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## HOW TO USE THIS THESAURUS

PETER MARK ROGET was an English Physician who was born in 1779 and died in 1869. As a hobby he liked to make lists of words and group them together when they were related to one another. Some were related because they were synonyms, such as *illegal* and *unlawful*; some because they were antonyms, such as *peaceful* and *warlike*; some because they were reminders of one another, such as *father* and *mother*. Altogether Mr. Roget made a thousand different groups, or *categories*, of related words. Every word he knew or could find in the dictionaries that he had was classified in one or more of these categories.

In 1852 Mr. Roget's list of words was published. He called the book a thesaurus, or treasury, of words. There were not many words in the first ROGET'S THESAURUS, compared to the number in a volume like this, but his book was the first collection of synonyms, antonyms, and other related words. Not only writers, but many others found it invaluable. Dozens of editors, beginning with Mr. Roget's son, have revised the original Thesaurus, added to it, and brought it up to date (for many of the words in the original Roget list are now obsolete and many common words of today were unknown in his time); but virtually every edition is still called ROGET'S THESAURUS in honor of the man who first had the idea.

This edition of ROGET'S THESAURUS is both a dictionary of synonyms and a thesaurus or "treasury" of related words. It combines, in one easy-to-use alphabetical list, *categories* (very much like those in Roget's original thesaurus) and a list of words with their close synonyms. For clarity, each category is printed the full width of the page and set off in a box, while the synonym listings are printed half-page width.

To find *synonyms* for a word, first look up the word in the alphabetical list. In most cases, you will find what you are looking for immediately under that word. Reference to more synonyms is indicated by words printed in SMALL CAPITALS. If you look up the word or words referred to, you will find additional synonyms and other words related to the word you were looking up. Most references are to



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categories, where you will also find words of related meaning but different parts of speech.

To find *antonyms* for a word, look up the word in the alphabetical listing and refer to the appropriate category (as indicated by SMALL CAPITALS); references for where to look for antonyms will be found at the end of the category.

Suppose you were looking for synonyms and antonyms for *proximity*. In the alphabetical word list under *proximity* you will find the synonyms NEARNESS, *vicinity*, *propinquity*, *neighborhood*. NEARNESS is in small capitals. When you refer to it, you will find many more words related to *proximity*, not only nouns, but also verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. By further reference to the words in small capitals in the category NEARNESS—or by looking up in the alphabetical word list some of the other synonyms given for *proximity* (such as *vicinity*)—you can explore in even greater depth the various aspects of the idea with which you began. At the end of the category NEARNESS, you are referred for antonyms to the category DISTANCE, where you find *distance*, *remoteness*, *farness*, and many other words of different parts of speech expressing the opposite of *proximity*.

Frequently only one form of a word is entered in the alphabetical word list. You will find synonyms for the other forms by referring to the entries printed in SMALL CAPITALS under the listed word. For example, to find synonyms for *proximate*, look under *proximity* in the alphabetical word list and refer to the category NEARNESS, where you find *adjacent*, *adjoining* and other related adjectives.

A word or phrase in parentheses—()—is explanatory or shows how the preceding word is to be used in a sentence. Brackets—[]—indicate that the bracketed letters, word, or phrase may or may not be used with the adjoining word, depending on the preference of the writer.

In the listings, synonyms for different senses of the listed word are separated by semicolons (;). Colloquial and slang *senses* of the entry word are labeled *colloq.* or *slang* at the beginning of each sense; colloquial and slang *synonyms* for all senses of the entry word are listed separately, headed respectively by *Colloq.* or *Slang*. Moreover, entry words or individual synonyms may be labeled to indicate special or substandard usage. The most commonly used labels—in addition to *colloq.* and *slang*—are *dial.* (dialectal), *Brit.* (British), *poetic*, and *archaic*.

Familiar dictionary abbreviations are used for parts of speech: *n.*, noun; *v.*, verb; *v.i.*, intransitive verb; *v.t.*, transitive verb; *adj.*, adjective; *adv.*, adverb; *pron.*, pronoun; *prep.*, preposition; *conj.*, conjunction; *interj.*, interjection.

*This is not a dictionary.* It does not define words, except to the extent that they are defined in their synonyms. A word that has no

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natural synonyms is not entered merely to define it. Moreover, alternate spellings for a word are generally not given. The publishers of this Thesaurus also publish a companion volume, THE NEW AMERICAN WEBSTER HANDY COLLEGE DICTIONARY, which was the authority for the preferred spellings used herein and in which may be found definitions of the words in this book.

Antonyms formed by simply adding *un-*, *in-*, *dis-*, etc., are not given, nor are words listed when they are simple negatives of other words. For example, such a word as *unloved* is not entered, since one may merely look up the positive term, but *unbearable* is entered because the positive term has various dissimilar meanings.

FOREIGN PHRASES. This Thesaurus includes foreign words and phrases related to English words and phrases; but foreign words and phrases that are not wholly anglicized are not listed in regular alphabetical order. They are collected on the final pages of this book, with definitions and with reference to the entries or categories in which their synonyms and related English phrases may be found.

—Philip D. Morehead

## A

**aback**, *adv.* rearwards, behind. See REAR. DIFFICULTY.

**abaft**, *adv.* aft, astern, behind. See REAR.

**abandon**, *v.t.* relinquish, resign, give up, forgo, surrender, discontinue, waive, abdicate; leave, quit, evacuate, withdraw (from); desert, forsake, maroon, discard, drop; let go, throw up, pull out of, have done with, turn one's back on, wash one's hands of; pull out on. See RELINQUISHMENT. RESIGNATION. DISUSE. — *n.* RASHNESS. recklessness, impetuosity, impulsiveness, audacity.

