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invincible ADJ. /unconquerable.

Superman is invincible.

inviolable ADJsecure from corruption, attack, or violation;
unassailable.

Batman

considered his oath to keep the people of Gotham City inviolable: nothing on earth could make him break this promise.

invocation N /prayer for help;

calling upon as a reference or support. The service of Morning Prayer opens with an invocation during which we ask God to hear our prayers.

invoke V. call upon; ask for.

She *invoked* her advisor's aid in filling out her financial aid forms.

invulnerableADJ incapable of injury.

Achilles was invulnerable except in his heel.

iota N. / /very small quantity.

She hadn't an iota of common sense.

irascible ADJ. /irritable; easily angered.

Miss Minchin's irascible temper intimidated the younger schoolgirls, who feared she'd burst into a rage at any moment.

irate ADJ. angry.

When John's mother found out he had overdrawn his checking account for the third month in a row, she was so irate she could scarcely speak to him.

ire N /anger.

The waiter tried unsuccessfully to placate the ire of the diner who had found a cockroach in her soup.

iridescent ADJ. / exhibiting rainbowlike colors.

She admired the iridescent hues of the oil that floated on the surface of the water.

irksome ADJ. / /annoying; tedious.

He found working on the assembly line irksome

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because of the monotony of the operation he had to perform. *irk*, **V.**

ironic ADJ /**resulting in an unexpected and contrary outcome.**

It is ironic that his success came when he least wanted it.

irony N. hidden sarcasm or satire;

use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean. Gradually his listeners began to realize that the excessive praise he was lavishing on his opponent was actually irony, he was in fact ridiculing the poor fool.

irrational ADJ. /**illogical; lacking reason; insane.**

Many people have such an irrational fear of snakes that they panic at the sight of a harmless garter snake.

irreconcilable ADJ. / **incompatible;** not able to be resolved.

Because the separated couple were irreconcilable, the marriage counselor recommended a divorce.

irrefutable ADJ. **indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable.**

No matter how hard I tried to find a good comeback for her argument, I couldn't think of one: her logic was irrefutable.

irrelevant ADJ. / **not applicable; unrelated.**

No matter how irrelevant the patient's mumblings may seem, they give us some indications of what he has on his mind.

irremediable ADJ /**incurable; uncorrectable.**

The error she made was *irremediable*; she could see no way to repair it.

irreparable ADJ. / **not able to be corrected or repaired.**

Your apology cannot atone for the *irreparable* damage you have done to her reputation.

irrepressible ADJ. /**unable to be restrained or held back.**

My friend Kitty's curiosity was *irrepressible*: she poked her nose into everybody's business and just laughed when I warned her that curiosity killed the cat.

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irreproachable ADJ blameless; impeccable.

Homer's conduct at the office party was *irreproachable*; even Marge didn't have anything bad to say about how he behaved.

irresolute ADJ. /uncertain how to act; weak.

Once you have made your decision, don't waver; a leader should never appear irresolute.

irretrievable ADJ /impossible to recover or regain; irreparable.

The left fielder tried to retrieve the ball, but it flew over the fence, bounced off a wall, and fell into the sewer: it was irretrievable.

irreverence N. /lack of proper respect.

Some audience members were amused by the *irreverence* of the comedian's jokes about the Pope; others felt offended by his lack of respect for their faith. irreverent, **ADJ.**

irrevocable ADJ. unalterable; irreversible.

As Sue dropped the "Dear John" letter into the mailbox, she suddenly had second thoughts and wanted to take it back, but she could not: her action was irrevocable.

itinerant /wandering; traveling.

He was an itinerant peddler and traveled through Pennsylvania and Virginia selling his wares. also **N.**

itinerary N of a trip. \

Disliking sudden changes in plans when she traveled abroad, Ethel refused to make any alterations in her itinerary.

jabber V. / chatter rapidly or unintelligibly. Why does the fellow insist on *jabbering* away

in French when I can't understand a word he says?

jaded ADJ. /fatigued; surfeited.

He looked for exotic foods to stimulate his *jaded* appetite.

jargon N. /language used by a special group;

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technical terminology; gibberish. The computer salesmen at the store used a jargon of their own that we simply couldn't follow; we had no idea what they were jabbering about.

jaundiced ADJ. / /prejudiced (envious, hostile or resentful); yellowed.

Because Sue disliked Carolyn, she looked at Carolyn's paintings with a *jaundiced* eye, calling them formless smears.

Newborn infants afflicted with *jaundice* look slightly yellow: they have *jaundiced* skin.

jaunt N. / /trip; short journey.

He took a quick *jaunt* to Atlantic City.

jaunty ADJ. / /lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree

. In *An American in Paris*,

Gene Kelly sang and danced his way through "Singing in the Rain" in a properly *jaunty* style.

jeopardize V. / /endanger; imperil; put at risk.

