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PREFACE FROM THE EDITOR

Designed for school districts, educators, and students seeking to maximize performance on standardized tests, Webster's paperbacks take advantage of the fact that classics are frequently assigned readings in English courses. By using a running thesaurus at the bottom of each page, this edition of *An Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen was edited for students who are actively building their vocabularies in anticipation of taking PSAT[®], SAT[®], AP[®] (Advanced Placement[®]), GRE[®], LSAT[®], GMAT[®] or similar examinations.¹

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PERSONS REPRESENTED

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN, Medical Officer of the Municipal Baths.

MRS. STOCKMANN, his wife.

PETRA (their daughter) a teacher.

EJLIF and MORTEN (their sons, aged 13 and 10 respectively).

PETER STOCKMANN (the Doctor's **elder** brother), Mayor of the Town and Chief Constable, Chairman of the Baths' Committee, etc.

MORTEN KIIL, a **tanner** (Mrs. Stockmann's **adoptive** father).

HOVSTAD, **editor** of the "People's Messenger."

BILLING, sub-editor.

CAPTAIN HORSTER.

ASLAKSEN, a **printer**.

MEN of various conditions and occupations, a few WOMEN, and a **troop** of SCHOOLBOYS--the audience at a public meeting.

The ACTION takes place in a **coastal** town in southern Norway.

Thesaurus

adoptive: (*adj*) adoptative, foster.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) biological.

billing: (*n*) advertising, bang, presentment, publicity, asking, armorial bearing, accusation, bearing.

captain: (*n*) head, master, leader, guide, commodore, commander, boss, skipper, chieftain; (*v*) govern, manage. ANTONYM: (*n*) minion.

coastal: (*adj*) seashore, seaside, seacoast, inshore, shore, riparian, maritime, littoral, coastwise,

midland, marine.

editor: (*n*) publisher, redactor, writer, copyreader, copy editor, anthologist, edit, editor in chief, application program, applications programme, editor program.

elder: (*adj*) older, big, adult; (*n*) dean, doyen, patriarch, ancient, boss, elderberry, superior, presbyter.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) youngster, minor, child, inferior; (*adj*) youngest, younger, little.

printer: (*n*) typographer, pressman, typesetter, printing machine, press, newspaperman, peripheral device, page printer, newswriter, newspaperwoman, microform printer.

tanner: (*n*) artificer, artisan, coin, craftsman, journeyman.

troop: (*n*) group, corps, gang, crowd, band, brigade, crew, herd, swarm, horde; (*n, v*) flock.

ACT I

[SCENE.--DR. STOCKMANN'S sitting-room. It is evening. The room is plainly but neatly appointed and **furnished**. In the right-hand wall are two doors; the **farther** leads out to the hall, the nearer to the doctor's study. In the left-hand wall, opposite the door leading to the hall, is a door leading to the other rooms occupied by the family. In the middle of the same wall stands the stove, and, further forward, a **couch** with a looking-glass hanging over it and an **oval** table in front of it. On the table, a **lighted** lamp, with a **lampshade**. At the back of the room, an open door leads to the dining-room. BILLING is seen sitting at the dining table, on which a lamp is burning. He has a **napkin** tucked under his chin, and MRS. STOCKMANN is standing by the table handing him a large plate-full of **roast** beef. The other places at the table are empty, and the table somewhat in disorder, evidently a meal having recently been finished.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

You see, if you come an hour late, Mr. Billing, you have to put up with cold meat.

BILLING.

[as he **eats**] It is **uncommonly** good, thank you-- remarkably good.

Thesaurus

couch: (*n*) bed, sofa, settee, divan; (*adj*, *v*) lie; (*v*) express, put, frame, lower, repose; (*adj*) recline.

eats: (*n*) grub, chuck, food, meat, meal, diet, nurture, eat, dinner, board, feed.

farther: (*adj*, *adv*, *prep*) beyond; (*adj*) additional, more, distant; (*adv*) furthermore, besides, abroad, in addition, too; (*adj*, *prep*) outside; (*pron*) another. ANTONYMS: (*prep*) within; (*adv*) nearer, closer.

furnished: (*adj*) fitted, arranged,

privileged, instruct, carrying weapons, equipt, enlightened; (*v*) provide, furnish, begone, beset.

lampshade: (*n*) shade, lamp shade.

lighted: (*adj*) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning, ignite, kindled, lighten.

napkin: (*n*) diaper, cloth, handkerchief, serviette, table napkin, nappy, dinner napkin, duster, malkin, maukin; (*v*) sudary.

oval: (*adj*) elliptical, elliptic, ovate,

oviform, ovoid, oblong, egg-shaped, rounded, prolate, round; (*n*) ovule.

roast: (*v*) burn, grill, bake, joke, heat, quiz, fry, cook, scorch; (*n*, *v*) ridicule; (*n*) joint. ANTONYMS: (*v*) cool, praise.

uncommonly: (*adv*) rarely, strangely, infrequently, scarcely, occasionally, exceptionally, oddly; (*adj*, *adv*) particularly, remarkably, singularly, curiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) frequently, typically.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

My husband makes such a point of having his **meals punctually**, you know.

BILLING.

That doesn't affect me a bit. Indeed, I almost think I enjoy a meal all the better when I can sit down and eat all by myself, and **undisturbed**.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Oh well, as long as you are **enjoying** it-- [Turns to the hall door, listening.] I expect that is Mr. Hovstad coming too.

BILLING.

Very likely.

[PETER STOCKMANN comes in. He wears an **overcoat** and his official hat, and carries a stick.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

Good evening, Katherine.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[coming forward into the sitting-room] Ah, good evening--is it you? How good of you to come up and see us!

PETER STOCKMANN.

I happened to be passing, and so--[looks into the dining-room]. But you have company with you, I see.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[a little **embarrassed**] Oh, no--it was quite by chance he **came** in. [Hurriedly.] Won't you come in and have something, too?

PETER STOCKMANN.

!! No, thank you. Good gracious--hot **meat** at night! Not with my **digestion**,

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Oh, but just once in a way--

Thesaurus

came: (*v*) arrive, come.

digestion: (*n, v*) concoction; (*n*) assimilation, chemical change, coction, biological process, chemical process, disgestion; (*v*) classification, analysis, clustering; (*adj*) digestive.

embarrassed: (*adj*) awkward, abashed, uncomfortable, disconcerted, bashful, sheepish, shy, shamefaced, mortified, discomfited, chagrined.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, unabashed, natural, talkative.

enjoying: (*n*) relish, enjoyment; (*adj*) comfortable, fruitive.

meal: (*n*) repast, farina, flour, feed, banquet, dinner, luncheon, supper, refecation, collation; (*n, v*) spread.

meals: (*n*) nourishment, fare, food,

meal, the food we eat, provisions.

meat: (*n*) food, gist, essence, core,

kernel, heart, substance, marrow, crux, matter, beef.

overcoat: (*n*) greatcoat, coat, cloak,

robe, topcoat, surcoat, coating,

overcoating, capote, chesterfield, gown.

punctually: (*adv*) precisely, exactly, duly, accurately, correctly, on time, regularly, timely, punctiliously, strictly, sharp.

undisturbed: (*adj*) peaceful, quiet, tranquil, serene, placid, still, easy, smooth, uninterrupted, untroubled, composed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tense, anxious, agitated, bothered, disordered, disturbed, noisy, scared.

PETER STOCKMANN.

No, no, my dear lady; I stick to my tea and bread and butter. It is much more **wholesome** in the long run--and a little more **economical**, too.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[smiling] Now you mustn't think that Thomas and I are spendthrifts.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Not you, my dear; I would never think that of you. [Points to the Doctor's study.] Is he not at home?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

No, he went out for a little turn after supper-- he and the boys.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I doubt if that is a wise thing to do. [Listens.] I fancy I hear him coming now.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

No, I **don't** think it is he. [A knock is heard at the door.] Come in! [HOVSTAD comes in from the hall.] Oh, it is you, Mr. Hovstad!

HOVSTAD.

Yes, I hope you will forgive me, but I was delayed at the printers. Good evening, Mr. Mayor.

PETER STOCKMANN.

[bowing a little **distantly**] Good evening. You have come on business, no doubt.

HOVSTAD.

Partly. It's about an article for the paper.

PETER STOCKMANN.

So I **imagined**. I hear my brother has become a **prolific contributor** to the "People's Messenger."

HOVSTAD.

Yes, he is good enough to write in the "People's Messenger" when he has any home truths to tell.

Thesaurus

contributor: (*n*) correspondent, donor, participant, benefactor, giver, subscriber, partaker, accomplice, writer, journalist, presenter.

ANTONYM: (*n*) recipient.

distantly: (*adv*) reservedly, aloofly, coldly, formally, coolly, frigidly, standoffishly, farly, removedly, vaguely, detachedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) intimately, passionately, clearly, warmly, nearby, alertly.

don't: (*adv*) not; (*n*) taboo, prohibition.

economical: (*adj*) prudent, economic, cheap, inexpensive, provident, sparing, careful, saving, cautious; (*adj, n*) frugal; (*n*) economy.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) expensive, spendthrift, extravagant, wasteful, costly, lavish, uneconomical, fussy.

imagined: (*adj*) fanciful, notional, unreal, fancied, fictitious, nonexistent, unseen, hypothetical, feigned, dubious, doubtful.

prolific: (*adj*) fertile, copious, fecund,

fruitful, profuse, abundant, bountiful, plentiful, fat, exuberant, pregnant.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) scanty, destructive, fruitless, scarce, unproductive.

wholesome: (*adj*) healthy, beneficial, salubrious, healthful, salutary, sound, good, nutritious, nourishing, pure, hale. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwholesome, unhealthy, impure, indecent, sordid, warped, tainted, decadent, deadly, unsavory.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[to HOVSTAD]. But won't you--? [Points to the dining-room.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

Quite so, quite so. I don't blame him in the least, as a writer, for addressing himself to the quarters where he will find the readiest sympathy. And, besides that, I personally have no reason to bear any ill will to your paper, Mr. Hovstad.

HOVSTAD.

I quite agree with you.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Taking one thing with another, there is an excellent spirit of **toleration** in the town--an **admirable** municipal spirit. And it all springs from the fact of our having a great common interest to **unite** us--an interest that is in an equally high degree the concern of every **right-minded** citizen

HOVSTAD.

The Baths, yes.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Exactly--our fine, new, handsome Baths. Mark my words, Mr. Hovstad--the Baths will become the focus of our municipal life! Not a doubt of it!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

That is just what Thomas says.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Think how **extraordinarily** the place has developed within the last year or two! Money has been flowing in, and there is some life and some business doing in the town. Houses and landed property are rising in value every day.

HOVSTAD.

And unemployment is **diminishing**,

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, that is another thing. The burden on the poor rates has been lightened, to the great relief of the **propertied** classes; and that relief will be even greater if

Thesaurus

admirable: (*adj*) fine, outstanding, beautiful, great, commendable, lovely, good, creditable, praiseworthy, worthy, grand.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) appalling, poor, unworthy, despicable, contemptible, detestable, dishonorable, rotten, unimpressive, loathsome, low.
diminishing: (*adj*) abating, declining, dwindling, lessening, waning; (*n*) decrease, shrinking, reducing, reduction; (*adv*) diminishingly; (*v*)

diminish. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) increasing, growing, burgeoning.
extraordinarily: (*adv*) singularly, rarely, unusually, exceptionally, extremely, peculiarly, remarkably, phenomenally, uncommonly, exceedingly, especially.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) slightly, unremarkably, ordinarily.
propertied: (*adj*) rich.
right-minded: (*adj*) sound, virtuous, righteous, sane, worthy, true, ethical,

normal.
toleration: (*n*) sufferance, endurance, allowance, patience, moderation, permission, indulgence, acceptance, forbearance, suffering, self acceptance.
unite: (*v*) associate, meet, connect, link, blend, join, coalesce, unify, tie, amalgamate; (*adj, v*) fuse.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) divide, cut, disband, disconnect, diverge, segregate, split, undo, unpick.

only we get a really good summer this year, and lots of visitors-- plenty of invalids, who will make the Baths talked about.

HOVSTAD.

And there is a good prospect of that, I hear.

PETER STOCKMANN.

It looks very **promising**. **Inquiries** about apartments and that sort of thing are reaching us, every day.

HOVSTAD.

Well, the doctor's article will come in very **suitably**.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Has he been writing something just **lately**?

HOVSTAD.

This is something he wrote in the winter; a recommendation of the Baths--an account of the excellent **sanitary** conditions here. But I held the article over, temporarily.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Ah,--some little difficulty about it, I suppose?

HOVSTAD.

No, not at all; I thought it would be better to wait until the spring, because it is just at this time that people begin to think seriously about their summer quarters.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Quite right; you were perfectly right, Mr. Hovstad.

HOVSTAD.

Yes, Thomas is really **indefatigable** when it is a question of the Baths.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Well remember, he is the Medical Officer to the Baths.

HOVSTAD.

Yes, and what is more, they owe their existence to him.

Thesaurus

indefatigable: (*adj*) tireless, assiduous, unflagging, untiring, inexhaustible, energetic, unremitting, indomitable, laborious, unwearied, unwearied.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) idle, feeble, unrelenting, weary.

inquiries: (*n*) investigation, examination, study, enquiries, enquiry, inquiry, exploration.

lately: (*adv*) tardily, newly, freshly, belatedly, slowly, latterly, deadily; (*adj, adv*) anew, late, afresh; (*adj*)

recent.

promising: (*adj*) auspicious, bright, favorable, propitious, encouraging, favourable, hopeful, promise, budding, optimistic, probable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hopeless, inauspicious, threatening, unfavorable, unlikely, depressing.

sanitary: (*adj*) clean, healthful, pure, unpolluted, uncontaminated, antiseptic, disinfected, salubrious, sterile, spotless, sanitarian.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unsanitary, unhygienic, insanitary.

suitably: (*adv*) appropriately, fittingly, befittingly, properly, fitly, becomingly, accordingly, decently, correctly, aptly; (*adv, v*) conveniently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) inappropriately, unsuitably, inconveniently, incorrectly, unreasonably, wrongly, inadequately, badly, indecently, unduly.

PETER STOCKMANN.

To him? Indeed! It is true I have **heard** from time to time that some people are of that opinion. At the same time I must say I imagined that I **took** a **modest** part in the enterprise,

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, that is what Thomas is always saying.

HOVSTAD.

But who denies it, Mr. Stockmann? You set the thing going and made a practical concern of it; we all know that. I only meant that the idea of it came first from the doctor.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Oh, ideas yes! My brother has had plenty of them in his time--unfortunately. But when it is a question of putting an idea into practical shape, you have to apply to a man of different **mettle**. Mr. Hovstad. And I certainly should have thought that in this house at least...

MRS. STOCKMANN.

My dear Peter--

HOVSTAD.

How can you think that--?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Won't you go in and have something, Mr. Hovstad? My husband is sure to be back directly.

HOVSTAD.

Thank you, perhaps just a **morsel**. [Goes into the **dining-** room.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

[lowering his voice a little] It is a **curious** thing that these farmers' sons never seem to lose their want of **tact**.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Surely it is not worth **bothering** about! Cannot you and Thomas share the credit as brothers?

Thesaurus

bothering: (*v*) teasing, tormenting, carking; (*n*) harassment, provocation.

curious: (*adj*) odd, unusual, abnormal, strange, peculiar, interested, quizzical, quaint, queer, inquiring, inquisitive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) incurious, ordinary, apathetic, uninterested, unconcerned, typical, indifferent, everyday, disinterested, conventional, common.

dining: (*n*) feeding, eating; (*v*) eat.

heard: (*n*) hearing.

mettle: (*n*) heart, courage, spunk, fortitude, guts, character, spirit, bravery, valor, boldness; (*adj, n*) pluck.

modest: (*adj*) humble, lowly, moderate, gentle, low, meek, chaste, decent, unassuming; (*adj, n*) bashful, diffident. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pretentious, arrogant, spectacular, conceited, showy, proud, pompous, elaborate, grand, conspicuous, ostentatious.

morsel: (*n, v*) bite, mouthful; (*n*) crumb, chew, particle, fragment, taste, piece, nibble; (*adj, v*) gobbet, mite.

tact: (*n*) diplomacy, delicacy, finesse, address, discretion, skill, consideration, refinement, grace, thoughtfulness, tactfulness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) frankness, carelessness, thoughtlessness, insensitivity, clumsiness.

took: (*adj*) taken; (*v*) receive.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I should have thought so; but apparently some people are not satisfied with a share.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

What nonsense! You and Thomas get on so **capitally** together. [Listens.] There he is at last, I think. [Goes out and opens the door leading to the hall.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[laughing and talking outside] Look here--here is another guest for you, Katherine. Isn't that **jolly**! Come in, Captain Horster; hang your coat up on this peg. Ah, you don't wear an overcoat. Just think, Katherine; I met him in the street and could hardly persuade him to come up! [CAPTAIN HORSTER comes into the room and greets MRS. STOCKMANN. He is followed by DR. STOCKMANN.] Come along in, boys. They are **ravenously** hungry again, you know. Come along, Captain Horster; you must have a **slice** of beef. [Pushes HORSTER into the **dining-room**. EJLIF and MORTEN go in after them.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But, Thomas, don't you see--?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[turning in the doorway] Oh, is it you, Peter? [**Shakes** hands with him.] Now that is very **delightful**.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Unfortunately I must go in a moment--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Rubbish! There is some **toddy** just coming in. You haven't forgotten the toddy, Katherine?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Of course not; the water is **boiling** now. [Goes into the dining-room.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

Toddy too!

Thesaurus

boiling: (*adj*) hot, ebullient, heated, burning, scalding, torrid, humid; (*adj, v*) effervescent; (*v*) seethe, effervesce; (*n*) ebullience. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cold, happy, frozen, cooled, cool, collected, calm, fresh, airy.

capitally: (*adv*) chiefly, finely, excellently, foremostly, cardinally, mainly, primarily, leadingly, greatly, centrally, splendidly.

delightful: (*adj*) delicious, delectable, charming, pleasing, grateful, blissful,

amiable, adorable, lovely, nice, gorgeous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unpleasant, unwelcome, hateful, miserable, unhappy, unappealing, horrific, horrible, disagreeable, depressing, annoying.

dining-room: (*n*) canteen, restaurant.

jolly: (*adj*) gay, cheerful, happy, festive, genial, bright, cheery, merry, jocund; (*v*) chaff; (*adv*) lively. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gloomy, miserable, serious.

ravenously: (*adv*) greedily, voraciously, avidly, gluttonously, rapaciously, starvingly, wolfishly, famishedly, starvedly, raveningly, edaciously.

shakes: (*n*) hangover, jitters, nervousness, tension, anxiety.

slice: (*n, v*) share, part, slash, gash, chip; (*n*) section, piece, bit, morsel, slab; (*v*) carve.

toddy: (*n*) hot toddy, negus, mixed drink, alcohol, bishop; (*v*) wassail.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, sit down and we will have it comfortably.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Thanks, I never care about an evening's **drinking**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But this isn't an evening's drinking.

PETER STOCKMANN.

It seems to me--. [**Looks** towards the dining- room.] It is extraordinary how they can put away all that food.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[rubbing his hands] Yes, isn't it splendid to see young people eat? They have always got an **appetite**, you know! That's as it should be. Lots of food--to build up their strength! They are the people who are going to **stir** up the **fermenting** forces of the future, Peter.

PETER STOCKMANN.

May I ask what they will find here to "stir up," as you put it?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Ah, you must ask the young people that--when the times comes. We shan't be able to see it, of course. That stands to reason--two old fogies, like us.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Really, really! I must say that is an extremely odd expression to--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oh, you mustn't take me too literally, Peter. I am so **heartily** happy and **contented**, you know. I think it is such an extraordinary piece of good fortune to be in the middle of all this growing, germinating life. It is a splendid time to live in! It is as if a whole new world were being created around one.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Do you really think so?

Thesaurus

appetite: (*n, v*) desire; (*n*) appetence, appetency, relish, inclination, stomach, taste, thirst, passion, liking, gusto. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dislike, repulsion, revulsion, apathy, distaste.
contented: (*adj*) content, happy, comfortable, quiet, cheerful, smug, complacent, satisfied, easy, proud, delighted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) discontented, unhappy, depressed, unsatisfied, sad, anxious.
drinking: (*n*) consumption, ingestion,

intake, potation, drunkenness, crapulence, boozing, drinkable, uptake, intemperateness, booze.
fermenting: (*n*) ferment, zymosis, brewing, zymolysis, vinification, chemical process, chemical change, chemical action, agitation; (*adj*) fermentative, aging.
heartily: (*adv*) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) feebly, languorously.
looks: (*n*) aspect, countenance, expression, manner, complexion, fashion, costume, garb.
stir: (*adj, n, v*) move, bustle; (*v*) rouse, arouse, affect, agitate, inspire; (*adj, n*) movement; (*n*) commotion, excitement, disturbance.
 ANTONYMS: (*v*) dampen, retire, stultify, bore, steady, stifle, suppress; (*n*) quiet, peace; (*n, v*) calm.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Ah, naturally you can't appreciate it as **keenly** as I. You have lived all your life in these surroundings, and your impressions have been **blunted**. But I, who have been buried all these years in my little corner up north, almost without ever seeing a stranger who might bring new ideas with him--well, in my case it has just the same effect as if I had been transported into the middle of a crowded city.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Oh, a city--!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I know, I know; it is all **cramped** enough here, compared with many other **places**. But there is life here--there is promise--there are **innumerable** things to work for and fight for; and that is the main thing. [Calls.] Katherine, hasn't the **postman** been here?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[from the dining-room] No.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And then to be comfortably off, Peter! That is something one learns to value, when one has been on the **brink** of **starvation**, as we have.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Oh, surely--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Indeed I can assure you we have often been very hard put to it, up there. And now to be able to live like a lord! Today, for instance, we had roast beef for dinner--and, what is more, for supper too. Won't you come and have a little bit? Or let me show it you, at any rate? Come here--

PETER STOCKMANN.

No, no--not for worlds!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, but just come here then. Do you see, we have got a table-cover?

Thesaurus

blunted: (*adj*) dulled, rounded, beaten, benumbed, dunted, duller.

brink: (*n, v*) edge; (*n*) border, hem, threshold, boundary, brim, shore, periphery, lip, margin, limit.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) middle, interior, end.

cramped: (*adj*) cramp, limited, close, constrained, contracted, crowded, narrow, poky, restricted, small, tight.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) roomy, open, uncrowded, vast, liberated.

innumerable: (*adj*) countless, numberless, incalculable, multitudinous, infinite, innumerable, unnumbered, uncounted, myriad, immeasurable, untold. ANTONYM: (*adj*) finite.

keenly: (*adv*) eagerly, zealously, piercingly, acutely, cuttingly, ardently, strongly, lively, penetratingly, fervently, avidly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unenthusiastically, apathetically,

faintly, reluctantly, patiently, passively, halfheartedly, vaguely.

places: (*n*) chairs, seating, spaces.

postman: (*n*) mailman, carrier, deliveryman, letter carrier, carrier wave, flattop, express, delivery boy, common carrier, immune carrier, aircraft carrier.

starvation: (*n*) inanition, famine, famishment, hunger, privation, starving, malnutrition, dearth, poverty, scarcity, esurience.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, I **noticed** it.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And we have got a lamp-shade too. Do you see? All out of Katherine's savings! It makes the room so **cosy**. Don't you think so? Just stand here for a moment--no, no, not there--just here, that's it! Look now, when you get the light on it altogether. I really think it looks very nice, doesn't it?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Oh, if you can afford luxuries of this kind--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, I can afford it now. Katherine tells me I earn almost as much as we spend.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Almost--yes!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But a scientific man must live in a little bit of style. I am quite sure an ordinary civil **servant** spends more in a year than I do.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I **daresay**. A civil servant--a man in a well-paid position...

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, any ordinary merchant, then! A man in that position spends two or three times as much as--

PETER STOCKMANN.

It just depends on circumstances.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

At all events I **assure** you I don't waste money **unprofitably**. But I can't find it in my heart to deny myself the pleasure of **entertaining** my friends. I need that sort of thing, you know. I have lived for so long shut out of it all, that it is a necessity of life to me to mix with young, **eager**, ambitious men, men of

Thesaurus

assure: (*n, v*) certify, warrant, vouch; (*v*) secure, persuade, satisfy, reassure, affirm, promise, ascertain; (*adj, v*) ensure. ANTONYMS: (*v*) alarm, disclaim, deny, disbelieve, undermine.

cosy: (*v*) comfortable; (*adj*) comfy, companionable, sociable, snug, convenient, conversable, clubbable, easeful, intimate; (*n*) cosey. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) formal, tense.

daresay: (*v*) assume, deem.

eager: (*adj*) avid, ardent, agog, acute, zealous, enthusiastic, keen, ambitious, industrious, studious; (*adj, n*) earnest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indifferent, unconcerned, apathetic, disinterested, unwilling, unenthusiastic, lukewarm, patient, reluctant, listless, bored.

entertaining: (*adj*) enjoyable, fun, funny, diverting, witty, merry, comical, laughable, convivial, humorous, droll. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

dull, boring, heavy, slow, tiresome, tiring, unentertaining.

noticed: (*adj*) noted.

servant: (*n*) manservant, domestic, lackey, maid, employee, flunkey, retainer, boy, footman, flunky, menial. ANTONYMS: (*n*) master, mistress.

unprofitably: (*adv*) profitlessly, gainlessly, fruitlessly, uneconomically.

liberal and active minds; and that describes every one of those **fellows** who are enjoying their supper in there. I wish you knew more of Hovstad.

PETER STOCKMANN.

By the way, Hovstad was telling me he was going to print another article of **yours**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

An article of mine?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, about the Baths. An article you wrote in the winter.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oh, that one! No, I don't intend that to appear just for the present.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Why not? It seems to me that this would be the most **opportune** moment.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, very likely--under normal conditions. [Crosses the room.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

[following him with his eyes] Is there anything **abnormal** about the present conditions?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[standing still] To tell you the truth, Peter, I can't say just at this moment--at all events not tonight. There may be much that is very abnormal about the present conditions-- and it is possible there may be nothing abnormal about them at all. It is quite possible it may be merely my imagination.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I must say it all sounds most **mysterious**. Is there something going on that I am to be kept in **ignorance** of? I should have imagined that I, as Chairman of the **governing** body of the Baths--

Thesaurus

abnormal: (*adj*) aberrant, uncommon, unusual, odd, unnatural, strange, anomalous, perverted, irregular, atypical, monstrous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) typical, usual, Standard, unexceptional, straight, regular, average, ordinary, natural, customary, conventional.
fellows: (*n*) fellow, membership, faculty.
governing: (*adj*) ruling, leading, chief, ascendant, predominant, prevailing,

executive; (*v*) govern; (*n*) governance, administration, government.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) minor.
ignorance: (*n*) illiteracy, nescience, folly, unwisdom, innocence, denseness, ignorancy, stupidity, obtuseness, tabula rasa, unawareness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) intelligence, acquaintance, education.
mysterious: (*adj*) inscrutable, incomprehensible, deep, eerie, inexplicable, obscure, abstruse, dark,

cryptic, secret, arcane. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) known, apparent, normal, open, explicable, facile, obvious, simple, legible, familiar, transparent.
opportune: (*adj, v*) appropriate; (*adj*) favorable, apropos, auspicious, expedient, happy, handy, timely, felicitous, favourable; (*v*) becoming. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untimely, disadvantageous, inappropriate, inconvenient, unfortunate, unlucky.
yours: (*adj*) own.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And I should have imagined that I--. Oh, come, don't let us fly out at one another, Peter.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Heaven forbid! I am not in the habit of flying out at people, as you call it. But I am entitled to request most **emphatically** that all arrangements shall be made in a **businesslike** manner, through the proper channels, and shall be dealt with by the legally constituted authorities. I can allow no going behind our backs by any roundabout means.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Have I ever at any time tried to go behind your backs?

PETER STOCKMANN.

You have an **ingrained** tendency to take your own way, at all events; and, that is almost equally **inadmissible** in a well ordered community, The individual ought undoubtedly to **acquiesce** in subordinating himself to the community--or, to speak more accurately, to the authorities who have the care of the community's welfare.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Very likely. But what the **deuce** has all this got to do with me?

PETER STOCKMANN.

That is exactly what you never appear to be willing to learn, my dear Thomas. But, mark my words, some day you will have to suffer for it--sooner or later. Now I have told you. **Good-bye**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Have you taken leave of your senses? You are on the wrong scent altogether.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I am not usually that. You must excuse me now if I-- [calls into the dining-room]. Good night, Katherine. Good night, **gentlemen**. [Goes out.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[coming from the dining-room] Has he gone?

Thesaurus

acquiesce: (*v*) assent, accept, agree, consent, acknowledge, yield, submit, concur, permit, surrender, defer.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) resist, disagree, dissent, protest, object, fight, challenge, rebuff.

businesslike: (*adj*) tidy, efficient, neat, orderly, practical, pragmatic, systematic, matter-of-fact, purposeful, workaday, realistic.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unbusinesslike, slipshod, inefficient, disorganized,

amateur.

deuce: (*n*) devil, couple, two, dyad, demon, duo, duet, Twain, Dickens, brace, craps.

emphatically: (*adv*) decidedly, definitely, positively, categorically, flatly, distinctly, absolutely, explicitly, forcefully, firmly, expressly.

gentlemen: (*n*) sirs, messieurs.

good-bye: (*n*) bye, farewell, goodbye, goodbye, vale, adios, cheerio.

inadmissible: (*adj*) ineligible, improper, unqualified, inappropriate, inconvenient, unfit, impermissible, unbearable, inadequate, undesirable; (*v*) illtimed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) admissible, allowable.

ingrained: (*adj, n*) inborn, inbred; (*adj*) confirmed, entrenched, inveterate, deep-rooted, chronic, hereditary, implanted, inherent; (*v*) impregnated with. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mild, fleeting.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, and in such a bad temper.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But, dear Thomas, what have you been doing to him again?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Nothing at all. And, **anyhow**, he can't **oblige** me to make my report before the proper time.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

What have you got to make a report to him about?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Hm! Leave that to me, Katherine. It is an extraordinary thing that the postman doesn't come.

[HOVSTAD, BILLING and HORSTER have got up from the table and come into the sitting-room. EJLIF and MORTEN come in after them.]

BILLING.

[stretching himself] Ah!--one feels a new man after a meal like that.

HOVSTAD.

The **mayor** wasn't in a very sweet temper **tonight**, then.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

It is his stomach; he has **wretched digestion**.

HOVSTAD.

I rather think it was us two of the "People's Messenger" that he couldn't digest.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

I thought you came out of it pretty well with him.

HOVSTAD.

Oh yes; but it isn't anything more than a sort of **truce**.

BILLING.

That is just what it is! That word **sums** up the situation.

Thesaurus

anyhow: (*adv*) somehow, at any rate, in any case, whatever, in any event, regardless, however, though, besides, nonetheless, one way or another.

digest: (*n*) resume, compilation, epitome, compendium, condensation, collection; (*v*) stomach, absorb, summarize, apprehend; (*adj*) brook. ANTONYMS: (*v*) misinterpret, lengthen, expand, enlarge, elaborate, misunderstand, avoid, succumb, misapprehend, detail, reject.

mayor: (*n*) provost, mayoress, city manager, politician, mayoralty, official, civil authority, administrator; (*adj*) major.

oblige: (*v*) coerce, force, drive, constrain, make, bind, accommodate, obligate, necessitate, enforce, impel. ANTONYMS: (*v*) displease, request, hinder.

sums: (*n*) estimate, calculation, arithmetic.

tonight: (*adv*) this night.

truce: (*n, v*) respite; (*n*) peace, breather, reprieve, ceasefire agreement, agreement, pact, accord; (*v*) rest, pause, lull. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disagreement, fight, war.

wretched: (*adj*) unfortunate, pitiful, sad, pitiable, woeful, pathetic, piteous, lamentable; (*adj, v*) poor, unhappy, forlorn. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fine, strong, fortunate, overjoyed, nice, admirable, good, cheery, joyous, lucky, comfortable.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

We must remember that Peter is a lonely man, poor chap. He has no home **comforts** of any kind; nothing but **everlasting** business. And all that **infernal** weak tea wash that he pours into himself! Now then, my boys, bring **chairs** up to the table. Aren't we going to have that toddy, Katherine?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[going into the dining-room] I am just getting it.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Sit down here on the couch beside me, Captain Horster. We so seldom see you. Please sit down, my friends. [They sit down at the table. MRS.

[STOCKMANN brings a tray, with a spirit-lamp, glasses, bottles, etc., upon it.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

There you are! This is **arrack**, and this is rum, and this one is the **brandy**. Now every one must help themselves.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[taking a glass] We will. [They all mix themselves some toddy.] And let us have the **cigars**. Ejlif, you know where the box is. And you, Morten, can **fetch** my pipe. [The two boys go into the room on the right.] I have a suspicion that Ejlif pockets a cigar now and then!--but I take no notice of it. [Calls out.] And my smoking-cap too, Morten. Katherine, you can tell him where I left it. Ah, he has got it. [The boys bring the various things.] Now, my friends. I stick to my pipe, you know. This one has seen plenty of bad weather with me up north. [Touches glasses with them.] Your good health! Ah, it is good to be sitting **snug** and warm here,

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[who **sits knitting**] Do you sail soon, Captain Horster?

HORSTER. I expect to be ready to sail next week.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

I suppose you are going to America?

Thesaurus

arrack: (*n*) spirits, booze, rack, liquor.

brandy: (*n*) applejack, spirits, brandies, liquor, Brandywine, Marc, fruit brandy; (*v*) brandy smash.

chairs: (*n*) seats.

cigar: (*n*) cheroot, cigars, smoke, cigarette, corona, panatela, panetella, segar, cigarillo.

cigars: (*n*) cigar.

comforts: (*n*) amenities, bread and butter, convenience, conveniences.

everlasting: (*adj*) eternal, ceaseless,

endless, constant, continual, perpetual, immortal, deathless, ageless, aeonian; (*adj, n*) lasting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) finite, ephemeral, fleeting, mortal, ending, terminating, inconstant, fragile, perishable.

fetch: (*v*) carry, bring, bring in, convey, draw, elicit, deliver, catch, get, attract; (*adj, n*) feint.

infernal: (*adj*) devilish, fiendish, diabolical, demonic, damned, cursed, blasted, unholy, wicked; (*adj, v*)

diabolic, satanic.

knitting: (*n*) knitwork, needlework, needlecraft, knitted fabric, web, braid, weave, creating from raw materials, knit stitch.

sits: (*n*) sat.

snug: (*adj, v*) cosy, trim; (*adj*) cozy, easy, comfy, tight, close, warm, secure, homely; (*v*) neat. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) baggy, uncomfortable, unwelcoming, bleak, formal, loose.

HORSTER. Yes, that is the plan.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Then you won't be able to take part in the coming election?

HORSTER. Is there going to be an election?

BILLING.

Didn't you know?

HORSTER. No, I don't mix myself up with those things.

BILLING.

But do you not take an interest in public affairs?

HORSTER. No, I don't know anything about politics.

BILLING.

All the same, one ought to vote, at any rate.

HORSTER. Even if one doesn't know anything about what is going on?

BILLING.

Doesn't know! What do you mean by that? A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the **helm**.

HORSTER. Maybe that is all very well on **shore**; but on board ship it wouldn't work.

HOVSTAD.

It is **astonishing** how little most sailors care about what goes on on shore.

BILLING.

Very **extraordinary**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Sailors are like birds of passage; they feel equally at home in any **latitude**.

And that is only an additional reason for our being all the more **keen**,

Hovstad. Is there to be anything of public interest in tomorrow's "Messenger"?

Thesaurus

astonishing: (*adj*) amazing, wonderful, stupendous, prodigious, strange, surprising, astounding, incredible, breathtaking; (*v*) astonish; (*adj, n*) marvelous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ordinary, humdrum, boring, mundane, dull, expected, predictable, usual, comforting.

extraordinary: (*adj*) odd, exceptional, curious, rare, special, phenomenal, amazing, astonishing, unusual, strange, abnormal. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) ordinary, normal, everyday, usual, common, mundane, regular, undistinguished, unremarkable, insignificant, natural.

helm: (*n*) wheel, haft, handle, tiller, shank, rudder, steering wheel, shaft, hilt, halm; (*v*) helmet.

keen: (*adj, v*) eager, fresh, biting, brisk, avid; (*adj*) sharp, intense, intelligent, enthusiastic, exquisite, piercing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indifferent, apathetic, unenthusiastic, blunt,

unwilling, reluctant, passive, stupid, unconcerned, lukewarm, disinterested.

latitude: (*n*) freedom, scope, breadth, room, expanse, range, compass, climate, clime, space, reach.

ANTONYM: (*n*) constraint.

shore: (*n*) coast, edge, beach, seashore, stay, seaside, brace, margin; (*n, v*) prop, land, buttress. ANTONYM: (*n*) sea.

HOVSTAD.

Nothing about **municipal** affairs. But the day after tomorrow I was thinking of **printing** your article--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Ah, **devil** take it--my article! Look here, that must wait a bit.

HOVSTAD.

Really? We had just got convenient space for it, and I thought it was just the opportune moment--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, yes, very likely you are right; but it must wait all the same. I will explain to you later. [PETRA comes in from the hall, in hat and **cloak** and with a **bundle** of exercise books under her arm.]

PETRA.

Good evening.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Good evening, Petra; come along.

[**Mutual greetings**; PETRA takes off her things and **puts** them down on a chair by the door.]

PETRA.

And you have all been sitting here enjoying **yourselves**, while I have been out slaving!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, come and enjoy yourself too!

BILLING.

May I mix a glass for you?

PETRA [coming to the table]. Thanks, I would rather do it; you always mix it too strong. But I forgot, father--I have a letter for you. [Goes to the chair where she has laid her things.]

Thesaurus

bundle: (*n, v*) pack, cluster, clump, wad; (*n*) sheaf, pile, batch, stack, package, group, heap. ANTONYMS: (*v*) scatter, separate, disperse, divide.
cloak: (*n, v*) veil, mask, camouflage, wrap, masquerade, screen, pall; (*n*) cape; (*v*) conceal, dissemble, hide. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reveal, uncloak, unmask; (*n, v*) uncover.
devil: (*n*) fiend, demon, ghost, monster, Lucifer, Satan, Beelzebub, deuce, daemon; (*v*) torment, rag.

ANTONYM: (*n*) angel.
greetings: (*n*) greeting, respects, compliments, consolation, regards, commend, good wishes, commendation, induction, draft.
municipal: (*adj*) city, civic, urban, public, civil, national, town, metropolitan, domestic, executive, community. ANTONYM: (*adj*) private.
mutual: (*adj*) common, communal, joint, bilateral, collective, public,

united, concerted, shared, alternate; (*adv*) mutually. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) individual, unilateral, private, solitary.
printing: (*n*) print, impression, issue, edition, press, letterpress, type, imprint, typography, publication, mackle.
puts: (*n*) stocks, securities, preferred stock, common stock, bonds.
yourselves: (*pron*) themselves, myself, herself.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

A letter? From whom?

PETRA [looking in her **coat** pocket]. The postman gave it to me just as I was going out.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN [getting up and going to her]. And you only give to me now!

PETRA.

I really had not time to run up again. There it is!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN [seizing the letter]. Let's see, let's see, child! [Looks at the address.] Yes, that's all right!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Is it the one you have been **expecting** go **anxiously**, Thomas?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, it is. I must go to my room now and-- Where shall I get a light, Katherine? Is there no **lamp** in my room again?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, your lamp is already lit on your desk.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Good, good. **Excuse** me for a moment--, [Goes into his study.]

PETRA.

What do you suppose it is, mother?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

I don't know; for the last day or two he has always been asking if the postman has not been,

BILLING.

Probably some country patient.

PETRA.

Poor old dad!--he will **overwork** himself soon. [Mixes a glass for herself.] There, that will **taste** good!

Thesaurus

anxiously: (*adv*) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly.
coat: (*v*) cloak, blanket; (*n, v*) sheath, plaster; (*n*) coating, fur, film, crust, jacket, layer, bark. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) reveal, expose.

excuse: (*n, v*) pardon, palliate; (*v*) absolve, exculpate, condone, acquit, justify, forgive; (*n*) alibi, pretext, evasion. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) blame, accuse, chide, discipline, include, reprimand, castigate; (*n*) accusation.
expecting: (*adj*) pregnant, confident, with child, heavy, hopeful; (*n*) family way.
lamp: (*n*) light, lantern, beacon, headlight, flashbulb, flashgun, table lamp, oil lamp, storm lantern; (*n, v*)

look; (*v*) behold.
overwork: (*v*) exhaust, tax, strain, overtax, exploit, overlabor, drive, wear, abuse; (*adj*) overtime; (*n*) overworking.
taste: (*n, v*) relish, sample, smack, touch; (*n*) flavor, liking, penchant, morsel, bit, drop, fondness. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) dislike, tastelessness, disinclination, hate, lot, coarseness, uncouthness; (*v*) abstain, refrain.

HOVSTAD.

Have you been **teaching** in the evening school again today?

PETRA [sipping from her glass]. Two hours.

BILLING.

And four hours of school in the morning?

PETRA.

Five hours.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

And you have still got **exercises** to correct, I see.

PETRA.

A whole **heap**, yes.

HORSTER. You are pretty full up with work too, it seems to me.

PETRA.

Yes--but that is good. One is so **delightfully** tired after it.

BILLING.

Do you like that?

PETRA.

Yes, because one sleeps so well then.

MORTEN.

You must be **dreadfully wicked**, Petra.

PETRA.

Wicked?

MORTEN.

Yes, because you work so much. Mr. Rorlund says work is a punishment for our sins.

EJLIF.

Pooh, what a **duffer**, you are, to believe a thing like that!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Come, come, Ejlif!

Thesaurus

delightfully: (*adv*) pleasantly, enchantingly, exquisitely, gladly, charmingly, finely, sweetly, deliciously, beautifully, merrily; (*adv, v*) happily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unattractively, horribly, disagreeably.
dreadfully: (*adj, adv*) frightfully, shockingly; (*adv*) fearfully, appallingly, hideously, horrendously, horribly, atrociously, ghastly, tremendously, horridly.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly,

wonderfully, happily, hardly, superbly, well.
duffer: (*n*) dunce, lubber, blockhead, stick, bungler, fathead, marplot, fence, fumbler, receiver of stolen goods, duffer.
exercises: (*n*) military exercises, athletics.
heap: (*n, v*) pile, aggregate, amass; (*n*) collection, accumulation, mound, mass, group, lot; (*v*) bank, collect.
 ANTONYM: (*v*) tidy.

teaching: (*n*) education, instruction, indoctrination, precept, pedagogy, schooling, doctrine, training, lesson, advice, tuition.
wicked: (*adj*) bad, sinful, atrocious, evil, vile, depraved, mischievous, immoral, unholy, nasty, naughty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) innocent, pure, pious, moral, kind, admirable, kindhearted, helpful, decent, assisting, aiding.

BILLING [laughing]. That's capital!

HOVSTAD.