**abandoned**, *adj.* dissipated, immoral, reprobate, dissolute, depraved; lost; unbridled. See IMPURITY. RASHNESS.

**abase**, *v.t.* humble (see ABASH); demean, degrade; dishonor; cast down. See HUMILITY. SERVILITY.

**abash**, *v.t.* humiliate, humble, shame; embarrass, disconcert; mortify, crush, take down a peg. See HUMILITY.

**abate**, *v.* DECREASE, lessen, moderate, diminish, subside; allay, slake, slacken, subdue; curtail, remit; let down (on), take off the edge (of).

**abattoir**, *n.* slaughterhouse (see KILLING).

**abbé**, *n.* See CLERGY.

**abbey**, *n.* See TEMPLE.

**abbreviate**, *v.* abridge, condense, contract, shorten, curtail, digest, truncate, prune. See SHORTNESS. DEDUCTION.

**abdicate**, *v.* relinquish, resign, renounce, abandon, quit, surrender. See RELINQUISHMENT. RESIGNATION.

**abdomen**, *n.* belly, paunch, epigas-

trium, venter; midriff. *Colloq.*, corporation, solar plexus, guts. See INTERIOR.

**abduct**, *v.t.* kidnap, carry off, steal, spirit away, shanghai, snatch. See STEALING.

**abeam**, *adv.* sideways (see SIDE).

**aberration**, *n.* DEVIATION, variation, distortion, disorientation; aberrance, INSANITY: ERROR.

**abet**, *v.t.* AID, assist, support; encourage.

**abeyance**, *n.* suspension. See END. LATENCY.

**abhor**, *v.t.* HATE.

**abide**, *v.* dwell, reside, live, stay; tolerate, endure, submit (to); remain, stay. See ABODE. DURABILITY. FEELING.

**ability**, *n.* POWER. SKILL, competency, capacity, capability, aptitude, faculty, talent. *Colloq.*, know-how. *Slang*, what it takes.

**abject**, *adj.* servile, contemptible; miserable, wretched, hangdog; base. See SERVILITY. IMPROBITY. CONTEMPT.

**abjure**, *v.* forswear, renounce, repudiate. See NEGATION. NULLIFICATION.

**ablaze**, *adj.* afire, burning; aglow. See HEAT. LIGHT. RESENTMENT.

**able**, *adj.* capable, competent, skillful, talented. See POWER. SKILL.

**able-bodied**, *adj.* fit, robust. See STRENGTH. HEALTH.

**ablution**, *n.* cleansing, washing. See CLEANNESS.

**abnegate**, *v.* See NEGATION.

**abnormal**, *adj.* unusual, aberrant, eccentric, irregular, anomalous; insane; monstrous. See UNCONFORMITY. INSANITY.

**aboard**, *adv. & prep.* on, on board. *Colloq.*, astride. See PRESENCE. SHIP.

## ABODE

*Nouns*—1, abode, dwelling, residence, domicile, address, habitation, berth, seat, lodging[s], lodging place, quarters, headquarters, base, depot, housing, place; habitat. *Colloq.*, place to hang one's hat. *Slang*, dump, joint. See LOCATION.

2, home, homeplace, homestead, hearth, hearthstone, fireside, inglenook,



ingleside, household, ménage, roof; ancestral hall[s], fatherland, native land *or* soil, country. *Colloq.*, roost.

3, retreat, asylum, cloister, hermitage, hideaway, hiding-place, sanctuary, arbor, *sanctum sanctorum*, cave, nest, den, cell, dugout, hive, hole, lair, haunt. *Slang*, hangout, hideout, stamping ground *or* place. See SECLUSION.

4, camp, barrack[s], bivouac, encampment, casemate; stopover; tourist camp, trailer camp. *Slang*, [hobo] jungle.

5, house, dwelling[-place], building; hall; *casa*, mansion, palace, villa, dacha, lodge, castle (see DEFENSE), chalet, bungalow, manor-house; brownstone [house], flat, apartment [house], two-(*etc.*)family house, farmhouse, ranch house, split-level, town house, condominium, cooperative, penthouse, tenement, loft; ark; temple; rectory; [residential] hotel; skyscraper; [housing] development, [building] project; trailer. *Colloq.*, diggings, digs; condo, co-op. *Slang*, pad, cheesebox.

6, hut, adobe, bunkhouse, hogan, cabin, cottage, hovel, igloo, tupek, lean-to, log cabin, Quonset hut, rancho, shack, shanty, tent, tepee, wickiup, wigwam, kiosk.

7, inn, caravansary, club, hospice, hostel, hostelry, hotel, motel, motor hotel, motor court, rooming house, bread and breakfast, dormitory; harem; resort, spa.

8, barn, cowshed, doghouse, kennel, pound, henhouse, hutch, warren, pen, [pig]sty, apiary, shed, stable, stall, booth, coop, dovecote, aviary, birdcage, birdhouse, roost.

9, estate, hacienda, ranch, plantation, farm, domain.

10, village, hamlet, town, pueblo; municipality, metropolis, city, suburb (see REGION); inner city, ghetto, slum, quarter; colony; commune, kolkhoz.

11, sanatorium, sanitarium, asylum, [health] resort, [convalescent, nursing, *or* rest] home. *Colloq.*, old folks' home. See REMEDY.

12, see INHABITANT.

**Verbs**—1, inhabit, domesticate, colonize, naturalize; take root, sit down, settle [down], take up one's abode, establish oneself, squat, perch, pitch one's tent, put up at, keep *or* set up house; bivouac, stop over, encamp, rough it.