You can't give me a D in chemistry: you'll *jeopardize* my chances of getting into M.I.T. jeopardy, **N.**

jettison V. / /throw overboard.

In order to enable the ship to ride safely through the storm, the captain had to *jettison* much of his cargo.

jingoist N. / /extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist.

Always

bellowing "America first!," the congressman was such a jingoist you could almost hear the sabers

rattling as he marched down the halls. jingoism, **N.**

jocose ADJ. / /given to joking

. The salesman was so *jocose* that many of his customers suggested that he become a ,stand-up" comic.

jocular ADJ. said or done in jest.

Although Bill knew the boss hated jokes, he couldn't resist making one *jocular* remark.

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jollity N. / /gaiety; cheerfulness.

The festive Christmas dinner was a merry one, and old and young alike joined in the general jollity.

jostle V. /shove; bump. In the subway he was *jostled* by the crowds.

jovial ADJ. / /good-natured; merry.

A frown seemed out of place on his invariably *jovial* face.

jubilation N. /rejoicing.

There was great *jubilation* when the armistice was announced. jubilant, **ADJ.**

judicious ADJ. /sound in judgment; wise

. At a key moment in his life, he made a *judicious* investment that was the foundation of his later wealth.

juncture N. crisis; joining point.

At this critical *juncture*, let us think carefully before determining the course we shall follow.

junta N. / /group of men joined in political intrigue; cabal.

As soon as he learned of its existence, the dictator ordered the execution of all of the members of the *junta*.

jurisprudence N science of law.

He was more a student of *jurisprudence* than a practitioner of the law.

justification N /good or just reason; defense; excuse.

The jury found him guilty of the more serious charge because they could see no possible *justification* for his actions,

kaleidoscope N. / /tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass,

etc., produce interesting symmetrical effects. People found a new source of entertainment while

peering through the *kaleidoscope*; they found the ever-changing patterns fascinating.

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kernel N. / /central or vital part;

whole seed (as of corn). "Watson, buried within this tissue of lies there is a *kernel* of truth; when I find it, the mystery will be solved."

killjoy N /grouch; spoilsport.

At breakfast we had all been enjoying our bacon and eggs until that killjoy John started talking about how bad animal fats were for our health.

kindle V. / /start a fire; inspire.

One of the first things Ben learned in the Boy Scouts was how to *kindle* a fire by rubbing two dry sticks together. Her teacher's praise for her poetry *kindled* a spark of hope inside Maya.

kindred ADJ. / /related;

belonging to the same family. Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn were two *kindred* spirits. also **N.**

kinetic ADJ. /producing motion.

Designers of the electric automobile find that their greatest obstacle lies in the development of light and efficient storage batteries, the source of the *kinetic* energy needed to propel the vehicle.

kleptomaniac N /person who has a compulsive desire to steal.

They discovered that the wealthy customer was a *kleptomaniac* when they caught her stealing some cheap trinkets.

knave N. untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel.

Any politician nicknamed Tricky Dick clearly has the reputation of a *knave*. knavery, **N.**

knit V. /contract into wrinkles; grow together.

Whenever David worries, his brow *knits* in a frown. When he broke his leg, he sat around the house all day waiting for the bones to *knit*.

knoll N. / little round hill

. Robert Louis Stevenson's grave is on a *knoll* in Samoa; to reach the grave site, you must climb uphill and walk a short distance along a marked path.

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knotty ADJ. / /intricate; difficult; tangled.

What to Watson had been a *knotty* problem, to Sherlock Holmes was simplicity itself.

kudos N. / /honor; glory; praise.

The singer complacently received *kudos* from his entourage on his performance.

laborious ADJ. / /demanding much work or care; tedious.

In putting together his dictionary of the English language, Doctor Johnson undertook a laborious task.

labyrinth N. / /maze.

Hiding from Indian Joe, Tom and Becky soon lost themselves in the *labyrinth* of secret underground caves. labyrinthine, **ADJ.**

laceration N. / /torn, ragged wound

. The stock car driver needed stitches to close up the *lacerations* he received in the car crash.

lachrymose ADJ. / /producing tears.

His voice has a lachrymose quality more appropriate to a funeral than a class reunion.

lackadaisical ADJ. / /lacking purpose or zest; halfhearted; languid.

Because Gatsby had

his mind more on his love life than on his finances, he did a very *lackadaisical* job of managing his money.

lackluster ADJ. / /dull

. We were disappointed by the *lackluster* performance.

laconic ADJ. / /brief and to the point

. Many of the characters portrayed by Clint Eastwood are *laconic* types: strong men of few words.

laggard ADJ. / /slow; sluggish.

The sailor had been taught not to be laggard in carrying out orders. lag, **N., V.**