Don't you want to work as hard as that, Morten?

MORTEN.

No, indeed I don't.

HOVSTAD.

What do you want to be, then?

MORTEN.

I should like best to be a Viking,

EJLIF.

You would have to be a **pagan** then.

MORTEN.

Well, I could become a pagan, couldn't I?

BILLING.

I **agree** with you, Morten! My **sentiments**, exactly.

MRS.

STOCKMANN [signalling to him]. I am sure that is not true, Mr. Billing.

BILLING.

Yes, I **swear** it is! I am a pagan, and I am **proud** of it. Believe me, before long we **shall** all be pagans.

MORTEN.

And then shall be allowed to do anything we like?

BILLING.

Well, you'll see, Morten.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

You must go to your room now, boys; I am sure you have some **lessons** to **learn** for **tomorrow**.

EJLIF.

I should like so much to stay a little longer--

Thesaurus

agree: (*v*) admit, acknowledge, acquiesce, adjust, concord, bargain, suit, accede, harmonize, fit; (*n, v*) coincide. ANTONYMS: (*v*) oppose, differ, argue, refuse, object, refute, conflict, fight, dispute, decline, contend.

learn: (*v*) get, find, ascertain, hear, find out, have, determine, con, acquire, tell; (*n, v*) know. ANTONYM: (*v*) reject.

lessons: (*n*) classes, coaching, tuition,

schoolwork, revision, learning, education, training.

pagan: (*adj, n*) gentle, ethnic, agnostic; (*n*) idolater, infidel, paynim, heretic; (*adj*) heathenish, irreligious, ethnical, profane.

proud: (*adj*) lofty, disdainful, haughty, exalted, egotistical, gallant, pompous, lordly, majestic, overbearing; (*adj, v*) dignified. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) humble, modest, ashamed, embarrassed, sorrowful,

disappointed, miserable.

sentiments: (*n*) breast.

shall: (*n*) must, necessity; (*v*) require, bequeath, leave.

swear: (*v*) declare, assure, assert, affirm, curse, pledge; (*n, v*) promise, avow, depone, depose, aver. ANTONYMS: (*v*) distrust, refute, deny, compliment.

tomorrow: (*adv*) kal, never; (*n*) solar day, mean solar day, time to come, day.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

No, no; away you go, both of you, [The boys say good night and go into the room on the left.]

HOVSTAD.

Do you really think it can do the boys any **harm** to hear such things?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

I don't know; but I don't like it.

PETRA.

But you know, mother, I think you really are wrong about it.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Maybe, but I don't like it--not in our own home.

PETRA.

There is so much **falsehood** both at home and at school. At home one must not **speak**, and at school we have to stand and tell lies to the children.

HORSTER.

Tell lies?

PETRA.

Yes, don't you suppose we have to **teach** them all **sorts** of things that we don't believe?

BILLING.

That is perfectly true.

PETRA.

If only I had the means, I would start a school of my own; and it would be **conducted** on very different lines.

BILLING.

Oh, **bother** the means--!

HORSTER.

Well if you are thinking of that, Miss Stockmann, I shall be **delighted** to

Thesaurus

bother: (*n, v*) trouble, torment, worry, hassle, pain; (*adj, n, v*) fuss, bore; (*v*) vex, annoy, irritate; (*n*) nuisance.

ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) delight; (*v*) soothe, please, help, aid, comfort, placate, encourage, defend; (*n*) accord, satisfaction.

conducted: (*adj*) directed, guided.

delighted: (*adj*) glad, cheerful, blissful, jubilant, happy, overjoyed, joyful, captivated, pleasant; (*adj, v*) pleased, elated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shocked,

unhappy, sorrowful, depressed, melancholy, miserable, desolate, sorry, sad, down.

falsehood: (*n*) fable, fabrication, deception, untruth, lie, fib, fiction, invention, dishonesty; (*adj, n*) deceit, falsity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fact, honesty, reality.

harm: (*adj, n, v*) damage, hurt; (*adj, n*) evil, detriment, injury; (*n, v*) abuse, wound, blemish, disadvantage; (*n*) bruise; (*adj, v*) injure. ANTONYMS:

(*n, v*) benefit, respect, help; (*n*)

reparation, service; (*v*) enable, spoil, protect, defend, repair.

sorts: (*n*) varieties, sorting, running pi, batter.

speak: (*adj, v*) pronounce, utter; (*v*) converse, say, deliver, articulate, recite, talk, discourse, lecture; (*n*) language.

teach: (*v*) enlighten, educate, instruct, coach, indoctrinate, drill, learn, lecture, school; (*adj, v*) guide, show.

provide you with a **schoolroom**. The great big old house my father left me is standing almost empty; there is an **immense** dining-room downstairs--

PETRA.

[laughing] Thank you very much; but I am afraid nothing will come of it.

HOVSTAD.

No, Miss Petra is much more likely to take to **journalism**, I expect. By the way, have you had time to do anything with that English story you promised to **translate** for us?

PETRA.

No, not yet, but you shall have it in good time.

[DR. STOCKMANN comes in from his room with an open letter in his hand.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[waving the letter] Well, now the town will have something new to talk about, I can tell you!

BILLING.

Something new?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

What is this?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

A great discovery, Katherine.

HOVSTAD.

Really?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

A discovery of yours?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

A discovery of mine. [Walks up and down.] Just let them come saying, as usual, that it is all **fancy** and a **crazy** man's **imagination**! But they will be careful what they say this time, I can tell you!

Thesaurus

crazy: (*adj*) wild, mad, brainsick, absurd, eccentric, silly, wacky, cracked, crazed, demented; (*adj, n*) madcap. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, sane, rational, indifferent, stable, reasonable, realistic, balanced, levelheaded, cool, calm.

fancy: (*n, v*) desire, fantasy, caprice, dream, wish, daydream; (*v*) imagine, consider; (*adj, v*) conceive; (*n*) conception, conceit. ANTONYMS: (*n*) reality, certainty, actuality,

conviction; (*adj*) unadorned, common; (*v*) hate, demonstrate, detest, disapprove, test.

imagination: (*n*) vision, fancy, image, dream, conceit, imagery, originality, invention, resource, reflection, phantasy.

immense: (*adj*) vast, enormous, great, gigantic, immeasurable, colossal, boundless, big, large, giant, infinity. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tiny, small, insignificant, miniature, slight,

negligible, compact, narrow, short, minor.

journalism: (*n*) press, essayist, author, fourth estate, profession, correspondent, news media, litterateur, literature, tabloid, text.

schoolroom: (*n*) nursery, class, lecture room, room.

translate: (*v*) construe, transform, decipher, explain, render, read, convert, define, turn, understand, alter. ANTONYM: (*v*) stagnate.

PETRA.

But, father, tell us what it is.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, yes--only give me time, and you shall know all about it. If only I had Peter here now! It just shows how we men can go about **forming** our judgments, when in reality we are as blind as any moles--

HOVSTAD.

What are you **driving** at, Doctor?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN [standing still by the table]. Isn't it the universal opinion that our town is a healthy spot?

HOVSTAD.

Certainly.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Quite an **unusually** healthy spot, in fact--a place that deserves to be **recommended** in the warmest possible manner either for invalids or for people who are well--

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, but my dear Thomas--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And we have been **recommending** it and **praising** it-- I have written and written, both in the "Messenger" and in pamphlets...

HOVSTAD.

Well, what then?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And the Baths--we have called them the "main **artery** of the town's life-blood," the "nerve-centre of our town," and the devil knows what else--

BILLING.

"The town's **pulsating** heart" was the expression I once used on an important occasion.

Thesaurus

artery: (*n*) aorta, corridor, road, tendon, thoroughfare, celiac axis, Pipe-stem arteries, arteria, aisle, arteriola, arteriole.
driving: (*adj*) energetic, impulsive, enterprising, pushing, vigorous; (*n*) drive, travel, drove, direction, motoring, push. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lethargic, weak, light.
forming: (*n*) shaping, form, form turning, organization, construction, molding, conformation, synthesis; (*v*)

create, constitute; (*adj*) constituent.
praising: (*adj*) praiseful, commending, praise, flattering, admiring, kind, complimentary, bestowing praise, eulogistic, commendatory, encomiastical.
pulsating: (*adj*) vibrant, beating, vivacious, resonant, rhythmical, rhythmic, animated, exciting, lively, pulsatile, pulsing. ANTONYM: (*adj*) listless.
recommended: (*adj*) registered,

advisable, favored, not compulsory, optional, required.
recommending: (*adj*) recommendatory, commendatory.
unusually: (*adj, adv*) uncommonly, particularly, outstandingly, remarkably, singularly, curiously; (*adv*) rarely, peculiarly, extraordinarily, signally, abnormally. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) usually, regularly, typically, frequently, slightly, commonly, ordinarily.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Quite so. Well, do you know what they really are, these great, splendid, much **praised** Baths, that have cost so much money--do you know what they are?

HOVSTAD.

No, what are they?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, what are they?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

The whole place is a pest-house!

PETRA.

The Baths, father?

MRS.

STOCKMANN [at the same time], Our Baths?

HOVSTAD.

But, Doctor--

BILLING.

Absolutely incredible!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

The whole Bath establishment is a whited, **poisoned sepulchre**, I tell you--the gravest possible danger to the public health! All the **nastiness** up at Molledal, all that **stinking filth**, is infecting the water in the conduit-pipes leading to the **reservoir**; and the same **cursed**, filthy poison oozes out on the shore too--

HORSTER.

Where the bathing-place is?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Just there.

HOVSTAD.

How do you come to be so certain of all this, Doctor?

Thesaurus

cursed: (*adj*) damned, doomed, execrable, cussed, wretched, unlucky, accursed, blamed, blasted, confounded; (*v*) accrue.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) commendable, honorable, nice, sweet, kine.
filth: (*n*) grime, garbage, foulness, impurity, soil, blot, stain, nastiness, squalor, uncleanliness; (*adj*) impure.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) cleanliness, luxury, loveliness.
nastiness: (*n*) filthiness, foulness,

meanness, spite, malice, beastliness, dirt, dirtiness, indecency, bitchiness; (*adj, n*) unpleasantness. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) amiability, niceness, goodwill, generosity, decency, charity, pleasantness, politeness, friendliness.
poisoned: (*adj, v*) tainted; (*v*) peccant, morbid, tabid; (*adj*) venenated, made virulent, rabid, resentful, sour, mangy, leprous.
praised: (*adj*) be-puffed, popular, renowned.

reservoir: (*n*) fountain, well, store, pool, lake, repository, receptacle, basin, repertory, bank, supply.
sepulchre: (*n*) mausoleum, burial, monument, repository, crypt, sepulture, burial chamber, tomb, bier; (*v*) inter, bury.
stinking: (*adj*) malodorous, putrid, fetid, foul, smelly, loathsome, noisome, odorous, disgusting, funky, lousy. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) fragrant, clean, fresh.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I have **investigated** the matter most **conscientiously**. For a long time past I have suspected something of the kind. Last year we had some very strange cases of illness among the **visitors**--typhoid cases, and cases of gastric fever--

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, that is quite true.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

At the time, we supposed the visitors had been **infected** before they came; but later on, in the winter, I began to have a different opinion; and so I set myself to examine the water, as well as I could.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Then that is what you have been so busy with?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Indeed I have been busy, Katherine. But here I had none of the necessary scientific **apparatus**; so I sent samples, both of the drinking-water and of the sea-water, up to the University, to have an accurate analysis made by a **chemist**.

HOVSTAD.

And have you got that?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[showing him the letter] Here it is! It proves the presence of **decomposing** organic matter in the water--it is full of infusoria. The water is absolutely dangerous to use, either **internally** or **externally**.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

What a mercy you discovered it in time.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You may well say so.

HOVSTAD.

And what do you propose to do now, Doctor?

Thesaurus

apparatus: (*n*) appliance, device, tackle, implement, plant, equipment, system, set, machine, organ, gear.

chemist: (*n*) pharmacist, druggist, pharmacy, pharmacist, drug store, pharmacoplist, scientist, pharmaceutical chemist, dispensing chemist, pharmacologist, carver.

conscientiously: (*adv*) carefully, thoroughly, painstakingly, faithfully, religiously, meticulously, dutifully, assiduously, closely, diligently,

industriously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) irresponsibly, hastily.

decomposing: (*adj*) moldering, rotting, decompose, decomposition, rancid, decaying, crumbling, putrefying, mouldering, moldy, decomposed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) fresh.

externally: (*adv*) superficially, exteriorly, outsidely, outerly, without, foreignly, extrinsically, surfacely, extraneously, peripherally, outlyingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*)

internally.

infected: (*adj*) diseased, dirty, impure, tainted, festering, corrupt, unclean, morbid, stained, spoiled, soiled.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) healthy.

internally: (*adv*) innerly, intrinsically, inwardly, nationally, intimately, insidely, within, locally, essentially, privately, really. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) outwardly, outside, internationally.

investigated: (*adj*) studied.

visitors: (*n*) visitation.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

To see the matter put right, naturally.

HOVSTAD.

Can that be done?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

It must be done. Otherwise the Baths will be absolutely **useless** and **wasted**. But we need not **anticipate** that; I have a very clear idea what we shall have to do.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But why have you kept this all so secret, dear?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Do you suppose I was going to run about the town **gossiping** about it, before I had absolute proof? No, thank you. I am not such a fool.

PETRA.

Still, you might have told us--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Not a living soul. But tomorrow you may run around to the old Badger--

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Oh, Thomas! Thomas!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, to your grandfather, then. The old boy will have something to be **astonished** at! I know he thinks I am cracked--and there are lots of other people who think so too, I have noticed. But now these good **folks** shall see--they shall just see! [Walks about, **rubbing** his hands.] There will be a nice upset in the town, Katherine; you can't imagine what it will be. All the conduit-pipes will have to be relaid.

HOVSTAD.

[getting up] All the conduit-pipes--?

Thesaurus

anticipate: (*v*) expect, foretell, think, forecast, forestall, calculate, estimate, predict, prevent, presume, guess.

ANTONYM: (*v*) doubt.

astonished: (*adj*) astonish, dumbfounded, flabbergasted,

stunned, aghast, bewildered,

astounded, taken aback,

thunderstruck, astounded; (*v*) amaze.

folks: (*n*) people, folk, tribe, relations, household, house, relatives, relative, kindred, lineage, kin.

gossiping: (*adj*) gabby, garrulous, scandalous; (*n*) gossipmongering.

rubbing: (*n*) friction, abrasion, grinding, detrition, rub, grip, resistance, chafe, sweat, travail, massage. ANTONYM: (*n*) smoothness.

useless: (*adj*) pointless, unnecessary, needless, worthless, fruitless, hopeless, abortive, idle, barren, superfluous, unavailing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) helpful, effective,

competent, convenient, valuable, necessary, brilliant, great, meaningful, usable, worthwhile.

wasted: (*adj, v*) squandered, rotten, decayed, effete; (*adj*) thin, cadaverous, emaciated, gaunt, devastated, pointless, haggard. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bloated, hypertrophied, strong, plump, obese, fruitful, useful.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, of course. The **intake** is too low down; it will have to be lifted to a position much higher up.

PETRA.

Then you were right after all.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Ah, you remember, Petra--I wrote **opposing** the plans before the work was **begun**. But at that time no one would listen to me. Well, I am going to let them have it now. Of course I have prepared a report for the Baths Committee; I have had it ready for a week, and was only waiting for this to come. [Shows the letter.] Now it shall go off at once. [Goes into his room and comes back with some papers.] Look at that! Four closely written sheets!--and the letter shall go with them. Give me a bit of paper, Katherine--something to **wrap** them up in. That will do! Now give it to-to-[stamps his foot]--what the deuce is her name? --give it to the **maid**, and tell her to take it at once to the Mayor.

[MRS. STOCKMANN takes the **packet** and goes out through the dining-room.]

PETRA.

What do you think Uncle Peter will say, father?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What is there for him to say? I should think he would be very glad that such an important truth has been brought to light.

HOVSTAD.

Will you let me print a short note about your discovery in the "Messenger?"

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I shall be very much **obliged** if you will.

HOVSTAD.

It is very **desirable** that the public should be informed of it without delay.

Thesaurus

begun: (*adj*) present.

desirable: (*adj*) eligible, suitable, fitting, worthy, expedient, appropriate, alluring, charming, covetable, good, fascinating.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) repulsive, bad, detrimental, disadvantageous, disgusting, repugnant, repellent, unattractive, unenviable, unwanted, useless.

intake: (*n*) absorption, ingestion, eating, drinking, imbibition, suck,

sucking, suction, inlet, uptake, drink.

maid: (*n*) damsel, chambermaid, lass, lassie, girl, domestic, amah, virgin, maiden, housemaid, handmaid.

obliged: (*adj*) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable, compelled; (*adj, v*) bound, under obligation; (*adj, prep*) indebted; (*v*) oblige, binding. ANTONYM: (*adj*) ungrateful.

opposing: (*adj*) conflicting, antagonistic, opponent, contrary,

adverse, hostile, antithetical, anti, contradictory, rival; (*prep*) against.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) compatible, consistent, allied, accepting.

packet: (*n*) bundle, bale, container, parcel, pack, wad, carton, mail boat, wrap, deck, envelope.

wrap: (*v*) envelop, cover, roll, wind, shroud, enfold, enclose, drape; (*n, v*) cloak, swathe; (*n*) wrapping.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) uncover, undo, unwind, expose, reveal.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Certainly.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[coming back] She has just gone with it.

BILLING.

Upon my soul, Doctor, you are going to be the **foremost** man in the town!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[walking about **happily**] Nonsense! As a matter of fact I have done nothing more than my duty. I have only made a lucky find--that's all. Still, all the same...

BILLING.

Hovstad, don't you think the town **ought** to give Dr. Stockmann some sort of **testimonial**?

HOVSTAD.

I will suggest it, anyway.

BILLING.

And I will speak to Aslaksen about it.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

No, my good friends, don't let us have any of that **nonsense**. I won't hear anything of the kind. And if the Baths Committee should think of **voting** me an increase of **salary**, I will not accept it. Do you hear, Katherine?--I won't accept it.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

You are quite right, Thomas.

PETRA.

[lifting her glass] Your health, father!

HOVSTAD and BILLING.

Your health, Doctor! Good health!

Thesaurus

foremost: (*adj, adv, v*) first; (*adj, n*) chief, capital, leading, cardinal, principal, main; (*adj*) best, front, central, top. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) last, insignificant, inferior, worst, secondary.

happily: (*adv*) fortunately, joyously, joyfully, merrily, luckily, gladly, blissfully, cheerfully, felicitously, providentially, successfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) miserably, unhappily, sadly, unfortunately,

unsuccessfully, reluctantly, gloomily, discontentedly, despondently, negatively, grudgingly.

nonsense: (*n*) bosh, absurdity, humbug, balderdash, foolishness, drivel, folderol, baloney, falderal, jargon, claptrap. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sense, wisdom, substance, fact.

ought: (*n, v*) need; (*v*) had better, should, have, possessed, owned, owed, behoove; (*n*) aught, zero, duty.

salary: (*n*) pay, earnings, allowance,

remuneration, fee, income, payment, emolument, gain, compensation, profit.

testimonial: (*n*) testament, evidence, certificate, testimony, commendation, good word, character reference, credential, warrant, diploma, attestation.

voting: (*n*) ballot, balloting, poll, election, suffrage, voter turnout, right to vote, straight ticket, split ticket; (*adj*) electoral, elective.

HORSTER [touches glasses with DR. STOCKMANN]. I hope it will bring you nothing but good luck.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Thank you, thank you, my dear fellows! I feel **tremendously** happy! It is a splendid thing for a man to be able to feel that he has done a service to his **native** town and to his fellow-citizens. **Hurrah**, Katherine! [He puts his arms round her and whirls her round and round, while she protests with **laughing** cries. They all laugh, **clap** their hands, and **cheer** the DOCTOR. The boys put their heads in at the door to see what is going on.]

Thesaurus

cheer: (*v*) animate, applaud, amuse, hearten, inspire, lighten; (*n, v*) comfort, delight, cry; (*adj, v*) embolden; (*n*) consolation.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) sadness, boo, uncheerfulness, hiss, pessimism, raspberry; (*v*) depress, discourage, dissuade, complain, jeer.

clap: (*n, v*) blast, boom, slam, rumble; (*n*) applause, clapping, gonorrhoea, smash; (*v*) acclaim, applaud, hit. ANTONYMS: (*v*) hiss, jeer.

hurrah: (*int, n*) hooray; (*n*) huzza, cry, controversy, fervor, passion, praise; (*int*) congratulations, bravo; (*v*) come; (*adv*) cheerfully.

laughing: (*adj*) merry, smiling, laughable, jolly, gay, lighthearted, frolicsome, playful, pleased, dizzy; (*adv*) laughingly. ANTONYM: (*adj*) serious.

native: (*adj, n*) aboriginal, natural; (*adj*) inherent, inborn, innate, congenital, inbred, indigenous, domestic; (*n*)

autochthon, aborigine. ANTONYMS: (*n*) stranger, migrant, foreigner; (*adj*) foreign, learned, acquired, nonnative, overseas, adopted; (*adj, n*) immigrant, imported.

tremendously: (*adv*) hugely, awfully, greatly, terrifically, wonderfully, immensely, marvelously, vastly, dreadfully, excellently; (*adj, adv*) severely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) insignificantly, somewhat, hardly, abysmally.

ACT II

[SCENE,--The same. The door into the dining room is **shut**. It is morning. MRS. STOCKMANN, with a **sealed** letter in her hand, comes in from the dining room, goes to the door of the DOCTOR'S study, and peeps in.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Are you in, Thomas?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[from within his room] Yes, I have just come in. [Comes into the room.] What is it?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

A letter from your brother.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Aha, let us see! [Opens the letter and reads:] "I return **herewith** the **manuscript** you sent me" [reads on in a low **murmur**] H'm!--

MRS. STOCKMANN.

What does he say?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[putting the **papers** in his **pocket**] Oh, he only writes that he will come up here himself about **midday**.

Thesaurus

herewith: (*adv*) therewith, this, now, enclosed, wherewith.

manuscript: (*n, v*) writing; (*n*) book, handwriting, record, copy, text, document, Ms, holograph, transcript, palimpsest.

midday: (*n*) noon, noonday, noontide, afternoon, twelve noon, hour; (*adj*) meridian, meridional; (*adj, n*) culmination.

murmur: (*n, v*) grumble, mumble, hum, whisper, mutter, whine, babble,

drone; (*v*) complain, bubble, breathe.

papers: (*n*) paper, documents, document, credentials, identification, newspaper, credential, inclosure, copyright, confession, charter.

pocket: (*v*) take, appropriate, steal, lift, catch; (*n, v*) sack, pouch; (*n*) cavity, hole, hollow; (*adj*) digest. ANTONYM: (*v*) return.

sealed: (*adj*) hermetic, tight, certain, plastered, Solen, shut, impervious, irrevocable, tighter, still, preserved.

shut: (*v*) seal, bar, fasten, obstruct, lock, exclude; (*adj*) closed, cut; (*n*) shutting, end, finish. ANTONYMS: (*v*) admit, undo.

thomas: (*n*) Aquinas, Dylan Thomas, Lowell Thomas, doubting Thomas, Norman Thomas, Saint Thomas, saint Thomas Aquinas, St Thomas, St Thomas Aquinas, Thomas the doubting apostle, Lowell Jackson Thomas.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Well, try and remember to be at home this time.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

That will be all right; I have got through all my morning visits.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

I am extremely curious to know how he takes it.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You will see he won't like it's having been I, and not he, that made the **discovery**.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Aren't you a little **nervous** about that?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oh, he really will be **pleased** enough, you know. But, at the same time, Peter is so **confoundedly** afraid of anyone's doing any service to the town except himself.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

I will tell you what, Thomas--you should be good natured, and share the credit of this with him. Couldn't you make out that it was he who set you on the **scent** of this discovery?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I am quite willing. If only I can get the thing set right. I--

[MORTEN KIIL puts his head in through the door leading from the hall, looks around in an **enquiring manner**, and chuckles.]

MORTEN KIIL.

[slyly] Is it--is it true?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[going to the door]. Father!--is it you?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Ah, Mr. Kiil--good morning, good morning!

Thesaurus

confoundedly: (*adj*) tremendously, severely, desperately, with a vengeance; (*adv*) confusedly, accursedly, abashedly, bewilderedly, cursedly, puzzledly, extremely.
discovery: (*n*) detection, disclosure, breakthrough, finding, revelation, catching, revealing, invention, find, development, exploration.
enquiring: (*v*) inquire, enquire; (*adv*) enquiringly.
manner: (*adj, n*) kind; (*n*) bearing,

demeanor, method, form, appearance, carriage, way; (*n, v*) custom, style, habit.
nervous: (*adj*) anxious, excitable, afraid, uneasy, shy, fearful, apprehensive, firm; (*adj, v*) tense; (*adj, adv*) cowardly, excited. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) brave, relaxed, bold, composed, confident, fearless, untroubled, unflappable, still, unconcerned, carefree.
pleased: (*adj*) contented, glad,

delighted, content, joyful, thankful, gratified, appreciative, overjoyed, cheerful; (*adj, v*) elated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhappy, annoyed, angry, worried, ashamed, disappointed, frustrated, sad, unsatisfied, ungrateful, uncomplimentary.
scent: (*n, v*) fragrance, smell, odor, essence, nose; (*n*) aroma, bouquet, redolence, odour; (*adj, n*) savor, flavor. ANTONYMS: (*n*) stench, stink.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But come along in.

MORTEN KIIL.

If it is true, I will; if not, I am off.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

If what is true?

MORTEN KIIL.

This **tale** about the water **supply**, is it true?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Certainly it is true, but how did you come to hear it?

MORTEN KIIL.

[coming in] Petra ran in on her way to the school--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Did she?

MORTEN KIIL.

Yes; and she declares that--I thought she was only making a **fool** of me--but it isn't like Petra to do that.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Of course not. How could you **imagine** such a thing!

MORTEN KIIL.

Oh well, it is better never to **trust anybody**; you may find you have been made a fool of before you know where you are. But it is really true, all the same?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You can **depend** upon it that it is true. Won't you sit down? [Settles him on the couch.] Isn't it a real bit of **luck** for the town-

MORTEN KIIL.

[suppressing his laughter]. A bit of luck for the town?

Thesaurus

anybody: (*adv*) any, each; (*n, pron*) any person, a person; (*n*) everyone, somebody, nobody, everybody, someone; (*pron*) whoever.

depend: (*adj, v*) hang; (*v*) dangle, count, rely, stay, reckon, confide, suspend, calculate, attend, pivot. ANTONYM: (*v*) distrust.

fool: (*n*) blockhead, dunce, clown, idiot, ass, booby, buffoon; (*v*) deceive, bamboozle; (*n, v*) joke, gull. ANTONYM: (*n*) savant.

imagine: (*v*) believe, conjecture, fancy, conceive, daydream, assume, guess, consider, fantasize; (*conj, v*) suppose; (*n, v*) dream.

luck: (*n*) fortune, fate, accident, destiny, hazard, lot, advantage, providence, portion, happiness; (*n, v*) chance. ANTONYM: (*n*) design.

supply: (*n, v*) furnish, stock, afford, store; (*v*) fill, feed, provide, offer, produce, satisfy; (*n*) purveyance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) requisition, recall,

refuse, withhold, take, buy; (*n*) lack.

tale: (*n*) account, narrative, narration, recital, fib, fable, report, fiction, lie, relation, yarn. ANTONYM: (*n*) fact.

trust: (*n, v*) credit, rely, hope; (*n*) confidence, faith, reliance, belief, cartel, assurance; (*v*) believe, confide. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) distrust, doubt, mistrust; (*v*) disbelieve, keep, hold, despair; (*n*) disbelief, suspicion, independence.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, that I made the discovery in good time.

MORTEN KIIL.

[as before] Yes, yes, Yes!--But I should never have thought you the sort of man to pull your own brother's leg like this!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Pull his leg!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Really, father dear--

MORTEN KIIL.

[resting his hands and his **chin** on the **handle** of his stick and **winking slyly** at the DOCTOR] Let me see, what was the story? Some kind of **beast** that had got into the water-pipes, wasn't it?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Infusoria--yes.

MORTEN KIIL.

And a lot of these **beasts** had got in, **according** to Petra--a tremendous lot.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Certainly; hundreds of thousands of them, probably.

MORTEN KIIL.

But no one can see them--isn't that so?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes; you can't see them,

MORTEN KIIL.

[with a quiet **chuckle**] Damn--it's the **finest** story I have ever heard!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What do you mean?

MORTEN KIIL.

But you will never get the Mayor to believe a thing like that.

Thesaurus

according: (*adj*) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (*adv*) correspondingly, accordingly.
beast: (*n*) animal, monster, swine, fiend, creature, scavenger, savage, critter, animate being, barbarian; (*adj*) bear. ANTONYM: (*n*) man.
beasts: (*n*) stock.
chin: (*n*) jaw, Kuki, jawbone, lineament, rap, jowl; (*v*) elevate,

speak, chin up, confer, bring up.
chuckle: (*n, v*) snicker, snigger, giggle, chortle, titter, crow; (*v*) chuck, laugh, cackle, exult; (*n*) laughter.
finest: (*adj, n*) elite; (*adj*) top, select, excellent, most favorable, most excellent, most advantageous, exclusive, classic, best possible; (*n*) cream.
handle: (*n, v*) conduct, administer; (*v*) feel, wield, deal, treat, touch, control, manipulate, direct; (*n*) clutch.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) blade, head; (*v*) mishandle, bungle, conceal, crumble, avoid.
slyly: (*adv*) craftily, artfully, secretly, furtively, slyly, cleverly, surreptitiously, astutely, foxily, knavishly, sly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) brazenly.
winking: (*n*) twinkling, wink, blink, New York minute, jiffy, instant, nictation, nictitation, trice, blink of an eye; (*adj*) pink ribbons.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

We shall see.

MORTEN KIIL.

Do you think he will be fool enough to--?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I hope the whole town will be fools enough.

MORTEN KIIL.

The whole town! Well, it wouldn't be a bad thing. It would just serve them right, and teach them a **lesson**. They think themselves so much cleverer than we old fellows. They hounded me out of the council; they did, I tell you--they hounded me out. Now they shall pay for it. You **pull** their legs too, Thomas!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Really, I--

MORTEN KIIL.

You pull their legs! [Gets up.] If you can work it so that the Mayor and his friends all **swallow** the same **bait**, I will give ten pounds to a **charity**--like a shot!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

That is very kind of you.

MORTEN KIIL.

Yes, I haven't got much money to **throw** away, I can tell you; but, if you can work this, I will give five pounds to a charity at Christmas.

[HOVSTAD comes in by the hall door.]

HOVSTAD.

Good morning! [Stops.] Oh, I beg your **pardon**

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Not at all; come in.

MORTEN KIIL.

[with another chuckle] Oho!--is he in this too?

Thesaurus

bait: (*v*) badger, tease; (*adj, v*) molest, harass, harry; (*n, v*) lure, bribe; (*n*) decoy, snare, temptation, attraction.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) repel, repulse, pacify, mollify, please.

charity: (*n*) dole, favor, aid, liberality, generosity, kindness, alms, mercy, virtue; (*v*) almsgiving; (*adj, n*) brotherly love. ANTONYMS: (*n*) intolerance, meanness, unkindness, cruelty, malice, stinginess, cheapness, nastiness, inhumanity.

lesson: (*n*) example, education, instruction, class, learning, sermon, recitation, task, study, message; (*n, v*) rebuke.

pardon: (*v*) excuse, condone, forgive, acquit, spare; (*n*) amnesty, forgiveness, grace; (*adj, v*) justify, exonerate, exculpate. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) blame; (*v*) punish, castigate, condemn, convict; (*n*) intolerance.

pull: (*n, v*) draw, drag, pluck, tug, wrench, jerk; (*v*) draught, haul,

attract, pick; (*n*) attraction.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) repel, shove, leave; (*n*) repulsion, repulsiveness.

swallow: (*n, v*) drink, gulp, taste, sip, swig; (*v*) bolt, consume, devour, accept, stomach, endure.

ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) sip; (*v*) doubt, expel, disbelieve, reject, express.

throw: (*n, v*) cast, pitch, push; (*v*) shed, hurl, heave, chuck, flip, pass, hurtle; (*n*) shot. ANTONYMS: (*v*) explain, help, receive, clarify, encourage.

HOVSTAD.

What do you mean?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Certainly he is.

MORTEN KIIL.

I might have known it! It must get into the papers. You know how to do it, Thomas! Set your **wits** to work. Now I must go.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Won't you stay a little while?

MORTEN KIIL.

No, I must be off now. You keep up this game for all it is worth; you won't **repent** it, I'm **damned** if you will!

[He goes out; MRS. STOCKMANN follows him into the hall.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[laughing] Just imagine--the old **chap** doesn't believe a word of all this about the water supply.

HOVSTAD.

Oh that was it, then?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, that was what we were talking about. Perhaps it is the same thing that brings you here?

HOVSTAD.

Yes, it is, Can you **spare** me a few minutes, Doctor?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

As long as you like, my **dear fellow**.

HOVSTAD.

Have you heard from the Mayor yet?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Not yet. He is coming here later.

Thesaurus

chap: (*n*) fellow, blighter, guy, crevice, cranny, crack, lad, man, scissure, beau, chink.

damned: (*adj*) accursed, doomed, blasted, condemned, damn, cussed, wretched, infernal, hateful, goddamned; (*adv*) damnably.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) saved.

dear: (*adj, adv*) close, near; (*adj, n*) darling; (*adj*) costly, expensive, lovely, precious, affectionate, adorable, cherished; (*n*) love.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) worthless, inexpensive, valueless, despised, modest, loathed, hateful, distant; (*n*) rival, foe, enemy.

fellow: (*adj, n*) comrade, associate; (*n*) boy, equal, brother, peer, chap, colleague, compeer, buddy; (*adj, n, v*) concomitant. ANTONYMS: (*n*) female, woman, girl, foe, enemy, antagonist, competitor.

repent: (*v*) deplore, bewail, rue, mourn, lament, atone, sorry, bemoan,

feel remorse, grieve, be sorry.

spare: (*adj, v*) free, reserve, save, thin; (*adj*) slender, slight, additional, lean; (*adj, n*) extra, excess; (*v*) exempt.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) shortfall, original; (*adj*) principal, fat, basic, abundant, stout; (*v*) need, include.

wits: (*n*) intellect, mind, wit, brains, common sense, presence, percipience, observation, mother wit, right mind, judgment.

HOVSTAD.

I have given the matter a great deal of thought since last night.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well?

HOVSTAD.

From your point of view, as a doctor and a man of science, this affair of the water supply is an **isolated** matter. I mean, you do not realise that it involves a great many other things.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

How, do you mean?--Let us sit down, my dear fellow. No, sit here on the couch. [HOVSTAD Sits down on the couch, DR. STOCKMANN On a chair on the other side of the table.] Now then. You mean that--?

HOVSTAD.

You said yesterday that the pollution of the water was due to **impurities** in the soil.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, **unquestionably** it is due to that **poisonous morass** up at Molledal.

HOVSTAD.

Begging your pardon, Doctor, I fancy it is due to quite another morass altogether.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What morass?

HOVSTAD.

The morass that the whole life of our town is built on and is **rotting** in.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What the deuce are you driving at, Hovstad?

HOVSTAD.

The whole of the town's interests have, little by little, got into the hands of a **pack** of officials.

Thesaurus

impurities: (*n*) dross, bastard, scum, cinder.

isolated: (*adj, adv*) apart; (*adj*) separate, deserted, distant, sporadic, separated, solitary, lone, remote, lonely, single. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) common, accessible, widespread, near, nearby, public, regular, populous, connected, cheerful, attached.

morass: (*n*) bog, swamp, quagmire, mire, fen, marish, moss, sump,

sludge, tangle, mud.

pack: (*n, v*) crowd, bundle, bunch, load; (*n*) herd, company, bevy, batch; (*v*) heap, compress, jam.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) unpack, unload, disperse, empty, loosen.

poisonous: (*adj*) toxic, mortal, venomous, noxious, malicious, fatal, baneful, poison, lethal, viperous, mephitic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) harmless, benevolent, edible, kindhearted.

rotting: (*adj*) rotten, decaying, decayed, moldering, mouldering, decomposing, putrid; (*n*) rot, putrefaction, decomposition, deep etching.

unquestionably: (*adv*) certainly, definitely, indubitably, decidedly, indisputably, positively, surely, of course, assuredly, no doubt; (*adj*) doubtless. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) doubtfully, possibly, arguably.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oh, come!--they are not all **officials**.

HOVSTAD.

No, but those that are not officials are at any rate the officials' friends and **adherents**; it is the **wealthy folk**, the old **families** in the town, that have got us entirely in their hands.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, but after all they are men of ability and knowledge.

HOVSTAD.

Did they show any ability or knowledge when they laid the **conduit pipes** where they are now?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

No, of course that was a great piece of **stupidity** on their part. But that is going to be set right now.

HOVSTAD.

Do you think that will be all such plain **sailing**?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Plain sailing or no, it has got to be done, anyway.

HOVSTAD.

Yes, provided the press takes up the question.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I don't think that will be necessary, my dear fellow, I am certain my brother--

HOVSTAD.

Excuse me, doctor; I feel bound to tell you I am **inclined** to take the matter up.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

In the paper?

Thesaurus

adherents: (*n*) followers, following.
conduit: (*n*) canal, channel, aqueduct, tube, duct, watercourse, drain, vas, culvert, dike, ditch.
families: (*n*) family.
folk: (*n*) family, common people, nationality, nation, country, clan, tribe, race, persons, man; (*adj*) popular.
inclined: (*adj, v*) given; (*adj*) prone, willing, oblique, apt, predisposed, ready, minded, likely, liable, bowed.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, horizontal, unbiased, vertical, impervious.
officials: (*n*) administration, bureaucracy.
pipes: (*n*) musette, tubing, tubes, pipe, tube.
sailing: (*adj*) nautical, at sea; (*adj, n*) seafaring; (*n*) departure, glide, gliding, boating, cruise, soaring, going, leaving.
stupidity: (*n*) foolishness, nonsense,

obtuseness, dullness, fatuity, absurdity, stolidity, slowness, denseness, idiocy, imbecility.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) sense, logic, cleverness, shrewdness, wisdom, ability.
wealthy: (*adj, adv*) moneyed; (*adj*) flush, opulent, affluent, prosperous, loaded, substantial, generous, ample, abundant, abounding. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) poor, impoverished, needy.

HOVSTAD.

Yes. When I took over the "People's Messenger" my idea was to break up this ring of **self-opinionated** old fossils who had got hold of all the influence.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But you know you told me yourself what the result had been; you nearly ruined your paper.

HOVSTAD.

Yes, at the time we were obliged to climb down a peg or two, it is quite true--because there was a danger of the whole project of the Baths coming to nothing if they failed us. But now the scheme has been **carried** through, and we can **dispense** with these grand gentlemen.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Dispense with them, yes; but, we owe them a great debt of **gratitude**.

HOVSTAD.

That shall be recognised **ungrudgingly**, But a journalist of my democratic tendencies cannot let such an opportunity as this slip. The **bubble** of official **infallibility** must be pricked. This **superstition** must be destroyed, like any other.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I am whole-heartedly with you in that, Mr. Hovstad; if it is a superstition, away with it!

HOVSTAD.

I should be very reluctant to bring the Mayor into it, because he is your brother. But I am sure you will agree with me that truth should be the first consideration.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

That goes without saying. [With sudden emphasis.] Yes, but--but--

HOVSTAD.

You must not **misjudge** me. I am neither more self- interested nor more ambitious than most men.

Thesaurus

bubble: (*v*) babble, foam, froth, burble, effervesce, seethe, gurgle, fizz; (*n*) blister, bladder, vesicle.

carried: (*adj*) conveyed, imported.

dispense: (*v*) allot, deal, administer, assign, deal out, apportion, dole out, give, issue, diffuse, furnish.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) prohibit, receive, withhold.

gratitude: (*n*) appreciation, thanks, thank, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, appreciativeness,

feeling, appreciate, grateful, thanksgiving, kindness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) ingratitude, ungratefulness.

infallibility: (*n*) inerrability, inerrancy, dependability, reliability, inerrableness, dependableness, infallibleness, truth.

misjudge: (*v*) err, misunderstand, underrate, miscalculate, misconstrue, misthink, underestimate, misread, misinterpret, undervalue,

misapprehend. ANTONYMS: (*v*) underestimate, appreciate, interpret, overestimate, understand.

self-opinionated: (*adj*) overweening, conceited.

superstition: (*n*) superstitious, taboo, religion, old wives' tale, superstitious notion, lore, folklore, fanaticism, fallacy, belief, magic. ANTONYMS: (*n*) science, truth.

ungrudgingly: (*adv*) unsparingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) grudgingly.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

My dear fellow--who suggests anything of the kind?

HOVSTAD.

I am of humble origin, as you know; and that has given me opportunities of knowing what is the most crying need in the humbler **ranks** of life. It is that they should be allowed some part in the direction of public affairs, Doctor. That is what will develop their **faculties** and intelligence and self respect--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I quite appreciate that.

HOVSTAD.

Yes--and in my opinion a journalist incurs a heavy responsibility if he neglects a favourable opportunity of **emancipating** the masses--the humble and oppressed. I know well enough that in **exalted** circles I shall be called an **agitator**, and all that sort of thing; but they may call what they like. If only my conscience doesn't **reproach** me, then--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Quite right! Quite right, Mr. Hovstad. But all the same--devil take it! [A knock is heard at the door.] Come in!

[ASLAKSEN appears at the door. He is poorly but **decently** dressed, in black, with a slightly **crumpled** white **neckcloth**; he wears gloves and has a felt hat in his hand.]

ASLAKSEN.

[bowing] Excuse my taking the liberty, Doctor--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[getting up] Ah, it is you, Aslaksen!

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, Doctor.

HOVSTAD.

[standing up] Is it me you want, Aslaksen?

Thesaurus

agitator: (*n*) incendiary, demagogue, insurgent, fomentor, ringleader, rebel, anarchist, instigator, rioter, firebrand, stirrer.

crumpled: (*adj*) rumpled, crinkly, wrinkled, bent, corrugated, crinkled, disheveled, lined, furrowed, dented, damaged.

decently: (*adv*) becomingly, decorously, fairly, correctly, seemly, fitly, courteously, justly, appropriately, rightly, right.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) rudely, improperly, disreputably, inappropriately, immorally.

emancipating: (*v*) emancipate,

liberate; (*adj*) emancipative, freeing.

exalted: (*adj*) elevated, eminent, noble, high, August, elated, dignified, great, sublime, grand, big. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) belittled, condemned, criticized, debased, humble, humiliated, low, lowly, minor, ridiculed, base.

faculties: (*n*) mother wit.

neckcloth: (*n*) neckerchief, scarf, handkerchief, gunstock, broth, caudex, descent, farm animal, breed, gillyflower, inventory.

ranks: (*n*) rank and file.

reproach: (*n, v*) blame, rebuke, charge, abuse, disgrace, reprimand, inventive; (*v*) accuse, chide, condemn; (*n*) condemnation. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) praise; (*v*) commend, approve; (*n*) compliment, commendation, approval.

