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*To Talia and Ian  
and in memory of  
dear Natalie*

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# Preface

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*The Random House Thesaurus of Slang* is made up of 12,000 English words listed alphabetically; each is followed by one or more of the 150,000 slang words or phrases contained in this volume. That simple arrangement is what makes this book a useful tool for writers, speakers, students of language and anyone else who might need a quick and easy source of slang.

It has been said that a thesaurus is a book in which you look up the wrong word in order to find the right one. That definition fits this book perfectly. As a thesaurus, it offers a convenient translation from standard English to its slang equivalent. It is by no means a slang dictionary, nor is it meant to be. Using this thesaurus, all or part of a formal English sentence can be rewritten in slang, something almost impossible to do using a slang dictionary. This is not to say that slang dictionaries should be considered superfluous. It is the basic premise that is different; a dictionary is meant to define words, but if the user doesn't know the slang word for which a definition is sought, a slang dictionary is reduced to little more than a volume for browsing. If anything, *The Random House Thesaurus of Slang* should make slang dictionaries more useful. Except in a few instances where the use of an obscure slang term is demonstrated, this thesaurus, since it is not a dictionary, does not define slang words beyond giving them a formal English synonym. For a more precise definition of the words found in this book, a slang dictionary should be used.

In a sense, this volume is similar to a foreign-language dictionary in that it "translates" formal English into the language of slang. To some readers slang can seem like a foreign language and, like a foreign language, there are times when it doesn't translate exactly. The same word or phrase can differ subtly in meaning in different contexts. In an extreme instance a word can be its own antonym; for example, *baddest* can mean "best" or "worst."

While attempting to determine the right formal synonym of a slang term, we often asked which formal English word was the one most likely to occur to a reader searching for a slang synonym. For example, it is not likely a reader would think to find *pot likker* under the entry *residue*. *Soup stock* was more credible. Therefore, for some entries, precision has been sacrificed for ease of use. Where a widely used slang

term is not easily translated into standard English, the slang itself is listed at the subject heading. Such a case is *blind date*.

The slang in this collection is based on actual usage culled from a wide variety of sources, such as newspapers, magazines, fiction and nonfiction books, television, radio, trade papers, industry, casual conversation. For the most part, the slang terms in this thesaurus are in current general usage; however, the reader will also find many of the most recent words appearing particularly in the language of young people, technical workers and politicians. In these pages, most readers will discover unfamiliar words and phrases, as well as old words with surprising new definitions.

All of language was once "nonstandard," until the invention of the printing press created the need for standardization and inspired the first dictionary. Slang also originates out of need. New words are continually coming into the language, to stay only as long as they are useful. No attempt was made in this book to rule out "vogue" words. Deciding which of these words are merely passing through the language and which are taking up more-or-less permanent residence was not part of our editorial criteria. Slang is created by all social classes in every kind of circumstance as a more convenient, more private, or more entertaining means of communication. Groups create their own language within a language. The various kinds of slang are a means of identification. Peers recognize each other through its use. Slang is a way of belonging, of "speaking the same language."

The word *slang* itself is said to have once meant "to be abusive." And much slang is abusive, chauvinistic, irreverent, profane, and sexually explicit. This book includes all types of slang, uncensored. For better or worse, this is the slang commonly used in America today.

Experts in linguistics disagree among themselves over matters of definition, and they are certain to disagree with some of the definitions in this work. It is a risk anyone who prepares such a text must take. In those instances where it can be pointed out that we are in error, corrections will be made most gratefully, but for the moment, what the reader finds within these pages is as close to the correct usage of slang, colloquialisms, and the American idiom as we could presently determine.

—Esther and Albert E. Lewin

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# How to Use This Book

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For speakers, writers of fact or fiction, playwrights, screen and television writers, journalists, advertising copy writers, publicists, politicians, members of the clergy—anyone who deals with the expression of ideas through words, *The Random House Thesaurus of Slang* is simple to use. Standard English words are listed in alphabetical order. Under each of these words is a collection of slang synonyms. Suppose you are preparing a speech or an essay and you want to make the following statement less formal, “Freedom of speech is basic to democracy.” The operational word is *basic*. Look up the word *basic*.

**BASIC** *n.* bottom line, plain vanilla, nitty gritty, where it's at, name, name of the game, nub, meat and potatoes, coal and ice. See also **VITAL**.

Depending on the level of informality desired, you find a wide range of choices, so the sentence can be written, “Freedom of speech is the meat and potatoes of democracy,” or “Freedom of speech is the nub of democracy.”

In addition to the listing of slang synonyms under a particular word, the thesaurus also offers a broader selection of words to assist you in finding exactly the sense you seek.

**ENACT** *v.* 1. jam, jam through, railroad, railroad through, steamroller through. 2. be on, go on, do a turn, do one's stuff, do a number. See **EXECUTE**. See also **PERFORM**.

“Enact” illustrates three of these features. The word *enact* is synonymous with “legislate.” Synonyms for that sense of

the word are listed under the numeral 1. “Enact” also means to “act.” Number 2 provides a selection of “act” words. Following the slang terms there appears “See **EXECUTE**.” and “See also **PERFORM**.” “See” references offer a broader selection of slang synonyms. If you don't find the word you are seeking in the first group, the “See” category can provide many more choices. “See also” references provide a broader selection still, directing you to collateral meanings of the word. As a convenience, there are no listings simply referring the reader to another category without some slang synonyms listed, allowing the reader a choice of synonyms without having to look further.

Still another refinement is offered to aid your search for exactly the right word. A semicolon separates specialized references from the general: such words might refer only to males as opposed to females or might differentiate activities from objects. Wherever possible, the most current, widely used words are listed first.

It is agreed among lexicographers that finding exactly the right synonym for a word is an inexact pursuit. In standard English, no two words carry precisely the same meaning and it is no different with slang, where exact definitions are often as varied as the locales in which the words are used. In many cases, parts of speech are mixed; nouns are listed with adjectives; verbs become nouns and nouns verbs; positives are used as negatives. That's the way you will find it here. Except for the sake of clarity, no attempt has been made to define slang beyond the category heading. The thesaurus should not be considered a dictionary. Where definition is necessary, reference to a good slang dictionary is recommended.

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# List of Abbreviations

Acad. ....	academy	N. ....	Navy
adj. ....	adjective	n. ....	noun
Admin. ....	administration	News. ....	newspaper
adv. ....	adverb	N.Y. ....	New York
A.F. ....	Air Force	N.Y.C. ....	New York City
Amer. Ind. ....	American Indian	Obs. ....	obsolete
Anon. ....	anonymous	Obsc. ....	obscene
Arc. ....	archaic	Pl. ....	plural
Ass't. ....	assistant	Pol. ....	political
Bl. ....	black	Porno. ....	pornographic
Bsbl. ....	baseball	pron. ....	pronoun
CB ....	Citizen's Band Radio	Rel. ....	religious
C.I.A. ....	Central Intelligence Agency	Rest. ....	restaurant
Derog. ....	derogatory	Rom. ....	romantic
Elec. ....	electrical	R.R. ....	railroad
Esk. ....	eskimo	Sch. ....	school
Fem. ....	female	So. ....	southern
Fin. ....	financial	Sp. ....	Spanish
Ftbl. ....	football	Stu. ....	student use
I.R.S. ....	Internal Revenue Service	The. ....	theatrical use
Ger. ....	German	TV ....	television
Jap. ....	Japanese	U. ....	underworld
Joc. ....	jocular	U.S.S.R. ....	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
L.A. ....	Los Angeles	Usu. ....	usually
Lt. ....	lieutenant	v. ....	verb
M. ....	male	V.D. ....	venereal disease
Medic. ....	medical	WWI ....	World War I
Mex. ....	Mexican	WWII ....	World War II
Mil. ....	military	Yid. ....	Yiddish
Ms. ....	manuscript		

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**A n.** able, alpha.

