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missile N. // **object to be thrown or projected.**

After carefully folding his book report into a paper airplane, Beavis threw the missile across the classroom at Butthead. Rocket scientists are building guided missiles; Beavis and Butthead can barely make unguided ones.

missive N. // **letter**

. The ambassador received a missive from the secretary of state.

mite N. // **very small object or creature;**

small coin. Gnats are annoying mites that sting.

mitigate V. // **appease; moderate.**

Nothing Jason did could mitigate Medea's anger; she refused to forgive him for betraying her.

mnemonic ADJ. // **pertaining to memory.**

He used *mnemonic* tricks to master new words.

mobile ADJ. **movable; not fixed.**

The *mobile* blood bank operated by the Red Cross visited our neighborhood today. mobility, **N.**

mock V. // **ridicule; imitate, often in derision**

. It is unkind to *mock* anyone; it is stupid to *mock* anyone significantly bigger than you. mockery, **N.**

mode N. // **prevailing style; manner; way of doing something**

. The rock star had to have her hair done in the latest mode: frizzed, with occasional moussed spikes for variety. Henry plans to adopt a simpler mode of life: he is going to become a mushroom hunter and live off the land.

modicum N. // **limited quantity.** Although his story is based on a modicum of truth, most of the events he describes are fictitious.

modulate V. // **tone down in intensity; regulate;** change from one key to another.

Always singing at the top of her lungs, the budding Brunhilde never learned to modulate her voice.

molecule N. **smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance,** having all the properties of that

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substance. In chemistry, we study how atoms and molecules react to form new substances.

mollify V. / /soothe. The airline customer service representative tried to mollify the angry passenger by offering her a seat in first class.

molt V. / /shed or cast off hair or feathers. When Molly's canary molted, he shed feathers all over the house.

molten ADJ. / /melted. The city of Pompeii was destroyed by volcanic ash rather than by molten lava flowing from Mount Vesuvius.

momentous ADJ. / /very important. When Marie and Pierre Curie discovered radium, they had no idea of the momentous impact their discovery would have upon society.

momentum N. / /quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus. The car lost momentum as it tried to ascend the steep hill.

monarchy N. / /government under a single ruler. Though England today is a *monarchy*, there is some question whether it will be one in twenty years, given the present discontent at the prospect of Prince Charles as king.

monastic ADJ. / /related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns. Withdrawing from the world, Thomas Merton joined a contemplative religious order and adopted the monastic life.

monetary ADJ. //pertaining to money . Jane held the family purse strings: she made all monetary decisions affecting the household.

monochromatic ADJ. / having only one color. Most people who are color blind actually can distinguish several colors; some, however, have a truly *monochromatic* view of a world all in shades of gray.

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monolithic ADJ. / **solidly uniform; unyielding.**

Knowing the importance of appearing resolute, the patriots sought to present a *monolithic* front.

monosyllabic ADJ. / **having only one syllable.**

No matter what he was asked, the taciturn New Englander answered with a *monosyllabic* "Yep" or "Nope." monosyllable, **N.**

monotony N. / **sameness leading to boredom.**

could be more deadly dull than the *monotony* of punching numbers into a computer hour after hour?

montage N. / **photographic composition combining elements from different sources.**

In one early montage, Beauchamp brought together pictures of broken mannequins and newspaper clippings about the Vietnam War.

monumental ADJ. / **massive.**

Writing a dictionary is a monumental task.

moodiness N. / **fits of depression or gloom.**

Her recurrent moodiness left her feeling as if she had fallen into a black hole.

moratorium N. / **legal delay of payment.** If we declare a moratorium and delay collection of debts for six months, I am sure the farmers will be able to meet their bills.

morbid ADJ. / **given to unwholesome thought; moody;** characteristic of disease. People who come to disaster sites just to peer at the grisly wreckage are indulging their *morbid* curiosity.

mores N. / **conventions; moral standards; customs.** In America, Benazir Bhutto dressed as Western women did; in Pakistan, however, she followed the mores of her people, dressing in traditional veil and robes.

moribund ADJ. / **dying.** Hearst took a *moribund*, failing weekly newspaper and transformed it into one of the liveliest, most profitable daily papers around.

