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## INTRODUCTION

There have been many synonym books and thesauri. I have worked with and used most of them, but I have also found that they either do not provide enough up-to-date synonyms per key-word, or are arranged in a manner that makes them difficult to use, and necessitates an exasperating amount of page-turning in searching out a confusing number of cross-references. In this book we have tried to remedy both failings. We have compiled many more synonyms than contained in any other book, and have placed them in the one place where they belong—under the word that is being looked up.

In order to augment the number of words in each group we have taken the license of including many words that may not be exact synonyms but are very close in meaning to the key-word under which they are listed. This entailed the use of a kind of magnifying focus to attract quantities of near-synonyms and words related by either extension of meaning or subdivision of connotation (secondary, implied meanings) to the specific key-word to which you would most naturally refer. Thus, for example, where other existing dictionaries of synonyms would cross-reference *boat* by directing you to leaf out over a vexatious number of pages for an examination of the material under *ship* (or refer you from the word *man* to other related words contained under *mankind*, *servant*, etc.), we have in both cases and under all similar circumstances gathered all this related matter under the first key-word to which you would be most likely to direct your first attention.

Within the contents listed under each individual key-word, the subdivision (if any) into sub-classes according to various classifications of meaning (*e.g.*, 1, 2, 3, etc.) follows the method of procedure of the excellent *American College Dictionary* (Random House) in putting the commonest, most literal and most modern meanings first, in category 1, and all other meanings (figurative, transferred, specialized, rare, and obsolete or archaic) under subsequent numerical groupings (2, 3, 4, etc.). Thus, though the words given preferred billing by being placed in early categories merit this priority because they have been selected on the basis of frequency and currency of usage, we caution you to remember that one word may have a variety of different meanings and that other words may be its synonyms in one sense but not in another. You should, therefore, examine carefully all the various subdivisive meanings of a word; do not merely take the first one. You must carefully sift out all the meanings in order to find the one that will fit best into the context you have in mind.

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## List of Abbreviations Used in The Synonym Finder

abbr.— <i>abbreviation</i>	fol., foll.— <i>followed</i>	occas.— <i>occasionally</i>
adj.— <i>adjective</i>	Fort.— <i>fortification</i>	Ordn.— <i>ordnance</i>
adv.— <i>adverb</i>	Fr.— <i>French</i>	Ornith.— <i>ornithology</i>
Afr.— <i>Africa</i>	Geog.— <i>geography</i>	Paleontol.— <i>paleontology</i>
Anat.— <i>anatomy</i>	Geol.— <i>geology</i>	Parl. Proc.— <i>Parliamentary</i>
Anthrop.— <i>anthropology</i>	Geom.— <i>geometry</i>	<i>Procedure</i>
Antiq.— <i>antiquities</i>	Ger.— <i>German</i>	Pathol.— <i>pathology</i>
Arab.— <i>Arabic</i>	Gov., Govt.— <i>government</i>	Penol.— <i>penology</i>
arch.— <i>archaic</i>	Gk., Gr.— <i>Greek</i>	pert.— <i>pertaining</i>
Archaeol.— <i>archaeology</i>	Gr., Br.— <i>Great Britain</i>	Petrog.— <i>petrography</i>
Archit.— <i>architecture</i>	Gram.— <i>grammar</i>	Pharm.— <i>pharmacy</i>
Arith.— <i>arithmetic</i>	Hebr.— <i>Hebrew</i>	Philol.— <i>philology</i>
Astron.— <i>astronomy</i>	Her.— <i>heraldry</i>	Philos.— <i>philosophy</i>
Auto.— <i>automobile</i>	Hind.— <i>Hindu</i>	Phonet.— <i>phonetics</i>
Aviat.— <i>aviation</i>	Hist.— <i>historical</i>	Photog.— <i>photography</i>
Bacteriol.— <i>bacteriology</i>	hum., humor.— <i>humorous</i>	Phys.— <i>physics</i>
Bibl.— <i>Biblical</i>	Hort.— <i>horticulture</i>	pl., plur.— <i>plural</i>
Bibliog.— <i>bibliography</i>	I.— <i>Island</i>	Poet.— <i>poetical</i>
Biol.— <i>biology</i>	imit.— <i>imitative</i>	Pol.— <i>politics</i>
Bot.— <i>botany</i>	Ind.— <i>India</i>	Port.— <i>Portuguese</i>
Br., Brit.— <i>British</i>	interj.— <i>interjection</i>	prec.— <i>preceded</i>
Budd.— <i>Buddhist</i>	Ir.— <i>Irish</i>	prep.— <i>preposition</i>
Can.— <i>Canada</i>	It., Ital.— <i>Italian</i>	Print.— <i>printing</i>
cap.— <i>capitalized</i>	Jap.— <i>Japanese</i>	pron.— <i>pronoun</i>
Carp.— <i>carpentry</i>	Jew.— <i>Jewish</i>	Pros.— <i>prosody</i>
Cent.— <i>century</i>	joc.— <i>jocose</i>	prov.— <i>provincial</i>
Ch.— <i>church</i>	Jour.— <i>journalism</i>	Psychol.— <i>psychology</i>
Chem.— <i>chemistry</i>	L., Lat.— <i>Latin</i>	q. v.— <i>which see</i>
civ.— <i>civil</i>	La.— <i>Louisiana</i>	R. C.— <i>Roman Catholic</i>
Class.— <i>classical</i>	Lang.— <i>language</i>	ref.— <i>reference</i>
coll., colloq.— <i>colloquial</i>	l. c.— <i>lower case</i>	reflex.— <i>reflexive</i>
Com., Comm.— <i>commerce</i>	leg.— <i>legal</i>	Relig.— <i>religion</i>
comb.— <i>combining</i>	lit.— <i>literal</i>	restr.— <i>restricted</i>
conj.— <i>conjunction</i>	Lit.— <i>literature</i>	Rhet.— <i>rhetoric</i>
contempt.— <i>contempruous</i>	Log.— <i>logic</i>	Rom.— <i>Roman</i>
crim.— <i>criminal</i>	Mach.— <i>machinery</i>	Rus.— <i>Russian</i>
Cryst.— <i>crystallography</i>	masc.— <i>masculine</i>	S.— <i>south</i>
Dent.— <i>dentistry</i>	Math.— <i>mathematics</i>	Scand.— <i>Scandinavian</i>
derog.— <i>derogatory</i>	Mech.— <i>mechanics</i>	Sci.— <i>science</i>
dial.— <i>dialect</i>	Med.— <i>medicine</i>	Scot.— <i>Scottish</i>
dim., dimin.— <i>diminutive</i>	Metall.— <i>metallurgy</i>	sing.— <i>singular</i>
Dram.— <i>dramatic</i>	metaph.— <i>metaphorical</i>	sl.— <i>slang</i>
eccl.— <i>ecclesiastical</i>	Metaphy.— <i>metaphysics</i>	Sp.— <i>Spanish</i>
Ecol.— <i>ecology</i>	Meteorol.— <i>meteorology</i>	spec.— <i>specifically</i>
Econ.— <i>economics</i>	Mex.— <i>Mexican</i>	Surg.— <i>surgery</i>
Elect.— <i>electricity</i>	Mil.— <i>military</i>	Teleg.— <i>telegraphy</i>
Eliz.— <i>Elizabethan</i>	Min.— <i>mineralogy</i>	Teut.— <i>Teutonic</i>
Embryol.— <i>embryology</i>	mod.— <i>modern</i>	Theat.— <i>theater</i>
Entomol.— <i>entomology</i>	Moham(m).— <i>Mohammedan</i>	Theol.— <i>theology</i>
erron.— <i>erroneous</i>	Mus.— <i>music</i>	Turk.— <i>Turkish</i>
esp.— <i>especially</i>	n.— <i>noun</i>	v.— <i>verb</i>
euphem.— <i>euphemistic</i>	Naut.— <i>nautical</i>	Veter.— <i>veterinary</i>
Falc.— <i>falconry</i>	Nav.— <i>naval</i>	vulg.— <i>vulgar</i>
fem.— <i>feminine</i>	Navig.— <i>navigation</i>	Zool.— <i>zoology</i>
fig.— <i>figurative</i>	nr.— <i>near</i>	

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## ABACK

**ABACK**, *adv.* Behind, back, backward, to the rear, rearward, hindward, retrogressively, regressively, retrogradingly.

**ABAFT**, *adv.* Sternward, astern, behind, back, aft, rearward, in the rear.

**ABANDON**, *v.* 1. Relinquish, give up, discard, discontinue, cease, forsake, quit, desert, leave, depart from, have done with, leave behind, let alone, evacuate, drop, abjure, repudiate, reject, retract, fall away from, stop, forbear, forswear, give over, cast off, ostracize, neglect, throw away, retire from, withdraw from.

2. Lay aside, abdicate, surrender, throw off, resign, renounce, forego, waive, give up, vacate, let go, part with, lay down, demit, deliver up, yield, cede, concede, secede from, emigrate from, apostasize, lose hope of, despair of.

**ABANDON**, *n.* 1. Wantonness, intemperance, immoderation, incontinence, unrestraint, lawlessness, profligacy, surrender.

2. Ease, freedom, élan, spontaneity, animation, impetuosity, ardor, dash, spirit, enthusiasm, verve.

**ABANDONED**, *adj.* 1. Neglected, relinquished, alone, solitary, lonely, forlorn, lorn, deserted, discarded, outcast, adrift, left, forsaken, rejected, cast away, cast aside, cast off, thrown overboard, given up, given over, demitted, shunned, scorned, destitute, desperate, helpless, hopeless, wretched, mournful, unfortunate, friendless.

2. Accursed, depraved, dissipated, lewd, low, vicious, corrupt, dissolute, sinful, wicked, lost, profligate, flagitious, immoral, impure, unchaste, unprincipled, hardened, incorrigible, shameless, irreformable, unrepentant, graceless, vitiated, irreclaimable, obdurate, impenitent, disreputable, dead to honor, lost to shame, demoralized, bad, blackhearted, infamous, degraded, despised, worthless, odious, reprobate, detestable, unrestrained.

**ABANDONMENT**, *n.* 1. Desertion, dereliction, forsaking, decampment, relinquishment, defection.

2. Abnegation, renunciation, disavowal, denial, disowning, resignation, abjuration, dismissal, rejection, demission, surrender, cession.

**ABASE**, *v.* 1. Level, throw down, cast down, let down, reduce, lower, depress, detrude, sink, drop, let fall.

2. Demean, discredit, mortify, disgrace, mock, humiliate, dishonor, degrade, humble, bring low, take down, bring down a peg, debase, depose, belittle, devalue, expose, shame, denigrate, vilify, calumniate, vitiate, slander, vituperate, defame.

