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eulogy *n.* //expression of praise,

often on the occasion of someone's death. Instead of delivering a spoken eulogy at Genny's memorial service, Jeff sang a song he had written in her honor.

euphemism *n.* //mild expression in place of an unpleasant one.

The expression "he passed away" is a *euphemism* for "he died."

euphonious *adj.* //pleasing in sound.

Euphonious even when spoken, the Italian language is particularly pleasing to the ear when sung. *euphony*. *n.*

euphoria *n.* //feeling of great happiness and well-being (sometimes exaggerated).

Delighted with her SAT scores, sure that the university would accept her, Allison was filled with euphoria. *euphoric*, *adj.*

evanescent *adj.* //fleeting;

vanishing. Brandon's satisfaction in his new job was evanescent, for he immediately began to notice its many drawbacks. *evanescence*, *n.*

evasive *adj.* //not frank;

eluding. Your evasive answers convinced the judge that you were withholding important evidence. *evade*, *v.*

evenhanded *adj.* //impartial

; fair. Do men and women receive *evenhanded* treatment from their teachers, or, as recent studies suggest, do teachers pay more attention to male students than to females?

evinced *v.* //show clearly.

When he tried to answer the questions, he *evinced* his ignorance of the subject matter.

evocative *adj.* //tending to call up (emotions, memories).

Scent can be remarkably evocative: the aroma of pipe tobacco *evokes* the memory of my father; a whiff of talcum powder calls up images of my daughter as a child.

ewe *n.* //female sheep.

The flock of sheep was made up of dozens of ewes, together with only a handful of rams.

exacerbate *v.* //worsen;

embitter. The latest bombing *exacerbated* England's already existing bitterness against the IRA, causing the prime minister to break off the peace talks abruptly.

exacting *adj.* //extremely demanding.

Cleaning the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel was an exacting task, one that demanded extremely meticulous care on the part of the restorers. *exaction*, *n.*

exalt *v.*; //raise in rank or dignity;

praise. The actor Alec Guinness was *exalted* to the rank of knighthood by the queen.

exasperate *v.* //vex.

Johnny often exasperates his mother with his pranks.

exceptionable *adj.* //objectionable.

Do you find the punk rock band Green Day a highly *exceptionable*, thoroughly distasteful group, or do you think they are exceptionally talented performers?

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excerpt n. //selected passvex.

raise in rank or dignity;
objectionable.

excerpt n. //selected

age (written or musical).

The cinematic equivalent of an *excerpt* from a novel is a clip from a film. also v.

excise v. //cut away;

cut out. When you *excise* the dead and dying limbs of a tree, you not only improve its appearance but also enhance its chances of bearing fruit. excision. n.

exclaim v. //cry out suddenly.

"Watson! Behind you!" Holmes exclaimed, seeing the assassin hurl himself on his friend.

excoriate v. //scold with biting harshness;

strip the skin off. Seeing the holes in Bill's new pants, his mother furiously *excoriated* him for ruining his good clothes. The tight, starched collar chafed and *excoriated* his neck, rubbing it raw.

exculpate v. //clear from blame.

He was *exculpated* of the crime when the real criminal confessed.

execrable ADJ. //very bad.

The anecdote was in such execrable taste that it revolted the audience.

execute v. //put into effect;

carry out. The choreographer wanted to see how well she could execute a pirouette. (secondary meaning) execution, n.

exegesis n. //explanation;

interpretation, especially of a biblical text. The minister based his sermon on his exegesis of a difficult passage from the book of Job. exegetical, ADJ.

exemplary ADJ. //serving as a model;

outstanding. At commencement the dean praised Ellen for her exemplary behavior as class president.

exemplify v. //serve as an example of;

embody. For a generation of balletgoers, Rudolf Nureyev *exemplified* the ideal of masculine grace.

exempt ADJ. //not subject to a duty,

obligation. Because of his flat feet, Foster was exempt from serving in the armed forces. also v.

exertion n. //effort;

expenditure of much physical work. The exertion spent in unscrewing the rusty bolt left her exhausted.

exhaustive ADJ. //thorough;

comprehensive. We have made an *exhaustive* study of all published SAT tests and are happy to share our research with you.

exhilarating ADJ. //invigorating and refreshing;

cheering. Though some of the hikers found tramping through the snow tiring, Jeffrey found the walk on the cold, crisp day exhilarating.

exhort v. //urge.

The evangelist *exhorted* all the sinners in his audience to reform. exhortation, n.

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exhume v. // dig out of the ground;

remove from the grave. Could evidence that might identify the serial killer have been buried with his victim? To answer this question, the police asked the authorities for permission to *exhume* the victim's body.

exigency n. // urgent situation.

In this *exigency*, we must look for aid from our allies.

exodus n. // departure.

The exodus from the hot and stuffy city was particularly noticeable on Friday evenings.

exonerate v. // acquit;

exculpate. The defense team feverishly sought fresh evidence that might *exonerate* their client.

exorbitant adj. // excessive.

The people grumbled at his *exorbitant* prices but paid them because he had a monopoly.

exorcise v. // drive out evil spirits.

By incantation and prayer, the medicine man sought to *exorcise* the evil spirits which had taken possession of the young warrior.

exotic adj. // not native;

strange. Because of his *exotic* headdress, he was followed in the streets by small children who laughed at his strange appearance.

expansive adj. // outgoing and sociable;

broad and extensive; able to increase in size. Mr. Fezziwig was in an *expansive* humor, cheerfully urging his guests to join in the Christmas feast. Looking down on his *expansive* paunch, he sighed: if his belly *expanded* any further, he'd need an *expansive* waistline for his pants.

expatriate n. // exile;

someone who has withdrawn from his native land. Henry James was an American expatriate who settled in England.

expedient adj. // suitable;

practical; politic. A pragmatic politician, he was guided by what was *expedient* rather than by what was ethical. expediency, n.

expedite v. // hasten.