ASLAKSEN.

No; I didn't know I should find you here. No, it was the Doctor I--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I am quite at your service. What is it?

ASLAKSEN.

Is what I heard from Mr. Billing true, sir--that you mean to improve our water supply?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, for the Baths.

ASLAKSEN.

Quite so, I understand. Well, I have come to say that I will back that up by every means in my power.

HOVSTAD.

[to the DOCTOR] You see!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I shall be very grateful to you, but--

ASLAKSEN.

Because it may be no bad thing to have us small **tradesmen** at your back. We form, as it were, a **compact** majority in the town--if we choose. And it is always a good thing to have the majority with you, Doctor.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

That is **undeniably** true; but I **confess** I don't see why such unusual **precautions** should be necessary in this case. It seems to me that such a plain, straightforward thing.

ASLAKSEN.

Oh, it may be very desirable, all the same. I know our local authorities so well; officials are not generally very ready to act on proposals that come from other people. That is why I think it would not be at all **amiss** if we made a little **demonstration**.

Thesaurus

amiss: (*adj, adv*) wrong; (*adj*) bad, haywire, faulty, astray, guilty; (*adv*) badly, poorly, awry, wrongly, adrift. ANTONYMS: (*adj, adv*) right; (*adv*) perfectly, properly, suitably, appropriately, correctly, well; (*adj*) okay, correct, good.

compact: (*n*) arrangement, covenant, bargain; (*adj, v*) close, condense; (*v*) compress; (*n, v*) contract; (*adj*) dense, solid, thick, compendious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) loose, sprawling,

sparse, bulky, large, cumbersome, long, lengthy, unwieldy; (*v*) expand, loosen.

confess: (*adj, v*) own, allow, admit, avow; (*v*) concede, profess, recognize, divulge, disclose, reveal, receive. ANTONYMS: (*v*) suppress, hide, dispute, conceal, repress, harbor.

demonstration: (*n*) parade, presentation, argument, display, manifestation, exhibition, evidence, show, demo, testimony; (*n, v*)

exposition. ANTONYM: (*n*) concealment.

precautions: (*n*) protection, defense, safety net.

tradesmen: (*n*) fellow tradesmen.

undeniably: (*adv*) certainly, clearly, positively, unarguably, easily, incontrovertibly, without doubt, without a doubt, unquestionably, unmistakably, unavoidably. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) arguably, possibly, unclearly.

HOVSTAD.

That's right.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Demonstration, did you say? What on earth are you going to make a demonstration about?

ASLAKSEN.

We shall proceed with the greatest **moderation**, Doctor. Moderation is always my aim; it is the greatest **virtue** in a citizen--at least, I think so.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

It is well known to be a characteristic of yours, Mr. Aslaksen.

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, I think I may pride myself on that. And this matter of the water supply is of the greatest importance to us small tradesmen. The Baths **promise** to be a regular gold-mine for the town. We shall all make our living out of them, especially those of us who are householders. That is why we will back up the project as strongly as possible. And as I am at present Chairman of the Householders' Association.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes--?

ASLAKSEN.

And, what is more, local secretary of the Temperance Society--you know, sir, I suppose, that I am a worker in the **temperance** cause?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Of course, of course.

ASLAKSEN.

Well, you can understand that I come into contact with a great many people. And as I have the reputation of a **temperate** and **law-abiding** citizen--like yourself, Doctor--I have a certain influence in the town, a little bit of power, if I may be allowed to say so.

Thesaurus

law-abiding: (*adj*) obedient, straight, honest, solid, righteous.

moderation: (*n*) abstinence, abstemiousness, moderateness, abatement, measure, alleviation, sobriety, patience, restraint, soberness, easing. ANTONYMS: (*n*) intemperance, overindulgence, excess, increase, immoderation, strength, extremism, indulgence, impatience, harshness, abandon.

promise: (*n, v*) covenant, guarantee,

contract, vow, bargain; (*v*) augur, assure; (*n*) engagement, assurance, plight, word.

temperance: (*n*) moderation, abstinence, abstemiousness, control, restraint, moderateness, soberness, forbearance, measure, gravity, asceticism. ANTONYMS: (*n*) intemperance, wildness.

temperate: (*adj*) sober, moderate, restrained, calm, reasonable, abstemious, gentle, balmy, abstinent,

frugal, equable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) violent, unrestrained, stormy, cool, extreme, hot, immoderate, wintry, rough.

virtue: (*adj, n*) merit, excellence, quality, attribute; (*n*) honor, goodness, honesty, morality, decency, probity, efficacy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) wickedness, guilt, vice, peccadillo, sin, dishonor, immorality, evil, demerit, inadequacy, disadvantage.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I know that quite well, Mr. Aslaksen.

ASLAKSEN.

So you see it would be an easy matter for me to set on foot some testimonial, if necessary.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

A testimonial?

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, some kind of an address of thanks from the townsmen for your share in a matter of such importance to the community. I need scarcely say that it would have to be drawn up with the greatest regard to moderation, so as not to **offend** the authorities--who, after all, have the **reins** in their hands. If we pay strict attention to that, no one can take it amiss, I should think!

HOVSTAD.

Well, and even **supposing** they didn't like it--

ASLAKSEN.

No, no, no; there must be no **discourtesy** to the authorities, Mr. Hovstad. It is no use falling **foul** of those upon whom our welfare so closely depends. I have done that in my time, and no good ever comes of it. But no one can take exception to a reasonable and frank expression of a citizen's views.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN .

[shaking him by the hand] I can't tell you, dear Mr. Aslaksen, how extremely pleased I am to find such **heartly** support among my fellow-citizens. I am delighted--delighted! Now, you will take a small glass of **sherry**, eh?

ASLAKSEN.

No, thank you; I never drink alcohol of that kind.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, what do you say to a glass of beer, then?

ASLAKSEN.

Nor that either, thank you, Doctor. I never drink anything as early as this. I

Thesaurus

discourtesy: (*n*) indignity, rudeness, incivility, affront, contempt, contumely, insult, abruptness, brusqueness, impudence, bad manners. ANTONYMS: (*n*) politeness, civility.

foul: (*adj, v*) nasty, base, corrupt, coarse; (*adj*) filthy, disgusting, evil, unclean, putrid; (*n, v*) defile, soil. ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) clean, pure; (*adj*) pleasant, fair, inoffensive, humane, attractive, honest, pleasing,

fragrant; (*v*) unclog.

heartly: (*adj*) heartfelt, healthy, genial, sturdy, cheering, fervent, wholehearted, lusty, enthusiastic, convivial; (*adj, n*) well. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhealthy, frail, old, weak, sluggish, unwholesome, meager.

offend: (*v*) irritate, affront, insult, contravene, injure, disgust, infringe, displease, abuse, wound, anger. ANTONYMS: (*v*) please, delight, praise, attract.

reins: (*n*) bridle, Reins of a vault, reins of government, wheel, gearshift, joystick, pedals, potency, power, powerfulness.

sherry: (*v*) rye, schnapps, highball, peg, rum, whisky, xeres, sling, usquebaugh; (*n*) sherris, manzanilla.

supposing: (*adv*) admitting, conditionally, in case; (*n*) supposition, conjecture, thought, theory, assumption; (*conj*) although, what if; (*v*) suppose.

am going into town now to talk this over with one or two householders, and prepare the ground.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

It is tremendously kind of you, Mr. Aslaksen; but I really cannot understand the necessity for all these precautions. It seems to me that the thing should go of itself.

ASLAKSEN.

The authorities are somewhat slow to move, Doctor. Far be it from me to seem to blame them--

HOVSTAD.

We are going to stir them up in the paper tomorrow, Aslaksen.

ASLAKSEN.

But not **violently**, I trust, Mr. Hovstad. Proceed with moderation, or you will do nothing with them. You may take my advice; I have gathered my experience in the school of life. Well, I must say **goodbye**, Doctor. You know now that we small tradesmen are at your back at all **events**, like a solid wall. You have the compact majority on your side Doctor.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I am very much obliged, dear Mr. Aslaksen, [Shakes hands with him.] Goodbye, goodbye.

ASLAKSEN.

Are you going my way, towards the printing-office. Mr. Hovstad?

HOVSTAD.

I will come later; I have something to settle up first.

ASLAKSEN.

Very well. [Bows and goes out; STOCKMANN follows him into the hall.]

HOVSTAD.

[as STOCKMANN comes in again] Well, what do you think of that, Doctor? Don't you think it is high time we **stirred** a little life into all this **slackness** and **vacillation** and **cowardice**?

Thesaurus

cowardice: (*n*) dastardliness, poltroonery, pusillanimity, fear, spirit, cravenness, timidity, fearfulness, base fear, cowardship. ANTONYMS: (*n*) nerve, bravery, daring, determination.
events: (*n*) athletics, plot, activities, actions.
goodbye: (*n*) farewell, bye, adieu, adios, cheerio, valediction, so long, aloha; (*adj, n*) parting; (*int*) ciao, bon voyage. ANTONYMS: (*n*) hello,

Reunion.
slackness: (*n*) slack, laxness, negligence, carelessness, neglect, laziness, laxity, slump, softness, inattention, bagginess. ANTONYMS: (*n*) tightness, tone, strictness, firmness, attention.
stirred: (*adj*) excited, agitated, moved, affected, aroused, emotional, aflame, Stirn, horny, susceptible, stirred up.
vacillation: (*n*) indecision, irresolution, hesitancy, fluctuation,

doubt, indecisiveness, instability, indetermination, oscillation, uncertainty, vibration. ANTONYMS: (*n*) decisiveness, insistence, resolution, determination.
violently: (*adj, adv*) vehemently, hotly, madly, ardently; (*adv*) wildly, passionately, strongly, hard, furiously, turbulently; (*adv, n*) vigorously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) gently, nonviolently, feebly, impassively, peacefully, tamely.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Are you referring to Aslaksen?

HOVSTAD.

Yes, I am. He is one of those who are **floundering** in a bog--decent enough fellow though he may be, otherwise. And most of the people here are in just the same case--see-sawing and **edging** first to one side and then to the other, so overcome with caution and **scruple** that they never dare to take any decided step.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, but Aslaksen seemed to me so thoroughly well- intentioned.

HOVSTAD.

There is one thing I esteem higher than that; and that is for a man to be **self-reliant** and sure of himself.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I think you are perfectly right there.

HOVSTAD.

That is why I want to seize this opportunity, and try if I cannot manage to put a little **virility** into these well- intentioned people for once. The **idol** of Authority must be shattered in this town. This gross and **inexcusable blunder** about the water supply must be brought home to the mind of every municipal **voter**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Very well; if you are of opinion that it is for the good of the community, so be it. But not until I have had a talk with my brother.

HOVSTAD.

Anyway, I will get a leading article ready; and if the Mayor refuses to take the matter up--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

How can you suppose such a thing possible!

Thesaurus

blunder: (*n, v*) mistake, stumble, slip, botch; (*adj, n*) fault; (*n*) error, gaffe, trip; (*v*) fail, fumble; (*adj, n, v*) miss. ANTONYMS: (*v*) succeed, correct, accomplish, achieve; (*n*) achievement.

edging: (*n*) border, edge, brim, brink, lace, trimming, boundary, galloon, hem, list, frame.

floundering: (*adj*) awkward, maladroit, purposeless.

idol: (*n*) fetish, deity, effigy, divinity, graven image, image, hero, favorite,

star, simulacrum, beloved.

inexcusable: (*adj*) irremissible, unpardonable, reprehensible, unwarrantable, unforgivable, unwarranted, unfair, untenable, not excusable, intolerable, unexcusable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) understandable, forgivable, justifiable, justified, laudable, wonderful.

scruple: (*adj, v*) hesitate, demur, pause; (*n*) hesitation, qualm, misgiving, distrust, objection; (*n, v*) mistrust; (*v*)

falter, question.

self-reliant: (*adj*) confident, independent, responsible, valiant, manly.

virility: (*n*) manliness, potency, masculinity, fertility, manfulness, vigour, strength, vitality, energy, maleness, prime.

voter: (*n*) constituent, citizen, floater, inhabitant, national, resident, suffragist.

HOVSTAD.

It is **conceivable**. And in that case--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

In that case I promise you--. Look here, in that case you may print my report-- every word of it.

HOVSTAD.

May I? Have I your word for it?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[giving him the MS.] Here it is; take it with you. It can do no harm for you to read it through, and you can give it me back later on.

HOVSTAD.

Good, good! That is what I will do. And now goodbye, Doctor.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Goodbye, goodbye. You will see everything will run quite **smoothly**, Mr. Hovstad--quite smoothly.

HOVSTAD.

Hm!--we shall see. [Bows and goes out.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[opens the dining-room door and looks in] Katherine! Oh, you are back, Petra?

PETRA.

[coming in] Yes, I have just come from the school.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[coming in] Has he not been here yet?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Peter? No, but I have had a long talk with Hovstad. He is quite **excited** about my discovery, I find it has a much wider bearing than I at first imagined. And he has put his paper at my **disposal** if **necessity** should arise.

Thesaurus

conceivable: (*adj*) imaginable, thinkable, believable, comprehensible, likely, earthly, potential, credible, plausible, cogitable, reasonable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unthinkable, difficult, implausible, impossible, unimaginable.
disposal: (*n*) administration, organization, distribution, sale, classification, alienation, giving, order, direction, adjustment,

dispensation. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cumulation, collection, acquisition, acquirement, accumulation.
excited: (*adj, v*) animated, ardent; (*adj*) ablaze, enthusiastic, emotional, frantic, warm, heated, delirious, fervent, passionate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cool, unexcited, bored, tranquil, easygoing, disappointed, despairing, comatose, apathetic, sedate, composed.
necessity: (*n*) demand, need, lack,

exigency, essential, compulsion, emergency, distress, must, constraint, necessary. ANTONYMS: (*n*) inessential, treat, unimportance, luxury.
smoothly: (*adv*) easily, evenly, calmly, swimmingly, sleekly, fluently, flatly, softly, quietly, oily; (*adj, adv*) readily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unevenly, harshly, abrasively, awkwardly, huskily, hesitantly.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Do you think it will?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Not for a moment. But at all events it makes me feel proud to know that I have the liberal-minded independent press on my side. Yes, and just imagine--I have had a **visit** from the Chairman of the Householders' Association!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Oh! What did he want?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

To offer me his support too. They will support me in a body if it should be necessary. Katherine--do you know what I have got behind me?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Behind you? No, what have you got behind you?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

The compact majority.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Really? Is that a good thing for you Thomas?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I should think it was a good thing. [Walks up and down rubbing his hands.]
By Jove, it's a fine thing to feel this **bond** of **brotherhood** between **oneself** and one's fellow **citizens**!

PETRA.

And to be able to do so much that is good and useful, father!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And for one's own native town into the **bargain**, my child!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

That was a **ring** at the **bell**.

Thesaurus

bargain: (*adj, n, v*) cheap; (*n, v*) covenant, deal; (*n*) agreement, treaty, arrangement, buy, chaffer; (*v*) exchange, stipulate, agree.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) inflated.
bell: (*n, v*) chime; (*n*) gong, Alexander Graham Bell, ring, doorbell, handbell, tocsin, alarum, Alexander Bell, buzz, angelus.
bond: (*n*) association, alliance, deed, agreement, bail, attachment, joint; (*v*) bind; (*n, v*) cement, band, link.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) unstick, open, unfasten, loosen, disconnect, clash; (*n*) separation, divorce.
brotherhood: (*n*) fraternity, sodality, association, kinship, relationship, friendliness, confraternity, fellowship, organization, partnership, society.
citizens: (*n*) people, population, inhabitants, populace, public, commonwealth, country, the general public, the public, the populace.

oneself: (*n*) herself, himself, themselves, personal, private, selfness, self, yourself, me, person, own.
ring: (*n, v*) encircle, peal, call, loop, jingle; (*v*) resound, echo, reverberate; (*n*) gang, band, rim.
visit: (*v*) frequent, attend, call, view, gossip, jaw, inspect, haunt; (*n, v*) tour, chat; (*n*) sojourn.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

It must be he, then. [A **knock** is heard at the door.] Come in!

PETER STOCKMANN.

[comes in from the hall] Good morning.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Glad to see you, Peter!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Good morning, Peter, How are you?

PETER STOCKMANN.

So so, **thank** you. [To DR. STOCKMANN.] I received from you yesterday, after office hours, a report **dealing** with the condition of the water at the Baths.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes. Have you read it?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, I have,

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And what have you to say to it?

PETER STOCKMANN.

[with a **sidelong glance**] Hm!--

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Come along, Petra. [She and PETRA go into the room on the left.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

[after a **pause**] Was it necessary to make all these investigations behind my back?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, because until I was **absolutely** certain about it--

PETER STOCKMANN.

Then you mean that you are absolutely certain now?

Thesaurus

absolutely: (*adv*) entirely, completely, fully, purely, utterly, perfectly, totally, categorically, definitely, thoroughly; (*adv, int*) certainly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) partly, doubtfully, questionably, somewhat, moderately, indefinitely, incompletely, fairly, conditionally, probably, possibly.
dealing: (*n, v*) trade; (*n*) transaction, deal, exchange, business, concern, traffic, conduct, handling, dealings,

distribution.
glance: (*n, v*) look, peek, flash, peep; (*n*) gaze, glimpse, coup d'oeil, gander; (*v*) bounce, glint, ricochet.
ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) study; (*n*) examination, perusal; (*v*) stick, stare.
knock: (*n, v*) hit, blow, bang, bump, tap, strike, whack, bash, punch, cuff; (*n*) crash. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) improvement, boost; (*v*) encourage, bolster, approve.
pause: (*n, v*) halt, interruption,

adjournment, delay, respite, stop; (*adj, n, v*) rest; (*n*) intermission, gap; (*adj, v*) discontinue; (*v*) hesitate.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) decisiveness, continuation, start; (*v*) proceed.
sidelong: (*adj*) indirect, oblique, side, asquint, askance, askant; (*adv*) sideways, obliquely, askew, aslant, sideling. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) direct.
thank: (*v*) give thanks, recognize, bless, thanks, give thanks to, convey, acknowledged, remercy, impart.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Surely you are convinced of that.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Is it your intention to bring this document before the Baths Committee as a sort of official communication?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Certainly. Something must be done in the matter-- and that quickly.

PETER STOCKMANN.

As usual, you employ violent expressions in your report. You say, amongst other things, that what we offer visitors in our Baths is a permanent supply of poison.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, can you describe it any other way, Peter? Just think--water that is poisonous, whether you drink it or **bathe** in it! And this we offer to the poor sick folk who come to us **trustfully** and pay us at an **exorbitant** rate to be made well again!

PETER STOCKMANN.

And your reasoning leads you to this conclusion, that we must build a **sewer** to draw off the alleged impurities from Molledal and must **relay** the water conduits.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes. Do you see any other way out of it? I don't.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I made a **pretext** this morning to go and see the town engineer, and, as if only half seriously, **broached** the subject of these **proposals** as a thing we might perhaps have to take under consideration some time later on.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Some time later on!

PETER STOCKMANN.

He smiled at what he considered to be my **extravagance**, naturally. Have you

Thesaurus

bathe: (*adj, v*) steep, lave, immerse, soak; (*v*) take a bath, tub, clean, rinse, bath; (*n, v*) swim; (*n*) bathing.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) smudge, stain, soil, dip.

broached: (*adv*) astir, afoot.

exorbitant: (*adj*) unreasonable, immoderate, steep, unconscionable, inordinate, extravagant, outrageous, enormous, extortionate, extreme, high. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reasonable, inexpensive, moderate, modest,

sensible, fair.

extravagance: (*n*) dissipation, luxury, excess, profligacy, lavishness, squandering, recklessness, waste, prodigality, magnificence, immoderateness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) economy, frugality, parsimony, prudence, paucity, moderation, austerity, necessity, bareness.

pretext: (*n*) pretense, pretension, color, pretence, mask, plea, guise, sham, appearance; (*n, v*) excuse, cloak.

proposals: (*n*) suggestion.

relay: (*v*) transmit, pass, transfer, pass on, communicate, convey, send; (*n*) electrical relay, relief, spell, relay race.

sewer: (*adj, n*) cloaca; (*n*) channel, ditch, gully, dike, culvert, sewerage, drainpipe, moat, main; (*adj*) latrines. **trustfully:** (*adv*) trustingly, showing trust, unsuspectingly, unsuspectingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) distrustfully.

taken the trouble to consider what your proposed alterations would cost? According to the information I **obtained**, the expenses would probably mount up to fifteen or twenty thousand pounds.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Would it cost so much?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes; and the worst part of it would be that the work would take at least two years.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Two years? Two whole years?

PETER STOCKMANN.

At least. And what are we to do with the Baths in the **meantime**? Close them? Indeed we should be obliged to. And do you suppose anyone would come near the place after it had got out that the water was dangerous?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes but, Peter, that is what it is.

PETER STOCKMANN.

And all this at this juncture--just as the Baths are beginning to be known. There are other towns in the **neighbourhood** with qualifications to attract visitors for **bathing** purposes. Don't you suppose they would immediately strain every **nerve** to **divert** the entire stream of **strangers** to themselves? Unquestionably they would; and then where should we be? We should probably have to **abandon** the whole thing, which has cost us so much money--and then you would have **ruined** your native town.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I--should have ruined--!

PETER STOCKMANN.

It is simply and solely through the Baths that the town has before it any future worth mentioning. You know that just as well as I.

Thesaurus

abandon: (*v*) relinquish, renounce, resign, vacate, waive, evacuate, desert, give up, leave, depart, throw away. ANTONYMS: (*v*) keep, support, maintain, adopt, retain, continue, defend; (*n*) restraint, inhibition, deliberation, control.
bathing: (*n*) bathe, bath, shower, diversion, recreation, dip, washing, wash, purification, washup.
divert: (*adj, v*) distract; (*v*) entertain, avert, delight, deflect, deviate,

beguile, depart, disport, digress, sidetrack. ANTONYMS: (*v*) bore, irritate, maintain, set, upset, stay, displease, sadden.
meantime: (*adv*) meanwhile, in the meantime, simultaneously; (*n*) interval, interlude, while, at times, whiles, mean, instrument.
neighbourhood: (*n*) neighborhood, adjacency, locality, near, nearness, proximity, place, community, street, vicinity, nearby.

nerve: (*n*) cheek, audacity, boldness, brass, impudence, heart, mettle, daring, courage, face, fortitude. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, timidity, reticence, respect.
obtained: (*adj*) fulfilled, derivative.
ruined: (*adj, v*) lost; (*adj*) dilapidated, desolate, broke, broken, bankrupt, finished, devastated, desolated, insolvent, spoiled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) solvent, pure, rich, whole.
strangers: (*n*) stranger.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But what do you think ought to be done, then?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Your report has not convinced me that the condition of the water at the Baths is as bad as you **represent** it to be.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I tell you it is even worse!--or at all events it will be in summer, when the warm weather comes.

PETER STOCKMANN.

As I said, I believe you **exaggerate** the matter considerably. A capable **physician** ought to know what measures to take--he ought to be capable of preventing **injurious** influences or of **remedying** them if they become obviously persistent.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well? What more?

PETER STOCKMANN.

The water supply for the Baths is now an established fact, and in consequence must be treated as such. But probably the Committee, at its discretion, will not be **disinclined** to consider the question of how far it might be possible to introduce certain improvements consistently with a reasonable expenditure.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And do you suppose that I will have anything to do with such a piece of **trickery** as that?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Trickery!!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, it would be a trick--a fraud, a lie, a **downright** crime towards the public, towards the whole community!

Thesaurus

disinclined: (*adj*) reluctant, loath, averse, indisposed, loth, backward, not content, opposed, dubious, afraid, not in the vein. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tending, willing, leaning, eager, bent, keen, disposed.

downright: (*adj, n*) absolute; (*adj, v*) sheer, clear; (*adj*) dead, blunt, candid, plain; (*adv*) absolutely, thoroughly, wholly, decidedly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) semi, limited, incomplete, questionable, slight; (*adv*) hardly.

exaggerate: (*v*) boast, aggravate, amplify, dramatize, overdo, overdraw, brag, overstate, magnify, aggrandize, enhance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) minimize, alleviate, weaken.

injurious: (*adj*) evil, harmful, hurtful, destructive, bad, disadvantageous, detrimental, adverse, deleterious, inimical, damaging. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healing, favorable, healthy, helpful, advantageous, beneficial.

physician: (*n*) doctor, medico, doc,

medic, quack, surgeon, leech, houseman, MD, allergist, intern.

remedying: (*adj*) curative.

represent: (*adj, v*) express; (*v*) depict, play, exemplify, act, be, illustrate, describe, embody, enact, make.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) prosecute, oppose.

trickery: (*n*) deceit, deception, guile, chicanery, artifice, craft, cunning, dishonesty, jugglery, fraudulence, imposture. ANTONYM: (*n*) truthfulness.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I have not, as I remarked before, been able to convince myself that there is actually any **imminent** danger.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You have! It is impossible that you should not be convinced. I know I have represented the facts absolutely **truthfully** and fairly. And you know it very well, Peter, only you won't acknowledge it. It was **owing** to your action that both the Baths and the water conduits were built where they are; and that is what you won't acknowledge--that **damnable** blunder of yours. Pooh!--do you suppose I don't see through you?

PETER STOCKMANN.

And even if that were true? If I perhaps guard my reputation somewhat anxiously, it is in the interests of the town. Without moral authority I am **powerless** to direct public affairs as seems, to my judgment, to be best for the common good. And on that account--and for various other reasons too--it **appears** to me to be a matter of importance that your report should not be delivered to the Committee. In the interests of the public, you must **withhold** it. Then, later on, I will raise the question and we will do our best, privately; but, nothing of this unfortunate affair not a single word of it--must come to the ears of the public.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I am afraid you will not be able to prevent that now, my dear Peter.

PETER STOCKMANN.

It must and shall be prevented.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

It is no use, I tell you. There are too many people that know about it.

PETER STOCKMANN.

That know about it? Who? Surely you don't mean those fellows on the "People's Messenger"?

Thesaurus

damnable: (*adj*) cursed, damned, abominable, hateful, accursed, devilish, infernal, disgusting, sinful, deplorable, offensive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) commendable, laudable, praiseworthy.

ears: (*n*) antenna.

imminent: (*adj*) forthcoming, coming, close, future, near, pending, approaching, at hand, menacing, threatening, prospective. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) remote, past.

owing: (*adj*) due, unpaid, unsettled, outstanding, overdue, owed, payable, undischarged, indebted, fulfilling obligation, lawful. ANTONYM: (*adj*) settled.

powerless: (*adj*) impotent, unable, feeble, incapable, ineffective, ineffectual, infirm, inefficient, nerveless, weak, prostrate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) powerful, strong, effective, capable, able.

truthfully: (*adv*) exactly, truly,

forthrightly, honestly, veraciously, truly, accurately, openly, frankly, faithfully, candidly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) untruthfully, mendaciously, deceitfully, guardedly, inaccurately, insincerely, unfairly, dishonestly, ambiguously.

withhold: (*v*) reserve, keep, suppress, deny, retain, hold, detain, restrain, abstain, check; (*adj, v*) stint. ANTONYMS: (*v*) transmit, release, show, lavish, add.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, they know. The liberal-minded independent press is going to see that you do your duty.

PETER STOCKMANN [after a short pause]. You are an extraordinarily independent man, Thomas. Have you given no thought to the **consequences** this may have for yourself?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Consequences?--for me?

PETER STOCKMANN.

For you and yours, yes.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What the deuce do you mean?

PETER STOCKMANN.

I believe I have always behaved in a **brotherly** way to you--haven't I always been ready to oblige or to help you?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, you have, and I am **grateful** to you for it.

PETER STOCKMANN.

There is no need. Indeed, to some extent I was forced to do so--for my own **sake**. I always hoped that, if I helped to improve your financial position, I should be able to keep some check on you,

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What! Then it was only for your own sake--!

PETER STOCKMANN.

Up to a certain point, yes. It is **painful** for a man in an official position to have his **nearest** relative **compromising** himself time after time.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And do you consider that I do that?

Thesaurus

brotherly: (*adj*) brotherlike, sympathetic, cordial, neighborly, harmonious, amicable, affectionate, sisterly, fatherly; (*adv*) sympathetically, fraternally.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sisterly, uncompassionate, unfriendly, unneighborly, sororal, antagonistic, uncompanionable.
compromising: (*adj*) conciliatory, moderate, vulnerable, awkward, intermediate, flexible, inculpatory;

(*adv*) halfway.
consequences: (*n*) result, cost, impact, penalty.
grateful: (*adj, n*) welcome; (*adj*) agreeable, appreciative, beholden, pleasing, pleasant, acceptable, indebted, obliged, pleasurable; (*v*) appreciate. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) ungrateful, unwelcome, unappreciative.
nearest: (*adj*) proximate, immediate, close, near, next, adjoining, intimate,

direct, adjacent; (*adj, adv*) highest; (*adv*) fore. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) distant.
painful: (*adj*) hard, difficult, sharp, harrowing, grievous, afflictive, bad, irritating; (*adj, v*) distressing, harsh, bitter. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) content, heartwarming, soothing, comfortable, bearable, agreeable, effortless, dull, slight, wonderful, happy.
sake: (*n, v*) interest, reason, motive, ground; (*v*) advantage, cause; (*n*) object, account, design, purpose, saki.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, unfortunately, you do, without even being aware of it. You have a restless, **pugnacious**, **rebellious** disposition. And then there is that disastrous **propensity** of yours to want to write about every sort of possible and impossible thing. The moment an idea comes into your head, you must needs go and write a newspaper article or a whole pamphlet about it.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, but is it not the duty of a citizen to let the public share in any new ideas he may have?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Oh, the public doesn't require any new ideas. The public is best served by the good, old established ideas it already has.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And that is your honest opinion?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, and for once I must talk frankly to you. Hitherto I have tried to avoid doing so, because I know how irritable you are; but now I must tell you the truth, Thomas. You have no conception what an amount of harm you do yourself by your **impetuosity**. You complain of the authorities, you even complain of the government--you are always pulling them to **pieces**; you insist that you have been neglected and **persecuted**. But what else can such a **cantankerous** man as you expect?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What next! Cantankerous, am I?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, Thomas, you are an extremely cantankerous man to work with--I know that to my cost. You disregard everything that you ought to have consideration for. You seem completely to forget that it is me you have to thank for your appointment here as medical officer to the Baths.

Thesaurus

cantankerous: (*adj*) cranky, testy, quarrelsome, peevish, irritable, moody, morose, cross, touchy, grumpy, crotchety. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheerful, easygoing, nice, pleasant, happy, amiable.

impetuosity: (*n*) eagerness, haste, heat, violence, vehemence, impulsiveness, impetuosity, excitability, temerity, precipitation, fervency. ANTONYMS: (*n*) deliberation, patience, consideration, carefulness.

persecuted: (*adj*) downtrodden, aggrieved, laden, mistreated, wronged.

pieces: (*n*) debris, trash.

propensity: (*n*) proclivity, leaning, disposition, bias, bent, aptitude, aptness, proneness, predisposition, predilection, penchant. ANTONYM: (*n*) inability.

pugnacious: (*adj*) belligerent, bellicose, combative, aggressive, quarrelsome, warlike, contentious, argumentative,

hostile, martial, peevish.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) peaceable, friendly.

rebellious: (*adj*) insubordinate, mutinous, disaffected, defiant, disobedient, contrary, contumacious, insurgent, stubborn, unruly, malcontent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) docile, conventional, obedient, conformist, content, conforming, cooperative, loyal, meek, submissive, obliging.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I was entitled to it as a matter of course!--I and nobody else! I was the first person to see that the town could be made into a **flourishing** watering-place, and I was the only one who saw it at that time. I had to fight single-handed in support of the idea for many years; and I wrote and wrote--

PETER STOCKMANN.

Undoubtedly. But things were not ripe for the scheme then--though, of course, you could not judge of that in your **out-of-the-way** corner up north. But as soon as the opportune moment came I--and the others--took the matter into our hands

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, and made this mess of all my beautiful plan. It is pretty obvious now what clever fellows you were!

PETER STOCKMANN.

To my mind the whole thing only seems to mean that you are seeking another outlet for your **combativeness**. You want to pick a quarrel with your superiors--an old habit of yours. You cannot put up with any authority over you. You look **askance** at anyone who **occupies** a superior official position; you regard him as a personal enemy, and then any stick is good enough to beat him with. But now I have called your attention to the fact that the town's interests are at stake--and, incidentally, my own too. And therefore, I must tell you, Thomas, that you will find me **inexorable** with regard to what I am about to require you to do.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And what is that?

PETER STOCKMANN.

As you have been so **indiscreet** as to speak of this delicate matter to outsiders, despite the fact that you ought to have treated it as entirely official and confidential, it is obviously impossible to hush it up now. All sorts of rumours will get about directly, and everybody who has a **grudge** against us

Thesaurus

askance: (*adj*) asquint, awry, askant, sidelong, oblique, indirect, squint; (*adv*) suspiciously, obliquely, mistrustfully, edgewise. ANTONYM: (*adv*) trustingly.

combativeness: (*n*) aggression, aggressiveness, attack, fight, militance.

flourishing: (*adj*) thriving, palmy, healthy, successful, luxuriant, booming, verdant, lush, auspicious, favorable, rich. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

arid, declining, fading, poor, unhealthy.

grudge: (*v*) begrudge, covet; (*n, v*) spite; (*n*) malice, anger, umbrage, resentment, rancor, gall, pique, feud.

indiscreet: (*adj*) careless, imprudent, incautious, ill-advised, rash, unadvised, unwise, impolitic, hasty, tactless, inadvisable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thoughtful, tactful, judicious, guarded.

inexorable: (*adj*) adamant,

unrelenting, stern, cruel, relentless, austere, adamant, inflexible, remorseless, stiff; (*adj, v*) inevitable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) gentle.

occupies: (*v*) acquisition, Addison, engross, absorb, etymology, Milman, misery, multiplied, attainment.

out-of-the-way: (*adj*) strange, singular, remote, devious, secluded, outlying, distant, obscure, unusual, peculiar, far.

will take care to **embellish** these rumours. So it will be necessary for you to **refute** them publicly.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I! How? I don't understand.

PETER STOCKMANN.

What we shall expect is that, after making further investigations, you will come to the conclusion that the matter is not by any means as dangerous or as critical as you imagined in the first instance.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oh!--so that is what you expect!

PETER STOCKMANN.

And, what is more, we shall expect you to make public profession of your confidence in the Committee and in their **readiness** to consider fully and conscientiously what steps may be necessary to remedy any possible defects.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But you will never be able to do that by **patching** and tinkering at it--never! Take my word for it, Peter; I mean what I say, as deliberately and emphatically as possible.

PETER STOCKMANN.

As an officer under the Committee, you have no right to any individual opinion.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[amazed] No right?

PETER STOCKMANN.

In your official capacity, no. As a private person, it is quite another matter. But as a **subordinate** member of the staff of the Baths, you have no right to express any opinion which runs **contrary** to that of your superiors.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

This is too much! I, a doctor, a man of science, have no right to--!

Thesaurus

contrary: (*adj, n*) contradictory, reverse; (*adj*) adverse, conflicting, unfavorable, perverse, cross, disobedient, alien, different, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) similar, harmonious, helpful, obliging, compatible, complaisant, concordant, parallel, agreeable, cooperative, favorable.
embellish: (*v*) dress, adorn, decorate, deck, beautify, ornament, embroider, trim, bedeck, gild, garnish.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) deface, understate, disfigure, mar, spoil, uglify.
patching: (*n*) patch, tiling, fix, repair, reparation, plugging, connection, burning, fixing.
readiness: (*n*) facility, ease, expedition, preparation, promptness, knack, dexterity, eagerness, quickness, fitness; (*adj, n*) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) reluctance, delay.
refute: (*v*) confute, contradict, controvert, oppose, disprove, rebut,

deny, invalidate, negate, gainsay; (*n, v*) answer. ANTONYMS: (*v*) agree, prove, avow, confirm, corroborate.
subordinate: (*adj, n*) inferior, subaltern; (*adj*) dependent, secondary, lower, petty, lowly, lesser, minor, junior; (*n*) assistant. ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) chief, superior, major; (*adj*) senior, dominant, independent, insubordinate, higher, main; (*n*) central.

PETER STOCKMANN.

The matter in hand is not simply a scientific one. It is a **complicated** matter, and has its economic as well as its technical side.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I don't care what it is! I intend to be free to express my opinion on any subject under the sun.

PETER STOCKMANN.

As you please--but not on any subject concerning the Baths. That we **forbid**.

DR. STOCKMANN.

[shouting] You forbid--! You! A pack of--

PETER STOCKMANN.

I forbid it--I, your chief; and if I forbid it, you have to **obey**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[controlling himself] Peter--if you were not my brother--

PETRA.

[throwing open the door] Father, you shan't stand this!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[coming in after her] Petra, Petra!

PETER STOCKMANN.

Oh, so you have been **eavesdropping**.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

You were talking so **loud**, we couldn't help it!

PETRA.

Yes, I was listening.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Well, after all, I am very glad--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[going up to him] You were saying something about **forbidding** and **obeying**?

Thesaurus

complicated: (*adj, v*) intricate; (*adj*) elaborate, hard, complicate, difficult, sophisticated, awkward, convoluted, obscure, deep; (*v*) involved.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straightforward, clear, easy, plain, primitive, direct, amicable, basic.

eavesdropping: (*n*) talk, OUI dire, electronic eavesdropping; (*adj*) nosy.

forbid: (*v*) prohibit, ban, disallow, bar, obstruct, exclude, deny, avert, frustrate, to prohibit, enjoin.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) allow, let, approve, authorize, stand.

forbidding: (*adj*) grim, ominous, dismal, dour, austere, abominable, ugly, hard, repulsive, redoubtable; (*n*) banning. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) alluring, inviting, pleasant, hospitable, friendly, favorable, comforting.

loud: (*adj*) flashy, garish, gaudy, blatant, brassy, boisterous, high, jazzy, brazen, piercing; (*adj, adv*)

forte. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tasteful, gentle, quiet, subtle, subdued, low, muted, weak, tranquil, thin; (*adv*) softly.

obey: (*v*) comply, listen, keep, fulfill, hear, conform, abide by, serve, comply with; (*n, v*) mind, heed. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disobey, defy, break, transgress, infringe, challenge, deny.

obeying: (*adv*) under.

PETER STOCKMANN.

You obliged me to take that tone with you.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And so I am to give myself the lie, **publicly**?

PETER STOCKMANN.

We consider it absolutely necessary that you should make some such public statement as I have asked for.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And if I do not--obey?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Then we shall **publish** a statement ourselves to **reassure** the public.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Very well; but in that case I shall use my pen against you. I **stick** to what I have said; I will show that I am right and that you are wrong. And what will you do then?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Then I shall not be able to prevent your being **dismissed**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What--?

PETRA.

Father--dismissed!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Dismissed!

PETER STOCKMANN.

Dismissed from the staff of the Baths. I shall be obliged to **propose** that you shall immediately be given notice, and shall not be allowed any further **participation** in the Baths' affairs.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You would **dare** to do that!

Thesaurus

dare: (*n, v*) venture; (*v*) defy, brave, hazard, confront, risk, resist, make bold; (*n*) adventure, daring, defiance.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) avoid, flee, pass, refrain, retreat, obey.

dismissed: (*adj*) discharged, unemployed, clear, convalescent.

participation: (*n*) interest, contribution, complicity, attendance, intervention, communion, commitment, connection, association, concert; (*v*) participate.

propose: (*v*) bid, nominate, design, plan, proffer, move, intend, mean, aim, suggest; (*n, v*) advance.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) reject, improvise, oppose.

publicly: (*adv*) overtly, publically, in public, generally, communally, commonly, socially, stately, vulgarly, plainly, usually. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) privately, secretly, informally.

publish: (*adj, v*) disclose, announce, communicate; (*v*) proclaim, divulge,

issue, circulate, notify, broadcast, print, advertise.

reassure: (*n, v*) encourage; (*v*) guarantee, calm, comfort, console, hearten, assuage, quieten, soothe, promise; (*n*) cheer. ANTONYMS: (*v*) worry, unsettle, terrify, alarm, undermine, upset.

stick: (*adj, v*) adhere, cohere; (*n, v*) stab, paste, staff; (*v*) cling, attach, fix, bind, affix; (*n*) bar. ANTONYMS: (*v*) detach, open, undo.

PETER STOCKMANN.

It is you that are playing the **daring** game.

PETRA.

Uncle, that is a **shameful** way to treat a man like father!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Do hold your tongue, Petra!

PETER STOCKMANN.

[looking at PETRA] Oh, so we volunteer our opinions already, do we? Of course. [To MRS. STOCKMANN.] Katherine, I imagine you are the most sensible person in this house. Use any influence you may have over your husband, and make him see what this will **entail** for his family as well as--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

My family is my own concern and nobody else's!

PETER STOCKMANN.

--for his own family, as I was saying, as well as for the town he lives in.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

It is I who have the real good of the town at heart! I want to lay bare the defects that sooner or later must come to the light of day. I will show whether I love my native town.

PETER STOCKMANN.

You, who in your blind **obstinacy** want to cut off the most important source of the town's welfare?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

The source is poisoned, man! Are you mad? We are making our living by **retailing** filth and corruption! The whole of our flourishing municipal life derives its **sustenance** from a lie!

PETER STOCKMANN.

All imagination--or something even worse. The man who can throw out such offensive insinuations about his native town must be an enemy to our community.

Thesaurus

daring: (*adj, n*) bold, courageous, adventurous; (*adj*) audacious, venturesome, intrepid; (*n*) bravery, audacity, boldness, courage, adventurousness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, timidity; (*adj*) timid, cautious, dull, afraid, chicken, fearful, unadventurous, wimpy.
entail: (*v*) imply, involve, demand, mean, need, induce, evoke, implicate, require, to bar an entail, draw down.
obstinacy: (*n*) stubbornness, firmness,

bullheadedness, determination, contumacy, mulishness, impenitence, resolve, resoluteness, impenitency, pertinacity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cooperation, compliance.
retailing: (*n*) deal, trade, merchandising, marketing, transaction, vending; (*adj*) commercial. ANTONYM: (*n*) purchase.
shameful: (*adj*) scandalous, dishonorable, opprobrious, shocking,

ignominious, disreputable, despicable; (*adj, v*) foul, base, gross, black. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) honorable, noble, dignified, admirable, faultless, reputable, glorious, compassionate, praiseworthy, commendable, excellent.
sustenance: (*n*) living, food, maintenance, subsistence, fare, sustentation, provisions, nourishment, nutriment, aliment, livelihood. ANTONYM: (*n*) extras.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[going up to him] Do you dare to--!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[throwing herself between them] Thomas!

PETRA.

[catching her father by the arm] Don't lose your **temper**, father!

PETER STOCKMANN.

I will not **expose** myself to violence. Now you have had a **warning**; so **reflect** on what you owe to yourself and your family. Goodbye. [Goes out.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[walking up and down] Am I to put up with such treatment as this? In my own house, Katherine! What do you think of that!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Indeed it is both shameful and **absurd**, Thomas--

PETRA.

