

# Spelling Bee Word Lists:

## Warm Up Words

### KINDERGARTEN

fun, red, cat, on, sun, dog, jam, gum, bat, net, pig, fix,  
fun, in, sat, end, top, bat, plan, ran, at, best, big, box,  
cup, club, rub, not, hot, did, bed, jet, sad

### GRADE 1

blue, milk, hand, stop, fast, brown, name, bake, kite,  
home, five, his, nose, green, ask, girl, bird, down, glad,  
baby, nest, sing, made, gate, joke, with, egg, ball, shell,  
tool, book, cry, want, two

### GRADE 2

water, store, sister, dream, giant, pretty, orange, draw,  
chair, first, people, clean, sleep, happy, thank, shine,  
under, fresh, bring, start, luck, carry, taste, crisp,  
hobby, cost, easy, field, sting, never, brush, third,  
stove, flew, white

### GRADE 3

school, paint, because, space, worry, trouble, hurry,  
please, climb, smell, should, earth, sugar, catch, early,  
corner, learn, large, whole, family, twice, quick, never,  
almost, point, watch, speak, wrong, scare, place,  
neighbor, bright, young, coin, proud, build, stairs,  
choose, teacher, special, afraid, below, enjoy, quiet,  
spring

#### GRADE 4

stretch, wrong, trust, month, shadow, choice, ocean, noise, radio, crowd, kitchen, library, judge, knock, follow, chase, enough, angry, remove, usual, vacation, laugh, satellite, surprise, alphabet, knife, forecast, geography, twelve, ticket, borrow, knot, scratch, pencil, central, serve, charge, answer, voyage, annoy, fudge, width, amount, naughty, gentle, celery, terrible, position, insist, throat

#### GRADE 5

disguise, percent, recommend, pleasure, official, stomach, exercise, instruction, restaurant, success, piano, decide, future, shoulder, distance, familiar, wrinkle, disease, journey, doubt, breathe, equal, discourage, tournament, achieve, sweater, attitude, cereal, similar, reduce, pleasant, memorable, jealous, police, repetition, average, nervous, electric, guitar, wreath, celebration, museum, dangerous, pronounce, vacant, initial, easiest, damage, concern, loathe

#### GRADE 6

continue, adventure, gracious, drought, disaster, chemical, surgery, knowledge, pursue, serious, orchestra, believe, legible, establish, cooperate, obedience, necessary, identical, coincidence, vacuum, grocery, horrible, prefer, resemble, scissors, government, ignore, column, science, responsible, character, schedule, rhythm, conscience, imaginary,

sentence, companion, fasten, inquire, author, century,  
scholar, cousin, whistle, forfeit, prediction, possible,  
silence, choir, evidence

## GRADE 7

environment, sympathy, imagination, recognize,  
committee, collaborate, strength, nonsense,  
opportunity, enormous, accomplish, disappear,  
familiar, beneath, location, innocent, guarantee,  
ancient, receipt, engineer, tongue, specific, misery,  
stingy, collection, ordinary, headache, foreign,  
interior, pierce, civilization, entrance, variety,  
congratulate, happiness, investigate, astonish,  
original, personality, estimate, graduate, dialogue,  
inferior, incredible, stereo, chemistry, fatigue,  
envelope  
vehicle, function

## GRADE 8

constitution, generosity, economic, endeavor,  
cylinder, abbreviate, picturesque, molecular, amateur,  
unique, mischievous, approximate, descendant,  
epidemic, communicate, scheme, substitute,  
acknowledge, gigantic, contagious, legislature,  
rehearsal, prosperous, tragedy, sanctuary, necessary,  
customary, aerial, category, definite, benevolent,  
politician, vocalize, threaten, priority, intercept,  
alternate, ceramic, essential, sustain, poisonous,  
ingredient, frequency, desolate, apology, deceitful,  
concept, durable  
partial, declaration

**GRADE 8+**

auxiliary, deprivation, equation, hideous, nausea,  
reservoir, studious, reputable, antidote, chronic,  
benediction, credential, altercation, grotesque,  
poignant, authentic, convenience, sabotage,  
camouflage, tedious, expedient, hallucination,  
flexibility, mesmerize, stringent, lustrous, feasibility,  
mediator, tutorial, perjury