**ABASEMENT**, *n.* 1. Fall, reduction, prostration, descent, lowering, downfall, depravation, vitiation, deterioration, degradation, debasement, degeneration, perversion, depression, detrusion.

2. Disgrace, obloquy, ignominy, turpitude, infamy, baseness, abjectness, vileness, meanness, degeneracy, despicableness, disrepute, dishonor, contemptibleness, ingloriousness, shame.

3. Servility, submission, condescension, self-abasement, mortification, resignation, meekness, humiliation, humbleness, humility, lowliness.

**ABASH**, *v.* Daunt, discomfit, intimidate, shame, embarrass, bewilder, discountenance, put out of countenance, mortify, confuse, disconcert, make ashamed, put to shame, overawe, cow, confound, discompose, put down, humble, humiliate, snub,

take down, set down, browbeat, chagrin, dismay, nonplus, dumfound, overwhelm, dishearten, cast down.

**ABASHED**, *adj.* Confused, embarrassed, awe-struck, mortified, ashamed, disconcerted, shy, humiliated, chagrined, overawed, daunted, self-conscious, humiliated, bashful, subdued, dumfounded, nonplused.

**ABASHMENT**, *n.* Awe, discomfiture, shyness, embarrassment, shame, bashfulness, confusion, mortification, chagrin, self-consciousness.

**ABATE**, *v.* 1. Ease, alleviate, allay, relax, dull, quiet, mollify, appease, mitigate, assuage, pacify, tranquilize, moderate, temper, compose, soften, attemper, soothe, quell, qualify, cool, palliate, slake, blunt, calm, relieve.

2. Abolish, destroy, flatten out, batter down, quash, liquidate, raze, beat down, demolish, lay low, bring down, restrain, curtail, reduce, remove.

3. Restrict, restrain, hold in, lower, relax, damp, reduce.

4. Rebate, subtract, bate, remit, allow, deduct, abridge.

5. (*Legal*) Annul, void, remove, suspend, put an end to, defalcate, terminate, suppress. Be frustrated, fail, be defeated, be overthrown.

6. Fall, lessen, decline, fade away, fall off, fall away, wane, ebb, intermit, slacken, fade, subside, decrease, diminish, sink.

**ABATEMENT**, *n.* 1. Qualification, moderation, extenuation, remission, alleviation, assuasion, mitigation, diminution, lessening, decrease, decrement.

2. Let-up, wane, evanescence, evanishment, fading, lowering, ebb, sinking, subsidence, settling, decline, relief.

3. Reduction, discount, deduction, allowance, drawback, rebate, annulment, mitigation, redress, remission, depreciation, suspension.

**ABATTOIR**, *n.* Slaughterhouse, slaughter-pen, shambles, butchery.

**ABBE**, *n.* Abbot, priest, ecclesiastic, minister, divine, clergyman, monk, padre, curate, prior, pastor, friar, Jacobin, Dominican.

**ABBEY**, *n.* Hermitage, priory, cloister, friary, monastery, convent, nunnery.

**ABBREVIATE**, *v.* Lessen, shorten, condense, reduce, compress, contract, curtail, cut down, cut short, abridge, abstract, summarize, epitomize, synopsisize.

**ABBREVIATION**, *n.* 1. Lessening, shortening, condensation, compression, contraction, curtailment, reduction.

2. Brief, compendium, abstract, abridgment, epitome, synopsis, outline, summary, syllabus, digest, sketch, précis, résumé, conspectus.

**ABDICATE**, *v.* Relinquish office, vacate the throne, surrender a right, resign from an office, quit possession of, give up claim to, renounce claim to, tender resignation, cede, forego, lay down, abandon, give up, part with, quit.

**ABDICATION**, *n.* Renouncement, retirement, abandonment, renunciation, relinquishment, resignation, vacation, surrender.

**ABDOMEN**, *n.* Venter, epigastrium, visceral cavity, ventral region, stomach, belly, paunch.

**ABDOMINAL**, *adj.* Stomachic, visceral, hemal, celiac, ventral.

**ABDOMINOUS**, *adj.* Big-bellied, large-bellied, pot-bellied, paunchy, gor-bellied, great-bellied, tun-bellied, obese, round-bellied.

**ABDUCT**, *v.* Rape, take forcibly, run off with, take by stealth, kidnap, carry off, shanghai, run away with, spirit away, drag away, transport, convey away, make off with, impress, hold for ransom.

**ABDUCTION**, *n.* Rape, man-stealing, kidnapping.

**ABECEDARIAN**, *adj.* Alphabetical, beginning, rudimentary, primary, elementary.

**ABECEDARY**, *n.* Beginner, tyro. Abecedarium, primer.

**ABERRANT**, *adj.* 1. Variable, divergent, out of the right way, erratic, erroneous, errant, devious, wandering, rambling.

2. Anomalistic, erratic, eccentric, irregular, abnormal, uncommon, unusual, uninformable, unnatural, strange, singular, peculiar, exceptional, disconnected, preternatural, inconsequent, idiotic, monstrous.

**ABERRATION**, *n.* 1. Aberrancy, abnormality, anomaly, irregularity, lapse, rambling, wandering, divergence, departure, deviation.

2. Idiosyncrasy, eccentricity, monstrosity, abnormity, strangeness, singularity, peculiarity, unconformity.

3. Vagary, unsoundness, mistaken idea, lapsus mentis, illusion, hallucination, monomania, self-deception, delusion, alienation, derangement, dementia, madness, insanity, lunacy, frenzy, delirium.

**ABET**, *v.* 1. Advance, prompt, sustain, endorse, maintain, befriend, back, cooperate with, uphold, support, subsidize, take part with, succor, second, help, aid, assist, embolden, instigate, incite, urge, spur, animate, goad, stimulate, arouse, fire, egg on, foment, be accessory to.

2. Inspire, promote, further, patronize, stick up for, countenance, be subsidiary to, excite, advocate, connive at, sanction, favor, encourage.

**ABETTOR**, *n.* 1. Aide, assistant, adjutant, ally, helper, attendant, coadjutor, colleague, retainer, cooperator, henchman, auxiliary, follower, participator, comrade, associate, consociate, partner, adherent, companion.

2. Agent, promoter, encourager, instigator, adviser, inciter, advocate.

3. Confederate, accomplice, accessory.

**ABEYANCE**, *n.* 1. Suspension, inactivity, rest, remission, suppression, inaction, sublation, pause, intermission, reservation, dormancy, quiescence, latency, interim, status quo.

2. (Legal) Expectancy, prospect, anticipation, waiting, contemplation, calculation.

**ABEYANT**, *adj.* Inert, inactive, static, dormant, latent, resting, suspended, undeveloped, pausing, inoperative, potential, stationary, unexerted, expectant, waiting, quiescent, undetermined.

**ABHOR**, *v.* 1. Despise, dislike, hate, execrate, loathe, detest, abominate, recoil at, not be able to stomach, feel aversion toward, be nauseated by, shrink from, view with horror, shudder at, revolt against.

2. Avoid, eschew, shun, reject, disdain, scorn, object to, deprecate.

**ABHORRENCE**, *n.* Repugnance, detestation, aversion, contempt, antipathy, dislike, disgust, animosity, revulsion, loathing, distaste, hatred, odium, execration, abomination, deprecation, horror, noisomeness.

**ABHORRENT**, *adj.* Detestable, repulsive, foul,

abominable, loathsome, repellent, nauseating, horrible, nauseous, hateful, disgusting, obnoxious, odious, revolting, heinous, repugnant, hideous, noisome, offensive, fulsome, horrifying, shocking, ignominious, infamous, forbidding, opprobrious, unpleasant, distasteful, disagreeable, opposed to, displeasing, remote from.

**ABIDE**, *v.* 1. Bide, lodge, house, stay, tarry, stop, take up quarters, quarter, sojourn, pitch tent, rest, sit, lie, keep.

2. Settle, anchor, get foothold, inhabit, dwell, subsist, reside, plant oneself, live, maintain.

3. Persist, exist, remain, persevere, continue, be constant, go on, be steadfast, keep on.

4. Survive, be enduring, last, adhere, outlive, be immovable, be immutable, endure, inhere, be indestructible, be permanent.

5. Expect, wait for, attend, await expectantly, be in readiness for, stand in hand, be in store for.

6. Submit to, tolerate, stomach, endure, put up with, stand, suffer, sustain, brook, bear with, conform to, stick to.

**ABIDE BY**, *v.* Observe, conform to, fulfil, act up to, discharge a promise, comply with, adhere to, persist in, hold to, keep, obey, acknowledge, stand by.

**ABIDING**, *adj.* Eternal, enduring, everlasting, steadfast, permanent, immutable, durable, stable, continuing, immortal, unending, lasting, constant, indestructible, unchangeable, changeless, inherent, indissoluble.

**ABILITY**, *n.* 1. Adeptness, efficacy, aptitude, talent, proficiency, skill, skillfulness, mastery, dexterity, adequacy, energy, strength, cleverness, knack, adroitness, aptness, address, readiness, facility, quickness, ingenuity, expertness, power, strength, vigor, efficiency, might, force, potency, ableness.

2. Endowment, competency, acumen, wisdom, sufficiency, capacity, knowledge, qualification, intelligence, eligibility, gumption, understanding, attributes, accomplishments, attainments.

3. Gift, powers, bent, flair, forte, caliber, turn, reach, parts, capability, genius, capableness, faculty.

**ABJECT**, *adj.* 1. Mean-spirited, degraded, base, base-minded, contemptible, debased, low, abased, vile, reptilian, despicable, low-minded, squalid, sorry, beggarly, groveling, dirty, pitiful, prostrate, obsequious, paltry, inferior, servile, slavish, poor, sordid, earth-born, worthless, ignoble, cringing, undignified, menial, earth-bred, sneaking, shabby, oppressed, brought-low, wretched, destitute, miserable, depressed, scurvy, mean.

2. Stark, sheer, blank, utter, irremediable, downright, hopeless, disheartening, humiliating, desperate.

**ABJECTION**, *n.* 1. Humbling, humiliation, servility.

2. Abasement, baseness, meanness, vileness, debasement, degradation, degeneracy.

**ABJECTNESS**, *n.* Degradation, contemptibleness, servility, shabbiness, vileness, worthlessness, sordidness, baseness, obsequiousness, meanness, despicableness, wretchedness, destitution.

**ABJURATION**, *n.* 1. Rejection, renouncement, repudiation, renunciation, discarding, surrender, abandonment, disowning, abnegation, relinquishment.

2. Revocation, disclaiming, repeal, retraction, denial, disclamation, disaffirmation, disavowal, recantation, recall, reversal, rejection, negation, refutation.