**ABANDON v.** bail out, bow out, chicken out, check out, punk out, drop out, opt out, count out, cop out, sell out, storm out, pull out, butt out, push out, flake out, snake out, but out, nix out, ooze out, peel out, ship out, burn out, walk out on, run out on, leg, leg it out, ease out, fase out, fase, do a fase, fase away, hatup, drift away, dust, fly the coop, ease on, put it to the wind, slide, take French leave (without permission), scratch gravel, duck, heel, haul one's freight, quit the scene, sniff a powder, take a powder, screw, walk, fuck off, bug off, kick off, knock off, slam off, skidoo, go over the side, slough, book, time to book, time to bail, bottle up and go, up stakes, pull up stakes, cheese it, take a walk, dump, cut loose, ditch, shake, leave flat, leave high and dry, leave holding the bag, bag it, leave in the lurch, swear off, pass, pass on, pass up, take the oath, pack in, give in, cave in, give up, throw in the sponge, throw in the towel, pull the pin, pull the plug, pull in one's horns, cry uncle, hang up one's spurs, pack it in, rat, chuck, chuck it, fold, quit cold, quit cold turkey, kick, drop, angle, hang it up, bog down, binch (job), come off, cry off, stand down, drag it, give up the ghost, give up the ship, kiss good-bye, throw over, toss over, throw overboard, wash one's hand of, change one's tune, change one's song, drop like a hot potato, back down, pigeonhole, sideline, sidetrack. See also **DESERT**, **RENOUNCE**, **RESIGN**.

**ABANDONED adj.** pigeonholed, sidelined, sidetracked, godforsaken, passed up, on the rocks, out in left field, left in the lurch.

**ABASH v.** discombobulate, ball up, bug, throw into a tizzy, throw into a swivet, fuddle, fuck with. See also **BEWILDER**.

**ABATE v.** coast, cool it, cool out, chill out, don't sweat it, eyes to cool it, go with the flow, hang easy, hang loose, lay back, let go, let it all hang out, let it all happen, let it all out, mellow out, take it easy, unlap.

**ABBREVIATE v.** cut, cut down, cut to the bone, nutshell, put in a nutshell, boil down, trim, get to the meat. See also **SHORTEN**.

**ABBREVIATED adj.** for short. See also **SHORT**.

**ABDICATE v.** bail out, opt out, sell out, leave high and dry, bag it, leave holding the bag, leave in the lurch, give it up. See **RESIGN**. See also **QUIT**.

**ABDOMEN n.** tummy, gut, pot, belly, potbelly, spare tire, corporation, breadbasket, bay window. See **STOMACH**.

**ABDOMINAL ORGANS n.** guts, innards, inners, insides, department of the interior, inner man, inner workings, inner works, spaghetti.

**ABDUCT v.** grab, shanghai, snatch, put the snatch on one, sneeze, dognap (dog abduction).

**ABERRANT adj.** flaky, weirdo, psycho, mental. Section 8, off base, off-color, out of line. See also **ABNORMAL**.

**ABHOR v.** grossed out on, have no use for, have an allergy to, be allergic to, be down on. See **DISLIKE**.

**ABHORRENT adj.** gross, shucky, yucky, icky, total shuck, awful beastly. See **DESPICABLE**.

**ABIDE v.** 1. live with, bear with, hear of, put up with, hang in, hang in there, hang tough, sit tight, be big, stand for. See **ENDURE**. 2. bunk, bunk out, crash, hang out, nest, perch, roost, squat. See **INHABIT**.

**ABILITY n.** the stuff, the right stuff, what it takes, cutting the mustard, savvy, the goods, know-how, on the ball. See **SKILL**.

**ABJURE v.** swear off, knock off, lay off, turn it off, pass by, pass on, pass up, stay away from, cool it, can it, chuck it, stow it, cut it out, break it off, break it up, drop it, get on the wagon, kick, pigeonhole, shake, sideline.

**ABLE adj.** all around, paid one's dues, there, right there, up to it, up to speed, up to snuff, up to the mark, have savvy, take care of business, just what the doctor ordered, mad (jazz), wicked, know one's onions, know one's goulash, know one's beans, know backwards and forwards, know the ropes, know all the ins and outs, know the score, know all the answers, know one's oats, know one's bananas, know one's goods, know one's fruit, know one's groceries, know one's oil, know one's [practically anything], fool (e.g., dancing fool, flying fool). See **CAPABLE**; see also **SKILLFUL**.

**ABNEGATION n.** no way, nix, forget it, who me? not by a long shot, fat chance, nothing doing, stonewall. See **DENIAL**.

**ABNORMAL adj.** screwy, for weird, weirdo, flaky, off base, off-color, out of line, spaz, grody, grody to the max, gross, fantasma, funny. See also **ECCENTRIC**.



**ABODE** n. pad, crash pad, crib, condo, co-op, coop, joint, den, domi, dommy, flop, digs, diggings, hole. See **HOUSE**.

**ABOLISH** v. scrub, nix, call off, call all bets off, kill, kibosh, put the kibosh on, zap. See **CANCEL**, **DESTROY**.

**ABOMINABLE** adj. gross, grody, grody to the max, sleazeball, awful, beastly, grim, hairy, lousy, rotten, stinking. See **BAD**.

**ABORT** v. scrub, call it quits, knock it off, break off, break it off, cut off, lay off. See **CANCEL**; see also **STOP**.

**ABORTION** n. pro choice, pro-choicer (pro); right to life, right-to-lifer, pro life, pro-lifer (anti). See also **FAILURE**.

**ABORTION, PERFORM** v. pull a rabbit.

**ABOUND** v. have a full plate, be up to here with, be up to one's ass in, be up to one's ears in, be knee deep in, be alive with, crawl with, be filthy with, be no end of, be no end to, be thick with, be thick as flies, be all over the joint, be all over the place, be more than you can shake a stick at.

**ABOUT** adv. pretty near, practically, craptically, in the neighborhood of, in the ball park. See also **NEAR**.

**ABOVEBOARD** adj. up front, right on, call a spade a spade, make no bones about it, straight from the shoulder. See **HONEST**.

**ABRASIVE** adj. rub the wrong way, hard to take, spiky. See **IRRITATING**.

**ABRIDGE** v. chop, cut, nutshell, put in a nutshell, snip, blue pencil. See **SHORTEN**.

**ABROGATE** v. do in, finish off, knock out, nix, renig, torpedo, scrub, ankle, take a walk, get off the hook. See **REPEAL**, **CANCELED**.

**ABROGATED** adj. scrubbed, killed, shot, shot down, shot down in flames, washed out, wiped out, all bets are off, all off, kaput, zapped. See **CANCELED**.

**ABRUPT** adj. snippy, snappy, short.

**ABSCOND** v. asquatulate, powder, take a powder, take a runout powder, split, take off, hightail, fade, fade out, fade away, git, get, fly the coop, exfiltrate, breeze, clear out, skin out, duck out, duck and run, cut out, cut and run, pull out, dog it, make feet, talk a walk, vamoose, skedaddle, make oneself scarce, get the hell out, make a break for it, take French leave, go AWOL, go south with, skip, skip out, jump, beat it, blow, scram, lam, take it on the lam.

**ABSENCE** n. no show, hookey, AWOL, a-wol, cut, over the hill, French leave.

**ABSENT** adj. no-show, hookey, cutting, blitz, bag (Sch.), AWOL, French leave, over the hill, out, out-of-pocket, out of touch, ghost (counted as present), nobody home.

**ABSENT** v. cut, cut class, ditch, skip class, no show, dope off, fuck off, goof off, play hookey, skip, AWOL, go AWOL, go over the hill, make oneself scarce, not show up, stay away in droves, take French leave, on French leave, turn up missing, flush, buck.

