **speech**, speeching, speechification <nonformal>, **talk, oration**, declamation, harangue; public speech *or* address, formal speech, set speech, prepared speech *or* text; **tirade**, screed, **diatribe**, jeremiad, philippic, invective
VERBS 3 **speak to, talk to**, bespeak, beg the ear of; **appeal to**, invoke; apostrophize; **approach**; **buttonhole**, take by the button *or* lapel; take aside, talk to in private, closet oneself with; **greet, hail, accost; salute**, make one's salutations

4 **make a speech, give a talk, deliver an address**, speechify <nonformal>, **speak, talk, discourse**; stump <nonformal>, go on *or* take the stump; platform, soapbox; take the floor

add up VERBS 1 **sum up**, sum, summate, say it all <nonformal>; **figure up**, cipher up, reckon up, **count up**, foot up, cast up, score up, **tally up**

2 **be right, be correct**, be just right, get it straight; **hit the nail on the head**, hit it on the nose *or* on the money *and* say a mouthful <all nonformal>, hit the bull's-eye, score a bull's-eye

adept NOUNS 1 **expert; artist, craftsman**, artisan, skilled workman, journeyman; technician; seasoned *or* experienced hand; shark *or* sharp *or* sharpy *and* no slouch *and* tough act to follow <all nonformal>

ADJS 2 **skillful, good**, goodish, excellent, **expert, proficient; dexterous, callid** <old>, **adroit, deft, coordinated**, well-coordinated, **apt**, no mean, **handy**; quick, ready; **clever**, cute *and* slick *and* slick as a whistle <all nonformal>, neat, clean

adequate ADJS 1 **satisfactory, satisfying; sufficient**, sufficing, **enough**, commensurate, proportionate, ample, equal to
2 **tolerable, goodish, fair, fairish**, moderate, tidy <nonformal>, **decent**, respectable, presentable, good enough, **pretty good, not bad**, not amiss, not half bad, not so bad, **satisfactory, all right, OK or okay** <nonformal>; **acceptable**, admissible, **passable**, workman-like

adhere VERBS 1 **join, connect, unite, meet**, meet up, link up, merge. converge, **come together**; knit, grow together; cohere, hang *or* hold together
2 **stick, cling**, cleave, hold; **persist**, stay, stay put <nonformal>; cling to, freeze to <nonformal>; hang on, hold on; take hold of, clasp, grasp, hug, embrace, clinch; **stick together**

adhesive NOUNS 1 **fastening, binding**, bonding, gluing, sticking, tying, lashing, splicing, knotting, linking, trussing, girding, hooking, clasping, zipping, buckling, buttoning

ADJS 2 **viscous, viscid**, viscose, slabby; **sticky, tacky**, tenacious, clingy, clinging, tough; gluey, gluelike, **gummy, syrupy**; treacly <Brit>; mucilaginous, clammy, slimy, slithery; goeey *and* gunky *and* gloppy *and* goopy *and* gooky <all nonformal>

adjacent ADJS **next**, immediate, contiguous, **adjoining, abutting; neighboring**, neighbor; **juxtaposed**, juxtapositional; **bordering**, conterminous *or* coterminous, connecting

adjoin VERBS 1 **connect, butt, abut**, abut on *or* upon, be contiguous, be in contact; **neighbor**, border, **border on or upon**, verge on *or* upon; lie by, stand by
2 **border, edge, bound, rim, skirt, hem, hem in, ringe**, befringe, lap, list, margin, marge, marginate, march, verge, line, side

adjoining ADJS **adjacent**, contiguous, **abutting; neighboring; juxtaposed**, juxtapositional; **bordering**, connecting

adjourn VERBS **postpone, delay, defer, put off**, give one a rain check <nonformal>, shift off, hold off *or* up <nonformal>, prorogue, put on hold *or* ice *or* the back burner <all nonformal>, reserve, waive, **suspend**, hang up, stay, hang fire

adjunct NOUNS 1 **addition**, increase, **increment**, augmentation, supplement-

tation, complementation, *additum* <L>, additament, additory, addendum, addenda <pl>, accession, fixture; **appendage**, appendant, pendant, appanage, coda