**ABJURE**, *v.* 1. Abrogate, forswear, relinquish, forsake, resign, abandon, apostasize, repudiate, depart from, give up, reject, renounce, disown, discard, desert, forego.

2. Renege, take back, disavow, deny, disclaim, dismiss, recall, retract, go back on, disown, recant, resign, revoke, withdraw.

**ABLAZE** *adj.* 1. Flaming, burning, illuminated, blazing, aflame, lighted, alight, gleaming, fiery, glowing, luminous.

2. Excited, desirous, eager, fervent, vehement, fervid, ardent, impassioned, intense, perfervid.

3. Angry, irate, wrathful, wrath, incensed, heated.

**ABLE**, *adj.* 1. Proficient, practiced, ingenious, skilful, experienced, expert, learned, inventive, dexterous, facile, accomplished, adept, versed, apt, efficient, quick, adroit, finished, talented, *au fait*, clever, practical, good.

2. Competent, equal to, adequate, qualified, fitted, sagacious, intelligent, dynamic, profound, fit.

3. Talented, highly endowed, gifted, capable, able-bodied, strong, robust, mighty, stalwart, powerful, athletic, muscular, sinewy, physically qualified, brawny, potent, sturdy, vigorous.

4. Telling, effective, masterly, fresh.

**ABLE-BODIED**, *adj.* Lusty, stalwart, muscular, sound, robust, powerful, athletic, stout, vigorous, herculean, potent, strong, brawny, able, sturdy, strapping.

**ABLUTION**, *n.* Washing (ritualistic), bathing, laving, cleansing, purification, baptism, lavation, bath, wash, cleaning.

**ABNEGATE**, *v.* Deny, refuse, reject, renounce, abjure, retract, recall, gainsay, disown, disavow, forbear.

**ABNEGATION**, *n.* Disavowal, denial, negation, disclaimer, renunciation, rejection, abjuration, abandonment, renouncement, surrender, refusal, disallowance.

**ABNORMAL**, *adj.* 1. Preternatural, unheard of, freakish, unnatural, monstrous, irregular, queer, amorphous, peculiar, heteroclitic, unconformable, outlandish, anomalous, erratic, aberrant, bizarre, unconventional, exceptional, odd, unusual, rare, eccentric, divergent, strange, curious, grotesque, nondescript, teratogenic.

2. Beside oneself, morbid, crazy, unhinged, crackbrained, disordered, frenzied, moonstruck, frenetic.

**ABNORMALITY**, *n.* Malformation, aberration, oddity, peculiarity, singularity, exception, freak, variation, eccentricity, monstrosity, deformity, irregularity, perversion, idiosyncrasy, anomaly, unconformity.

**ABOARD**, *adv.* On board, on deck, in the vessel, on ship, within, inside.

**ABODE**, *n.* 1. Domicile, address, hearthstone, quarters, lodging, dwelling-house, habitation, house, mansion, home, headquarters, place, seat, residence, tenement, country, hearth, fireside, vine and figtree, lares and penates, homestead, berth, chimney corner, ingleside.

**ABOLISH**, *v.* 1. Repeal, do away with, revoke, supersede, rescind, reverse, quash, disestablish, abrogate, deprive of force, cancel, vitiate, nullify, annul, inhibit, invalidate, make void, dispense with, set aside, vacate, repudiate, declare null and void, disannul, supplant, nol-pros.

2. Terminate, put an end to, extinguish, make an end of, demolish, destroy, ravage, subvert, remove, overthrow, eradicate, annihilate, cut out, extirpate, obliterate, stamp out, suppress, crush out, batter down, raze, squelch, not leave one stone upon another.

**ABOLITION**, *n.* 1. Disendowment, rescinding, annulment, repudiation, nullification, defeasance, countermand, revocation, recantation, rescission, abrogation, cancellation, dissolution, repeal.

2. Removal, extinction, extirpation, overthrow, abolishment, destruction, subversion, eradication, obliteration, annihilation, disestablishment, extinguishment, suppression.

**ABOMINABLE**, *adj.* 1. Heinous, ignominious, odious, hateful, execrable, reprehensible, horrid, nefarious, flagitious, villainous, damnable, hellish, horrible, detestable, accused, criminal, obscene, cursed, frightful, atrocious, infamous, malicious.

2. Abhorrent, obnoxious, disagreeable, fetid, loathsome, offensive, repellent, disgusting, foul, nauseous, repugnant, nauseating, revolting, stinking, sickening, hideous, shocking, repulsive.

3. Vile, base, unclean, shabby, sorry, squalid, wretched, extremely bad, scurvy.

**ABOMINATE**, *v.* 1. Execrate, deprecate, loathe, despise, hate, abhor, recoil from, shrink from, shudder at, revolt at, nauseate, detest, hold in aversion, regard with horror.

**ABOMINATION**, *n.* 1. Antipathy, abhorrence, execration, hatred, detestation, disgust, loathing, extreme aversion, repugnance.

2. Loathsomeness, depravity, corruption, taint, foulness, uncleanness, defilement, contamination, impurity, pollution, corruptness, odiousness.

3. Villainy, evil, iniquity, hateful thing, curse, crime, offense, wickedness, shame.

4. Annoyance, nuisance, torment, infliction, plague, *bête noire*.

**ABORIGINAL**, *adj.* Original, indigenous, prime, autochthonous, primeval, native, primitive, first, pristine, old, primordial, underived, primary, earliest, autochthonic.

**ABORIGINES**, *n.* First residents, aboriginals, indigenes, original inhabitants, natives, primitive inhabitants, autochthones, indigenous people.

**ABORT**, *v.* Deliver prematurely, miscarry, fail, develop incompletely, force, frustrate, check.

**ABORTION**, *n.* 1. Premature birth, premature labor, miscarriage, untimely birth, forced birth, premature delivery, unnatural birth, arrested development.

2. Frustration, failure, vain attempt, defeat, lack of success, fiasco, disappointment, blunder, circumvention, bringing to nought.

**ABORTIVE**, *adj.* 1. Untimely, not viable, failing, imperfectly developed, immature, rudimental, miscarrying, incomplete, rudimentary, stunted.

2. Fruitless, unproductive, sterile, profitless, of no account, unavailing, idle, worthless, nugatory, unsuccessful, vain, unprofitable, ineffective, inept, futile, useless, bootless, inoperative, ineffectual.

**ABOUND**, *v.* 1. Be filled, overflow, teem, be rich in, superabound, be plentiful, be prolific, be extremely prevalent, swarm, multiply, increase, be numerous, stream, swell, rain, flow, shower down.

2. Flourish, luxuriate, be well furnished, be well supplied, exuberate, wanton, revel.

**ABOUNDING**, *adj.* Rife, replete, rich, lavish, bountiful, unstinted, sufficient, exuberant, full,



teeming, affluent, copious, prolific, plentiful, fertile, ample, abundant, plenteous, flush.

**ABOUT, adv.** 1. In the reverse direction, half round, hind part before, around.

2. Nearby, on every side, in every direction.

3. To and fro, here and there, hither and thither, from one place to another, in various places, far and wide, helter-skelter.

4. More or less, approximately, nearly, not far from, virtually, some, towards, well-nigh, almost, near.

5. On the move, ready, on the eve, on the point.

**ABOUT, prep.** 1. Around, on every side of, surrounding, encircling, round, circuitously.

2. Close to, near to, in, near, not far from, near at hand, nigh, hereabouts.

3. Regarding, in regard to, with regard to, in relation to, respecting, with respect to, anent, with reference to, referring to, relative to, of, relating to, connected with, concerning, touching, concerned with.

4. Here and there in, in all parts of, all over, over, through.

**ABOVE, adv.** 1. In a higher place, aloft, into the firmament, overhead, on high, in the celestial heights, in excelsis, toward the sky.

2. Previously, before in order, in a former part, aforesaid.

3. Higher in rank or power, surpassing, superior to.

**ABOVE, prep.** 1. In a higher place than, atop of, on top of, aloft of.

2. More in quantity or number than, greater than, exceeding, over and above, in excess of, beyond.

3. Superior to, beyond.

4. Too great in integrity for, too high for, too magnanimous for, too proud for.

**ABOVE ALL, adv.** Chiefly, in the first place, first and foremost, as the chief end, as the main object, before all other considerations.

**ABOVE-BOARD, adv.** Guilelessly, ingenuously, unequivocally, fairly, undisguisedly, sincerely, candidly, honestly, frankly, openly, equitably, in plain sight, without artifice, in full view.

**ABRACADABRA, n.** 1. Incantation, invocation, spell, charm, magic, apotropaism, fetish, hocus pocus, conjuration, open sesame.

2. Jargon, bosh, gibberish, nonsense, empty sound, mere words.

**ABRADE, v.** 1. Rub particles from, wear down, wear off, wear away, grind away, erode, scrape, file, scour, sand, smooth, clean, polish, erase.

2. Exhaust, irritate, rasp, grate, make sore, fret, chafe, fray.

**ABRASION, n.** 1. Friction, filing, wearing down, wearing off, wearing away, scraping, rubbing down, rubbing off, rasping, scouring.

2. Erosion, detrition, attrition, disintegration, granulation, pulverization, comminution, trituration, excoriation.

**ABRASIVE, n.** Grater, rasp, file, grinder, quern, grindstone, millstone, sander, sharpening stone, whetstone, brush.

**ABREAST, adv.** 1. Abeam of, by the side of, over against, opposite, on a line with, alongside, beside, side by side, aligned, in alignment, in one line, bow to bow, stem to stem, against, off.

2. Equally advanced, up to the same plane, parallel, matched, even, tied, equal, alike.

**ABRI, n.** Shelter, dugout, shed, cave, thatch, trench, foxhole.

**ABRIDGE, v.** 1. Summarize, shorten, make an abstract of, abstract, epitomize, contract, digest, condense, compress, brief, synopsisize.

2. Cut down, truncate, curtail, shrink, lessen, abbreviate, reduce, decrease, diminish, retrench, slash, trim, pare down, prune, dock, clip, lop, blue-pencil.

3. Debar from, deprive of, divest of, cut off, restrict, dispossess of, amputate, restrain, abate.

**ABRIDGMENT, n.** 1. Abbreviation, conspectus, abstract, compend, compendium, analysis, digest, epitome, outline, summary, précis, résumé, brief, aperçu, review, breviary, syllabus, recapitulation, sketch, bird's-eye-view, substance, notes.

2. Lessening, retrenchment, condensation, shortening, contraction, reduction, compression, curtailment, diminution, compacting.