## Beginner

**Abscess** is a localized collection of pus in tissues of the body.

**Accessible** means easy to approach

**Accommodate** is to do a kindness or a favor to; oblige.

**Accordion** is a musical instrument.

**Annulment** is the declaration that annuls a marriage.

**Appellate** is of or pertaining to appeals.

**Assassin** is a murderer, especially in politics.

**Atrium** is the central room of an ancient Roman house.

**Automaton** is another word for a robot.

**Baboon** is a large monkey found in Africa or Arabia.

**Balloon** is an inflated bag.

**Barbiturate** is used to medicine as a sedative.

**Barrette** is a clasp used to hold a girl's hair in place.

**Bassoon** is a large woodwind instrument.

**Bazaar** is a marketplace, especially in the Middle East.

**Beige** is a very light brown.

**Benign** is having a kindly disposition.

**Bizarre** is markedly unusual.

**Bobbin** is a reel upon which yarn or thread is wound.

**Bonsai** is a tree that has been dwarfed, as by pruning.

**Bough** is a branch of a tree.

**Bouillon** is a clear usually seasoned broth.

**Bouquet** is a bunch of flowers.

**Bursar** is a treasurer or business officer.

**Butte** is an isolated hill or mountain rising abruptly.

**Cache** is a hiding place.

**Calendar** is a table of days and weeks in a year.

**Camaraderie** is good fellowship.

**Campaign** is a military operation for a specific objective.

**Canvass** is to solicit votes.

**Carafe** is a wide-mouthed bottle used to serve beverages.

**Caribou** is a large, North American deer.

**Cataclysm** is any violent upheaval.

**Caterpillar** is the larva of a butterfly or moth.

**Cellist** is a person who plays a cello.

**Cemetery** is a place set apart for graves or tombs.

**Censor** is an official who examines material to suppress all or part of it.

**Census** is an official enumeration of the population.

**Chameleon** is a lizard that can, as protection, change color.

**Charisma** is a personal quality that gives one power over a group of people.

**Chauffeur** is a person employed to drive an automobile.

**Cliche** is a trite, stereotyped expression.

**Codeine** is used as a sedative or analgesic.

**Colloquy** is a conversational exchange, dialogue.

**Colonel** is an officer in the Army or Air Force.

**Conceit** is an excessively favorable opinion of oneself.

**Concessionaire** is someone to whom a concession has been granted.

**Conscious** is being aware of one's own existence.

**Consensus** is a majority of opinion.

**Consomme** is a clear soup.

**Cough** is to expel air through the lungs harshly, often violently.

**Counsel** is advice.

**Coyote** is a smaller, wolf-like animal.

**Crescent** resembles a segment of a ring tapering to points at the ends.

**Crochet** is needlework with a needle having a hook at one end.

**Croquet** is a game played by knocking balls through metal wickets with a mallet.

**Crouton** is a small piece of fried or toasted bread.

**Crypt** is a subterranean chamber or vault.

**Cuckoo** is a common European bird.

**Cursor** is a movable symbol on a computer.

**Cymbal** is a concave plate that produces a sharp, ringing sound when struck, played in pairs.

**Debris** is the remains of things broken down or destroyed.

**Deceive** is to mislead by a false appearance or statement.

**Deductible** means capable of being deducted.

**Defendant** is a person against whom a charge is brought against in court.

**Descender** is the part of the letter that goes below the body.

**Detached** means not attached or separated.

**Deuce** is a card having two spots.

**Dialogue** is conversation with two or more people.

**Dictionary** is a book containing a selection of words or a language.

**Diocese** is a district under the jurisdiction of a bishop.

**Diphtheria** is an infectious disease.

**Disappear** is to cease to be seen.

**Discernible** means capable of being distinguished.

**Distraught** means deeply agitated.

**Doubt** is to be uncertain about.

**Dough** is flour or meal combined with water.

**Drought** is a period of dry weather.

**Ecstasy** is rapturous delight.

**Eerie** is uncanny, weird.

**Elite** is the choice or the best of anything.

**Embarrass** is to cause confusion and shame to.

**Ensign** is a flag or banner.

**Entourage** is a group of attendants or associates.

**Entrepreneur** is a person who organizes or manages an enterprise.

**Enzyme** is one of various proteins.

**Etiquette** is conventional requirements to social behavior.

**Eulogy** is a speech in praise of a dead person.

**Exacerbate** is to make something worse.

**Exchequer** is a treasury.

**Facade** is the front of a building.

**Farce** is a light, humorous play.

**Fatigue** is weariness from exertion.

**Faucet** is a device to control the flow of liquid.

**Feasible** is capable of being done.

**Feign** is to represent fictitiously.

**Feint** is a movement made to deceive an opponent.

**Fiery** is containing fire or impetuous.

**Fight** is a battle or combat.

**Finesse** is extreme delicacy or skill in performance.

**Finicky** means difficult to please.

**Flaunt** means to display oneself conspicuously.

**Fledgling** is a young bird or an inexperienced person.

**Floe** is a sheet of floating ice.

**Flour** is the finely ground meal of grain.

**Flourish** means to thrive.

**Flower** is the blossom of a plant.

**Flue** is a passage for smoke in a chimney.

**Foray** is a quick raid.

**Forbear** is to refrain or abstain from.

**Frappe** is a milkshake made with ice cream.

**Freight** is goods or cargo transported for pay.

**Fugue** is a composition in music.

**Furlough** is a leave of absence granted to an enlisted person.

**Gallop** is running or moving quickly.

**Gambol** means to skip about, as in dancing.

**Gauge** is to determine the capacity of or to measure.

**Geisha** is a Japanese woman trained as a singer or dancer.

**Gerbil** is a small, burrowing rodent.

**Gerund** is a verb functioning as a noun.

**Geyser** is a hot spring that sends up jets of water and steam.

**Gherkin** is the immature fruit of a cucumber, used in pickling.

**Ghoul** is an evil demon, a grave-robber.

**Giraffe** is a long-necked African animal.

**Glitch** is a defect or malfunction in a plan or machine.

**Glower** is to look or stare at with anger.

**Gnarl** is a knotty protuberance on a tree.

**Gnu or wildebeest** is a stocky, ox-like antelope.

**Goad** is a stick with a pointed end.

**Governor** is the chief executive of a state.

**Gorgeous** means splendid or magnificent.

**Gorilla** is the largest of the anthropoid apes.

**Gourmet** is a connoisseur of fine food and drink.

**Graffiti** are markings on walls.

**Grammar** is the study of the way sentences are constructed.

**Grotesque** is odd or unnatural in appearance or shape.

**Gruel** is a light, thin, cooked cereal.

**Guild** is an organization of people with related interests.

**Gypsum** is a common mineral.

**Hackney** is a carriage or coach for hire.

**Haggard** is having a wasted appearance.

**Hallow** means to make holy.

**Hallucinogen** is a substance that produces hallucinations.

**Halve** is to divide into two equal parts.

**Hangar** is a shelter for airplanes.

**Harangue** is a scolding or intense verbal attack.

**Harass** is to disturb persistently.

**Harbinger** is a herald, or one who goes before.

**Harlequin** is a buffoon.

**Hassle** is a disorderly dispute.

**Havoc** is great destruction or devastation.

**Hearken** is to pay attention or listen to.

**Hearth** is the floor of a fireplace.

**Heifer** is a cow over one year old that has not produced a calf.

**Height** is the extent or distance upward.

**Helix** is a spiral.

**Hemisphere** is half of the terrestrial globe.

**Heresy** is opinion at odds with the accepted doctrine, esp church.

**Hiatus** is a break in the action.

**Hideous** is horrible or frightful.

**Hindrance** is an impeding or a stopping.

**Hippopotamus** is called the river horse, from Africa.

**Hoax** is something intended to deceive or defraud.

**Hobnob** is to associate on friendly terms.

**Hodgepodge** means a jumble.

**Homily** is a sermon, usually on a Biblical topic.

**Honest** is honorable on intentions and principles.

**Honeycomb** is a structure bees use to store honey, pollen and eggs.

**Horizon** is the line that forms the apparent border between earth and sky.

**Horrendous** is shockingly dreadful.

**Humiliate** is to cause a loss of pride or dignity.

**Humongous** means extraordinarily large.

**Hurrah** is an exclamation of joy.

**Hustle** is to proceed or work rapidly.

**Hyacinth** is a plant of the lily family.

**Hybrid** is the offspring of two different breeds or species.

**Hygiene** is the science that deals with preservation of health.

**Hymn** is a song in praise of God.

**Hyperbole** is obvious exaggeration.

**Hyphen** is a short line used to connect parts of compound word.

**Hypocrisy** is pretending to something that one doesn't believe.

**Icon** is a picture, image or other representation.

**Illegible** is hard to read or decipher because of poor handwriting.

**Illicit** is not legally permitted.

**Illiteracy** is a lack of ability to read and write.

**Imbecile** is a person having a mental age of seven or eight.

**Impasse** is a deadlock.

**Impede** is to retard in movement by means of obstacles.

**Incense** is a substance producing sweet odor when burned, used in religious ceremonies to enhance a mood.

**Incessant** means continuing without interruption.

**Incite** is to stir, encourage or urge on.

**Incognito** is to have one's identity concealed.

**Indictment** is a formal accusation in a criminal case.

**Inertia** is lack of motion, sluggishness.

**Inevitable** is something that can't be avoided.

**Inflammable** is capable of being set on fire.

**Influenza** is a viral, acute, sometimes epidemic disease.

**Innate** is existing in one from birth.

**Innocence** is without sin, the state of being innocent.

**Inquisition** is an official investigation, especially political or religious, without regard for individual rights.

**Instinct** is an inborn pattern of activity or tendency to action.

**Intercede** is to act in behalf of someone in difficulty.

**Intravenous** means within a vein.

**Invincible** is incapable of being conquered or defeated.

**Irritable** is easily irritated or annoyed.

**Island** is land entirely surrounded by water.

**Issue** is the act of sending out or putting forth.

**Italicize** is to print in Italic type.

**Jackknife** is a large pocketknife.

**Jaguar** is the largest cat in the western hemisphere.

**Jamb** is a vertical side of a doorway.

**Janitor** is a person employed to keep things clean.

**Jaundice** is a yellow discoloration of the skin or eyes.

**Jealous** is feeling resentment against someone because of success or advantages.

**Jeer** is to scoff at someone.

**Jeopardy** is risk to loss, harm, death or injury.

**Jinx** is someone supposed to bring bad luck.

**Jostle** is to brush against, to push or shove.

**Journal** is a daily record.

**Judgmental** is involving the use of judgment.

**Judicious** is discreet or prudent.

**Juice** is the fluid that can be extracted from something.

**Junction** is a place where things are joined.

**Karate** is a method of self-defense.

**Katydid** is a large, American grasshopper.

**Kayak** is an Eskimo canoe.

**Kerosene** is a mixture of hydrocarbons used as fuel, or cleaning material.

**Kettle** is a metal container in which to cook foods.

**Khaki** means dull yellowish brown.

**Kidnapped** means being stolen, abducted or carried off by force.

**Kiln** is an oven to fire pottery.

**Kitchen** is a room or place equipped for cooking.

**Kiwi** is a flightless bird of New Zealand.

**Knack** is a special skill or aptitude.

**Knead** is to work dough into a uniform mixture.

**Knight** is a mounted soldier in the Middle Ages.

**Knowledge** is acquaintance with facts, as from study or investigation.

**Knuckle** is a joint of the finger.

**Labor** is productive activity for the sake of economic gain.

**Lacquer** is a protective coating.

**Ladle** is a long-handled utensil used for dipping.

**Lamb** is a young sheep.

**Language** is a body of words common to a people.

**Larceny** is the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods of another with the intent to convert them to the taker's own use.

**Laud** is to praise or extol.

**Laugh** is to express pleasure audibly.

**League** is a unit of distance, usually about 3 miles.

**Lectern** is a stand with a slanted top, used to hold a speech or book, etc.

**Lecture** is a speech read or delivered before an audience.

**Legible** is capable of being read or deciphered with ease.

**Leisure** is freedom from the demands of work.

**Length** is the longest extent of something from end to end.

**Leopard** is a large, spotted cat of Asia or Africa.

**Lesion** is an injury; hurt; wound.

**Levy** is an imposing or collecting, as a tax, by force or authority.

**Liaison** is the contact maintained between groups to insure concerted action or cooperation.

**Libelous** is maliciously defamatory.

**Lieutenant** is a military rank.

**Lightning** is a brilliant electric spark discharge.

**Limousine** is a large, luxurious car, especially one driven by a chauffeur.

**Liquor** is a distilled or spiritous beverage.

**Loge in a theater** is the front section of the lowest balcony.

**Lubricant** is a substance for lessening friction.

**Lucid** means easily understood; completely understandable.

**Luminous** is radiating or reflecting light.

**Lyricist** is a person who writes the lyrics for a song.

**Macabre** is gruesome and horrifying.

**Macaroni** is a small tubular pasta.

**Machete** is a large, heavy knife used to cut underbrush or sugar cane.

**Magnificent** is making a splendid appearance or show.

**Mahogany** is a tree or a reddish-brown color.

**Maim** is to cripple.

**Maintenance** is the act of keeping things in good order.

**Malaria** is a disease characterized by chills or fever, caused by the bite of a mosquito.

**Malice** is the desire to inflict harm on someone.

**Malign** is to speak harmful untruths about.

**Malleable** is capable of being shaped by hammering or pressure.

**Manacle** is a shackle for the hand; handcuffs.

**Mantel** is a construction framing the opening of a fireplace.

**Margarine** is a butter-like product made from refined vegetable oils.

**Marina** is a boat basin offering dockage and other service for small craft.

**Maroon** is a dark brownish-red.

**Marriage** is the social institution under which a man and woman decide to live as husband and wife by legal commitments, religious ceremonies.

**Martial** is inclined or disposed to war.

**Martyr** is a person who suffers death rather than give up religion.

**Massacre** is the unnecessary killing of human beings, as in a war.

**Mauve** is a pale bluish purple.

**Mayonnaise** is a thick dressing of different ingredients.

**Maze** is a confusing network of intercommunication paths or passages.

**Meager** is deficient in quantity or quality.

**Mechanical** is having to do with machinery.

**Mediocre** is of only ordinary or moderate quality.

**Melancholy** is a gloomy state of mind.

**Memoir** is a record written by a person based on personal observation.

**Metaphor** is a figure of speech in which a term is applied to something to which it isn't literally applicable, as in a mighty fortress is our god.

**Militia** is a body of citizens enrolled for military service, and called out periodically for drill.

**Mirth** is amusement or laughter.

**Miscellaneous** is of mixed character.

**Mischievous** is maliciously or playfully annoying.

**Miscue** is a mistake.

**Miserable** is very unhappy, uneasy or uncomfortable.

**Mistletoe** is a plant used in Christmas decorations.

**Moccasin** is a heeless shoe made entirely of soft leather.

**Moderator** is a person who presides over a discussion.

**Modify** is to alter partially, to amend.

**Molasses** is a thick syrup produced during the refining of sugar.

**Monarch** is a hereditary sovereign.

**Monitor** is a student appointed to assist in the conduct of a class.

**Monopoly** is exclusive control of a commodity or service in a particular market.

**Morale** is emotional or mental condition with respect to confidence, especially in the face of hardship.

**Mortgage** is a conveyance of an interest in property as security for the repayment of money borrowed.

**Mosquito** is an insect that bites, some passing on certain diseases.

**Mourn** is to feel or express sorrow or grief.

**Muscle** is a tissue, the contraction of which produces movement.

**Myriad** is a very great or indefinitely great number.

**Myth** is a traditional or legendary story, usually concerning some being or hero, without a determinable basis of fact.