Because we are on a tight schedule, we hope you will be able to *expedite* the delivery of our order. The more *expeditious* your response is, the happier we'll be.

expenditure n. // payment or expense;

output. When you are operating on an expense account, you must keep receipts for all your *expenditures*. If you don't save your receipts, you won't get repaid without the *expenditure* of a lot of energy arguing with the firm's accountants.

expertise n. // specialized knowledge;

expert skill. Although she was knowledgeable in a number of fields, she was hired for her particular expertise in computer programming.

expiate v. // make amends for (a sin).

He tried to *expiate* his crimes by a full confession to the authorities.

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expletive n. //interjection;

profane oath. The sergeant's remarks were filled with expletives that offended the new recruits.

explicate v. //explain;

interpret; clarify. Harry Levin *explicated* James Joyce's often bewildering novels with such clarity that even *Finnegan's Wake* seemed comprehensible to his students.

explicit ADJ. //totally clear;

definite; outspoken. Don't just hint around that you're dissatisfied: be explicit about what's bugging you.

exploit n. //deed or action,

particularly a brave deed. Raoul Wallenberg was noted for his exploits in rescuing Jews from Hitler's forces.

exploit v. //make use of,

sometimes unjustly. Cesar Chavez fought attempts to exploit migrant farmworkers in California. exploitation, n. exploitative, ADJ.

expository ADJ. //explanatory;

-serving to explain. The manual that came with my VCR was no masterpiece of expository prose: its explanations were so garbled that I couldn't even figure out how to rewind a tape. exposition, n.

exposure n. //risk,

particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something **open**. Exposure to sun and wind had dried out her hair and weathered her face. She looked so changed that she no longer feared exposure as the notorious Irene Adler, onetime antagonist of Sherlock Holmes.

expropriate v. //take possession of.

He questioned the government's right to expropriate his land to create a wildlife preserve.

expunge v. //cancel;

remove. If you behave, I will *expunge* this notation from your record.

expurgate v. //clean;

remove offensive parts of a book. The editors felt that certain passages in the book had to be *expurgated* before it could be used in the classroom.

extant ADJ. //still in existence.

Although the book is out of print, some copies are still *extant*. Unfortunately, all of them are in libraries or private collections; none are for sale.

extent n. //degree;

magnitude; scope. What is the *extent* of the patient's injuries? If they are not too *extensive*, we can treat him on an outpatient basis.

extenuate v. //weaken;

mitigate. It is easier for us to extenuate our own shortcomings than those of others.

extol v. //praise;

glorify. The president extolled the astronauts, calling them the pioneers of the Space Age.

extort v. //wring from;

get money by threats, etc. The blackmailer *extorted* money from his victim.

extradition n. //surrender of prisoner by one state to another.

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The lawyers opposed the *extradition* of their client on the grounds that for more than five years he had been a model citizen

extraneous ADJ. //not essential;

superfluous. No wonder Ted can't think straight! His mind is so cluttered up with *extraneous* trivia, he can't concentrate on the essentials.

extrapolation N. //projection;

conjecture. Based on their *extrapolation* from the results of the primaries on Super Tuesday, the networks predicted that Bob Dole would be the Republican candidate for the presidency. *extrapolate*, v.

extricate v. //free;

disentangle. Icebreakers were needed to *extricate* the trapped whales from the icy floes that closed them in.

extrinsic ADJ. //external;

not essential; extraneous. A critically acclaimed *extrinsic feature* of the Chrysler Building is its ornate spire. The judge would not admit the testimony, ruling that it was *extrinsic* to the matter at hand.

extrovert N. //person interested mostly in external objects and actions.

A good salesman is usually an extrovert, who likes to mingle with people.

extrude v. //force or push out.

Much pressure is required to *extrude* these plastics.

exuberance N. //overflowing abundance;

joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness. I was bowled over by the *exuberance* of Amy's welcome. What an enthusiastic greeting!

exude v. //discharge;

give forth. We get maple syrup from the sap that *exudes* from the trees in early spring. *exudation*, N.

exult v. //rejoice.

We *exulted* when our team won the victory.

fabricate v. //build;

lie. If we *fabricate* the buildings in this project out of standardized sections, we can reduce construction costs considerably. Because of Jack's tendency to *fabricate*, Jill had trouble believing a word he said.

facade N. //front (of building); superficial or false appearance.

The ornate *facade* of the church was often photographed by tourists, who never bothered to walk around the building to view its other sides. Susan seemed super-confident, but that was just a *facade* she put on to hide her insecurity.

facet N. //small plane surface (of a gem);

a side. The stonemason decided to improve the rough diamond by providing it with several *facets*.

facetious ADJ. //joking (often inappropriately);

. I'm serious about this project; I don't need any *facetious*, smartalecky cracks about do-gooder little rich girls.

facile ADJ. //easily accomplished;

ready or fluent; superficial. Words came easily to Jonathan: he was a *facile* speaker and prided himself on being ready to make a speech at a moment's notice.

facilitate v. //help bring about;

make less difficult. Rest and proper nourishment should *facilitate* the patient's recovery.

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facsimile n.//COPY.

Many museums sell facsimiles of the works of art on display.

faction n.//party;

clique; dissension. The quarrels and bickering of the two small factions within the club disturbed the majority of the members.

faculty n./mental or bodily powers;

teaching staff. As he grew old, Professor Twiggly feared he might lose his faculties and become unfit to teach. However, he had tenure: whether or not he was in full possession of his faculties, the school couldn't kick him off the faculty.

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