3. Dispossession, divestiture, deprivation, limitation, restriction, abatement.

**ABROACH (to set), v.** 1. Tap, leave running, draw from.

2. Give rise to, spread abroad, give vent to, diffuse, give utterance to, publish, disseminate, start, propagate.

**ABROAD, adv.** 1. Far and wide, ubiquitously, in all directions, omnipresently, widely, broadly, expansively, extensively, unrestrainedly.

2. Away, out of the house, out, in the open air, elsewhere, yonder, forth, not at home, not present, absent, gone out.

3. In foreign parts, out of the country, far away, overseas, on the continent, beyond seas, wandering, adrift, on one's travels, distant, afar off.

4. At large, astir, in circulation, before the public, publicly.

5. Wide of the truth, puzzled, bewildered, at the end of one's wits, confused, dazed, off the scent, quite confounded, on the wrong track, aside of the mark, off the course, without the least clew, abstracted, preoccupied, perplexed.

**ABROGATE, v.** Nullify, disestablish, disannul, annul, retract, rescind, repudiate, repeal, recant, renounce, revoke, countermand, cancel, overrule, abolish, override, quash, dissolve, set aside, make void, destroy, void, recall, vacate, withdraw, do away, invalidate, undo, reverse, abjure, nol-pros, throw overboard.

**ABROGATION, n.** Cancellation, retraction, avoidance, recantation, repeal, recall, abolition, countermand, rescinding, rescission, counterorder, annulment, repudiation, revocation, dissolution, setting aside, defeasance, invalidation, reversal, nullification, undoing, overruling, overriding, vacatur (*law*), *nolle prosequi*.

**ABRUPT, adj.** 1. Sharp, craggy, uneven, rough, rugged, irregular, zigzag, jagged, broken, cragged.

2. Precipitous, declivitous, shelving, acclivitous, steep, sheer.

3. Sudden, instantaneous, hasty, subitaneous, precipitate, headlong, swift, hurried, unexpected, unforeseen, unlooked for, unannounced, rapid, unanticipated, rash, out-of-hand, unseasonable, ill-timed.

4. Blunt, gruff, curt, short, bluff, rude, rough, brusque, impetuous, violent, bold, discourteous, ungracious, unceremonious, uncomplaisant, uncivil, impolite, premature, broken off.

5. Jerky, broken, cramped, angular, inelegant (*as style*), disconnected, harsh, transient, stiff.

**ABSCESS**, *n.* Ulcer, carbuncle, boil, gall, sore, canker, pustule, fester, gathering, purulent tumor.

**ABSCOND**, *v.* 1. Depart in haste, flee, leave, decamp, make off, sneak off, take to one's heels, retreat, escape, take oneself off, slink away, run away, steal off, slip away, bolt, run off, disappear, fly, pack off, evade, give the slip, quit the scene, withdraw, take French leave, take flight, make off with oneself, give leg bail, elude, bundle off, elope, vamoose, vanish, skeddadle.

2. Conceal oneself, secrete oneself, hide away, hole up.

**ABSENCE**, *n.* 1. Inexistence, non-attendance, non-residence, non-appearance.

2. Absorption, preoccupation, daydreaming, withdrawal, abstraction, revery, woolgathering, inattention, musing, brown study, heedlessness, absence of mind, distraction.

3. Unavailability, lack, need, want, deficiency, requirement, default, scarcity, defect.

4. Privation, emptiness, negation, destitution, void, vacuum, vacuity, vacancy.

**ABSENT**, *adj.* 1. Nonattendant, away, abroad, nonresident, gone, not at home, not present, lost, elsewhere, elsewhere, wanting, astray, flown, missing, out, A. W. O. L., omitted.

2. Unthinking, inattentive, thoughtless, blank, absent-minded, oblivious, abstracted, heedless, preoccupied, absorbed, musing, dreamy, vacuous, distracted, lost, unconsidering, napping, listless, unconscious, unaware, woolgathering, faraway, removed.

**ABSENT**, *v.* Decamp, abscond, stay away from, retire from, remove oneself, keep oneself away, refuse to attend, withdraw oneself, play truant, fail to appear, not show up, shirk, evade, vacate, slip away, hold aloof, cut, ignore.

**ABSENTEE**, *n.* Deserter, truant, malingerer, shirker, slacker, skulker, quitter, fugitive, exile, backslider, renegade, runaway.

**ABSENTEEISM**, *n.* Truancy, failure in duty, malingering, shirking, French leave, avoidance, evasion, abstention, inaction, desertion, neglect, delinquency, dereliction, slow-down, sneaking out.

**ABSENT-MINDED**, *adj.* Abstracted, unmindful, preoccupied, absent, musing, distraught, inattentive, dreamy, unheeding, rapt, forgetful, engrossed, unconscious, unaware, oblivious, withdrawn, lost, remote, thoughtless, heedless, listless, napping, inadvertent, distracted, woolgathering, removed, faraway, in a brown study.

**ABSOLUTE**, *adj.* 1. Unqualified, unrestricted, unrestrained, unlimited, unconditional, complete, total, perfect, independent, unconditioned, free, unbounded, self-existent, self-determined, utter, unmixed, pure, ideal, out-and-out, supreme, full, *causa sui*, fixed, settled, self-sufficing, inalienable, infinite, unalloyed.

2. Autocratic, self-willed, domineering, lordly, imperative, imperious, dogmatic, authoritative, official, commanding, despotic, overbearing, tyrannous, tyrannical, controlling, peremptory, exacting, arbitrary, arrogant, haughty, dictatorial, irresponsible, irrepressible, compelling, stark.

3. Positive, conclusive, decisive, true, actual, essential, real, demonstrable, demonstrated, undoubted, indubitable, unquestionable, veritable, decided, accurate, confirmed, unreserved, plenary, determinate, categorical, plain, downright, sure

terminative, infallible, axiomatic, unalterable, definite, genuine, reliable, confident, unequivocal, certain, consummate, simple.

**ABSOLUTELY**, *adv.* 1. Wholly, purely, verily, utterly, completely, unconditionally, definitely, perforce, without limitation.

2. Incontestably, infallibly, undoubtedly, truly, unquestionably, indubitably, positively, really, beyond peradventure, in reality, actually, indeed, in truth, in fact, unequivocally, decidedly.

**ABSOLUTENESS**, *n.* 1. Independence, ideality, unlimitedness, unrestrained power, arbitrariness, despotism, supremeness, perfection.

2. Positiveness, actuality, substantiality, reality.

**ABSOLUTION**, *n.* Pardon, forgiveness, quittance, dispensation, remission, exoneration, exculpation, acquittal, deliverance, dismissal, vindication, release, discharge, condonation, intercession, shriving, liberation, extenuation, forgetfulness, clearance, amnesty, overlooking, justification, oblivion, sanctification, indemnity, indulgence.

**ABSOLUTISM**, *n.* Sovereignty, arbitrariness, absoluteness, imperialism, iron rule, dictatorship, tyranny, domination, despotism, autocracy, Caesarism, czarism, kaiserism, monarchism, personal government, man-on-horsebackism.

**ABSOLVE**, *v.* Adjudge innocent, remit, quit, exonerate, acquit, exculpate, relieve, exempt, clear, release from imputation, set free, liberate, declare removed, discharge, loose, vindicate, justify, deliver, overlook, forgive, condone, pardon, excuse, shrive.

**ABSONANT**, *adj.* 1. Discordant, out of tune, dissonant, unharmonious, cacophonous, grating, harsh, jarring, jangling, untuneful, unmusical.

2. Unreasonable, disagreeing, incongruous, contrary, inconsistent, contradictory, dissident, incompatible, discrepant, conflictory, opposite, repugnant, at variance, dissentient.

**ABSORB**, *v.* 1. Suck in, take in, receive in, imbibe, ingest, ingurgitate, take up, suck up, appropriate, drink in, incorporate, embody, use up, assimilate, sponge up, intercept.

2. Swallow up, engorge, engulf, consume, merge, devour, exhaust, destroy, overwhelm.

3. Occupy wholly, engross completely, enwrap, immerse, engage, fix, arrest, rivet, monopolize, fascinate.

**ABSORBED**, *adj.* Thoughtful, occupied, intent, engrossed, preoccupied, engaged, rapt, plunged, buried, sunken in, deep in, lost in, concentrated, fascinated, incorporated, swallowed up.

**ABSORBENT**, *adj.* Pervious, imbibing, spongy, permeable, penetrable, absorptive, receptive, sorbefacient, retentive, porous, spongy, thirsty.

**ABSORBING**, *adj.* Engrossing, prepossessing, occupying, captivating, winning, fascinating, interesting, soul-stirring, exciting, thrilling, inspiring.

**ABSORPTION**, *n.* 1. Imbibition, imbibing, swallowing up, taking in, reception, digestion, engulfment, inoculation, ingurgitation, merging, appropriation, incorporation, assimilation, union, engorgement, consumption, fusion, blending.

2. Preoccupation, prepossession, immersion, concentration, engrossment, monopolization, engagement, fascination, occupation, interest, reverie, musing, brown study, close application.

**ABSTAIN**, *v.* Keep one's hands off, forbear, stay one's hand, refrain voluntarily from, withhold

oneself from, deny oneself, restrain oneself, cease, desist, avoid, let alone, turn aside from, refuse, decline, fast, eschew, teetotal, look not upon the wine when it is red, get on the water wagon, take the pledge.

**ABSTAINER**, *n.* Teetotaler, temperance advocate, Rechabite, prohibitionist, nephalist, puritan, dry (*colloquial*), blue-ribbonist, water-drinker, hydropot.

**ABSTEMIOUS**, *adj.* Habitually abstinent, teetotal, temperate, non-indulgent, moderate, sober, frugal, austere, sparing, self-denying, ascetic, continent, self-controlled, non-alcoholic.

**ABSTEMIOUSNESS**, *n.* Habitual abstinence, teetotalism, temperance, non-indulgence, sobriety, frugality, moderation, austerity, self-denial, self-control, asceticism, blue-ribbonism, nephalism, Volsteadism, puritanism.

**ABSTENTION**, *n.* Abstaining, forbearance, holding off, refraining, avoidance, self-restraint, non-indulgence, non-participation, inaction.

**ABSTERGE**, *v.* Wash, cleanse, make clean, wipe, purge, purify, elutriate, scour, scrub, rinse.

**ABSTERGENT**, *n.* Cleansing agent, detergent, purifier, purgative, cathartic.

**ABSTINENCE**, *n.* 1. Abstention, abstaining, forbearance, avoidance, withholding, refraining, abnegation, keeping aloof.

2. Frugality, abstemiousness, sobriety, self-restraint, self-control, self-denial, asceticism, non-indulgence, continence, moderation, fasting, temperance, soberness, teetotalism, nephalism, blue-ribbonism, Rechabitism, austerity, Puritanism.