**ABSENTMINDED** adj. out to lunch, popcorn headed, airheaded, absentminded professor, mooning, moony, pipe dreaming, woolgathering, goofing off, looking out the window, the lights are on but nobody's home, spacey, space cadet. See also **FORGETFUL**.

**ABSOLUTE** adj. downright, flat out, straight out, no catch, no fine print, no fine print at the bottom, no holds barred, no ifs ands or buts, no joke, no joker in the deck, no kicker, no strings attached.

**ABSOLUTELY** adv. absolutely, right on, posolutely, absitively, fucking-A, cert, def, but def, why sure, for sure, fer shure, fer sher, fer shirr, sure thing, surest thing you know, sure as shootin', sure enough, sure as death and taxes, sure as fate, sure as hell, sure as the devil, sure as I live and breathe, sure as can be, sure as God made little green apples, dead sure, dead cert, for dang sure, for a fact, and no mistake, no buts about it, no ifs ands or buts, come hell or high water, flat, flat out, you know, you know it, you better believe it, you said a mouthful, you can say that again, you're not kidding, you're darn tootin', you betcha, you betcher life, you bet, you said it, straight out, no strings attached, no holds barred, no catch, no kicker, with knobs on, with tits on, in a handbasket, the real McCoy, I'll tell the world, I'll tell the cockeyed world, in spades, check, with bells on, on the button, on the money, on the nose, that's the ticket, the very thing, the checker, to a tee, Judy (I understand), on the lemon, on the noggin, it, Is the Pope Catholic?, Does a bear shit in the woods?, Is a bear Catholic?, Does the Pope shit in the woods?, honest to God, indeedy, real, for real, really truly, right-o, right on, right as rain, right you are, rather, stone (stone deaf) almighty.

**ABSOLVE** v. let off, let one off this time, let one off the hook, let one off easy, let up on, let go, let it go, whitewash, launder, sanitize, bleach, clear, wipe the slate clean, wipe it off, write off, go easy on, blink at, wink at, lifeboat, hand out clemo, spring.

**ABSOLVED** adj. beat the rap, walked, off the hook, let go, let off, clemo.

**ABSORB** v. 1. co-opt, take over. 2. get, get into, follow, fershtay, latch onto, soak up, take in. 3. eat (eat the cost). See **UNDERSTAND**.

**ABSORBED** *adj.* eat sleep and breathe [something], really into, gone, up to here in, head over heels in. See **ENGROSSED**.

**ABSORPTION** *n.* hang up.

**ABSTAIN** *v.* 1. take the pledge, take the cure, go on the wagon, go on the water wagon. 2. pass, pass up, sit on the fence, sit on one's ass, sit on one's butt, sit on one's duff, sit on one's hands, sit out, fence sit, go by, give the go by, give one or something the go by, quit.

**ABSTAINER** *n.* A.A., teetotaler, on the wagon, on the water wagon, on the dry, dry, fence-sitter, wet blanket, Christer.

**ABSTINENT** *adj.* on the wagon, on the water wagon, dry, took the pledge.

**ABSTRACTED** *adj.* daydreaming, pipe dreaming, mooning, moony, woolgathering, staring into the middle distance. See **PREOCCUPIED**.

**ABSTRUSE** *adj.* clear as mud, clear as dishwater, it beats me, you've got me, Greek to me. See **OBSURE**.

**ABSURD** *adj.* camp, campy, jokey, joshing, yokky, gagged up, for grins, flaky, freaky, freaked out, goofy, kooky, wacky, screwy, loony, off the wall, batty, cockamamie, cool, crazy, daffy, nutty, sappy, dippy, dizzy, goofus, do the crazy act, do the crazy bit, do the crazy shtick, tomfool, fool around, make a monkey of oneself, make an ass of oneself, fool. See also **FOOLISH**.

**ABSURDITY** *n.* jive, jazz, bull, shit, bullshit, BS, horseshit, total cahcah, crap, applesauce, sour grapes, vanilla, phedinkus, hot air, balloon juice, flapdoodle, flumadiddle. See **NONSENSE**.

**ABUNDANT** *adj.* no end of, up to one's ass in, lousy with, filthy with, stinking with, crawling with, a drug on the market, rolling in, mucho, heavy, plate is full. See **PLENTIFUL**.

**ABUSE** *n.* bad-mouth, shitting on, pissing on, kicking around, pushing around, lousing around, screwing, screwing around, fucking over, buckwheats, honey, hosing, humping, knifing, quinine, skinning alive, signifying, signifyin' shucking and jiving, S'ing n' J'ing.

**ABUSE** *v.* 1. mess up, manhandle, roughhouse, rough up, bung, bung up, cut up, shake up, total, wax, hose, hump. 2. trash, bash, bad-mouth, cap, back cap, back bite, rip up the back, bitter mouth, cut down to size, do a number on, pick on, dump on, rag, rag on, tool on, knock, put down, run down, tear down, smear, ride, hurl a brickbat, dozens, play the dozens, play dirty dozens, sound dozens, sound, signify, shuck and jive, give one the finger, give five fingers to one, give a black eye, zing, give one a zinger, give one the cold shoulder, cut to the quick, blow off, cut, chop, get bent, do one wrong, rank out, gross out, cuss out, dish out, dish it out, slam, dig, dig at,

pooh-pooh, slap at, swipe, hassle, break one's balls, push around, louse around, kick one around, mess around with, screw around, screw, yentz, buckwheat, hit with buckwheats, knock up, shag, haircut (by a female), take over the hurdles, shit on, piss on, fuck over.

**ABUSED** *adj.* dogged, picked on, shafted, walking wounded, have to scrape one off the sidewalk. See also **BATTERED**.

**ACADEMICIAN** *n.* prof, teach, brain, egghead, nerd, gome, grind, pencil geek, tool, power tool, throat, wonk, auger, bookworm, cereb, cutthroat, grub, ink squirter, spider, squid. See also **TEACHER**.

**ACADEMY** *n.* old Siwash, brainery, halls of ivy, aggie, cow college, fem sem. See **SCHOOL**.

**ACCEDE** *v.* 1. okay, OK, go along with, play ball with, be game for, give the go ahead, give the green light. 2. cave in, give in, cry uncle, fold, throw in the towel, roll over and play dead. See **AGREE**.

**ACCELERATE** *v.* put on the afterburners, put the pedal to the metal, gun, rev, rev up, open 'er up, drop the hammer down, hammer on, nail it, peel rubber, dust, roll, tool, fire up, step on the gas, lay rubber, lay a batch, batch out, railroad, railroad through, make tracks. See **SPEED**.

**ACCELERATOR PEDAL** *n.* hammer.

**ACCENTUATE** *v.* spot, spotlight, limelight, highlight, underline, hit, headline.

**ACCEPT** *v.* 1. okay, OK, buy, lap up, eat up, set store by, sign, sign off on, thumbs up, check out, check up, put one's John Hancock on, get behind, go for, have eyes for, got to hand it to one, give the nod, give the go ahead, give the green light, give the stamp of approval, rubber-stamp, stroke, pat on the back, hats off to. See also **APPROVE**. 2. live with, bear with, go along with, put up with, stomach, stand for, sit still for, take, don't make waves, don't rock the boat, fit in, play the game, swim with the tide, toe the mark, when in Rome do as the Romans do. See also **ENDURE**. 3. take one up on. 4. take as gospel truth, take stock in, swallow, swallow hook line and sinker, take one's lumps, lump it.