If only I could give uncle a piece of my mind--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

It is my own fault. I ought to have flown out at him long ago!--shown my teeth!--bitten! To hear him call me an enemy to our community! Me! I shall not take that lying down, upon my **soul**!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But, dear Thomas, your brother has power on his side.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, but I have right on mine, I tell you.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Oh yes, right--right. What is the use of having right on your side if you have not got might?

PETRA.

Oh, mother!--how can you say such a thing!

Thesaurus

absurd: (*adj*) ridiculous, foolish, unreasonable, irrational, meaningless, inept, senseless, nonsensical, illogical, ludicrous; (*adj, n*) silly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rational, reasonable, logical, wise, weighty, sound, consistent, serious, plausible, credible, acceptable.
expose: (*v*) endanger, exhibit, betray, detect, display, air, uncover, debunk, denude, unfold, divulge.
 ANTONYMS: (*v*) conceal, cover,

enclose, suppress, shield, shelter, insulate, hide, guard, drape.
reflect: (*v*) deliberate, ponder, cogitate, muse, consider, meditate, contemplate, think, mull over, mull, mirror. ANTONYM: (*v*) ignore.
soul: (*n*) creature, human, person, personification, ghost, individual, mind, essence, life, self; (*adj, n*) heart. ANTONYMS: (*n*) surface, body.
temper: (*adj, v*) moderate, soften, mitigate, harden; (*n*) character,

disposition, humor, nature; (*v*) modify, season, qualify.
 ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) upset; (*v*) soften, agitate, excite, flex, bend, increase; (*n*) composure, happiness, wrath, equanimity.
warning: (*n*) notice, indication, caution, advice, example, lesson, hint, premonition, caveat, admonition; (*adj, n*) monitory. ANTONYMS: (*n*) encouragement, recommendation, approval; (*adj*) promising.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Do you imagine that in a free country it is no use having right on your side? You are absurd, Katherine. **Besides**, haven't I got the liberal-minded, independent press to lead the way, and the compact majority behind me? That is might enough, I should think!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But, good **heavens**, Thomas, you don't mean to?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Don't mean to what?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

To set **yourself** up in opposition to your brother.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

In God's name, what else do you suppose I should do but take my stand on right and **truth**?

PETRA.

Yes, I was just going to say that.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But it won't do you any **earthly** good. If they won't do it, they won't.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oho, Katherine! Just give me time, and you will see how I will carry the war into their **camp**.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, you carry the war into their camp, and you get your dismissal--that is what you will do.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

In any case I shall have done my duty towards the public--towards the community, I, who am called its **enemy**!

Thesaurus

besides: (*adv*) as well, moreover, too, furthermore, again, as well as, anyway, additionally; (*prep*) apart from, beside; (*adj, adv*) more.

camp: (*n*) faction, encampment, base, barracks, cantonment, laager, side; (*v*) pitch, tent, camp out; (*adj*) campy.

earthly: (*adj, n*) terrestrial; (*adj*) carnal, worldly, conceivable, human, geotic, secular, terrene, temporal, telluric, sublunary. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) spiritual, divine, ethereal, immortal,

impossible, improbable, inconceivable, celestial.

enemy: (*n*) antagonist, opponent, foe, opposition, competitor, enmity, assailant, foeman, hostile, besieger; (*adj, n*) rival. ANTONYMS: (*n*) ally, friend, supporter, benefactor, defender, fan.

heavens: (*n*) firmament, heaven, sky, welkin, sphere, atmosphere, celestial sphere, space, skies, area, vault of heaven.

truth: (*n*) exactness, actuality, sincerity, verity, fidelity, fact, correctness, genuineness, faithfulness, certainty, honesty. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dishonesty, fabrication, falsehood, fiction, lie, inaccuracy, idealism, falsity, disloyalty, fallacy, invention. **yourself:** (*adv*) herself, themselves, itself, myself, ourselves, yourselves, physically.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But towards your family, Thomas? Towards your own home! Do you think that is doing your duty towards those you have to provide for?

PETRA.

Ah, don't think always first of us, mother.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Oh, it is easy for you to talk; you are able to shift for yourself, if need be. But remember the boys, Thomas; and think a little of yourself too, and of me--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I think you are out of your **senses**, Katherine! If I were to be such a miserable **coward** as to go on my **knees** to Peter and his damned crew, do you suppose I should ever know an hour's peace of mind all my life afterwards?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

I don't know anything about that; but God preserve us from the peace of mind we shall have, all the same, if you go on defying him! You will find yourself again without the means of **subsistence**, with no income to count upon. I should think we had had enough of that in the old days. Remember that, Thomas; think what that means.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[collecting himself with a struggle and clenching his fists] And this is what this **slavery** can bring upon a free, **honourable** man! Isn't it horrible, Katherine?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, it is **sinful** to treat you so, it is perfectly true. But, good heavens, one has to put up with so much **injustice** in this world. There are the boys, Thomas! Look at them! What is to become of them? Oh, no, no, you can never have the heart-- [EJLIF and MORTEN have come in, while she was speaking, with their school books in their hands.]

Thesaurus

coward: (*n*) cur, pantywaist, sneak, dastard, milksop, weakling, milquetoast; (*adj*) gutless, chickenhearted, pusillanimous, chicken-hearted. ANTONYMS: (*n*) daredevil, stalwart; (*adj*) brave.

honourable: (*adj*) estimable, reverend, venerable, glorious, honorable, distinguished, above-board, good, worthy, right, noble.

injustice: (*n*) iniquity, wrong, unfairness, bigotry, wickedness,

prejudice, crime; (*adj, n*) injury, evil, harm, damage. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fairness, evenhandedness, reasonableness, goodness, tolerance.

knees: (*n*) knee.

senses: (*adj*) sober senses, sound mind; (*n*) reason, mind, conception, consciousness, judgment, faculties, mother wit, right mind, sanity.

sinful: (*adj*) wicked, impious, bad, iniquitous, ungodly, depraved, immoral, profane, criminal, wrong,

unholy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pious, virtuous, moral, right, pure.

slavery: (*adj, n*) bondage, involuntary servitude; (*n*) servitude, drudgery, thralldom, thrall, yoke, travail, vassalage, thralldom, toil.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) liberty, freedom.

subsistence: (*n*) existence, life, entity, maintenance, food, support, sustenance, living, livelihood, esse, ens.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

The boys-- I [Recovers himself suddenly.] No, even if the whole world goes to pieces, I will never bow my neck to this **yokel** [Goes towards his room.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[following him] Thomas--what are you going to do!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[at his door] I mean to have the right to look my sons in the face when they are **grown** men. [Goes into his room.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[bursting into **tears**] God help us all!

PETRA.

Father is **splendid**! He will not give in.

[The boys look on in **amazement**; PETRA **signs** to them not to speak.]

Thesaurus

amazement: (*n*) admiration, wonder, surprise, consternation, stupefaction, stupor, wonderment, feeling, alarm, jolt; (*v*) amaze. ANTONYMS: (*n*) preparation, indifference, expectation, coolness, cool, composure, calmness, contempt, belief.

grown: (*adj*) mature, big, grewed, grown-up, developed, ripe, grownup, fully grown, full-grown, growth, become. ANTONYM: (*adj*)

unripe.

signs: (*n*) situation, indications, signage, appearances, cipher, cryptogram, discriminating marks, indicia, secret code, secret language, symbols.

splendid: (*adj, n, v*) illustrious, glorious; (*adj*) gorgeous, beautiful, royal, gallant, proud; (*adj, n*) magnificent, noble, grand; (*adj, v*) brilliant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unimpressive, modest, humble,

ordinary, undistinguished, meager, awful, dire, lowly, inglorious, shabby.

tears: (*n*) cry, crying, snivel, brine, weeping, activity, bawling, bodily function, bodily process, body process, lacerations.

yokel: (*n*) hick, bumpkin, hayseed, rustic, rube, clod, hobnail, yahoo, chawbacon, yochel, boor.

ACT III

[SCENE.--The **editorial** office of the "People's Messenger." The entrance door is on the left-hand side of the back wall; on the **right**-hand side is another door with glass panels through which the printing room can be seen. Another door in the right-hand wall. In the middle of the room is a large table covered with papers, **newspapers** and books. In the **foreground** on the left a window, before which stands a desk and a high **stool**. There are a couple of easy chairs by the table, and other chairs standing along the wall. The room is **dingy** and uncomfortable; the furniture is old, the chairs **stained** and **orn**. In the printing room the compositors are seen at work, and a printer is working a handpress. HOVSTAD is sitting at the desk, writing. BILLING comes in from the right with DR. STOCKMANN'S manuscript in his hand.]

BILLING.

Well, I must say!

HOVSTAD.

[still writing] Have you read it through?

BILLING.

[laying the MS. on the desk] Yes, indeed I have.

HOVSTAD.

Don't you think the Doctor hits them pretty hard?

Thesaurus

dingy: (*adj*) dark, black, drab, dull, muddy, impure, dim, seedy, dowdy, unclean, grimy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) immaculate, spotless, sparkling, bright, neat, brilliant, interesting, smart.

editorial: (*n*) column, leader, leading article, comment, commentary, critique, exposition, feature, agony column, piece of writing, newspaper column.

foreground: (*n*) front, scene,

panorama, window, vista; (*v*) bring out, emphasize, highlight, cozy up, cotton up, accentuate. ANTONYM: (*v*) background.

newspapers: (*n*) press, papers, the media, journalists, reporters.

right-hand: (*adj*) righthand, right, dextral, essential.

stained: (*adj*) besmirched, dirty, colored, tarnished, soiled, tainted, sullied, flyblown, discolored, painted; (*v*) polluted. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) unspoiled, unstained, unblemished, clean.

stool: (*n*) seat, bench, footstool, feces, dejection, faeces, ordure, fecal matter, droppings, bowel movement, form.

orn: (*adj, prep*) lacerated, rent, mangled; (*adj*) ripped, tattered, blasted, lacerate, shabby, goddamned, infernal, made uninhabitable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pristine, sure, resolute, healed, decided, mended.

BILLING.

Hard? **Bless** my soul, he's **crushing**! Every word falls like--how shall I put it?--like the blow of a sledgehammer.

HOVSTAD.

Yes, but they are not the people to throw up the **sponge** at the first blow.

BILLING.

That is true; and for that reason we must strike blow upon blow until the whole of this **aristocracy** tumbles to pieces. As I sat in there reading this, I almost seemed to see a revolution in being.

HOVSTAD.

[turning round] Hush!--Speak so that Aslaksen cannot hear you.

BILLING.

[lowering his voice]. Aslaksen is a **chicken**-hearted chap, a coward; there is nothing of the man in him. But this time you will insist on your own way, won't you? You will put the Doctor's article in?

HOVSTAD.

Yes, and if the Mayor doesn't like it--

BILLING.

That will be the devil of a **nuisance**.

HOVSTAD.

Well, fortunately we can turn the situation to good account, whatever happens. If the Mayor will not fall in with the Doctor's project, he will have all the small tradesmen down on him--the whole of the Householders' Association and the rest of them. And if he does fall in with it, he will fall out with the whole crowd of large shareholders in the Baths, who up to now have been his most valuable supporters--

BILLING.

Yes, because they will certainly have to **fork** out a pretty penny--

Thesaurus

aristocracy: (*n*) gentry, nobility, peerage, gentility, aristarchy, elite, landed gentry, upper crust, great folks, nobles, patricians.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) people, plebeians, rabble, riffraff.
bless: (*v*) consecrate, celebrate, sanctify, anoint, eulogize, sign, praise, keep, grant, glorify; (*n*) blessing. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) curse, condemn, disapprove, damn, disallow, deny.

chicken-hearted: (*adj*) chicken, white-livered, yellow, pusillanimous, cowardly, frightened.
crushing: (*adj*) overpowering, overwhelming, destructive; (*n*) grinding, quelling, stifling, suppression, flattening, pressure; (*v*) shatter; (*adv*) crushingly.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mild, wonderful.
fork: (*n*) crotch, bifurcation, turn, branching; (*n, v*) branch, bend; (*v*) diverge, split, branch off, separate,

divide. **ANTONYM:** (*v*) converge.
nuisance: (*adj, n*) annoyance; (*n*) harassment, irritation, pain, pest, hassle, inconvenience, mischief, irritant, plague, pain in the neck. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) pleasure, help, delight, blessing, balm, advantage, satisfaction, ease.
sponge: (*n*) parasite, leech, sponger; (*v*) cadge, scrounge, bum, mooch, soaker, efface, crawl; (*adj, v*) wipe.

HOVSTAD.

Yes, you may be sure they will. And in this way the ring will be broken up, you see, and then in every issue of the paper we will **enlighten** the public on the Mayor's **incapability** on one point and another, and make it clear that all the positions of trust in the town, the whole control of municipal affairs, ought to be put in the hands of the Liberals.

BILLING.

That is perfectly true! I see it coming--I see it coming; we are on the **threshold** of a **revolution!**

[A knock is heard at the door.]

HOVSTAD.

Hush! [Calls out.] Come in! [DR. STOCKMANN comes in by the street door. HOVSTAD goes to meet him.] Ah, it is you, Doctor! Well?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You may set to work and **print** it, Mr. Hovstad!

HOVSTAD.

Has it come to that, then?

BILLING.

Hurrah!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, print away. **Undoubtedly** it has come to that. Now they must take what they get. There is going to be a fight in the town, Mr. Billing!

BILLING.

War to the **knife**, I hope! We will get our knives to their throats, Doctor!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

This article is only a beginning. I have already got four or five more sketched out in my head. Where is Aslaksen?

BILLING.

[calls into the printing-room] Aslaksen, just come here for a minute!

Thesaurus

enlighten: (*v*) advise, edify, educate, inform, clarify, apprise, instruct, illuminate, clear, notify; (*adj*, *v*) lighten. ANTONYMS: (*v*) puzzle, obfuscate, mystify, confound, cloud, brutalize, bewilder, muddle.
incapability: (*n*) incapacity, disability, impotence, unfitness, inaptitude, incompetence, incapableness, imperfectibility, inefficiency, disqualification, inadequacy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) capability, ability,

capacity.
knife: (*adj*, *n*) blade; (*adj*) cutlery, edge tool; (*v*) stab; (*n*) sword, cleaver, whittle, cutter, tongue, pocketknife, chopper.
print: (*n*, *v*) mark, impress, photograph; (*n*) impression, engraving, printing, picture, lettering, copy; (*v*) issue, engrave.
revolution: (*n*) change, rotation, turn, gyration, insurrection, mutiny, rebellion, revolt, alteration, cycle; (*n*,

v) circuit.
threshold: (*n*) brink, beginning, outset, entrance, entry, doorsill, doorstep, doorway, edge, vestibule, border. ANTONYM: (*n*) end.
undoubtedly: (*adv*) certainly, positively, definitely, indubitably, no doubt, clearly, unquestionably, unquestioned, all right, beyond any doubt; (*adj*, *adv*) doubtless. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) doubtfully, indefinite, ambiguously, possibly.

HOVSTAD.

Four or five more articles, did you say? On the same subject?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

No--far from it, my dear fellow. No, they are about quite another matter. But they all spring from the question of the water supply and the **drainage**. One thing leads to another, you know. It is like beginning to pull down an old house, exactly.

BILLING.

Upon my soul, it's true; you find you are not done till you have pulled all the old rubbish down.

ASLAKSEN.

[coming in] Pulled down? You are not thinking of pulling down the Baths surely, Doctor?

HOVSTAD.

Far from it, don't be afraid.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

No, we meant something quite different. Well, what do you think of my article, Mr. Hovstad?

HOVSTAD.

I think it is simply a **masterpiece**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Do you really think so? Well, I am very pleased, very pleased.

HOVSTAD.

It is so clear and **intelligible**. One need have no special knowledge to understand the **bearing** of it. You will have every **enlightened** man on your side.

ASLAKSEN.

And every **prudent** man too, I hope?

Thesaurus

bearing: (*n, v*) demeanor; (*n*) manner, direction, deportment, conduct, attitude, aspect, approach, appearance, respect, air.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) insignificance, irrelevance; (*adj*) nonbearing.

drainage: (*n*) drain, highway drainage, voidance, emptying, drainpipe, sewerage, evacuation, clearing; (*adj*) draining, dephlegmation, arefaction.

enlightened: (*adj*) liberal,

disillusioned, progressive, cultured,

aware, informed, learned, lettered; (*adj, v*) wise; (*n, v*) savant; (*v*) shrewd.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) puzzled, unenlightened, uninformed, confounded, confused, ignorant, perplexed, wild, reactionary, traditional; (*n*) uninitiate.

intelligible: (*adj*) clear, understandable, articulate, luminous, apprehensible, graspable, simple, lucid, definite, distinct, perspicuous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) difficult, illegible.

masterpiece: (*adj, n*) tour de force; (*n*) achievement, chef d'oeuvre, standard, model, paragon, creation; (*adj*) prime, pick, nonpareil, nonesuch.

prudent: (*adj, v*) discreet; (*adj*) cautious, circumspect, reasonable, chary, economical, careful, frugal, deliberate, advisable, canny. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) imprudent, reckless, spendthrift, stupid, careless, unwise, unsafe, tactless.

BILLING.

The prudent and the imprudent--almost the whole town.

ASLAKSEN.

In that case we may venture to print it.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I should think so!

HOVSTAD.

We will put it in tomorrow morning.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Of course--you must not lose a single day. What I wanted to ask you, Mr. Aslaksen, was if you would **supervise** the printing of it yourself.

ASLAKSEN.

With pleasure.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Take care of it as if it were a **treasure**! No misprints--every word is important. I will look in again a little later; perhaps you will be able to let me see a proof. I can't tell you how eager I am to see it in print, and see it **burst** upon the public--

BILLING.

Burst upon them--yes, like a **flash** of **lightning**!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

--and to have it submitted to the judgment of my **intelligent** fellow townsmen. You cannot imagine what I have gone through today. I have been threatened first with one thing and then with another; they have tried to rob me of my most **elementary** rights as a man--

BILLING.

What! Your rights as a man!

Thesaurus

burst: (*adj, n, v*) crack; (*adj, v*) split, blow up, explode, splinter, detonate; (*n, v*) rupture, blast; (*adj, n*) flash; (*v*) break out, belch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) attach, join, connect, fasten, trickle.
elementary: (*adj*) simple, primary, fundamental, primitive, basal, easy, elemental, introductory, essential, main, original. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) secondary, complex, hard, complicated, difficult, final.
flash: (*n, v*) flicker, blaze, shimmer,

glitter, gleam, glimmer, blink, flame; (*adj, n, v*) twinkle; (*n*) instant; (*v*) coruscate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tasteful; (*n*) age; (*v*) dawdle.
intelligent: (*adj*) intellectual, astute, sensible, alert, rational, quick-witted, bright, cunning, gifted, knowledgeable, brilliant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dim, thick, slow, stupid, dull, foolish.
lightning: (*n*) levin, electricity, thunderbolt, Leven, ignis fatuus, heat

lightning, forked lightning, fetter, dart, chain lightning; (*adj*) wind.
supervise: (*v*) manage, superintend, run, oversee, monitor, direct, check, control, conduct, handle, inspect.
treasure: (*n*) gem, fortune, riches, funds; (*n, v*) hoard, prize, store; (*v*) cherish, appreciate; (*adj, n*) jewel, precious stone. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dislike, disparage, scorn, neglect; (*n*) dud, poverty.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

--they have tried to **degrade** me, to make a coward of me, to force me to put personal interests before my most sacred convictions.

BILLING.

That is too much--I'm damned if it isn't.

HOVSTAD.

Oh, you mustn't be surprised at anything from that quarter.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, they will get the worst of it with me; they may assure themselves of that. I shall consider the "People's Messenger" my sheet-anchor now, and every single day I will **bombard** them with one article after another, like bombshells--

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, but

BILLING.

Hurrah!--it is war, it is war!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I shall **smite** them to the ground--I shall **crush** them--I shall break down all their **defenses**, before the eyes of the honest public! That is what I shall do!

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, but in moderation, Doctor--proceed with moderation.

BILLING.

Not a bit of it, not a bit of it! Don't spare the **dynamite**!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Because it is not merely a question of water- supply and drains now, you know. No--it is the whole of our social life that we have got to **purify** and disinfect--

BILLING.

Spoken like a **deliverer**!

Thesaurus

bombard: (*v*) bomb, attack, pelt, shell, barrage, pepper, raid, assail, besiege; (*n*) shawm, shelling.

crush: (*n, v*) squeeze, crunch, press; (*v*) beat, break, compress, conquer, stamp, overpower, squash, bruise. ANTONYMS: (*v*) lose, congratulate, stretch, praise, inspirit, encourage, compliment, expand, resist, submit, smooth.

defenses: (*n*) defence, defense, escape mechanism, lines, position, ranks.

degrade: (*v*) cheapen, demean, corrupt, decrease, dishonor, disparage; (*n, v*) disgrace, reduce; (*adj, n, v*) abase; (*adj, v*) debauch, lessen. ANTONYMS: (*v*) honor, admire, aggrade, elevate, uplift, worship, respect, promote, praise, dignify, purify.

deliverer: (*n*) saviour, deliveryman, redeemer, rescuer, bailor, Christ, individual, human, somebody, person, helper.

dynamite: (*n, v*) blast, plastic explosive, plastique; (*n*) explosive, lyddite, danger, gelly; (*v*) detonate, explode; (*adj*) capable, great.

purify: (*adj, v*) clear, cleanse; (*v*) purge, disinfect, refine, distill, sanctify, clarify, depurate, lustrate, chasten. ANTONYMS: (*v*) pollute, dilute, soil, cloud, desecrate.

smite: (*v*) strike, hit, buffet, bang, clout, knock, smash, thrash, thump, batter, affect.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

All the incapables must be turned out, you understand--and that in every walk of life! **Endless** vistas have opened themselves to my mind's eye today. I cannot see it all quite clearly yet, but I shall in time. Young and **vigorous** standard-bearers--those are what we need and must seek, my friends; we must have new men in command at all our outposts.

BILLING.

Hear hear!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

We only need to stand by one another, and it will all be perfectly easy. The revolution will be launched like a ship that **runs** smoothly off the **stocks**. Don't you think so?

HOVSTAD.

For my part I think we have now a prospect of getting the municipal authority into the hands where it should lie.

ASLAKSEN.

And if only we **proceed** with moderation, I cannot imagine that there will be any risk.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Who the devil cares **whether** there is any risk or not! What I am doing, I am doing in the name of truth and for the sake of my **conscience**.

HOVSTAD.

You are a man who deserves to be supported, Doctor.

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, there is no **denying** that the Doctor is a true friend to the town--a real friend to the community, that he is.

BILLING.

Take my word for it, Aslaksen, Dr. Stockmann is a friend of the people.

Thesaurus

conscience: (*n*) moral sense, Conscience money, sense of right and wrong, scruple, intention, tender conscience, small voice, principles, morals, morality, inward monitor. ANTONYM: (*n*) indifference.
denying: (*v*) deny; (*adv*) denyingly; (*adj*) opposed, recusative, unselfish, abnegative.
endless: (*adj*) constant, perpetual, interminable, continuous, ceaseless, eternal, uninterrupted, everlasting,

incessant, vast, unrelenting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) temporary, restricted, limited, intermittent, ending, finishing, sporadic, mortal, inconstant, few, slight.
proceed: (*v*) move, advance, originate, ensue, flow, issue, arise, emanate; (*adj, v*) pass, run, extend. ANTONYMS: (*v*) discontinue, recede, regress, return, retreat.
runs: (*n*) Aztec two-step, sickness, Montezuma's revenge.

stocks: (*n*) stock, bilboes, provisions, securities, whipping post, inventory, store, supplies, supply, bonds, instrument of punishment.
vigorous: (*adj, n*) robust, hardy, powerful, brave; (*adj*) energetic, strenuous, mighty, hearty, athletic; (*adj, v*) lively, brisk. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) feeble, weak, dull, inactive, impotent, enervated, unwell, uncommitted, unfit, weary, slow.
whether: (*pron*) where.

ASLAKSEN.

I fancy the Householders' Association will make use of that expression before long.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[affected, grasps their hands] Thank you, thank you, my dear **staunch** friends. It is very **refreshing** to me to hear you say that; my brother called me something quite different. By Jove, he shall have it back, with interest! But now I must be off to see a poor devil--I will come back, as I said. Keep a very careful eye on the manuscript, Aslaksen, and don't for worlds leave out any of my notes of **exclamation!** Rather put one or two more in! Capital, capital! Well, good-bye for the present-- goodbye, goodbye! [They show him to the door, and bow him out.]

HOVSTAD.

He may prove an invaluable useful man to us.

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, so long as he **confines** himself to this matter of the Baths. But if he goes farther **afield**, I don't think it would be advisable to follow him.

HOVSTAD.

Hm!--that all depends--

BILLING.

You are so **infernally timid**, Aslaksen!

ASLAKSEN.

Timid? Yes, when it is a question of the local authorities, I am timid, Mr. Billing; it is a lesson I have learned in the school of experience, let me tell you. But try me in higher politics, in **matters** that concern the government itself, and then see if I am timid.

BILLING.

No, you aren't, I admit. But this is simply contradicting yourself.

ASLAKSEN.

I am a man with a conscience, and that is the whole matter. If you attack the

Thesaurus

afield: (*adj*) astray, awry; (*adv*) aboard, on board, at home, everywhere, here, there, wrong, amiss, where.

confines: (*n*) boundary, bound, barrier, compass, limit, limits, range, frontier; (*adj*) environs, alentours; (*adj, n*) neighborhood.

exclamation: (*n*) clamor, ejaculation, exclaiming, utterance, whoop, interjection, shout, expletive, deuce, Dickens, ecphonesis.

infernally: (*adv*) satanically,

fiendishly, diabolically, devilishly, wickedly, unholy, demonically, satanically, deucedly, blessedly, damnedly.

matters: (*n*) affairs, materials, dealings, proceedings.

refreshing: (*adj*) bracing, invigorating, refreshful, pleasant, fresh, cool, refresh, refreshingly, crisp, tonic, pleasing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwelcome, soporific, tiring, relaxing, musty.

staunch: (*adj*) faithful, loyal, constant, solid, resolute, devoted, stalwart, secure, sturdy; (*n, v*) stanch; (*adj, n*) hardy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disloyal.

timid: (*adj*) shy, afraid, diffident, coy, bashful, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, modest; (*adj, adv*) cowardly; (*adj, n*) cautious. ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) brave; (*adj*) confident, bold, fearless, resolute, forward, daring, brazen, extrovert, brash, talkative.

government, you don't do the community any harm, anyway; those fellows pay no attention to attacks, you see--they go on just as they are, in **spite** of them. But local authorities are different; they can be turned out, and then perhaps you may get an **ignorant** lot into office who may do **irreparable** harm to the householders and everybody else.

HOVSTAD.

But what of the education of citizens by self government--don't you **attach** any importance to that?

ASLAKSEN.

When a man has interests of his own to protect, he cannot think of everything, Mr. Hovstad.

HOVSTAD.

Then I hope I shall never have interests of my own to protect!

BILLING.

Hear, hear!

ASLAKSEN.

[with a smile] Hm! [Points to the desk.] Mr. Sheriff Stensgaard was your predecessor at that editorial desk.

BILLING.

[spitting] Bah! That **turncoat**.

HOVSTAD.

I am not a weathercock--and never will be.

ASLAKSEN.

A politician should never be too certain of anything, Mr. Hovstad. And as for you, Mr. Billing, I should think it is time for you to be taking in a **reef** or two in your sails, seeing that you are **applying** for the post of secretary to the Bench.

BILLING.

I--!

Thesaurus

applying: (*adj*) applicatory, applicative.

attach: (*v*) append, adhere, add, affix, bind, link, associate, assign, nail, apply, annex. ANTONYMS: (*v*) undo, separate, unfasten, disconnect, free, deflect, dissociate, loosen, quit, take, unscrew.

ignorant: (*adj*) unconscious, unwitting, rude, illiterate, uneducated, blind, dull, unaware, uninformed, unlearned, innocent. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) conscious, versed, cultured, educated, informed, wary, literate, aware, polite.

irreparable: (*adj*) incurable, hopeless, irremediable, irrecoverable, incorrigible, irredeemable, irretrievable, remediless, irreclaimable, unalterable, irrevocable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) impermanent, repairable, temporary, superficial.

reef: (*v*) furl, rive; (*n*) rock, eyot, ait,

island, isle, islet, cliff, bank, shelf.

spite: (*n*) malice, grudge, hatred, malevolence, rancour, venom, rancor, maliciousness, ill will, animosity; (*n, v*) pique. ANTONYMS: (*v*) please; (*n*) benevolence, goodwill, love, affection, harmony.

turncoat: (*n*) renegade, apostate, deserter, defector, rebel, recreant, betrayer, transfugitive, ratter, conspirator, collaborator. ANTONYM: (*n*) patriot.

HOVSTAD.

Are you, Billing?

BILLING.

Well, yes--but you must clearly understand I am only doing it to **annoy** the bigwigs.

ASLAKSEN.

Anyhow, it is no business of mine. But if I am to be accused of **timidity** and of **inconsistency** in my principles, this is what I want to point out: my political past is an open book. I have never changed, except perhaps to become a little more **moderate**, you see. My heart is still with the people; but I don't deny that my reason has a certain **bias** towards the authorities-- the local ones, I mean. [Goes into the printing room.]

BILLING.

Oughtn't we to try and get rid of him, Hovstad?

HOVSTAD.

Do you know anyone else who will advance the money for our paper and printing bill?

BILLING.

It is an infernal nuisance that we don't possess some capital to trade on.

HOVSTAD.

[sitting down at his desk] Yes, if we only had that, then--

BILLING.

Suppose you were to apply to Dr. Stockmann?

HOVSTAD.

[turning over some papers] What is the use? He has got nothing.

BILLING.

No, but he has got a warm man in the background, old Morten Kiil--"the Badger," as they call him.

Thesaurus

annoy: (*v*) pester, displease, anger, harass, bother, vex, aggravate, grate, molest; (*n*) annoyance; (*n, v*) afflict. ANTONYMS: (*v*) pacify, soothe, gratify, placate, comfort, encourage, delight.

bias: (*n, v*) prejudice, bent, slant, influence, twist; (*adj, n*) partiality; (*n*) penchant, drift, turn, favor, slope. ANTONYMS: (*n*) neutrality, fairness, tolerance, justice, justness, broadmindedness.

inconsistency: (*n*) disagreement, contradiction, incompatibility, incoherence, incongruity, discordance, disparity, variance, repugnance, contradictoriness; (*adj, n*) frivolity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) steadiness, equality, constancy, concord, parity, predictability, reliability.

moderate: (*adj, v*) temperate, calm; (*adj*) abstemious, mild, middling; (*v*) mitigate, lessen, allay, diminish, curb;

(*adv, v*) check. ANTONYMS: (*v*) increase, intensify; (*adj*) immoderate, radical, unrestrained, speculative, strong, unreasonable, great, intemperate, massive.

timidity: (*n*) shyness, fear, bashfulness, nervousness, reserve, cowardice, fearfulness, timidness, modesty, humility, coyness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) confidence, boastfulness, swagger, brashness, security.

HOVSTAD.

[writing] Are you so sure he has got anything?

BILLING.

Good Lord, of course he has! And some of it must come to the Stockmanns. Most probably he will do something for the children, at all events.

HOVSTAD.

[turning half round] Are you **counting** on that?

BILLING.

Counting on it? Of course I am not counting on anything.

HOVSTAD.

That is right. And I should not count on the **secretaryship** to the Bench either, if I were you; for I can assure you--you won't get it.

BILLING.

Do you think I am not quite aware of that? My object is precisely not to get it. A slight of that kind stimulates a man's fighting power--it is like getting a supply of fresh bile--and I am sure one needs that badly enough in a **hole-and-corner** place like this, where it is so **seldom** anything happens to stir one up.

HOVSTAD.

[writing] Quite so, quite so.

BILLING.

Ah, I shall be heard of yet!--Now I shall go and write the appeal to the Householders' Association. [Goes into the room on the right.]

HOVSTAD.

[sitting at his desk, **biting** his penholder, says slowly] Hm!--that's it, is it. [A knock is heard.] Come in! [PETRA comes in by the **outer** door. HOVSTAD **gets** up.] What, you!--here?

PETRA.

Yes, you must **forgive** me--

Thesaurus

biting: (*adj, v*) acute, acrid, sarcastic, sharp, acrimonious, pungent, severe, cutting; (*adj*) acid, bitter, barbed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mild, blunt, kind, bland, nice, soothing, sweet, hot, complimentary, faint, sympathetic.

counting: (*n*) calculation, count, reckoning, computation, enumeration, numbering, numeration, tally, nosecount; (*adj*) calculating, including. ANTONYM: (*prep*) excluding.

forgive: (*v*) absolve, excuse, acquit, remit, pardon, justify, to forgive, exonerate, overlook, clear, to excuse. ANTONYMS: (*v*) condemn, punish, castigate.

gets: (*n*) getting.

hole-and-corner: (*adj*) cryptic, undercover, underhanded, backstairs, backdoor, covert, inner, hugger-mugger, unprincipled, unethical.

outer: (*adj*) exterior, outward, outside,

extrinsic, outdoor, outlying, peripheral, surface, utter, extraneous, outmost. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) internal, inner, interior, inward, inside.

secretaryship: (*n*) situation, attorney general.

seldom: (*adj*) scarce, rare, few, infrequent; (*adv*) occasionally, infrequently, uncommonly, hardly, scarcely, not often, once in a blue moon. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) often, seldom.

HOVSTAD.

[pulling a **chair forward**] Won't you sit down?

PETRA.

No, thank you; I must go again in a moment.

HOVSTAD.

Have you come with a **message** from your father, by any chance?

PETRA.

No, I have come on my own account. [Takes a book out of her coat pocket.] Here is the English **story**.

HOVSTAD.

Why have you brought it back?

PETRA.

Because I am not going to translate it.

HOVSTAD.

But you **promised** me **faithfully**.

PETRA.

Yes, but then I had not read it, I don't **suppose** you have read it either?

HOVSTAD.

No, you know quite well I don't understand English; but--

PETRA.

Quite so. That is why I wanted to tell you that you must find something else. [Lays the book on the table.] You can't use this for the "People's Messenger."

HOVSTAD.

Why not?

PETRA.

Because it conflicts with all your opinions.

HOVSTAD.

Oh, for that matter--

Thesaurus

chair: (*n, v*) chairman; (*n*) bench, president, chairperson, throne, couch, armchair, electric chair, chairwoman; (*v*) moderate, lead.

faithfully: (*adv*) exactly, accurately, sincerely, staunchly, precisely, truly, authentically, dutifully, literally, steadfastly, truly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unfaithfully, approximately, falsely, insincerely, carelessly, inaccurately.

forward: (*adj, prep*) bold; (*adj, adv*)

onward; (*adj*) audacious; (*adj, n, v*) promote; (*v*) expedite, dispatch; (*adv*) fore, along, ahead; (*adv, n, v*) further; (*adj, adv, n*) early. ANTONYMS: (*adj, adv*) backward; (*adj*) posterior, timid, reverse, abashed, late, formal; (*adv*) behind, rearward, back, aft.

message: (*n*) communication, information, errand, letter, mission, dispatch, statement, word, lesson, significance, note.

promised: (*adj*) pledged, affianced,

betrothed, busy, devoted, employed, greatly interested, intended, involved; (*v*) benempt, named.

story: (*n, v*) history, tale, narrative; (*n*) recital, narration, report, account, level, legend, novel, stage.

ANTONYM: (*n*) fact.

suppose: (*v*) infer, guess, speculate, divine, presume, conjecture, reckon, imagine, estimate, consider, assume.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) disbelieve, know, measure, despair, doubt, speculate.

PETRA.

You don't understand me. The burden of this story is that there is a **supernatural** power that looks after the so-called good people in this world and makes everything happen for the best in their case--while all the so-called bad people are punished.

HOVSTAD.

Well, but that is all right. That is just what our readers want.

PETRA.

And are you going to be the one to give it to them? For myself, I do not believe a word of it. You know quite well that things do not happen so in reality.

HOVSTAD.

You are perfectly right; but an editor cannot always act as he would prefer. He is often obliged to bow to the wishes of the public in **unimportant** matters. Politics are the most important thing in life--for a newspaper, anyway; and if I want to carry my public with me on the path that leads to **liberty** and progress, I must not **frighten** them away. If they find a moral tale of this sort in the **serial** at the bottom of the page, they will be all the more ready to read what is printed above it; they feel more secure, as it were.

PETRA.

For shame! You would never go and set a **snare** like that for your readers; you are not a **spider**!

HOVSTAD.

[smiling] Thank you for having such a good opinion of me. No; as a matter of fact that is Billing's idea and not mine.

PETRA.

Billing's!

HOVSTAD.

Yes; anyway, he propounded that theory here one day. And it is Billing who

Thesaurus

frighten: (*v*) cow, alarm, daunt, terrify, appall, scare, affright, intimidate, terrorize, appal; (*n, v*) fright.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) comfort, reassure, soothe, calm.

liberty: (*adj, n*) freedom, franchise; (*n*) license, leave, independence, autonomy, emancipation, latitude, permission, scope, release.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) slavery, domination, constraint, suppression, dependence.

serial: (*adj*) sequential, consecutive, recurrent, sequent, successive, continuous, regular; (*n*) periodical, series, serial publication, soap opera.

snare: (*n, v*) mesh, gin, ambush, hook; (*v*) catch, ensnare, entrap, entangle, capture, enmesh; (*n*) lure.

spider: (*n*) spiders, tarantula, arachnid, mussuk, chatti, lota, schooner, wedge ring, spinner, star handle, terrine.

supernatural: (*adj*) mystical,

preternatural, weird, superhuman, eerie, uncanny, unnatural, mysterious, ghostly, divine; (*n*) occult. ANTONYM: (*adj*) normal.

unimportant: (*adj*) insignificant, frivolous, inconsequential, irrelevant, trifling, slight, petty, little, negligible, immaterial, minor. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) important, significant, major, crucial, relevant, serious, powerful, connected, central, profound, considerable.

is so **anxious** to have that story in the paper; I don't know anything about the book.

PETRA.

But how can Billing, with his **emancipated** views--

HOVSTAD.

Oh, Billing is a **many-sided** man. He is applying for the post of secretary to the Bench, too, I hear.

PETRA.

I don't believe it, Mr. Hovstad. How could he possibly bring himself to do such a thing?

HOVSTAD.

Ah, you must ask him that.

PETRA.

I should never have thought it of him.

HOVSTAD.

[looking more closely at her] No? Does it really surprise you so much?

PETRA.

Yes. Or perhaps not **altogether**. Really, I don't quite know

HOVSTAD.

We journalists are not much worth, Miss Stockmann.

PETRA.

Do you really mean that?

HOVSTAD.

I think so sometimes.

PETRA.

Yes, in the ordinary affairs of **everyday** life, perhaps; I can understand that. But now, when you have taken a **weighty** matter in hand--

HOVSTAD.

This matter of your father's, you mean?

Thesaurus

altogether: (*adv*) absolutely, all, wholly, perfectly, purely, all in all, completely, entirely, totally, simply, ensemble. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) incompletely, partially.
anxious: (*adj*) uneasy, alarmed, thoughtful, fearful, apprehensive, agitated, keen; (*adj, v*) nervous, tense, solicitous, jumpy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, carefree, confident, rational, unconcerned, undisturbed, untroubled, assured, comfortable,

cool, apathetic.
emancipated: (*adj*) free, freed, uncontrolled, released, unbound, open, uninhibited, freer, disentangled, disengaged, boundless.
everyday: (*adj, v*) ordinary, usual; (*adj*) familiar, customary, routine, accustomed, average, regular, casual, prosaic, commonplace. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) extraordinary, exquisite, special, rare, exciting, different, exceptional, occasional, uncommon, formal,

imaginative.
many-sided: (*adj*) various, versatile, eclectic, finished, clever.
weighty: (*adj*) heavy, ponderous, grievous, powerful, profound; (*adj, v*) grave, serious, momentous, significant, solemn, influential. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) superficial, light, unimportant, trivial, weightless, unsubstantial, thin, solvable, small, facile, easy.

PETRA.

Exactly. It seems to me that now you must feel you are a man worth more than most.

HOVSTAD.

Yes, today I do feel something of that sort.

PETRA.

Of course you do, don't you? It is a splendid **vocation** you have chosen--to smooth the way for the march of **unappreciated** truths, and new and **courageous** lines of thought. If it were nothing more than because you stand **fearlessly** in the open and take up the cause of an injured man--

HOVSTAD.

Especially when that injured man is--ahem!--I don't **rightly** know how to--

PETRA.

When that man is so **upright** and so honest, you mean?

HOVSTAD.

[more gently] Especially when he is your father I meant.

PETRA.

[suddenly checked] That?

HOVSTAD.

Yes, Petra--Miss Petra.

PETRA.

Is it that, that is first and foremost with you? Not the matter itself? Not the truth?--not my father's big generous heart?

HOVSTAD.

Certainly--of course--that too.

PETRA.

No, thank you; you have betrayed yourself, Mr. Hovstad, and now I shall never trust you again in anything.

Thesaurus

courageous: (*adj, n*) bold; (*adj*) audacious, fearless, valiant, gallant, intrepid, spirited, heroic, undaunted, manly, confident. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) timid, wimpy, weak, spineless, pusillanimous, fearful, fainthearted, afraid, despicable.
fearlessly: (*adj, adv*) daringly, boldly, heroically, courageously, valiantly; (*adv*) dauntlessly, bravely, gallantly, undauntedly, audaciously, unflinchingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

nervously, cautiously, timidly.
rightly: (*adv*) correctly, rightfully, properly, accurately, appropriately, exactly, fitly, straightly, fairly, really; (*adv, v*) adequately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) wrongly, inappropriately, incorrectly, immorally, unjustly, partially, sinfully, unfairly, falsely.
unappreciated: (*adj*) unacknowledged, ungratifying, trying, unrewarding, difficult, unvalued, unsung, obscure. ANTONYM: (*adj*) rewarding.

upright: (*adj*) perpendicular, erect, fair, good, righteous, just, virtuous, true, honorable, plumb; (*adj, n*) vertical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) prone, disreputable, degenerate, hanging, unwholesome, dishonest, dishonorable, lying, horizontal, falling; (*adv*) horizontally.
vocation: (*n, v*) calling, profession, employment; (*n*) occupation, job, trade, business, career, line, mission, line of work.

HOVSTAD.

Can you really take it so amiss in me that it is mostly for your sake--?

PETRA.

What I am angry with you for, is for not having been **honest** with my father. You talked to him as if the truth and the good of the community were what lay nearest to your heart. You have made fools of both my father and me. You are not the man you made yourself out to be. And that I shall never forgive you- never!

HOVSTAD.

You ought not to speak so **bitterly**, Miss Petra--least of all now.

PETRA.

Why not now, especially?

HOVSTAD.

Because your father cannot do without my help.

PETRA.