**Naive** means unsophisticated or ingenuous.

**Nasal** is of or pertaining to the nose.

**Nausea** is sickness at the stomach, especially when loathing food.

**Necessary** is being essential; indispensable.

**Nectar** is the secretion of a plant, which attracts insects or birds that pollinate the flower.

**Nephew** is a son of one's brother or sister.

**Nestle** is to lie close and snug.

**Nicotine** is an alkaloid found in tobacco and valued as an insecticide.

**Noble** is distinguished by rank or title.

**Nocturnal** is of or pertaining to the night.

**Novice** is a person who is new to something.

**Nurture** is to feed and protect.

**Nutritious** is providing nourishment, especially to a high degree.

**Obelisk** is a tapering, four-sided shaft of stone, with a pyramidal top.

**Obese** means very fat or overweight.

**Obituary** is the notice of the death of a person.

**Obey** is to follow the directions of someone.

**Oblique** means slanting; sloping.

**Oblivious** means unaware of.

**Obvious** is easily understood or recognizable.

**Odious** is hateful or detestable.

**Ogle** is to look at impertinently.

**Omission** is the act of omitting.

**Opaque** is not allowing light to pass through.

**Operator** is a person who runs a machine, apparatus or the like.

**Orator** is a public speaker.

**Orchestra** is a group of performers on various musical instruments.

**Orchid** is a flower of a plant of temperate and tropical regions.

**Ordinance** is a decree or command.

**Outweigh** is to exceed in value or influence.

**Pact** is an agreement, covenant or compact.

**Pageant** is an elaborate public spectacle.

**Palace** is the official residence of an exalted person.

**Palate** is the roof of the mouth.

**Pantry** is a room in which food is kept.

**Papaya** is a large, yellow, melonlike fruit.

**Paprika** is a red, powdery condiment.

**Paraffin** is a substance used in candles or to waterproof paper.

**Parallel** is extending in the same direction, but never converging.

**Parcel** is a small package, a bundle.

**Parfait** is a dessert of ice cream and fruit, or ice cream and syrup.

**Partial** means incomplete.

**Particle** is a tiny or very small bit.

**Patience** is the quality of being patient.

**Patio** is an area of a house used for outdoor lounging, dining, etc.

**Paws** are the feet of an animal having claws.

**Pedal** is a foot-operated lever used for various things.

**Peddle** is to carry things from place to place for sale.

**Pedestrian** is a person who goes on foot.

**Peek** is to look or glance quickly or furtively.

**Pension** is a fixed amount other than a salary paid to a person.

**Perceive** is to become aware of.

**Perceptive** is having or showing keenness of insight, understanding or intuition.

**Perplex** is to cause to be puzzled over what is not understood.

**Personnel** is a body of persons employed in an organization or place or work.

**Perturb** is to disturb in mind; agitate.

**Petite** means short or diminutive.

**Phantom** is an apparition or specter.

**Phase** is a stage in a process of change or development.

**Phrase** is a series of words in grammatical construction and acting as a unit in a sentence.

**Piccolo** is a small flute sounding an octave higher than an ordinary flute.

**Pickle** is a cucumber that has been preserved in brine.

**Piece** is a separate or limited quantity of something.

**Pizza** is a flat, baked pie of Italian origin, with various ingredients and toppings.

**Plague** is an epidemic disease that causes high mortality.

**Plaque** is a tablet or plate of metal, intended for use as an ornament.

**Plateau** is a land area having a relatively level surface considerably raised above adjoining land.

**Plural** pertains to more than one.

**Poise** is composure.

**Policy** is a definite course of action.

**Pollute** is to make foul or unclear.

**Populace** is the common people of a nation.

**Possess** is to have as belonging to one; to own.

**Posterior** is situated behind or at the rear of.

**Potency** is power or authority.

**Precede** is to go before.

**Precinct** is a district marked out for governmental purposes, or police protection.

**Precious** is of high price or great value.

**Principal** is first or highest in rank or importance.

**Python** is a big constricting snake.

**Quartz** is one of the most common minerals.

**Quash** is to put down or suppress.

**Queer** is strange or odd.

**Quirk** is a peculiarity.

**Raccoon** is an animal with a mask-like stripe across the eyes.

**Racquetball** is a game similar to handball, but played with a racquet.

**Raise** is to move to a higher position.

**Ramble** is to wander around in an aimless manner.

**Rapport** is relation or connection.

**Rapture** is ecstatic joy or delight.

**Ravine** is a narrow, steep-sided valley.

**Razor** is an instrument used for shaving.

**Reactor** is an apparatus in which a nuclear chain-reaction can be obtained.

**Receipt** is a written acknowledgment of having received something.

**Receive** is to take something into one's possession.

**Recess** is a temporary withdrawal from work or activity.

**Recite** is to repeat words from memory.

**Recommend** is to present as worthy of confidence or acceptance.

**Reduce** is to bring down to a smaller amount.

**Refrigerator** is a container in which items are kept cool or cold.

**Refugee** is a person who flees his country in time of upheaval or war.

**Regular** is usual or normal.

**Relieve** is to ease or alleviate pain, distress or anxiety.

**Reservoir** is a place where water is collected or stored.

**Resign** is to give up an office or position.

**Review** is going over a subject.

**Rhyme** is a word agreeing with another word in terminal sound.

**Rhythm** is movement with uniform recurrence of a beat or accent.

**Ritual** is a prescribed or established procedure.

**Routine** is a customary or usual procedure.

**Rumor** is a story without confirmation or certainty as to facts.

**Scene** is the place where some action or event occurs.

**Scent** is a distinctive color.

**Schedule** is a plan of procedure.

**Scheme** is an underhand plot, intrigue.

**Scholar** is a learned person.

**Science** is a branch of knowledge or study.

**Scissors** is a cutting instrument.

**Seize** is to take hold of forcibly.

**Shear** is to cut something.

**Sheer** is transparently thin.

**Shepherd** is a person who tends or guards sheep.

**Sheriff** is the law-enforcement officer of a county.

**Shield** is a piece of armor worn on the arm of defensive purposes.

**Siege** is the act of surrounding and attacking a fortified place in such a way as to isolate it from aid or supplies.

**Sigh** is to let out one's breath audibly.

**Sight** is the power or faculty of seeing.

**Sign** is a token or indication.

**Sincere** is free of deceit or falseness.

**Site** is the position or location of something.

**Soccer** is football as it is played around the world.

**Source** is anything from which something comes or arises.

**Souvenir** is a usually inexpensive reminder of a place visited.

**Spaghetti** is a white, starchy pasta of Italian origin.

**Stationary** means standing still, not moving.

**Stature** is the height of a human or animal body.

**Straight** is without a bend or angle, not curved.

**Strength** is the quality or state of being strong.

**Successor** is a person or thing that succeeds or follows.

**Suede** is kid or other leather finished with a soft, nappy surface.

**Superintendent** is a person who oversees or directs some work.

**Supervisor** is a person who supervises the work done by others.

**Sword** is a weapon consisting of a blade and a hilt.

**Tablespoonful** is the amount a tablespoon can hold.

**Tabloid** is a newspaper whose pages are about half the size of a standard-sized newspaper.

**Tackle** is equipment, apparatus or gear, especially for fishing.

**Tailor** is a person who makes, mends or alters clothing.

**Tale** is a narrative that relates details or some event or incident.

**Talk** is to communicate by speaking.

**Tantrum** is a violent demonstration of rage.

**Tardy** means late.

**Tattle** is to let out secrets.

**Tattoo** is an indelible marking on the skin.

**Tease** is to irritate or provoke.

**Teethe** means to grow or cut teeth.

**Telescope** is an instrument to make distant objects appear larger.

**Tension** is the act of stretching or straining.

**Terrace** is a raised level with a vertical or sloping front or sides.

**Thaw** is to pass from a frozen to a liquid state.

**Theme** is a subject of discourse or discussion.

**Thief** is a person who steals.

**Tight** is firmly or closely fixed in place.

**Tissue** IS as in tissue paper.

**Toad** is an amphibian, a close relative of the frog.

**Toast** is sliced bread that has been browned by heat.

**Toboggan** is a long, narrow, flat-bottomed sled.

**Tombstone** is a marker on a tomb or grave.

**Tough** means strong and durable.

**Trample** is to tread or stamp heavily.

**Tricycle** is a three-wheeled vehicle for children.

**Typewriter** is a machine to produce letters and characters on paper.

**Ukulele** is a small, guitar-like instrument.

**Unanswerable** is not capable of being answered.

**Unconscious** means without awareness or cognition.

**Vacuum** is a space entirely devoid of matter.

**Vanilla** IS as in the flavor.

**Villain** is a cruelly malicious person.

**Warranty** is assurance.

**Weigh** is to determine the force of gravity on an object by using a scale.

**Weird** is unearthly or uncanny.

**Wield** is to exercise power or authority.

**Yacht** is a private cruising vessel.

**Yolk** is the yellow substance of an egg.

## Intermediate

**Aardwolf** is a hyena-like animal of southern and eastern Africa.

**Aberration** is departing from the usual course.

**Abridgment** is a shortened form of a book.

**Abscission** is sudden termination.

**Acerbate** is to make sour or bitter.

**Aficionado** is a devotee of something.

**Algorithm** is a set of rules for solving a problem.

**Alignment** is arrangement in a straight line.

**Allocution** is a formal speech.

**Ancillary** is a subordinate or subsidiary.

**Apocalypse** is widespread destruction or disaster.

**Applique** is ornamentation applied to a material.

**Archetype** (arkitype) is the original model.

**Avenge** is to exact satisfaction for.

**Babushka** is a woman's scarf.

**Baccalaureate** is a religious service held before commencement day.

**Balalaika** is a Russian musical instrument.

**Baroque** pertains to architecture and art from 17th century Italy.

**Barracuda** is a long, predaceous fish.

**Bayou** is a marshy arm of a river, usually sluggish or stagnant.

**Beleaguer** is to surround with troubles.

**Belligerence** is a hostile attitude.

**Beret** is a soft, visorless cap.

**Bivouac** is a military encampment.

**Blithe** is joyous, glad or cheerful.

**Boatswain** is a warrant officer on a warship.

**Bourgeois** is to be a member of the middle class.

**Boutique** is a small shop within a larger store.

**Boutonniere** is a flower worn by a man in his lapel.

**Boysenberry** is a blackberry-like fruit.

**Buoy** is a float used to mark a water channel.

**Cabaret** is a restaurant providing food, drink and music.

**Calisthenics** are gymnastic exercises.

**Callous** is hard or indifferent.

**Camouflage** is hiding oneself from one's enemy.

**Cannoneer** is an artilleryman.

**Cantankerous** is disagreeable to deal with.

**Cardiopulmonary** pertaining to the heart and lungs.

**Carnivorous** means flesh-eating.

**Catastrophe** is a sudden and widespread disaster.

**Celerity** is swiftness, speed.

**Censer** a container in which incense is burned.

**Changeable** is liable to change or to be changed.

**Chaparral** is a dense growth of shrubs or trees (southwest).

**Commemorate** is to serve as a reminder of.

**Committal** is an act or instance of committing.

**Connoisseur** is a person competent to pass critical judgment.

**Convalescence** is the gradual recovery to health after illness.

**Cornucopia** is the horn of plenty in mythology.

**Corruptible** is that which can be corrupted.

**Crevasse** is a fissure in ice or the earth.

**Croissant** is a rich, buttery crescent-shaped roll.

**Curmudgeon** is a bad-tempered, cantankerous person.

**Cynic** is a person who believes in selfishness as prime motivation.

**Dachshund** is a long, German dog.

**Decaffeinate** is to extract caffeine from.

**Deliverance** is an act or instance of delivering.

**Denouement** is the final resolution of the intricacies of a plot.

**Diaphragm** is a part of the human body.

**Dichotomy** is division into two parts.

**Dietitian** is a person who is an expert on nutrition.

**Diphthong** is an unsegmented gliding speech sound

**Docile** is easily handled or manageable.

**Echo** is a repetition of sound produced by reflection of sound waves.

**Eclair** is a finger-shaped cream puff.

**Eczema** is an inflammatory condition of the skin.

**Effervescent** is bubbling, vivacious or gay.

**Eloquence** is using language with fluency and aptness.

**Encumbrance** is something burdensome.

**Exquisite** is of special beauty or charm.

**Extemporaneous** is done without special preparation.

**Facsimile** is an exact copy.

**Fallacious** means logically unsound.

**Fascinate** is to attract and hold attentively.

**Fauna** are the animals of a region considered as a whole.

**Flocculent** is like a clump of wool.  
**Foliage** is the leaves of a plant.  
**Forage** is food for cattle or horses.  
**Forsythia** is a shrub of the olive family.  
**Fraught** means full of or accompanied by.  
**Fuchsia** is a bright, purplish-red color.  
**Gauche** means lacking in social grace.  
**Genre** is a class of artistic endeavor having a particular form.  
**Germane** means relevant.  
**Gerrymander** is dividing election districts to suit one group or party.  
**Glockenspiel** is a musical instrument.  
**Gnash** is to grind or strike the teeth together.  
**Granary** is a storehouse for grain.  
**Grippe** is the former name for influenza.  
**Guillotine** a device for execution.  
**Hallelujah** means praise ye the Lord.  
**Handwrought** is formed or shaped by hand, esp. metal objects.  
**Harebrained** means giddy or reckless.  
**Harpsichord** is a keyboard instrument, precursor of the piano.  
**Haughty** is disdainfully proud.  
**Heir** is a person who inherits.  
**Hemorrhage** is a profuse discharge of blood.  
**Heterogeneous** is different in kind, unlike.  
**Hoard** is a supply that is carefully guarded or hidden.  
**Holocaust** is a great or complete destruction.  
**Homogenize** is to form by blending unlike elements.