**ACCEPTABLE** *adj.* cool, coolville, coolsville, A-OK, A-okay, fucking-A, OK, okay, okay dokey, okee doke, reat, all reet, all root, all righty, right on, like a shot, swell, dory, okydory, hunky-dory, ducky, just ducky, George, jake, peachy, peachy keen, sharp, so so, hitting on all six, all to the mustard, on the beam, on the ball, on the right track, up to code, up to snuff, slick, slide by easy, big, large, crasher (boy), drooly, kimble (tries to be), lulu, one of the boys, pop, prom trotter, selling, sizzler, tuff, hip, hep, mod, trendy, in the swim, faddy, masscult, ding ho, ding how, ding hau, ding hao, it's the berries, big deal, chop chop, crazy, copacetic, kopasetic, gas, a gas, gasser,

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cooking with gas, close, in the groove, groovy, groove, far out, hounds, in orbit, on the beam, on the right track, on the ball, on target, right on, right on the money, frantic, fab, home cooking, hotsie-totsie, in there, ice, ready, sharp, right guy, okay people, kosher, regular.

**ACCEPTANCE n.** go-ahead, green light, okay. See **APPROVAL**.

**ACCEPTED adj.** 1. okayed, go down. 2. made it, in, in the loop, in like Flynn, that's it, pass, pass current, won one's spurs, arrived. 3. touted, highly touted, okay people, kosher, legit, card-carrying, according to the book, boy scout, good Joe, aces, straight, straight arrow, in line, playing their game, playing it safe, in the groove, in a rut, according to Hoyle.

**ACCESS n.** connection, contact, in, open arms, open door.

**ACCESSIBLE adj.** the door's always open, come-at-able, gettable, gettinable.

**ACCESSORY n.** stall, insider, plant, skill, ringer.

**ACCIDENT n.** total, pileup, crack-up, fender-bender, fender tag, rear ender, stack-up, smash, smashup, rack-up, wrack-up, event(nuclear), fluke, mess 'em up, scratch hit, shunt, slipup, bang 'em up, crack 'em up.

**ACCIDENT PRONE adj.** Calamity Jane, butterfingers, klutzy.

**ACCLAIM n.** pat on the back, pat on the head, PR, puff, puffing up, pumping up, rave, strokes, stroking, abreaction route, commercial, cow sociology, Doctor Spocking the help, opening up.

**ACCLAIM v.** hear it for, kudo, rave, root, beat one's skin, beat one's drum, blow one's horn, stroke, boost, push, puff up, brag about, give a bouquet, give a posy, hand it to, have to hand it to.

**ACCLAIMED adj.** hot, highly touted, touted, be a somebody, belled. See also **CELEBRITY**.

**ACCLAMATION n.** hand, big hand, mitt pound, bring down the house, have 'em on their feet.

**ACCLIMATED adj.** sea legs, get one's sea legs, settled in. See also **ACCUSTOMED**.

**ACCOMMODATE v.** go with the flow, go by the book, don't make waves, don't rock the boat, play the game, shape up, shape up or ship out, bend over backwards, meet halfway. See **CONFORM**.

**ACCOMMODATING adj.** user friendly, handy, all around, on deck, on tap, be a sport, be a regular fellow. See also **INDULGENT**.

**ACCOMMODATION n.** deal, fifty-fifty, one's own sweet time, whenever. See also **COMPROMISE**.

**ACCOMMODATIONS n.** crash pad, pad, digs, diggings, crib, roof over one's head. See **HOUSE**.

**ACCOMPANIMENT n.** back, back up, backing.

**ACCOMPANY v.** 1. drag, take out, furp, squire, date. 2. dog, dog one's heels, string along, tag after, tag along, tailgate, draft, spook, shlep along, stick to, shadow.

**ACCOMPLICE n.** stall, insider, plant.

**ACCOMPLISH v.** make it, pull off, do the trick, put it over, take care of, score, hit, get there, unzip, arrive, bring home the bacon, nail it, do a bang-up job, do one proud, do justice, get out from under, get someplace, get to first base, make hay, make hay while the sun shines, sew up. See **ACHIEVE**.

**ACCOMPLISHED adj.** buttoned up, a wrap, wrapped up, cleaned up, wound up, mopped up, dealt with, have under one's belt, knocked off, pulled it off, polished off, put away, did the trick, turned the trick, put across, put over, came through with, fixed, home, set, shot, wired, all over but the shouting, done for, done to a T, done to a finish, done to a frazzle, washed up, all set, almost home (nearly), home free. See also **FINISHED**. 2. brainy, savvy, wised up, hep, hip, hip to the jive, cool, sharp, with it, all woke up, knows one's business. See **SKILLED**, **SKILLFUL**.

**ACCORD n.** 1. okay, deal, dicker, pack, Bit 10-4. 2. good vibrations, good vibes, on the same wavelength. See **AGREEMENT**.

**ACCORDION n.** squeeze box, box of teeth, groan box, wind box, lap organ.

**ACCOST v.** run into, face off, brace, cross, flag, flag down, whistle for, whistle down. See also **CONFRONT**.

**ACCOUNT n.** 1. the picture, the whole picture, run down, lowdown, ABCs, blow by blow, play by play, score, tab, take, make, megillah, whole megillah. See also **STORY**. 2. tab, cuff, bad news, check, checkeroo, grunt, IOU, score. See also **STATEMENT**.

**ACCOUNT v.** count heads, count noses, cut ice, cut some ice, dope out, figure in, keep tabs, keep score, run down, take account of, tote, tote up. See also **COUNT**.

**ACCOUNTABLE adj.** count on one, on the hook, carry the load, kosher, right guy, Rock of Gibraltar, straight, surefire. See also **RESPONSIBLE**.

**ACCOUNTANT n.** pencil pusher, sharp pencil pusher, pencil shover, pen pusher, pen driver, bean counter, CPA.

**ACCOUNTING n.** 1. the books, count. 2. score, tab. 3. pitch, story, bomb, spiel, chew one's cabbage, chew one's tobacco, say so, one's two cents' worth. See also **STORY**, **STATEMENT**.

**ACCRUAL** *n.* up, upping, buildup, beefing up, boost, hike, ante.

**ACCULTURATE** *v.* go native, hit the beach, fit in.

**ACCUMULATE** *v.* round up, scare up, rack up, clean up, pile up, make a pile, make a bundle, make a killing. See also **GET**, **INCREASE**, **SAVE**.

**ACCUMULATION** *n.* 1. buildup, up, upping. 2. chunk, gob, pile, hunk. See also **SUM**.

**ACCURATE** *adj.* on the nose, on the button, on the numbers, on the money, right on the money, right on, keerect, reet, reat, solid. See **CORRECT**.

**ACCURSED** *adj.* snakebit, jinxed, damned, all fired, hell fire, hoodooed, voodooed.

**ACCUSATION** *n.* beef, beefing, bitch, gripe, the gripes, a hooah, stink, big stink, dido, kick, blast, holler, roar, rumble, squawk, yell, rap, bum rap (false). See also **COMPLAINT**.

**ACCUSE** *v.* name, finger, point the finger at, put the finger on, hang something on, pin on one, pin it on one, blow the whistle on one, whistle-blow, frame, frame up, put-up job, lay at one's door, let one have it. See also **DENOUNCE**.

**ACCUSED** *n.* butt, goat, patsy, fall guy.

**ACCUSER** *n.* whistle-blower, fink. See also **INFORMER**.

**ACCUSTOM** *v.* get one's sea legs, roll with the punches, swim with the tide, come up to scratch, fit in. See **CONFORM**.

**ACCUSTOMED** *adj.* grooved, in the groove, get one's sea legs, settled in. See **CONFORM**.

**ACHIEVE** *v.* go to town, go over big, perk, percolate, tear off, tick, make it, make it big, make one's mark, make a name for oneself, make hay, make the grade, make well, make out, make a noise in the world, earn one's wings, have one's wings, pull off, pull it off, beat out, knock off, polish off, romp off with, do the trick, turn the trick, do up brown, do a turn, do to a turn, do to a T, do a number, do one's thing, do oneself proud, do the job, be on, go on, as advertised, get it across, put across, put over, put it over, put away, put the lid on, put it together, one down, one down and two to go, sail through, take care of, T.C.B. (take care of business), deal with, come through with, come out on top of the heap, strut, strut one's stuff, do one's stuff, come on, come on like gangbusters, score, hit, bring down the house, be home free, get away with, get fat, get rich, get well, get over, get ahead, get there, get to first base, clean up, wind up, button up, wrap up, mop up, unzip, pan out, turns out, ring the bell, flop (by trickery), hack it, arrive, bring home the bacon, bring home the groceries, feather one's nest, line one's nest,

knock one for a loop, cream, cream up, hit the bull's-eye, fly, nail it, drive it home, win one's spurs, squeak by (barely), go places, go great guns, luck, step into the shoes of.