[looking him up and down] Are you that sort of man too? For **shame!**

HOVSTAD.

No, no, I am not. This came upon me so unexpectedly--you must believe that.

PETRA.

I know what to believe. Goodbye.

ASLAKSEN.

[coming from the printing room, **hurriedly** and with an air of **mystery**] Damnation, Hovstad!--[Sees PETRA.] Oh, this is awkward--

PETRA.

There is the book; you must give it to some one else. [Goes towards the door.]

HOVSTAD.

[following her] But, Miss Stockmann--

PETRA.

Goodbye. [Goes out.]

Thesaurus

bitterly: (*adv*) biting, sourly, fiercely, cruelly, caustically, harshly, poignantly, piercingly, cuttingly, rancorously, acrimoniously.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) harmoniously, sweetly, warmly, gladly, agreeably, kindly, friendly.
honest: (*adj*) fair, genuine, sincere, good, equitable, artless, heartfelt, guileless, frank, forthright, faithful.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lying, misleading, guarded, corrupt, disloyal,

unwholesome, discourteous, disreputable, fictional, crafty, crooked.
hurriedly: (*adv*) rapidly, quickly, swiftly, abruptly, promptly, fast, in haste, suddenly, speedily, rashly, precipitately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, unhurriedly, patiently, carefully, gradually, thoroughly.
mystery: (*n*) arcanum, enigma, mysteriousness, secrecy, puzzle, craft, perplexity, poser, inscrutability,

whodunit; (*adj, n*) secret.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) explanation, openness.
shame: (*n, v*) disgrace, dishonor, discredit, humiliate, degrade, chagrin; (*n*) humiliation, modesty, scandal, insult; (*v*) abash.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) pride, glorification, making, worthiness; (*v*) acknowledge, glorify, respect, dignify.

ASLAKSEN.

I say--Mr, Hovstad--

HOVSTAD.

Well well!--what is it?

ASLAKSEN.

The Mayor is outside in the printing room.

HOVSTAD.

The Mayor, did you say?

ASLAKSEN.

Yes he **wants** to speak to you. He came in by the back door--didn't want to be seen, you understand.

HOVSTAD.

What can he want? **Wait** a bit--I will go **myself**. [Goes to the door of the printing room, opens it, bows and invites PETER STOCKMANN in.] Just see, Aslaksen, that no one--

ASLAKSEN.

Quite so. [Goes into the printing-room.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

You did not **expect** to see me here, Mr. Hovstad?

HOVSTAD.

No, I confess I did not.

PETER STOCKMANN.

[looking round] You are very snug in here--very nice indeed.

HOVSTAD.

Oh--

PETER STOCKMANN.

And here I come, without any **notice**, to take up your time!

HOVSTAD.

By all means, Mr. Mayor. I am at your service. But let me **relieve** you of your-

Thesaurus

expect: (*v*) assume, anticipate, demand, understand, hope, think, suppose, calculate, await, abide, conceive. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fear, despair.

myself: (*pron*) me, itself, herself, oneself, themselves, yourself; (*n*) I, yourselves; (*adv*) in person, for myself, in my opinion. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) universally, generally.

notice: (*n, v*) note, mind, regard; (*n*) advertisement, information,

declaration, attention; (*adj, v*) look, attend; (*v*) find, detect. ANTONYMS: (*v*) ignore, overlook, Miss; (*n*) ignorance, inattention, appointment, unconsciousness.

peter: (*n*) Dick, prick, pecker, calamus, bill, beam of light, beam, beak, barb, asshole, bastard.

relieve: (*n, v*) ease, assuage, mitigate, alleviate, allay, calm, redress; (*v*) free, help, console, excuse. ANTONYMS: (*v*) burden, aggravate, exacerbate,

harbor, enforce, include, upset, depress.

wait: (*n, v*) pause, hold, stop; (*v*) expect, anticipate, stay, await, lurk, ambush, remain; (*adj, v*) tarry.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) act, continuation, doing; (*v*) interrupt, leave, begin, depart, continue; (*intj*) hurry.

wants: (*n*) need, necessities.

-[takes STOCKMANN's hat and stick and puts them on a chair]. Won't you sit down?

PETER STOCKMANN.

[sitting down by the **table**] Thank you. [HOVSTAD sits down.] I have had an extremely **annoying** experience to-day, Mr. Hovstad.

HOVSTAD.

Really? Ah well, I expect with all the various business you have to **attend** to--

PETER STOCKMANN.

The Medical Officer of the Baths is responsible for what happened today.

HOVSTAD.

Indeed? The Doctor?

PETER STOCKMANN.

He has addressed a kind of report to the Baths Committee on the subject of certain supposed defects in the Baths.

HOVSTAD.

Has he indeed?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes--has he not told you? I thought he said--

HOVSTAD.

Ah, yes--it is true he did **mention** something about--

ASLAKSEN.

[coming from the printing-room] I ought to have that **copy**.

HOVSTAD.

[angrily] Ahem!--there it is on the **desk**.

ASLAKSEN.

[taking it] Right.

PETER STOCKMANN.

But look there--that is the thing I was **speaking** of!

Thesaurus

annoying: (*adj*) galling, vexatious, aggravating, vexing, worrying, awkward, trying, bothersome, disagreeable; (*adj, v*) irritating; (*n*) annoyance. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleasing, delightful, pleasant, charming, satisfying, welcome, convenient.

attend: (*n, v*) tend, escort, nurse, conduct; (*v*) assist, serve, minister, aid, look, partake, follow. ANTONYMS: (*v*) neglect, leave,

ignore, disregard, desert, abandon.

copy: (*n, v*) counterfeit, duplicate, pattern, trace; (*v*) imitate, ape, follow; (*adj, n, v*) model; (*n*) imitation, transcription, reproduction. ANTONYMS: (*v*) create, originate; (*n*) master.

desk: (*n*) bench, box, coffer, table, secretary, bureau, writing desk, escritoire, caisson, caddy, case.

mention: (*n, v*) comment, name, remark, call, hint; (*v*) cite, observe,

commend; (*n*) allusion, citation, reference. ANTONYM: (*v*) conceal.

speaking: (*n*) talk, discourse, speech, public speaking, reading, oral presentation, recital, recitation, disputation; (*v*) speak; (*adj*) expressive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nonspeaking, silent.

table: (*n*) board, schedule, chart, stand, list, desk, plateau, platen; (*v*) defer, shelve, postpone. ANTONYMS: (*v*) decide, vote, withdraw.

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, that is the Doctor's article, Mr. Mayor.

HOVSTAD.

Oh, is THAT what you were speaking about?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, that is it. What do you think of it?

HOVSTAD.

Oh, I am only a layman--and I have only taken a very **cursor**y glance at it.

PETER STOCKMANN.

But you are going to print it?

HOVSTAD.

I cannot very well refuse a **distinguished** man.

ASLAKSEN.

I have nothing to do with **editing** the paper, Mr. Mayor--

PETER STOCKMANN.

I understand.

ASLAKSEN.

I merely print what is put into my hands.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Quite so.

ASLAKSEN.

And so I must-- [moves off towards the printing-room].

PETER STOCKMANN.

No, but wait a moment, Mr. Aslaksen. You will allow me, Mr. Hovstad?

HOVSTAD.

If you please, Mr. Mayor.

PETER STOCKMANN.

You are a **discreet** and **thoughtful** man, Mr. Aslaksen.

Thesaurus

cursory: (*adj*) careless, passing, fleeting, perfunctory, ephemeral, superficial, slapdash, facile, evanescent, sketchy, shallow. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) complete, comprehensive, meticulous, long.
discreet: (*adj*) circumspect, prudent, careful, cautious, chary, discerning, tactful, diplomatic, sensible, politic; (*adj, v*) wise. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) elaborate, tactless, careless, indiscreet, reckless, bold, incautious,

thoughtless, insensitive, loud, obvious.
distinguished: (*adj*) dignified, celebrated, illustrious, renowned, conspicuous, important, reputable, great, noble, high, well-known. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ordinary, insignificant, undignified, Standard, pedestrian, low, common, coarse, base, undistinguished, modest.
editing: (*n*) redaction, edition, copy editing, deletion, cutting, cut,

compiling, layout, compilation, edit, electronic editing. ANTONYM: (*n*) freedom.
thoughtful: (*adj, v*) serious, solemn, grave; (*adj*) kind, careful, pensive, heedful, attentive, discreet, sensible, courteous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thoughtless, careless, heedless, uncaring, unkind, tactless, superficial, stupid, negligent, idiotic, unthinking.

ASLAKSEN.

I am delighted to hear you think so, sir.

PETER STOCKMANN.

And a man of very considerable influence.

ASLAKSEN.

Chiefly among the small tradesmen, sir.

PETER STOCKMANN.

The small tax-payers are the majority--here as **everywhere** else.

ASLAKSEN.

That is true.

PETER STOCKMANN.

And I have no doubt you know the general **trend** of opinion among them, don't you?

ASLAKSEN.

Yes I think I may say I do, Mr. Mayor.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes. Well, since there is such a **praiseworthy** spirit of **self-sacrifice** among the less wealthy citizens of our town--

ASLAKSEN.

What?

HOVSTAD.

Self-sacrifice?

PETER STOCKMANN.

It is **pleasing** evidence of a **public-spirited** feeling, extremely pleasing evidence. I might almost say I hardly expected it. But you have a **closer** knowledge of public opinion than I.

ASLAKSEN.

But, Mr. Mayor-

Thesaurus

closer: (*adv*) nearer, closest, more rapidly; (*adj*) close, approximate, near, dear, good, high; (*n*) finisher, finale.

everywhere: (*adv*) everywhere, all over, far and wide, overall, somewhere, far and near, about, where; (*adv, pron*) anywhere; (*adv, n*) anyplace; (*adj*) throughout. ANTONYM: (*adv*) nowhere.

pleasing: (*adj, n*) acceptable; (*adj*) amiable, lovable, amusing, attractive,

gratifying, lovely, pleasant, charming, delightful, inviting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unpleasant, unwelcome, infuriating, disappointing, straight, hurtful, maddening, displeasing, discordant, harsh, frustrating.

praiseworthy: (*adj, v*) laudable; (*adj*) admirable, meritorious, worthy, creditable, good, deserving, honorable, applaudable, exemplary; (*adj, n*) excellent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

blameworthy, disgraceful, despicable, dishonorable, poor, unworthy.

public-spirited: (*adj*) philanthropic. **self-sacrifice:** (*n*) martyrdom, renunciation.

trend: (*n*) fashion, tendency, inclination, fad, course, disposition, drift, direction; (*n, v*) style; (*v*) tend, incline.

PETER STOCKMANN.

And indeed it is no small **sacrifice** that the town is going to make.

HOVSTAD.

The town?

ASLAKSEN.

But I don't understand. Is it the Baths--?

PETER STOCKMANN.

At a **provisional estimate**, the alterations that the Medical Officer asserts to be desirable will cost somewhere about **twenty** thousand pounds.

ASLAKSEN.

That is a lot of money, but--

PETER STOCKMANN.

Of course it will be necessary to **raise** a municipal **loan**.

HOVSTAD.

[getting up] Surely you never mean that the town must pay--?

ASLAKSEN.

Do you mean that it must come out of the municipal funds?--out of the ill-filled pockets of the small tradesmen?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Well, my dear Mr. Aslaksen, where else is the money to come from?

ASLAKSEN.

The gentlemen who own the Baths ought to provide that.

PETER STOCKMANN.

The proprietors of the Baths are not in a position to **incur** any further **expense**.

ASLAKSEN.

Is that absolutely certain, Mr. Mayor?

Thesaurus

estimate: (*v*) compute, consider, weigh, assess; (*n, v*) guess, esteem, calculation, gauge, forecast; (*n*) appraisal, assessment. ANTONYMS: (*v*) measure, compute.
expense: (*n*) disbursement, expenditure, price, outlay, amount, toll, fee, payment, costs; (*n, v*) charge, detriment. ANTONYM: (*n*) income.
incur: (*n, v*) contract; (*v*) catch, get, incite, begin, cause, encounter, experience, obtain, suffer, receive.

loan: (*n, v*) advance, invest; (*n*) credit, accommodation, loanword, debt, borrowing; (*v*) lend, borrow, trust, rent.
provisional: (*adj*) makeshift, tentative, probationary, temporary, provisional, interim, experimental, qualified, provisory, acting; (*n*) emergency. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) permanent, definite, absolute, unrestricted, unconditional.
raise: (*n, v*) lift, boost, increase; (*v*)

erect, hoist, grow, enhance, build, elevate, promote, foster.
 ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) downgrade; (*v*) lessen, demote, decrease, level, reduce, dismantle, knock; (*n*) lowering, reduction, descent.
sacrifice: (*n, v*) oblation, forfeit; (*v*) offer, immolate, offer up, give, give up, relinquish; (*n*) immolation, loss, forfeiture.
twenty: (*adj*) vigesimal; (*n*) large integer, twenty dollar bill.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I have **satisfied** myself that it is so. If the town wants these very extensive alterations, it will have to pay for them.

ASLAKSEN.

But, **damn** it all--I beg your pardon--this is quite another matter, Mr, Hovstad!

HOVSTAD.

It is, indeed.

PETER STOCKMANN.

The most **fatal** part of it is that we shall be obliged to shut the Baths for a couple of years.

HOVSTAD.

Shut them? Shut them altogether?

ASLAKSEN.

For two years?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, the work will take as long as that--at least.

ASLAKSEN.

I'm damned if we will stand that, Mr. Mayor! What are we householders to live upon in the meantime?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Unfortunately, that is an extremely difficult question to answer, Mr. Aslaksen. But what would you have us do? Do you suppose we shall have a single **visitor** in the town, if we go about **proclaiming** that our water is **polluted**, that we are living over a **plague spot**, that the entire town--

ASLAKSEN.

And the whole thing is merely imagination?

Thesaurus

damn: (*adj, adv, v*) bloody; (*v*) curse, imprecate, beshrew, blaspheme, cuss, slam, convict; (*adj*) blasted, cursed; (*n*) damnation. ANTONYMS: (*v*) bless, laud, glorify, exalt, commend, praise.

fatal: (*adj*) deadly, pestilent, lethal, disastrous, destructive, dangerous, deathly, fateful, murderous, critical; (*adj, v*) mortal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) harmless, nourishing, healthful, benign, uncritical, mild.

plague: (*v*) molest, harass, afflict, hassle, annoy, badger, pester, disturb, beleaguer; (*n, v*) worry; (*adj, n, v*) bother. ANTONYM: (*v*) comfort.

polluted: (*adj*) dirty, contaminated, foul, defiled, filthy, unclean, profane, stained, soiled, tainted, nasty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clean, hygienic.

proclaiming: (*adj*) predicating, predicant, declaring, affirming, oracular, hence.

satisfied: (*adj*) happy, content, full,

pleased, confident, complacent, persuaded, fulfilled; (*adj, v*) certain, sure; (*v*) convinced. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) frustrated, anxious, disgruntled, hungry, insistent, pensive, unsure, dissatisfied, ashamed.

spot: (*n, v*) place, speck, blemish, speckle, fleck, dirty, dapple; (*adj, n, v*) stain, soil; (*n*) dot, space.

visitor: (*n*) visitant, tourist, company, traveler, caller, inspector, stranger, foreigner, alien, sightseer, surveyor.

PETER STOCKMANN.

With the best will in the world, I have not been able to come to any other conclusion.

ASLAKSEN.

Well then I must say it is absolutely **unjustifiable** of Dr. Stockmann--I beg your pardon, Mr. Mayor.

PETER STOCKMANN.

What you say is **lamentably** true, Mr. Aslaksen. My brother has **unfortunately** always been a **headstrong** man.

ASLAKSEN.

After this, do you mean to give him your support, Mr. Hovstad?

HOVSTAD.

Can you suppose for a moment that I--?

PETER STOCKMANN.

I have drawn up a short **resume** of the situation as it **appears** from a reasonable man's point of view. In it I have **indicated** how certain possible defects might suitably be remedied without outrunning the resources of the Baths Committee.

HOVSTAD.

Have you got it with you, Mr. Mayor?

PETER STOCKMANN.

[fumbling in his pocket] Yes, I brought it with me in case you should--

ASLAKSEN.

Good Lord, there he is!

PETER STOCKMANN.

Who? My brother?

HOVSTAD.

Where? Where?

Thesaurus

appears: (*n*) appearing.

headstrong: (*adj*) intractable, dogged, obstinate, disobedient, unruly, willful, wayward, froward, rash, headlong; (*adj, v*) ungovernable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tractable, compliant, amenable, docile, malleable, agreeable, cautious.

indicated: (*adj*) numbered.

lamentably: (*adj, adv*) sadly, woefully; (*adv*) pathetically, pathetically, pitifully, wretchedly, pitifully; (*adj*) grievously,

piteously, sorely, painfully.

resume: (*v*) restart, regain, summarize, continue, revert, adopt, recapitulate; (*n, v*) outline; (*n*) digest, synopsis, summary. ANTONYMS: (*v*) abandon, suspend, die, discontinue, expand.

unfortunately: (*adv*) wretchedly, unhappily, regrettably, sadly, alas, badly, unsuccessfully, poorly, disastrously, inauspiciously, inopportunistly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

luckily, thankfully, happily.

unjustifiable: (*adj*) unwarranted, unwarrantable, unreasonable, inexcusable, unjustified, unfair, unfounded, unforgivable, unallowable, undue; (*adj, v*) unpardonable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) justifiable, excusable, understandable, fair, justified, necessary.

ASLAKSEN.

He has just gone through the printing room.

PETER STOCKMANN.

How **unlucky!** I don't want to meet him here, and I had still several things to speak to you about.

HOVSTAD.

[pointing to the door on the right] Go in there for the present.

PETER STOCKMANN.

But--?

HOVSTAD.

You will only find Billing in there.

ASLAKSEN.

Quick, quick, Mr. Mayor--he is just coming.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, very well; but see that you get rid of him quickly. [Goes out through the door on the right, which ASLAKSEN opens for him and **shuts** after him.]

HOVSTAD.

Pretend to be doing something, Aslaksen. [Sits down and writes. ASLAKSEN begins **foraging** among a heap of newspapers that are **lying** on a chair.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[coming in from the printing room] Here I am again. [Puts down his hat and stick.]

HOVSTAD.

[writing] Already, Doctor? **Hurry** up with what we were speaking about, Aslaksen. We are very **pressed** for time today.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[to ASLAKSEN] No **proof** for me to see yet, I hear.

ASLAKSEN.

[without **turning** round] You couldn't expect it yet, Doctor.

Thesaurus

foraging: (*n*) eatage.

hurry: (*n*) haste; (*n, v*) bustle, hasten, dispatch, flurry, rush; (*v*) scurry, dash, accelerate, expedite, run.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) slowness, calmness, patience, unimportance; (*v*) dawdle, delay, linger, crawl, amble; (*intj*) wait.

lying: (*adj*) false, deceptive, mendacious, untrue, misleading, fraudulent; (*n*) lie, falsehood, fabrication, deceit, dishonesty.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) honesty, truthfulness; (*adj*) truthful.

pressed: (*adj*) compact, urgent, printed, pressing, press, stamped, pushed, impelled, incited, bound, driven.

proof: (*n*) confirmation, probation, authentication, sign, substantiation, evidence, verification, validation, argument, experiment, indication.

ANTONYM: (*n*) contradiction.

shuts: (*adj*) closed.

turning: (*n*) turn, revolution, bend, rotation, deviation, gyration, conversion, veering; (*adj*) rotating, revolving, rotary.

unlucky: (*adj*) luckless, hapless, unhappy, sinister, inauspicious, unsuccessful, ominous, adverse, disastrous, unfavorable; (*adj, v*) untoward. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fortunate, happy, auspicious, successful.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

No, no; but I am **impatient**, as you can understand. I shall not know a moment's peace of mind until I see it in print.

HOVSTAD.

Hm!--It will take a good while yet, won't it, Aslaksen?

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, I am almost afraid it will.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

All right, my dear friends; I will come back. I do not mind coming back twice if necessary. A matter of such great importance--the welfare of the town at stake--it is no time to **shirk** trouble, [is just going, but **stops** and comes back.] Look here--there is one thing more I want to speak to you about.

HOVSTAD.

Excuse me, but could it not wait **till** some other time?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I can tell you in half a **dozen** words. It is only this. When my article is read tomorrow and it is **realised** that I have been **quietly** working the whole winter for the welfare of the town--

HOVSTAD.

Yes but, Doctor--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I know what you are going to say. You don't see how on earth it was any more than my duty--my obvious duty as a **citizen**. Of course it wasn't; I know that as well as you. But my fellow citizens, you know--! Good Lord, think of all the good souls who think so highly of me--!

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, our **townsfolk** have had a very high opinion of you so far, Doctor.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, and that is just why I am afraid they--. Well, this is the point; when this

Thesaurus

citizen: (*n*) national, inhabitant, denizen, resident, burgher, the people, subject, freeman, native, nationality, voter. ANTONYMS: (*n*) foreigner, immigrant, tourist, alien, stranger.
dozen: (*adj, n*) XII; (*n*) dozens, boxcars.
impatient: (*adj*) eager, anxious, petulant, fidgety, vexed, keen, edgy, quick, avid, irritable, fretful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) patient, enduring, unenthusiastic, calm, happy, relaxed,

slow.
quietly: (*adv*) stilly, calmly, peacefully, silently, softly, smoothly, tranquilly, serenely, restfully, lully, moderately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) loudly, harshly, raucously, vociferously, anxiously, energetically, manically, unquietly, clearly, heavily, brashly.
realised: (*adj*) realized, complete, completed, highly skilled, caught, effected, established.
shirk: (*v*) evade, avoid, dodge, duck,

goldbrick, elude, malinger, eschew, parry, blink, flinch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) accept, court.
stops: (*n*) Chicago, Michigan, Newmarket, boodle, halts, stop, stoppages, stopped, stopping, card game, moolah.
till: (*conj, prep*) until, unto; (*v*) plow, hoe, farm, dig; (*adj*) up to; (*n*) tiller, drawer; (*adv*) so far; (*prep*) to.
townsfolk: (*n*) borough, town, municipality.

reaches them, especially the **poorer classes**, and sounds in their ears like a **summons** to take the town's affairs into their own hands for the future...

HOVSTAD.

[getting up] Ahem I Doctor, I won't **conceal** from you the fact--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Ah I--I **knew** there was something in the wind! But I won't hear a word of it. If anything of that sort is being set on foot--

HOVSTAD.

Of what sort?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, whatever it is--whether it is a demonstration in my honour, or a **banquet**, or a **subscription** list for some presentation to me--whatever it is, you most promise me **solemnly** and faithfully to put a stop to it. You too, Mr. Aslaksen; do you understand?

HOVSTAD.

You must forgive me, Doctor, but sooner or later we must tell you the plain truth--

[He is **interrupted** by the entrance Of MRS. STOCKMANN, who comes in from the street door.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[seeing her husband]. Just as I thought!

HOVSTAD.

[going towards her] You too, Mrs. Stockmann?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What on earth do you want here, Katherine?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

I should think you know very well what I want.

HOVSTAD.

Won't you sit down? Or perhaps--

Thesaurus

banquet: (*v*) junket, revel, regale; (*n*) party, celebration, carousal, treat, entertainment, spread, dinner, reception. ANTONYMS: (*n*) snack.

classes: (*n*) lessons.

conceal: (*v*) hide, disguise, bury, screen, cloak, smother, shield, suppress, mask, obscure; (*n, v*) veil. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reveal, show, expose, divulge, clarify, uncover, disclose, tell, admit, spotlight, flaunt.

interrupted: (*adj*) discontinuous, fitful,

intermittent, discontinued, disconnected, unsuccessful, intervallic, episodic, gaping, periodic; (*prep*) interrupt.

knew: (*adj*) known; (*v*) recognize, wist.

poorer: (*adj*) lesser, substandard, subordinate, of inferior quality, not as good as, lower, junior, minor. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) superior, higher.

reaches: (*n*) recess.

solemnly: (*adv*) earnestly, gravely, majestically, stately, sternly, staidly,

thoughtfully, soberly, formally, ceremoniously, importantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, flippanantly.

subscription: (*n*) donation, agreement, approval, offering, reservation, registration, gift, entry; (*v*) allowance, subvention, subsidy.

summons: (*n*) call, invitation, bidding, process, writ, invocation, warrant, command; (*n, v*) summon; (*v*) demand, cite.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

No, thank you; don't trouble. And you must not be **offended** at my coming to fetch my husband; I am the mother of three children, you know.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Nonsense!--we know all about that.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Well, one would not give you credit for much thought for your wife and children today; if you had had that, you would not have gone and dragged us all into **misfortune**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Are you out of your senses, Katherine! Because a man has a wife and children, is he not to be allowed to **proclaim** the truth--is he not to be allowed to be an **actively** useful citizen--is he not to be allowed to do a service to his native town!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, Thomas--in reason.

ASLAKSEN.

Just what I say. Moderation in everything.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

And that is why you wrong us, Mr. Hovstad, in **enticing** my husband away from his home and making a **dupe** of him in all this.

HOVSTAD.

I certainly am making a dupe of no one--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Making a dupe of me! Do you suppose I should allow myself to be **duped**!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

It is just what you do. I know quite well you have more **brains** than anyone in the town, but you are extremely easily duped, Thomas. [To Hovstad.] Please do realise that he loses his post at the Baths if you print what he has written.

Thesaurus

actively: (*adv*) briskly, energetically, animatedly, diligently, lively, quickly, vigorously, agilely, vivaciously, alertly, industriously.

brains: (*n*) cleverness, intellect, intelligence, sense, mind, wisdom, pate, wit, wits, reason; (*adj, n*) head. ANTONYM: (*n*) stupidity.

dupe: (*n, v*) fool, con, gull; (*v*) defraud, bamboozle, beguile, deceive, take in, kid, trick; (*n*) victim. ANTONYM: (*v*) enlighten.

duped: (*adj*) mistaken.

enticing: (*adj, v*) alluring; (*adj*) tempting, attractive, beguiling, inviting, seductive, engaging, fetching, appealing, fascinating, enthralling. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

unappealing, unattractive, revolting. **misfortune:** (*n*) accident, hardship, misadventure, disaster, calamity, mischance, catastrophe, mishap, bad luck, misery, affliction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) joy, bonus, opportunity, privilege,

success, happiness.

offended: (*adj*) angry, affronted, aggrieved, pained, wronged, annoyed, insulted, shocked, vexed, resentful, injured. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indifferent, proud, unconcerned.

proclaim: (*v*) declare, assert, advertise, broadcast, promulgate, enunciate, herald, decree, divulge, notify, announce.

ASLAKSEN.

What!

HOVSTAD.

Look here, Doctor!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[laughing] Ha-ha!--just let them try! No, no--they will take good care not to. I have got the compact majority behind me, let me tell you!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, that is just the worst of it--your **having** any such **horrid** thing behind you.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Rubbish, Katherine!--Go home and look after your house and leave me to look after the community. How can you be so afraid, when I am so **confident** and happy? [Walks up and down, rubbing his hands.] Truth and the People will win the fight, you may be certain! I see the whole of the **broad-minded** middle class **marching** like a **victorious** army--! [Stops beside a chair.] What the deuce is that lying there?

ASLAKSEN.

Good Lord!

HOVSTAD.

Ahem!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Here we have the **topmost pinnacle** of authority! [Takes the Mayor's official hat carefully between his finger-tips and holds it up in the air.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

The Mayor's hat!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And here is the staff of office too. How in the name of all that's wonderful--?

Thesaurus

broad-minded: (*adj*) large-minded, liberal, Catholic, progressive, charitable, enlightened, humane.

confident: (*adj*) bold, brave, secure, sanguine, audacious, forward, fearless; (*adj, v*) certain, positive, sure; (*adj, n*) hopeful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) insecure, timid, pessimistic, frightened, anxious, unsure, hesitant, unintelligent, doubtful, diffident, bland.

having: (*n*) estate, possession,

acceptance, enjoyment.

horrid: (*adj*) grisly, ghastly, ugly, gruesome, grim, fearful, dreadful, direful, dire, horrible, fearsome.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lovely, nice, appealing, attractive, kind.

marching: (*n*) walking, mar, drill; (*adj*) ongoing, moving.

pinnacle: (*n*) apex, top, height, crest, zenith, crown, summit, acme, heyday, climax, culmination.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) nadir, base, bottom,

trough.

topmost: (*adj*) highest, upmost, upper, maximum, uppermost, head, supreme, utmost, crowning, apical, uttermost. ANTONYM: (*adj*) bottom.

victorious: (*adj*) triumphant, successful, winning, jubilant, victor, fortunate, lifted up; (*adj, v*) triumphal, exultant, triumphing, on top. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) beaten, unsuccessful, failing, losing, sorrowful.

HOVSTAD.

Well, you see--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oh, I understand. He has been here trying to talk you over. Ha-ha!--he made rather a **mistake** there! And as soon as he caught sight of me in the printing room. [Bursts out laughing.] Did he run away, Mr. Aslaksen?

ASLAKSEN.

[hurriedly] Yes, he ran away, Doctor.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Ran away without his stick or his--. Fiddlesticks! Peter doesn't run away and leave his **belongings** behind him. But what the deuce have you done with him? Ah!--in there, of course. Now you shall see, Katherine!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Thomas--please don't--!

ASLAKSEN.

Don't be **rash**, Doctor.

[DR. STOCKMANN has put on the Mayor's hat and taken his stick in his hand. He goes up to the door, opens it, and **stands** with his hand to his hat at the **salute**. PETER STOCKMANN comes in, red with anger. BILLING follows him.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

What does this **tomfoolery** mean?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Be **respectful**, my good Peter. I am the chief authority in the town now. [Walks up and down.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[almost in tears] Really, Thomas!

PETER STOCKMANN.

[following him about]. Give me my hat and stick.

Thesaurus

belongings: (*n*) property, luggage, baggage, wealth, assets, gear, chattels, personal property, possessions, possession, equipment.
mistake: (*n, v*) miss, blunder, err, slip; (*n*) failure, error, misconception, misapprehension, defect, demerit; (*v*) misapprehend. ANTONYMS: (*v*) appreciate, distinguish, interpret.
rash: (*adj, n*) foolhardy, hasty, precipitate, eruption; (*adj*) imprudent, reckless, impetuous, heedless,

audacious, sudden; (*adj, adv*) thoughtless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cautious, careful, sensible, wise, considered, deliberate, prudent, modest, slow, responsible, patient.
respectful: (*adj*) deferential, mannerly, dutiful, courteous, attentive, obedient, reverential, respectful, reverent, polite, humble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheeky, impudent, insolent, rude, contemptuous, disobedient, scornful,

nasty, sneering, irreverent, impolite.
salute: (*v*) greet, hail, kiss, accol, acknowledge, buss; (*n*) salutation, bow, salaam; (*n, v*) address, compliment.
stands: (*n*) bleachers, stood, grandstand, standing, stop, covered stand, standpoint, stall, sales booth, reviewing stand, rack.
tomfoolery: (*n*) foolery, folly, prank, mummery, indulgence, fooling, farce, harlequinade, frivolity, frolic, caper.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[in the same tone as before] If you are chief constable, let me tell you that I am the Mayor--I am the master of the whole town, please understand!

PETER STOCKMANN.

Take off my hat, I tell you. Remember it is part of an official uniform.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Pooh! Do you think the **newly awakened lionhearted** people are going to be frightened by an official hat? There is going to be a revolution in the town tomorrow, let me tell you. You thought you could turn me out; but now I shall turn you out-- turn you out of all your various offices. Do you think I cannot? Listen to me. I have **triumphant** social forces behind me. Hovstad and Billing will **thunder** in the "People's Messenger," and Aslaksen will take the field at the head of the whole Householders' Association--

ASLAKSEN.

That I won't, Doctor.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Of course you will--

PETER STOCKMANN.

Ah!--may I ask then if Mr. Hovstad intends to join this **agitation**?

HOVSTAD.

No, Mr. Mayor.

ASLAKSEN.

No, Mr. Hovstad is not such a fool as to go and ruin his paper and himself for the sake of an **imaginary grievance**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[looking round him] What does this mean?

HOVSTAD.

You have represented your case in a false light, Doctor, and therefore I am unable to give you my support.

Thesaurus

agitation: (*n*) disturbance, excitement, tumult, stirring, convulsion, stir, commotion, emotion, unrest, shake, turmoil. ANTONYMS: (*n*) serenity, calm, equanimity, rest, peace, deterrent.

awakened: (*adj*) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested.

grievance: (*n*) injustice, wrong, grudge, affliction, protest, objection, disaffection, discontentment, dissatisfaction; (*adj*) annoyance; (*adj*,

n) distress. ANTONYMS: (*n*) justice, praise.

imaginary: (*adj*) fictitious, unreal, false, mythical, illusory, ideal, hypothetical, visionary, fictional, notional, chimerical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) real, palpable, actual, concrete, prosaic, normal, true.

lionhearted: (*adj*) brave, gallant, dauntless, fearless, intrepid, stout.

newly: (*adv*) freshly, recently, lately, new, late, novelly, unusedly, anew,

fresh; (*adj, adv*) afresh; (*adj*) recent.

thunder: (*adj, n, v*) boom; (*n, v*) roar, bang, roll, bellow; (*adj, n*) peal; (*adj, v*) explode, detonate; (*v*) howl, rumble, fulminate.

triumphant: (*adj*) victorious, successful, triumphal, exulting, winning, joyful, rejoicing, elated, conquering, prideful; (*adj, v*) exultant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disappointed, failing, losing, defeated, miserable, sorrowful.

BILLING.

And after what the Mayor was so kind as to tell me just now, I--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

A **false** light! Leave that part of it to me. Only print my article; I am quite **capable** of **defending** it.

HOVSTAD.

I am not going to print it. I cannot and will not and dare not print it.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You dare not? What nonsense!--you are the editor; and an editor **controls** his paper, I suppose!

ASLAKSEN.

No, it is the subscribers, Doctor.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Fortunately, yes.

ASLAKSEN.

It is public opinion--the enlightened public-- householders and people of that kind; they control the newspapers.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[composedly] And I have all these influences against me?

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, you have. It would mean the absolute **ruin** of the community if your article were to appear.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Indeed.

PETER STOCKMANN.

My hat and stick, if you please. [DR. STOCKMANN takes off the hat and lays it on the table with the stick. PETER STOCKMANN takes them up.] Your authority as mayor has come to an **untimely** end.

Thesaurus

capable: (*adj*) competent, adequate, apt, adept, accomplished, fit, gifted, qualified, proficient, trained; (*adj, n*) efficient. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) incapable, inept, unable, helpless, lacking, bad, unimaginative, unqualified, untrained.
controls: (*n*) helm, rudder, control elements, tiller, wheel.
defending: (*v*) defend; (*adj*) caring, shielding, protective, opposed, protecting; (*n*) patrol.

false: (*adj, n*) bastard; (*adj, adv*) counterfeit, deceitful; (*adj*) untrue, dishonest, erroneous, sham, assumed, artificial, fictitious, deceptive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) real, genuine, faithful, factual, correct, natural, truthful, honest, valid, just, loyal.
ruin: (*n*) devastation, desolation; (*adj, n*) downfall; (*v*) break, consume, demolish, destroy; (*n, v*) doom, ravage, destruction, damage.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) conserve, enhance, save, restore, improve; (*n, v*) respect; (*n*) making, success, triumph, rise, preservation.

untimely: (*adj*) early, unseasonable, inopportune, inappropriate, awkward, immature, previous, ill timed, inconvenient, improper, belated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) timely, appropriate, opportune, convenient, overdue.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

We have not got to the end yet. [To HOVSTAD.] Then it is quite impossible for you to print my article in the "People's Messenger"?

HOVSTAD.

Quite impossible--out of **regard** for your family as well.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

You need not concern yourself about his family, thank you, Mr. Hovstad.

PETER STOCKMANN.

[taking a paper from his pocket] It will be sufficient, for the **guidance** of the public, if this appears. It is an official statement. May I trouble you?

HOVSTAD.

[taking the paper] Certainly; I will see that it is **printed**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But not mine. Do you imagine that you can silence me and **stifle** the truth! You will not find it so easy as you suppose. Mr. Aslaksen, **kindly** take my manuscript at once and print it as a pamphlet--at my expense. I will have four hundred copies--no, five or six hundred.

ASLAKSEN.

If you offered me its weight in gold, I could not **lend** my press for any such purpose, Doctor. It would be **flying** in the face of public opinion. You will not get it printed anywhere in the town.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Then give it me back.

HOVSTAD.

[giving him the MS.] Here it is.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN [taking his hat and stick]. It shall be made public all the same. I will read it out at a mass meeting of the **townspeople**. All my fellow-citizens shall hear the voice of truth!

Thesaurus

flying: (*adj*) fast, quick, rapid, swift, moving, flaring, aflame; (*n*) fly, flight, aviation, ballooning.

guidance: (*n, v*) direction, government, control, management, administration, charge; (*n*) advice, counsel, lead, instruction, regulation.

kindly: (*adj*) kind, amiable, genial, charitable; (*adv*) sympathetically, benevolently, tenderly; (*adj, n*) benign, gentle, sympathetic, benevolent. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

harshly, nastily, callously, cruelly, sharply, disagreeably, grumpily, malevolently; (*adj*) upsetting, unfeeling, sour.

lend: (*v*) grant, give, advance, impart, bestow, contribute, borrow, bring, add, confer; (*n*) lending.

printed: (*adj*) written, imprinted, stamped, pressed, embossed, on paper.

regard: (*n, v*) respect, esteem, attention, heed, concern, note; (*adj, n,*

v) notice; (*v*) estimate, believe; (*adj, v*) attend; (*n*) deference. ANTONYMS:

(*n*) neglect, disesteem, inattentiveness, disdain, detachment, infamy; (*v*) ignore, scorn, disregard. **stifle:** (*v*) smother, suffocate, repress, dampen, muffle, extinguish, strangle, quell, hush up, asphyxiate, check. ANTONYMS: (*v*) express, arouse, stimulate, light, exacerbate, show.

townspeople: (*n*) town, borough, township, municipality.

PETER STOCKMANN.

You will not find any public body in the town that will give you the use of their hall for such a purpose.

ASLAKSEN.

Not a single one, I am certain.

BILLING.

No, I'm damned if you will find one.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But this is too shameful! Why should every one turn against you like that?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[angrily] I will tell you why. It is because all the men in this town are old women--like you; they all think of nothing but their families, and never of the community.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[putting her arm into his] Then I will show them that an old woman can be a man for once. I am going to stand by you, Thomas!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Bravely said, Katherine! It shall be made public-- as I am a **living** soul! If I can't **hire** a hall, I shall hire a **drum**, and **parade** the town with it and read it at every street- **corner**.

PETER STOCKMANN.

You are **surely** not such an **errant** fool as that!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, I am.

ASLAKSEN.

You won't find a single man in the whole town to go with you.

BILLING.

No, I'm damned if you will.

Thesaurus

corner: (*n*) bend, angle, nook, dilemma, recess, hole, coign, predicament, niche; (*n, v*) turn; (*adj*) angular. ANTONYMS: (*v*) free; (*n*) solution.

drum: (*adj, n*) barrel; (*n*) cask, tympan, cylinder, timbrel, tambour, tambourine; (*v*) beat, roll, bone up, ram.

errant: (*adj*) devious, vagabond, erring, erroneous, perverse, fallible, mistaken, migrant, fugitive; (*adj, n*)

notorious; (*adv*) adrift. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reliable, right, pure, inerrant, correct, trustworthy, righteous.

hire: (*v*) employ, charter, enlist, take, rent, take on, retain; (*n, v*) wage; (*n*) employment, salary, engagement. ANTONYM: (*v*) fire.

living: (*adj*) alive, live, extant, animated, active, fresh, animate, quick; (*n*) livelihood, life, being. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inanimate; (*n*) death, leisure.

parade: (*v*) flaunt, exhibit, demonstrate, strut, swagger; (*n, v*) march, show, array; (*n*) ostentation, pageant, ceremony.

surely: (*adv*) positively, definitely, confidently, securely, undoubtedly, clearly, firmly, assuredly, absolutely; (*adj, adv*) really; (*adv, int*) of course. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) questionably, uncertain, weakly.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Don't give in, Thomas. I will tell the boys to go with you.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

That is a splendid idea!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Morten will be delighted; and Ejlif will do whatever he does.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, and Petra!--and you too, Katherine!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

No, I won't do that; but I will **stand** at the window and **watch** you, that's what I will do.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[puts his arms round her and kisses her] Thank you, my dear! Now you and I are going to try a **fall**, my fine gentlemen! I am going to see whether a pack of cowards can **succeed in gagging** a **patriot** who wants to purify society! [He and his wife go out by the street door.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

[shaking his head **seriously**] Now he has sent her out of her senses, too.

Thesaurus

fall: (*n, v*) decline, dip, rain, decrease, plunge, dive; (*n*) downfall, descent, autumn; (*v*) descend, sink.

ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) increase, win, climb, triumph; (*n*) ascent, improvement, rising; (*v*) ascend, advance, conquer, elevate.

gagging: (*n*) press straightening.

patriot: (*n*) jingoist, jingo, subject, patriotic, Garibaldi, loyalist, national, chauvinist. ANTONYM: (*n*) turncoat.

seriously: (*adv*) earnestly, soberly,

severely, solemnly, badly, deeply, staidly, sincerely, thoughtfully, greatly, weightily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) frivolously, playfully, cheerfully, slightly, teasingly, jovially, nonchalantly, lightheartedly, briskly, mildly, lightly.

stand: (*v*) endure, undergo; (*n*) rack, booth, attitude, base, pedestal; (*n, v*) live, position; (*adj, v*) suffer, tolerate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) sit, lie, yield, forbid; (*n*) top.

succeed: (*v*) follow, arrive, prosper, prevail, manage, supplant, ensue, supersede, do, achieve, flourish. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fail, precede, lose, botch, restore, neglect, Miss, deteriorate.

watch: (*n, v*) view, sentinel, clock, wake, regard, care; (*v*) observe, look, see; (*n*) sentry; (*adj, n*) surveillance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) neglect, overlook, harm, hurt, glance.

ACT IV

[SCENE.--A big **old**-fashioned room in CAPTAIN HORSTER'S house. At the back folding-doors, which are standing open, lead to an **ante**- room. Three windows in the left-hand wall. In the middle of the opposite wall a **platform** has been erected. On this is a small table with two candles, a water-bottle and glass, and a bell. The room is lit by lamps placed between the windows. In the foreground on the left there is a table with candles and a chair. To the right is a door and some chairs standing near it. The room is nearly **filled** with a **crowd** of townspeople of all sorts, a few **women** and schoolboys being amongst them. People are still **streaming** in from the back, and the room is soon filled.]

1ST CITIZEN.

[meeting another] Hullo, Lamstad! You here too?

2ND CITIZEN.

I go to every public meeting, I do.

3RD CITIZEN.

Brought your **whistle** too, I expect!

2ND CITIZEN.

I should think so. Haven't you?

3RD CITIZEN.

Rather! And old Evensen said he was going to bring a cow-horn, he did.

2ND CITIZEN.

Good old Evensen! [**Laughter** among the crowd.]