**Homonym** is a word the same in spelling and sound, but different in meaning.

**Horde** is a large group, a multitude.

**Humoresque** is a musical composition of humorous character.

**Hydraulic** is employing water or other liquids in motion.

**Hydrolysis** is chemical decomposition by reacting with water.

**Hypothesis** is a proposition set forth to explain some occurrence.

**Hysterical** is of or pertaining to hysteria.

**Idyll** is a composition, usually describing pastoral scenes or any appealing incident, or the like.

**Iguana** is a large lizard native to Central and South America.

**Imperceptible** is very slight, gradual or subtle.

**Impetuous** is characterized by sudden or rash action.

**Impossible** means not possible or unable to be done.

**Impromptu** means done without previous preparation.

**Incidence** means the rate of change or occurrence.

**Indicator** is a person or thing that indicates.

**Infallible** is absolutely trustworthy or sure.

**Inferior** is lower in station, rank or degree.

**Insurgence** is an act of rebellion.

**Interfere** is to meddle in the affairs of others.

**Invoice** is an itemized bill for goods or services.

**Iridescent** is displaying a play of bright colors, like a rainbow.

**Isle** is a small island.

**Isthmus** is a narrow strip of land with water on both sides, connecting two larger strips of land.

**Jackal** is a wild dog of Asia and Africa.

**Jacuzzi** is a trade name for a whirlpool bath and related products.

**Joist** is a beam used to support ceilings or floors or the like.

**Juxtaposition** is the act of placing close together.

**Kaiser** is a German or Austrian emperor.

**Kaleidoscope** is a continually shifting pattern or scene.

**Ketch** is a two-masted sailing vessel.

**Knave** is an unprincipled or dishonest person.

**Knell** is the sound made by a bell rung slowly, at a death.

**Knoll** is a small, rounded hill.

**Labyrinth** is an intricate combination of paths in which it is difficult to find the exit.

**Laconic** is using few words, being concise.

**Laggard** is a lingerer; loiterer.

**Lagoon** is an area of shallow water separated from the sea by sandy dunes.

**Laryngitis** is the inflammation of the larynx.

**Larynx** is the structure in which the vocal cords are located.

**Lavender** is a pale bluish purple.

**Legionnaire** is a member of any legion.

**Leprechaun** is a dwarf or sprite in Ireland.

**Liege** is a Feudal lord entitled to allegiance or service.

**Luau** is a feast of Hawaiian food.

**Luscious** is highly pleasing to the taste or smell.

**Lyre** is a musical instrument of ancient Greece, harp-like.

**Lymphatic** is pertaining to, containing or conveying lymph.

**Mace** is a club-like, armor-breaking weapon, used in the Middle Ages.

**Magnanimous** is generous in forgiving insult or injury.

**Magnify** is to increase the apparent size of, as does a lens.

**Malfeasance** is wrongdoing by a public official.

**Maneuver** is a planned movement of troops or warships, etc.

**Mantle** is a loose, sleeveless cloak or cape.

**Marquee** is a projection above a theater entrance, usually containing the name of the feature at the theater.

**Masquerade** is a party of people wearing masks and other disguises.

**Mature** is complete in natural growth or development.

**Maul** is a heavy hammer.

**Melee** is a confused, hand-to-hand fight among several people.

**Memento** is a keepsake or souvenir.

**Mercenary** is working or acting merely for money or reward.

**Mesquite** is a spiny tree found in western North America.

**Mettle** is courage or fortitude.

**Minuscule** means very small.

**Mirage** is something illusory, without substance or reality.

**Momentous** is of great or far-reaching importance.

**Monastery** is a house occupied by usually monks.

**Monocle** is an eyeglass for one eye.

**Morgue** is a place in which bodies are kept.

**Morphine** is a narcotic used as a pain-killer or sedative.

**Mosque** is a Muslim temple or place of public worship.

**Motif** is a recurring subject, theme or idea.

**Mousse** is a sweetened dessert with whipped cream as a base.

**Mozzarella** is a mild, white, semi-soft Italian cheese.

**Muenster** is a white cheese made from whole milk.

**Municipal** is of or pertaining to a town or city or its government.

**Mysterious** is full of or involving mystery.

**Mystique** is an aura of mystery or mystical power surrounding a particular occupation or pursuit.

**Naughty** means disobedient or mischievous.

**Neuter** is gender that is neither masculine nor feminine.

**Nickel** is a coin of the U.S., 20 of which make a dollar.

**Nickelodeon** is an early motion-picture theater.

**Nomenclature** are names or terms comprising a set or system.

**Nonchalant** is coolly unconcerned, unexcited.

**Nonpareil** is having no equal.

**Noxious** is harmful or injurious to health.

**Nuance** is a subtle difference in meaning.

**Nucleus** is the core.

**Nuisance** is an obnoxious or annoying person.

**Nuptial** is of or pertaining to marriage or the ceremony.

**Nylons** are stockings worn by women.

**Obnoxious** is highly objectionable or offensive.

**Obsolescent** means passing out of use, as a word.

**Occurrence** is the action, fact or instance of happening.

**Ocelot** is a spotted, leopard-like cat, ranging from Texas to South America.

**Ogre** is a monster in fairy tales.

**Onyx** is black.

**Ophthalmology** is the branch of medicine dealing with anatomy, functions and diseases of the eye.

**Ordnance** is cannon or artillery.

**Orphan** is a child who has lost both parents through death.

**Oscillate** is to swing or move to and fro, as a pendulum.

**Overwrought** is extremely excited or agitated.

**Oxygen** is the element constituting about one-fifth of the atmosphere.

**Pacifist** is a person who is opposed to war or to violence of any kind.

**Palette** is a board with a thumb hole, used by painters to mix colors.

**Palomino** is a horse with a golden coat, and a white mane and tail.

**Pamphlet** is a short essay, generally controversial, on some subject of contemporary interest.

**Pantomime** is the art of conveying things through gestures, without speech.

**Papacy** is the office, dignity or jurisdiction of the pope.

**Parable** is a short story designed to illustrate some truth.

**Paralysis** is a loss of movement in a body part, caused by disease or injury.

**Paraphernalia** is apparatus necessary for a particular activity.

**Parishioner** is one of the inhabitants of a parish.

**Parochial** is of or pertaining to a parish or parishes.

**Parody** is a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature.

**Parquet** is a floor composed of strips or blocks of wood forming a pattern.

**Partition** is a division into portions or shares.

**Pasture** is grass used to feed livestock.

**Patriarch** is the male head of a family or tribal line.

**Patrician** is a person of noble rank; an aristocrat.

**Paunchy** is having a large and protruding belly.

**Pause** is a temporary stop or rest.

**Pavilion** is a building used for shelter, concerts, or exhibits.

**Peak** is the pointed top of a mountain.

**Penchant** is a strong inclination or liking for something.

**Penguin** is a flightless bird of the Southern Hemisphere.

**Penicillin** is an antibiotic of low toxicity.

**Penitentiary** is a prison maintained for serious offenders.

**Perennial** is lasting for a long time; enduring.

**Periphery** is the external boundary of any area.

**Perjury** is lying under oath.

**Perseverance** is doggedness, steadfastness.

**Persuade** is to prevail on a person to do something.

**Peruse** is to read through with care.

**Pesticide** is a chemical preparation to destroy pests.

**Petition** is a formally drawn request.

**Phalanx** is a body of troops in close array.

**Phenomenon** is a fact or occurrence observed or observable.

**Philosopher** is one who offers views on profound subjects.

**Phoenix** is a mythical bird able to rise from its own ashes.

**Physics** is the science that deals with matter, energy, motion and force.

**Picturesque** is visually charming or quaint.

**Peace** is a country's condition when not involved in war.

**Pinnacle** is a lofty peak.

**Pinafore** is a child's apron.

**Pixie** is a fairy or sprite, especially a mischievous one.

**Placard** is a paperboard sign or notice.

**Placebo** is a pill with no medicine but used to soothe a patient.

**Plaid** is any fabric woven of differently colored yarns in a cross-barred pattern.

**Plight** is a condition or situation especially an unfavorable one.

