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Copious ADJ. // plentiful.

She had copious reasons for rejecting the proposal.

coquette N. // flirt.

Because she refused to give him an answer to his proposal of marriage, he called her a *coquette*. also v.

cordial AD Our hosts greeted us at the airport with a *cordial* welcome and a hearty hug.

cordon N. // extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress. The police *cordon* was so tight that the criminals could not leave the area. also v.

cornucopia N. // horn overflowing with fruit and grain;

symbol of abundance. The encyclopediasalesman claimed the ne11111w edition was a veritable *cornucopia* of information, an inexhaustible source of knowledge for the entire family.

corollary N. // consequence;

accompaniment. Brotherly love is a complex emotion, with sibling rivalry its natural *corollary*.

coronation N. // ceremony of crowning a queen or king

. When the witches told Macbeth he would be king, they failed to warn him he would lose his crown soon after his *coronation*.

corporeal ADJ. // bodily;

material. The doctor had no patience with spiritual matters: his job was to attend to his patients' *corporeal* problems, not to minister to their souls.

corpulent ADJ. // very fat.

The *corpulent* man resolved to reduce. corpulence, N.

correlation N. // mutual relationship

He sought to determine the *correlation* that existed between ability in algebra and ability to interpret reading exercises. correlate, V., N.

corroborate V. // confirm;

support. Though Huck was quite willing to *corroborate* Tom's story, Aunt Polly knew better than to believe either of them.

corrode V. // destroy by chemical action.

The girders supporting the bridge *corroded* so gradually that no one suspected any danger until the bridge suddenly collapsed. corrosion, N.

corrosive ADJ. // eating away by chemicals or disease.

Stainless steel is able to withstand the effects of corrosive chemicals. corrode, V.

corrugated ADJ. // wrinkled;

ridged. She wished she could smooth away the wrinkles from his corrugated brow

Cosmic ADJ. // pertaining to the universe;

vast. Cosmic rays derive their name from the fact that they bombard the earth's atmosphere from outer space. COSMOS, N.

cosmopolitan ADJ. // sophisticated.

Her years in the capitol had transformed her into a cosmopolitan young woman highly aware of international affairs.

coterie N. // group that meets socially;

select circle. After his book had been published, he was invited to join the literary coterie that lunched daily at the hotel.

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countenance v. // approve;

tolerate. He refused to *countenance* such rude behavior on their part.

countenance n. // face.

When Jose saw his newborn daughter, a proud smile spread across his *countenance*.

countermand v. // cancel;

revoke. The general *countermanded* the orders issued in his absence.

culvert n. // artificial channel for water.

If we build a *culvert* under the road at this point, we will reduce the possibility of the road's being flooded during the rainy season.

cumbersome adj. // heavy;

hard to manage. He was burdened down with *cumbersome* parcels.

cumulative adj. // growing by addition.

Vocabulary building is a *cumulative* process: as you go through your flashcards, you will add new words to your vocabulary, one by one.

cupidity n. // greed.

The defeated people could not satisfy the *cupidity* of the conquerors, who demanded excessive tribute.

curator n. // superintendent;

manager. The members of the board of trustees of the museum expected the new *curator* to plan events and exhibitions that would make the museum more popular.

curmudgeon n. // churlish,

miserly individual. Although he was regarded by many as a *curmudgeon*, a few of us were aware of the many kindnesses and acts of charity that he secretly performed.

cursive adj. // flowing,

running. In normal writing we run our letters together in *cursive* form; in printing, we separate the letters.

cursor adj. // casual;

hastily done. Because a *cursor* examination of the ruins indicates the possibility of arson, we believe the insurance agency should undertake a more extensive investigation of the fire's cause.

curtail v. // shorten;

reduce. When Herb asked Diane for a date, she said she was really sorry she couldn't go out with him, but her dad had ordered her to *curtail* her social life.

cynical adj. // skeptical or distrustful of human motives.

Cynical from birth, Sidney was suspicious whenever anyone gave him a gift "with no strings attached." cynic, n.

cynosure n. // the object of general attention.

As soon as the movie star entered the room, she became the *cynosure* of all eyes.

dabble v. // work at in a non-serious fashion;

splash around. The amateur painter *dabbled* at art, but seldom produced a finished piece. The children *dabbled* their hands in the bird bath, splashing one another gleefully

dais n. // raised platform for guests of honor.

When he approached the *dais*, he was greeted by cheers from the people who had come to honor him.

dank adj. // damp.

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The walls of the dungeon were *dank* and slimy.

dapper ADJ. /neat and trim

. In "The Odd Couple" TV show, Tony Randall played Felix Unger, an excessively dapper soul who could not stand to have a hair out of place.

dappled ADJ. //spotted.

The sunlight filtering through the screens created a *dappled* effect on the wall.

daub v. //smear (as with paint).

From the way he *daubed* his paint on the canvas, I could tell he knew nothing of oils. also n.

daunt v. ; /intimidate;

frighten. "Boast all you like of your prowess. Mere words cannot *daunt* me," the hero answered the villain.

dauntless ADJ. //bold.

Despite the dangerous nature of the undertaking, the *dauntless* soldier volunteered for the assignment.

dawdle v. //loiter;

waste time. We have to meet a deadline so don't *dawdle*; just get down to work.

deadlock n. //standstill;

stalemate. Because negotiations had reached a *deadlock*, some of the delegates had begun to mutter about breaking off the talks. also v.

deadpan ADJ. //wooden;

impersonal. We wanted to see how long he could maintain his *deadpan* expression.

dearth n. //scarcity.

The *dearth* of skilled labor compelled the employers to open trade schools.

debacle n. //sudden downfall;

complete disaster. In the *Airplane* movies, every flight turns into a *debacle*, with passengers and crew members collapsing, engines falling apart, and carry-on baggage popping out of the overhead bins.

debase v. //reduce in quality or value; lower in esteem;

degrade. In *The King and I*, Anna refuses to kneel down and prostrate herself before the king, for she feels that to do so would *debase* her position, and she will not submit to such debasement.

debauch v. //corrupt;

seduce from virtue. Did Socrates' teachings lead the young men of Athens to be virtuous citizens, or did they *debauch* the young men, causing them to question the customs of their fathers? Clearly, Socrates' philosophical talks were nothing like the wild *debauchery* of the toga parties in *Animal House*.

debilitate v. //weaken;

enfeeble. Michael's severe bout of the flu *debilitated* him so much that he was too tired to go to work for a week.

debonair ADJ. //friendly;

aiming to please. The *debonair* youth was liked by all who met him, because of his cheerful and obliging manner.

debris n. //rubble.

A full year after the earthquake in Mexico City, they were still carting away the *debris*.

debunk v. ; /expose as false,

exaggerated, worthless, etc; ridicule. Pointing out that he consistently had voted against strengthening anti-pollution legislation, reporters *debunked* the candidate's claim that he was a fervent environmentalist.

debutante n. //young woman making formal entrance into society.

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As a *debutante*, she was often mentioned in the society columns of the newspapers.

decadence n. /decay.

The moral *decadence* of the people was reflected in the lewd literature of the period.

decapitate v. /behead.

They did not hang Lady Jane Grey; they *decapitated* her. "Off with her head!" cried the Duchess, eager to *decapitate* poor Alice.

decelerate v. /slow down.

Seeing the emergency blinkers in the road ahead, he *decelerated* quickly.

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