2, abide, occupy, people, dwell, reside, stay, sojourn, live, put up, tenant, lodge, nestle, board, live in, camp out. *Colloq.*, roost. See INHABITANT.

3, accommodate, lodge, put up, board.

**Adjectives**—1, dwelling, residing, in residence, at home.

2, urban, suburban, provincial; metropolitan, cosmopolitan; domestic, foreign.

**abolish**, *v.t.* annul, cancel, abrogate; exterminate, wipe out. See NULLIFICATION, DESTRUCTION.

**abominable**, *adj.* detestable. See HATE, UNCLEANNES.

**aboriginal**, *adj.* primitive, primeval; indigenous. See OLDNESS, INHABITANT.

**abortion**, *n.* miscarriage; premature delivery *or* birth; FAILURE, fiasco; monstrosity, freak. See END.

**abound**, *v.i.* teem, swarm, be plentiful. See SUFFICIENCY.

**about**, *adv.* around, round, on all sides; approximately; nearly, almost. See RELATION, NEARNESS. —*prep.* concerning, regarding, anent, respecting.

**about-face**, *n.* turnabout, reversal, volte-face. See INVERSION.

**above**, *adv.* aloft, overhead, up; earlier, before. See HEIGHT. —*prep.* over, beyond; surpassing; more than, exceeding.

**aboveboard**, *adj.* candid (see PROBITY).



**abracadabra**

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**abstract**

**abracadabra**, *n.* mumbo-jumbo (see SORCERY).

**abrade**, *v.t.* wear (away), grind. See FRICTION.

**abreast**, *adv.* side-by-side; to the same degree. See SIDE, EQUALITY.

**abridge**, *v.* CONDENSE, shorten, compress, contract. See SHORTNESS.

**abroad**, *adv.* overseas, away, outside; roaming, wandering, at large. See

TRAVEL, ABSENCE, DISTANCE.

**abrogate**, *v.t.* repeal, annul, retract. See REJECTION, NULLIFICATION.

**abrupt**, *adj.* sudden, precipitate, short, curt; steep, precipitous, sheer; sudden or sharp (turn, etc.); jerky. See INSTANTANEITY.

**abscess**, *n.* ulcer, boil. See DISEASE.

**abscond**, *v.i.* decamp, bolt, run away, flee, fly, take off. See AVOIDANCE.

**ABSENCE**

*Nouns*—1, absence, nonresidence, noninhabitation, nonpresence, nonattendance, absenteeism, truancy, hooky, French leave; NONEXISTENCE.

2, emptiness, void, vacuum, vacuity, vacancy; blank, clean slate. See SPACE, INSUBSTANTIALITY.

3, absentee, truant; missing person, M.I.A.; absentee landlord. *Colloq.*, no-show.

4, nobody present, not a soul, nary a soul, nobody under the sun, nary a one, no one, no man, never a one.

*Verbs*—be absent, absent oneself, stay or keep away, keep out of the way, play truant, play hooky, take French leave, go A.W.O.L., absent oneself without [official] leave; slip away (see ESCAPE); keep or hold aloof; withdraw, vacate (see DEPARTURE). *Colloq.*, not show up, make oneself scarce. *Slang*, cut [out].

*Adjectives*—1, absent, nonattendant, not present, away, nonresident, missing, missing in action, lost, wanting, omitted, nowhere to be found, out of sight, gone, lacking, away from home, truant, absent without [official] leave, A.W.O.L.; abroad, oversea[s], on vacation. *Colloq.*, minus.

2, empty, vacant, void, vacuous, untenanted, unoccupied, uninhabited, tenantless; devoid, bare, hollow, blank.

*Adverbs*—nowhere; elsewhere; neither here nor there; somewhere else, not here. *Dial.*, nowheres.

*Prepositions*—in *absentia*, without, less, minus, *sans*; wanting (see INSUFFICIENCY).

*Antonyms*, see PRESENCE.

**absent-minded**, *adj.* See INATTENTION.

**absolute**, *adj.* complete, perfect, thorough; sheer; fixed, positive; unrestricted, unbounded, full, plenary; despotic, autocratic, supreme. See COMPLETION, GREATNESS, CERTAINTY.

**absolution**, *n.* cleansing, FORGIVENESS, shrift, dispensation; discharge. See ACQUITTAL, EXEMPTION.

**absolutism**, *n.* despotism, autocracy; dogmatism. See AUTHORITY, CERTAINTY.

**absolve**, *v.t.* forgive, cleanse, shrive, pardon, discharge. See FORGIVENESS.

**absorb**, *v.* assimilate, take in, suck up; incorporate, integrate; engross, preoccupy, obsess. See THOUGHT, RECEIVING, ATTENTION, USE, COMBINATION, LEARNING.

**abstain**, *v.i.* forbear, refrain. See AVOIDANCE, MODERATION, ASCETICISM, DISUSE.

**abstemious**, *adj.* abstaining, abstinent; temperate, sober. See MODERATION, ASCETICISM.

**abstract**, *adj.* theoretical, metaphys-

ical; abstruse, recondite. See SUPPOSITION. —*v.* excerpt (from); remove. See STEALING. —*n.* compendium, summary, epitome, précis, abridgment. See SHORTNESS.

**abstruse**, *adj.* profound, recondite, esoteric, subtle, deep; obscure, enigmatical. See UNINTELLIGIBILITY, OBSCURITY.

## ABSURDITY

**Nouns**—**1**, absurdity, absurdness, nonsense; paradox, inconsistency; inanity (see FOLLY); ludicrousness, ridiculousness, comicality.