**Plumber** is a person who installs and repairs piping, fixtures, etc.

**Pneumonia** is inflammation of the lungs with congestion.

**Poignant** is keenly distressing to the feelings.

**Poinsettia** is sometimes called the Christmas flower.

**Politicize** is to bring a political flavor to.

**Populous** means heavily populated.

**Porridge** is a food made of cereal, boiled to a thick consistency in water or milk.

**Posse** is a force armed with legal authority.

**Posthumous** is arising, occurring, or continuing after one's death.

**Potpourri** is any mixture of unrelated objects, subjects, etc.

**Practitioner** is a person engaged in the practice of a profession or occupation.

**Prairie** is a tract of grassland; a meadow.

**Precise** is definitely or strictly stated.

**Prerogative** is an exclusive right or privilege.

**Prestigious** is having a high reputation.

**Prey** is an animal hunted or seized for food.

**Principle** is an accepted or professed rule of action or conduct.

**Pronunciation** is an accepted standard of the sound and stress patterns of a syllable or word.

**Psalm** is a sacred song or hymn.

**Psychology** is the science of the mind or of mental states and processes.

**Purge** is to cleanse or to purify.

**Quaff** is to drink a beverage.

**Quandary** is a state of uncertainty.

**Quarantine** is a strict isolation.

**Questionnaire** is a list of questions submitted for replies.

**Queue** is a braid of hair or a line of people.

**Quiche** is a dish with cheeses and other vegetables.

**Quintessence** is the pure and concentrated essence of a substance.

**Rabble** is a disorderly crowd; mob.

**Raffle** is a form of a lottery.

**Rambunctious** is difficult to control or handle.

**Rancid** is having an unpleasant smell or taste.

**Raspberry** is the fruit of a shrub.

**Ratchet** is a tool.

**Rationale** is the fundamental reason serving to account for something.

**Recede** means to go or move away.

**Recluse** is a person who lives apart or in seclusion.

**Reconnaissance** is the act of reconnoitering.

**Rectify** is to make or set right.

**Recurrence** is an act of something happening again.

**Reggae** is a style of Jamaican popular music.

**Rehearse** is to practice.

**Reign** is the period during which a sovereign sits on a throne.

**Rein** is the leather strap used to control a horse.

**Remembrance** is a memory.

**Reminiscence** is the process of recalling experiences.

**Requisition** is the act of requiring or demanding.

**Rescind** is to annul or repeal.

**Respondent** is a person who responds or makes replies.

**Resume** is a summing up, a summary.

**Resurrection** is the act of rising from the dead.

**Revise** is to amend or alter.

**Rhapsodic** is ecstatic or extravagantly enthusiastic.

**Rhetoric** is bombast or the undue use of exaggeration or display.

**Rhubarb** is a plant of the buckwheat family.

**Right** is in accordance with what is good or just.

**Rigor** is strictness, severity or hardness.

**Rotor** is a rotating part of a machine.

**Rouge** is any of various red cosmetics for cheek and lips.

**Roulette** is a game of chance.

**Rubella** is a disease also called German measles.

**Sable** is an Old World weasel-like animal.

**Sachet** is a small bag containing perfuming powder or the like.

**Sacrilegious** is pertaining to the violation of anything sacred.

**Saffron** is a crocus having showy, purple flowers.

**Salutatorian** is the person ranking second in the graduating class.

**Sanctimonious** is making a hypocritical show of religious devotion.

**Sapphire** is a gem with a blue color.

**Sarcasm** is harsh or bitter derision or irony.

**Satellite** is a body that revolves around a planet, a moon.

**Sauerkraut** is cabbage allowed to ferment until sour.

**Sauna** is a bath that uses dry heat to induce perspiration.

**Scandalous** is disgraceful or shocking behavior.

**Scarab** is a beetle regarded as sacred by the ancient Egyptians.

**Scenario** is the outline of a plot of a dramatic work.

**Scepter** is a rod held as an emblem of regal or imperial power.

**Schizophrenia** is a severe mental disorder.

**Schnauzer** is a German breed of medium-sized dogs.

**Sciatic** is pertaining to the back of the hip.

**Scour** is to remove dirt by hard scrubbing.

**Scourge** is a cause of affliction or calamity.

**Scrod** is a young Atlantic codfish or haddock.

**Scruple** is a moral standard that acts as a restraining force.

**Sculptor** is a person who practices the art of sculpture.

**Seance** is a meeting in which people try to communicate with spirits.

**Seclude** is to withdraw into solitude.

**Seine** is a fishing net.

**Semaphore** is an apparatus for conveying visual signals.

**Sensuous** means pertaining to or affecting the senses.

**Separate** means to keep apart or divide.

**Sepulcher** is a tomb, grave or burial place.

**Sequoia** is a large tree, aka redwood.

**Sergeant** is a noncommissioned officer above the rank of corporal.

**Serial** is anything published in short installments at regular intervals.

**Sew** is to join or attach by stitches.

**Shackle** is something used to secure the wrist, leg, etc.

**Sheathe** is to put a sword into a sheath.

**Sheen** is luster, brightness, radiance.

**Shrew** is a woman of violent temper and speech.

**Shroud** is a cloth or sheet in which a corpse is wrapped for burial.

**Sierra** is a chain of hills or mountains, the peaks of which suggest the teeth of a saw.

**Silhouette** is a two-dimensional representation of the outline of an object.

**Simile** is a figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared, as in she is like a rose.

**Simultaneous** is occurring or operating at the same time.

**Singe** is to burn slightly, to scorch.

**Siphon** is a tube bent into legs of unequal length, for getting liquid from one container to another.

**Skeptic** is a person who questions the validity of something.

**Skew** is to turn aside or swerve.

**Slaughter** is the killing of cattle, etc., for food.

**Sleigh** is a vehicle on runners, especially used over snow or ice.

**Sleight** is skill or dexterity.

**Sleuth** is a detective.

**Slough (sloo)** is an area of soft, muddy ground.

**Sojourn** is a temporary stay.

**Solder** is an alloy fused and applied to the joint between metal objects to unite them.

**Solemn** is grave or sober or mirthless.

**Sovereign** is a monarch or a king.

**Spasm** is a sudden involuntary muscular contraction.

**Specter** is a ghost, phantom or apparition.

**Sponsor** is a person who vouches for or is responsible for a person.

**Squabble** is to engage in a petty quarrel.

**Squeak** is a short, sharp, shrill cry.

**Squint** is to look with the eyes partly closed.

**Stationery** is writing paper.

**Stimulus** is something that incites to action or exertion.

**Strait** is a narrow passage of water between 2 larger bodies of water.

**Straitjacket** is a garment made of strong material and designed to bind the arms.

**Stroganoff** is a dish of meet sauteed with onions and cooked in a sauce of sour cream.

**Suave** is smoothly agreeable or polite.

**Subpoena** is the usual writ for the summoning of witnesses.

**Subtle** is thin, tenuous or delicate in meaning.

**Succinct** means expressed in few words, concise, terse.

**Sufficiency** is adequacy.

**Suite** is a number of things forming a set.

**Supersede** is to replace in power, or acceptance.

**Supposition** is something that is supposed; assumption.

**Surety** is security against loss or damage.

**Surrey** is a light carriage for four persons.

**Surrogate** is a person appointed to act for another; a deputy.

**Surveillance** is a watch kept over a person or group.

**Swerve** is to turn aside abruptly.

**Symposium** is a meeting to discuss some subject.

**Synod** is an assembly of church delegates.

**Synonym** is a word having nearly the same meaning as another.

**Syntax** is the study of the rules for the formation of grammatical sentences in a language.

**Tabernacle** is a place or house of worship.

**Tableau** is a picture of a scene.

**Tabular** means arranged into a table.

**Tachometer** is a machine to measure velocity or speed.

**Tacky** is not tasteful or fashionable.

**Tact** is a sense of what to say without raising offense.

**Taffy** is a chewy candy.

**Tail** is the hindmost part of an animal.

**Taint** is a trace of something bad or harmful.

**Tally** is an account or reckoning.

**Tambourine** is a small drum consisting of a circular frame with skin stretched over it and several pairs of metal jingles attached.

