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bard N. /poet.

The ancient *bard* Homer sang of the fall of Troy.

baroque ADJ. /highly ornate.

Accustomed to the severe lines of contemporary buildings, the architecture students found the flamboyance of *baroque* architecture amusing. They simply didn't go for *baroque*.

barrage N. / barrier laid down by artillery fire

. The company was forced to retreat through the *barrage* of heavy cannons.

barren ADJ. / desolate; fruitless and unproductive; lacking.

Looking out at the trackless, *barren*

desert, Indiana Jones feared that his search for the missing expedition would prove *barren*.

barricade N. / hastily put together defensive barrier; obstacle.

Marius and his fellow students hurriedly

improvised a rough *barricade* to block police access to the students' quarter.

Malcolm and his brothers

barricaded themselves in their bedroom to keep their mother from seeing the hole in the bedroom floor.

also **V.**

barterer N. / trader.

The *barterer* exchanged trinkets for the natives' furs. It seemed smarter to *barter* than

to pay cash.

bask V. / luxuriate;

take pleasure in warmth. *Basking* on the beach, she relaxed so completely that she fell asleep.

bastion N. / fortress; defense

. The villagers fortified the town hall, hoping this improvised *bastion* could protect them from the guerillas' raids. .

bate V. / let down; restrain.

Until it was time to open the presents, the children had to *bate* their curiosity. *bated*, **ADJ.**

bauble N. / trinket; trifle.

The child was delighted with the *bauble* she had won in the grab bag.

bawdy ADJ. / indecent; obscene

. Jack took offense at Jill's *bawdy* remarks. What kind of young man did she think he was?

beam N. / ray of light; long piece of metal or wood; course of a radio signal. V.

smile

radiantly. If a *beam* of light falls on you, it illuminates you; if a *beam* of iron falls on you, it eliminates you.

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(No one feels like *beaming* when crushed by an iron beam.)

beatific ADJ. / /giving bliss; blissful.

The *beatific* smile on the child's face made us very happy.

beatitude N. / blessedness; state of bliss

. Growing closer to God each day, the mystic achieved a state of indescribable beatitude.

bedizen V. /dress with vulgar finery

. The witch doctors were *bedizened* in all their gaudiest costumes.

bedraggle V. wet thoroughly;

stain with mud. We were so bedraggled by the severe storm that we had to change into *dry clothing*. bedraggled, **ADJ.**

beeline N. /direct, quick route.

As soon as the movie was over, Jim made a *beeline* for the exit.

befuddle V. /confuse thoroughly.

His attempts to clarify the situation succeeded only in *befuddling* her further.

beget V. /father; produce; give rise to

. One good turn may deserve another; it does not necessarily *beget* another.

begrudge V. /resent.

I *begrudge* every minute I have to spend attending meetings; they're a complete waste of time.

***beguile V** /mislead or delude; pass time.

With flattery and big talk of easy money, the con men *beguiled* Kyle into betting his allowance on the shell game. Broke, he *beguiled* himself during the long hours by playing solitaire.

behemoth N. /huge creature; monstrous animal.

Sportscasters nicknamed the linebacker "The *Behemoth*."

belabor V. /explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree;

attack verbally. The

debate coach warned her student not to bore the audience by *belaboring* her point.

belated ADJ. /delayed

. He apologized for his *belated* note of condolence to the widow of his friend and explained that he had just learned of her husband's untimely death.

beleaguer V. /besiege or attack; harassed.

The babysitter was surrounded by a crowd of unmanageable brats who relentlessly *beleaguered* her.

belie V. /contradict; give a false impression.

His coarse, hard-bitten exterior *belied* his inner sensitivity.

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belittle V. /disparage or depreciate; put down.

Parents should not *belittle* their children's early attempts at drawing, but should encourage their efforts. Barry was a put-down artist: he was a genius at *belittling* people and making them feel small.

bellicose ADJ. /warlike.

His *bellicose* disposition alienated his friends.

belligerent ADJ. /quarrelsome.

Whenever he had too much to drink, he became *belligerent* and tried to pick fights with strangers. belligerence, **N.**

bemoan V. /lament; express disapproval of.

The widow *bemoaned* the death of her beloved husband. Although critics *bemoaned* the serious flaws in the author's novels, each year his latest book topped the best-seller list.

bemused ADJ /confused;

lost in thought; preoccupied. Jill studied the garbled instructions with a *bemused* look on her face.

benediction N. /blessing.

The appearance of the sun after the many rainy days was like a *benediction*.

benefactor N. /gift giver; patron.

Scrooge later became Tiny Tim's *benefactor* and gave him gifts.

beneficial ADJ. /helpful; useful.

Tiny Tim's cheerful good nature had a *beneficial* influence on Scrooge's once uncharitable disposition.

beneficiary N. person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will.

In Scrooge's will, he made Tiny Tim his *beneficiary*. everything he left would go to young Tim.

benevolent ADJ /generous; charitable.

Mr. Fezziwig was a *benevolent* employer, who wished to make Christmas merrier for young Scrooge and his other employees.

benign ADJ. /kindly; favorable; not malignant.

Though her benign smile and gentle bearing made Miss Marple seem a sweet little old lady, in reality she was a tough-minded, shrewd observer of human nature. benignity, **N.**

bent ADJ; N. /determined;

natural talent or inclination. *Bent* on advancing in the business world, the secretary-heroine of *Working Girl* has a true *bent* for high finance.

