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**velocity N.** / /**speed.**

The train went by at considerable *velocity*.

**venal ADJ.** / /**capable of being bribed.**

The venal policeman cheerfully accepted the bribe offered him by the speeding motorist whom he had stopped.

**vendetta N.** / /**blood feud.**

The rival mobs engaged in a bitter vendetta.

**vendor N.** / /**seller.** The fruit *vendor* sold her wares from a stall on the sidewalk.

**vener N.** / /**thin layer; cover**

. Casual acquaintances were deceived by his *vener* of sophistication and failed to recognize his fundamental shallowness.

**venerable ADJ.** / /**deserving high respect.**

We do not mean to be disrespectful when we refuse to follow the advice of our *venerable* leader.

**venerate V.** / /**revere**

. In Tibet today, the common people still *venerate* their traditional spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

**venial ADJ.** / /**forgivable; trivial**

. When Jean Valjean stole a loaf of bread to feed his starving sister, he committed a *venial* offense.

**venom N.** / /**poison; hatred.**

Bitten by a rattlesnake on his ankle, the cowboy contortionist curled up like a pretzel and sucked the *venom* out of the wound.

**vent N.** / /**a small opening; outlet.**

The wine did not flow because the air *vent* in the barrel was clogged.

**vent V.** / /**express; utter.**

The angry teacher *vented* his wrath on his class.

**ventriloquist N** /**someone who can make his or her voice seem to come from another person or thing.**

This *ventriloquist* does an act in which she has a conversation with a wooden dummy.

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**venturesome ADJ. / bold.**

A group of *venturesome* women were the first to scale Mt. Annapurna.

**veracity N. / truthfulness.**

Asserting his *veracity*, young George Washington proclaimed, "Father, I cannot tell a lie!"

**verbalize V. / put into words.**

I know you don't like to talk about these things, but please try to *verbalize* your feelings.

**verbatim ADV. / word for word**

He repeated the message *verbatim*. also **ADJ.**

**verbiage N. / pompous array of words.**

After we had waded through all the *verbiage*, we discovered that the writer had said very little.

**verbose ADJ. / wordy.**

Someone mute can't talk; someone *verbose* can hardly stop talking.

**verdant ADJ. / green; lush in vegetation**

. Monet's paintings of the *verdant* meadows were symphonies in green.

**verge N. / border;**

edge. Madame Curie knew she was on the *verge* of discovering the secrets of radioactive elements. also **V.**

**verisimilitude N. / appearance of truth; likelihood.**

Critics praised her for the *verisimilitude* of her performance as Lady Macbeth. She was completely believable.

**verity N. / quality of being true;**

lasting truth or principle. Did you question the *verity* of

Kato Kaelin's testimony about what he heard the night Nicole Brown Simpson was slain? To the skeptic, everything was relative: there were no eternal *verities* in which one could believe.

**vernacular N / living language; natural style.**

Cut out those old-fashioned thee's and thou's and write in the *vernacular*. also **ADJ.**

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**versatile ADJ.** / /having many talents;

capable of working in many fields. She was a  
earning varsity letters in basketball, hockey, and track.

**vertex N.** / /summit.

Let us drop a perpendicular line from the vertex of the triangle to the base.

**vertigo N.** / /severe dizziness.

When you test potential airplane pilots for susceptibility to spells of vertigo,  
be sure to hand out air-sickness bags.

**verve N.** / /enthusiasm; liveliness.

She approached her studies with such verve that it was  
impossible for her to do poorly.

**vestige N.** / /trace; remains.

We discovered vestiges of early Indian life in the cave.  
vestigial, ADJ.

**vex N.** / /annoy; distress.

Please try not to vex your mother; she is doing the best she can.

**viable ADJ.** / /practical or workable;

capable of maintaining life. That idea won't work. Let me  
see whether I can come up with a *viable* alternative.

**vicarious ADJ.** / /acting as a substitute; done by a deputy.

Many people get a vicarious thrill at the  
movies by imagining they are the characters on the screen.

**vicissitude N.** / /change of fortune.

Humbled by life's *vicissitudes*, the last emperor of China worked as a lowly  
gardener in the palace over which he had once ruled.

**vie V.** / /contend; compete

. Politicians vie with one another, competing for donations and votes.

**vigilance N.** / /watchfulness

. Eternal *vigilance* is the price of liberty.

**vignette N.** / /picture; short literary sketch

. The *New Yorker* published her latest vignette.

**vigor N.** / /active strength.

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Although he was over seventy years old, Jack had the vigor of a man in his prime. vigorOUS, **ADJ.**

**vilify V. /slander.**

Waging a highly negative campaign, the candidate attempted to *vilify* his opponent's reputation. vilification, **N.**

**vindicate V. / /clear from blame; exonerate; justify or support.**

The lawyer's goal was to *vindicate* her client and prove him innocent on all charges. The critics' extremely favorable reviews *vindicate* my

opinion that *The Madness of King George* is a brilliant movie.

**vindictive ADJ. / /out for revenge; malicious.**

I think it's unworthy of Martha to be so *vindictive*; she shouldn't stoop to such petty acts of revenge.

**viper N. / /poisonous snake.**

The habitat of the horned *viper*, a particularly venomous snake, is in sandy regions like the Sahara or the Sinai peninsula.

**virile ADJ. / /manly.**

I do not accept the premise that a man proves he's *virile* by being belligerent.

**virtual ADJ. / /in essence; for practical purposes.**

She is a *virtual* financial wizard when it comes to money matters.

**virtue N. / /goodness, moral excellence; good quality.**

*Virtue* carried to extremes can turn into vice: humility, for example, can degenerate into servility and spinelessness.

**virtuoso N. / /highly skilled artist**

. The child prodigy Yehudi Menuhin grew into a *virtuoso* whose violin performances thrilled millions. virtuosity, **N.**

**virulent ADJ. / /extremely poisonous; hostile; bitter.**

Laid up with a virulent case of measles, Vera blamed her doctors because her recovery took so long. In fact, she became quite virulent on the subject of the quality of modern medical care.

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**virus N.** / /disease communicator.

The doctors are looking for a specific medicine to control this virus.

**visceral ADJ.** / /felt in one's inner organs.

She disliked the visceral sensations she had whenever she rode the roller coaster.

**viscid ADJ.** / /adhesive; gluey.

The trunk of the maple tree was *viscid* with sap.

**viscous ADJ.** / /sticky; gluey.

Melted tar is a viscous substance. Viscosity, **N.**

**vise N.** / /tool for holding work in place.

Before filing its edges, the locksmith took the blank key and fixed it firmly between the jaws of a vise.

**visionary ADJ.** / /produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical.

She was given to visionary schemes that never materialized. also **N.**

**vital ADJ.** / /vibrant and lively; critical; living, breathing.

The **vital, highly energetic**

**first aid instructor stressed that it was vital in examining accident victims to note their vital signs.**

**vitriolic ADJ.** / /corrosive; sarcastic.

Such vitriolic criticism is uncalled for.

**vituperative ADJ.** / /abusive; scolding.

He became more vituperative as he realized that we were not going to grant him his wish.

**vivacious ADJ.** / /animated; lively.

She had always been vivacious and sparkling.

**vociferous ADJ.** / /clamorous; noisy.

The crowd grew vociferous in its anger and threatened to take the law into its own hands.

**vogue N.** / /popular fashion.

Jeans became the vogue on many college campuses.

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