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**champion V.** // **support militantly.** **Martin Luther King, Jr.,** won the Nobel Peace Prize because he *championed* the oppressed in their struggle for equality.

**Chaotic ADJ.** // **in utter disorder.**  
He tried to bring order into the chaotic state of affairs. chaos, **N.**

**charisma N.** // **divine gift;**  
great popular charm or appeal of a political leader Political commentators have deplored the importance of a candidate's charisma in these days of television campaigning.

**charlatan N.** // **quack; pretender to knowledge**  
. When they realized that the Wizard didn't know how to get them back to Kansas, Dorothy and her companions were indignant that they'd been duped by a charlatan.

**chary ADJ.** /; // **cautious;**  
sparing or restrained about giving. A prudent, thrifty, New Englander, DeWitt was as chary of investing money in junk bonds as he was chary of paying people unnecessary compliments.

**chasm N.** // **abyss.**  
They could not see the bottom of the chasm.

**chassis N.** // **framework and working parts of an automobile.**  
Examining the car after the accident, the owner discovered that the body had been ruined but that the chassis was unharmed.

**chaste ADJ.** // **pure.**  
Her chaste and decorous garb was appropriately selected for the solemnity of the occasion. chastity, **N.**

**chasten V.** // **discipline;**  
punish in order to correct. Whom God loves, God chastens.

**chastise V.** // **punish.**  
I must *chastise* you for this offense.

**chauvinist N.** // **blindly devoted patriot.**  
A chauvinist cannot recognize any faults in his country, no matter how flagrant they may be. Likewise, a male *chauvinist* cannot recognize his bias in favor of his

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own sex, no matter how flagrant that may be. chauvinistic, **ADJ.**

**check V.** / /**stop motion;**

curb or restrain. Thrusting out her arm, Grandma *checked* Bobby's lunge at his sister. "Young man," she said, "you'd better *check* your temper." (secondary meaning)

**checkered ADJ.** /; /**marked by changes in fortune.**

During his *checkered* career he had lived in palatial mansions and in dreary boardinghouses.

**cherubic ADJ.** / /**angelic; innocent-looking.**

With her cheerful smile and rosy cheeks, she was a particularly *cherubic* child.

**chicanery N.** /, ; /**trickery; deception.**

Those sneaky lawyers misrepresented what occurred, made up all sorts of implausible alternative scenarios to confuse the jurors, and in general depended on

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*chicanery* to win the case.

**chide V.** / /**scold.**

Grandma began to *chide* Steven for his lying.

**chimerical ADJ.** / , /**fantastically improbable;**

highly unrealistic; imaginative. As everyone expected, Ted's chimerical scheme to make a fortune by raising ermines in his back yard proved a dismal failure.

**chisel N.** / /**wedgelike tool for cutting.**

With his hammer and *chisel*, the sculptor chipped away at the block of marble.

**chisel V.** / /**swindle or cheat;**

cut with a chisel. That crook *chiseled* me out of a hundred dollars when he sold me that "marble" statue he'd *chiseled* out of some cheap hunk of rock.

**Chivalrous ADJ.** /; /**courteous;**

**faithful; brave. Chivalrous behavior involves noble words** and good deeds.

**choleric ADJ.** /; /**hot-tempered.**

His flushed, angry face indicated a *choleric* nature.

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**choreography N.** /; /art of representing dances in written symbols;

arrangement of dances.

Merce Cunningham has begun to use a computer in designing *choreography*. a software program

allows him to compose arrangements of possible moves and immediately view them onscreen.

**chortle V.** / /chuckle with delight.

When she heard that her rival had just been jailed for embezzlement, she *chortled* with joy. She was not a nice lady.

**chronic ADJ.** / /long established as a disease.

The doctors were finally able to attribute his *chronic* headaches and nausea to traces of formaldehyde gas in his apartment.