**ABSTINENT**, *adj.* Moderate, abstemious, sparing, frugal, sober, self-restraining, self-denying, self-controlling, non-indulgent, ascetic, continent, temperate, teetotal, austere, puritanical.

**ABSTRACT**, *adj.* 1. Theoretic, immaterial, pure (*as mathematics*), conceptual, notional, refined, non-particular, general, indefinite, abstracted, metaphysical, subtle, attenuated, rarefied.

2. Difficult, abstruse, recondite, occult, vague, hidden, obscure, dark, enigmatical, mysterious, profound, remote, undetermined, ill-defined.

3. Ideal, transcendental, imaginary, visionary, spiritual, intellectual, not concrete, generalized, non-representational (*as art*).

**ABSTRACT**, *v.* 1. Detach, separate, dissociate, disunite, isolate, disengage, disjoin, consider by itself, take out of context, remove from its proper whole, distinguish, discriminate, consider as a generality, view partially, regard one-sidedly, draw off, distract, divert, remove, eliminate, deduct, analyze, draw from, withdraw.

2. Appropriate, take away, seize, steal, purloin, remove by stealth, embezzle, plagiarize.

3. Synopsise, abbreviate, summarize, shorten, condense, epitomize, contract, compress, reduce, compact, abridge, prune, cut down, make an abstract of, curtail, outline.

**ABSTRACT**, *n.* 1. Epitome, compendium, draft, compend, condensation, epitomization, synopsis, abridgment, résumé, brief, abbreviation, outline, abbreviation, breviary, summary, précis, review, aperçu, digest, conspectus, analysis, contraction, recapitulation, syllabus, reduction, compression, sum, substance, note, drift, prospectus, concise statement, gist, general contents, sketch, head note, docket, bulletin, minute.

2. Essence, quintessence, extracts, excerpts,

fragments, cuttings, analects, citations, clippings, symposium, compilation.

3. Generality, universality, main, common run, average.

**ABSTRACTED**, *adj.* 1. Separated from matter, apart, subtle, refined, ideal, esoteric, withdrawn, disconnected, removed, abstruse, difficult, aerial, profound, unsubstantial, theoretical, volatile, transcendental.

2. Absorbed, indifferent, inattentive, heedless, oblivious, preoccupied, engrossed, lost in thought, thoughtful, dreaming, distraint, musing, listless, remote, absent-minded, thoughtless, negligent, in a reverie, unobservant, in a brown study.

**ABSTRACTION**, *n.* 1. Generality, concept, idea, visionary notion, theory, vague representation.

2. Disconnection, isolation, disjunction, partial consideration, taking from context, separation, non-consideration of the whole.

3. Engrossment, preoccupation, remoteness, inattention, self-communing, reverie, detachment, musing, aloofness, absent-mindedness, brown study, distraction.

4. Drawing off, seizure, deduction, removal, taking, appropriation, subtraction, withdrawal, stealing, embezzlement, pilfering, purloining, theft.

**ABSTRUSE**, *adj.* Remote from apprehension, difficult to understand, incomprehensible, occult, profound, transcendental, recondite, acroamatic, esoteric, mysterious, remote, hidden, secret, deep, dark, obscure, enigmatical, mystic, ambiguous, vague, far-fetched, metaphysical, unfathomable, indefinite, abstract, complex, attenuated, subtle, rarefied, cabalistic, unintelligible, impenetrable, refined, nebulous.

**ABSTRUSENESS**, *n.* Obscurity, reconditeness, incomprehensibility, profundity, unintelligibility, impenetrability, unfathomableness, insolubility, inscrutability, ambiguousness, enigmaticalness, vagueness, intricacy, inexplicableness.

**ABSURD**, *adj.* 1. Contrary to reason or common sense, unreasonable, senseless, ill-advised, daft, ill-considered, irrational, nonsensical, crazy, mad, meaningless, amphigoric, unwise, impractical, ill-judged.

2. Obviously false or foolish, illusive, fabulous, fallacious, sophistic, incorrect, preposterous, erroneous, chimerical, impossible.

3. Logically contradictory, self-contradictory, paradoxical, illogical, anomalous, inconsistent, incongruous, inept, self-annulling.

4. Ridiculous, asinine, fatuous, inane, stupid, silly, wild, farcical, laughable, funny, childish, ludicrous, derisible, egregious, extravagant.

**ABSURDITY**, *n.* 1. Unreasonableness, delusion, irrationality, error, fallacy.

2. Idiocy, imbecility, *bêtise*, fatuity, nugacity, drivell, inanity, asininity, foolishness, silliness, folly, nonsensicality, comicality, stupidity.

3. Illogicality, hysteron proteron, paralogism, logical contradiction, paradox, inconsistency, sophistry, incongruity.

4. Balderdash, fiction, farcical fantasy, fable, bosh, myth, romance, chimaera, canard, mare's nest, moonshine, twaddle, gibberish, jargon, old wives' tale, fiddle-faddle, cock-and-bull story, amphigory.

5. Burlesque, travesty, farce, extravagance, caricature, farrago, buffoonery, mummery, parody.

**ABUNDANCE**, *n.* 1. Overflowing quantity, great supply, amplitude, full measure, copiousness, fullness, profusion, fertility, bounty, exuberance, multiplicity, great sufficiency, luxuriance, flood, heap, plenteousness, store, richness, enough, fund, mine, bonanza, cornucopia, horn of plenty, fat of the land, wherewithal.

2. Surfeit, satiety, repletion, superfluity, glut, excess, supersaturation, redundancy, oversupply, surplus, plethora, drug on the market.

3. Wealth, affluence, resources, means, riches, prosperity, opulence, comfort, fortune, treasure, *embarras de richesses*.

**ABUNDANT**, *adj.* Profuse, copious, overflowing, rife, brimming, abounding, superabundant, rich, plenteous, generous, plentiful, bounteous, lavish, affluent, exuberant, in large measure, luxuriant, fertile, replete, fully sufficient, big, large, great, ample, thick, liberal, chock-full, well-provided, bountiful, teeming, swarming, prolific, prodigal, productive, unstinted, unmeasured, superfluous, inexhaustible, redundant.

**ABUSE**, *v.* 1. Use wrongly or improperly, put to bad use, misuse, mishandle, pervert, profane, misemploy, defile, prostitute, debase, desecrate, pollute, dishonor, misapply, degrade.

2. Do wrong to, maltreat, injure, victimize, act injuriously toward, wrong, harm, ill-treat, ruin, persecute, oppress, overwork, overburden, overtax, overstrain, impose upon, ill-use.

3. Reproach coarsely, revile, inveigh against, execrate, vituperate, vilify, blacken, denigrate, malign, berate, censure, defame, disparage, speak ill of, traduce, objurgate, scold, asperse, slander, calumniate, upbraid, carp at, denounce, libel, run down, decry, slur, backbite, lampoon, rail at, pasquinade, satirize, pour contumely on, lash, stigmatize, insult, blaspheme, curse, scorn, sneer at, bullyrag, blackguard, belittle, criticize, pull to pieces, anathematize.

4. Molest, ravish, violate, deflower, outrage, rape, debauch.

**ABUSE**, *n.* 1. Wrong or improper use, pollution, misuse, mishandling, misemployment, defilement, misappropriation, misapplication, profanation, desecration, debasement, perversion, degradation, prostitution.

2. Ill-use, ill-treatment, maltreatment, outrage, victimization, injury, persecution, bad treatment.

3. Insulting language, calumniation, censure, vituperation, derogation, vilification, execration, revilement, denigration, disparagement, slander, condemnation, defamation, aspersion, contumely, tongue-lashing, railing, objurgation, upbraiding, stigmatization, berating, invective, denunciation, stricture, tirade, diatribe, obloquy, malediction, philippic, detraction, opprobrium, libel, vicious scolding, red-hot salvo, ribaldry, scurrility, vile reproof, billingsgate, blasphemy, blackguardism, insult.

4. Offense, crime, malversation, malfeasance, corrupt practice, fault.

5. Ravishment, violation, rape, molestation, defilement, indecent assault.

**ABUSIVE**, *adj.* 1. Harsh, disparaging, libelous, reproachful, derogatory, condemnatory, offensive, denunciatory, depreciatory, defamatory, carping, slanderous, censorious, calumnious, indecent, contumelious, vilificatory, vituperative, insulting, scurrilous, thersitical, opprobrious, licentious, Fescennine, obscene, ribald, foul-mouthed, vile, railing, reviling, invective, insolent, sarcastic,

injurious, hurtful, outrageous, scurvy, satirical, blackguard, biting, acrimonious, loud-mouthed, cynical, low, mean, gross, rude.

2. Wrongly used, corrupt, missapplied, undue, improper, inappropriate, unjustified, unwarranted, perverted.

**ABUT**, *v.* Meet end to end, border on, adjoin, lean against, be contiguous, join, butt, approach, be adjacent to, be juxtaposed, be conterminous, touch, reach, project, approximate, impinge, extend.

**ABUTMENT**, *n.* 1. Junction, contiguity, contact, joint, juxtaposition, adjacency, conterminousness, conjunction, adhesion, attachment, appendage, union, appurtenance.

2. Buttress, retaining wall, supporting wall, end-pier, support, anchorage, thrust wall, shore, adjoinment, stay, brace, prop.

**ABUTTAL**, *n.* 1. Adjacency, touching, nearness, meeting, conjunction, contiguity, juxtaposition, union, convergence, confluence.

2. Border, boundary, bourn, terminus, bound, confine, limit, mete, termination.

**ABYSMAL**, *adj.* Down-reaching, unfathomable, profound, fathomless, boundless, deep, endless, bottomless, dark, infinite, vast, immeasurable, enormous.

**ABYSS**, *n.* 1. Cleft, fissure, gorge, void, depth, deep pit, deep, chasm, crevasse, gulf, gap, abyss, couloir, profound, great immensity, infinitude, hiatus, hollow, yawning cavity, womb of earth, primal chaos.

2. Infernal regions, inferno, netherworld, the bottomless pit, lower world, underworld, the pit, the nadir, limbo, purgatory, hell, Sheol, Tophet, Gehenna, Erebus, Hades, Tartarus, Avernus, Naraka (*Hindu and Buddhist*), Malebolge (*Dante*), Nastrond (*Norse*), Nifheim (*Norse*), Amenti (*Egyptian*), Aralu (*Babylonian*).

**ACADEMIC**, *adj.* 1. Of an academy, of a college or university, scholastic, lettered, erudite, liberal, scholarly, learned, classical, collegiate.

2. Theoretical, not practical, ivory-towered, general, speculative, pedantic, formal, accepted, cut-and-dried, conventional, traditional, remote, bookish, stiff, ivy-walled.