**2**, muddle, [Irish] bull; bathos; song and dance; travesty (see RIDICULE).

**3**, jargon, doubletalk, twaddle, gibberish, fustian, empty talk, galimatias. *Colloq.*, poppycock, stuff and nonsense. *Slang*, hot air. See UNMEANINGNESS.

**4**, theater of the absurd; dada[ism].

**Verbs**—**1**, play the fool, talk nonsense, talk through one's hat, go from the sublime to the ridiculous.

**2**, make a fool of, make absurd, burlesque (see RIDICULE).

**Adjectives**—absurd, nonsensical, preposterous, senseless, inconsistent, illogical, paradoxical, ridiculous, extravagant, fantastic, silly, funny, comic[al], unmeaning, without rhyme or reason, fatuous, ludicrous, laughable. *Slang*, screwy, cockamamie, cock-and-bull.

*Antonyms*, see MEANING.

**abundance**, *n.* plenty, SUFFICIENCY, profusion, luxuriance, fullness; affluence, opulence, wealth.

**abuse**, *v.t.* misuse, misapply; mistreat, injure, damage; malign, scold, berate, vilify, curse; flay. —*n.* injury, desecration; insult. See DISAPPROBATION, BADNESS, DECEPTION, IMPURITY, WRONG.

**abut**, *v.* touch, border (on). See CONTACT.

**abysmal**, *adj.* abyssal; deficient, below par, miserable. See DEPTH, INFERIORITY.

**abyss**, *n.* abysm, deep, DEPTH[s], gulf, chasm, [bottomless] pit, chaos, HELL. See INTERVAL.

**academic**, *adj.* scholastic, collegiate; educational; scholarly, erudite; theoretical. See TEACHING, LEARNING.

**academy**, *n.* SCHOOL, college, preparatory or finishing school; [learned] society.

**accede**, *v.i.* agree, ASSENT, CONSENT, acquiesce, yield, comply; attain (see ARRIVAL). See SUBMISSION.

**accelerate**, *v.* hasten, expedite, anticipate, speed (up), quicken. See EARLINESS, HASTE.

**accelerator**, *n.* gas pedal, throttle. See INSTRUMENTALITY, VELOCITY.

**accent**, *v.* accentuate, emphasize, stress. —*n.* emphasis, stress, tone; dialect, pronunciation. See SPEECH, SOUND.

**accept**, *v.* ASSENT; take; adopt, believe; honor, admit. See RECEIVING, CONSENT, INCLUSION.

**acceptation**, *n.* sense, MEANING.

**access**, *n.* APPROACH, avenue, way; admittance, entrée. *Colloq.*, (an) in; a line (to). See PASSAGE, INGRESS, POSSIBILITY.

**accession**, *n.* acceding, ASSENT; increase, ADDITION, ACQUISITION; attainment. See TRANSFER.

**accessory**, *adj.* contributory; helping; AUXILIARY, incident (to). —*n.* accomplice, assistant, confederate. See AID, ACCOMPANIMENT.

**accident**, *n.* mishap, injury, casualty; CHANCE, fortuity. See ADVERSITY, OCCURRENCE.

**acclaim**, *v.t.* applaud; praise, hail, salute. —*n.* praise. See APPROBATION.

**acclamation**, *n.* acclaim, applause; unanimity. See APPROBATION.

**acclimate, acclimatize**, *v.t.* accustom, inure, habituate. See HABIT.

**acclivity**, *n.* ASCENT, rise, incline, pitch, slope, grade.

**accolade**, *n.* honors, laurels, tribute, reward; decoration, embrace, kiss.

See APPROBATION.

**accommodate**, *v.* adapt, adjust, conform, fit, suit; oblige, help out; lend money (to); put up; lend (to).

See AID, AGREEMENT, DEBT, PACIFICATION, ABODE.

## ACCOMPANIMENT

**Nouns**—1, accompaniment, concomitance, company, association, companionship, [co]partnership, fellowship, coefficient. See SYNCHRONISM, SEQUENCE.

2, concomitant, accessory, adjunct, corollary, coefficient; companion, attendant, fellow, associate, consort, spouse, colleague, comrade; accompanist; [co]partner, satellite, hanger-on, shadow; convoy, cortege, escort, bodyguard, chaperon (see SAFETY); retainer[s], following (see SERVANT); cavalier, squire; camp follower. *Slang*, pard. See FRIEND, MARRIAGE.

**Verbs**—accompany, attend, hang on, wait on, go along with, go hand in hand with, keep company, row in the same boat, associate *or* consort with, take up with, hang around; string along; escort, chaperon, convoy, squire, see out.

**Adjectives**—accompanying, attendant, concomitant, fellow, associated, coupled, accessory.

**Adverbs**—hand-in-hand, arm-in-arm, side-by-side, cheek-to-cheek, hand-in-glove, together, at one's side; in tow; on one's coattails. *Colloq.*, cheek-by-jowl.

**Prepositions**—with, together with, along with, in company with.

**Conjunctions**—and, both, also.

*Antonyms*, see DISJUNCTION.

**accomplice**, *n.* accessory, abettor, confederate, crony; partner, colleague. *Colloq.*, sidekick. See AUXILIARY.

**accomplish**, *v.t.* do, complete, fulfill, perform, effect, execute, achieve, consummate. See COMPLETION.

**accomplished**, *adj.* proficient, versed; talented. See SKILL.

**accord**, *v.i.* harmonize, conform, agree. See AGREEMENT, ASSENT. —*v.t.* grant, bestow; concede. See GIVING. —*n.* AGREEMENT.