**chronicle V.** / /report; record (in chronological order).

The gossip columnist was paid to *chronicle* the latest escapades of the socially prominent celebrities. also **N.**

**churlish ADJ.** / /boorish; rude.

Dismayed by his *churlish* mapners at the party, the girls vowed never to invite him again.

**cipher N.** / /secret code.

Lacking his code book, the spy was unable to decode the message sent to him in *cipher*.

**cipher N.** / /nonentity;

worthless person or thing. She claimed her ex-husband was a total *cipher* and wondered why she had ever married him.

**circuitous ADJ.** / /roundabout.

To avoid the traffic congestion on the main highways, she took a circuitous route. circuit, **N.**

**\*circumlocution N.** / /indirect or roundabout expression.

He was afraid to call a spade a spade and resorted to circumlocutions to avoid direct reference to his subject.

**circumscribe V.** / /limit; confine.

Although I do not wish to *circumscribe* your activities, I must insist that you complete this assignment before you start anything else.

**circumspect ADJ.** /; /prudent;

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cautious. Investigating before acting, she tried always to be circumspect.

**circumvent V. /; /outwit;**

baffle. In order to circumvent the enemy, we will make two preliminary attacks in other sections before starting our major campaign.

**cistern N. /; /reservoir or water tank.**

The farmers were able to withstand the dry season by using rainwater they had stored in an underground cistern.

**citadel N. / /fortress.**

The *citadel* overlooked the city like a protecting angel.

**cite V. /; /quote;**

command. She could cite passages in the Bible from memory. citation, **N.**

**Civil ADJ. /; /having to do with citizens or the state;**

courteous and polite. Although Internal Revenue Service agents are civil servants, they are not always civil to suspected tax cheats.

**clairvoyant ADJ. N. /; /having foresight;**

fortuneteller. Cassandra's clairvoyant warning was not heeded by the Trojans. clairvoyance, **N.**

**clamber V. / /climb by crawling.**

She *clambered* over the wall.

**clamor N. /; /noise.**

The clamor of the children at play outside made it impossible for her to take a nap. also **V.**

**clandestine ADJ. / /secret**

. After avoiding their chaperon, the lovers had a clandestine meeting.

**clangor N. / /loud**

, resounding noise. The blacksmith was accustomed to the clangor of

**clapper N. / /striker (tongue) of a bell.**

Wishing to be undisturbed by the bell, Dale wound his scarf around the clapper to muffle the noise of its striking.

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**clasp N.** / /fastening device;

firm grip. When the clasp on Judy's bracelet broke, Fred repaired it, bending the hook back into shape. He then helped her slip on the bracelet, holding it firm in the sure clasp of his hand.

**claustrophobia N.** / /fear of being locked in.

His fellow classmates laughed at his claustrophobia and often threatened to lock him in his room.

**cleave V.** / /split or sever;

cling to; remain faithful to. With her heavy cleaver, Julia Child can cleave a whole roast duck in two. Soaked through, the soldier tugged at the uniform that cleaved annoyingly to his body. He would cleave to his post, come rain or shine.

**Cleft N.** / /split.

Trying for a fresh handhold, the mountaineer grasped the edge of a cleft in the sheer rockface. also **ADJ.**

**clemency N.** / ; /disposition to be lenient;

mildness, as of the weather. The lawyer was pleased when the case was sent to Judge Smith's chambers because Smith was noted for her clemency toward first offenders.

**clench V.** / /close tightly;

grasp. "Open wide," said the dentist, but Clint *clenched* his teeth even more tightly than before.

**cliché N.** / /phrase dulled in meaning by repetition.

High school compositions are often marred by such clichés as "strong as an ox."

**clientele N.** / /body of customers.

The rock club attracted a young, stylish clientele.

**climactic ADJ.** /, /relating to the highest point.

When he reached the climactic portions of the book, he could not stop reading. climax, **N.**

**clime N.** /; /region;

climate. His doctor advised him to move to a milder clime.