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morose ADJ. // **ill-humored**; sullen; melancholy. Forced to take early retirement, Bill acted morose for months; then, all of a sudden, he shook off his sullen mood and was his usual cheerful self.

mortician N. // **undertaker**. The mortician prepared the corpse for burial.
mortify V. /侮辱; 体罚/humiliate; punish the flesh. She was so mortified by her blunder that she ran to her room in tears.

mosaic N. // **picture made of colorful small inlaid tiles**. The mayor compared the city to a beautiful mosaic made up of people of every race and religion on earth.

mote N. // **small speck**. The tiniest mote in the eye is very painful.

motif N. // **theme**. This simple motif runs throughout the entire score.

motley ADJ. // **multi-colored; mixed**. The jester wore a motley tunic, red and green and blue and gold all patched together haphazardly. Captain Ahab had gathered a motley crew to sail the vessel: old sea dogs and runaway boys, pillars of the church and drunkards, even a tattooed islander who terrified the rest of the crew.

mottled ADJ. // **blotched in coloring; spotted**. When old Falstaff blushed, his face was mottled with embarrassment, all pink and purple and red.

muddle V. / **confuse; mix up**
. His thoughts were *muddled* and chaotic. also **N.**

muggy ADJ. // **warm and damp**.
August in New York City is often muggy.

multifaceted ADJ. // **having many aspects**.
A multifaceted composer, Roger Davidson has recorded original pieces that range from ragtime tangos to choral masses.

multifarious ADJ. // **varied**;
greatly diversified. A career woman and mother, she was constantly busy with the multifarious activities of her daily life.

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multiform ADJ. //having many forms

. Snowflakes are multiform but always hexagonal.

multilingual ADJ. / /having many languages.

Because they are bordered by so many countries, the Swiss people are multilingual.

multiplicity N. / state of being numerous.

He was appalled by the multiplicity of details he had to complete before setting out on his mission.

mundane ADJ. / /worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday.

Uninterested in philosophical or spiritual discussions, Tom talked only of *mundane* matters such as the daily weather forecast or the latest basketball results.

munificent ADJ. / /very generous.

Shamelessly fawning over a particularly generous donor, the dean kept on referring to her as "our *munificent* benefactor." munificence, **N.**

mural N. / /wall painting.

The walls of the Chicano Community Center are covered with murals painted in the style of Diego Rivera, the great Mexican artist.

murky ADJ. / /dark and gloomy;

thick with fog; vague. The murky depths of the swamp were so dark that one couldn't tell the vines and branches from the snakes.

muse V. / /ponder.

For a moment he mused about the beauty of the scene, but his thoughts soon changed as he recalled his own personal problems. also **N.**

mushroom V. / /expand or grow rapidly.

Between 1990 and 1999, the population of Silicon Valley *mushroomed*; with the rapidly increasing demand for housing, home prices skyrocketed as well.

musky ADJ. / having the odor of musk.

She left a trace of *musky* perfume behind her.

muster V. / gather; assemble.

Washington *mustered* his forces at Trenton. also **N.**

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musty ADJ. / stale

; spoiled by age. The attic was dark and musty.

mutability N. / /bility to change in form; fickleness.

Going from rags to riches, and then back to rags again, the bankrupt financier was a victim of the mutability of fortune.

muted ADJ. / /silent; muffled; toned down

. Thanks to the thick, sound-absorbing walls of the cathedral, only muted traffic noise reached the worshippers within.

mutinous ADJ. / /unruly; rebellious.

The captain had to use force to quiet his *mutinous* crew. mutiny,
N.

myopic ADJ. / /nearsighted;

lacking foresight. Stumbling into doors despite the coke bottle lenses on his glasses, the nearsighted Mr. Magoo is markedly *myopic*. In playing all summer long and ignoring to store up food for winter, the grasshopper in Aesop's fable was *myopic* as well.

myriad N. / /very large number.

Myriads of mosquitoes from the swamps invaded our village every twilight. also **ADJ.**

mystify V. / bewilder purposely.

When doctors speak in medical jargon, they often mystify their patients, who have little knowledge of medical terminology.

nadir N. / /lowest point

. Although few people realized it, the Dow-Jones averages had reached their *nadir* and would soon begin an upward surge.

naiveté N. / /quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility.

Touched by the *naivete* of sweet, convent-trained Cosette, Marius pledges himself to protect her innocence.
naive, **ADJ.**

narcissist N. / /conceited person

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; someone in love with his own image. A narcissist is her own best friend.

narrative ADJ. //related to telling a story.

A born teller of tales, Tillie Olsen used her impressive narrative skills to advantage in her story "I Stand Here Ironing." narrate, **V.**

nascent ADJ. / incipient; coming into being. If we could identify these revolutionary movements in their *nascent* state, we would be able to eliminate serious trouble in later years.

natty ADJ. //neatly or smartly dressed.

Priding himself on being a natty dresser, the gangster Bugsy Siegel collected a wardrobe of **imported suits and ties.**