**ACHIEVED** *adj.* under one's belt, knocked off, polished off, dealt with, put away, pulled off, put across, put over, cleaned up, wound up, wrapped up, mopped up. See also **ACCOMPLISHED**, **FINISHED**.

**ACHING** *adj.* hurting, grabbing, stab in the ———, making like the anvil chorus in one's skull, some hide and hair. See **PAINFUL**.

**ACKNOWLEDGE** *v.* 1. I'll be back to you, I'll get back to you; not give one a flop, not give one a rumble or tumble, cut, pass up (fail to). See also **ANSWER**. 2. own up, come out of the closet, cop a plea, fess, fess up, out with it, open up, crack, come clean, get it off one's chest. See **CONFESS**.

**ACQUAINT** *v.* intro, knock down, give a knockdown, do the honors, bring out, come out with, fix up, get together, spring with. See also **INTRODUCE**.

**ACQUIESCE** *v.* 1. okay, pass, pass on, shake on, cut a deal, buy, set, yes one, ditto, play ball with, give one five (slap hands), jibe. 2. come across, come around, give out, put out (sexual), give in, cave in, cry uncle, say uncle, roll over and play dead, fold. See **AGREE**.

**ACQUIESCENT** *adj.* 1. yes-man, ass-kisser, on a string, henpecked, tied to one's apron strings, on a leash, weak sister, Milquetoast, Casper Milquetoast, tail between one's legs, schmook, dance, dance to one's tune, eat crow, eat humble pie, eat shit, putty in one's hands, when in Rome do as the Romans do. See also **SUBMISSION**.

**ACQUIRE** *v.* promote, corral, access, hustle, wangle, grab, get hold of, get one's hands on, latch on to, pick up, lock up, rack up, scare up, snag, catch, cop. See **GET**.

**ACQUISITIVE** *adj.* grabby, poligot, greedy guts.

**ACQUISITIVENESS** *n.* the grabs, the gimmies.

**ACQUIT** *v.* clear, wipe it off, let go, let off, let off the hook, let off easy, blink at, wink at, whitewash. See **ABSOLVE**.

**ACQUITTED** *adj.* beat the rap, walked, let off, let off the hook.

**ACRIMONIOUS** *adj.* bitchy, cussed, mean, ornery, salty. See **SARCASTIC**.

**ACT** *n.* 1. routine, shtick, gag, bit, blackout, piece, afterpiece, spot, number, stand-up comedy, dumb act (without words), hoke act. See also **PERFORMANCE**. 2. shuck and jive, stall, put-on, stunt, bit, false front, fake, phony, crocodile tears, soft soap, sweet talk, chaser, mitzvah (good). 3. papers (legal).



**ACT v.** 1. go for it, go for broke, go in for, go that route, go to town, move, make one's move, make with (the eyes, feet, etc.), do a number, do one's thing, double, do double duty (two roles), TCB (take care of business), take a flier (impulsively), pull off, fish or cut bait, shit or get off the pot, get in there, get with it, take up, whip up, whip out, tear off, knock off, perk, percolate, cook, it cooks, tick, bag, click, stooge, operate, run with the ball, come one, come on like, do one's stuff, whittle. 2. be on, go on, do a turn, do one's bit, knock off, strut, strut one's stuff, do one's stuff, say one's piece, play one's role, play one's gig, go into one's song and dance, chew the scenery, mug, ham, ham it up, tread the boards, stooge, emote, do black, go over big, put it over, bring down the house, come on like gangbusters (well), beat out, blow, bomb, lay a bomb, lay an egg, go into the toilet (fail). See also **PRETEND**, **IMITATE**.

**ACTING n.** ham acting, hammy acting, hamming, hamming up, improv (improvisation), stooging, thesping. See also **ACT**.

**ACTION n.** bag, game, ball game, scene, trip, where the action is, where the rubber hits the road, comin' down, comin' off, goin' down, going, happenin', movin', movin' out, rollin', do, whoop de do, whoop la, hoop a doop, hoop de doop, hoopla, hoopty do, racket, plan, stunt, bit, follow through, big idea, deal, hopper, pipeline, proposition, works, in full swing.

**ACTIVATE v.** de-mothball, take out of mothballs, trigger, call up. See also **ACTUATE**, **ENERGIZE**.

**ACTIVE adj.** ball of fire, fireball, hyper, whiz, eager beaver, busy as a beaver, busy as a bee, busier than a one-armed paperhanger, perky, chipper, burn, clocked up, in full swing, jumping, on the go, on a merry-go-round, on the hop, on the jump, working one's tail off, running one's ass ragged, running around like a chicken with its head cut off, whirling dervish, tied up, hopped up, hepped up. See also **SPIRITED**, **INDUSTRIOUS**.

**ACTIVITY n.** bag, game, ball game, scene, trip, where the action is, what's comin' down, what's comin' off, what's goin' down, what's going, what's happening, racket, stunt, bit, works, zoo. See **ACTION**.

**ACTOR n.** ham, hambone, ham fatter, trouper, legiter, lead, matinee idol, bit player, moppet (child), star, thesp, straight man, feeder, stooge, foil, mugger, baddie, finger wringer, greaseball, barnstormer, dog (bad), hulligan (foreigner), stand-in, extra, lot hopper (film extra), atmosphere, scene chewer, scene sweller, spear carrier, supe, super, walk-on. See also **ACTRESS**.

**ACTOR'S AGENT n.** flesh peddler, ten percenter.

**ACTRESS n.** fein lead, star, love interest, T and A, tits and ass, wampus. See also **ACTOR**.

**ACTUAL adj.** for real, honest to God, kosher, sure enough, no buts about it, no ifs ands or buts, honest injun.

**ACTUALITY n.** what it is, like it is, telling it like it is, the emess, the real world, live, in the flesh, brass tacks, down to earth, no shit, the straight shit, the straight stuff, for real, too good to be true. See also **REALITY**, **TRUTH**.

**ACTUATE v.** turn on, egg on, fire up, key up, work up, work up into a lather, put up to. See also **ACTIVATE**, **ENERGIZE**.

**ADAGE n.** daffodil.

**ADAMANT adj.** hard-nosed, hang tough, tough nut, set in concrete, carved in stone, pat, stand pat, murder (he's murder). See **STUBBORN**.

**ADAM'S APPLE n.** gargle, google (not common).

**ADAPT v.** play the game, shape up, shape up or ship out, get one's act together, get it all together, come around, come over, if you can't beat 'em join 'em, roll with the punches. See **CONFORM**.

**ADAPTABLE adj.** all around, AC/DC, acdac, cosplug, switch hitter, go every which way, can do it all, hang loose, roll with the punches, putty in one's hands.

**ADD v.** 1. pad, pyramid, tag, tag on, slap on, tack on, hitch on, pour it on, cue in, figure in, piggyback, bump, bump up, beef up, soup up, hop up, heat up, hike, hike up, step up, jazz up, jack up, jump up, put up, run up, charge up, punch up, heat up, hot up, juice up, up, build, build up, spike, flesh out, add bells and whistles, dump on, snow, snowball, snow under, sweeten, sweeten the pot, ante, up the ante, parlay, speed up, boost, press a bet, join together, join up with, hook up with, hook on, plug into, add fuel to the fire. 2. tot, tot up, tote, tote up, reckon up. See also **INCREASE**.