**Clip N.** / /section of filmed material

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. Phil's job at Fox Sports involved selecting clips of the day's sporting highlights for later broadcast. also **V.**

**clique N. /;** /small exclusive group.

Fitzgerald wished that he belonged to the clique of popular athletes and big men on campus who seemed to run Princeton's social life.

**cloister N. /** /monastery or convent.

The nuns lived a secluded life in the cloister.

**Clout N. / (\ )** /great influence

(especially political or social). Gatsby wondered whether he had enough clout to be admitted to the exclusive club.

**cloying ADJ. /;** /distasteful (because excessive);

excessively sweet or sentimental. Disliking the cloying sweetness of standard wedding cakes, Jody and Tom chose to have homemade carrot cake at the reception. cloy, **V.**

**Clump N. //**cluster or close group (of bushes, trees);

mass; sound of heavy treading. Hiding behind the clump of bushes, the fugitives waited for the heavy clump of the soldiers' feet to fade away.

**coagulate V. /** /thicken;

congeal; clot. Even after you remove the pudding from the burner, it will continue to coagulate as it stands; therefore, do not overcook the pudding, lest it become too thick.

**\*coalesce V. /** /combine;

fuse. The brooks coalesce into one large river. When minor political parties coalesce, their coalescence may create a major coalition.

**coalition N. /;** , /partnership;

league; union. The Rainbow Coalition united people of all races in a common cause.

**coddle V. /,** /to treat gently.

Don't *coddle* the children so much; they need a taste of discipline.

**codicil N. /** /supplement to the body of a will.

Miss Havisham kept her lawyers busy drawing up codicils to add to her already complicated will.

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**codify V.** / /**arrange (laws, rules) as a code;**

classify. We need to take the varying rules and regulations of the different health agencies and *codify* them into a national health code.

**coercion N.** /, /**use of force to get someone to obey.**

The inquisitors used both physical and psychological coercion to force Joan of Arc to deny that her visions were sent by God. *coerce*, **V.**

**cogent ADJ.** / /**convincing.**

It was inevitable that David chose to go to Harvard: he had several cogent reasons for doing so, including a full-tuition scholarship. Katya argued her **case** with such cogency that the jury had to decide in favor of her client.

**cogitate V.** / /**think over.**

Cogitate on this problem; the solution will come.

**cognate ADJ.** / /**related linguistically:**

allied by blood: similar or akin in nature. The English word "mother" is cognate to the Latin word "mater," whose influence is visible in the words "maternal" and "maternity."  
also **N.**

**cognitive ADJ.** / /**having to do with knowing or perceiving;**

related to the mental processes. Though Jack was emotionally immature, his cognitive development was admirable; he was very advanced intellectually.

**cognizance N.** / /**knowledge.**

During the election campaign, the two candidates were kept in full *cognizance* of the international situation.

**cohere V.** / /**stick together.**

Solids have a greater tendency to *cohere* than liquids.

**cohesion N.** /; /**tendency to keep together.**

A firm believer in the maxim "Divide and conquer," the evil emperor, by means of lies and trickery, sought to disrupt the *cohesion* of the federation of free nations.

**coiffure N.** / /**hairstyle.**

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You can make a statement with your choice of *coiffure*: in the sixties many African-Americans affirmed their racial heritage by wearing their hair in Afros.

**coin** **V.** ; /**make coins**;

invent or fabricate. Mints *coin* good money; counterfeiters *coin* fakes. Slanderers *coin* nasty rumors; writers *coin* words. A neologism is an expression that's been newlycoined.

**coincidence** **N.** / **two or more things occurring at the same time by chance**

. Was it just a *coincidence* that John and she had chanced to meet at the market for three days running, or was he deliberately trying to seek her out? coincidental, **ADJ.**

**colander** **N.** / **utensil with perforated bottom used for straining.**

Before serving the spaghetti, place it in a *colander* to drain it.