**Tandem** is one following or behind the other.

**Tangible** is capable of being touched.

**Tantalize** means to torment with.

**Tapestry** is a fabric used for wall hangings or furniture coverings.

**Tassel** is an ornament consisting of a bunch of threads hanging from a round knob, used on clothing or jewelry.

**Taught** is the past participle of teach.

**Taunt** means to mock.

**Tawdry** means showy or cheap.

**Tea** is something to drink.

**Tee** is a golfer's aid.

**Technique** is the manner in which the technical skills of a particular art or field of endeavor are used.

**Tedious** means long and tiresome.

**Teeter** means to move unsteadily.

**Telegraph** is an apparatus to send messages to a distant place.

**Telepathy** is communication between minds.

**Telephone** is an apparatus to send sound to distances.

**Temblor** is a tremor; earthquake.

**Tempt** means to entice or allure to do something often considered wrong.

**Tenor** is the meaning that runs through something written or spoken.

**Tense** is stretched tight; high-strung or nervous.

**Terrain** is a tract of land.

**Terse** is neatly or effectively concise; brief and pithy.

**Tetanus** is a disease, commonly called lockjaw.

**Thatch** is a material used to cover roofs.

**Thermometer** is a device for measuring temperature.

**Thesaurus** is a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms.

**Thesis** is a proposition put forth to be considered.

**Thigh** is between the hip and the knee.

**Thimble** is a small cap, worn over the fingertip to protect it when pushing a needle through a cloth in sewing.

**Third** is next after the second.

**Thistle** is a prickly plant.

**Thorough** is executed without negligence or omissions.

**Thumb** is the short, thick inner digit of the human hand.

**Tier** is one of a series of rows rising one behind or above another.

**Tinsel** is a glittering, metallic substance, usually in strips.

**Titanic** meaning gigantic.

**Titlist** is a titleholder, champion.

**Tobacco** is the plant used in making cigarettes.

**Tongue** is the movable organ in the mouth of humans.

**Tonsillectomy** is the operation removing one or both tonsils.

**Topaz** is a mineral used as a gem.

**Torque** is something that produces rotation.

**Tout** is to solicit business.

**Toxicity** is the degree of being poisonous.

**Traceable** is capable of being traced.

**Trachea** is the windpipe.

**Trait** is a distinguishing characteristic or quality.

**Tranquil** is calm or peaceful.

**Transcend** is to rise above or go beyond.

**Transient** means not lasting or enduring.

**Translucent** is letting pass through, but not clearly.

**Trapeze** is an apparatus consisting of a horizontal bar attached to two suspending ropes.

**Trauma** is a body wound or shock produced by sudden physical injury.

**Trestle** is a type of frame, used in railroad spans.

**Trichotomy** means divided into three parts.

**Trivial** means of little significance or importance.

**Trough** is a receptacle, usually for drinking from.

**Troupe** is a group of actors or performers, esp. travelers.

**Truancy** is the act of being truant or late.

**Tyrannize** is to exercise absolute control or power.

**Ulcer** is a sore on the skin.

**Uncollectible** means it can't be collected.

**Unkempt** is disheveled or messy.

**Vaccinal** pertaining to vaccine or vaccination.

**Vague** is not clearly expressed or identified.

**Vaudeville** is a theatrical entertainment.

**Vehemence** meaning ardor or fervor.

**Veneer** is a thin layer of wood.

**Vengeance** means violent revenge or getting back.

**Vermicelli** is a form of pasta.

**Victuals** are food supplies.

**Viscount** is a nobleman just below an earl or count.

**Vogue** means something in fashion.

**Vying** is competing or contending.

**Waive** is to give up or to forgo.

**Whack** is to strike with a sharp blow or blows.

**Wheelwright** is a person whose trade is to make wheels.

**Wherever** is in, at or to whatever place.

**Wince** is to draw back or tense the body.

**Wrack** is wreck or wreckage.

**Wreak** to inflict or execute as punishment or vengeance.

**Wren** is a small, active songbird.

**Yeoman** is a petty officer in a navy.

**Zeppelin** is a rigid airship or dirigible.

**Zoological** is of or pertaining to zoology.

**Zucchini** is a variety of summer squash.

## ADVANCED

**Abaciscus** is a small abacus.

**Abatjour** is a device, as a skylight, for diverting light into buildings.

**Abattoir** is a slaughterhouse.

**Abecedarian** is a person who is learning the letters of the alphabet.

**Abeyant** means temporarily suspended.

**Absorbefacient** means causing absorption.

**Acaulescent** means either stemless or without a visible stem.

**Accoucheur** is a person who assists during childbirth.

**Acquiesce** means to comply or submit.

**Aerogramme** is a pre-stamped, lightweight paper that folds into its own envelope.

**Affenpinscher** is a breed of dog with wiry hair.

**Afrikaans** is an official language of South Africa.

**Ageusia** is the loss of the sense of taste.

**Albescent** means to become whitish.

**Alette** (*ahleet*) is a small wing of a building.

**Amethyst** is a purple quartz, used as a gem.

**Amphitheater** is an oval or round building with an open central area.

**Ampullaceous** means bottle-shaped.

**Anathematize** means to denounce or to curse.

**Androgynous** means being both male and female.

**Ankh** is an Egyptian cross used as a symbol of enduring life.

**Anopheles** is a malaria-causing mosquito.

**Apartheid** a rigid policy of segregation in South Africa.

**Appaloosa** is a hardy breed of riding horse.

**Aqueous** is of or pertaining to water, watery.

**Armoire** is a large wardrobe or movable cupboard.

**Arrhythmia** is any interruption in the heartbeat.

**Ascetic** is a person who practices self-denial for religious reasons.

**Aurochs** is a black European wild ox, extinct since 1627.

**Autocephalous** is a bishop subordinate to no superior authority.

**Avuncular** pertains to an uncle.

**Azimuth** is the angle of horizontal deviation of a bearing from a standard direction.

**Babiche** is a thong used in making snowshoes.

**Bacchanal** is a drunken revelry.

**Bacciferous** means bearing or producing berries.

**Badinage** is light, playful banter.

**Bagatelle** is something of little value.

**Bagheera** is a velvet used to make evening wear and wraps.

**Baize** is a felt used on tops of billiard tables.

**Baksheesh** is a tip or gratuity \_ used in the Middle East.

**Banquette** is a long bench with an upholstered seat.

**Bassarisk** is a carnivorous mammal.

**Bdellium** is a resin obtained from plants (dellium).

**Bellwether** is someone who assumes leadership.

**Beneficence** is the doing of good.

**Beriberi** is a disease caused by a vitamin B1 deficiency.

**Beryllium** is a hard, light metallic element.

**Bight** is the middle part of a rope.

**Bludgeon** is a short, heavy club with one heavier end.

**Boudoir** is a woman's private sitting room.

**Bouffant** means puffed out, as in a teased hairdo.

**Brooch** is a clasp or ornament.

**Bucolic** is of or pertaining to shepherds.

**Bumbershoot** is a name for an umbrella.

**Cacophony** is a harsh discordance of sound.

**Caique** is a single-masted sailing vessel (Mediterranean).

**Caliph** is a spiritual leader of Islam.

**Cantle** is the hind part of a saddle.

**Carillon** is a set of bells sounded by manual or pedal action.

**Carrefour** (*carrefour*) is a crossroads, a road junction.

**Cartouche** a surface for receiving a painted decoration.

**Casque** is an open conical helmet with a nose guard (medieval).

**Catafalque** is a raised structure on which the body of a dead person lies.

**Catarrh** an inflammation of a mucous membrane.

**Caterwaul** is to utter long wailing cries, as a cat.

**Cauterize** is to burn for curative purposes.

**Cayuse** is an Indian pony.

**Ceraceous** is waxlike or waxy.

**Chancre** is the initial lesion of infectious diseases.

**Chattel** is a movable item of personal property.

**Chlorofluorocarbon** is a substance blamed for the hole in the ozone layer.

**Cirrhosis** is a disease of the liver.

**Claque** a group of people hired to applaud an act or performer.

**Colonnade** a series of regularly spaced columns.

**Contemn** means to treat with disdain or scorn.

**Continuum** is a continuous extent, series or whole.

**Convivial** means friendly or agreeable.

**Copacetic** means fine, completely satisfactory.

**Corporeity** is materiality.

**Cuirass** (*kwirass*) is defensive armor for the torso.

**Culottes** are women's trousers, usually knee or calf-length.

**Dahlia** is a flower.

**Daguerreotype** is an obsolete photographic process.

**Deign** to think fit or to condescend.

**Demagoguery** are methods or practices of a demagogue.

**Demesne** is possession of land as one's own.

**Demitasse** is a small cup for serving strong black coffee.

**Desiccate** is to dry thoroughly.

**Dhow** is a sailing vessel used by Arabs.

**Diaphanous** means very sheer and light.

**Dilettante** is a person who takes up an occupation as an amusement.

**Dinghy** is a small boat designed as a lifeboat.

**Dispossess** is to put a person out of a possession, esp. property.

**Dormouse** is a small rodent resembling a small squirrel.

**Doubloon** is a former gold coin of Spain.

**Dysentery** is an infectious disease.

**Ecru** is a very light brown.

**Edelweiss** is a small plant growing in the Alps.

**Egregious** is extraordinary in some bad way.

**Emphysema** is an irreversible disease of the lungs.

**Ephemeral** is lasting a very short time.

**Epiphany** is a Christian festival.

**Equestrienne** is a woman who rides horses.

**Ersatz** means serving as a substitute.

**Escutcheon** is a shield on which a coat of arms is depicted.

**Euchre** is a game of cards.

**Eviscerate** is to disembowel.

**Exsiccate** is to remove the moisture from.

**Facetious** means not to be taken seriously.

**Fasciation** is the act of bandaging.

**Fiefdom** is the estate of a feudal lord.

**Finagle** is to cheat or swindle someone.

**Fizgig** is a firework that makes a hissing sound.

**Flaccid** means soft and limp.

**Fluxion** is an act of flowing.

**Formaldehyde** is a colorless, toxic gas.

**Frankincense** is an aromatic gum resin used as incense.

**Fricassee** is meat browned, stewed and served in its own sauce.

**Frieze** is a decorative band on an outside wall.  
**Fulsome** means offensive to good taste.  
**Fusillade** is a simultaneous discharge of firearms.  
**Gabardine** is a firm, tightly woven fabric.  
**Gallimaufry** is a hodgepodge, a jumble.  
**Garrote** is a method of capital punishment.  
**Gesundheit** is used to wish good health after a sneeze.  
**Gewgaw** is a trinket or bauble.  
**Ghillie** is a low-cut, tongueless shoe.  
**Glaucous** means becoming a light bluish-green.  
**Glyph** is a pictograph or hieroglyph.  
**Gneiss** is a metamorphic rock.  
**Gnome** is a small being that guards the interior treasures of earth.  
**Gnosis** is knowledge of spiritual matters.  
**Godet** is a triangular piece of fabric inserted to give fullness.  
**Golliwogg** is a grotesque person.  
**Grandiloquence** is a speech that is lofty, often to being pompous.  
**Guillemot** is a seabird of Northern waters.  
**Gyve** is a shackle for the leg.  
**Habiliments** is clothing.  
**Hackamore** is a simple, looped bridle for a horse.  
**Halcyon** means calm or peaceful.  
**Halophyte** is a plant that thrives in saline soil.  
**Handbreadth** is a unit of linear measure.  
**Hartebeest** is a large African antelope.  
**Hegemony** is leadership or predominant influence by one nation.