**ACADEMIC**, *n.* Member of an academy, holder of degree, academician, collegian, schoolman, professor, instructor, don (*English*), doctor, man of letters, fellow, gownsman, learned person, philosopher, scholar.

**ACADEMICALS**, *n.* Cap-and-gown, robe, gown, vestments, hood, mortarboard (*colloquial*), dress prescribed in an institution of learning, colors, stripes, insignia.

**ACADEMY**, *n.* 1. Private intermediate school, secondary school, preparatory school, day school, boarding school, seminary, institute, gymnasium, high school, lyceum, grammar school, Latin school.

2. Learned institution, college, university, school for instruction in a particular science or art (*Military Academy, Academy of Fine Arts*), phrontisterion (*facetious or disparaging*), educational establishment, conservatory (*Academy of Music*).

3. Association of artists or scientists, body of experienced persons in any group (*Academy of Political Science, etc.*), scientific body, association of literary men.



**ACCEDE**, *v.* 1. Concur, assent, accord, approve, agree, acquiesce, grant, consent, acknowledge, concede, admit, permit, close with, echo.

2. Comply, conform, yield, submit, accept, obey, subscribe to, defer to, abide by.

3. Enter upon (*an office*), attain (*a dignity*), succeed to (*as heir*), assume, come to inherit, arrive at, reach, come to.

4. Become a party to, associate oneself with, unite oneself, give one's adherence to, be joined, be added.

**ACCELERATE**, *v.* Express, forward, precipitate, urge forward, press forward, expedite, advance, hasten, further, dispatch, hurry, step up, speed up, facilitate, hustle, quicken, spur, promote, drive on, urge on, push on, move forward in time, antedate.

**ACCELERATION**, *n.* Speeding up, hastening, increase of speed or velocity, stepping up, dispatch, expedition, advanced transportation, advanced production, advanced time, mounting intensity.

**ACCENT**, *v.* Stress, emphasize, accentuate, utter or mark with accent, put the ictus on, render emphatic, bring out distinctly, articulate forcibly, give prominence to, intensify.

**ACCENT**, *n.* 1. Syllable stress, attack, prominent pulsation, rhythmical emphasis, articulative emphasis, force of utterance, stress accent, mark, sign.

2. Tone, inflection, pronunciation, intonation, vocalization, modulation, pitch, quality of sound, significant tone, cadence, twang, articulation, enunciation, utterance, distinguishing character, distinctive mode of expression, significance, mood.

**ACCENTUATE**, *v.* 1. Pronounce or write with accent, mark with accent, stress a syllable, lay stress upon.

2. Bring into prominence, give emphasis to, emphasize, call attention to, underline, feature, underscore, punctuate, give point to, intensify, deepen, heighten, strengthen, make clear.

**ACCEPT**, *v.* 1. Take willingly, receive something offered, receive with favor or approval, endure, gain, acquire, get, obtain, secure, come by.

2. Admit as satisfactory or sufficient, acquiesce in, consent, accede to, allow, resign oneself to, comply, agree to, confirm, assent to, sign, accord recognition to, embrace, approve, adopt, avow, believe, acknowledge.

3. Receive into the mind, consider as true, estimate, assume, credit, regard, esteem, value, understand, construe, interpret, put a sense upon.

**ACCEPTABLE**, *adj.* 1. Pleasing to the receiver, attractive, inviting, welcome, pleasant, likable, agreeable, felicitous, prepossessing, becoming, popular, delightful, desirable, comfortable, gratifying, pleasurable, refreshing, admirable.

2. Capable of being accepted, timely, passable, opportune, seasonable, allowable, satisfactory, convenient, expedient.

3. Worthy of being accepted, meritorious, deserving, fit, suitable, meet, due, proper, seemly, decorous, advisable, worthwhile, commendable, creditable, reputable, estimable, wise, exemplary.

**ACCEPTANCE**, *n.* 1. Accepting, taking, receipt, reception.

2. Suitableness, favorable reception, approval, favor, approbation, affirmation, recognition,

acknowledgment, ratification, confirmation, sanction, satisfaction, gratification.

3. Assent to, belief in, compliance with, submission to, acquiescence in, resignation to.

4. Trade acceptance (*commercial*), signature, accepted bill (*of exchange*), signed contract, indorsement, guarantee, agreement, order, draft, certification.

**ACCEPTATION**, *n.* 1. Favorable regard, cordial reception, approval, adoption, admission, assent, currency, vogue.

2. Accepted meaning, sense, interpretation, import, signification, explanation, significance, construction, understanding, implication, purport, denotation, connotation, drift, force.

**ACCEPTED**, *adj.* Favorably received, approved, chosen, acceptable, popular, current, in vogue, conventional, standard, orthodox, stereotyped, formally admitted, acknowledged, recognized, accredited, established, sanctioned, unopposed, settled, allowed, preferred, authorized, authentic, time-honored, fashionable, confirmed.

**ACCESS**, *n.* 1. Act or privilege of coming to, accessibility, approachability, advent, entrance, admittance, admission, introduction, reception, interview, audience.

2. Way or means of approach, entrance, adit, entrance-way, passageway, path, course, inlet, route, communication, road, highroad.

3. Paroxysm, fit, seizure, attack, onset, throe, outburst, recurrence, raptus, spasm, convulsion.

4. Increase, accession, addition, enlargement, increment, gain, aggrandizement, augmentation, extension, expansion, accretion.

**ACCESSIBILITY**, *n.* Convenience, affability, ease of approach, approachability, attainability, procurability, susceptibility, openness, weakness, impressibility, vulnerability, receptiveness, geniality, sociability.

**ACCESSIBLE**, *adj.* 1. Approachable, get-at-able, free of entrance, come-at-able, affable, civil, easy, companionable, complaisant, sociable, obliging, conversable, unconstrained, courteous, friendly, familiar.

2. Possible, procurable, reachable, available, attainable, obtainable, achievable, compassable.

3. Open to the influence of, vulnerable, weak, easily influenced, assailable.

**ACCESSION**, *n.* 1. Act of coming near or on, approach, arrival, advent, admittance, access, influx.

2. Coming into office or power (*as a new dynasty*), taking over, induction, inauguration, elevation, installation, investment, attainment.

3. Something added, addition, augmentation, increment, annexation, enlargement, accretion, aggrandizement, increase, extension, reinforcement.

4. Coming on of disease or passion, raptus, seizure, onset, paroxysm, attack, outburst, spasm.

5. Agreement, consent, acquiescence, assent, acceptance, adherence.

**ACCESSORY**, *adj.* Contributory, appurtenant, subsidiary, secondary, auxiliary, adscititious, subservient, ancillary, additional, complementary, supplementary, collateral, subordinate, adjunct, helpful, abetting, assisting, of minor importance, giving aid, privy, allied, adventitious, incidental, unessential, extra.

**ACCESSORY**, *n.* 1. Something added for effect or adornment, adjunct, appurtenance, appendage,

attachment, accompaniment, auxiliary, minutia, minor particular, subordinate part, subsidiary, concomitant, complement, belongings, gear, appropriate detail, fashionable accent.

2. Abettor, accomplice, helper, assistant, ally, coadjutor, confederate, henchman, participant, retainer, associate, colleague, companion, partner, consociate, adherent, co-partner, attendant, follower, figurant.

**ACCIDENT**, *n.* 1. Unforeseen occurrence, event, occasion, adventure, happening, circumstance, incident, befalling.

2. Fortuity, chance, hap, hazard, luck, crisis, fortune, possibility, contingency, modification, alteration, change.

3. Adversity, affliction, casualty, catastrophe, calamity, disaster, mishap, misfortune, blunder, mischance, fluke, oversight, contretemps, crash, miscarriage, misadventure, mischief, hurt, ruin, wreck, smash-up, collision, undoing, downfall, blow, collapse.

**ACCIDENTAL**, *adj.* 1. Unintentional, unusual, undesigned, unpremeditated, not planned, stray, unexpected, unpurposeful, unintended, random, adventitious, fortuitous, unforeseen, haphazard, casual, chance.

2. Dependent, incidental, subsidiary, accessory, subordinate, contingent, conditional, secondary, non-essential, dispensable, not requisite, extrinsic, collateral, extraneous, adscititious, external, not pertinent, irrelevant, beside the point.

**ACCIDENTALLY**, *adv.* Unwittingly, casually, unintentionally, inadvertently, undesignedly, not purposely, unexpectedly, involuntarily, incidentally, fortuitously, randomly, haphazardly.

**ACCLAIM**, *v.* Salute with voice or sound, crown with acclamation, applaud, praise, cheer, shout, hail, greet, pay homage to, extol, laud, magnify, glorify, exalt, sing praises of, celebrate, idolize, pay tribute to, eulogize, congratulate, felicitate, compliment, encore, prize, honor, approve, cry up, call out loudly, noise abroad, rejoice in, declare.

**ACCLAMATION**, *n.* Acclaim, shout of applause, plaudit, paean, loud homage, hosanna, hurrah, huzza, cheer, outcry, jubilation, gratulation, exultation, adulation, salutation, approbation, laudation, commendation, éclat, magnification, glorification, eulogization, praise, tribute, ovation, triumph, rejoicing.

**ACCLIMATE**, *v.* Inure to a climate, acclimatize, habituate to an environment, accustom to, season, naturalize, adapt to, become habituated to, get used to.

**ACCLIMATION**, *n.* Acclimatement, acclimature, acclimatation, acclimatization, getting used to, inurement to climate, adaptation, adjustment, seasoning, hardening.

**ACCLIVITY**, *n.* Grade, gradient, ascent, slope, rise, pitch, cant, glacis, incline, inclination, bank, slant, upgrade, elevation, eminence, uphill-way, steep, hillside, height, hillock.

**ACCLIVOUS**, *adj.* Sloping upward, uphill, rising, ascending, upward, inclining, mounting, climbing, heaving up, looming up, springing up, gradient, towering up.

**ACCOMMODATE**, *v.* 1. Aid, assist, oblige, do a favor for, favor, convenience, serve, do a service for, save trouble to, help, meet the wants of, furnish, provide, supply, attend to the convenience of, make comfortable, tender to.

2. Have capacity for, be capable of holding, contain, furnish room for, have as contents, lodge, receive, supply accommodations for, entertain comfortably, comprise, include.

3. Adjust, adapt, fit, make suitable, make correspond, make conform, bring into consistency.

4. Make agree, bring into harmony, reconcile, make accord, settle amicably, harmonize, adjust, compose, bring to terms.

**ACCOMMODATING**, *adj.* Obliging, helpful, considerate, benevolent, amiable, gracious, kind, complaisant, friendly, neighborly, attentive, kindly, polite, unselfish, warm-hearted, cordial, well-disposed, benignant, favorable, easy to deal with, conciliatory, pliable, yielding.