4TH CITIZEN.

[coming up to them] I say, tell me what is going on here tonight?

Thesaurus

ante: (*n*) wager, stake, craps, roulette, pitch and toss, farthing, cup tossing, chuck, faro, gamble; (*adv, prep*) before.

crowd: (*n, v*) huddle, flock, swarm, press, squeeze, cluster, mob; (*n*) crew, collection, circle, army. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disperse, empty, retreat, scatter, desert; (*n*) dispersal, scattering, trickle, few.

filled: (*adj*) replete, packed, fraught, teeming, laden, abundant, congested,

charged, stuffed; (*adj, adv*) crowded; (*n*) fuller. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lacking, clear.

laughter: (*n*) amusement, fun, guffaw, merriment, chortle, chuckle, mirth, hilarity, giggle, derision, happiness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sadness, gloom, despair, boredom, misery, despondency.

old-fashioned: (*adj*) obsolete, antiquated, archaic, outmoded, outdated, ancient, old, musty, corny,

behind the times, superannuated.

platform: (*n*) dais, stand, stage, rostrum, quay, pulpit, plan, landing, ambo; (*adj, n*) floor; (*n, v*) program. **streaming:** (*adj*) flowing, flapping, detached, incoherent, baggy, slack, relaxed, loose, lax; (*n*) cyclosis; (*v*) disheveled.

whistle: (*v*) sing, twitter, hiss, warble, tweet, cheep, chirp, wheeze; (*n, v*) cry; (*n*) whistling, tin whistle.

women: (*n*) sex, gentle sex.

2ND CITIZEN.

Dr. Stockmann is going to deliver an address **attacking** the Mayor.

4TH CITIZEN.

But the Mayor is his brother.

1ST CITIZEN.

That doesn't matter; Dr. Stockmann's not the chap to be afraid.

PETER STOCKMANN.

For various reasons, which you will easily understand, I must beg to be **excused**. But fortunately we have amongst us a man who I think will be acceptable to you all. I refer to the President of the Householders' Association, Mr. Aslaksen.

SEVERAL VOICES.

Yes--Aslaksen! **Bravo** Aslaksen!

[DR. STOCKMANN takes up his MS. and walks up and down the platform.]

ASLAKSEN.

Since my fellow-citizens choose to **entrust** me with this duty, I cannot refuse.

[Loud **applause**. ASLAKSEN **mounts** the platform.]

BILLING.

[writing] "Mr. Aslaksen was elected with enthusiasm."

ASLAKSEN.

And now, as I am in this position, I should like to say a few brief words. I am a quiet and **peaceable** man, who believes in discreet moderation, and--and--in moderate **discretion**. All my friends can bear witness to that.

SEVERAL VOICES.

That's right! That's right, Aslaksen!

ASLAKSEN.

I have learned in the school of life and experience that moderation is the most valuable virtue a citizen can possess--

Thesaurus

applause: (*n, v*) acclaim, praise; (*n*) admiration, approval, eulogy, compliment, plaudit, commendation, clapping, clap, ovation.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) disapproval, Boos, booing, denigration, hisses, hissing, rejection, condemnation, criticism, jeering.
attacking: (*adj*) aggressive, assailing, invading, abusive, abhorrent, warlike, rebellious, assailant.
bravo: (*v*) murderer, slayer, Cain,

matador, sabreur; (*n*) thug, liquidator; (*adj*) bully, hotspur, enfant perdu, scapegrace.
discretion: (*n*) circumspection, prudence, delicacy, diplomacy, calculation, free will, discernment, discreetness, tact, confidentiality, choice. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) tactlessness, rashness, indiscretion, foolishness, vulgarity, openness, clumsiness.
entrust: (*v*) deposit, depute, commission, commend, delegate,

surrender, trust, assign, hand over, commit, confide. **ANTONYM:** (*v*) retain.
excused: (*adj*) privileged, immune.
mounts: (*adj*) mounted.
peaceable: (*adj*) gentle, calm, pacific, amicable, quiet, friendly, inoffensive, moderate, meek, serene; (*adj, v*) peaceful. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) argumentative, belligerent, intemperate, quarrelsome, crooked, disruptive, harsh, disordered.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Hear, hear!

ASLAKSEN.

--And moreover, that discretion and moderation are what enable a man to be of most service to the community. I would therefore suggest to our **esteemed** fellow-citizen, who has called this meeting, that he should **strive** to keep strictly within the **bounds** of moderation.

A MAN BY THE DOOR.

Three cheers for the Moderation Society!

A VOICE.

Shame!

SEVERAL VOICES.

Sh!-Sh!

ASLAKSEN.

No interruptions, gentlemen, please! Does anyone wish to make any remarks?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Mr. Chairman.

ASLAKSEN.

The Mayor will address the meeting.

PETER STOCKMANN.

In consideration of the close relationship in which, as you all know, I stand to the present Medical Officer of the Baths, I should have preferred not to speak this evening. But my official position with regard to the Baths and my **solicitude** for the vital interests of the town **compel** me to bring forward a motion. I venture to **presume** that there is not a single one of our citizens present who considers it desirable that **unreliable** and exaggerated accounts of the sanitary condition of the Baths and the town should be spread abroad.

SEVERAL VOICES.

No, no! Certainly not! We protest against it!

Thesaurus

bounds: (*n*) boundary, border, limit, bound, margin, borderline, end, bourn, Bourne, brink, edge.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) center, middle.
compel: (*v*) force, coerce, pressure, necessitate, enforce, command, oblige, require, make, obligate, press.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) impede, deter, check, block, request, prevent.
esteemed: (*adj*) dear, reputable, respected, honorable, noble, honored, prestigious, important, distinguished,

August, respect. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) disreputable.
presume: (*v*) dare, consider, believe, think, infer, guess, expect, esteem, conclude, suppose, conjecture.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) appreciate, despair, speculate.
solicitude: (*n*) care, consideration, anxiety, thought, apprehension, regard, attention, fear, disquietude, heed, fret. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) negligence, serenity, thoughtlessness.

strive: (*v*) endeavor, contend, contest, struggle, fight, attempt, combat, strain, work, aspire, aim.
unreliable: (*adj*) uncertain, treacherous, undependable, precarious, unsound, untrustworthy, dubious, erratic, unsafe, faithless, dangerous. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) honest, dependable, consistent, faithful, constant, unwavering, foolproof, reputable, responsible, safe, predictable.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Therefore, I should like to propose that the meeting should not permit the Medical Officer either to read or to comment on his proposed lecture.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[impatently] Not permit--! What the devil--!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[coughing] Ahem!--ahem!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[collecting himself] Very well, Go ahead!

PETER STOCKMANN.

In my communication to the "People's Messenger," I have put the essential facts before the public in such a way that every **fair**-minded citizen can easily form his own opinion. From it you will see that the main result of the Medical Officer's proposals--apart from their **constituting** a vote of **censure** on the leading men of the town--would be to saddle the ratepayers with an unnecessary expenditure of at least some thousands of pounds.

[Sounds of **disapproval** among the audience, and some cat-calls.]

ASLAKSEN.

[ringing his bell] Silence, please, gentlemen! I beg to support the Mayor's motion. I quite agree with him that there is something behind this agitation started by the Doctor. He talks about the Baths; but it is a revolution he is aiming at--he wants to get the administration of the town put into new hands. No one doubts the honesty of the Doctor's intentions--no one will suggest that there can be any two opinions as to that, I myself am a **believer** in **self**-government for the people, provided it does not fall too heavily on the ratepayers. But that would be the case here; and that is why I will see Dr. Stockmann damned--I beg your pardon--before I go with him in the matter. You can pay too **dearly** for a thing sometimes; that is my opinion.

[Loud applause on all sides.]

Thesaurus

believer: (*adj, n*) convert; (*n*) apostle, supporter, devotee, worshipper, abiogenist, zealot, religionist, proselyte, layman; (*adj*) pietist.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) skeptic, nonbeliever, guru, God, leader, opponent.
censure: (*n, v*) accuse, reprimand, reproach, attack, animadversion, abuse; (*n*) accusation, condemnation; (*v*) carp, condemn, berate.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) approve,

commend, allow, endorse, laud, permit, sanction; (*n*) approval, blessing, commendation; (*n, v*) compliment.
constituting: (*v*) component, composing.
dearly: (*adv*) affectionately, preciously, darlingly, sweetly, petly, expensively, belovedly, intimately, highly, heartfully, lovely.
disapproval: (*n*) condemnation, disapprobation, censure, blame,

criticism, dislike, disfavor, dissent, objection, dispraise, denunciation.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) blessing, commendation, favor, respect, pleasure, acceptance, praise, admiration, enthusiasm.
fair-minded: (*adj*) even-handed, just, impartial, neutral, sane.
self-government: (*n*) self-control, restraint, self-command, self-mastery, liberty, freedom, discipline, willpower, independence.

HOVSTAD.

I, too, feel called upon to explain my position. Dr. Stockmann's agitation appeared to be gaining a certain amount of sympathy at first, so I supported it as **impartially** as I could. But presently we had reason to suspect that we had allowed ourselves to be **misled** by **misrepresentation** of the state of affairs--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Misrepresentation--!

HOVSTAD.

Well, let us say a not entirely **trustworthy** representation. The Mayor's statement has proved that. I hope no one here has any doubt as to my liberal principles; the attitude of the "People's Messenger" towards important political questions is well known to everyone. But the advice of experienced and thoughtful men has convinced me that in purely local matters a newspaper ought to proceed with a certain caution.

ASLAKSEN.

I entirely agree with the speaker.

HOVSTAD.

And, in the matter before us, it is now an undoubted fact that Dr. Stockmann has public opinion against him. Now, what is an editor's first and most obvious duty, gentlemen? Is it not to work in harmony with his readers? Has he not received a sort of tacit mandate to work persistently and **assiduously** for the welfare of those whose opinions he represents? Or is it possible I am mistaken in that?

VOICES FROM THE CROWD.

No, no! You are quite right!

HOVSTAD.

It has cost me a severe struggle to break with a man in whose house I have been lately a frequent guest--a man who till today has been able to pride himself on the **undivided** goodwill of his fellow-citizens--a man whose only,

Thesaurus

assiduously: (*adv*) diligently, industriously, busily, sedulously, carefully, attentively, studiously, constantly, untiringly, thoroughly, scrupulously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) carelessly, inconsistently, hastily.
impartially: (*adv*) justly, dispassionately, neutrally, evenly, disinterestedly, objectively, unbiasedly, unprejudicedly, indifferently, evenhandedly, rightly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) unfairly.

misled: (*adj*) fooled, undirected, false, bewildered, confused, erroneous, mistaken, misleading, misdirected, led astray, incorrect.
misrepresentation: (*n*) deceit, falsity, falsification, false statement, misstatement, falsehood, forgery, lie, exaggeration, fraudulence, deception. ANTONYM: (*n*) correction.
trustworthy: (*adj*) honest, trusty, dependable, safe, faithful, sound, certain, good, responsible; (*adj, n, v*)

credible; (*adj, n*) true. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) suspect, dubious, untrustworthy, undependable, sneaky, doubtful, deceitful, disloyal, disreputable, irresponsible, degenerate.
undivided: (*adj*) complete, whole, unbroken, total, single, integral, continuous, united, full, exclusive, solid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) partial, separate, broken, imperfect, individual.

or at all events whose essential, failing is that he is **swayed** by his heart rather than his head.

A FEW SCATTERED VOICES.

That is true! Bravo, Stockmann!

HOVSTAD.

But my duty to the community obliged me to break with him. And there is another consideration that impels me to **oppose** him, and, as far as possible, to **arrest** him on the **perilous** course he has adopted; that is, consideration for his family--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Please stick to the water-supply and drainage!

HOVSTAD.

--consideration, I repeat, for his wife and his children for whom he has made no provision.

MORTEN.

Is that us, mother?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Hush!

ASLAKSEN.

I will now put the Mayor's **proposition** to the vote.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

There is no necessity! Tonight I have no intention of dealing with all that filth down at the Baths. No; I have something quite different to say to you.

PETER STOCKMANN.

[aside] What is coming now?

A DRUNKEN MAN.

[by the entrance door] I am a **ratepayer**! And therefore, I have a right to speak too! And my entire--firm-- **inconceivable** opinion is--

Thesaurus

arrest: (*n, v*) halt, check, catch, capture, hold, collar; (*n*) apprehension, custody; (*v*) apprehend, retard, inhibit. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) discharge; (*v*) liberate, promote, forward, encourage, activate, advance, prompt, help; (*n*) freeing, liberation.

inconceivable: (*adj, v*) unbelievable, hard to believe; (*adj*) impossible, implausible, incomprehensible, unimaginable, unthinkable,

improbable, unintelligible, inscrutable, fabulous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conceivable, believable, likely, understandable, credible.

oppose: (*v*) contest, contend, resist, contradict, controvert, contravene, counteract, fight, counter, disagree, dissent. ANTONYMS: (*v*) advocate, agree, back, advise, promote, accept, submit, encourage, correspond, approve, favor.

perilous: (*adj, v*) dangerous,

hazardous; (*adj*) insecure, unsafe, parlous, precarious, risky, treacherous, dicey, critical, dodgy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) secure.

proposition: (*n, v*) offer, bid, proffer; (*n*) proposal, motion, design, approach, assertion, suggestion, plan, premise.

ratepayer: (*n*) taxpayer, payer.

swayed: (*adj*) persuaded, susceptible, touched, convinced. ANTONYM: (*adj*) doubtful.

A NUMBER OF VOICES.

Be quiet, at the back there!

OTHERS.

He is drunk! Turn him out! [They turn him out.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Am I allowed to speak?

ASLAKSEN.

[ringing his bell] Dr. Stockmann will address the meeting.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I should like to have seen anyone, a few days ago, dare to attempt to silence me as has been done tonight! I would have defended my sacred rights as a man, like a lion! But now it is all one to me; I have something of even weightier importance to say to you. [The crowd presses nearer to him, MORTEN KIIL conspicuous among them.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[continuing] I have thought and pondered a great deal, these last few days-- pondered over such a variety of things that in the end my head seemed too full to hold them--

PETER STOCKMANN.

[with a **cough**] Ahem!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

--but I got them clear in my mind at last, and then I saw the whole situation **lucidly**. And that is why I am standing here to-night. I have a great revelation to make to you, my fellow-citizens! I will **impart** to you a discovery of a far wider scope than the **trifling** matter that our water supply is poisoned and our **medicinal** Baths are standing on **pestiferous** soil.

A NUMBER OF VOICES.

[shouting] Don't talk about the Baths! We won't hear you! None of that!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I have already told you that what I want to speak about is the great discovery

Thesaurus

cough: (*v*) clear the throat, to cough, spit up, cough up, expectorate; (*n*) expiration, exhalation, symptom, sneeze, breathing out.
impart: (*v*) give, convey, disclose, communicate, announce, grant, reveal, hand, bestow, divulge, confer. ANTONYMS: (*v*) withhold, withdraw.
lucidly: (*adv*) plainly, limpidly, pellucidly, sanely, transparently, perspicuously, shiningly, articulately,

resplendently, luminously, translucently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) obscurely, unconvincingly, incoherently, vaguely, illogically.
medicinal: (*adj*) medical, medicative, healing, remedial, therapeutic, healthful, medical services, theriacal, external, containing medicine; (*n*) drug.
pestiferous: (*adj*) annoying, pernicious, contagious, noisome, harmful, vexing, vexatious,

destructive, irritating, bothersome, pesky.
trifling: (*adj*) paltry, slight, petty, negligible, immaterial, worthless, trivial, minor, small; (*adj, v*) inconsequential; (*adj, n*) frivolity. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) significant, worthwhile, major, considerable, crucial, enormous, great, mature, profound, substantial; (*n*) importance.

I have made lately--the discovery that all the sources of our moral life are poisoned and that the whole fabric of our **civic** community is founded on the pestiferous soil of falsehood.

VOICES OF DISCONCERTED CITIZENS.

What is that he says?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Such an insinuation--!

ASLAKSEN.

[with his hand on his bell] I call upon the speaker to moderate his language.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I have always loved my native town as a man only can love the home of his youthful days. I was not old when I went away from here; and exile, **longing** and memories cast as it were an additional **halo** over both the town and its inhabitants. [Some **clapping** and applause.] And there I stayed, for many years, in a horrible hole far away up north. When I came into contact with some of the people that lived scattered about among the rocks, I often thought it would of been more service to the poor half- **starved** creatures if a **veterinary** doctor had been sent up there, instead of a man like me. [Murmurs among the crowd.]

BILLING.

[laying down his pen] I'm damned if I have ever heard--!

HOVSTAD.

It is an insult to a respectable population!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Wait a bit! I do not think anyone will charge me with having forgotten my native town up there. I was like one of the cider-ducks **brooding** on its nest, and what I **hatched** was the plans for these Baths. [Applause and protests.] And then when fate at last **decreed** for me the great happiness of coming home again--I assure you, gentlemen, I thought I had nothing more in the world to wish for. Or rather, there was one thing I wished for--eagerly,

Thesaurus

brooding: (*adj*) pondering, thoughtful, contemplative, hatching, meditative, pensive, wistful; (*v*) brewing, batching; (*n*) chick management, parturition. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shallow, cheerful.

civic: (*adj*) city, urban, public, national, communal, local, civil, metropolitan, town, personal, universal. ANTONYM: (*adj*) rural.

clapping: (*n*) clap, acclaim, hand, clapping of hands, cheering,

handclap, ovation, slapping, plaudit, round, approval.

decreed: (*adj*) appointed, lawful, prescribed, legal, inevitable, appointive.

halo: (*n*) halation, aura, glory, ring, circle, corona, nimbus, hoop, aureola, band, anchor ring.

hatched: (*adj*) crosshatched, born, ruled.

longing: (*n, v*) desire, aspiration; (*adj*) eager, wistful, nostalgic; (*n*) nostalgia,

wish, hankering, urge, appetite; (*adj, n*) yearning. ANTONYMS: (*n*) apathy, disinclination; (*adj*) satisfied, unconcerned.

starved: (*adj*) famished, starving, ravenous, meager, emaciated, malnourished, thin, esurient, hungerly, lean, starving. ANTONYM: (*adj*) healthy.

veterinary: (*n*) vet, veterinary surgeon, doc, physician, medico, veteran, horse doctor.

untiringly, ardently--and that was to be able to be of service to my native town and the good of the community.

PETER STOCKMANN.

[looking at the ceiling] You chose a strange way of doing it--ahem!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And so, with my eyes **blinded** to the real facts, I revelled in happiness. But yesterday morning--no, to be precise, it was yesterday afternoon--the eyes of my mind were opened wide, and the first thing I realised was the **colossal** stupidity of the authorities--. [**Uproar, shouts** and laughter, MRS. STOCKMANN coughs persistently.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

Mr. Chairman!

ASLAKSEN.

[ringing his bell] By virtue of my authority--!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

It is a petty thing to catch me up on a word, Mr. Aslaksen. What I mean is only that I got scent of the unbelievable **piggishness** our leading men had been responsible for down at the Baths. I can't stand leading men at any price!--I have had enough of such people in my time. They are like billy-goats on a young **plantation**; they do **mischief** everywhere. They stand in a free man's way, whichever way he turns, and what I should like best would be to see them **exterminated** like any other vermin--. [Uproar.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

Mr. Chairman, can we allow such expressions to pass?

ASLAKSEN.

[with his hand on his bell] Doctor--!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I cannot understand how it is that I have only now acquired a clear conception of what these gentry are, when I had almost daily before my eyes in this town such an excellent specimen of them--my brother Peter--slow-

Thesaurus

blinded: (*adj*) blindfolded, blinder, blindly, reckless, unsighted, blindfold, dizzy.

colossal: (*adj*) huge, gargantuan, prodigious, Brobdingnagian, vast, enormous, great, mammoth, immense, massive, monstrous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tiny, small, insignificant, minute, compact, microscopic, miniature, slight.

exterminated: (*adj*) broken, extinct, destroyed completely, lost, wiped

out, annihilated.

mischief: (*adj, n*) evil, hurt, harm; (*n*) damage, ill, detriment, disadvantage, devilry, caper, devilment, maleficence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) obedience, beneficence, help.

piggishness: (*n*) hoggishness, gluttony, greed.

plantation: (*n*) orchard, farm, garden, shrubbery, hacienda, planting, settlement, colony, parterre, grove, planter.

shouts: (*n*) cries.

untiringly: (*adv*) unweariedly, unflaggingly, doggedly, resolutely, assiduously, industriously, persistently, firmly, unwaveringly, vigorously, diligently. ANTONYM: (*adv*) halfheartedly.

uproar: (*adj, n, v*) hubbub, disturbance, tumult; (*n*) din, noise, turmoil, commotion, disorder, confusion; (*adj, n*) row; (*n, v*) brawl. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calm, peace, serenity, order.

witted and hide-bound in prejudice-- [Laughter, uproar and hisses. MRS. STOCKMANN Sits **coughing** assiduously. ASLAKSEN **rings** his bell violently.]

THE DRUNKEN MAN.

[who has got in again] Is it me he is talking about? My name's Petersen, all right--but devil take me if I--

ANGRY VOICES.

Turn out that drunken man! Turn him out. [He is turned out again.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

Who was that person?

1ST CITIZEN.

I don't know who he is, Mr. Mayor.

2ND CITIZEN.

He doesn't belong here.

3RD CITIZEN.

I expect he is a **navvy** from over at--[the rest is inaudible].

ASLAKSEN.

He had obviously had too much beer. Proceed, Doctor; but please strive to be moderate in your language.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Very well, gentlemen, I will say no more about our leading men. And if anyone imagines, from what I have just said, that my object is to attack these people this evening, he is wrong--absolutely wide of the mark. For I **cherish** the comforting conviction that these parasites--all these **venerable** relics of a dying school of thought--are most **admirably** paving the way for their own extinction; they need no doctor's help to **hasten** their end. Nor is it folk of that kind who constitute the most pressing danger to the community. It is not they who are most instrumental in **poisoning** the sources of our moral life and infecting the ground on which we stand. It is not they who are the most dangerous enemies of truth and freedom amongst us.

Thesaurus

admirably: (*adv*) superbly, perfectly, excellently, admirable, marvellously, heroically, bravely, brilliantly, nicely, creditably, ably. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) badly, inadequately, dishonorably, execrably, incompetently, poorly.

cherish: (*v*) care for, nurture, treasure, entertain, cultivate, bosom, prize, esteem, harbor; (*n, v*) hug, foster. ANTONYMS: (*v*) hate, scorn, reject, denounce, despise, neglect.

coughing: (*n*) coughs, breathing out.

hasten: (*adj, n, v*) speed, quicken; (*v*) expedite, advance, hurry, hie, dash, rush; (*n, v*) further, forward, dispatch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) linger, retard, amble.

navvy: (*n*) laborer, labourer, galley slave, Demiurgus, drudge, hack, hewers of wood and drawers of water, manual laborer, hacker, peon; (*v*) pavior.

poisoning: (*n*) intoxication, gassing, corruption, carbon monoxide

poisoning, defoedation, discoloration, ergotism, caffeinism, alkali poisoning, Malathion poisoning, cyanide poisoning.

rings: (*n*) ornaments, necklaces, jewels, costume jewelry, charms, bracelets.

venerable: (*adj*) ancient, reverend, estimable, August, respectable, aged, distinguished, sacred, worthy, of long standing, revered. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unworthy, unimpressive, undignified, disreputable.

SHOUTS FROM ALL SIDES.

Who then? Who is it? Name! Name!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You may depend upon it--I shall name them! That is precisely the great discovery I made yesterday. [Raises his voice.] The most dangerous enemy of truth and freedom amongst us is the compact majority--yes, the damned compact Liberal majority--that is it! Now you know! [Tremendous uproar. Most of the crowd are shouting, **stamping** and **hissing**. Some of the older men among them exchange stolen glances and seem to be enjoying themselves. MRS. STOCKMANN gets up, looking anxious. EJLIF and MORTEN advance **threateningly** upon some schoolboys who are playing **pranks**. ASLAKSEN rings his bell and begs for silence. HOVSTAD and BILLING both talk at once, but are **inaudible**. At last quiet is restored.]

ASLAKSEN.

As Chairman, I call upon the speaker to withdraw the **ill**-considered expressions he has just used.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Never, Mr. Aslaksen! It is the majority in our community that denies me my freedom and seeks to prevent my speaking the truth.

HOVSTAD.

The majority always has right on its side.

BILLING.

And truth too, by God!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

The majority never has right on its side. Never, I say! That is one of these social lies against which an independent, intelligent man must wage war. Who is it that constitute the majority of the population in a country? Is it the clever folk, or the stupid? I don't imagine you will dispute the fact that at present the stupid people are in an absolutely **overwhelming** majority all the world over. But, good Lord!--you can never **pretend** that it is right that the

Thesaurus

hissing: (*adj*) sibilant, sibilous, sibilatory; (*n*) whistling, heckling, scoffing, sibilance, taunts, sibilation, white noise; (*v*) fizzle. ANTONYM: (*n*) applause.

ill-considered: (*adj*) rash, ill-advised, imprudent, thoughtless, unguarded, premature, unwise, irresponsible, foolish, short-sighted, frivolous.

inaudible: (*adj*) indistinct, imperceptible, inarticulate, noiseless, quiet, faint, out of hearing, muffled,

silent, unheard, low. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) audible, obvious.

overwhelming: (*adj*) devastating, irresistible, insurmountable, crushing, monumental, astounding, amazing, tremendous, resistless, formidable; (*v*) overwhelm. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) comfortable, comforting, weak, mild, shallow, insignificant, faint, disputable, easy.

pranks: (*n*) trouble.

pretend: (*adv, v*) assume; (*adj, v*) sham,

counterfeit, fake, play; (*v*) dissimulate, dissemble, make believe, imagine, affect, act. ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) real; (*adj*) genuine, natural, sincere.

stamping: (*n*) impression, blocking, coin, postage, stamping of rail.

threateningly: (*adv*) sinisterly, ominously, seriously, warningly, perilously, gloomily, dangerously, minatorily, grimly, minaciously, loweringly.

stupid folk should **govern** the clever ones I [Uproar and cries.] Oh, yes--you can **shout** me down, I know! But you cannot answer me. The majority has might on its side--unfortunately; but right it has not. I am in the right--I and a few other scattered individuals. The minority is always in the right. [Renewed uproar.]

HOVSTAD.

Aha!--so Dr. Stockmann has become an **aristocrat** since the day before yesterday!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I have already said that I don't intend to waste a word on the **puny**, narrow-chested, **short-winded** crew whom we are leaving **astern**. Pulsating life no longer concerns itself with them. I am thinking of the few, the scattered few amongst us, who have absorbed new and vigorous truths. Such men stand, as it were, at the outposts, so far ahead that the compact majority has not yet been able to come up with them; and there they are fighting for truths that are too newly-born into the world of consciousness to have any considerable number of people on their side as yet.

HOVSTAD.

So the Doctor is a revolutionary now!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Good heavens--of course I am, Mr. Hovstad! I propose to raise a revolution against the lie that the majority has the monopoly of the truth. What sort of truths are they that the majority usually supports? They are truths that are of such advanced age that they are beginning to break up. And if a truth is as old as that, it is also in a fair way to become a lie, gentlemen. [Laughter and **mocking** cries.] Yes, believe me or not, as you like; but truths are by no means as **long-lived** at Methuselah--as some folk imagine. A normally **constituted** truth lives, let us say, as a rule seventeen or eighteen, or at most twenty years--seldom longer. But truths as aged as that are always worn **frightfully** thin, and nevertheless it is only then that the majority recognises them and recommends them to the community as wholesome moral

Thesaurus

aristocrat: (*n*) noble, swell, patrician, magnate, lord, leader, courtier, nobleman, rajah, princess, prince.
astern: (*adv*) aft, after, aback, behind, sternmost, rearwards; (*adj, adv*) backward; (*adj*) back, rear.
 ANTONYM: (*adv*) forward.
constituted: (*adj*) habitual, planted, legitimate, grooved, accomplished, official.
frightfully: (*adv*) awfully, ghastly, dreadfully, fearfully, hideously,

terribly, gruesomely, terrifically, atrociously, horrendously, awful.
govern: (*n, v*) direct, control, reign, rule; (*v*) administer, dictate, dominate, manage, check, bridle, regulate. ANTONYM: (*v*) deregulate.
long-lived: (*adj*) old, perennial, lifelong, inveterate, chronic.
mocking: (*adj*) derisive, ironic, jeering, mock, quizzical, sarcastic, taunting, derisory, teasing, sardonic, sneering. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful,

approving, complimentary, sympathetic; (*n*) praise.
puny: (*adj*) weak, petty, feeble, frail, tiny, small, minute, measly, runty, paltry, trivial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) muscular, brawny, strong, significant, fit, huge, enormous, robust, considerable.
short-winded: (*adv*) out of breath.
shout: (*n, v*) cry, clamor, scream, yell, roar, call, bellow, screech; (*v*) bawl, hollo; (*n*) cheer.

nourishment. There is no great **nutritive** value in that sort of fare, I can assure you; and, as a doctor, I ought to know. These "majority truths" are like last year's **cured** meat--like **rancid, tainted** ham; and they are the origin of the moral **scurvy** that is rampant in our communities.

ASLAKSEN.

It appears to me that the speaker is wandering a long way from his subject.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I quite agree with the Chairman.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Have you gone clean out of your senses, Peter? I am sticking as closely to my subject as I can; for my subject is precisely this, that it is the masses, the majority--this infernal compact majority--that poisons the sources of our moral life and infects the ground we stand on.

HOVSTAD.

And all this because the great, **broadminded** majority of the people is prudent enough to show deference only to well- **ascertained** and well-approved truths?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Ah, my good Mr. Hovstad, don't talk nonsense about well-ascertained truths! The truths of which the masses now approve are the very truths that the fighters at the outposts held to in the days of our grandfathers. We fighters at the outposts nowadays no **longer** approve of them; and I do not believe there is any other well-ascertained truth except this, that no community can live a healthy life if it is **nourished** only on such old **marrowless** truths.

HOVSTAD.

But, instead of standing there using vague **generalities**, it would be interesting if you would tell us what these old marrowless truths are, that we are nourished on.

[Applause from many quarters.]

Thesaurus

ascertained: (*adj*) discovered, determined; (*v*) absolute, recognized, received, noted, notorious, decisive, unmistakable, unequivocal, positive.

broadminded: (*adj*) liberal, permissive, forbearing, charitable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reactionary, oppressive.

cured: (*adj*) recovered, corned, aged, mellow, whole, better, pickle cured, salted, vulcanised, well, vulcanized.

generalities: (*n*) general points, general terms, generalia.

longer: (*adj*) longest, better, lengest; (*adv*) farther; (*n*) yearner, thirster.

marrowless: (*v*) nerveless, pithless, lustless, sinewless.

nourished: (*adj*) fostered.

nourishment: (*n*) food, alimentation, meal, meat, diet, feeding, nutrition, repast, sustenance, edible, fuel.

nutritive: (*adj*) nourishing, nutritious, alimentary, nutrient, alimantal, wholesome, eatable, rich, alible, edible, healthy.

rancid: (*adj*) putrid, sour, high, rank, fetid, stale, rotten; (*adj, v*) musty, decayed, moldy, tainted.

scurvy: (*adj*) contemptible, paltry, miserable, sordid, low, abject, ignoble, dirty, scabby; (*v*) base, scurfy.

tainted: (*adj, v*) rotten, rancid, bad, musty, reasty, vitiated; (*adj*) rank, contaminated, faulty, putrid, dirty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unadulterated, unchanged, untarnished, clean.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oh, I could give you a whole string of such abominations; but to begin with I will **confine** myself to one well-approved truth, which at bottom is a foul lie, but upon which nevertheless Mr. Hovstad and the "People's Messenger" and all the "Messenger's" supporters are nourished.

HOVSTAD.

And that is--?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

That is, the doctrine you have inherited from your **forefathers** and proclaim **thoughtlessly** far and wide--the doctrine that the public, the crowd, the masses, are the essential part of the population--that they constitute the People--that the common folk, the ignorant and **incomplete** element in the community, have the same right to **pronounce** judgment and to, approve, to direct and to govern, as the isolated, **intellectually** superior personalities in it.

BILLING.

Well, damn me if ever I--

HOVSTAD [at the same time, shouting out]. Fellow-citizens, take good note of that!

A NUMBER OF VOICES.

[angrily] Oho!--we are not the People! Only the superior folk are to govern, are they!

A WORKMAN.

Turn the fellow out for talking such rubbish!

ANOTHER.

Out with him!

ANOTHER.

[calling out] Blow your **horn**, Evensen!

[A horn is blown loudly, **amidst** hisses and an angry uproar.]

Thesaurus

amidst: (*adv, prep*) among; (*adv*) amongst; (*prep*) between, midst, into.
confine: (*n, v*) bound, border, limit; (*v*) bind, restrain, circumscribe, tie, incarcerate, hold; (*n*) boundary, bounds. ANTONYMS: (*v*) release, free, liberate, broaden.
forefathers: (*n*) patriarchs, forefather, ancestor, colony, lineage, family.
horn: (*n*) car horn, antler, klaxon, cornet, French horn, ivory, foghorn, cornu, alarm, trumpet, arm.

incomplete: (*adj*) faulty, deficient, inadequate, imperfect, short, lacking, unfinished, half, insufficient, sketchy; (*adj, adv*) halfway. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) finished, whole, entire, comprehensive, boundless, adequate.
intellectually: (*adv*) rationally, intelligently, spiritually, cerebrally, intellectually, learnedly, academically, mindly, ideally, culturedly, smartly.
pronounce: (*v*) articulate, declare,

affirm, say, assert, express, vocalize, proclaim; (*n, v*) allege; (*adj, v*) deliver, utter. ANTONYM: (*v*) mumble.
thoughtlessly: (*adv*) carelessly, inconsiderately, heedlessly, rashly, imprudently, inattentively, hastily, negligently, indiscreetly, unheedingly; (*adj, adv*) foolishly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) considerately, carefully, cautiously, prudently, sensibly, wisely.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[when the noise has somewhat **abated**] Be reasonable! Can't you stand hearing the voice of truth for once? I don't in the least expect you to agree with me all at once; but I must say I did expect Mr. Hovstad to admit I was right, when he had recovered his composure a little. He claims to be a **freethinker**--

VOICES.

[in murmurs of astonishment] Freethinker, did he say? Is Hovstad a freethinker?

HOVSTAD.

[shouting] Prove it, Dr. Stockmann! When have I said so in print?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[reflecting] No, **confound** it, you are right!--you have never had the courage to. Well, I won't put you in a hole, Mr. Hovstad. Let us say it is I that am the freethinker, then. I am going to prove to you, scientifically, that the "People's Messenger" leads you by the nose in a shameful manner when it tells you that you--that the common people, the crowd, the masses, are the real essence of the People. That is only a newspaper lie, I tell you! The common people are nothing more than the raw material of which a People is made. [Groans, laughter and uproar.] Well, isn't that the case? Isn't there an enormous difference between a **well-bred** and an **ill-bred** strain of animals? Take, for instance, a common barn-door hen. What sort of eating do you get from a **shrivelled** up old **scrag** of a fowl like that? Not much, do you! And what sort of eggs does it lay? A fairly good crow or a **raven** can lay pretty nearly as good an egg. But take a well-bred Spanish or Japanese hen, or a good pheasant or a turkey--then you will see the difference. Or take the case of dogs, with whom we humans are on such intimate terms. Think first of an ordinary common cur--I mean one of the horrible, coarse-haired, low-bred curs that do nothing but run about the streets and **befoul** the walls of the houses. Compare one of these curs with a **poodle** whose sires for many **generations** have been bred in a gentleman's house, where they have had the

Thesaurus

abated: (*adj*) slack.

befoul: (*v*) foul, pollute, soil, contaminate, dirty, violate, maculate, tarnish; (*adj*) besmear, bemire, begrime.

confound: (*v*) bewilder, baffle, nonplus, perplex, astonish, puzzle, amaze, astound, mistake; (*adj, v*) confuse, stupefy. ANTONYMS: (*v*) explain, clarify, comfort, lose, distinguish; (*n*) understanding.

freethinker: (*n*) deist, atheist, infidel,

skeptic, disbeliever, doubter, pagan, unbeliever, flower child, nonbeliever; (*adj*) rationalist. ANTONYM: (*n*) adherent.

generations: (*n*) generation, family.

ill-bred: (*adj*) boorish, discourteous, impertinent, graceless, gruff, uncouth, uncivil, ill-mannered, crude, inurbane, indelicate.

poodle: (*n*) domestic dog, dog, poodle dog, miniature poodle, large poodle.

raven: (*v*) guttle, feed, devour, gulp,

harry, eat; (*n*) crow, plunder; (*adj*) black, jet; (*n, v*) gorge.

scrag: (*v*) garrotte, garotte, strangulate, hang, strangle, fret; (*n*) throat, scrag end; (*adj*) snick, snatch, snack.

shrivelled: (*adj*) shriveled, withered, wizened, shrunken, sere, sear, thin, lean, dry, shrunk, dryer.

well-bred: (*adj*) courteous, mannerly, urbane, civil, genteel, gentlemanly, refined, nice, sophisticated, thoughtful, debonair.

best of food and had the opportunity of hearing soft **voices** and music. Do you not think that the poodle's brain is developed to quite a different degree from that of the cur? Of course it is. It is puppies of well-bred poodles like that, that showmen train to do **incredibly** clever tricks--things that a common cur could never learn to do even if it stood on its head. [Uproar and mocking cries.]

A CITIZEN.

[calls out] Are you going to make out we are dogs, now?

ANOTHER CITIZEN.

We are not animals, Doctor!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes but, bless my soul, we are, my friend! It is true we are the finest animals anyone could wish for; but, even among us, exceptionally fine animals are rare. There is a tremendous difference between poodle-men and cur-men. And the **amusing** part of it is, that Mr. Hovstad quite agrees with me as long as it is a question of four-footed animals--

HOVSTAD.

Yes, it is true enough as far as they are concerned.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Very well. But as soon as I extend the principle and apply it to two-legged animals, Mr. Hovstad stops short. He no longer dares to think independently, or to **pursue** his ideas to their logical conclusion; so, he turns the whole theory **upside** down and proclaims in the "People's Messenger" that it is the barn-door hens and street curs that are the finest specimens in the **menagerie**. But that is always the way, as long as a man retains the traces of common origin and has not worked his way up to intellectual distinction.

HOVSTAD.

I lay no claim to any sort of distinction, I am the son of humble country-folk, and I am proud that the stock I come from is **rooted** deep among the common people he **insults**.

Thesaurus

amusing: (*adj*) humorous, fun, pleasant, entertaining, risible, comical, diverting, enjoyable, laughable, agreeable, pleasing.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tragic, boring, unpleasant, unfunny, tiring, grim, depressing, sad, annoying, heavy, serious.
incredibly: (*adv*) unbelievably, improbably, implausibly, greatly, dreadfully, fantastically; (*adj, adv*) astonishingly, amazingly,

marvelously, surprisingly; (*adj*) emphatically. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) unremarkably, slightly, credibly, believably, sensibly, plausibly, conceivably, hardly.
insults: (*adj*) insulting; (*n*) abuse, swearing.
menagerie: (*n*) zoo, vivarium, menage, manage, installation, facility, collection, assemblage, aggregation, accumulation, menagery.
pursue: (*v*) follow, dog, prosecute,

hunt, course, tail, stalk, persist, hound, haunt, go after. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) shun, eschew, avoid, discourage, lead, precede, find.
rooted: (*adj, v*) fixed; (*adj*) ingrained, immovable, inveterate, firm, set, frozen, riveted, irremovable; (*v*) imbedded, posited.
upside: (*n*) crest, crown, poll, top side, upper side, pate, round top, acme, summit, superlative, teetotum.
voices: (*n*) chorus.

VOICES.

Bravo, Hovstad! Bravo! Bravo!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

The kind of common people I mean are not only to be found low down in the social scale; they **crawl** and **swarm** all around us--even in the highest social positions. You have only to look at your own fine, distinguished Mayor! My brother Peter is every bit as **plebeian** as anyone that walks in two shoes-- [laughter and hisses]

PETER STOCKMANN.

I protest against personal allusions of this kind.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN [imperturbably].--and that, not because he is like myself, **descended** from some old **rascal** of a **pirate** from Pomerania or thereabouts--because that is who we are descended from--

PETER STOCKMANN.

An absurd legend. I deny it!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

--but because he thinks what his superiors think, and holds the same opinions as they, People who do that are, intellectually speaking, common people; and, that is why my magnificent brother Peter is in reality so very far from any distinction--and consequently also so far from being liberal-minded.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Mr. Chairman--!

HOVSTAD.

So it is only the distinguished men that are liberal-minded in this country? We are learning something quite new! [Laughter.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, that is part of my new discovery too. And another part of it is that **broad-mindedness** is almost precisely the same thing as **morality**. That is why I maintain that it is absolutely inexcusable in the "People's Messenger" to

Thesaurus

broad-mindedness: (*n*) enlightenment, tolerance.

crawl: (*adv, v*) grovel, lag; (*n, v*) clamber, climb; (*v*) sneak, fawn, cringe, teem, swarm, scramble, inch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fly, rush, hurry, hasten, dart, dash, lead, soothe, speed.

descended: (*v*) extraught.

minded: (*prep*) inclined; (*adj, prep*) disposed; (*adj*) willing, apt, ready, prone, orientated, favorable,

oriented, prepared, partial.

morality: (*n*) ethics, goodness, virtue, honesty, decency, integrity, righteousness, chastity, behavior, moral philosophy, rectitude. ANTONYMS: (*n*) immorality,

decadence, wickedness, indecency.

pirate: (*n*) buccaneer, corsair, bandit, pillager, freebooter, sea robber, robber, sea rover; (*n, v*) plagiarist; (*v*) hijack, infringe.

plebeian: (*adj*) low, vulgar, ignoble,

humble, coarse, mean; (*n*) pleb, commoner; (*adj, n*) proletarian; (*adj, v*) ordinary, general. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cultivated, proletarian, patrician, refined; (*n*) aristocrat, noble.

rascal: (*n*) villain, rapsallion, monkey, miscreant, knave, scoundrel, scamp, rogue, varlet, vagabond, brat.

swarm: (*n*) host, horde, multitude, drove, throng, cloud, assembly; (*n, v*) mob; (*v*) teem, pour; (*adj*) shoal. ANTONYMS: (*v*) retreat; (*n*) few.

proclaim, day in and day out, the false doctrine that it is the masses, the crowd, the compact majority, that have the monopoly of broad-mindedness and morality--and that vice and corruption and every kind of intellectual **depravity** are the result of culture, just as all the filth that is draining into our Baths is the result of the tanneries up at Molledal! [Uproar and interruptions. DR. STOCKMANN is undisturbed, and goes on, carried away by his **ardour**, with a smile.] And yet this same "People's Messenger" can go on preaching that the masses ought to be elevated to higher conditions of life! But, bless my soul, if the "Messenger's" teaching is to be depended upon, this very raising up the masses would mean nothing more or less than setting them **straightway** upon the paths of depravity! Happily the theory that culture demoralises is only an old falsehood that our forefathers believed in and we have inherited. No, it is ignorance, poverty, ugly conditions of life, that do the devil's work! In a house which does not get **aired** and **swept** every day--my wife Katherine maintains that the floor ought to be **scrubbed** as well, but that is a **debatable** question--in such a house, let me tell you, people will lose within two or three years the power of thinking or acting in a moral manner. Lack of oxygen weakens the conscience. And there must be a plentiful lack of oxygen in very many houses in this town, I should think, judging from the fact that the whole compact majority can be unconscientious enough to wish to build the town's prosperity on a **quagmire** of falsehood and deceit.