2 **component, constituent, ingredient**, integrant, makings *and* fixings <both nonformal>, **element, factor, part**, player, module, part and parcel; appurtenance

ADJS 3 **added**, affixed, add-on, **attached**, annexed, appended, appendant; adjoined, conjoined, subjoined

adjust VERBS 1 **reconcile, bring to terms, bring together**, reunite, heal the breach; bring about a détente; **harmonize**, restore harmony, put in tune; **iron or sort out**, settle, compose, accommodate, arrange matters, settle differences, resolve, compromise; **patch things up** 2 **modify**; adapt; modulate, accommodate, fine-tune, fit, **qualify**; **vary, diversify**; **convert, renew, recast, revamp** <nonformal>, change over, exchange, **revive**; remake, reshape, re-create, redesign, **rebuild**, reconstruct, restructure

adjustable ADJS 1 **conformable, adaptable**, adaptive; **compliant**, pliant, complaisant, malleable, flexible, plastic, acquiescent, uncomplaining, other-directed, submissive, tractable, obedient 2 **changeable, alterable**, alterative, modifiable; mutable, permutable, impermanent, transient, **transitory**; **variable**, checkered, ever-changing, many-sided, kaleidoscopic

adjusted ADJS **used to; conditioned**, trained, seasoned; experienced, **familiarized**, broken-in, run-in <nonformal>, oriented, orientated; acclimated, acclimatized; **fitted, adapted, suited**; **qualified, fit, competent, able, capable**, proficient; checked out <nonformal>; well-qualified, well-fitted, well-suited

adjustment NOUNS accommodation, resolution, composition of differences, compromise, arrangement, settlement; **alteration, modification; realignment, adaptation**, accommodation, fitting

ad lib NOUNS 1 **improvisation, extemporization**, improvisation, improvising, extempore <old>, **impromptu, ad-lib**, ad-libbing *and* playing by ear <both nonformal>; temporary measure *or* arrangement, **stopgap, makeshift** ADVS 2 **extemporaneously, extem-**

porarily, extempore, *à l'improviste* <Fr>, **impromptu, offhand**, by ear, off the top of one's head *and* off the cuff <both nonformal>

ad-lib VERBS 1 **improvise, extemporize**, improvise, improv *and* tapdance *and* talk off the top of one's head <all nonformal>, speak off the cuff, think on one's feet, make it up as one goes along, play it by ear <nonformal>, throw away *or* depart from the prepared text, throw away the speech, scrap the plan, **do offhand**, wing it <nonformal>, vamp, fake <nonformal>, play by ear <nonformal>

ADJS 2 **extemporaneous, extemporary**, extempore, **impromptu**, unrehearsed, **improvised**, improvisatory, improvisatorial, improvise, *improvisé* <Fr>; *ad libitum* <L>; **ad-hoc**, stopgap, makeshift, jury-rigged; **offhand**, off the top of one's head *and* off-the-cuff <both nonformal>, **spur-of-the-moment**

administer VERBS 1 **govern, regulate; wield authority; command, head, lead**, be master, be at the head of, **preside over**, chair; **direct, manage, supervise**

2 **bestow, confer, award, allot, render**, bestow on; **grant**, accord, **allow**, vouchsafe, yield, afford, make available; **tender**, proffer, offer, extend, come up with <nonformal>; **issue, dispense**; serve, help to; **distribute**; deal, dole, mete; **give out, deal out, dole out, mete out, hand or dish out** <nonformal>, fork *or* shell out <nonformal>

administration NOUNS **governance, authority, jurisdiction, control, command, power, rule, reign**, regnancy, **dominion, sovereignty**, empire, empery, raj <India>, imperium, **swa**; direction, management, dispensation, disposition, oversight, **supervision**

administrator NOUNS **director**, *directeur* <Fr>, director general, **governor**, rector, **manager**, intendant, conductor

admirable ADJS **endearing, lovable, likable, adorable, lovely, lovesome, sweet**, winning, winsome; **charming; praise-worthy, worthy, commendable**, estimable, **laudable**, meritorious, creditable; exemplary, model, unexceptionable

admire VERBS 1 **respect**, entertain respect for, accord respect to, **regard, esteem**, hold in esteem *or* consideration, favor, think much of, think highly