**ADDICT n.** AD, A-head, junkie, junker, greasy junkie, user, doper, mainliner, zone, zoner, space cadet, freak, head, hop, hophead, drughead, coke head, acid head, acid freak, dust head, weedhead, pothead, pillhead, methhead, fiend, dope fiend, hooked, hype, hypo, banger, bangster, jabber, jaboff, needle man, needle knight, smack slammer, tripper, dirty, dopenik, straight (after injection), viper, wasted, dynamiter, sick (needs injection), cokey, snifter, tooter, ice creamer, student, Skag Jones, snowbird, snow snorter, station worker, Saturday night habit (occasional), bean popper, joy popper (new or occasional user), campfire boy, tea toker, from Mount Shasta (not common), goof, goof ball, aspirin hound, speedo, speed freak, horse, globetrotter (always moving). See also **DRUG USER**.

**ADDICTED v.** hooked, hooked on, on the needle, hyped, spaced out, strung out.

**ADDICTION** n. habit, hook, monkey, monkey on one's back, Jones, Jones, sweet tooth, thing, to be into, hang-up, one's bag, shot, kick.

**ADDITION** n. options, all the options, bells, bells and whistles, upping, boost, hike.

**ADDITIONAL** adj. option, all the options, bells and whistles, on the side, perks, padding, spare tire, fifth wheel, plus God knows what, and (implied coffee and), and such, and such and such, and so on, all that sort of thing, and all that, and like that, stuff like that, and what not, and what have you, widow, lagniappe. See also **EXTRA**.

**ADDITIONALLY** adv. one mo' time, una mas, come again, chew one's cabbage twice.

**ADDLE** v. get to, discomboberate, discumbobulate, ball up, rattle, rattle one's cage, throw, throw one, put one on a crosstown bus. See **CONFUSE**.

**ADDLED** adj. unglued, slap happy, punchy, shook, shook up, up, balled up, fouled up, fucked up, mixed up, farmisht, fertummeled, woozy, thrown, rattled, out to lunch, gone. See **CONFUSED**.

**ADDRESS** n. pitch, spiel, chalk talk, pep talk, soapbox oration. See **SPEECH**.

**ADDRESS** v. 1. pitch, spiel, spout, stump, get on a soapbox, hear it for, root for. See **SPEAK**. 2. dig, hammer away, plug, peg away, go at, go for, have a go at, have at, pitch into. See **APPLY ONE'S SELF**. See also **ATTEMPT**. 3. flag, flag down, whistle for, whistle down, flop, give one a flop, give one a toss, give one the glad eye, give one the glad hand, highball, shoulder, tumble. See also **GREET**.

**ADDRESS BOOK** n. little black book.

**ADEPT** adj. sharp, sharp as a tack, smart as a whip, brainy, got it up here (head), no dumbbell, no dummy, nobody's fool, not born yesterday, quick on the trigger, quick on the uptake, crazy like a fox, clean, heads up, on the ball, on the beam, up to speed, phenom, pro, there, whiz, whiz kid, whiz bang, wizard, boss player, has enough ducks in a row, hot, hotshot, know one's onions, know one's stuff, have know-how, slick, smooth, crack, crackerjack, cute, no slouch, savvy. See also **SKILLED**.

**ADHERE** v. stick like a barnacle, stick like a leech, stick like glue, stick like a wet shirt, stick like a limpet, freeze to, cling like a burr, cling like ivy, hold on like a bulldog, stay put.

**ADHERENT** n. flunky, buff, echo, fan, freak, frenzies, nut, hanger-on, ho dad, ho daddy, plaster, shadow, stooge, tail.

**ADHESIVE** n. stickum, gunk, gummy, spit.

**AD HOC** adj. ad hockery. See also **TEMPORARY**.

**ADJUST** v. 1. fix up, doctor, fine tune, fiddle with. See also **CHANGE**. **MODIFY**. 2. get one's act together, get one's shit together, get it together. 3. fit in, play the game, roll with the punches, swim with the tide, grin and bear it, when in Rome do as the Romans do. See **CONFORM**.

**ADJUSTER** n. go-between, fixer.

**ADMINISTER** v. boss, ride herd on, run, run the show, head, head up, hold the reins, sit on top of, be in the driver's seat, be in the saddle, crack the whip, pull the strings, pull the wires. See **MANAGE**.

**ADMINISTRATION** n. brass, top brass, front office, people in the front office, upstairs, people upstairs, big brother, one's watch, D.C., the digger, the mighty dome, the Union, Uncle Sam, Washington, the Feds (also Federal Reserve Bank). See also **MANAGEMENT**.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING** n. ad building, tower of power, HQ, GHQ, CP.

**ADMINISTRATOR** n. CEO, exec, boss, Prez, prex, prexy (usu. college), POTUS (Pres. of the U.S.), big brother, head, head man, head honcho, brass, man upstairs, front office. See also **EXECUTIVE**.

**ADMIRABLE** adj. a 10, A, A-1, A-number one, A-plus, A-OK, okay, ace, aces, ace high, ace of spades, super, super-duper, smashing, gnarly, mega-gnarly, unreal, cool, zero cool, cold, wicked, out of this world, out of sight, gilt-edged, drooly, flash, like wow, best ever, crack, cracking, crackerjack, peacherino, peach, peachy, ginger peachy, peachy keen, keen, salt of the earth, top, tops, top-notch, top-notcher, topflight, top drawer, top of the line, tip top, first class, first chop, first rate, star, boss, stunning, corking, a corker, solid, solid sender, great, greatest, a doozie, a daisy, dilly, bo, boo, tickety boo, deadly, deadly boo, bong, sly, copacetic, kopasetic, the bee's knees, the cat's meow, the cat's whiskers, the cat's pajamas, the butterfly's book, the caterpillar's kimono, George, the real George, down, good show, gear, golden, hard, hummer, humdinger, knock out, mad, mess, mezz, nasty, nifty, the nuts, the nerts, ripping, ripsnorter, sanitary, heavenly, bang-up, like dynamite, fab, in fat city, in orbit, murder, neat, neato, hunky dory, all wool and a yard wide, jam up, slap up, dandy, fine and dandy, just dandy, jim dandy, but good, strictly, a sweetheart, catch, find, plenty, zany, beautiful, cuspy, check plus, staller, dream, lollapaloosa, whiz, killer-diller, mean, ducky, hot, spiffy, spiffing, ripping, nobby, delicious, scrumptious, not too shabby, something else, groovy, tough, heavy, bad, marvy, winner, choice, rest, gasser, fab, fabulous, dynamite, far out, funky, state of the art, too much, swell, savage, shirt, shirty, tawny, a whale of a, world beater, pip, pippen, lulu, darb, a honey, a beaut, this is some kinda ———, it's the berries, bully, sharp, the best.

**ADMIRE v.** be crazy for, be crazy over, be crazy about, be nuts about, be daffy about, be wild about, be whacky about, be mad about, be mad for, go for, fall for, moon for, have the hots, be hot for, have eyes for, carry the torch for, torching, have it for one, be gone on, be far gone on, be sweet on, be stuck on, groove on, be hipped on, get high on, freak out on, have a crush on, have a mash on, have a case on, take to, take a liking to, take a fancy to, take a shine to, cotton to, be serious about, be smitten by, got it bad, rings one's bell, hit it off, nose open, be that way, be wrapped up in, be keen about, have a thing about, be struck by lightning. See also LOVE, APPROVE.

**ADMIRED adj.** pop. drooly, okay people, big, large, large charge, big man on campus, BMOC, kimble (tries to be).

**ADMIRER n.** rooter, groupie, buff, fan, autograph hound, booster, bug, freak, junkie, nut, frenzie, crank, culture vulture, fiend, flip, hound, alligator, gator, gate, cat, hep cat, stargazer, blue farouq. See also DEVOTEE, LOVER, SUPPORTER.