**accordingly**, *adv.* hence, so, therefore, thus. See CIRCUMSTANCE.

**according to**, *adv.* consistent with, in keeping with; based on. See CONFORMITY, EVIDENCE.

**accordion**, *n.* concertina. See MUSIC.

**accost**, *v.t.* greet, hail, address. See COURTESY.

**account**, *v.i.* report, relate, narrate. See DESCRIPTION. —*v.t.* attribute. See CAUSE. —*n.* report, recital, narrative, DESCRIPTION, story, tale, history, chronicle, statement; ACCOUNTING.

## ACCOUNTING

**Nouns**—1, accounting, accountance, bookkeeping, audit, calculation (see NUMERATION), commercial *or* business arithmetic.

2, accountant, bookkeeper, actuary, Certified Public Accountant, C.P.A., chartered accountant (*Brit.*); auditor, bank examiner; clerk. See INQUIRY.

3, accounts, books, finances, budget, money matters, figures.

4, ledger, journal, day book, cash book, petty-cash book, bank book, pass book, balance sheet, profit-and-loss statement, accounts-payable *or* -receivable ledger, sales ledger.



5, asset, liability; expenditure (see PAYMENT); bill, invoice, statement [of account]; balance, account, A/C; CREDIT, debit (see DEBT); net worth.

*Verbs*—1, keep accounts, keep the books, enter, post, book, CREDIT, debit, carry over, balance [accounts *or* the books]; bill, invoice, dun, settle accounts; take stock, take inventory; audit, examine the books; open *or* close the books.

2, falsify *or* doctor accounts; embezzle (see STEALING). *Slang*, cook the books.

**accouter**, *v.t.* outfit, attire. See CLOTHING.

**accredit**, *v.* authorize, license, certify; believe; attribute. See BELIEF, COMMISSION, ATTRIBUTION.

**accretion**, *n.* See INCREASE.

**accrue**, *v.* accumulate, grow. See INCREASE, RECEIVING, DEBT.

**accumulate**, *v.* amass, gather; aggregate, collect, hoard, bank; pile up. See ACQUISITION, ASSEMBLAGE, STORE.

**accurate**, *adj.* correct, exact; precise, truthful. *Colloq.*, on the button *or* nose, to the penny. See TRUTH, RIGHTNESS.

## ACCUSATION

*Nouns*—1, accusation, charge, incrimination, inculpation; CONDEMNATION, denunciation, invective, implication, imputation, blame, reproach, recrimination. See DISAPPROBATION.

2, LAWSUIT, plaint, complaint, citation, allegation; indictment, arraignment, impeachment, true bill; libel, slander (see DETRACTION).

3, accuser, plaintiff, complainant; prosecutor, district attorney, attorney general. *Colloq.*, D.A.

4, accused, defendant, respondent, co-respondent, libelee.

*Verbs*—1, accuse, charge, tax (with), incriminate; allege, impute; inculpate, blame, complain against *or* of, reproach, indict, arraign, impeach, implicate, cite; have something on. *Colloq.*, throw the book at.

2, denounce, inform (against), take to task, call to account, lay at one's door, give the lie (to); trump up a charge; tell on, tattle (on); cast the first stone. *Slang*, put the finger on, point the finger (at), rat (on); frame.

*Adjectives*—accusing, accusatory; incriminatory, recriminatory, reproachful; imputative.

*Antonyms*, see APPROBATION, VINDICATION.

**accustom**, *v.* habituate, familiarize, inure. See HABIT.

**ace**, *n.* expert, adept; particle, iota. See SKILL, LITTLENESS. —*adj.* excellent, first-rate. See SUPERIORITY.

**ache**, *n.* PAIN. —*v.i.* hurt, smart, throb, PAIN; yearn (see DESIRE).

**achieve**, *v.t.* accomplish, attain, reach. See COMPLETION.

**acid**, *adj.* sour, bitter, tart, vinegary; acrimonious, cutting, caustic. See SOURNESS, DISCOURTESY.

**acknowledge**, *v.* admit, confess, own; ANSWER, receipt. See DISCLOSURE,

EVIDENCE, GRATITUDE.

**acme**, *n.* summit, pinnacle (see HEIGHT).

**acolyte**, *n.* altar boy; attendant, assistant; novice. See RELIGION, AUXILIARY, BEGINNING.

**acoustic**, *n.* See SOUND.

**acquaint**, *v.t.* inform, notify, tell; familiarize, teach. See INFORMATION, FRIEND, LEARNING.

**acquaintance**, *n.* familiarity, experience, KNOWLEDGE, ken; FRIEND.

**acquiesce**, *v.t.* agree, accede, ASSENT, concur, CONSENT. See OBEDIENCE, SUBMISSION.

## ACQUISITION

**Nouns**—1, acquisition, acquirement, accession, obtainment, procurement; collection, accumulation, amassing, gathering, reaping, gleaning, picking (up). See RECEIVING, POSSESSION, ASSEMBLAGE, STORE.

2, seizure, confiscation, commandeering, attachment, appropriation, apprehension, expropriation, dispossession; abduction, kidnaping; annexation; STEALING, theft.

3, haul, catch; windfall; spoils, plunder, loot, booty, payoff, split. *Colloq.*, pickings. *Slang*, the take, gravy, velvet.

4, acquirer, obtainer, *etc.*; buyer, purchaser, vendee; inheritor, legatee; good bargainer *or* trader; winner, captor, thief. *Colloq.*, horsetrader.

5, acquisitiveness, ambition, hunger; covetousness, avarice; greed, voracity. See DESIRE.

