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dishearten V. / /discourage;

cause to lose courage or hope. His failure to pass the bar exam *disheartened* him.

disheveled ADJ. /untidy.

Your *disheveled* appearance will hurt your chances in this interview.

disinclination N. /unwillingness

. Some mornings I feel a **great** *disinclination* to get out of bed

disingenuous ADJ. / /lacking genuine candor;

insincere. Now that we know the mayor and his wife are engaged in a bitter divorce fight, we find their earlier remarks regretting their lack of time together remarkably *disingenuous*.

disinter V. dig up; unearth.

They *disinterred* the body and held an autopsy.

disinterested ADJ /unprejudiced.

Given the judge's political ambitions and the lawyers' financial interest in the case, the only *disinterested* person in the courtroom may have been the court reporter.

disjointed ADJ. /disconnected.

His remarks were so *disjointed* that we could not follow his reasoning.

dislodge V. / remove (forcibly).

Thrusting her fist up under the choking man's lower ribs, Margaret used the Heimlich maneuver to *dislodge* the food caught in his throat.

dismantle V. / take apart

. When the show closed, they *dismantled* the scenery before storing it.

dismay V. / /discourage; frighten.

The huge amount of work she had left to do *dismayed* her. also

N.

dismember V. / /cut into small parts.

When the Austrian Empire was *dismembered*, several new countries were established.

dismiss V. / put away from consideration; reject.

Believing in John's love for her, she *dismissed* the

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notion that he might be unfaithful. (secondary meaning)

disparage V. / belittle

. A doting mother, Emma was more likely to praise her son's crude attempts at art than to *disparage* them.

disparate ADJ. / basically different; unrelated.

Unfortunately, Tony and Tina have *disparate* notions of marriage: Tony sees it as a carefree extended love affair, while Tina sees it as a solemn commitment to build a family and a home.

disparity N. / difference; condition of inequality.

Their *disparity* in rank made no difference at all to the prince and Cinderella.

dispassionate ADJ. / calm; impartial.

Known in the company for his cool judgment, Bill could impartially examine the causes of a problem, giving a *dispassionate* analysis of **what** had gone wrong, and go on to suggest how to correct the mess.

dispatch N. / speediness

; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed. Young Napoleon defeated the enemy with all possible *dispatch*; he then sent a *dispatch* to headquarters informing his commander of the great victory. also **V.**

dispel V. / scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

. The bright sunlight eventually *dispelled* the morning mist.

disperse V. scatter.

The police fired tear gas into the crowd to *disperse* the protesters. dispersion, **N.**

dispirited ADJ. / lacking in spirit

. The coach used all the tricks at his command to buoy up the enthusiasm of his team, which had become *dispirited* at the loss of the star player.

disputatious ADJ. / argumentative;

fond of arguing. Convinced he knew more than his lawyers, Alan was a *disputatious* client, ready to argue about the best way to conduct the case. disputant, **N.**

disquiet V. / make uneasy or anxious.

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Holmes's absence for a day, slightly *disquieted* Watson; after a week with no word, however, Watson's uneasiness about his missing friend had grown into a deep fear for his safety. **disquietude, N.**

dissection N. /analysis;

cutting apart in order to examine. The *dissection* of frogs in the laboratory is particularly unpleasant to some students.

dissemble V. disguise; pretend

. Even though John tried to *dissemble* his motive for taking modern dance, we all knew he was there not to dance but to meet girls.

disseminate V. /distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds).

By their use of the Internet, propagandists have been able to *disseminate* their pet doctrines to new audiences around the globe.

dissent V. /disagree.

In the recent Supreme Court decision, Justice O'Connor *dissented* from the majority opinion. also **N.**

dissertation N. /formal essay

. In order to earn a graduate degree from many of our universities, a candidate is frequently required to prepare a *dissertation* on some scholarly subject.

dissident ADJ. / /dissenting; rebellious. I

In the purge that followed the student demonstrations at Tiananmen Square, the government hunted down the *dissident* students and their supporters. also **N.**

dissimulate V /pretend; conceal by feigning.