***bequeath V. /leave to someone by a will; hand down**

. Though Maud had intended to

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bequeath the family home to her nephew, she died before changing her will.
bequest, **N.**

berate V. / scold strongly.

He feared she would berate him for his forgetfulness.

bereavement N. state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved.

His friends gathered to console him upon his sudden *bereavement*.

bereft ADJ. / /deprived of;

lacking; desolate because of a loss. The foolish gambler soon found himself *bereft* of funds.

berserk ADV. /frenzied.

Angered, he went *berserk* and began to wreck the room.

besech V. beg; plead with.

The workaholic executive's wife *beseched* him to spend more time with their son.

beset V. / /harass or trouble;

hem in. Many vexing problems *beset* the American public school system. Sleeping Beauty's castle was beset on all sides by dense thickets that hid it from view.

besiege V. / /surround with armed forces;

harass (with requests). When the bandits *besieged* the village, the villagers holed up in the town hall and prepared to withstand a long siege. Members of the new administration were *besieged* with job applications from people who had worked on the campaign.

besmirch V. / /soil, defile.

The scandalous remarks in the newspaper *besmirch* the reputations of every member of the society.

bestial ADJ. / /beastlike; brutal.

According to legend, the werewolf was able to abandon its human shape and take on a *bestial* form.

bestow V. /give.

He wished to *bestow* great honors upon the hero.

betoken V. /signify; indicate.

The well-equipped docks, tall piles of cargo containers, and numerous vessels being loaded all *betoken* Oakland's importance as a port.

betray V. / /be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly).

The spy *betrayed* his country by selling military secrets to the enemy. When he was taken in for questioning, the tightness of his lips *betrayed* his fear of being caught.

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betroth V /become engaged to marry. T

he announcement that they had become *betrothed* surprised their friends who had not suspected any romance. betrothal, **N.**

bevy N. / /large group. The movie actor was surrounded by a *bevy* of starlets.

biased ADJ. /slanted; prejudiced.

Because the judge played golf regularly with the district attorney's father, we feared he might be *biased* in the prosecution's favor. bias, **N.**

bicameral ADJ. /two-chambered, as a legislative body.

The United States Congress is a bicameral body.

bicker V. / /quarrel.

The children *bickered* morning, noon, and night, exasperating their parents.

biennial ADJ. / every two years.

Seeing no need to meet more frequently, the group held *biennial* meetings instead of annual ones. Plants that bear flowers *biennially* are known as *biennials*.

bigotry N. / /stubborn intolerance.

Brought up in a democratic atmosphere, the student was shocked by the bigotry and narrowness expressed by several of his classmates.

bilious ADJ /suffering from indigestion; irritable.

His bilious temperament was apparent to all who heard him rant about his difficulties.

bilk V. / swindle; cheat.

The con man specialized in *bilking* insurance companies.

billowing ADJ. / /swelling out in waves; surging.

Standing over the air vent, Marilyn Monroe tried vainly to control her *billowing* skirts.

bivouac N. /temporary encampment.

While in bivouac, we spent the night in our sleeping bags under the stars. also **V.**

bizarre ADJ. / /fantastic; violently contrasting.

The plot of the novel was too bizarre to be believed.

blanch V. / /bleach; whiten.

Although age had *blanched* his hair, he was still vigorous and energetic.

bland ADJ. / /soothing or mild;

agreeable. Jill tried a *bland* ointment for her sunburn. However, when Jack absentmindedly patted her on the sunburned shoulder, she couldn't maintain a *bland* disposition.

blandishment N. / /flattery.

Despite the salesperson's *blandishments*, the customer did not buy the

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outfit.

blare N. / /loud, harsh roar or screech;

dazzling blaze of light

. I don't know which is

worse: the steady blare of a boom box deafening your ears or a sudden

blare of flashbulbs

dazzling your eyes.

blasé ADJ. /bored with pleasure or dissipation.

Although Beth was as thrilled with the idea of a trip

to Paris as her classmates were, she tried to act super cool and blasé, as if

she'd been abroad

hundreds of times.

blasphemy N. /irreverence; sacrilege; cursing.

In my father's house, the Dodgers were the holiest of

holies; to cheer for another team was to utter words of *blasphemy*.

blasphemous, **ADJ.**

blatant ADJ. / flagrant; conspicuously obvious; loudly offensive.

To the unemployed youth from

Dublin, the "No Irish Need Apply" placard in the shop window was a *blatant*

mark of prejudice.

***bleak ADJ.** / /cold or cheerless; unlikely to be favorable.

The frigid, inhospitable Aleutian Islands are

bleak military outposts. It's no wonder that soldiers assigned there have a

bleak attitude toward their

posting.

***blighted ADJ.** / /suffering from a disease; destroyed

. The extent of the blighted areas could be

seen only when viewed from the air.

blithe ADJ. /gay; joyous; heedless

. Shelley called the skylark a "*blithe* spirit" because of its happy

song.

bloated ADJ. / /swollen or puffed as with water or air.

Her *bloated* stomach came from drinking so much water.

bludgeon N. /club; heavy-headed weapon.

Attacked by Dr. Moriarty, Holmes used his walking stick as a

bludgeon to defend himself. "Watson," he said, "I fear I may have

bludgeoned Moriarty to death."

bluff ADJ. / /rough but good-natured.

Jack had a *bluff* and hearty manner that belied his actual sensitivity;

he never let people know how thin-skinned he really was.

bluff N. / /pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff.

Claire thought Lord Byron's boast that he

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would swim the Hellespont was just a *bluff*; she was astounded when he dove from the high *bluff* into the waters below.

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