6, claw, talon, pincer, tongs, pliers.

**Verbs**—1, acquire, get, find, gain, obtain, come by, dig up *or* out; secure, win, earn, pull down, realize, receive, take; collect, amass, reap, crop, gather, glean, scare *or* scrape up, scrape together; inherit, come in for, come by honestly; PURCHASE. *Colloq.*, step into; get hold of, pick up, rake in. *Slang*, clean up, help oneself (to), line one's pockets *or* purse.

2, appropriate, take over, assume, take possession of, commandeer, confiscate, expropriate, arrogate; annex, attach; preempt, usurp; catch, nab, bag, pocket; capture, seize; take away; grasp, clinch, clutch, grip, grab, snatch, seize, cop, snap up, lay hold of, lay one's hands on. *Slang*, latch on to, hook, snag.

**Adjectives**—acquisitive, avaricious, greedy, grasping, covetous. *Slang*, on the make.

*Antonyms*, see GIVING, RELINQUISHMENT, LOSS, POSSESSION.

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<b>acquit oneself</b> , <i>v.</i> behave; conduct; comport, <i>or</i> bear oneself; pay off,	settle, square. See CONDUCT, PAYMENT.
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## ACQUITTAL

**Nouns**—acquittal, quittance, exoneration, VINDICATION; discharge, release, reprieve, absolution. See FORGIVENESS, LIBERATION.

**Verbs**—acquit, exculpate, exonerate, clear, absolve; pardon, grant amnesty to, reprieve, discharge, release. *Colloq.*, whitewash; let off.

**Adjectives**—acquitted, vindicated, *etc.*; quit, free, clear; in the clear.

*Antonyms*, see CONDEMNATION.

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**acrid**, *adj.* pungent, biting, acid; corrosive, caustic. See SOURNESS, PUNGENCY.

**acrimony**, *n.* bitterness, rancor, acerbity, asperity, RESENTMENT, DISCOURTESY, PUNGENCY.

**acrobat**, *n.* gymnast, tumbler, contortionist. See DRAMA, EXERTION, ELASTICITY.

**across**, *adv.* crosswise, athwart.  
—*prep.* on, over, athwart. See CROSSING.

**act**, *n.* & *v.* See ACTION, DRAMA, CONDUCT, AFFECTATION, REPRESENTATION, RULE.

**acting**, *adj.* substitute, representative, DEPUTY. See SUBSTITUTION.

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**ACTION**

**Nouns**—1, action, performance, operation, execution, PRODUCTION; process, procedure, proceeding, transaction; CONDUCT; EXERTION.

2, affair, effort, job, deed, business, work; stunt; LAWSUIT; battle (see WARFARE, CONTENTION).

3, doer (see AGENT).

**Verbs**—act, do, execute, perform, function; operate, work, practice, exercise, commit, perpetrate; raise *or* lift a finger *or* a hand; militate; take care of; take effect; progress (see PROGRESSION); labor, toil, drudge, ply.

**Adjectives**—acting, active, operative, in operation, in action, at work, on duty; functional, effective, efficient. *Colloq.*, in harness.

**Adverbs**—in the act, conspicuously, flagrantly, *in flagrante delicto*, red-handed.

*Antonyms*, see INACTIVITY, NEGLECT, REPOSE.

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**ACTIVITY**

**Nouns**—1, activity, activeness, business, ENERGY, liveliness, animation; briskness, quickness, alertness; wakefulness, vigil; alacrity, zeal, dash, fervor, eagerness, vivacity, VIGOR, spirit; activism. See ACTION.

2, movement, fuss, ado, bustle (see AGITATION); three-ring circus; high gear; industry, diligence, assiduity, assiduousness; activities, comings and goings, goings-on.

3, activist, new broom; fan, devotee, addict. *Colloq.*, hustler, go-getter, ball of fire. *Slang*, live wire; freak.

**Verbs**—1, be active, busy, *etc.*, have one's hands full, have other fish to fry; bestir oneself, come to life, come alive, get up, go about *or* at, look alive, bustle, fuss; feel one's oats. *Slang*, get on the stick. See HASTE.

2, activate, animate; awaken, [a]rouse, build a fire under.

**Adjectives**—1, active, busy, astir, at it, in the swim; brisk, alert, spry, smart, quick, spanking; energetic, lively, alive, vivacious, keen, eager; frisky, feisty, forward, spirited; up and doing, quick on the trigger, on the jump, on the go, on the job, on one's toes, in high gear, in full swing, on the fly *or* the job. *Colloq.*, snappy, psyched up.

2, working, on duty, at work; in commission, in circulation; in effect, in force; industrious, diligent, assiduous. *Colloq.*, in harness.

**Adverbs**—actively, *etc.* See HASTE.

*Antonyms*, see INACTIVITY, REPOSE.

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**actor, actress**, *n.* performer, player; tragedian, comedian, Thespian; play-actor; doer, worker. See AGENT, DRAMA.

**actual**, *adj.* real, veritable, true, genuine; concrete, factual. See EXISTENCE, PRESENT, TRUTH.

**actuate**, *v.* move, induce, compel, persuade; start, get under way. See CAUSE, BEGINNING.

**acumen**, *n.* discernment, shrewdness, penetration; INTELLIGENCE.

**acute**, *adj.* shrewd, discerning, astute;

sharp, poignant, keen, pointed, severe. See INTELLIGENCE, CUNNING, SHARPNESS.