**Hematozoon** is a parasitic protozoan that lives in the blood.

**Herbage** (*erbij*) nonwoody vegetation.

**Hierarchy** is a system of things ranked above each other.

**Hieroglyphic** is the pictograph type of script used by Egypt.

**Hirsute** is hairy or shaggy.

**Histrionic** is of or pertaining to actors or acting.

**Hoatzin** is a blue-faced bird of the Amazon forests.

**Hootenanny** is a social gathering featuring folk singing.

**Horripilation** is also known as goose flesh or goose bumps.

**Howdah** is a seat placed on the back of an elephant.

**Hoyden** is another name for a tomboy.

**Hydrangea** is a plant with showy flower clusters.

**Hydrofluoric** is of or derived from hydrofluoric acid.

**Hyena** is a doglike carnivore of Africa.

**Hyperpyrexia** is an abnormally high fever.

**Hypnotize** is to put into the hypnotic state.

**Hypotenuse** is the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle.

**Ichneumon** (*iknoomen*) is also called the African mongoose.

**Ichthyophagist** is a person who subsists on fish.

**Idiosyncrasy** is a characteristic or habit peculiar to an individual, incident, or the like.

**Impeccable** is faultless or flawless.

**Imprecise** means not precise or exact.

**Incise** (*insize*) means to cut into.

**Indubitable** is something that can't be doubted.

**Inexorable** is unyielding or unalterable.

**Ingurgitate** is to swallow greedily.

**Iniquitous** is wicked, sinful.

**Innuendo** is an indirect intimation about a person or thing, usually of a derogatory nature.

**Inscrutable** is incapable of being investigated or analyzed.

**Insomnolence** is sleeplessness.

**Intermezzo** is a short musical entertainment, between the acts of a drama or opera.

**Interregnum** is the time between the close of reign and the beginning of the next.

**Intransigent** is refusing to agree or compromise.

**Inveigle** is to entice by flattery or artful talk.

**Inveigh** is to protest strongly or attack vehemently with words.

**Irascible** is easily provoked to anger.

**Jalousie** is a window made of glass slats.

**Jambalaya** is a dish of Creole origin.

**Jocose** is given to joking or jesting.

**Juvenescent** is being youthful; young.

**Kepi** is a French military cap.

**Kinkajou** is an arboreal animal of Central and South America.

**Klaxon** is a loud, electric horn.

**Klieg** is a powerful type of arc light once used in the movies.

**Kowtow** is to show servile deference.

**Lacerate** is to tear roughly; mangle.

**Lachrymal** is of or pertaining to tears.

**Languid** is lacking in vigor or vitality.

**Layette** is an outfit of clothing or bedding for a newborn baby.

**Legerdemain** is sleight of hand or trickery.

**Licit** is legal or lawful.

**Limn** is to represent in drawing or painting.

**Locus** is a place or a locality.

**Loquacious** is talking or tending to talk too freely.

**Lucent** means shining.

**Lynx** is a wildcat of Canada and the northern U.S.

**Macaque** is a monkey, characterized by cheek pouches and short tail.

**Maelstrom** is a large, powerful, or violent whirlpool.

**Manatee** is an aquatic mammal of coastal waters, with 2 front flippers and a broad, spoon-shaped tail.

**Maraud** is to make a raid for booty.

**Marionette** is a puppet manipulated from above by strings.

**Marten** is an animal of northern forests.

**Mastiff** is a large, powerful, short-haired dog.

**Matriarch** is the female head of a tribal or family line.

**Mellifluous** is sweetly or smoothly flowing.

**Menace** is something that threatens to cause harm or evil.

**Mendacious** is telling lies, especially habitually.

**Meringue** is a topping for pies, pastry, etc.

**Mesmerize** is to hypnotize.

**Metamorphose** is to change the form or nature of, to transform.

**Meticulous** is taking extreme care about tiny details.

**Mezzanine** is the lowest balcony in a theater.

**Microcosm** is a world in miniature.

**Millenium** is a period of 1,000 years.

**Mnemonic** is assisting or intended to assist the memory.

**Mocha** is a choice variety of coffee.

**Monocoque** is a type of aircraft in which the shell carries most of the stresses.

**Morass** is a tract or low, soft, wet ground.

**Morose** is gloomy or sullenly ill-humored.

**Mote** is a small particle, as in dust.

**Mottle** is a diversifying spot or blotch of color.

**Mufti** are civilian clothes.

**Multiplicand** is a number to be multiplied by another.

**Munificent** means one who is very generous.

**Myrrh** is an aromatic resinous exudation from certain plants.

**Naphtha** (*naftha*) is a colorless, volatile petroleum distillate.

**Narcissism** is excessive self-love; vanity.

**Nascent** is beginning to exist or develop.

**Nebulous** is hazy, vague or indistinct.

**Neigh** is to utter the cry of a horse; to whinny.

**Nemesis** is something a person can't conquer.

**Newt** is a brilliantly colored salamander.

**Nexus** is a means of connection; a tie; a link.

**Niche** is an ornamental recess in a wall.

**Nigh** means near in space, time or relation.

**Nihilism** is total rejection of established laws and institutions.

**Nonce** is the present, or immediate, occasion or purpose.

**Nouveau** is newly or recently created, developed, or come to prominence.

**Obeisance** is a bow or a curtsy.

**Objurgate** is to denounce vehemently; to upbraid sharply.

**Obloquy** is abusive language aimed at a person.

**Obsequious** showing servile deference; fawning on someone.

**Obstreperous** means unruly.

**Occlude** is to close, shut, or stop up.

**Oleaginous** means having the nature or qualities of oil.

**Omniscience** is infinite knowledge.

**Onerous** is burdensome or troublesome.

**Opalesce** is to exhibit a play of colors like that of the opal.

**Opprobrious** is outrageously disgraceful or shameful.

**Ostracism** is exclusion from social acceptance.

**Oxymoron** is a seemingly contradictory figure of speech, like cruel kindness.

**Pachyderm** is an elephant.

**Paean** is a song of praise, joy or triumph.

**Panacea** is a remedy for all disease or ills.

**Panache** is a grand or flamboyant manner.

**Panegyric** is a lofty oration in praise of a person or thing.

**Panoply** is a wide-ranging and impressive array or display.

**Papyrus** is a tall, aquatic plant, native to the Nile valley.

**Pariah** is an outcast.

**Parlance** is a way or manner of speaking.

**Parry** is to ward off a thrust, as in fencing.

**Parsec** is a unit of distance equal to 3.26 light-years.

**Patella** is the kneecap.

**Peccadillo** is a very minor or slight sin or offense.

**Peccary** is a piglike hoofed animal of north and south America.

**Peignoir** is a woman's dressing gown.

**Pendulous** is hanging down loosely.

**Penultimate** the next to the last.

**Penury** is extreme poverty.

**Perfidy** is a deliberate breach of trust; treachery.

**Perihelion** is the point at which a planet is closest to the sun.

**Perniciou** means ruinous; injurious; hurtful.

**Perquisite** is a gratuity or tip.

**Perspicuous** is clearly expressed or presented.

**Pestle** is a tool to grind substances in a mortar.

**Pharmaceutical** pertains to pharmacy or pharmacists.

**Phlegmatic** is not easily excited to action.

**Pique** is to affect with sharp irritation.

**Piranha** is a small South American fish that eat fish, animals and sometimes attack humans.

**Pirogue** is an American boat, a dugout.

**Pirouette** is a whirling about on one foot or on the points of the toes, as in ballet dancing.

**Plagiarize** is to take ideas and works of another and pass it off as one's own.

**Platypus** is a small, egg-laying animal of Australia.

**Plebeian** is belonging or pertaining to the common people.

**Plebiscite** is a direct vote of the voters of a state in regard to some important public question.

**Polychrome** is being of many or various colors.

**Posit** is to place, put or set.

**Precocious** is prematurely developed.

**Precursor** is a person or thing that precedes.

**Prescience** is knowledge of things before they exist or happen.

**Propitious** means favorable.

**Psilosis** means a falling out of the hair.

**Psoriasis** is a common skin disease.

**Ptosia** is a drooping of the upper eyelid.

**Pulchritude** is physical beauty; comeliness.

**Pyrrhic** is consisting of two short or unaccented syllables.

**Quadriceps** is a large muscle in front of the thigh.

**Quadrille** is a square dance for four couples.

**Quay** is a landing place along a body of water.

**Querulous** means full of complaints.

**Quiescent** is being at rest; quiet; inactive.

**Quinella** is a type of bet on horse races.

**Quirt** is a riding whip.

**Quoin** is the external solid angle of a wall.

**Quotidian** means daily.

**Rapier** is a small sword, used for thrusting.

**Rappel** is the way to move down a surface in mountaineering.

**Rarefy** is to make rare or rarer.

**Raucous** is harsh or strident.

**Ravenous** means extremely hungry.

**Recalcitrant** means resisting authority.

**Redoubtable** is that that is to be feared; formidable.

**Regurgitate** is to surge or rush back.

**Reparable** is capable of being repaired.

**Repartee** is a quick, witty reply.

**Repugn** is to oppose or refute.

**Reticent** is someone disposed to be silent or not to speak freely.

**Reveille** is a signal to alert military personal to arise.

**Rheumatism** is a disorder of the extremities or back, characterized by stiffness.

**Rhinoceros** is a large African animal.

**Ricochet** is the motion of an object after deflecting from another object.