She tried to *dissimulate* her grief by her exuberant attitude.

dissipate V. squander; waste; scatter

. He is a fine artist, but I fear he may *dissipate* his gifts if he keeps wasting his time playing games.

dissolute ADJ. / /loose in morals

. The *dissolute* life led by the ancient Romans is indeed shocking.

dissolution N. / /breaking of a union; decay; termination.

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Which caused King Lear more suffering:

the *dissolution* of his kingdom into warring factions, or the *dissolution* of his aged, failing body?

dissonance N. / discord.

Composer Charles Ives often used *dissonance-clashing* or unresolved chords-for special effects in his musical works.

dissuade V. / persuade not to do; discourage.

Since Tom could not *dissuade* Huck from running away from home, he decided to run away with him. *dissuasion*, **N.**

distant ADJ. / reserved or aloof; cold in manner.

His *distant* greeting made me feel unwelcome from the start. (secondary meaning)

distend V. / expand; swell out.

I can tell when he is under stress by the way the veins *distend* on his forehead.

distill V. / extract the essence; purify; refine.

A moonshiner *distills* mash into whiskey; an epigrammatist *distills* thoughts into quips.

distinction N. / honor; contrast; discrimination

. A holder of the Medal of Honor, George served with great *distinction* in World War II. He made a *distinction*, however, between World War II and Vietnam, which he considered an immoral conflict.

distort V. wist out of shape.

It is difficult to believe the newspaper accounts of the riots because of the way some reporters *distort* and exaggerate the actual events. *distortion*, **N.**

distraught ADJ. upset; distracted by anxiety

. The *distraught* parents frantically searched the ravine for their lost child.

diurnal ADJ. / daily

. A farmer cannot neglect his *diurnal* tasks at any time; cows, for example, must be milked regularly.

diva N / operatic singer; prima donna.

Although world famous as a *diva*, she

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did not indulge in fits of temperament. ..

diverge V. /vary

; go in different directions from the same point. The spokes of the wheel *diverge* from the hub.

divergent ADJ /differing; deviating

. Since graduating from medical school, the two doctors have taken *divergent* paths, one going on to become a nationally prominent surgeon, the other dedicating himself to a small family practice in his home town. *divergence*, **N.**

diverse ADJ. differing in some characteristics; various

. The professor suggested diverse ways of approaching the assignment and recommended that we choose one of them. *diversity*, **N.**

diversion N. /act of turning aside;

pastime. After studying for several hours, he needed a *diversion* from work. *divert*, **V.**

diversity N. /variety; dissimilitude.

The *diversity* of colleges in this country indicates that many levels of ability are being cared for.

divest V. strip; deprive.

He was *divested* of his power to act and could no longer govern. *divestiture*, **N.**

divine V. perceive intuitively;

foresee the future. Nothing infuriated Tom more than Aunt Polly's ability to *divine* when he was telling the truth.

divulge V. /reveal.

No lover of gossip, Charlotte would never *divulge* anything that a friend told her in confidence.

docile ADJ. /obedient; easily managed.

As docile as he seems today, that old lion was once a ferocious, snarling beast. *docility*, **N.**

doctrinaire ADJ. /unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding.

Weng had

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hoped that the student-led democracy movement might bring about change in China, but the repressive response of the *doctrinaire* hard-liners crushed his dreams of democracy.

doctrine N. / /teachings, in general;

particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught. He was so committed to the *doctrines* of his faith that he was unable to evaluate them impartially.

document V. / /provide written evidence.

She kept all the receipts from her business trip in order to *document* her expenses for the firm. also **N.**

doff V. / /take off

. A gentleman used to *doff* his hat to a lady.

dogged ADJ. determined; stubborn.

Les Miserables tells of Inspector Javert's long, *dogged* pursuit of the criminal Jean Valjean.

doggerel N /poor verse

. Although we find occasional snatches of genuine poetry in her work, most of her writing is mere *doggerel*.

dogmatic ADJ. / /opinionated; arbitrary;

doctrinal. We tried to discourage Doug from being so *dogmatic*, but never could convince him that his opinions might be wrong.

doldrums N. / /blues; listlessness;

slack period. Once the excitement of meeting her deadline was over, she found herself in the *doldrums*.

doleful ADJ. / sorrowful.