**ad**, *n.* See ADVERTISEMENT.

**adage**, *n.* proverb, saw, saying, aphorism, motto, MAXIM.

**adamant**, *adj.* adamantine, hard; inflexible, immovable, firm. See HARDNESS, OBSTINACY.

**adapt**, *v.* suit, conform, regulate, fit; adjust, convert, reconcile. See AGREEMENT.



**add**, *v.* See ADDITION, NUMERATION.  
**addendum**, *n.* ADDITION; appendix.  
**adder**, *n.* puff adder, VIPER.

**addict**, *n.* devotee, fan, enthusiast; user, slave (to). *Slang*, head, junkie, freak, mainliner. See HABIT, ACTIVITY.

## ADDITION

**Nouns**—1, addition, INCREASE, EXPANSION, annexation, accession; corollary, concomitant (see ACCOMPANIMENT). See SEQUENCE.

2, adjunct; affix, prefix, suffix; appendix, INSERTION, postscript, epilogue, addendum, supplement, attachment, appendage; extension, annex, wing; rider, codicil; flap, tab, tag; bonus; grace period.

**Verbs**—add, affix, annex, superimpose, append, subjoin, figure in; tack on to. *Colloq.*, hitch on.

**Adjectives**—added, *etc.*; additive, supplementary, additional, another, further, extra.

**Adverbs**—in addition, again, more, plus, extra, besides, also, too, at that, and then some, to boot, as well, into the bargain, for good measure, over and above, and so forth, and so on; by the way, by the bye, on the side, in passing.

**Prepositions**—apart from, aside from; together with, let alone, not to mention, much less, not to speak of, to say nothing of, as well as.

**Conjunctions**—and, in addition to being.

*Antonyms*, see DEDUCTION.

**address**, *v.t.* direct; court, woo; accost, greet, approach, speak to. —*n.* street and number; residence, home; SPEECH, discourse, oration; cleverness, dexterity. See DIRECTION, INDICATION, ABODE, COURTESY, SKILL.

**adduce**, *v.t.* present, bring forward, cite, mention. See EVIDENCE.

**adept**, *adj.* skillful, dexterous, apt; practiced, expert, proficient. —*n.* expert, master. See SKILL.

**adequate**, *adj.* enough, sufficient; serviceable; satisfactory, ample. See SUFFICIENCY, UTILITY.

**adhere**, *v.i.* cling (to), stick; hold closely to. See COHERENCE, DUTY.

**adherent**, *n.* follower, believer; partisan, disciple. See LEARNING, AUXILIARY.

**adhesive**, *adj.* sticky, gluey, tenacious. See COHERENCE.

**adieu**, *n.* farewell (see DEPARTURE).

**adjacent**, *adj.* near, close by, next to; touching, bordering, contiguous, neighboring. See CONTACT.

**adjoin**, *v.* touch, abut, border, meet, neighbor. See CONTACT.

**adjourn**, *v.* defer, postpone; discon-

tinue; END. See LATENESS.

**adjudicate**, *v.* judge (see JUDGMENT).

**adjunct**, *n.* ADDITION, appendix, appendage, annex; accessory, extension, postscript; complement, INSERTION; ACCOMPANIMENT.

**adjure**, *v.t.* charge, bind, command. See REQUEST.

**adjust**, *v.t.* fix, adapt, true, regulate, straighten; settle, compensate; equalize, rate. See AGREEMENT, EQUALITY.

**adjutant**, *n.* assistant (see AUXILIARY).

**ad-lib**, *v.*, *colloq.*, extemporize, improvise. See UNPREPAREDNESS.

**administer**, *v.t.* govern, rule, manage, control; give, dose, dispense. See AUTHORITY, GIVING, APPORTIONMENT, CONDUCT.

**admire**, *v.t.* esteem, idolize, venerate, RESPECT; regard; WONDER, marvel.

**admission**, *n.* confession, DISCLOSURE; entry, admittance, INGRESS; cover [charge], charge, minimum; CONSENT. See INCLUSION.

**admit**, *v.t.* let in; induct, matriculate; concede, acknowledge; receive, allow. *Colloq.*, fess or own up. See DISCLOSURE, RECEIVING, PERMISSION.

**admonition**, *n.* reproof (see DISAPPROBATION); caution, WARNING.

**ado**, *n.* bustle, ACTIVITY; fuss, commotion, DISORDER.

**adolescence**, *n.* YOUTH, minority, juvenility; teens, teen-age, nonage; puberty.

**adopt**, *v.t.* embrace, take to oneself, assume; foster, give a home to, provide a home for, accept as one's own. See CHOICE.

**adore**, *v.t.* LOVE, WORSHIP, idolize.

**adorn**, *v.t.* ORNAMENT, embellish, deck, garnish, beautify.

**adrift**, *adj.* afloat; drifting, loose. See DISJUNCTION, DISPERSION, CHANGEABLENESS.

**adroit**, *adj.* dexterous, deft, skillful. See SKILL.

**adulate**, *v.* flatter (see FLATTERY).

**adult**, *adj.* grown[-up], full-grown, mature, ripe. —*n.* grown-up, big person; major, senior. See AGE, MALE, FEMALE.

**adulterate**, *v.t.* mix, water down, weaken, dilute; debase, corrupt. See

DETERIORATION, MIXTURE, WEAKNESS.

**adultery**, *n.* infidelity, fornication, licentiousness. See IMPURITY.

**advance**, *v.* progress, go forward, proceed; further, second, AID. —*n.* progress, rise; success, gain; prepayment. See PROGRESSION, DEBT, OFFER.

**advantage**, *n.* SUPERIORITY, upper hand, leverage, the better (of); gain, profit, benefit, odds, favor. *Colloq.*, ace in the hole. See CHANCE, SUCCESS.

**advent**, *n.* See APPROACH.

**adventitious**, *adj.* foreign, EXTRINSIC.

**adventure**, *n.* enterprise, UNDERTAKING; happening, event; risk, hazard, venture. See CHANCE. —*v.* embark upon; dare. See DANGER.

**adventurer**, *n.* voyager, traveler, wanderer, roamer; gambler, fortune hunter, free lance, soldier of fortune; adventuress (*derog.*). See TRAVEL, CHANCE.

**adversary**, *n.* opponent (see OPPOSITION).

## ADVERSITY

**Nouns**—**1**, adversity, affliction; bad, ill, adverse, *or* hard luck *or* fortune; evil lot; frowns of fortune; evil star *or* genius; ups and downs of life; hard case *or* lines; peck of troubles, hell upon earth; slough of despond. See EVIL, FAILURE, PAIN, DIFFICULTY.

**2**, trouble, hardship, bother, curse, POVERTY, tough sledding; hot seat.

**3**, evil day; time out of joint; hard times, a dog's life; rainy day; gathering clouds, ill wind; visitation, infliction, distress; bitter pill; trial, ordeal.

**4**, mishap, mischance, misadventure, misfortune; disaster, calamity, fatality, catastrophe; accident, casualty, cross, reverse, check, *contretemps*, rub; losing game.

**Verbs**—go hard *or* ill with, weigh on; fall on evil days; go downhill; go to rack and ruin; go to the dogs, touch *or* hit bottom; fall from high estate; be badly off, have seen better days, have two strikes against one; come to grief.

**Slang**, draw a blank; lose one's shirt.

**Adjectives**—**1**, unfortunate, unblest, ill-fated, unhappy, unlucky; in adverse circumstances, unprosperous, luckless, hapless, out of luck, down on one's luck; in trouble, in a bad way, in an evil plight, in Dutch; under a cloud; bleak, clouded; ill *or* badly off; poor, down in the world, down at heel, hard put [to it], down and out, undone; underprivileged; born under an evil star.

**Slang**, on the ropes, in a jam, out on a limb.

**2**, adverse, untoward; disastrous, calamitous, ruinous, dire.

**Adverbs**—if the worst comes to the worst; from bad to worse; out of the frying pan into the fire.

**Antonyms**, see PROSPERITY.

**advertisement**, *n.* announcement, [public] notice; commercial, [want, classified, personal, *etc.*] ad; pub-

licity. *Colloq.*, plug, blurb. See PUBLICATION.

## ADVICE

**Nouns**—**1**, advice, counsel, suggestion, recommendation; exhortation, expostulation; admonition (see WARNING); guidance, instruction; charge.

**2**, adviser, prompter, counselor; mentor (see TEACHING).

**3**, guide; consultation, conference; INFORMATION, NEWS.

**Verbs**—**1**, advise, counsel, suggest, recommend, prescribe, exhort; kibitz; instruct; expostulate, dissuade; warn (see WARNING).

**2**, advise with; consult together; compare notes; hold a council, deliberate, be closeted with, confer, consult.

**Adjectives**—**1**, advisory, consultative, consultant; recommendatory, hortative, persuasive, dissuasive, admonitory, WARNING.

**2**, advisable, desirable, commendable.

*Antonyms*, see DISSUASION.

**advocate**, *v.* favor, plead; recommend, suggest; support. —*n.* patron, supporter; lawyer. See FRIEND, AUXILIARY, LAWSUIT.

**aerate**, *v.t.* AIR; carbonate.

**aerial**, *adj.* airy, atmospheric; lofty, soaring; graceful, ethereal; visionary. See AIR, HEIGHT, INSUBSTANTIALITY, IMAGINATION. —*n.* rabbit ears (see COMMUNICATION).

**aeronautics**, *n.* See AVIATION.

**aesthetic**, *adj.* See ESTHETIC.

**afar**, *adv.* at a DISTANCE.

**affable**, *adj.* friendly, sociable, gracious; approachable. See COURTESY.

**affair**, *n.* occasion, event, happening, OCCURRENCE; BUSINESS; party (see SOCIALITY); amour, love affair, liaison (see LOVE).

**affect**, *v.t.* INFLUENCE, touch; concern, relate to; move, stir. See RELATION, DISEASE, FEELING.

## AFFECTATION

**Nouns**—**1**, affectation, affectedness, artificiality, insincerity, histrionics, OSTENTATION; charlatanism, quackery (see DECEPTION); pretense, gloss, veneer, façade; pose, pretension, airs; pedantry, euphuism; preciousness; mannerism, conceit, foppery, dandyism, coxcombry. *Slang*, side. See FALSEHOOD.

**2**, stiffness, formality; prudery, coquetry; crocodile tears.

**3**, fop, coxcomb, dandy, blade, sport, dude; attitudinarian; poser, poseur, pretender, hypocrite; faker, sham, pedant, bluestocking, prude, prig; charlatan, deceiver. *Colloq.*, nice Nelly.

**Verbs**—affect, act, put on *or* give oneself airs, feign, sham; simper, mince; attitudinize, pose, assume *or* strike an attitude.

**Adjectives**—affected, pretentious, artificial, insincere, pedantic, stilted, stagy, theatrical, sham, histrionic; unnatural, self-conscious, stiff, starchy, formal, prim, smug, prudish, priggish, foppish, dandified; precious, mannered, mincing, namby-pamby; glib, butter wouldn't melt in one's mouth. *Colloq.*, art[s]y.

*Antonyms*, see SIMPLENESS, MODESTY, PROBITY.