**ACCOMMODATION**, *n.* 1. Favor, advantage, interest, service, convenience, assistance, aid, help, provision of wants, supply of conveniences.

2. Lodging, space, arrangements, quarters, room, maintenance.

3. Adjustment, adaptation, agreement, fitness, conformity, congruence, suitability, uniformity, correspondence.

4. Adjustment of differences, accordance, settlement, harmonization, reconciliation, concord, compromise, restoration of harmony, abatement of differences, pacification, harmony.

5. Act of accommodation, favor, helping hand, assistance, lift, good turn, kindness, obligingness, help, generosity, loan of money.

**ACCOMPANIMENT**, *n.* 1. Association, escort, partnership, company, convoy, suite, retinue, train, entourage, cortege.

2. Concomitant, appanage, appurtenance, accessory, adjunct, appendage, attachment, circumstance, attendant, complement, context, attribute, coexistence.

3. Attendant music, obligato, minor harmony, subsidiary part, supplementary part.

**ACCOMPANY**, *v.* 1. Conduct, escort, squire, go with, usher, attend, keep company with, wait upon, associate with, convoy, chaperon, guard, tend, join in action, follow, consort with, go along with, companion, couple with, go side by side with.

2. Coexist, occur with, occur in association with, be connected with, append, characterize, add.

3. Play or sing an accompaniment to.

**ACCOMPANYING**, *adj.* Concomitant, attendant, accessory, coexistent, incidental, associated with, coupled with, fellow, joint.

**ACCOMPLICE**, *n.* Partner in wrongdoing, ally, associate in guilt, accessory, right-hand man, confederate, assistant, abettor, stool-pigeon, aider, companion, colleague, helpmate, confrere, mate, follower, attendant, henchman, retainer, recruit, consociate, copartner, co-operator, collaborator, co-worker, comrade, helper, coadjutor, auxiliary, supporter, *particeps criminis*, *socius criminis*.

**ACCOMPLISH**, *v.* 1. Carry into effect, bring to pass, work out, execute fully, consummate, carry through, perfect, negotiate, perform, achieve, put over, effect, work out, dispatch, complete, carry out, discharge, compass, win, engineer, bring about, do, produce, turn out, realize, attain, fulfil, effectuate, expedite, manage, contrive, operate, get, act.

2. Bring to an end, put an end to, finish, close, conclude, wind up, terminate.

3. Make complete, equip thoroughly, furnish completely, polish.

**ACCOMPLISHED**, *adj.* 1. Expert, practiced, up to the mark, dexterous, deft, adroit, skilful, apt, proficient, gifted, talented, masterly, trained, experienced, finished, resourceful, neat-handed, nimble-fingered, able, *au fait*, ripe, perfected, consummate, clever.

2. Well-grounded, educated, learned, lettered, instructed, cultivated, versed, qualified, scholarly, well-informed, well-read, well-educated, erudite, intellectual.

3. Cultured, refined, fashionable, well-bred, urbane, polished, genteel, fine, polite, elegant, graceful, artistic, thoroughbred.

4. Completed, effected, established, consummated.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT**, *n.* 1. Complete performance, completion, transaction, execution, fulfilment, achievement, realization, dispatch, consummation, culmination, perfection.

2. Deed, feat, act, exploit.

3. Acquired art or grace, polite attainment, acquirement, adornment, embellishment, finish, ornament, graceful acquisition, finesse, forte, talent, gift, savoir-faire, mental resources.

4. Proficiency, skill, address, qualification, dexterity, adroitness, expertness, deftness, competence, capability.

**ACCORD**, *v.* 1. Be in accordance, be in unison, be as one, be harmonious, attune, be in tune with, harmonize, chime in with, comport with, correspond, concur, agree, assent, acquiesce, tally, conform, adjust, square, adapt, quadrate.

2. Vouchsafe, deign, bestow, award.

3. Concede, accede, grant, admit, allow, accept, yield, give, permit, tolerate.

**ACCORD**, *n.* 1. Harmonious union, harmony, unison, concert, correspondence, accordance, consonance, concord, concordance, unanimity, consensus, consentience, comport, keeping with, conjunction, rapport, sympathy, conformation, congruity, conformity, uniformity, communion, coincidence.

2. Act of reconciliation, compliance, assent, acquiescence, accession, concurrence, agreement, concession, obedience, submission, consent.

3. Spontaneous impulse, voluntary choice, volition, will, free will, free agency, discretion, determination.

**ACCORDANT**, *adj.* In accord with, conformable, adapted, consonant, fit, congruous, agreeing, complementary, responsive, answering, consistent, compatible, correspondent, acquiescent, willing, compliable, consenting, fitting, agreeable, suitable, harmonious, symphonious.

**ACCORDINGLY**, *adv.* 1. In a conformable manner, compliantly, conformably, agreeably, correspondingly, consistently, compatibly.

2. In accordance therewith, wherefore, thus, therefore, consequently, hence, thence, whence, then, thereafter, whereupon, in due course, so, and so, in which case.

**ACCORDING TO** 1. After the manner of, in accordance with, in conformity with, in the light of, conformably to, agreeably to.

2. Proportionately, in proportion with.

3. On the authority of, as stated by, as believed by.

**ACCOST**, *v.* Address, salute, hail, appeal to, call to, speak first to, converse with, halloo, greet, make up to, invoke, apostrophize, solicit, draw near, confront, approach, assail, waylay.

**ACCOUCHEMENT**, *n.* (Fr.) Confinement, labor, travail, giving birth to, bearing, child-bearing, childbirth, childbed, bringing forth, nativity, birth, delivery, parturition, gestation, lying-in, profligation, eutocia (*easy*), dystocia (*difficult*), bringing into life.

**ACCOUNT**, *v.* 1. Hold to be, consider, believe, look upon, value, deem, judge, view, regard, rate, think, take for, esteem, estimate, count, compute, calculate, reckon, appraise, set a value on.

2. Give an explanation of, refer to some cause, exhibit the reason, show the grounds, ascertain the cause, attribute, expound, elucidate, clear up, accredit, credit, impute.

3. State the terms of, render an account, put to the credit of, furnish an accounting, give a reckoning, answer for, assign to.

**ACCOUNT**, *n.* 1. Record of debits and credits, statement of pecuniary transactions, methodical calculation, computation, enumeration, reckoning, tally, count, score, valuation, invoice, bill, charge, tick, balance sheet, entry.

2. Recitation, recital, chronicle, record, word, rehearsal, relation, explanation, statement, sketch, description, version, recountal, delineation, tale, story, history, narrative, portrayal, memoir, representation, report, detail, commentary, tidings, declamation.

3. Statement of reasons, reference to grounds, investigation into causes, clearing up, unfolding, explanation, exposition, detailment.

4. Concern, sake, interest, ground, cause, reason, score, consideration, motive, regard.

5. Esteem, importance, value, worth, merit, honor, consequence, estimation, reputation, note, distinction, rank, dignity, repute.

6. Gain, profit, utility, expediency, service, advantage, good, benefit, avail, advancement, weal, use.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**, *n.* Responsibility, bounden duty, responsibility, accountableness, liability, trustworthiness, obligation, answerableness, amenability.

**ACCOUNTABLE**, *adj.* Answerable, liable, subject, responsible, amenable, open to, obligated, in duty bound, beholden.

**ACCOUNTANT**, *n.* Bookkeeper, auditor, actuary, controller, teller, cashier, clerk, inspector of accounts, expert in accounts, calculator, reckoner, examiner of business accounts, analyst, certified accountant, CPA, chartered accountant (*Eng.*), computer, comptroller, sirkar (*Anglo-Ind.*).

**ACCOUNT OF, ON** Because of, by reason of, for the sake of, on behalf of, in the interest of.

**ACCOUTER**, *v.* Array in mail, harness, rig out, caparison, fit out, equip, garb, dress, attire, trap, apparel, invest, clothe, adorn, deck, habit, arm, supply, provide, equip for the field.

**ACCOUTERMENTS**, *n.* Trappings, caparison, array, appurtenances, gear, appointments, dress, equipage, equipment, paraphernalia, ornaments, housings, arms, outfit, livery, apparel, garb, attire, raiment, habiliment, vesture, rigging, investiture, clothing, harness.

**ACCREDIT**, *v.* 1. (Followed by *with*.) Ascribe to one's credit, attribute to, give credit for, assign to.

2. Receive as credible, believe, credit, put trust in, acknowledge.

3. Furnish with credentials, invest with credit, bring into authority, vouch for officially, certify

as standard, sanction, authorize, empower, credit as an envoy, depute, commission, deputize, assign to an embassy.

**ACCREDITED**, *adj.* Publicly authorized, officially sanctioned, provided with credentials, empowered, authorized, commissioned, deputed, confirmed, endorsed, sanctioned, approved, acknowledged, accepted as valid, guaranteed as standard, vouched for.

**ACCRETION**, *n.* 1. Organic growth, formation by external additions, increase by inclusion, extraneous addition, augmentation by adhesion, accession of parts, natural growth, coherence of particles, accumulation, matter added, fusion, increment, enlargement, extension, expansion, amplification.

2. (*Pathol.*) Growing together of parts into a whole, adhesion of parts normally distinct, piling up of substance, conglomeration.

3. (*Law*) Increase by deposit of alluvium, extension of boundaries, gradual accumulation of soil, increase of property by surrender of a coheir.

**ACCRUAL**, *n.* Increase, maturing, accrument, accretion, accumulation, gain, yield, acquirement, outcome, advantage, right.

**ACCRUE**, *v.* 1. Come as a natural result or addition, follow by increase or advantage, issue as a result, arise in due course, proceed, fall from, emanate from, flow from, result, redound, ensue, come in, be added by growth, accumulate, be derived, be gained, yield, bring in, mature, fall due, fall to one's share.

2. (*Law*) Vest as a right, come into existence as an enforceable right or claim.

**ACCUMULATE**, *v.* 1. Heap up, mass, pile up, gather into a mass, amass, muster, stack up, aggregate, agglomerate, scrape together, collect a bulk of, heap together, assemble, bring together, rake up, lump together, load up.

2. Hoard, store up, harvest, garner, save up, husband, bank, deposit, treasure up, set by, stow up, garner up, lay by, lay up, lay in, stock up, preserve, reserve, conserve.

3. Increase in quantity, swell, augment, wax, mount, grow, rise, enlarge, deepen, heighten, expand, extend, congregate, agglomerate, be heaped up, multiply, accrue, cumulate.

**ACCUMULATION**, *n.* Collecting together, bulk, amassing, gathering, hoarding, growth by addition, pile, compilation, collection, accretion, aggregation, conglomeration, agglomeration, stock, mass, heap, assemblage, amassment, store, drift, fund, accrument, concentration, acervation, coacervation, centralization.

**ACCURACY**, *n.* Freedom from error, conformity to truth, accurateness, exactitude, exactness, nicety, precision, correctness, justness, fidelity, faithfulness, regularity, carefulness, strictness, minuteness, severity, closeness, accordance, perfection, truthfulness, veracity, verity, truth, probity, soundness, equity, integrity, validity, rectitude, propriety, faultlessness.

**ACCURATE**, *adj.* Careful, executed with care, defect-free, errorless, faultless, exact, punctilious, precise, true, veracious, truthful, correct, close, minute, scrupulous, conscientious, severe, strict, rigorous, perfect, right, unerring, blameless, particular, nice, faithful, just, proper, definite, mathematical, absolute, conclusive, sure, certain, authoritative, scientific, thorough, regular,

unmistaken, trustworthy, dependable, reliable, sterling, conformable to standard, clean-cut, meticulous.

**ACCURSE**, *v.* Devote to destruction or evil, curse, anathematize, revile, invoke misery upon, damn, imprecate, maledict, denounce, execrate, doom, bedevil, proscribe, curse by bell, book and candle.

**ACCURSED**, *adj.* 1. Subject to a curse, doomed to evil, curse-laden, anathematized, execrated, unsanctified, condemned, unholy, blighted, banned, ruined, bedeviled, stricken, undone, unhappy, miserable, unfortunate, ill-fated, woe-ful, abandoned, unblest, hopeless.

2. Worthy of curses, dire, diabolic, devilish, infernal, hellish, execrable, abominable, base, vile, odious, wicked, hateful, detestable, horrid, abhorrent, horrible, malign, sinister, damnable, atrocious, revolting, loathsome, repugnant, foul, nauseous, offensive, repulsive, baleful, corrupt, villainous, pernicious, pestilential, noxious, deadly.

**ACCUSATION**, *n.* 1. Charge, imputation of wrongdoing, plaint (*law*), indictment, challenge, arraignment, inculpation, crimination, true bill, incrimination, impeachment, allegation, taxing, complaint, attack, denunciation, delation, libel, citation, information.

2. Taking to task, calling to account, censure, reproach, blame, vituperation, slur, invective, recrimination.

**ACCUSE**, *v.* 1. Lodge a complaint, charge with, denounce, impeach, criminate, incriminate, tax with, arraign, indict, inculpate, implicate, impute, recriminate, inform against, challenge, cite, sue, prosecute, hail to court, appeal to law, litigate, bring to trial, prefer or file a charge, serve with a summons, delate, libel, bring a charge against.

2. Upbraid, blame, take to task, reproach, call to account, reprehend, attack, inveigh, declaim against, asperse, censure, stigmatize, slur, impugn, brand, revile, decry, vilify, malign, execrate.

**ACCUSER**, *n.* Libelant, judicial party, suitor, petitioner, litigant, prosecutor, plaintiff, delator, complainant, adversary, opposer, opponent, informer, informant.

**ACCUSTOM**, *v.* Make familiar by use, make wonted or used, break in, habituate, train, drill, familiarize, discipline, ingrain, harden, toughen, inure, season, acclimate, acclimatize, naturalize, addict, apply habitually, expose to, give one the hang of, make routine.

**ACCUSTOMED**, *adj.* 1. Habituated, wonted, used to, addicted to, given to, in the habit of, wedded to, acclimated, seasoned, hardened, toughened, inured, confirmed, broken in, trained, familiar through use, familiarized, disciplined, ingrained, acclimatized.

2. Habitual, routine, usual, established, set, customary, regular, normal, ordinary, general, prevailing, prevalent, common, frequent, fixed, everyday, household, well-known, rooted, well-trodden, commonplace, stock, prescriptive, conventional.

**ACE**, *n.* 1. Single mark on card, single spot on die, single pip, one-spot, a card so marked, winning card, head of suit.

2. Very small quantity or degree, unit, one, minute particle, atom, molecule, ion, corpuscle, granule, mote, grain, mite, scrap, snip, nip, bit,



speck, trifle, iota, jot, whit, tittle, scintilla, fig, rap.

3. Highly skilled person, adept, expert, winner, specialist, crack, master-hand, skilled hand, seasoned fighter pilot.

**ACERBATE**, *v.* 1. Render sour or bitter, make crabbed or harsh, sour, aggravate, worsen, heighten, increase, exaggerate.

2. Exasperate, provoke, inflame, excite, vex, infuriate, enrage, envenom, embitter, anger, gall, nettle, chafe, incense, annoy, fret, ruffle, irritate.

**ACERBITY**, *n.* 1. Bitterness, sourness, roughness of taste, unsavoriness, mordancy, acidity, tartness, causticity, acridness, acidity, sharpness, acidness, astringency, pungency, acidulousness.

2. Irritability, irascibility, acrimoniousness, asperity, captiousness, acrimony, harshness, rudeness, sternness, testiness, churlishness, severity, cholera, rancor, venomousness, pique, snappishness, crabbedness, sullenness, moroseness, ill nature, ill temper, dudgeon, ill feeling, virulence, gruffness, austerity, surliness, brusqueness.

**ACETOUS**, *adj.* 1. Sour, vinegary, bitter, acid, tart, acrid, acidulated, biting, acidulous, sharp, caustic, pungent, stinging, piquant.

2. Acerb, acrimonious, mordant, cutting, harsh, austere, severe, morose, sullen, virulent, unkind, churlish, crabbed, crusty, gruff, moody, splenetic, sulky, surly.

**ACHE**, *v.* 1. Be in continued pain, feel or suffer pain, be distressed, be disquieted, be anguished, sorrow, grieve, suffer, mourn.

2. Inflict suffering upon, be painful, give pain, torment, torture, wound, distress, disquiet, be sore, trouble, afflict, hurt, twinge, shoot, smart, gnaw, pierce, gripe, pinch, throb.

3. Be eager, yearn, long, wish ardently, fret, be discontented, pine for, crave, hanker for, desire earnestly.

**ACHE**, *n.* 1. Protracted aching, dull pain, local pain, continued pain, agony, suffering, throe, twitch, smarting, pang, torture, twinge, hurt, torment, paroxysm, gripe, pinch, shooting, stab, soreness, throb, lincination, spasm.

2. Misery, affliction, woe, heartache, dolor, desolation, grief, sorrow, anguish, loneliness, distress, uneasiness, longing, craving, yearning, hankering after, pining for.

**ACHIEVABLE**, *adj.* Attainable, obtainable, possible, feasible, practicable, manageable.

**ACHIEVE**, *v.* 1. Effect, carry out, execute, bring to pass, accomplish, effectuate, contrive, bring about, work out, consummate, do, perform, compass, realize, fulfil, actualize, encompass, carry through, dispatch.

2. Complete, perfect, finish, end, terminate, bring to a successful end, bring to a conclusion, conclude, transact.

3. Acquire by effort, wrest, gain, win, get, procure, obtain, attain, succeed in gaining, earn.

**ACHIEVEMENT**, *n.* 1. Realization, accomplishment, attainment, performance, fulfilment, completion, consummation, execution, dispatch, effectuation, contrivance, encompassment, actualization.

2. Act, heroic deed, brilliant accomplishment, bravura, exploit, feat, meritorious work, feather in the cap.

3. (*Her.*) Escutcheon, shield, shield armorial, hatchment, funeral shield.

**ACHROMATIC**, *adj.* Free from color, colorless, hueless, uncolored, untinged, pale, gray, color-free, neutral, perfectly transparent, transmitting light, refracting light, free from iridescence, lighter in color than normal, resisting dyes, without coloring matter.

**ACHROMATISM**, *n.* Absence of color, freedom from chromatic aberration, achromaticity, want of color, freedom from color, transparency, colorlessness, paleness, dye-resistance, grayness, freedom from iridescence.

**ACHROMATIZE**, *v.* Render achromatic, make non-iridescent, render completely transparent, deprive of color, render translucent.

**ACHROMATOPSY**, *n.* Total color-blindness, acritochromacy, monochromatism, deuteranopia, protanopia, tritanopia, dichromatism.

**ACID**, *adj.* 1. Sour, vinegarish, bitter, tart, harsh, sharp, caustic, stinging, astringent, pricking, keen, pungent, acetous, acidulated, cutting, biting, burning, scalding, corrosive.

2. Acerb, acidulous, acrid, acrimonious, rough, crabbed, ill-tempered, severe, mordant, sarcastic, satirical, ironical.

**ACIDIFY**, *v.* Convert into acid, turn, ferment, acidulate, sour, embitter.

**ACIDITY**, *n.* 1. Sourness, vinegariness, bitterness, tartness, harshness, sharpness, causticity, astringency, keenness, pungency, acidulousness.

2. Acerbity, asperity, roughness, crabbedness, ill-humoredness, acridity, acrimony, severity, ill-temperedness, sarcasm, mordancy, ironicalness.

**ACIDULOUS**, *adj.* 1. Sourish, sub-acid, bitter, somewhat acid, sharp, tart, caustic, stinging, cutting, biting, burning, scalding, corrosive.

2. Sour-tempered, severe, sarcastic, satirical, virulent, scathing, mordant, sardonic, ironical, mocking.

**ACKNOWLEDGE**, *v.* 1. Admit to be real or true, declare belief in, recognize authority of, own the validity of, admit, grant, allow, accept, indorse, avow, profess, subscribe to, agree to, vouch for, certify, ratify, accede, concur, approve, concede, yield, assent, acquiesce, consent.

2. Recognize existence of, take cognizance of, notice, be aware of, respect, hold in remembrance.

3. Show appreciation of, express gratitude for, recompense, requite, thank, respond, answer, reply, reward, compensate, remunerate, settle, pay, give thanks for.

**ACKNOWLEDGED**, *adj.* Admitted, confessed, unquestioned, recognized, accepted, accredited.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**, *n.* 1. Recognizance, recognition, greeting, salutation, salute, address.

2. Avowal, profession, affirmation, admission, declaration, allowance, acceptance, indorsement, ratification, confession, concession, acquiescence, assent.

3. Voucher, certification, receipt, acquittance, deed, discharge, quittance, clearance, release.

4. Expression of gratitude, thanks, response, answer, return, reply, replication.

**ACME**, *n.* 1. Top, crest, summit, crown, peak, pinnacle, topmost point, apogee, utmost height, apex, zenith, culmination, vertex, extreme limit, *ne plus ultra*, turning point, culminating point, meridian, crisis.

2. Perfection, highest attainment, consummate achievement.

3. Full maturity of life, heyday, flush, prime, bloom, flower.