He found the *doleful* lamentations of the bereaved family emotionally disturbing and he left as quickly as he could.

dolt N. / stupid person.

I thought I was talking to a mature audience; instead, I find myself addressing a pack of *dolts* and idiots.

domicile N. /home.

Although his legal *domicile* was in New York City, his work kept him away from his residence for many years. also **V.**

domineer V. / rule over tyrannically

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. Students prefer teachers who guide, not ones who *domineer*.

don V. / put on.

When Clark Kent has to *don* his Superman outfit, he changes clothes in a convenient phone booth.

doodle V. / scribble or draw aimlessly;

waste time. Art's teachers scolded him when he *doodled* all over the margins of his papers.

dormant ADJ. / /sleeping; lethargic; latent.

At fifty her long *dormant* ambition to write flared up once more; within a year she had completed the first of her great historical novels.

dormer N. / /window

projecting from roof. In remodeling the attic into a bedroom, we decided that we needed to put in *dormers* to provide sufficient ventilation for the new room.

dossier N. / file of documents on a subject.

Ordered by J. Edgar Hoover to investigate the senator, the FBI compiled a complete dossier on him.

dote V. / /be excessively fond of;

show signs of mental decline. Not only grandmothers bore you with stories about their brilliant grandchildren; grandfathers *dote* on the little rascals, too. Poor old Alf clearly *doted*: the senile old *dotard* was past it; in fact, he was in his *dotage*.

douse V. / /plunge into water; drench; extinguish.

They doused each other with hoses and water balloons.

dowdy ADJ. / /slovenly; untidy.

She tried to change her *dowdy* image by buying a new fashionable wardrobe.

downcast ADJ. / /disheartened; sad.

Cheerful and optimistic by nature, Beth was never *downcast* despite the difficulties she faced.

drab ADJ. / dull; lacking color; cheerless.

The Dutch woman's *drab* winter coat contrasted with the distinctive, colorful native costume she wore beneath it.

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draconian ADJ. / extremely severe.

When the principal canceled the senior prom because some seniors had been late to school that week, we thought the *draconian* punishment was far too harsh for such a minor violation of the rules.

dregs N. / sediment; worthless residue.

David poured the wine carefully to avoid stirring up the *dregs*.

drivel N. / nonsense; foolishness.

Why do I have to spend my days listening to such idiotic drivel? Drivel is related to *dribble*: think of a dribbling, driveling idiot.

droll ADJ. / queer and amusing

. He was a popular guest because his *droll* anecdotes were always entertaining.

drone N. / idle person; male bee.

let his wife support him, the would-be writer was in reality nothing but a drone.

drone V. / talk dully;

buzz or murmur like a bee. On a gorgeous day, who wants to be stuck in a classroom listening to the teacher *drone* ?

dross N. / waste matter

worthless impurities. Many methods have been devised to separate the valuable metal from the dross.

drudgery N. / menial work

Cinderella's fairy godmother rescued her from a life of *drudgery*.

dubious ADJ. / questionable

filled with doubt. Many critics of SAT I contend the test is of *dubious* worth. ay claimed he could get a perfect 1600 on SAT I, but Ellen was *dubious*: she knew he hadn't cracked a book in three years.

ductile ADJ. malleable; flexible; pliable

Copper is an extremely *ductile* material: you can stretch it into the thinnest of wires, bend it, even wind it into loops.

dulcet ADJ. sweet sounding

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The *dulcet* sounds of the birds at dawn were soon drowned out by the roar of traffic passing our motel.

dumbfound V. astonish

. Egbert's perfect 1600 on his SAT I exam *dumbfounded* his classmates, who had always found him to be perfectly dumb.

dupe N. / someone easily fooled

While the gullible Watson often was made a dupe by unscrupulous parties, Sherlock Holmes was far more difficult to fool. also **V.**

duplicitv N. double-dealing

hypocrisy. When Tanya learned that Mark had been two-timing her, she was furious at his duplicity