**ADMISSION TICKET n.** admish, board, stub, twofer (half price), pasteboard, chit, deadwood (unsold); pass, freebee, paper, Annie Oakley, Chineese, Chineese ducat, comp (free); dukie, dookie (meal ticket); duck (social event); bid, invite (invitation).

**ADMIT v.** 1. spill, spill it, spill one's guts, spill the beans, cop a plea, get it off one's chest, get it out of one's system, let it all hang out, open up, fess up, own up, out with it, spit it out, blab, blabber, come clean, give away, give away the show, let the cat out of the bag. See also CONFESS. 2. give the nod, okay, OK, sign, sign off on, thumbs up, be big on, bless, buy. See also ALLOW, CONCEDE.

**ADMONISH v.** speak to, talk to, tell a thing or two, gig, give what for, give a going over, give a piece of one's mind, give one his comeuppance, call to task, call down, come down on, come down hard on, sit on, jack up, hoist, growl, rap, dance the carpet, call on the carpet, slap one's wrist, rap on the knuckles, glue, ding, draw the line. See also SCOLD.

**ADO n.** stink, big stink, to-do, commo, scene, big scene, dustup, flap, fofarraw, foofooaw, hell broke loose, kickup, wingding, rhubarb, rowdydow, rumpus, ruckus, ruction, shindy, shivaree, stir, fuss, row, free-for-all, rumble, fuzzi-buzzy, haroosh.

**ADOLESCENT n.** weenie bopper, bobby-soxer, juve, punk, yoot, jailbait (Fem.), teen, teeny, teenybop, teenybopper, petiteen, sub deb, sweet sixteen, twixt teen. See TEENAGER.

**ADOPT v.** go in for, go native, take up, go down the line, opt, tap.

**ADORABLE adj.** cute, dishy, hot stuff, hot item, sure fire, sexy, lulu, suave, superfly, dream bait, highly salable, good enough to eat up, good enough to eat with a spoon, a catch (usually husband or wife), after one's heart, wouldn't kick [him/her] out of bed.

**ADORATION n.** amore, mash, pash, weakness, yen, shine, beaver fever (Obsc.), calflove, puppy love, hankering.

**ADORE v.** be crazy for, be crazy over, be crazy about, be nuts about, be daffy about, be wild about, be whacky about, be mad about, be mad for, dig, go for, fall for, flip over, be gone on, be far gone on, be sweet on, be stuck on, groove on, be serious about, be smitten with, got it bad, have one's nose open, be that way. See LOVE.

**ADORED adj.** touted, highly touted. See also ESTEEMED.

**ADORN v.** doll up, fix up, gussy up, spruce up.

**ADORNMENT n.** dingbat, doodad, thing, fandangle, jazz, floss, seagoing (large, absurd)

**ADROIT adj.** quick on the trigger, quick on the uptake, savvy, have know-how, sharp, slick, crack, crackerjack, cute, cutie, foxy, hot tamale, neat, nifty, sharp as a tack, smart as a whip, have good hands, clean, heads up, on the ball, on the beam, up to speed, whiz, wizard. See also SKILLED.

**ADULATE v.** suck ass (Obsc.), suck up to, kiss up to, kiss ass, brownnose (Obsc.), bootlick, massage, curry below the knee. See FLATTER.

**ADULATION n.** strokes, bouquet, posy, eyewash, oil, soap, soft soap, blarney, bunkum, butter salve, sweet talk, shot, shot in the arm, shot in the ass. See FLATTERY.

**ADULTERATE v.** doctor, doctor up, phony up, plant, spike, water, water down, baptize, irrigate, cook, cut, needle, lace, shave.

**ADULTERATOR n.** needleman (liquor).

**ADULTEROUS adj.** extracurricular, fast, fast and loose, speedy, messy, two-timing, moonlighting, cheating, double-crossing, two-faced.

**ADULTERY n.** affair, fling, relationship, musical beds, carrying on, hanky-panky, playing around, nooner, matinee, two-timing, getting some on the side, a little something on the side, dog one around, tip, tip out, working late at the office, yard on, extracurricular activity, extracurricular sex, extracurricular relations, Roman spring (late in life), thing, your place or mine? See also AFFAIR.

**ADULTHOOD n.** prime, prime of life, dry behind the ears, ripe age, age of consent, drinking age.

**ADVANCE n.** 1. breakthrough, a break, go ahead. 2. boost, buildup. See also PROMOTION. 3. front money,

in front, front-end loading, hike, angel dust, bite, floater, grubstake, jawbone, juice (usurious), score, scratch, take (secure a), touch, stake to. See also LOAN. 4. tip, tip off, feeler, pass, proposition. See also OFFER. 5. up, upping, upgrade. See also IMPROVE.

**ADVANCE v.** 1. get the green light, get the go-ahead, get over, get well, get ahead, get there, get with it, get one's act together, put it together, go places, go to town, go great guns, go straight, make hay, make well, make the grade, make the scene, make a noise in the world, make a hit, hit the bull's-eye, ring the bell, shape up, run with the ball, romp off with, skyrocket, take off, fly, move out, strike a vein, strike a rich vein, hit, sail through, come through with, cream, cream up, step into the shoes of, catch on, score, be home free, knock one for a loop, arrive, nail it, hack it, do oneself proud, come on, come along, come out on top of the heap, win one's spurs. See also ACHIEVE, SUCCEED, IMPROVE. 2. up, up one's pay, upgrade, boost, boost one's pay, get fat, get rich, strike it rich, strike gold, make a killing, make out, pan out, turn out, break the bank, hit the jackpot, hit pay dirt, kick upstairs. 3. plug, hype, push, splash, spot, throw the spotlight on, puff, boost, ballyhoo, put on the map, make a pitch for, beat the drum for, thump the tub for, get ink for. See SUPPORT.

**ADVANCED adj.** leading edge, cutting edge, state of the art, avant-garde, break, breakthrough, far out, out of sight.

**ADVANCING adj.** looking good, looking up, making it, on the upswing, on a roll, rolling, upbeat, on the rise, on the lift, upscaling.

**ADVANTAGE n.** edge, break, bulge, drag, pull, suction, string, ropes, weight, wire, wire-pulling, clout, winner, over, drop, have the drop on, jump, have a jump on, have a leg up on, bargaining chip, big chip, ace in the hole, card up one's sleeve, play the card, born with a silver spoon in one's mouth, head start, flying start, running start, nose out, in, in on the ground floor, inside track, what's in it for one, in pocket, the percentage, the upper hand, whip hand, a foot in the door, sitting pretty, sitting in the driver's seat, sitting in the catbird seat, steal a march, al joe, alzo, fix, gaff, gimmick, nuts, spot, spark, zinger, all sewed up, loose change (temporary), a lot to do with, a lot to say about.

**ADVANTAGE, TAKE v.** give one the short end of the stick, get one by the balls, get one by the short hairs, make hay, make hay while the sun shines, kick around, pack it in, trade on, cash in on, pour it on, push, push one's luck, burn up, hump, knock up, put one over on one, pull a fast one, push around, screw, screw around, cop a heel, cop a sneak, double bank, piece off; rim, ream (Obsc.); shave, skin, play for a sucker, take for a ride, take for a sleigh ride, take the bull by the horns, strike while the iron is hot, not be caught flatfooted.

**ADVENTURE n.** a happening, hap, happenso, a trip, a real trip, scene, a gas.

**ADVENTURE v.** go out on a limb, go for broke, go off the deep end, step off the deep end, go to sea in a sieve, leave oneself wide open, play with fire, be a fire-eater.

**ADVERSARY n.** opposish, oppo, opposite number, bad guy, bandit, buddy (sarcasm), buddy-buddy, buddy fucker (Obsc.), rip.