**Riposte** is a quick, sharp return in speech or action.

**Rococo** is a style of architecture and decoration.

**Rogue** is a dishonest person, a scoundrel.

**Roil** is to disturb or disquiet.

**Roseate** is tinged with rose; rosy.

**Rough** is having a coarse or uneven surface.

**Rouse** is to bring out of a state of sleep.

**Ruse** is a trick.

**Saboteur** is a person who commits sabotage.

**Saccharin** is a sweetener.

**Sacroiliac** is the joint where the sacrum and ilium meet.

**Sacrosanct** is extremely sacred or inviolable.

**Sagacious** showing acute mental discernment, or being shrewd.

**Saguaro** is a tall, horizontally branched cactus.

**Salaam** is a salutation meaning peace, especially in Islamic countries.

**Sanguinary** means full of bloodshed, bloody.

**Sarsaparilla** is a soft drink made from the extract of a root.

**Satiate** is to supply something to excess.

**Satyr** is a mythological character, half human and half goat or horse.

**Schiffli** is a large, loomlike machine for working patterns in lace.

**Schism** is division or disunion.

**Schlock** means cheap or trashy.

**Schuss** is a straight downhill run at high speed, skiing.

**Scimitar** is a curved, single-edged sword.

**Scintillate** is to emit sparks.

**Scorpioid** is resembling a scorpion.

**Scrimshaw** is a carved article, especially of whale ivory.

**Scrivener** is a scribe.

**Scythe** is an implement used to cut grass or grain by hand.

**Sebaceous** means fatty.

**Secede** is to withdraw formally from an alliance.

**Sedulous** means persevering.

**Segue** (*segway*) means to continue at once with the next musical composition.

**Seismicity** is the frequency of earthquakes in a given area.

**Seneschal** is an officer having full charge of domestic arrangements.

**Sentient** means conscious.

**Septuagenarian** is between 70 and 80 years of age.

**Sequacious** means following with smooth or logical regularity.

**Sequester** is to remove or withdraw into solitude or retirement.

**Serendipity** means good fortune or luck.

**Serge** is a twilled fabric used for clothing.

**Serrate** is notched on the edge like a saw.

**Setaceous** is bristlelike.

**Severance** is the act of severing or the state of being severed.

**Sexton** is a church official charged with taking care of the edifice and its contents.

**Sheaf** is a bundle of wheat, rye, etc.

**Shoal** is a place where a body of water is shallow.

**Sibyl** is a female prophet or witch.

**Sieve** is an instrument with a meshed bottom, used to separate materials.

**Skein** is a length of yarn wound on a reel for use in manufacturing

**Skink** is a lizard common in both the Old and New worlds.

**Sleazy** means contemptibly low or disreputable.

**Sloe** is the small, sour fruit of the blackthorn.

**Sluice** is an artificial channel for conducting water.

**Solecism** is a nonstandard or ungrammatical usage.

**Soliloquy** is a discourse by a person who is talking to himself.

**Sorcerer** is a person who practices black magic.

**Sorghum** is a cereal grass.

**Speciesism** is discrimination in favor of one species over another.

**Specious** is apparently good or right though lacking real merit.

**Sphinx** is a figure of a creature having the head of a man or animal and the body of a lion.

**Spinet** is a small upright piano.

**Squalor** is filth or misery.

**Squeegee** is an implement edged with rubber to remove water from windows or floors.

**Staid** means of settled character, not flighty.

**Stanchion** is an upright bar as in a window or stall.

**Stiletto** is a short dagger with a thick blade.

**Strafe** is to attack by airplanes with machine-gun fire.

**Strontium** is a strong, metallic element.

**Strychnine** is a colorless, crystalline poison.

**Sturgeon** is a large fish, valued as a source of caviar.

**Subcutaneous** means lying under the skin, as tissue.

**Submersible** is that which is capable of being submerged.

**Suffrutescent** is partially or slightly woody.

**Surcease** is to cease from some action; desist.

**Surfeit** means excess; an excessive amount.

**Suzerain** is a state exercising political control over a dependent state.

**Svelte** is gracefully slender; lithe.

**Sycamore** is a North American tree.

**Sycophancy** is self-seeking or servile flattery.

**Sylph** is a slender, graceful woman or girl.

**Syncopate** is to place accents on beats in music normally not accented.

**Tabasco** is a trademark name for a condiment sauce.

**Tachymeter** is an instrument to rapidly determine distances.

**Taciturn** means inclined to silence.

**Tactician** is a person who is adept at planning tactics.

**Taffeta** is a medium- or light-weight fabric.

**Talisman** is an object that is supposed to possess powers.

**Tallow** is the fatty tissue of animals.

**Talon** is the claw of a bird of prey.

**Tamarind** is the pod of a large tropical tree.

**Tamburitza** is a mandolinlike instrument of southern Slavic regions.

**Tanager** is a songbird found in North America.

**Tankard** is a large drinking cup.

**Tapir** is a three-toed animal resembling a pig in Central and South America.

**Tarantella** is a rapid, whirling Italian dance.

**Tarantula** is a large, hairy spider.

**Tariff** is a list showing duties imposed on imports or exports.

**Tarot** is a card used for fortunetelling.

**Tarry** is to remain or stay awhile.  
**Taupe** (*tohp*) is a brownish gray.  
**Taut** means tightly drawn.  
**Taw** is a fancy marble used as a shooter.  
**Tawny** is a shade of brown tinged with yellow.  
**Taxable** means capable of being taxed.  
**Teak** is a large East Indian tree.  
**Tempestuous** means tumultuous or turbulent.  
**Tenacious** means holding fast.  
**Tenement** is a rundown, often overcrowded apartment house.  
**Tenet** is a principle, doctrine or dogma.  
**Tequila** is a strong liquor from Mexico.  
**Termagant** is a violent or brawling woman.  
**Tern** is an aquatic bird.  
**Terrarium** is a container for land animals.  
**Tertiary** is of the third order.  
**Testatrix** is a woman who makes a will.  
**Tetrabrach** is a word of four short syllables.  
**Thalassic** is of or pertaining to seas or oceans.  
**Thence** means from that place.  
**Theocracy** is a form of government in which a deity is recognized as the supreme civil ruler.  
**Therapeutics** is the branch of medicine concerned with the remedial treatment of disease.  
**Thoracic** is of or pertaining to the thorax.  
**Thought** is the product of mental activity.  
**Thrall** is one who is in bondage; slave.  
**Threshold** is the sill of a doorway.  
**Tiara** is a jeweled coronet worn by women.  
**Timbre** is the characteristic quality of a sound.

**Tinct** is to tinge or tint, as with color.

**Titillate** is to excite agreeably.

**Tizzy** is a nervous or agitated state.

**Tofu** is a bland, cheeselike food, high in protein content.

**Tome** is a large, heavy book.

**Toque** is a brimless and close-fitting hat for women.

**Tortoise** is a turtle, especially a land turtle.

**Tortuous** means full of twists or turns.

**Toucan** is a large-billed, brightly colored bird.

**Toupee** is a man's wig.

**Tourniquet** is a device for arresting bleeding.

**Traduce** means to slander or defame.

**Traipse** is to walk or go aimlessly or idly.

**Travois** is a transporting device pulled by an animal.

**Treacle** is contrived sentimentality.

**Triskaidekaphobia** is a fear of the number 13.

**Troglodyte** is a prehistoric cave dweller.

**Troika** is a team of 3 horses driven abreast.

**Trousseau** is clothing, linen, especially for a bride.

**Truculent** is fierce or savagely brutal.

**Truncheon** is a club carried by a police officer.

**Tryst** is an appointment to meet at a certain time and place.

**Tumescient** means swelling.

**Ubiquitous** means omnipresent or being everywhere at the same time.

**Umlaut** is a mark used over a vowel.

**Unconscionable** means unscrupulous or not guided by conscience.

**Unrequited** is not returned or reciprocated.

**Unwonted** is not customary or usual or rare.  
**Vacillate** means to waver in opinion.  
**Vacuous** means empty.  
**Variscite** is a secondary mineral.  
**Ventriloquism** means throwing the voice.  
**Verisimilitude** means the appearance of truth.  
**Vertebrae** are bones composing the spinal column.  
**Vertiginous** means whirling or spinning.  
**Vexillology** means the study of flags.  
**Vicissitude** means a change in the course of things.  
**Villein** was an almost free person in the middle ages.  
**Virescent** means turning green.  
**Viscera** are the organs in the abdominal cavity.  
**Viscid** means sticky.  
**Vociferous** is crying out noisily.  
**Vorticity** is a measure of the circulation of a fluid.  
**Waterborne** is floating or moving on water.  
**Whet** is to sharpen by grinding or friction.  
**Whippoorwill** is a nocturnal North American bird.  
**Widgeon** is a common, freshwater duck.  
**Wildebeest** is a gnu.  
**Wok** is a pan used in cooking Chinese food.  
**Wraith** is a visible spirit.  
**Xenophobe** is a person who fears or hates foreigners.  
**Xyster** is a surgical instrument for scraping bones.  
**Xylose** is a colorless crystalline sugar.  
**Ytrium** is a rare metallic element.  
**Yurt** is a tentlike dwelling of the Mongols.  
**Zephyr** is a gentle breeze.  
**Zinciferous** means yielding or containing zinc.

**Zoanthropy** (zoo) is a mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal.

**Zoopraxiscope** is an early motion projector.

**Zucchetto** is a skullcap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics.