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Preface

This classic work, formerly entitled *The Nuttall Dictionary of English Synonyms and Antonyms*, was last revised in 1943. It was reprinted twenty-eight times, indicating that it had found a substantial and continuing market. For this entirely new edition the dictionary has been updated and considerably enlarged, both in the selection of words covered and in the range of synonyms and antonyms offered. In the last half-century many words and senses have changed their meaning, and many new ones have appeared. This edition reflects these changes in the English language without altering the essential flavour of the book, although it has now been computerized and typeset using the latest technology.

The aim of this edition, as with earlier versions, is to collect together groups of words of similar meaning, enabling the user to avoid repetition in both writing and speaking and to find quickly and easily the most appropriate word for any occasion. English has a uniquely prolific vocabulary reflecting the multiplicity of its sources – the Anglo-Saxon of its early inhabitants, the enrichment provided by its Roman, Viking, and Norman invaders, the borrowings from all parts of the globe acquired by generations of seafarers, and the two-way trade in vocabulary from the Empire and Colonies. The result is a language more precise than any other in its ability to differentiate shades and nuances of meaning; for the users of such an affluent language a dictionary of synonyms becomes a near-necessity.

While it is probable that there are no true synonyms – that few words can really be interchanged in all contexts without any shift of connotation – on many occasions memories need to be nudged for the appropriate near-synonym to complete a sentence or paragraph without repetition. To provide this service, this dictionary consists of a single alphabetical list of headwords, each followed by a selection of synonyms grouped together according to the various senses of the word and the different shades of meaning within each sense. Clearly a book of this size cannot list all the words in the language, but what it does provide is a broad selection of the words in the general language. Concrete nouns with simple synonyms, such as **car**, **auto-mobile**, and **radio**, **wireless**, have not been included. Our aim, like those of the original editors of the book, has been to cover the more interesting semantic areas of abstract nouns and adjectives, especially those with metaphorical senses.

In addition to the synonym lists, for many of the entries an antonym is given in small capital letters at the end of the entry. (Further antonyms may be obtained by seeking the antonyms of words listed as synonyms.)

Where the derived form of a word is not given as an independent headword, its synonyms may be formed from those given for its stem. For example, from the entry

sad, unhappy, sorrowful. downcast, dejected, depressed, despondent, etc.

both

sadly, unhappily, sorrowfully, dejectedly, despondently.

and

sadness, unhappiness. sorrow, dejection, depression, despondency, etc.

may be derived.

Part-of-speech labels are given where necessary to distinguish between the different senses of a headword or between headwords with identical spelling. They are abbreviated as follows:

| | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| <i>adj</i> | adjective |
| <i>adv</i> | adverb |
| <i>conj</i> | conjunction |
| <i>interj</i> | interjection |
| <i>n</i> | noun |
| <i>prep</i> | preposition |
| <i>v</i> | verb |
| <i>vi</i> | intransitive verb |
| <i>vt</i> | transitive verb |

The label (*inf*), as an abbreviation of the word 'informal', has been introduced to designate synonyms that may be unacceptable in formal usage.

Finally we would like to thank Commander F. Val. Jones, who, with his late wife, made many helpful suggestions for bringing this book up to date.

R.F.
1985

A

aback backwards, rearwards, behind, aft
taken aback, surprised, startled, dumb-founded, nonplussed, disconcerted.

abandon v. desert, leave, forsake, jilt, discard, get rid of, drop.

quit, vacate, evacuate, withdraw from.
 give up, forgo, yield, surrender, cede, relinquish, renounce, abdicate, resign. **RETAIN**
n. unrestraint, dash, verve, impulsiveness, wantonness, lawlessness. **RESTRAINT**

abandoned deserted, forsaken, left, discarded, cast away, rejected, forlorn, derelict.

KEPT
 unrestrained, uninhibited, wanton, dissolute, shameless, impenitent, licentious, depraved, corrupt, sinful. **VIRTUOUS**

abase lower, reduce, depress, degrade, disgrace, dishonour, humiliate, humble, demean, demote, debase, belittle. **EXALT**

abasement degradation, lowering, disgrace, dishonour, ignominy, shame, humiliation, mortification. **EXALTATION**

abash confound, confuse, disconcert, discompose, discomfit, embarrass, shame, humble, humiliate, daunt, overawe, intimidate.

abashment confusion, discomposure, discomfiture, chagrin, embarrassment, shame, humiliation.

abate lessen, reduce, decrease, diminish, attenuate, alleviate, ease, moderate, assuage, soothe, calm, pacify, appease, quell, subside, let up, ebb, decline, wane, slacken, remit. **INCREASE**

deduct, subtract, discount.

abatement decrease, diminution, lessening, reduction, decline, easing, moderation, alleviation, relief. **INCREASE**

suppression, termination, control, restraint, limitation.

deduction, subtraction, discount, reduction, rebate.

abbey monastery, friary, priory, nunnery, convent, cloister, church, minster.

abbreviate condense, shorten, curtail, abridge, cut, reduce, contract, compress, paraphrase, summarize, précis. **LENGTHEN**

abbreviation shortening, abridgment, reduction, contraction, compression, condensation, summary, résumé, synopsis.

EXTENSION

abdicate resign, renounce, give up, relinquish, cede, surrender, vacate, retire, quit.

abdomen belly, paunch, stomach, tummy (*inf*), gut, intestines.

abdominal intestinal, visceral, gastric, stomachic, ventral.

abduct kidnap, carry off, seize, remove, run off with, appropriate. **RESTORE**

abduction kidnapping, seizure, appropriation. **RESTORATION**

aberrant irregular, abnormal, eccentric, peculiar, untypical, anomalous, unusual, singular, odd. **REGULAR**

deviant, wandering, deviating, divergent, rambling.

erroneous, wrong, perverse, perverted, corrupt.

aberration deviation, divergence, irregularity, abnormality, peculiarity, anomaly.

REGULARITY

delusion, vagary, mental disorder, hallucination.

abet aid, assist, help, succour, sustain, support, back, condone, favour, sanction, encourage, advocate, incite, urge, egg on.

OPPOSE

abettor accomplice, accessory, henchman, partner in crime, assistant, helper, associate, confederate, instigator, adviser.

OPPONENT

abeyance suspension, intermission, deferment, postponement, reservation, dormancy. **REVIVAL**

in abeyance, suspended, put aside, shelved, pending, hanging fire, on ice (*inf*).

abhor abominate, loathe, detest, execrate, shrink from, hate. **ADORE**

abhorrence abomination, loathing, execration, detestation, odium, repugnance, horror, aversion, antipathy, hate, hatred. **LOVE**

abhorrent loathsome, detestable, execrable, abominable, obnoxious, repugnant, odious, hateful, horrid. **ADORABLE**

abide *vt.* bear, tolerate, put up with, suffer, stand, brook, endure, sustain, accept, submit to.

vi. remain, last, endure, persist, continue, survive. **PERISH**

dwell, reside, live, lodge, sojourn, settle, rest, tarry, stay. **DEPART**

abide by, comply with, conform to, observe, obey, submit to, fulfil, carry out, keep to. **BREAK**

abiding

abiding lasting, permanent, durable, enduring, eternal, changeless, unchanging, steadfast.

CHANGING

ability capacity, capability, competence, efficiency, proficiency, skill, aptitude, cleverness, talent, gift, knack, flair, potential, power, might, force.

INABILITY

abject contemptible, despicable, base, vile, mean, low, ignoble, worthless, degraded, sordid, servile, grovelling, cringing, slavish.

HONOURABLE

miserable, wretched, forlorn, dejected, pitiable, pathetic.

abjectness abjection, baseness, dishonour, degradation, vileness, meanness, worthlessness, servility.

destitution, forlornness, wretchedness, misery, humiliation.

abjure retract, recant, withdraw, disclaim, forswear, disavow. **ACKNOWLEDGE** renounce, reject, repudiate, discard, disown, abandon, forsake, abstain from.

able capable, competent, fit, efficient, accomplished, qualified, adept, proficient, adroit, skilful, clever, talented, expert, masterly, powerful, strong.

INCAPABLE

ablution washing, cleansing, bathing, purification.

abnegate deny, renounce, abstain from, abjure, forgo, reject.

abnegation denial, renunciation, abjuration, surrender, self-denial, abstinence.

abnormal irregular, unusual, uncommon, extraordinary, singular, eccentric, aberrant, divergent, atypical, exceptional, monstrous, peculiar, strange, odd, curious, weird, queer.

NORMAL

abnormality anomaly, irregularity, deformity, monstrosity, aberration, peculiarity, idiosyncrasy, strangeness, oddity.

NORMALITY

aboard on board, afloat, on, in, inside, within.

abode dwelling, home, domicile, residence, habitation, lodging, house, seat, quarters.

abolish destroy, do away with, annihilate, nullify, annul, abrogate, eradicate, terminate, end, put an end to, suppress, revoke, cancel, erase, obliterate, eliminate.

RETAIN

abolition destruction, annihilation, annulment, abrogation, eradication, end,

suppression, cancellation, obliteration, elimination.

abominable detestable, loathsome, horrible, hateful, execrable, odious, obnoxious, foul, vile, repulsive, repugnant, hellish, damnable, accursed, terrible, unpleasant.

LOVABLE

abominate abhor, detest, loathe, execrate, hate.

ADORE

abomination abhorrence, loathing, detestation, aversion, hatred.

LOVE

plague, torment, nuisance, annoyance, bugbear, curse, pest.

BLESSING

evil, villainy, wickedness, corruption, pollution.

aboriginal original, first, earliest, primary, autochthonous, native, indigenous, primitive, primeval.

ALIEN

aborigine native, indigene, aboriginal, autochthon.

abort miscarry, terminate, halt, stop, check, arrest, go wrong, fail.

ACHIEVE

abortion miscarriage, termination of pregnancy, stillbirth, aborticide, feticide, failure, disappointment, fiasco, mishap, misadventure, blunder.

ACHIEVEMENT

abortive fruitless, vain, unavailing, ineffectual, futile, failed, failing. **SUCCESSFUL** immature, incomplete, imperfect, rudimentary, stunted, untimely, premature.

abound teem, swarm, flow, overflow, be plentiful, proliferate, flourish, thrive.

about *prep.* concerning, relating to, regarding, touching, with respect to, near, close to, around, nearby, high, around, encircling, surrounding, on all sides, throughout, all over.

adv. approximately, roughly, more or less, circa, around, almost, nearly, well-nigh.

PRECISELY

about to, on the point of, soon to, ready to, on the verge of.

above *prep.* over, on top of, higher than, exceeding, beyond, superior to.

BELOW

adv. overhead, atop, aloft, higher, earlier, before, previously.

BELOW

aboveboard frank, honest, truthful, open, candid, forthright, ingenuous, artless.

DISHONEST

abrasion attrition, erosion, wearing down, rubbing, scraping, scouring, scratch, graze, scrape.

abrasive *adj.* rough, scratching, grating, harsh.

irritating, annoying, biting, caustic, sharp.
n. scourer, abradant, emery, pumice, sand-
 paper, grindstone, rasp, file.

abreast beside, alongside, side by side,
 aligned, level.

informed, knowledgeable, conversant, fa-
 miliar, up to date. *au courant*.

abridge condense, shorten, compress,
 contract, cut, reduce, abbreviate, summa-
 rize, cut down, curtail, lessen, diminish.

EXPAND

abridgment shortening, condensation,
 abbreviation, summary, précis, abstract,
 digest, synopsis, outline, résumé, compen-
 dium.

EXPANSION

abroad overseas, in foreign parts, out of
 the country.

away, out, elsewhere, at large, apart, dis-
 persed, far, widely, publicly.

NEAR

abrogate repeal, revoke, countermand,
 annul, nullify, cancel, expunge, quash,
 overrule, invalidate, abolish, terminate.

ENACT

abrupt sudden, unexpected, unanti-
 cipated, unforeseen, hasty, precipitate, rash,
 steep, sheer, precipitous.

GRADUAL

curt, brusque, short, unceremonious, gruff,
 blunt, impolite, rude.

COURTEOUS

broken, jagged, rough, uneven, disconnect-
 ed, jerky.

abscess sore, boil, ulcer, inflammation,
 festering.

abscond flee, fly, run away, run off,
 elope, decamp, bolt, escape, leave, with-
 draw, beat it (*inf*), clear off (*inf*), disappear,
 hide.

APPEAR

absence nonattendance, nonappearance.

PRESENCE

lack, want, need, deficiency, default, un-
 availability:

absent *adj.* away, off, missing, out,
 elope, gone, lacking, wanting, nonexis-
 tent.

PRESENT

inattentive, preoccupied, distracted, obli-
 vious, unaware, dreaming, faraway.

ATTENTIVE

absent oneself, *v.* stay away, play truant,
 leave, depart, withdraw, abscond.

absent-minded forgetful, distracted,
 preoccupied, absorbed, absent, faraway,
 oblivious, unthinking, unconscious.

absolute complete, entire, utter, total,
 unlimited, unrestricted, unconditional, un-

qualified, perfect, pure, unadulterated, un-
 alloyed, unmixed.

PARTIAL

despotic, autocratic, tyrannical, authorita-
 tive, dictatorial, supreme, arbitrary.

undoubted, real, genuine, actual, veritable,
 certain, unquestionable.

DUBIOUS

absolutely completely, entirely, utterly,
 totally, wholly, perfectly, categorically.

PARTIALLY

really, unquestionably, definitely, indeed,
 positively, certainly, indubitably.

POSSIBLY

absolution remission, forgiveness, par-
 don, acquittal, discharge, dispensation,
 amnesty, liberation, deliverance.

CONDEMNATION

absolve forgive, pardon, excuse, acquit,
 exonerate, clear, exculpate, release, dis-
 charge, liberate, free, remit.

CONDEMN

absorb consume, assimilate, incorporate,
 imbibe, soak up, suck up, take in, swallow,
 engulf.

EXUDE

engross, fascinate, enthrall, engage, preoc-
 cupy, monopolize.

absorbent porous, permeable, pervious,
 spongy, blotting, receptive, assimilative.

IMPERMEABLE

absorbing engrossing, fascinating, rivet-
 ing, gripping, interesting.

DULL

abstain refrain, forbear, desist, decline,
 refuse, forgo, renounce, give up, shun,
 avoid, withhold.

INDULGE

abstemious abstinent, temperate, mod-
 erate, sober, teetotal, continent, self-deny-
 ing, ascetic, sparing, frugal.

GREEDY

abstinence teetotalism, sobriety, tem-
 perance, moderation, abstemiousness, con-
 tinence, self-denial.

SELF-INDULGENCE

abstract *adj.* theoretical, hypothetical,
 unreal, spiritual, vague, conceptual, imagi-
 nary, indefinite, abstruse, recondite,
 profound, philosophical.

CONCRETE

n. abridgment, summary, synopsis, digest,
 outline, précis, résumé.

v. separate, detach, remove, isolate, disso-
 ciate, extract, take out.

UNITE

abbreviate, condense, shorten, abridge,
 epitomize, summarize.

EXPAND

abstracted preoccupied, inattentive, ab-
 sent-minded, faraway, daydreaming, una-
 ware, distracted.

ATTENTIVE

abstraction inattention, preoccupation,
 reverie, absence, brown study, absorption.

ATTENTION

abstruse

concept, idea, notion, theory, hypothesis, generality.

separation, isolation, removal, withdrawal, disconnection. UNION

abstruse obscure, recondite, abstract, vague, esoteric, arcane, occult, mysterious, perplexing, incomprehensible, unfathomable, profound, remote, subtle. CLEAR

absurd ridiculous, preposterous, irrational, incongruous, unreasonable, foolish, silly, asinine, crazy, stupid, ludicrous, nonsensical, senseless, laughable, farcical. SENSIBLE

abundance plenty, plentifulness, copiousness, profusion, exuberance, luxuriance, ampleness, fullness, bounty, affluence, richness, wealth, flood, overflow, surfeit, glut, excess. SCARCITY

abundant plentiful, copious, profuse, luxuriant, ample, bountiful, lavish, rich, replete, overflowing, teeming. SCARCE

abuse *v.* misuse, misapply, misemploy, pervert, exploit, take advantage of, maltreat, harm, injure, hurt, ill-treat, persecute.

insult, slander, revile, disparage, defame, calumniate, malign, vilify, reproach, upbraid. PRAISE

n. misuse, misapplication, exploitation, perversion.

maltreatment, ill-treatment, injury, damage, persecution.

slander, calumny, insults, defamation, invective, disparagement. PRAISE

abusive insulting, offensive, defamatory, slanderous, rude, derogatory, derisive.

COMPLIMENTARY

abut adjoin, touch, meet, join, impinge, border on, end at.

abyss gulf, gorge, chasm, crevasse, ravine, abysm, bottomless pit, void.

academic scholarly, learned, erudite, highbrow, intellectual, scholastic, literary, collegiate.

abstract, theoretical, hypothetical, speculative, artificial, unreal, irrelevant, unimportant. REAL

academy school, college, university, institution, institute, seminary.

accede agree, concur, assent, acquiesce, accept, consent, grant, concede, comply.

DISAGREE

attain, succeed, inherit, assume, ascend, enter upon.

accelerate hasten, quicken, speed up, hurry, expedite, urge on, spur, stimulate, advance. RETARD

accent *n.* stress, accentuation, emphasis, force, beat, rhythm, cadence, pitch, tone, intonation, modulation, pronunciation, inflection.

v. accentuate, emphasize, stress.

accentuate accent, stress, emphasize, underline, highlight, draw attention to.

accept take, receive, gain, acquire, obtain. REFUSE

agree to, accede to, assent to, admit, acknowledge, acquiesce, allow, affirm, avow. REPUDIATE

tolerate, put up with, bear, stand, suffer.

acceptable satisfactory, adequate, passable, tolerable, all right, not bad, so-so.

UNACCEPTABLE

welcome, agreeable, gratifying, pleasant, pleasing, delightful. UNWELCOME

acceptance acknowledgment, receipt, accepting, taking, reception. REFUSAL

approval, approbation, favour, sanction, assent, agreement, ratification.

accepted approved, authorized, usual, customary, normal, standard, conventional, traditional, established.

UNCONVENTIONAL

access admission, admittance, approach, entrance, door, entry, way, passage, path, attack, onset, fit, paroxysm, spasm, seizure, outburst.

accessible approachable, reachable, gettable (*inf.*), obtainable, available, to hand.

INACCESSIBLE

affable, cordial, friendly, approachable, genial. UNFRIENDLY

accession succession, inheritance, attainment, arrival, inauguration, investiture, installation.

addition, augmentation, increase, enlargement, extension, expansion. DECREASE

accessory *n.* supplement, subsidiary, component, element, minor part, detail, appendage. addition, attachment. ESSENTIAL

accomplice, abettor, confederate, partner, helper, assistant.

adj. subsidiary, supplementary, auxiliary, subordinate, additional, extra, minor. CHIEF

accident mishap, misadventure, mischance, casualty, calamity, chance, fluke, fortuity, contingency.

accidental casual, fortuitous, chance, unintentional, unplanned, contingent, unforeseen, unexpected. **PLANNED**

accidentally by accident, by mistake, inadvertently, unintentionally, by chance.

acclaim v. cheer, hail, welcome, applaud, praise, extol. **DENOUNCE**

n. praise, applause, acclamation.

acclamation applause, cheers, shouting, acclaim, praise, tribute, homage. **DENUNCIATION**

acclimatize habituate, familiarize, inure, season.

acclivity ascent, upward slope, rising ground, elevation, incline, hill. **DECLIVITY**

accommodate adapt, adjust, fit, suit, settle, compose, reconcile, harmonize.

oblige, help, aid, serve, provide, supply, give. **DISOBLIGE**
 lodge, house, put up, billet, receive, hold, contain.

accommodating obliging, conciliatory, adaptable, yielding, compliant, considerate, kind, friendly, unselfish, polite.

UNFRIENDLY

accommodation lodgings, housing, quarters, digs (*inf*), service, advantage, provision, supply, convenience.

adjustment, adaptation, conformity, harmonization.

accompaniment appendage, adjunct, appurtenance, attachment, accessory, attendant.

accompany escort, go with, attend, wait on, conduct, chaperon, convoy, follow.

DESERT

accomplice accessory, abettor, partner in crime, conspirator, collaborator, associate, confederate, helper. **OPPONENT**

accomplish complete, finish, achieve, effect, execute, perform, do, perfect, fulfil, consummate.

accomplished talented, skilled, expert, experienced, proficient, competent, able, qualified, educated, refined, polished, cultured, sophisticated. **UNSKILLED**

finished, consummated, done, completed.

UNFINISHED

accomplishment achievement, exploit, feat, attainment, success, completion, perfection, consummation. **FAILURE**

accord v. grant, concede, yield, give, award, allow, vouchsafe. **DENY**

agree, consent, concur, correspond, tally, harmonize, be in unison, match. **DIFFER**
 n. harmony, concord, agreement, unanimity. **DISCORD**

accordance accord, agreement, conformity, harmony, unison. **DIFFERENCE**

accordant agreeing, harmonious, consonant, suitable. **DISCORDANT**

accordingly correspondingly, agreeably, suitably, in accordance.

consequently, therefore, so, thus.

accost confront, approach, greet, address, hail, stop, buttonhole, waylay, assail. **AVOID**

account v. judge, esteem, deem, regard, consider, think, reckon.

account for, explain, elucidate, justify, be responsible for, answer for.

n. narrative, narration, tale, story, description, report, statement, explanation, exposition, record, chronicle.

reckoning, bill, invoice, statement, ledger, tally, score, calculation, count.

consideration, importance, note, consequence, repute, worth, profit, advantage. **UNIMPORTANCE**

accountable responsible, answerable, liable, amenable.

accoutrements equipment, paraphernalia, gear, trappings, dress, apparel, attire.

accredit attribute, credit, ascribe, assign, endorse, guarantee, certify, attest, vouch for. **REPUDIATE**

authorize, appoint, sanction, commission, delegate, entrust.

accretion growth, increase, enlargement, accumulation, agglomeration. **DISPERSION**

accrue result, come, proceed, issue, accumulate, amass, increase. **DIMINISH**

accumulate v. gather, collect, assemble, heap, amass, hoard, store, increase, grow, accrue, multiply. **DISPERSE**

accumulation hoard, store, heap, pile, mass, accretion, build-up, collection, assembly, aggregation. **DISPERSION**

accuracy accurateness, exactness, exactitude, precision, correctness, veracity, truth. **INACCURACY**

accurate exact, precise, spot-on (*inf*), correct, unerring, true, veracious, careful, scrupulous, rigorous, nice. **INACCURATE**

accursed doomed, ill-fated, damned.

accusation

execrable, damnable, diabolical, obnoxious, despicable, wretched. BLESSED

accusation charge, allegation, indictment, impeachment, incrimination, arraignment. VINDICATION

accuse charge, indict, incriminate, impeach, arraign, summon, cite, inculpate, censure, blame, denounce, impute.

EXCULPATE

accuser plaintiff, complainant, prosecutor, blamer, informer. DEFENDANT

accustom familiarize, acquaint, habituate, acclimatize, make used (to), inure, train, drill.

accustomed customary, usual, habitual, routine, regular. UNUSUAL

ace *n.*, expert, adept, master, dab hand (*inf.*), professional, pro (*inf.*).

adj., excellent, first-rate, first-class, outstanding, superb. TERRIBLE

acerbity sourness, bitterness, acidity, acidity, pungency, sharpness, harshness, roughness, asperity, acrimony. SWEETNESS

ache *v.*, hurt, pain, throb, be sore, be in pain, suffer, sorrow, grieve.

n., pain, soreness, hurt, discomfort, throb, pang, agony, suffering, anguish, distress, grief, sorrow.

achieve accomplish, complete, finish, conclude, consummate, perfect, do, perform, execute, carry out, realize, effect, get, acquire, reach, attain, obtain, win, earn, gain.

achievement accomplishment, completion, perfection, attainment, execution, realization, performance, exploit, feat, deed, act. FAILURE

acid sour, bitter, tart, sharp, pungent, acerbic, acidulous, vinegary. SWEET
biting, cutting, sarcastic, caustic, sharp, hurtful, trenchant, vitriolic. MILD

acknowledge recognize, admit, grant, own, concede, allow, confess, accept, acquiesce, declare, profess. DENY

answer, reply to, respond to, give thanks for.

greet, address, hail, recognize, notice. IGNORE

acknowledgment recognition, admission, acceptance, declaration, avowal. DENIAL

reply, answer, response, reaction, thanks.

acme top, summit, peak, pinnacle, apex, vertex, zenith, crown, climax, culmination. BASE

acolyte follower, admirer, attendant, assistant.

acquaint inform, tell, advise, let know, notify, apprise, teach, familiarize.

acquaintance friend, companion, colleague, associate.

familiarity, awareness, knowledge, understanding, experience. IGNORANCE

acquainted familiar, conversant, knowledgeable, aware, informed, privy.

IGNORANT

acquiesce assent, agree, accede, concur, consent, conform, comply, submit, yield.

OBJECT

acquiescence assent, agreement, consent, compliance, submission, yielding.