**ADVERSE adj.** agin, down on, allergic to, have no use for, ornery, stuffy, on the debit side, down side, the bad news.

**ADVERSITY n.** bummer, downer, can of worms, hobble, crunch, be clobbered, shit, deep shit, shit out of luck, S.O.L., up shit creek, up shit creek without a paddle, tough shit, TC, shit hit the fan, down on one's luck, rotten luck, rough, tough, tough luck, rotten break, tough break, bad break, total shuck, drag, grabber, hurting, the worst, kiss of death, can't even get arrested, cold, hard time, hard knocks, hard row to hoe, up against it, on the skids, gone to pot, gone to the dogs, it shouldn't happen to a dog, unload, rain, rainin', rainy day, run for cover, bugaboo, double whammy, jinx, jonah, evil eye, poison, that's the way the ball bounces, that's the way the cookie crumbles, a bitch, payin' dues, raw deal, tit caught in the wringer, tit in the wringer, tail in a gate, holy mess, unholy mess, messed up, stew, the devil to pay, hell to pay, pain in the ass, pain in the neck, bad news, clutch, jam, pretty pass, pickle, pretty pickle, fine kettle of fish, how do you do, fine how do you do, ticklish spot, tricky spot, sticky wicket, scrape, double trouble, headache, heat's on, hot water, hot grease, jackpot, messed up, screw-up, tsuris, tumul, need it like a hole in the head, rum go, deadman's hand, they're peeing on us and telling us it's raining, next week East Lynne.

**ADVERTISE v.** plug, pitch, make a pitch for, drum, beat the drum for, hard sell, soft sell, tub-thump, thump the tub for, ballyhoo, bill, billboard, boost, puff, put on the map, hype, push, splash, spot, build up, press agent, throw the spotlight on, get on a soapbox for.

**ADVERTISEMENT n.** ad, plug, envelope stuffer, flyer, throw away, literature, squib, want ad, advert, commercial.

**ADVERTISER n.** fairy godmother, sponsor.

**ADVERTISING n.** Madison Avenue, Mad Avenue, blurb, hype, PR, promo, puff, plug, pluggery, ballyhoo, buildup, pitch, dynamiting, hardsell, blasting, bulldogging, hoopla, pizzazz, squib, screamer, spread. See also PUBLICITY.

**ADVERTISING AGENCY n.** ad agency, pluggery.

**ADVERTISING FRAUD, n.** scam, hype, limb, tap tap game, on, con game, on the bite.



**ADVERTISING MAN** n. huckster, adman, ad writer, ballyhooer, ballyhoo man, booster, pitchman, plugger, spieler. See also PUBLICIST.

**ADVICE** n. tip, tip-off, steer, bum steer (bad), kibitz, flea in the ear, two cents' worth, word to the wise, telltale.

**ADVISE** v. steer, tout, update, level with, clue one in on, lay it on one, lay it on the line, put it on the line, lay it out for, let one in on, let one in on the know, put next to, put one on to, put one on to something hot, put one in the picture, put hip, put hep, put a bug in one's ear, put a bug up one's ass, put a flea in one's ear, put in one's two cents, put one wise, wise one up, put one through the grind, put one through the mill, tip, tip off, give one a tip, give one a pointer, give a pointer to, give one the word, post, keep one posted, pull one's coat, show one the ropes, kibitz, fold an ear, break in, break it to one, lace one's boots. See also INSTRUCT.

**ADVISOR** n. spin doctor, tout, tipster, clubhouse lawyer, jailhouse lawyer, guardhouse lawyer, kibitzer, armchair general, Monday morning quarterback, second-guesser, Dutch uncle, rabbi, buttinski, backseat driver, God Committee, God Squad (both Medic.).

**ADVISORS, GROUP OF** n. think tank, kitchen cabinet, groupthink, brain trust.

**ADVOCATE** v. root for, stump for, thump the tub for, bless, boost, give a boost to, give a leg up, give a lift, go for, go to bat for, hold a brief for, plump for, ride shotgun for, stick up for, run interference for, put a flea in one's ear about, put a bug in one's ear about, push, juice up, build up, plug, tout, spread it around, be in one's corner, back, back up, buck up, brace up, hold with, go with, get on the bandwagon, stick by, say so. See also RECOMMEND, SUPPORT.

**AFFABLE** adj. Mr. Nice Guy, one of the boys, one of the guys, clubby, clubbable, breezy.

**AFFAIR** n. 1. fling, carrying on, goings-on, hanky-panky, holy bedlock, a thing together, a relationship, getting some on the side, playing around, nooner, matinee, two-timing, extracurricular activity, extracurricular sex, extracurricular relations, tip out. 2. hap, happening, happenso. See also PARTY.

**AFFECT** v. playact, put up a front, do a bit, fake, lay it on thick, make out like. See IMITATE, PRETEND.

**AFFECTIONATION** n. front, false front, put-on, putting on the dog, putting on the ritz, show, showing out, showing off, Flash Gordon, going Hollywood, neon ribbons. See PRETENSION.

**AFFECTED** adj. ham, hammy, schmaltzy, tear-jerking, false, fraud, phony, playactor, gone Hollywood, camp around, campy, artsy, artsy-crafty, artsy-fartsy, chichi, putting on the dog, putting on the ritz, ritzy, stuck

up, airish, crooker, pinky crooker, high falutin', play the ———, put the hat on. See also PRETENTIOUS.

**AFFECTING** adj. mind-blowing, out of this world, on the move, feel in one's guts, turned on by, turned on to. See MOVING.

**AFFECTION** n. soft spot, crush, case, hooked, amore, mash, pash, mad pash, weakness, yen, mad for, crazy for, wild for, shine, beaver fever (Obsc.), calf love, puppy love, hankering, partial to, spoiling for, itch for.

**AFFECTIONATE** adj. lovey-dovey, huggy-huggy, mushy, nutty about, nutty over, all over one, partial to, soft on, big, big for, crazy for, crazy about, crazy over, have one's heart in the right place.

**AFFIANCED** n. old lady, old man, main squeeze, dolly, daddy-o, intended, steady, going steady, pinned, bird, donah, donar, future, asked for.

**AFFILIATE** n. 1. affil (TV), branch, branch house, offshoot. 2. clubber, joiner. See ASSOCIATE.

**AFFILIATE** v. team up, team up with, tie up, tie up with, line up with, throw in together, throw in with, go partners with, hook up with, come aboard, plug into. See ASSOCIATE.

**AFFILIATION** adj. tie-up, tie-in, have an in with, hookup, gang, mob, ring, syndicate, clan, bunch, crew, crowd, plunderbund, outfit, cahoots. See ASSOCIATION.

**AFFINITY** n. thing, bag, groove, in the groove, turned on to, cotton to, flash, weakness for, cup of tea, druthers, hit it off, on the same wavelength, good vibes, good vibrations, simpatico. See INCLINATION.

**AFFIRM** v. swear up and down, swear on a stack of bibles, swear till one is blue in the face, cross one's heart and hope to die, cross one's heart and hope to spit, say so, cinch, clinch, ice, put on ice, have a lock on, lock up, nail down, set, okay, put one's John Hancock on, rubber-stamp. See also AGREE.

**AFFIRMATION** n. fuckin'-A, go-ahead, green light, okay, right on, stamp of approval. See CONFIRMATION. See also APPROVAL.

**AFFIRMED** interj. fuckin'-A, alrighty, all reet, right on, absofuckinglutely, solid, O.K., thumbs up, Rodger Dodger, crazy. See AGREED.

**AFFIX** v. tack on, tag, tag on, hitch on, slap on. See also FASTEN.

**AFFLUENCE** n. high on the hog, on top of the heap, bed of roses, clover, Easy Street, lap of luxury, the life of Riley, velvet.

**AFFLUENT** adj. uptown, upscale, in the chips, livin' high, have money to burn, shittin' in the tall grass, stink-