OBJECTION

acquire obtain, get, procure, buy, purchase, pick up, gain, secure, achieve, attain, win, earn, appropriate. LOSE

acquisition possession, property, purchase, prize.

acquisition, achievement, attainment, gaining, procurement, appropriation, purchase. LOSS

acquisitive avid, grasping, greedy, avaricious, rapacious, covetous.

acquit free, release, liberate, pardon, forgive, excuse, absolve, exonerate, exculpate, clear, discharge. CONDEMN

repay, settle, discharge.

acquittal release, deliverance, liberation, exoneration, pardon, discharge.

acid pungent, sharp, biting, caustic, acid, tart, harsh, cutting, acrimonious, sarcastic, sardonic. SWEET

acrimonious bitter, sour, tart, sharp, caustic, astringent, harsh, acid, acerbic, trenchant, cutting, mordant, sarcastic, spiteful, virulent, malignant, petulant, peevish, testy, crabbed, snappish, cross, ill-tempered. AMICABLE

acrimony bitterness, sourness, acidity, astringency, harshness, severity, trenchancy, virulence, asperity, peevishness, churlishness, spleen. MILDNESS

across crosswise, transversely, athwart, astride, over, opposite. ALONG

act *v.*, do, perform, carry out, execute, operate, work, function, behave.

pretend, assume, feign, counterfeit, simulate, play, represent, portray, pose, mimic, impersonate, enact, stage.

act on, follow, obey, carry out, comply with.

n. action, deed, feat, exploit, achievement, accomplishment, performance, execution, operation.

statute, law, ordinance, edict, decree, judgment, ruling, enactment, measure, bill.

action act, deed, feat, exploit, enterprise, undertaking.

movement, motion, gesture, gesticulation, operation, exertion, exercise, performance, agency, movement.

activity, energy, force, effort, liveliness, vigour, vim. INACTION

battle, skirmish, encounter, fight, fighting, conflict, warfare, engagement.

lawsuit, case, litigation, prosecution.

active operative, efficient, potent, effective, functioning, working, running, in action. INACTIVE

busy, industrious, diligent, hard-working, occupied, on the go (*inf*). INDOLENT

agile, nimble, quick, alert, prompt, ready, energetic, lively, vigorous. SLUGGISH

activity bustle, movement, stir, action, animation, industry. IDLENESS

undertaking, venture, hobby, pastime, pursuit, enterprise, endeavour, act, deed, job, work.

actor actress, performer, player, Thespian, entertainer, star.

actual real, true, veritable, genuine, positive, absolute, certain, definite, factual, physical, substantial, present, existent. FALSE

actually really, truly, indeed, in fact, in truth, veritably.

actuate motivate, stimulate, prompt, inspire, instigate, urge, impel, drive, incite, encourage, spur. DETER

activate, trigger, switch on, set in motion, animate.

acumen keenness, shrewdness, insight, perspicacity, astuteness, perception, discernment, ingenuity, sagacity, wisdom, sharpness, acuteness. STUPIDITY

acute sharp, keen, quick, astute, shrewd, perspicacious, perceptive, discerning, penetrating, sagacious. OBTUSE

intense, sharp, cutting, stabbing, piercing, excruciating, violent, severe, distressing, poignant. DULL

adage saying, proverb, maxim, saw, aphorism, precept, dictum, byword, apophthegm.

adamant unyielding, inflexible, rigid, firm, unbending, intransigent, determined, resolute, stubborn, obdurate. FLEXIBLE

adapt adjust, accommodate, fit, conform, suit, match, harmonize, coordinate, prepare, alter, modify, familiarize, acclimatize.

adaptable adjustable, convertible, alterable, versatile, flexible, pliant, amenable, compliant, easy-going. INFLEXIBLE

adaptation adjustment, accommodation, conformity, modification, alteration, acclimatization, familiarization.

add join, attach, append, affix, annex, connect, adjoin, combine. REMOVE

add up, sum up, total, reckon, tot up. SUBTRACT

add to, increase, enlarge, augment, supplement, aggravate, intensify.

addendum addition, adjunct, appendage, appendix, supplement, codicil, postscript, tag.

addict *v.* accustom, habituate, devote, dedicate.

n. drug addict, dope fiend (*inf*), junkie (*inf*), pothead (*inf*).

enthusiast, devotee, fan, buff (*inf*).

addicted dependent, hooked (*inf*), devoted, dedicated, habituated, prone, inclined.

addiction dependence, craving, habit, obsession, enslavement.

addition adding, joining, attachment, increase, extension, augmentation, enlargement. DECREASE

addendum, adjunct, appendage, affix, extra, supplement, appurtenance, accessory, increment.

in addition, also, as well, too, besides, moreover, additionally.

additional supplementary, extra, added, further, more, new, fresh.

address *n.* domicile, abode, lodging, residence, home, location, whereabouts.

speech, discourse, talk, lecture, oration, presentation, harangue, sermon.

skill, dexterity, adroitness, expertness, ability, cleverness, ingenuity, tact, art. CLUMSINESS

v. greet, hail, accost, approach, speak to, talk to, invoke, entreat, appeal to, direct, apply. IGNORE

adduce

adduce cite, quote, mention, name, give, offer, present, advance, allege.

adept *adj.* proficient, skilled, expert, masterly, adroit, versed, practised, accomplished, experienced, able, clever, talented.

INCOMPETENT

n. expert, master, dab hand (*inf*), genius, professional, specialist.

adequacy sufficiency, adequateness, completeness, capacity, acceptability, competence.

INADEQUACY

adequate enough, sufficient, fit, suitable, satisfactory, acceptable, passable, fair.

INADEQUATE

adhere stick, cohere, glue, fix, hold fast, cling, cleave, attach, unite.

SEPARATE

adhere to, follow, observe, heed, keep, respect, comply with, abide by, be faithful to.

adherent *n.* disciple, follower, supporter, admirer, fan, partisan, ally.

OPPONENT

adj. adhering, clinging, attached, sticking, adhesive.

adhesion adhesiveness, stickiness, sticking, cohesion, attachment.

adherence, devotion, attachment, constancy, fidelity, loyalty, allegiance.

adhesive *n.* glue, gum, paste, mucilage, cement, plaster.

adj. sticky, gummed, tacky, viscous, glutinous, tenacious, clinging.

adieu *interj.* goodbye, farewell, so long (*inf*).

HELLO

n. farewell, valediction, parting, leave-taking.

GREETING

adjacent adjoining, contiguous, touching, bordering, connecting, neighbouring, next-door, near, close.

DISTANT

adjoin abut, touch, border on, be next to, join, attach, unite, combine, add, annex.

SEPARATE

adjourn postpone, put off, defer, suspend, interrupt, delay, procrastinate, prologue.

COMPLETE

adjournment postponement, deferral, suspension, interruption, delay, procrastination.

COMPLETION

adjudge pronounce, declare, decree, judge, adjudicate, decide, award, allot, assign.

adjudicate judge, arbitrate, determine, decide, settle, umpire, referee.

adjudication judgment, judging, arbitration, decision, verdict, ruling, sentence, award.

adjunct appendage, addition, attachment, addendum, appurtenance, accessory, supplement, auxiliary.

ESSENTIAL

adjure charge, command, enjoin, invoke, appeal to, entreat, implore, beseech, beg, pray, supplicate.

adjust alter, adapt, modify, change, rectify, fix, regulate, trim, fit, suit, accommodate, harmonize, arrange, dispose, acclimatize, habituate, become accustomed.

adjustment alteration, adaptation, modification, change, regulation, arrangement, acclimatization, habituation.

ad-lib *v.* improvise, make up, extemporize.

adj. improvised, impromptu, extempore, unrehearsed, off-the-cuff (*inf*), spontaneous.

PREPARED

adv. spontaneously, freely, extempore, off the cuff (*inf*).

administer manage, control, conduct, direct, govern, superintend, supervise, oversee, run.

distribute, dispense, supply, give, contribute, apply, mete out, perform, execute.

administration management, government, running, direction, supervision, control, ministry, executive.

distribution, dispensing, supply, application, execution.

admirable excellent, fine, superb, wonderful, laudable, praiseworthy, commendable.

DESPICABLE

admiration esteem, regard, respect, reverence, awe, wonder, approval, liking, love.

CONTEMPT

admire esteem, respect, value, revere, venerate, wonder at, adore, love, like, approve, appreciate, prize, extol, praise.

DESPISE

admirer devotee, fan, aficionado, supporter, follower, disciple, adherent, worshipper.

suitor, beau, boyfriend, lover, sweetheart.

admissible allowable, acceptable, permissible, lawful, just, fair, right, proper, reasonable, justifiable.

INADMISSIBLE

admission acknowledgment, confession, avowal, declaration, affirmation, allowance, concession.

DENIAL

admittance, introduction, access, entrance, entry.

EXCLUSION

admit acknowledge, confess, own, declare, avow, divulge, accept, allow, grant, concede
DENY
let in, give access to, allow to enter, receive welcome
EXCLUDE

admittance entrance, admission, right of entry, access, passage, reception, welcome, introduction.
EXCLUSION

admonish warn, caution, advise, counsel, instruct, urge, enjoin.

scold, rebuke, reprove, chide, upbraid, reprimand, tell off (*inf.*), censure.
COMMEND

admonition warning, caution, advice, counsel

reprimand, rebuke, reproof, remonstrance, scolding.
PRAISE

ado fuss, bustle, commotion, hubbub, flurry, stir, tumult, turmoil, excitement, to-do, bother, trouble.
TRANQUILITY

adolescence youth, teens, minority, pubescence, boyhood, girlhood, immaturity.
MATURITY

adolescent *adj.* teenage, young, youthful, immature, juvenile, growing.
MATURE
n. teenager, youth, youngster, minor, juvenile.
ADULT

adopt foster, take in, affiliate, father, mother
ABANDON

assume, appropriate, choose, select, accept, take on, endorse, approve.
REJECT

adorable delightful, divine, wonderful, lovely, captivating, charming, lovable.
ABOMINABLE

adoration devotion, worship, veneration, reverence, homage, admiration, esteem, love, passion.
ABOMINATION

adore love, dote on, worship, idolize, venerate, revere, esteem, admire.
DESPISE

adorn decorate, ornament, embellish, deck, garnish, trim, gild, beautify, enhance, enrich.
STRIP

adornment decoration, ornament, embellishment, trimming, frill, accessory.

adrift drifting, floating, afloat, unanchored, loose, astray, amiss.
SECURE

adroit dexterous, skilful, adept, able, clever, ingenious, masterly, expert, handy, nimble.
CLUMSY

adulation flattery, blandishment, cajolery, compliment, sycophancy, fawning, servility, obsequiousness.
OBLOQUY

adulatory flattering, fawning, sycophantic, servile, obsequious.

adult *n.* grown-up, man, woman.
CHILD
adj. mature, fully grown, fully developed, grown-up, of age.
IMMATURE

adulterate debase, vitiate, alloy, water down, tamper with, contaminate, pollute.
PURIFY

adulterated debased, vitiated, watered down, impure, contaminated.
PURE

adultery infidelity, unfaithfulness, affair, unchastity.
FIDELITY

adumbrate outline, sketch, delineate, silhouette.

foreshadow, presage, forecast, predict, denote, represent, indicate, hint, suggest.

darken, obscure, overshadow, bedim, eclipse, conceal, hide.
REVEAL

advance *vt.* push forward, hasten, spur, propel, send onward

promote, further, improve, strengthen, increase, augment, foster, support.
RETARD

suggest, allege, put forward, proffer, propose, propound
WITHDRAW

lend, loan, pay, give
vi. go on, go forward progress, proceed, continue, improve, rise, thrive, flourish, prosper.
RETREAT

n. advancement, rise, promotion, development, progress, headway, improvement, breakthrough, innovation

RETROGRESSION

loan, re-advance, deposit, down payment, proposition, offer, proposition, approach.

in advance, ahead, beforehand, earlier, previously.

advanced forward, ahead, avant garde, progressive, precocious.
RETAILED

advantage help, assistance, avail, convenience, benefit, gain, profit, boon, blessing.
DISADVANTAGE

superiority, ascendancy, power, upper hand, edge.

advantageous beneficial, profitable, helpful, convenient, useful.
PREJUDICIAL

advent arrival, coming, approach, visitation, appearance, onset.
DEPARTURE

adventitious accidental, casual, fortuitous, unexpected, incidental, extrinsic, extraneous, superfluous.

adventure *n.* venture, undertaking, enterprise, exploit, incident, event, occurrence, risk, hazard, experiment, trial, speculation.

v. venture, risk, hazard, imperil, endanger.

adventurous

adventurous daring, bold, enterprising, venturesome, brave, intrepid, fearless, foolhardy, rash, dangerous

TIMID

adversary opponent, antagonist, enemy, foe, rival, competitor.

ALLY

adverse unfavourable, hostile, inimical, antagonistic, opposing, contrary, conflicting, harmful, injurious, unfortunate, unlucky.

FAVOURABLE

adversity misfortune, ill-luck, affliction, trouble, woe, misery, hardship, suffering, distress, calamity, disaster, ruin, desolation.

PROSPERITY

advertise announce, declare, proclaim, publicize, broadcast, promulgate, make known, promote, praise, plug (*inf*).

CONCEAL

advertisement announcement, notice, placard, poster, bill, circular, commercial, advert, ad (*inf*), promotion, plug (*inf*).

advice counsel, admonition, caution, warning, guidance, instruction, recommendation, opinion, view.

information, notification, news, intelligence, word.

advisable prudent, sensible, judicious, wise, recommended, expedient, advantageous, proper, appropriate, fit.

INADVISABLE

advise counsel, recommend, suggest, guide, persuade, urge, admonish, caution.

DETER

inform, tell, notify, apprise, acquaint.

adviser counsellor, mentor, confidant, consultant, tutor, teacher, guide, aide, helper.

advocacy support, advancement, recommendation, backing, sponsorship, endorsement, defence.

OPPOSITION

advocate v, support, recommend, advise, endorse, favour, countenance, maintain, uphold, defend, plead for, champion, promote.

OPPOSE

n, supporter, backer, sponsor, champion, defender, promoter, upholder, apologist.

OPPONENT

lawyer, counsel, barrister, attorney, solicitor.

egis support, patronage, sponsorship, protection, auspices.

aerial high, lofty, empyrean, airy, gaseous, ethereal, light.

aeronaut pilot, aviator, airman, flyer, balloonist.

aeronautics aviation, flying, flight, ballooning, aerostatics.

aeroplane plane, aircraft, airliner, glider, jet.

aesthetic tasteful, beautiful, artistic, classic, cultured, refined.

UGLY

afar far off, far away, yonder, away, abroad.

NEARBY

affable amicable, friendly, congenial, cordial, complaisant, approachable, easygoing, open, sociable, amiable, mild, kind, kindly, good-natured, benign, benevolent, obliging, gracious, civil, urbane, suave, polite, courteous.

HAUGHTY

affair matter, subject, question, business, concern, interest, duty.

incident, event, circumstance, episode, occurrence, happening.

liaison, intrigue, amour, relationship.

affairs business, concerns, finances, interests, activities.

affect influence, alter, modify, change, act on, relate to, concern, interest.

move, touch, impress, stir, upset, disturb.

feign, simulate, assume, adopt, fake, counterfeit.

affectation pretence, sham, display, artifice, insincerity, hypocrisy, affectedness, mannerism, airs.

NATURALNESS

affected artificial, unnatural, studied, insincere, sham, put-on, feigned, mannered, pretentious.

NATURAL

moved, touched, altered, changed.

UNAFFECTED

affection love, devotion, caring, fondness, liking, inclination, partiality, tenderness, kindness, warmth, feeling, passion.

DISLIKE

affectionate loving, devoted, attached, doting, caring, fond, tender, warm, friendly.

COLD

affiance betroth, engage, bind, pledge, promise.

affidavit declaration, statement, deposition, testimony, evidence.

affiliate join, unite, combine, amalgamate, incorporate, annex, adopt.

SEVER

affiliation amalgamation, annexation, incorporation, alliance, coalition, union, relationship, adoption.

SEVERANCE

affinity attraction, liking, inclination, partiality, rapport, sympathy. ANTIPATHY