ASLAKSEN.

We cannot allow such a grave accusation to be flung at a citizen community.

A CITIZEN.

I move that the Chairman direct the speaker to sit down.

VOICES.

[angrily] Hear, hear! Quite right! Make him sit down!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[losing his self-control] Then I will go and shout the truth at every street corner! I will write it in other towns' newspapers! The whole country shall know what is going on here!

Thesaurus

aired: (*adj*) airy, broadcast, aery, aeriform, aerial.

ardour: (*n*) fervency, fervidness, fervor, fervour, fire, elan, zeal, violence, ardency, assiduity, application.

debatable: (*adj*) moot, arguable, problematic, contestable, dubious, doubtful, controvertible, litigious, disputable; (*adj, v*) questionable; (*v*) precarious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) certain, incontrovertible,

uncontestable, established, undoubted, undebatable, uncontroversial, inarguable, sure, unambiguous, likely.

depravity: (*n*) corruption, evil, degeneracy, depravation, debauchery, degeneration, degradation, wickedness, vice, turpitude; (*adj*) demoralization. ANTONYMS: (*n*) honor, justice, morality, nobility, purity, restraint, uprightness, virtue, righteousness,

decency, goodness.

quagmire: (*n*) bog, marsh, morass, swamp, fen, quag, marish, moss, marshland; (*adj*) mud, slough.

ANTONYM: (*n*) desert.

scrubbed: (*adj*) deferred, clean, cleaner.

straightway: (*adv*) presently, forthwith, directly, right, anon, immediately, at once, straightforward, promptly; (*adj*) straight, immediate.

swept: (*adj*) clean.

HOVSTAD.

It almost seems as if Dr. Stockmann's intention were to ruin the town.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, my native town is so dear to me that I would rather ruin it than see it flourishing upon a lie.

ASLAKSEN.

This is really serious. [Uproar and cat-calls MRS. STOCKMANN coughs, but to no purpose; her husband does not listen to her any longer.]

HOVSTAD.

[shouting above the din] A man must be a public enemy to wish to ruin a whole community!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[with growing **fervor**] What does the destruction of a community matter, if it lives on lies? It ought to be **razed** to the ground. I tell you-- All who live by lies ought to be exterminated like **vermin**! You will end by infecting the whole country; you will bring about such a state of things that the whole country will deserve to be ruined. And if things come to that pass, I shall say from the bottom of my heart: Let the whole country **perish**, let all these people be exterminated!

VOICES FROM THE CROWD.

That is talking like an **out-and-out** enemy of the people!

BILLING.

There sounded the voice of the people, by all that's holy!

THE WHOLE CROWD.

[shouting] Yes, yes! He is an enemy of the people! He hates his country! He hates his own people!

ASLAKSEN.

Both as a citizen and as an individual, I am **profoundly** disturbed by what we have had to listen to. Dr. Stockmann has shown himself in a light I should never have dreamed of. I am **unhappily** obliged to **subscribe** to the opinion

Thesaurus

fervor: (*adj, n*) devotion, passion; (*n*) enthusiasm, zeal, eagerness, fervency, energy, warmth, earnestness, fervidness, ardour.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) indifference, apathy, impassiveness, aloofness, coolness, dejection, doubt.
out-and-out: (*adj*) perfect, positive, sheer, stark, downright, outright, consummate, thorough, total, unmitigated, unqualified.
perish: (*v*) expire, pass away, decease,

go, fade, decay, depart, fall, pass, ruin, annihilate. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) survive, live, appear.
profoundly: (*adv*) thoroughly, extremely, intensely, exhaustively, greatly, sincerely, gravely, deep, heavily, weightily, very.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) lightly, mildly.
razed: (*adj*) dismantled, destroyed.
subscribe: (*v*) confirm, sign, contribute, ratify, subscribe to, underwrite, agree, buy, donate,

endorse, accept.
unhappily: (*adv*) wretchedly, unluckily, disconsolately, badly, woefully, forlornly, sorrowfully, unfortunately, dismally, dejectedly, despondently. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) cheerfully, contentedly, luckily, willingly, enthusiastically, fortunately.
vermin: (*n*) bug, varmint, louse, trash, pest, brute, varment, scum, riffraff, ragtag and bobtail, rabble.

which I have just heard my **estimable** fellow-citizens **utter**; and I propose that we should give expression to that opinion in a resolution. I propose a resolution as follows: "This meeting declares that it considers Dr. Thomas Stockmann, Medical Officer of the Baths, to be an enemy of the people." [A storm of **cheers** and applause. A number of men **surround** the DOCTOR and **hiss** him. MRS. STOCKMANN and PETRA have got up from their seats. MORTEN and EJLIF are fighting the other schoolboys for hissing; some of their elders separate them.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[to the men who are hissing him]. Oh, you fools! I tell you that--

ASLAKSEN.

[ringing his bell] We cannot hear you now, Doctor. A formal vote is about to be taken; but, out of regard for personal feelings, it shall be by **ballot** and not **verbal**. Have you any clean paper, Mr. Billing?

BILLING.

I have both blue and white here.

ASLAKSEN.

[going to him] That will do nicely; we shall get on more quickly that way. Cut it up into small strips--yes, that's it. [To the meeting.] Blue means no; white means yes. I will come round myself and collect votes. [PETER STOCKMANN leaves the hall. ASLAKSEN and one or two others go round the room with the **slips** of paper in their hats.]

1ST CITIZEN.

[to HOVSTAD] I say, what has come to the Doctor? What are we to think of it?

HOVSTAD.

Oh, you know how headstrong he is.

2ND CITIZEN.

[to BILLING] Billing, you go to their house--have you ever noticed if the fellow **drinks**?

Thesaurus

ballot: (*n, v*) vote, survey; (*n*) election, voice, plebiscite, choice, a vote, balloting, voting; (*v*) ticket, elect.

cheers: (*n*) cheerio, bye, acclamation, so long, goodbye, au revoir, clapping, encore.

drinks: (*n*) refreshments, food and drink.

estimable: (*adj*) creditable, reputable, valuable, admirable, respectable, computable, honorable, good; (*adj, n*) worthy, meritorious, deserving.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dishonorable, disliked, disregarded, disreputable, disrespected, scorned, contemptible, lamentable, unimpressive.

hiss: (*v*) fizz, spit, whiz, whisper, whoosh; (*n*) buzz, jeer, hissing, ridicule; (*n, v*) hoot, taunt.

slips: (*n*) pad.

surround: (*v*) gird, round, skirt, border, besiege, beset, envelop; (*n, v*) circle, inclose, ring, compass.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) release, free.

utter: (*v*) say, state, speak, breathe, articulate, deliver, voice, pronounce; (*adj, n, v*) express, declare; (*adj, v*) tell.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) qualified, incomplete, uncertain, rather, slight; (*v*) conceal, hide, block.

verbal: (*adj*) oral, literal, unwritten, vocal, wordy, talkative, lexical, nominal, oral law, oral testimony, prolix. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) numerical, silent.

BILLING.

Well I'm hanged if I know what to say. There are always **spirits** on the table when you go.

3RD CITIZEN.

I rather think he goes quite off his head sometimes.

1ST CITIZEN.

I wonder if there is any **madness** in his family?

BILLING.

I shouldn't wonder if there were.

4TH CITIZEN.

No, it is nothing more than **sheer malice**; he wants to get even with somebody for something or other.

BILLING.

Well certainly he suggested a rise in his salary on one **occasion** lately, and did not get it.

THE CITIZENS.

[together] Ah!--then it is easy to understand how it is!

THE DRUNKEN MAN.

[who has got among the audience again] I want a blue one, I do! And I want a white one too!

VOICES.

It's that **drunken** chap again! Turn him out!

MORTEN KIIL.

[going up to DR. STOCKMANN]. Well, Stockmann, do you see what these **monkey tricks** of yours lead to?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I have done my duty.

MORTEN KIIL.

What was that you said about the tanneries at Molledal?

Thesaurus

drunken: (*adj*) boozy, sottish, intoxicated, tipsy, tight, bibulous, groggy, intemperate, blotto, canned, pissed.

madness: (*n*) frenzy, insanity, lunacy, idiocy, folly, delirium, insaneness; (*adj, n*) furor, rage, desperation, furore. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sense, calmness, order.

malice: (*n*) spite, animosity, enmity, venom, ill will, hatred, malevolence, cruelty, envy, hate, spleen.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) goodwill, benevolence, affection, goodness.

monkey: (*n*) imp, primate, scamp, rascal, battering ram; (*v*) tinker, meddle, tamper, trifle, cuckoo, echo.

occasion: (*n, v*) cause; (*n*) case, event, juncture, episode, incident; (*v*) bring about, create, beget, make, induce.

sheer: (*adj*) pure, filmy, bold, transparent, gauzy, simple, diaphanous, gossamer; (*adj, n*) complete, mere, perfect.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thick, gentle, opaque, heavy, gradual, robust, partial.

spirits: (*n*) alcohol, booze, humor, frame of mind, liqueur, strong drink, hard drink; (*adj*) cheer, geniality, good humor; (*v*) wine.

tricks: (*n*) actions, behavior, thing, clowning around, fooling, magic, plunder, possession, activities.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You **heard** well enough. I said they were the **source** of all the filth.

MORTEN KIL.

My **tannery** too?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Unfortunately your tannery is by far the **worst**.

MORTEN KIL.

Are you going to put that in the papers?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I shall conceal nothing.

MORTEN KIL.

That may cost you dearly, Stockmann. [Goes out.]

A STOUT MAN.

[going up to CAPTAIN HORSTER, Without taking any notice of the ladies]

Well, Captain, so you lend your house to enemies of the people?

HORSTER.

I imagine I can do what I like with my own **possessions**, Mr. Vik.

THE STOUT MAN.

Then you can have no **objection** to my doing the same with **mine**.

HORSTER.

What do you mean, sir?

THE STOUT MAN.

You shall hear from me in the morning. [Turns his back on him and moves off.]

PETRA.

Was that not your **owner**, Captain Horster?

HORSTER.

Yes, that was Mr. Vik the **shipowner**.

Thesaurus

hear: (*int, v*) attend; (*v*) find out, discover, understand, apprehend, hark, learn, try, examine, listen; (*adj*) heard.

mine: (*adj, v*) excavate, sap; (*n*) excavation, pit, fund, land mine, vein; (*v*) exploit, burrow; (*adj*) my, delve.

objection: (*n*) dissent, complaint, grievance, exception, gripe, disagreement, outcry, difficulty, expostulation, disapproval, criticism.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) approval, agreement, praise, acceptance.

owner: (*n*) proprietor, possessor, holder, lord, landowner, landholder, boss, proprietary, landlord, keeper, employer. ANTONYMS: (*n*) tenant, seller.

possessions: (*n*) means, belongings, assets, goods, property, effects, wealth, gear, things, possession, riches.

shipowner: (*n*) owner, shipholder,

possessor.

source: (*n*) root, cause, commencement, reason, provenance, beginning, head, parent, reference, headspring, germ.

tannery: (*n*) workplace, tanyard.

worst: (*v*) whip, trounce, defeat, overcome, vanquish, pip, rack up; (*adj, v*) best, rout; (*adj*) floor, lick. ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) best; (*adj*) highest, first, secondary.

ASLAKSEN.

[with the voting-papers in his hands, gets up on to the platform and rings his bell] Gentlemen, allow me to **announce** the result. By the votes of every one here except one person--

A YOUNG MAN.

That is the drunk chap!

ASLAKSEN.

By the votes of everyone here except a **tipsy** man, this meeting of citizens declares Dr. Thomas Stockmann to be an enemy of the people. [Shouts and applause.] Three cheers for our ancient and honourable citizen community! [**Renewed** applause.] Three cheers for our able and **energetic** Mayor, who has so **loyally suppressed** the promptings of family feeling! [Cheers.] The meeting is **dissolved**. [Gets down.]

BILLING.

Three cheers for the Chairman!

THE WHOLE CROWD.

Three cheers for Aslaksen! Hurrah!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

My hat and coat, Petra! Captain, have you room on your ship for passengers to the New World?

HORSTER.

For you and yours we will make room, Doctor.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[as PETRA helps him into his coat] Good. Come, Katherine! Come, boys!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[in an **undertone**] Thomas, dear, let us go out by the back way.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

No back ways for me, Katherine, [Raising his voice.] You will hear more of this enemy of the people, before he shakes the dust off his shoes upon you! I

Thesaurus

announce: (*v*) advertise, declare, enunciate, proclaim, return, promulgate, publicize, publish, tell, communicate, foretell. ANTONYMS: (*v*) withhold, conceal, repress, request.

dissolved: (*adj*) adulterate, gone, liquified, broken.

energetic: (*adj*) animated, brisk, busy, driving, dynamic, powerful, strong, effective, agile, emphatic, forcible. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sluggish, lazy,

weary, languid, inactive, exhausted, indolent, apathetic, dull, indifferent, listless.

loyally: (*adv*) steadfastly, devotedly, staunchly, unwaveringly, constantly, steadily, dutifully, obediently, truly, trustily, firmly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disloyally, unfaithfully, carelessly.

renewed: (*adj*) changed, born again, new, fresh, reintegrate, rehabilitated, transformed, regenerate, reformed, Renate.

suppressed: (*adj*) stifled, smothered, strangled, repressed, downtrodden, buried, hidden, pent-up, latent, untold; (*n*) subordinate.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) publicized, overt. **tipsy:** (*adj*) tight, intoxicated, soused, blotto, inebriated, fuddled, taut, stringent, loaded, besotted, close.

undertone: (*n*) undercurrent, murmur, tinge, nuance, whisper, suggestion, implication, connotation, overtone, association, hint.

am not so **forgiving** as a certain Person; I do not say: "I forgive you, for ye know not what ye do."

ASLAKSEN.

[shouting] That is a **blasphemous** comparison, Dr. Stockmann!

BILLING.

It is, by God! It's dreadful for an **earnest** man to listen to.

A COARSE VOICE.

Threatens us now, does he!

OTHER VOICES.

[excitedly] Let's go and break his windows! **Duck** him in the **fjord**!

ANOTHER VOICE.

Blow your horn, Evensen! Pip, pip!

[Horn-blowing, hisses, and wild cries. DR. STOCKMANN goes out through the hall with his family, HORSTER elbowing a way for them.]

THE WHOLE CROWD.

[howling after them as they go] Enemy of the People! Enemy of the People!

BILLING.

[as he puts his papers together] Well, I'm damned if I go and drink toddy with the Stockmanns tonight!

[The CROWD press towards the **exit**. The uproar continues outside; shouts of "Enemy of the People!" are heard from without.]

Thesaurus

blasphemous: (*adj, v*) profane, irreverent, sacrilegious; (*adj*) ungodly, impious, irreligious, unconsecrated, godless, unholy, wicked; (*v*) desecrate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reverent, devout, godly, religious.
duck: (*adj, n, v*) plunge; (*v*) douse, dodge, dive, evade, circumvent, bob, shirk; (*adj, n*) darling; (*adj, v*) souse; (*n*) canvas. ANTONYMS: (*v*) confront, rise, jump, meet, accept; (*n*)

drake.
earnest: (*adj, v*) devout; (*adj*) eager, solemn, heartfelt, diligent, studious, sincere, intense, ardent, staid; (*n*) guarantee. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flippant, halfhearted, uncertain, insincere, unimportant, nonchalant, lethargic, apathetic, unenthusiastic, indifferent, frivolous.
exit: (*n*) departure, door, egress, outlet, going, gate, way out; (*v*) leave, go, go out, die. ANTONYMS: (*n*) arrival,

entry, entrance, greeting; (*v*) arrive, come.
fjord: (*n*) inlet, cove, bay, channel, creek, strait.
forgiving: (*adj*) compassionate, lenient, tolerant, charitable, remissive, humane, kind, magnanimous, generous, merciful, mild. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unforgiving, hardhearted, impatient, strict.

ACT V

[SCENE.--DR. STOCKMANN'S study. Bookcases and cabinets containing specimens, line the walls. At the back is a door leading to the hall; in the foreground on the left, a door leading to the sitting-room. In the righthand wall are two windows, of which all the **panes** are broken. The DOCTOR'S desk, **littered** with books and papers, stands in the middle of the room, which is in **disorder**. It is morning. DR. STOCKMANN in **dressing-gown**, slippers and a smoking-cap, is **bending** down and raking with an **umbrella** under one of the cabinets. After a little while he rakes out a stone.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[calling through the open sitting-room door] Katherine, I have found another one.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[from the sitting-room] Oh, you will find a lot more yet, I expect.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[adding the stone to a heap of others on the table] I shall treasure these **stones** as relics. Ejlif and Morten shall look at them everyday, and when they are grown up they shall **inherit** them as heirlooms. [Rakes about under a bookcase.] Hasn't--what the deuce is her name?--the girl, you know--hasn't she been to fetch the **glazier** yet?

Thesaurus

bending: (*n*) bow, bend, deflection, deflexion, refraction, flexure, crook; (*adj*) flexible, supple, winding, pliant. ANTONYM: (*adj*) stiff.

disorder: (*n, v*) ailment, disarray, disease, jumble, muddle; (*n*) clutter, disturbance, disarrangement; (*v*) derange, confuse, perturb. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) order; (*n*) orderliness, calm, peace, tranquility, health; (*v*) organize, align, arrange, systematize, neatness.

dressing: (*n*) bandage, stuffing, fertilization, binding, bandaging, scolding, fertilizer, manure, compress, preparation, farce.

glazier: (*n*) glasscutter, glazer, journeyman, puttier, artificer, artisan, craftsman, glass cutter.

gown: (*n*) robe, clothing, cassock, vestment, wrapper, overclothes, outerwear, uniform, tunic, clothes; (*v*) clothe.

inherit: (*v*) heir, come into, get, to

inherit, own, receive, come in for, to succeed, follow, descend, accede.

littered: (*adj*) untidy, under attack, beleaguered, beset, besieged, messy, plagued, topsy-turvy, tormented.

panes: (*n*) Fauni.

stones: (*n*) shingle, grit.

umbrella: (*n*) parasol, sunshade, shelter, canopy, cover, gamp, protection, tent, shield, screen, umbra.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[coming in] Yes, but he said he didn't know if he would be able to come today.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You will see he won't dare to come.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Well, that is just what Randine thought--that he didn't dare to, on account of the **neighbours**. [Calls into the sitting-room.] What is it you want, Randine? Give it to me. [Goes in, and comes out again directly.] Here is a letter for you, Thomas.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Let me see it. [Opens and reads it.] Ah!--of course.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Who is it from?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

From the **landlord**. Notice to **quit**.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Is it possible? Such a nice man

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[looking at the letter] Does not dare do otherwise, he says. Doesn't like doing it, but dare not do otherwise--on account of his fellow-citizens--out of regard for public **opinion**. Is in a **dependent** position--dares not offend certain **influential** men.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

There, you see, Thomas!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, yes, I see well enough; the whole lot of them in the town are cowards; not a man among them dares do anything for fear of the **others**. [Throws the letter on to the table.] But it doesn't matter to us, Katherine. We are going to **sail** away to the New World, and--

Thesaurus

calls: (*n*) securities, puts, bonds, preferred stock, common stock.

dependent: (*adj*) subordinate, subject, conditional, contingent, addicted, tributary; (*n*) charge, adjective, attendant, follower, slave.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) strong, free, autonomous, capable.

influential: (*adj*) potent, dominant, cogent, forcible, powerful, predominant, prevailing, effective, strong, impressive, efficacious.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unconvincing, minor, unimportant, weak, uninfluential, ineffective, frivolous.

landlord: (*n*) laird, proprietor, landlady, owner, landholder, land holder, land owner, innkeeper, property owner, slumlord, publican.

ANTONYM: (*n*) occupant.

neighbours: (*n*) neighborhood.

opinion: (*adj, n, v*) judgment, feeling, notion; (*n*) idea, belief, conjecture, advice, guess, impression, view; (*n, v*)

meaning.

others: (*n*) rest, cessation, lie, lave, LAN, ease, acquiesce, intermission.

quit: (*adj, n, v*) leave; (*v*) go, drop, break, cease, give up, depart, end, discontinue; (*adj, v*) discharge; (*n, v*) part. ANTONYMS: (*v*) stay, occupy, enter, maintain, start, come, arrive.

sail: (*n, v*) cruise, float, voyage, sheet; (*v*) navigate, run, glide, drift, cross, sweep, travel. ANTONYM: (*v*) struggle.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But, Thomas, are you sure we are well advised to take this step?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Are you **suggesting** that I should stay here, where they have pilloried me as an enemy of the people--branded me-- broken my windows! And just look here, Katherine--they have torn a great rent in my black trousers too!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Oh, dear!--and they are the best pair you have got!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You should never wear your best trousers when you go out to fight for freedom and truth. It is not that I care so much about the trousers, you know; you can always sew them up again for me. But that the common **herd** should dare to make this attack on me, as if they were my equals--that is what I cannot, for the life of me, swallow!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

There is no doubt they have behaved very ill toward you, Thomas; but is that sufficient reason for our leaving our native country for good and all?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

If we went to another town, do you suppose we should not find the common people just as **insolent** as they are here? Depend upon it, there is not much to choose between them. Oh, well, let the curs snap--that is not the worst part of it. The worst is that, from one end of this country to the other, every man is the **slave** of his Party. Although, as far as that goes, I daresay it is not much better in the free West either; the compact majority, and liberal public opinion, and all that infernal old bag of tricks are probably **rampant** there too. But there things are done on a larger scale, you see. They may kill you, but they won't put you to death by slow **torture**. They don't squeeze a free man's soul in a vice, as they do here. And, if need be, one can live in **solitude**. [Walks up and down.] If only I knew where there was a virgin forest or a small South Sea island for sale, cheap--

Thesaurus

herd: (*n, v*) crowd; (*adj*) bevy, many; (*adj, n, v*) swarm; (*n*) drove, gang, crew, collection, covey, multitude, mob.

insolent: (*adj*) impertinent, abusive, disrespectful, impudent, fresh, arrogant, brazen, defiant, offensive, brassy, bold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful, modest, gracious, meek, submissive.

rampant: (*adj, v*) rife; (*adj*) wild, raging, luxuriant, unchecked,

prevailing, rank, boisterous, exuberant, furious, irrepressible. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) contained, controlled, mild, rare, sparse.

slave: (*n*) servant, bondman, thrall, bondsman, bondwoman, captive, vassal; (*n, v*) labor; (*v*) drudge, work; (*adj, n*) inferior. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) free; (*v*) slack.

solitude: (*n*) desolation, loneliness, seclusion, privacy, aloneness, isolation, retirement, lonesomeness,

retreat, desert, solitariness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) companionship, closeness.

suggesting: (*n*) proposal; (*adj*) symptomatic of, insinuating, suggestive of.

torture: (*n, v*) pain, distress, agonize, afflict; (*n*) agony, anguish, suffering, excruciation, grief; (*v*) rack, excruciate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) relief, alleviation, content, ecstasy, joy, pleasure; (*v*) relieve, alleviate.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But think of the boys, Thomas!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[standing still] What a strange woman you are, Katherine! Would you **prefer** to have the boys grow up in a society like this? You saw for yourself last night that half the population are out of their minds; and if the other half have not lost their senses, it is because they are **mere** brutes, with no sense to lose.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But, Thomas dear, the **imprudent** things you said had something to do with it, you know.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, isn't what I said perfectly true? Don't they turn every idea **topsy-turvy**? Don't they make a regular **hotchpotch** of right and wrong? Don't they say that the things I know are true, are lies? The craziest part of it all is the fact of these "liberals," men of full age, going about in crowds **imagining** that they are the broad-minded party! Did you ever hear anything like it, Katherine!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, yes, it's mad enough of them, certainly; but--[PETRA comes in from the silting-room]. Back from school already?

PETRA.

Yes. I have been given notice of **dismissal**.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Dismissal?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You too?

PETRA.

Mrs. Busk **gave** me my notice; so I thought it was best to go at once.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You were perfectly right, too!

Thesaurus

dismissal: (*n*) conge, denial, expulsion, dismission, release, removal, deposition, acquittal, rejection, sacking, dissolution. ANTONYMS: (*n*) recruitment, employment, appointment.
gave: (*v*) deliver, allow, allot, provide, furnish, impart, administer; (*n*) gives.
hotchpotch: (*n*) hodgepodge, mishmash, farrago, hotchpot, melange, ragbag, jumble, variety, miscellanea, stew, hash.

imagining: (*n*) conception, daydream, fantasy, opinion; (*v*) imagine; (*adj*) imaginant.
imprudent: (*adj*) foolish, foolhardy, indiscreet, hasty, improvident, impolitic, heedless, unadvised, injudicious, unwary, unwise. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, prudent, cautious, wise, deliberate, discreet, guarded, judicious, advisable.
mere: (*adj, n*) entire; (*adj*) bare, simple, pure; (*n*) loch, tarn, boundary,

absolute; (*n, v*) downright; (*adv*) merely; (*adj, v*) clear.
prefer: (*v*) pick, elevate, like, elect, opt, advance, favor, want, select, promote, favour. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reject, refuse.
topsy-turvy: (*adj*) confused, upside-down, deranged, disorderly, chaotic, upside down, inverted; (*adj, adv*) upended, inside-out, jumbled; (*adv*) helter-skelter.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Who would have thought Mrs. Busk was a woman like that!

PETRA.

Mrs. Busk isn't a bit like that, mother; I saw quite **plainly** how it hurt her to do it. But she didn't dare do otherwise, she said; and so I got my notice.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN [laughing and rubbing his hands]. She didn't dare do otherwise, either! It's **delicious!**

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Well, after the dreadful scenes last night--

PETRA.

It was not only that. Just **listen** to this, father!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well?

PETRA.

Mrs. Busk showed me no less than three letters she received this morning--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Anonymous, I suppose?

PETRA.

Yes.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, because they didn't dare to risk **signing** their names, Katherine!

PETRA.

And two of them were to the effect that a man, who has been our **guest** here, was **declaring** last night at the Club that my views on various subjects are extremely emancipated--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You did not deny that, I hope?

PETRA.

No, you know I wouldn't. Mrs. Busk's own views are **tolerably** emancipated,

Thesaurus

declaring: (*adj*) affirming, predicant.

delicious: (*adj, v*) delicate; (*adj*) tasteful, pleasing, delightful, appetizing, agreeable, sweet, toothsome, savory, enjoyable, dainty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tasteless, distasteful, yucky, unsavory, unpleasant, unappetizing, revolting, nauseating, inedible, gross, dry.

guest: (*n*) caller, visitor, customer, alien, foreigner, client, invite, foreign, company, guests, houseguest.

listen: (*v*) hear, heed, hearken, attend, harken, list, listening, eavesdrop, mind, concentrate, pay attention.

plainly: (*adv*) evidently, manifestly, clearly, distinctly, openly, obviously, patently, overtly, definitely; (*adj, adv*) frankly, honestly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) imperceptibly, vaguely, obscurely, figuratively, unclearly, politely, incoherently, implicitly, finely, ambiguously, covertly.

signing: (*n*) signature, signage,

linguistic communication, fingerspelling, ASL, language; (*adj*) signatory.

tolerably: (*adv*) well enough, passably, acceptably, reasonably, enough, moderately, to a tolerable degree, pretty, to an adequate degree; (*adj, adv*) somewhat; (*adj*) pretty well. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unbearably, intolerably, unacceptably, unreasonably, insufficiently, inadequately.

when we are alone together; but now that this report about me is being spread, she dare not keep me on any longer.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

And someone who had been a guest of ours! That shows you the return you get for your **hospitality**, Thomas!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

We won't live in such a **disgusting** hole any longer. Pack up as quickly as you can, Katherine; the **sooner** we can get away, the better.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Be quiet--I think I hear someone in the hall. See who it is, Petra.

PETRA.

[opening the door] Oh, it's you, Captain Horster! Do come in.

HORSTER.

[coming in] Good morning. I thought I would just come in and see how you were.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[shaking his hand] Thanks--that is really kind of you.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

And thank you, too, for **helping** us through the crowd, Captain Horster.

PETRA.

How did you manage to get home again?

HORSTER.

Oh, somehow or other. I am fairly strong, and there is more sound than **fury** about these folk.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, isn't their **swinish** cowardice astonishing? Look here, I will show you something! There are all the stones they have **thrown** through my windows. Just look at them! I'm hanged if there are more than two decently large bits of hard stone in the whole heap; the rest are nothing but gravel-- wretched little

Thesaurus

disgusting: (*adj*) abominable, loathsome, odious, nasty, execrable, distasteful, disgustful, offensive, foul, disagreeable, obscene. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attractive, appealing, delightful, tasty, pleasing, edible, charming, appetizing, laudable, lovable, nice.
fury: (*n*) anger, exasperation, force, resentment, delirium, furor, frenzy, indignation, *craze*; (*adj, n*) wrath, ferocity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) composure, calmness, mildness,

calm, pleasure, serenity.
helping: (*n*) portion, share, plateful, serving, part, quota, drumstick; (*adj*) auxiliary, assistant, aiding, assisting.
hospitality: (*n*) entertainment, generosity, friendliness, cordiality, welcome, cordial reception, kindness, amiability, warmth, solicitously, politely. ANTONYMS: (*n*) frostiness, inhospitality.
sooner: (*adj, adv*) rather, earlier, before, preferably, instead; (*adv*) first, before

now, faster, previously, beforehand; (*adj*) prior.
swinish: (*adj*) piggish, porcine, boorish, piggy, gluttonous, brutal, loutish, brutish, crapulous; (*v*) omnivorous, edacious.
thrown: (*adj*) puzzled, confused, thrown and twisted, upset, disconcerted, unnerved, terrified, scared out of your wits, mystified, frightened; (*n*) reminder. ANTONYM: (*adj*) calm.

things. And yet they stood out there **bawling** and **swearing** that they would do me some violence; but as for doing anything--you don't see much of that in this town.

HORSTER.

Just as well for you this time, doctor!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

True enough. But it makes one angry all the same; because if some day it should be a question of a national fight in real earnest, you will see that public opinion will be in favour of taking to one's heels, and the compact majority will turn tail like a **flock** of sheep, Captain Horster. That is what is so **mournful** to think of; it gives me so much concern, that--. No, devil take it, it is ridiculous to care about it! They have called me an enemy of the people, so an enemy of the people let me be!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

You will never be that, Thomas.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Don't swear to that, Katherine. To be called an ugly name may have the same effect as a pin-scratch in the lung. And that **hateful** name--I can't get quit of it. It is sticking here in the pit of my **stomach**, eating into me like a **corrosive** acid. And no **magnesia** will remove it.

PETRA.

Bah!--you should only laugh at them, father,

HORSTER. They will change their minds some day, Doctor.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, Thomas, as sure as you are standing here.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Perhaps, when it is too late. Much good may it do them! They may **wallow** in their filth then and rue the day when they drove a patriot into exile. When do you sail, Captain Horster?

Thesaurus

bawling: (*adj, n*) weeping, sniveling; (*n*) cry, wailing; (*adj*) vociferous, weepy, blatant, sobbing, clamorous, tearful, howling.

corrosive: (*adj*) acid, erosive, acrid, biting, sarcastic, destructive, vitriolic, acerbic, bitter, stringent, acrimonious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) supporting, fortifying, gentle.

flock: (*n, v*) crowd, cluster, pack, mass; (*adj, n*) bevy; (*adj, n, v*) swarm; (*n*) band, horde, congregation, herd; (*v*)

assemble. ANTONYM: (*v*) disperse.

hateful: (*adj*) disgusting, execrable, nasty, abominable, hideous, despicable, repulsive, distasteful, foul; (*adj, v*) odious, obnoxious.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) delightful, kind, nice, benign, desirable.

magnesia: (*n*) mineral, pericase.

mournful: (*adj*) sad, miserable, melancholy, funereal, dolorous, dark, pensive, gloomy, lugubrious, lamentable; (*adj, n*) plaintive.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) joyful, happy, emotionless.

stomach: (*adj, v*) brook, digest; (*v*) endure, stand, abide, bear, suffer, tolerate, take; (*n*) abdomen, appetite.

swearing: (*n*) curse, expletive, profanity, oath, abuse, blasphemy, swearword, execration, adjuration, asseveration; (*v*) swear.

wallow: (*v*) roll, flounder, welter, triumph, enjoy, rejoice, splash, bask; (*adj*) luxuriate, crouch, slouch.

HORSTER.

Hm!--that was just what I had come to speak about--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Why, has anything gone wrong with the **ship**?

HORSTER.

No; but what has happened is that I am not to sail in it.

PETRA.

Do you mean that you have been dismissed from your **command**?

HORSTER.

[smiling] Yes, that's just it.

PETRA.

You too.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

There, you see, Thomas!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And that for the truth's sake! Oh, if I had thought such a thing possible--

HORSTER.

You mustn't take it to heart; I shall be sure to find a job with some ship-owner or other, **elsewhere**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And that is this man Vik--a wealthy man, independent of everyone and everything--! Shame on him!

HORSTER.

He is quite an **excellent** fellow **otherwise**; he told me himself he would **willingly** have kept me on, if only he had dared--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But he didn't dare? No, of course not.

HORSTER.

It is not such an easy matter, he said, for a party man--

Thesaurus

command: (*n, v*) order, charge, call, control, decree; (*n*) instruction, bidding, direction, behest; (*v*) direct, commission. ANTONYMS: (*v*) obey, follow, contradict, countermand, revoke, recall, oppose; (*n*) beg, plead, plea.

elsewhere: (*adj, adv*) away; (*adj*) worried, lost in thought, abroad, anxious; (*adv*) off, elsewhere, thence, somewhere. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) carefree; (*adv*) in.

excellent: (*adj, n*) estimable, worthy, capital; (*adj*) superior, admirable, beautiful, distinctive, superb, great, good, splendid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) poor, abysmal, awful, mediocre, terrible, imperfect, inadequate, middling, shoddy, bad, used.

otherwise: (*adv*) besides, differently, or else, yet, alias, nevertheless, on the other hand, in addition; (*adj, adv*) other; (*n*) or; (*adj*) different.

ship: (*v*) send, forward, transport,

send off, consign, carry, transfer, move; (*n*) boat, craft; (*n, v*) ferry. ANTONYM: (*v*) keep.

willingly: (*adv*) readily, voluntarily, cheerfully, spontaneously, helpfully, disposedly, actively, openly, obligingly, eagerly; (*adj, adv*) freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) grudgingly, reluctantly, uncooperatively, unenthusiastically.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

The **worthy** man spoke the truth. A party is like a **sausage** machine; it **mashes** up all sorts of heads together into the same mincemeat--fatheads and blockheads, all in one mash!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Come, come, Thomas dear!

PETRA.

[to HORSTER] If only you had not come home with us, things might not have come to this pass.

HORSTER.

I do not **regret** it.

PETRA.

[holding out her hand to him] Thank you for that!

HORSTER.

[to DR. STOCKMANN] And so what I came to say was that if you are determined to go away, I have thought of another plan--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

That's splendid!--if only we can get away at once.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Hush!--wasn't that some one **knocking**?

PETRA.

That is **uncle**, surely.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Aha! [Calls out.] Come in!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Dear Thomas, promise me definitely--. [PETER STOCKMANN comes in from the hall.]

PETER STOCKMANN.

Oh, you are **engaged**. In that case, I will--

Thesaurus

engaged: (*adj*) occupied, betrothed, employed, affianced, engrossed, reserved, absorbed, working, pledged, involved, committed.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) free, unengaged, unemployed, uncommitted, unattached, single, detached, idle.
knocking: (*n*) sound, bang, beating, hit, rap, strike, belt, criticism, bash.
mash: (*v*) crush, squash, grind, beat, comminute, squeeze, crunch, bray, flirt, press, pulp.

regret: (*n, v*) grieve, sorrow; (*v*) bewail, lament, mourn, bemoan, deplore; (*n*) remorse, penitence, compunction, contrition. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) welcome, praise; (*n*) idealism, shamelessness, joy, satisfaction.
sausage: (*n*) frank, blimp, pepperoni, pudding, salami, hot dog, wiener, intestine, hotdog, headcheese, dirigible.
uncle: (*n*) father's younger brother, elder uncle, father's older brother,

father's sister's husband, husband of paternal aunt, maternal uncle, niece, benefactor, EME, helper, kinsman.
worthy: (*adj*) noble, good, meritorious, valuable, estimable, respectable, deserving, worthwhile, virtuous, honorable; (*adj, n*) celebrity.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bad, unrespected, disreputable, mediocre, petty, poor, unimpressive, insignificant, dishonorable, despicable; (*n*) nobody.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

No, no, come in.

PETER STOCKMANN.

But I wanted to speak to you **alone**.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

We will go into the sitting-room in the **meanwhile**.

HORSTER.

And I will look in again later.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

No, go in there with them, Captain Horster; I want to hear more about--.

HORSTER.

Very well, I will wait, then. [He follows MRS.

STOCKMANN and PETRA into the sitting-room.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I daresay you find it rather **draughty** here today. Put your hat on.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Thank you, if I may. [Does so.] I think I **caught** cold last night; I stood and shivered--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Really? I found it **warm** enough.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I regret that it was not in my power to **prevent** those excesses last night.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Have you anything in particular to say to me besides that?

PETER STOCKMANN [taking a big letter from his pocket]. I have this **document** for you, from the Baths Committee.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

My dismissal?

Thesaurus

alone: (*adj*) forlorn, individual, lonely, lonesome; (*adj, adv*) only, apart; (*adv*) solely, entirely, exclusively, separately, individually.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) overshadowed, ordinary, mobbed, equaled, crowded, accompanied, common, grouped, surpassed; (*adv*) jointly; (*n*) foe.
caught: (*adj*) fixed, guilty, accomplished, wedged, trapped, interested, exposed, defenseless, culpable; (*v*) seize, get. **ANTONYM:**

(*adj*) loose.

document: (*n*) charter, deed, credential, credentials, text, papers, writing; (*v*) list, report, file, prove.

draughty: (*adj*) leaky.

meanwhile: (*adv*) in the meantime, at the same time, for the time being, ad interim; (*n*) interim, while, interlude, interval, mean, at times; (*prep*) during.

prevent: (*n, v*) hinder, bar; (*v*) anticipate, block, forbid, avert, avoid,

preclude, arrest, hamper, obviate.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) allow, permit, promote, advance, attract, cause, let, drive, help, support, include.
warm: (*adj*) hot, affectionate, tender, ardent, cordial, fervent, lively, fond, loving, earnest, tepid. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) cold, unfriendly, aloof, reserved, hostile, uncaring, unenthusiastic, unwelcoming, stale, offhand; (*v*) chill.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, **dating** from today. [Lays the letter on the table.] It gives us pain to do it; but, to speak **frankly**, we dared not do otherwise on account of public opinion.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[smiling] Dared not? I seem to have heard that word before, today.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I must beg you to understand your position clearly. For the future you must not count on any practice whatever in the town.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Devil take the practice! But why are you so sure of that?

PETER STOCKMANN.

The Householders' Association is **circulating** a list from house to house. All right-minded citizens are being called upon to give up employing you; and I can assure you that not a single head of a family will risk **refusing** his **signature**. They simply dare not.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

No, no; I don't doubt it. But what then?

PETER STOCKMANN.

If I might advise you, it would be best to leave the place for a little while--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, the **propriety** of leaving the place has occurred to me.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Good. And then, when you have had six months to think things over, if, after **mature** consideration, you can persuade yourself to write a few words of regret, **acknowledging** your error--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I might have my appointment **restored** to me, do you mean?

Thesaurus

acknowledging: (*n*) agreement; (*adj*) responsive, affirmative.

circulating: (*v*) circulate; (*adj*) cyclic, circulative, moving; (*n*) distribution.

dating: (*n*) invitation.

frankly: (*adv*) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (*adj, adv*) freely.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely.

mature: (*adj, v*) ripe, ripen; (*v*) develop, age, mellow, season; (*adj*) complete, old, experienced, adult, perfect.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) childish, naive, young, unripe, sophomoric, unfledged, green, unclear, irresponsible, incomplete; (*v*) growing.

propriety: (*adj, n*) decency, modesty, correctness, aptitude; (*n*) decorum, fitness, etiquette, civility, grace, politeness, manners. ANTONYMS:

(*n*) impropriety, rudeness, unsuitableness, indecorum, decadence, tactlessness, corruption, vulgarity, indecency.

refusing: (*adj*) negative, dismissive, denying, recusative, noncompliant.

restored: (*adj*) new, healthy, comfortable, convalescent.

signature: (*v*) sign; (*n*) mark, key signature, endorsement, subscription, earmark, ratification, stamp, sign manual, seal, scale.

PETER STOCKMANN.

Perhaps. It is not at all impossible.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But what about public opinion, then? Surely you would not dare to do it on account of public feeling...

PETER STOCKMANN.

Public opinion is an extremely **mutable** thing. And, to be quite **candid** with you, it is a matter of great importance to us to have some admission of that sort from you in writing.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oh, that's what you are after, is it! I will just trouble you to remember what I said to you lately about **foxy** tricks of that sort!

PETER STOCKMANN.

Your position was quite different then. At that time you had reason to suppose you had the whole town at your back--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, and now I feel I have the whole town ON my back--[flaring up]. I would not do it if I had the devil and his dam on my back--! Never--never, I tell you!

PETER STOCKMANN.

A man with a family has no right to **behave** as you do. You have no right to do it, Thomas.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I have no right! There is only one single thing in the world a free man has no right to do. Do you know what that is?

PETER STOCKMANN.

No.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Of course you don't, but I will tell you. A free man has no right to **soil** himself with filth; he has no right to behave in a way that would **justify** his **spitting** in his own face.

Thesaurus

behave: (*n, v*) conduct, exercise; (*v*) bear, deal, deport, operate, perform, acquit, walk, react, go. ANTONYMS: (*v*) misdemean, malfunction.

candid: (*adj*) blunt, outspoken, ingenuous, direct, sincere, open, forthright, artless, equitable, honest, guileless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) scheming, tricky, artful, deceitful, dishonest, guarded, indirect, insincere, inhibited, disingenuous, evasive.

foxy: (*adj*) crafty, cunning, astute, clever, vulpine, russet, slick, tricky, dodgy, wily, sly. ANTONYM: (*adj*) ingenuous.

justify: (*v*) explain, exonerate, vindicate, confirm, absolve, defend, deserve, apologize, claim, palliate; (*n, v*) warrant.

mutable: (*adj*) variable, inconstant, fickle, slippery, changeful, capricious, unstable, fluctuating, erratic, unsettled, checkered. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) immutable, constant, fixed, unchangeable.

soil: (*adj, n*) dirt; (*adj, v*) smudge; (*v*) pollute, dirty, contaminate, mire; (*n, v*) grime; (*n*) land, dust, earth; (*adj, n, v*) blot. ANTONYMS: (*v*) wash, cleanse, purify; (*n*) sea.

spitting: (*n*) spiting, expectation, ejection, sizzle, projection, forcing out, expulsion, saliva.

PETER STOCKMANN.

This sort of thing sounds extremely **plausible**, of course; and if there were no other explanation for your obstinacy--. But as it happens that there is.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What do you mean?

PETER STOCKMANN.

You understand, very well what I mean. But, as your brother and as a man of discretion, I advise you not to build too much upon **expectations** and **prospects** that may so very easily fail you.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What in the world is all this about?

PETER STOCKMANN.

Do you really ask me to believe that you are ignorant of the terms of Mr. Kiil's will?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I know that the small amount he possesses is to go to an institution for **indigent** old **workpeople**. How does that concern me?

PETER STOCKMANN.

In the first place, it is by no means a small amount that is in question. Mr. Kiil is a fairly wealthy man.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I had no notion of that!

PETER STOCKMANN.

Hm!--hadn't you really? Then I suppose you had no notion, either, that a considerable **portion** of his wealth will come to your children, you and your wife having a life-rent of the capital. Has he never told you so?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Never, on my honour! Quite the reverse; he has **consistently** done nothing but **fume** at being so unconscionably heavily **taxed**. But are you perfectly certain of this, Peter?

Thesaurus

consistently: (*adv*) uniformly, solidly, logically, persistently, constantly, always, regularly, consonantly, homogeneously, accordantly, customarily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) erratically, unusually, unsystematically, unevenly, illogically, carelessly, unreliably.
expectations: (*n*) outlook, expectation, expectancy, potential.
fume: (*n, v*) smoke, reek; (*v*) chafe, rage, storm, evaporate, fret; (*adj, v*)

seethe, boil; (*adj, n*) foam; (*n*) cholera.
indigent: (*adj*) destitute, needy, impoverished, impecunious, penurious, penniless, miserable, necessitous, underprivileged, broke; (*n*) pauper. ANTONYM: (*adj*) wealthy.
plausible: (*adj*) credible, likely, convincing, acceptable, feasible, probable, reasonable, ostensible, imaginable, oily; (*adj, v*) specious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) implausible,

unlikely, unbelievable, improbable, improbably, untenable.
portion: (*n, v*) division, lot, allot, dividend, divide; (*n*) piece, parcel, fragment, component, section; (*adj, n*) constituent. ANTONYM: (*n*) whole.
prospects: (*n*) perspective, forecast, circumstances, odds, expectation, possibilities, prediction, projection, scenario, diagnosis.
taxed: (*adj*) laden.
workpeople: (*n*) working class.

PETER STOCKMANN.

I have it from an absolutely reliable source.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Then, thank God, Katherine is provided for--and the children too! I must tell her this at once--[calls out] Katherine, Katherine!

PETER STOCKMANN.

[restraining him] Hush, don't say a word yet!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[opening the door] What is the matter?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oh, nothing, nothing; you can go back. [She shuts the door. DR. STOCKMANN walks up and down in his excitement.] Provided for!--Just think of it, we are all provided for! And for life! What a **blessed** feeling it is to know one is provided for!

PETER STOCKMANN.

Yes, but that is just exactly what you are not. Mr. Kiil can **alter** his will any day he **likes**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But he won't do that, my dear Peter. The "Badger" is much too delighted at my attack on you and your wise **friends**.

PETER STOCKMANN.

[starts and looks **intently** at him] Ali, that throws a light on various things.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What things?

PETER STOCKMANN.

I see that the whole thing was a combined **manoeuvre** on your part and his. These violent, **reckless** attacks that you have made against the leading men of the town, under the **pretence** that it was in the name of truth--

Thesaurus

alter: (*v*) change, adapt, move, convert, adjust, amend, affect, transform, correct, vary, shift. ANTONYMS: (*v*) continue, keep, leave, preserve, worsen, retain, standardize, straighten, clarify.

blessed: (*adj*) happy, holy, cursed, sacred, damned, hallowed, blasted, fortunate, saintly, lucky, divine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unlucky, condemned, damned, disapproved, unhappy, unholy, secular.

friends: (*n*) circle, associates, connections, links, support group, acquaintances.

intently: (*adv*) fixedly, attentively, seriously, raptly, intensely, closely, steadily, eagerly, absorbedly, hard, steadfastly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) absently.

likes: (*n*) kind, sort, type.

manoeuvre: (*n*) device, gambit, artifice, ruse, stratagem, ploy, tactic; (*v*) direct, guide, steer, go.

pretence: (*n*) deceit, pretext, dissimulation, pretense, affectation, falsehood, deception, hypocrisy, bluff, appearance, pretension.

reckless: (*adj*) careless, rash, foolhardy, hasty, incautious, extravagant, daring, desperate, brash; (*adj, v*) imprudent, wanton. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cautious, prudent, sensible, wise, responsible, parsimonious, considered, safe, guarded, dutiful, discreet.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

What about them?

PETER STOCKMANN.

I see that they were nothing else than the **stipulated** price for that **vindictive** old man's will.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[almost **speechless**] Peter--you are the most disgusting plebeian I have ever met in all my life.

PETER STOCKMANN.

All is over between us. Your dismissal is irrevocable--we have a **weapon** against you now. [Goes out.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

For shame! For shame! [Calls out.] Katherine, you must have the floor scrubbed after him! Let--what's her name-- devil take it, the girl who has always got **soot** on her nose--

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[in the sitting-room]. **Hush**, Thomas, be quiet!

PETRA.

[coming to the door] Father, **grandfather** is here, **asking** if he may speak to you alone.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Certainly he may. [Going to the door.] Come in, Mr. Kiil. [MORTEN KIIL comes in. DR. STOCKMANN shuts the door after him.] What can I do for you? Won't you sit down?

MORTEN KIIL.

I won't sit. [Looks around.] You look very comfortable here today, Thomas.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, don't we!

Thesaurus

asking: (*v*) ask; (*n*) invitation, prayer, suit, application, begging, supplication, entreaty, billing; (*adj*) interrogatory, interrogative.

grandfather: (*n*) gramps, grandad, grandpapa, grandpa, grandsire, granddaddy, ancestor, father's father, paternal grandfather, father, forefather.

hush: (*adj, n, v*) calm, silence, quiet, still, lull; (*n*) peace; (*v*) shut up, gag, quieten, muffle; (*adj, v*) soothe.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) noise, turmoil; (*v*) Louden.

soot: (*n*) smut, lampblack, carbon black, grime, carbon, crock, dirt; (*adj*) ink, ebony, coal pitch, jet.

speechless: (*adj*) silent, mute, dumb, dumbfounded, voiceless, quiet, tongueless, tacit, noiseless, mum, wordless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) loquacious, eloquent, talkative.

stipulated: (*adj*) fixed, formal, certain, conventional, customary, firm,

predetermined, abstracted.

vindictive: (*adj*) vengeful, malicious, revengeful, unforgiving, punitive, malevolent, remorseless, implacable, spiteful, vindicative, virulent.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nice, charitable, forgiving, helpful, merciful, tolerant.

weapon: (*n*) arm, missile, arms, knuckles, spear, steel, tomahawk, firearm, flamethrower, projectile, hatchet.

MORTEN KIIL.

Very comfortable--plenty of **fresh** air. I should think you have got enough to-day of that **oxygen** you were talking about yesterday. Your conscience must be in splendid order to-day, I should think.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

It is.

MORTEN KIIL.

So I should think. [**Taps** his chest.] Do you know what I have got here?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

A good conscience, too, I hope.

MORTEN KIIL.

Bah!--No, it is something better than that. [He takes a **thick** pocket-book from his breast-pocket, opens it, and displays a packet of papers.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[looking at him in **astonishment**] Shares in the Baths?

MORTEN KIIL.

They were not difficult to get today.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And you have been buying--?

MORTEN KIIL.

As many as I could pay for.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But, my dear Mr. Kiil--consider the state of the Baths' **affairs**!

MORTEN KIIL.

If you behave like a **reasonable** man, you can soon set the Baths on their **feet** again.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, you can see for yourself that I have done all I can, but--. They are all mad in this town!

Thesaurus

affairs: (*n*) dealings, concern, circumstances, transaction, occupation, duty, matters, matter, personal business, gear, finances.

astonishment: (*n*) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, belief, contempt.

feet: (*v*) legs, pegs, pins, trotters; (*n*) foots, ft, fete, meter, rescue.

fresh: (*adj*) clean, bracing, novel, bright, recent, original, airy, bold, pure, green; (*adj, v*) brisk. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stale, decayed, hot, tired, worn, rotten, off, musty, muggy, humid, exhausted.

oxygen: (*n*) o, oxygens, gas, liquid oxygen, group o, element, chemical element, atomic number, air.

reasonable: (*adj*) rational, just, fair, legitimate, judicious, sensible, sane, temperate, impartial, inexpensive,

equitable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) illogical, unfair, expensive, unsatisfactory, inadequate, excessive, intolerable, intemperate, inexplicable, ridiculous, obsessional.

taps: (*n*) demise, bugle call.

thick: (*adj*) compact, stupid, crowded, slow, opaque, dull, heavy, stocky, deep, close, familiar. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thin, intelligent, sparse, bright, slight, clever, transparent, diluted, fine, clear, runny.

MORTEN KIIL.

You said yesterday that the worst of this pollution came from my tannery. If that is true, then my grandfather and my father before me, and I myself, for many years past, have been poisoning the town like three **destroying** angels. Do you think I am going to sit quiet under that reproach?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Unfortunately I am afraid you will have to.

MORTEN KIIL.

No, thank you. I am **jealous** of my name and reputation. They call me "the Badger," I am told. A **badger** is a kind of pig, I believe; but I am not going to give them the right to call me that. I mean to live and die a clean man.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And how are you going to set about it?

MORTEN KIIL.

You shall **cleanse** me, Thomas.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I!

MORTEN KIIL.

Do you know what money I have bought these shares with? No, of course you can't know--but I will tell you. It is the money that Katherine and Petra and the boys will have when I am gone. Because I have been able to save a little bit after all, you know.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[flaring up] And you have gone and taken Katherine's money for this!

MORTEN KIIL.

Yes, the whole of the money is invested in the Baths now. And now I just want to see whether you are quite **stark, staring** mad, Thomas! If you still make out that these animals and other **nasty** things of that sort come from my tannery, it will be exactly as if you were to **flay** broad strips of skin from

Thesaurus

badger: (*v*) annoy, tease, bother, harass, hassle, molest, beleaguer, worry, plague, bug, hound. ANTONYMS: (*v*) please, soothe, encourage.
cleanse: (*adj, v*) clean; (*v*) bathe, wash, clarify, wipe, scour, scrub, clear, rinse, disinfect, refine. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dirty, soil, stain, spot, pollute, mess, defile, cloud.
destroying: (*v*) destroy; (*adj*) deadly, deleterious, murderous; (*n*) disposal.

flay: (*v*) excoriate, peel, skin, decorticate, pare, lash, flog, castigate, scalp, shell, batter.
jealous: (*adj*) distrustful, envious, covetous, suspicious, jealousy, resentful, invidious, green, grudging, jaundiced, attentive. ANTONYM: (*adj*) trusting.
nasty: (*adj*) dirty, foul, filthy, disgusting, awful, mean, repulsive, raw, hurtful, coarse; (*adj, n*) obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

agreeable, pleasant, nice, charitable, lovely, delightful, friendly, tasty, charming, safe, respectful.
staring: (*adj*) conspicuous, garish, agaze, vivid, noisy, showy, fixed, opened, glassy; (*adv*) staringly.
stark: (*adj*) severe, plain, bare, bleak, desolate, mere, simple, bald, positive, pure, barren. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disguised, ornate, fuzzy, indistinct, soft, romantic, fussy, hidden, dim, abundant, mild.

Katherine's body, and Petra's, and the boys'; and no decent man would do that--unless he were mad.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[walking up and down] Yes, but I am mad; I am mad!

MORTEN KIIL.

You cannot be so **absurdly** mad as all that, when it is a question of your wife and children.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[standing still in front of him] Why couldn't you consult me about it, before you went and **bought** all that **trash**?

MORTEN KIIL.

What is done cannot be **undone**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[walks about uneasily] If only I were not so certain about it--! But I am absolutely convinced that I am right.

MORTEN KIIL.

[weighing the pocket-book in his hand]. If you stick to your mad idea, this won't be worth much, you know. [Puts the pocket-book in his pocket.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But, hang it all! It might be possible for science to discover some **prophylactic**, I should think--or some **antidote** of some kind--

MORTEN KIIL.

To kill these animals, do you mean?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, or to make them **innocuous**.

MORTEN KIIL.

Couldn't you try some rat's-bane?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Don't talk nonsense! They all say it is only imagination, you know. Well, let it

Thesaurus

absurdly: (*adv*) ridiculously, foolishly, ludicrously, nonsensically, idiotically, silly, stupidly, inconsistently, comically, illogically, irrationally. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) solemnly, impressively, rationally, harmoniously.

antidote: (*n*) remedy, counterpoison, antifebrile, antipoinson, antivenin, antispasmodic, curative, corrective, answer, antitoxin, solution. ANTONYM: (*n*) venom.

bought: (*n*) crook, hook.

innocuous: (*adj*) innocent, inoffensive, safe, innoxious, guiltless, bland, unoffending, unobnoxious, unobjectionable, pleasant, not unpleasant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) offensive, harmful, malicious, unpleasant.

prophylactic: (*adj, n*) contraceptive, preventative, antiseptic; (*n*) condom, rubber, contraceptive device, birth control device, prophylactic device,

restorative; (*adj*) cautionary, antifertility.

trash: (*n*) rubbish, litter, scum, garbage, refuse, rubble, debris; (*n, v*) scrap, junk; (*v*) destroy; (*adj, n*) trumpery. ANTONYMS: (*n*) valuables, sense, possessions, assets, fact; (*v*) renovate, conserve.

undone: (*adj*) ruined, unfinished, sunk, done for, finished, behindhand, decayed; (*adj, v*) doomed; (*v*) accursed, to be pitied, devoted.

go at that! Let them have their own way about it! Haven't the ignorant, **narrow**-minded curs reviled me as an enemy of the people?--and haven't they been ready to **tear** the **clothes** off my back too?

MORTEN KIIL.

And broken all your windows to pieces!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And then there is my duty to my family. I must talk it over with Katherine; she is great on those things,

MORTEN KIIL.

That is right; be **guided** by a reasonable woman's advice.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[advancing towards him] To think you could do such a **preposterous** thing! Risking Katherine's money in this way, and putting me in such a **horribly** painful **dilemma**! When I look at you, I think I see the devil himself--.

MORTEN KIIL.

Then I had better go. But I must have an answer from you before two o'clock--yes or no. If it is no, the shares go to a charity, and that this very day.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And what does Katherine get?

MORTEN KIIL.

Not a **halfpenny**. [The door leading to the hall opens, and HOVSTAD and ASLAKSEN make their appearance.] Look at those two!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[staring at them] What the devil!--have YOU actually the face to come into my house?

HOVSTAD.

Certainly.

ASLAKSEN.

We have something to say to you, you see.

Thesaurus

clothes: (*n*) apparel, clothing, dress, garb, wardrobe, vestment, garment, cloth, thing, gown, wear.

dilemma: (*n*) corner, problem, predicament, jam, fix, mess, difficulty, crisis, plight, doubt; (*adj, n*) embarrassment. ANTONYMS: (*n*) explanation, solution, resolution, ease.

guided: (*adj*) conducted, directed, led.

halfpenny: (*adj*) feather, bulrush, old son, jot, pinch of snuff, peppercorn,

rap; (*n*) bawbee, doit, farthing.

horribly: (*adv*) horrifically, awfully, terrifically, hideously, atrociously, appallingly; (*adj, adv*) frightfully, terribly, fearfully, shockingly; (*adj*) ghastly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly, wonderfully, kindly, sweetly.

narrow-minded: (*adj*) narrow, petty, bigoted, provincial, stuffy, fanatical, dogmatic, selfish, sectarian, rabid, conventional.

preposterous: (*adj*) absurd, irrational, ludicrous, nonsensical, foolish, ridiculous, laughable, derisory, monstrous, inconsistent; (*adj, v*) extravagant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, reasonable, impressive, plausible.

tear: (*n, v*) rip, break, split, rupture, crack, run, slit; (*v*) pull, rend, lacerate; (*adj, v*) rush. ANTONYMS: (*v*) wait, mend, idle, fix, amble, dawdle.

MORTEN KIIL.

[in a **whisper**] Yes or no--before two o'clock.

ASLAKSEN.

[glancing at HOVSTAD] Aha! [MORTEN KIIL goes out.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, what do you want with me? Be brief.

HOVSTAD.

I can quite understand that you are **annoyed** with us for our attitude at the meeting yesterday.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Attitude, do you call it? Yes, it was a **charming** attitude! I call it weak, womanish--damnably shameful!

HOVSTAD.

Call it what you like, we could not do otherwise.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You *dared* not do otherwise--isn't that it?

HOVSTAD.

Well, if you like to put it that way.

ASLAKSEN.

But why did you not let us have word of it **beforehand**? --just a **hint** to Mr. Hovstad or to me?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

A hint? Of what?

ASLAKSEN.

Of what was behind it all.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I don't understand you in the least--

ASLAKSEN.

[with a **confidential** nod] Oh yes, you do, Dr. Stockmann.

Thesaurus

annoyed: (*adj*) irritated, vexed, irate, aggravated, angered, cross, disgruntled, exasperated, infuriated, displeased, resentful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleased, unprovoked, smiling, patient, unconcerned, contented.
beforehand: (*adv*) previously, ahead, in advance, in anticipation, first; (*adj*, *adv*) early, beforehand; (*adj*) advance, already, afore; (*n*) prior. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) afterwards, afterward, later, late, subsequently.

charming: (*adj*) beautiful, lovely, captivating, winning, attractive, enchanting, delightful, pleasing, nice, magic, cute. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) repellent, unpleasant, unappealing, repulsive, charmless, disgusting, gross, irritating, offensive, uninteresting, annoying.
confidential: (*adj*) secret, classified, private, intimate, privileged, clandestine, furtive, thick, inner, esoteric, confident. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) open, familiar, known, external, accessible, official, unrestricted.
hint: (*v*) suggest; (*adj*, *n*) trace; (*n*) suggestion, intimation, inkling, cue, allusion; (*n*, *v*) tip, touch, dash; (*adj*, *v*) intimate. ANTONYM: (*n*) overtone.
whisper: (*n*, *v*) murmur, hum, mumble, suggestion, hint, inkling; (*v*) breathe, hiss; (*n*) rustle, trace, breath. ANTONYM: (*n*) information.

HOVSTAD.

It is no good making a mystery of it any longer.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[looking first at one of them and then at the other] What the devil do you both mean?

ASLAKSEN.

May I ask if your father-in-law is not going round the town **buying** up all the shares in the Baths?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, he has been buying Baths shares today; but--

ASLAKSEN.

It would have been more prudent to get **someone** else to do it--someone less nearly **related** to you.

HOVSTAD.

And you should not have let your name appear in the **affair**. There was no need for anyone to know that the attack on the Baths came from you. You ought to have consulted me, Dr. Stockmann.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[looks in front of him; then a light seems to **dawn** on him and he says in amazement.] Are such things conceivable? Are such things possible?

ASLAKSEN.

[with a smile] Evidently they are. But it is better to use a little **finesse**, you know.

HOVSTAD.

And it is much better to have several **persons** in a thing of that sort; because the responsibility of each individual is **lessened**, when there are others with him.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[composedly] Come to the point, gentlemen. What do you want?

Thesaurus

affair: (*n*) occurrence, event, business, concern, occasion, job, topic, duty, subject, amour, thing.

buying: (*n*) purchasing, buy, purchase, business, shopping, import, export, transaction, ownership, patronage, sale.

dawn: (*adj, n*) break of day, daybreak; (*n*) beginning, commencement, cockcrow, onset, morning, prime, aurora; (*v*) break, begin.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) twilight, sunset,

nightfall, close, departure, demise, conclusion, ending; (*n, v*) end, finish; (*v*) set.

finesse: (*n*) artifice, diplomacy, delicacy, refinement, dexterity, daintiness, ability, skill; (*n, v*) maneuver; (*adj*) intrigue; (*v*) circumvent. ANTONYMS: (*n*) ignorance, tactlessness, coarseness.

lessened: (*adj*) diminished, hurt, lower, mitigated, pointed, tapering, vitiated, atrophied, short, attenuate,

attenuated.

persons: (*n*) folk, public, society, world.

related: (*adj*) germane, relevant, cognate, similar, connected, allied, associated, collateral, pertinent, akin, consanguineous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unconnected, different, irrelevant, separate, disparate, dissimilar.

someone: (*n*) individual, person, human, self, party, man, one, soul, buster; (*pron*) anybody, anyone.

ASLAKSEN.

Perhaps Mr. Hovstad had better--

HOVSTAD.

No, you tell him, Aslaksen.

ASLAKSEN.

Well, the fact is that, now we know the **bearings** of the whole affair, we think we might **venture** to put the "People's Messenger" at your disposal.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Do you dare do that now? What about public opinion? Are you not afraid of a **storm** breaking upon our heads?

HOVSTAD.

We will try to weather it.

ASLAKSEN.

And you must be ready to go off quickly on a new **tack**, Doctor. As soon as your **investive** has done its work--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Do you mean, as soon as my father-in-law and I have got hold of the shares at a low figure?

HOVSTAD.

Your **reasons** for **wishing** to get the control of the Baths are mainly scientific, I take it.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Of course; it was for scientific reasons that I **persuaded** the old "Badger" to stand in with me in the matter. So we will **tinker** at the conduit-pipes a little, and dig up a little bit of the shore, and it shan't cost the town a **sixpence**. That will be all right--eh?

HOVSTAD.

I think so--if you have the "People's Messenger" behind you.

Thesaurus

bearings: (*n*) bearing, direction, crest, position.

investive: (*n, v*) abuse, insult, contumely, vituperation; (*n*) diatribe, denunciation, tirade, curse, reproach, ignominy; (*adj*) abusive.

persuaded: (*adj*) sure, satisfied, easily affected, impressible, positive, delicate, sensible, intelligent, certain, in no doubt, definite. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unsure, uncertain.

reasons: (*n*) proof.

sixpence: (*n*) bender, coin, teston, testern.

storm: (*n, v*) rush, tempest, hail, attack, assault, charge; (*v*) fume; (*n*) shower, blizzard, hurricane, gust. ANTONYM: (*n*) trickle.

tack: (*v*) affix, attach, fasten, veer; (*n, v*) baste, shift, turn; (*n*) pin, tache, brad; (*adj, v*) sew. ANTONYMS: (*v*) separate, detach.

tinker: (*v*) monkey, fiddle, putter, mess around, toy, tamper, vamp; (*n*)

cobbler, mender, *Scomber japonicus*, chub mackerel.

venture: (*n, v*) hazard, chance, stake, peril, attempt, gamble, adventure; (*adj, n, v*) dare; (*n*) speculation, danger; (*v*) endanger.

wishing: (*n, v*) wish, want, velleity, option, need, privation, lack, deprivation, deficiency, choice; (*adj*) desirous.

ASLAKSEN.

The Press is a power in a free community. Doctor.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Quite so. And so is public opinion. And you, Mr. Aslaksen--I suppose you will be **answerable** for the Householders' Association?

ASLAKSEN.

Yes, and for the Temperance Society. You may rely on that.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

But, gentlemen--I really am **ashamed** to ask the question--but, what return do you--?

HOVSTAD.

We should prefer to help you without any return whatever, believe me. But the "People's Messenger" is in rather a **shaky** condition; it doesn't go really well; and I should be very **unwilling** to **suspend** the paper now, when there is so much work to do here in the political way.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Quite so; that would be a great trial to such a friend of the people as you are. [Flares up.] But I am an enemy of the people, remember! [Walks about the room.] Where have I put my stick? Where the devil is my stick?

HOVSTAD.

What's that?

ASLAKSEN.

Surely you never mean--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[standing still] And suppose I don't give you a single **penny** of all I get out of it? Money is not very easy to get out of us rich folk, please to remember!

HOVSTAD.

And you please to remember that this affair of the shares can be represented in two ways!

Thesaurus

answerable: (*adj, v*) amenable, liable, responsible, subject, exposed, bound; (*v*) uncommendable, exceptionable; (*adj*) conformable, adequate, responsal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) irrefutable, unaccountable.

ashamed: (*adj*) hangdog, guilty, embarrassed, sheepish, remorseful, regretful, bashful, disconcerted, contrite, chagrined; (*v*) dashed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) proud, arrogant, unremorseful, unashamed, pleased,

blatant, bold, happy, unabashed, unrepentant.

penny: (*n*) change, coin, centime, copper, groat, subunit, money, mite, doit, small change, denomination.

shaky: (*adj*) precarious, ramshackle, insecure, unsafe, unstable, unsteady, wobbly, tottery, trembling; (*adj, v*) crazy, broken. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) steady, stable, strong, watertight, sound, hard, composed, alert, safe, secure, promising.

suspend: (*adj, v*) defer, put off; (*v*) interrupt, stop, adjourn, postpone, hang, dangle, stay, shelve, debar. ANTONYMS: (*v*) continue, sustain, rise, finish, advance, inaugurate.

unwilling: (*adj*) involuntary, loath, disinclined, averse, recalcitrant, backward, indisposed, grudging, loth, adverse, forced. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inclined, amenable, keen, prepared, ready, eager, disposed, agreeable, accepting, happy.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, and you are just the man to do it. If I don't come to the **rescue** of the "People's Messenger," you will certainly take an **evil** view of the affair; you will **hunt** me down, I can well imagine--pursue me--try to **throttle** me as a dog does a hare.

HOVSTAD.

It is a natural law; every animal must fight for its own **livelihood**.

ASLAKSEN.

And get its food where it can, you know.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[walking about the room] Then you go and look for yours in the **gutter**; because I am going to show you which is the strongest animal of us three! [Finds an umbrella and brandishes it above his head.] Ah, now--!

HOVSTAD.

You are surely not going to use violence!

ASLAKSEN.

Take care what you are doing with that umbrella.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Out of the window with you, Mr. Hovstad!

HOVSTAD.

[edging to the door] Are you quite mad!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Out of the window, Mr. Aslaksen! Jump, I tell you! You will have to do it, sooner or later.

ASLAKSEN.

[running round the writing-table] Moderation, Doctor--I am a **delicate** man--I can stand so little--[calls out] help, help!

[MRS. STOCKMANN, PETRA and HORSTER come in from the sitting-room.]

Thesaurus

delicate: (*adj*) accurate, tender, dainty, refined, breakable, fragile, beautiful, brittle, soft, nice, frail. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inelegant, robust, heavy, sturdy, tough, careless, inaccurate, rough, well, substantial, unscrupulous.
evil: (*adj*) bad, criminal, corrupt, wicked, destructive, depraved; (*adj, n*) ill, detriment; (*n*) adversity, disaster, depravity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) goodness, righteousness, morality; (*adj*) kindhearted, righteous, benign,

moral, pure, upright, virtuous, sinless.
gutter: (*n*) groove, trough, ditch, drain, chute, trench, canal, furrow, conduit, waterway, gully.
hunt: (*n, v*) search; (*v*) course, follow, hound, rummage, forage, prey, dog, go after, persecute; (*n*) battue. ANTONYMS: (*v*) find, precede.
livelihood: (*n*) subsistence, existence, job, maintenance, support, living, sustenance, bread, keep, bread and

butter, career.
rescue: (*n, v*) release, ransom, salvage; (*n*) deliverance, delivery, relieve; (*v*) extricate, recover, free, save, redeem. ANTONYMS: (*n*) involvement, loss, abandonment, downfall; (*n, v*) capture; (*v*) endanger, lose, aggravate.
throttle: (*v*) choke, asphyxiate, strangulate, smother, scrag, constrain, stifle, suffocate, restrain, cumber; (*n*) accelerator.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Good **gracious**, Thomas! What is **happening**?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[brandishing the umbrella] Jump out, I tell you! Out into the gutter!

HOVSTAD.

An **assault** on an **unoffending** man! I call you to **witness**, Captain Horster.
[Hurries out through the hall.]

ASLAKSEN.

[irresolutely] If only I knew the way about here--. [**Steals** out through the sitting-room.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[holding her **husband** back] Control yourself, Thomas!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[throwing down the umbrella] Upon my soul, they have **escaped** after all.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

What did they want you to do?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I will tell you later on; I have something else to think about now. [Goes to the table and writes something on a calling-card.] Look there, Katherine; what is written there?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Three big Noes; what does that mean.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

I will tell you that too, later on. [Holds out the card to PETRA.] There, Petra; tell sooty-face to run over to the "Badger's" with that, as quick as she can. Hurry up! [PETRA takes the card and goes out to the hall.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, I think I have had a visit from every one of the devil's messengers to-

Thesaurus

assault: (*n, v*) storm, violence, raid, charge, onset, rape, thrust; (*v*) assail; (*n*) aggression, rush, offensive.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) defend, protect, resist; (*n*) defense.

escaped: (*adj*) at large, at liberty, loose, on the loose, runaway, easy, wild; (*n*) freer; (*v*) escaping.

gracious: (*adj*) genial, benign, good, courteous, compassionate, kind, accommodating, civil; (*adj, n*) benevolent, congenial, gentle.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ungracious, boorish, discourteous, reserved, rude, abrupt, critical, unkind, hardhearted, harsh, poor.

happening: (*n*) incident, episode, circumstance, contingency, affair, event, fact, occurrence, experience, occasion, eventuality.

husband: (*v*) conserve, economize, preserve, save; (*n*) consort, hubby, man, fellow, lover, master, mate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) wife, bachelor.

steals: (*adj*) stolen; (*n*) stealing.

unoffending: (*adj*) innocent, harmless, innocuous, offenseless, blameless, innoxious, unharmed, unhurt, uninjured, uncontroversial, savoury. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) offending, offensive.

witness: (*n, v*) testimony, attest, evidence; (*n*) bystander, eyewitness, onlooker, observer; (*v*) observe, notice, see, view. ANTONYMS: (*v*) deny, participate, refute.

day! But now I am going to **sharpen** my pen till they can feel its point; I shall dip it in **venom** and **gall**; I shall **hurl** my **inkpot** at their heads!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, but we are going away, you know, Thomas.

[PETRA comes back.]

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well?

PETRA.

She has gone with it.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Good.--Going away, did you say? No, I'll be hanged if we are going away! We are going to stay where we are, Katherine!

PETRA.

Stay here?

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Here, in the town?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, here. This is the field of battle--this is where the fight will be. This is where I shall **triumph**! As soon as I have had my **trousers sewn** up I shall go out and look for another house. We must have a **roof** over our heads for the winter.

HORSTER.

That you shall have in my house.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Can I?

HORSTER.

Yes, quite well. I have plenty of room, and I am almost never at home.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

How good of you, Captain Horster!

Thesaurus

gall: (*v*) fret, chafe, irritate, irk, provoke; (*adj, n, v*) anger; (*n*) bitterness, cheek, audacity, acerbity, acrimony. ANTONYM: (*v*) please.
hurl: (*v*) chuck, dash, pitch, throw, dart, pelt, toss, heave, send; (*n, v*) fling; (*n*) casting. ANTONYM: (*v*) hold.
inkpot: (*n*) bottle.
roof: (*n, v*) top, cover, shelter; (*n*) crown, housing, ceiling, dome, house, household, back, covering.

sewn: (*adj*) stitched, sew, sewen, seamed.
sharpen: (*v*) focus, edge, hone, intensify, sharp, increase, heighten, whet, pare, improve; (*n, v*) point. ANTONYMS: (*v*) blunt, dull, flatten, soften, spoil, blur, quench.
triumph: (*v*) exult, prevail, crow, rejoice, succeed; (*n, v*) glory, win, joy; (*n*) victory, conquest, exultation. ANTONYMS: (*n*) failure, defeat, sorrow, unhappiness, dud, sadness,

loss, flop; (*v*) fail, lose, forfeit.
trousers: (*n*) breeches, knickers, pantaloons, trows, bellbottoms, chinos, cords, denim, flannel, gabardine, knickerbockers.
venom: (*n*) poison, malice, bane, spite, rancor, malevolence, maliciousness, malignity, hate, bitterness; (*adj, n*) gall. ANTONYM: (*n*) affection.

PETRA.

Thank you!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[grasping his hand] Thank you, thank you! That is one trouble over! Now I can set to work in earnest at once. There is an endless amount of things to look through here, Katherine! Luckily I shall have all my time at my disposal; because I have been dismissed from the Baths, you know.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[with a **sigh**] Oh yes, I expected that.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And they want to take my practice away from me too. Let them! I have got the poor people to fall back upon, anyway--those that don't pay anything; and, after all, they need me most, too. But, by Jove, they will have to listen to me; I shall **preach** to them in season and out of season, as it says somewhere.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But, dear Thomas, I should have thought events had showed you what use it is to preach.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

You are really ridiculous, Katherine. Do you want me to let myself be beaten off the field by public opinion and the compact majority and all that **devilry**? No, thank you! And what I want to do is so simple and clear and straightforward. I only want to drum into the heads of these curs the fact that the **liberals** are the most **insidious** enemies of freedom--that party programmes **strangle** every young and vigorous truth--that considerations of **expediency** turn morality and justice upside down--and that they will end by making life here **unbearable**. Don't you think, Captain Horster, that I ought to be able to make people understand that?

HORSTER.

Very likely; I don't know much about such things myself.

Thesaurus

devilry: (*n*) mischief, devilment, evil, atrocity, roguery, rascality, blaze, brutality, heartless, ruthless, ferocious.

expediency: (*n*) utility, convenience, advantage, fitness, advisability, pertinence, expedient, benefit, effectiveness, value, pertinency. ANTONYMS: (*n*) impracticality, inconvenience, inexpedience, unsuitability, uselessness.

insidious: (*adj*) cunning, crafty,

deceitful, deceptive, guileful, subtle, treacherous, devious; (*adj, v*) sly, wily, elusive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straightforward, harmless.

liberals: (*n*) socialists, Tories.
preach: (*v*) lecture, exhort, moralize, advocate, sermonize, urge, hold forth, admonish, evangelize, prophesy, moralise.

sigh: (*n, v*) groan, suspire, murmur; (*v*) breathe, languish, pine; (*n*) breath, wail, whimper, whine, suspiration.

strangle: (*v*) smother, stifle, asphyxiate, scrag, tighten, repress, constrict, pinch, strangulate; (*adj, v*) throttle; (*n*) strangling.

unbearable: (*adj*) insufferable, excruciating, insupportable, unendurable, hateful, unacceptable, repugnant, impossible, grievous, enormous, dreadful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bearable, manageable, imperceptible, tolerable, wonderful, lovable, nice, pleasant.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Well, look here--I will explain! It is the party leaders that must be exterminated. A party leader is like a **wolf**, you see--like a **voracious** wolf. He requires a certain number of smaller **victims** to **prey** upon every year, if he is to live. Just look at Hovstad and Aslaksen! How many smaller victims have they not put an end to--or at any rate **maimed** and **mangled** until they are fit for nothing except to be householders or subscribers to the "People's Messenger"! [Sits down on the edge of the table.] Come here, Katherine--look how **beautifully** the sun shines to-day! And this lovely spring air I am drinking in!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Yes, if only we could live on **sunshine** and spring air, Thomas.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Oh, you will have to **pinch** and save a bit--then we shall get along. That gives me very little concern. What is much worse is, that I know of no one who is liberal-minded and high-minded enough to venture to take up my work after me.

PETRA.

Don't think about that, father; you have plenty of time before you.--Hello, here are the boys already!

[EJLIF and MORTEN come in from the sitting-room.]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Have you got a holiday?

MORTEN.

No; but we were fighting with the other boys between lessons--

EJLIF.

That isn't true; it was the other boys were fighting with us.

MORTEN.

Well, and then Mr. Rorlund said we had better stay at home for a day or two.

Thesaurus

beautifully: (*adv*) exquisitely, nicely, gorgeously, splendidly, handsomely, attractively, superbly, charmingly, divinely, grandly, elegantly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unappealingly, tastelessly, abysmally, harshly, horribly, badly.
maimed: (*adj*) disabled, mutilated, deformed, truncated, faulty, cut short, game, cut off; (*n*) wounded.
mangled: (*adj, prep*) lacerated, rent; (*adj*) deformed, mutilated, lacerate,

disabled, broken, maimed, distorted, damaged, blasted.
pinch: (*n, v*) nip, arrest, twinge, squeeze; (*n*) emergency, crisis, exigency; (*v*) compress, lift, wring, constrict.
prey: (*n*) chase, game, victim, immolation, quarry, target, mark, capture; (*n, v*) plunder, raven; (*v*) eat.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) hunter, predator.
sunshine: (*n*) sunlight, sun, day, light, fair weather, gladness, shine, glee,

sunbeam, delight, brightness.
victims: (*n*) dead, wounded, losses, fatalities.
voracious: (*adj*) greedy, rapacious, ravenous, hungry, gluttonous, esurient, edacious, avid, ravening, grasping, insatiable. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) quenched, disinterested, moderate.
wolf: (*n*) philanderer, coyote, brute, skirt chaser, beast; (*v*) gobble, gorge, guzzle, consume, swallow, bolt.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[snapping his fingers and getting up from the table] I have it! I have it, by Jove! You shall never set **foot** in the school again!

THE BOYS.

No more school!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

But, Thomas--

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Never, I say. I will **educate** you myself; that is to say, you shan't learn a blessed thing--

MORTEN.

Hooray!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

--but I will make liberal-minded and **high**-minded men of you. You must help me with that, Petra.

PETRA.

Yes, father, you may be sure I will.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

And my school shall be in the room where they **insulted** me and called me an enemy of the people. But we are too few as we are; I must have at **least twelve** boys to **begin** with.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

You will certainly never get them in this **town**.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

We shall. [To the boys.] Don't you know any street urchins--regular ragamuffins--?

MORTEN.

Yes, father, I know **lots**!

Thesaurus

begin: (*v*) commence, arise, initiate, become, enter, rise, originate, undertake, create, dawn, set out. ANTONYMS: (*v*) end, stop, cease, terminate, die, delay, complete, conclude.

educate: (*v*) instruct, civilize, train, cultivate, coach, bring up, drill, discipline, breed, rear, nurture.

foot: (*n*) base, feet, foundation, footing, pes, paw, basis, leg, measure; (*v*) hoof, pay. ANTONYMS: (*v*) owe; (*n*)

head.

high-minded: (*adj*) great, noble, generous, lofty, magnanimous, elevated, exalted, upright, chivalrous, magnificent, honest.

insulted: (*adj*) affronted, offended, injured, huffy.

least: (*n*) minimum; (*adj*) smallest, minimal, littlest, lowest, insignificant, minutest, negligible; (*adj, n*) smallest amount; (*adv*) at least, fully.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) maximum,

greatest; (*adj, adv*) most.

lots: (*adj, n*) plenty, heaps; (*adj*) a lot, galore; (*n*) many, scores, scads, oodles, much, masses; (*adv*) a great deal. ANTONYM: (*n*) few.

town: (*adj*) municipal, urban; (*n*) borough, township, village, burgh, burg, municipality, townspeople, metropolis; (*adj, n*) community.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) country, private. **twelve:** (*adj, n*) dozen, XII; (*n*) boxcars, large integer.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

That's capital! Bring me some specimens of them. I am going to **experiment** with curs, just for once; there may be some **exceptional heads** among them.

MORTEN.

And what are we going to do, **when** you have made liberal- minded and high-minded men of us?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Then you shall drive all the **wolves** out of the country, my boys!

[EJLIF looks rather **doubtful** about it; MORTEN **jumps** about **crying** "Hurrah!"]

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Let us hope it won't be the wolves that will drive you out of the country, Thomas.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Are you out of your mind, Katherine? Drive me out! Now--when I am the strongest man in the town!

MRS. STOCKMANN.

The strongest--now?

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes, and I will go so far as to say that now I am the strongest man in the whole world.

MORTEN.

I say!

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

[lowering his voice] Hush! You mustn't say anything about it yet; but I have made a great discovery.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

Another one?

Thesaurus

crying: (*adj, v*) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (*adj*) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (*n*) weeping; (*v*) weep; (*adj, n*) sniveling.
doubtful: (*adj*) dubious, debatable, distrustful, questionable, queer, suspicious, tentative, disputable, diffident, unsettled, unsure.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) trusting, convinced, reliable, confident, persuaded, provable, sure, hopeful, promising, likely, indubitable.

exceptional: (*adj*) abnormal, excellent, particular, prodigious, extraordinary, uncommon, singular, unusual, outstanding, unique, superior.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) common, ordinary, average, normal, usual, poor, abysmal, inferior, unexceptional, regular, everyday.
experiment: (*n, v*) attempt, try, taste, venture; (*n*) essay, trial, tentative, examination, probation, experience; (*v*) examine.

heads: (*n*) conspectus, contents, prospectus, syllabus, synopsis, public, textbook, people, outlines, head stick.
jumps: (*n*) fit, nervousness, tension, anxiety, jitters.
when: (*adv, conj*) once, as soon as; (*adv*) then, because, than, since, after; (*conj*) although, while, if; (*prep*) during.
wolves: (*n*) jackals, skunks, raccoons, panthers, order Carnivora, lions, tigers, foxes, cats, Carnivora, Canis.

DR. THOMAS STOCKMANN.

Yes. [Gathers them **round** him, and says confidentially:] It is this, let me **tell** you--that the strongest man in the world is he who **stands** most alone.

MRS. STOCKMANN.

[smiling and **shaking** her head] Oh, Thomas, Thomas!

PETRA.

[encouragingly, as she grasps her father's **hands**] Father!

Thesaurus

hands: (*n*) custody, keeping, personnel, safekeeping, hold, shift, workforce, men, manpower, guardianship, full complement.
round: (*n*) bout, circuit, beat; (*n, v*) ring, compass; (*adv, prep*) about; (*adj*) circular, entire; (*adj, v*) plump; (*adj, n, v*) turn; (*v*) gird. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sharp, slender, thin, square, harsh, reedy, evasive; (*prep*) exactly.
shaking: (*adj, n*) quivering, tremor, jarring; (*n*) quiver, palpitation, quake;

(*adj*) quaking, shaky, flutter, unsteady, shivering.
stands: (*n*) bleachers, stood, grandstand, standing, stop, covered stand, standpoint, stall, sales booth, reviewing stand, rack.
tell: (*n, v*) disclose, impart, count; (*v*) relate, reveal, recount, divulge, explain, communicate; (*adj, v*) declare, express. ANTONYMS: (*v*) request, misunderstand, estimate, listen, figure, guess, withhold,

conceal, suppress, confuse.
thomas: (*n*) Aquinas, Dylan Thomas, Lowell Thomas, doubting Thomas, Norman Thomas, Saint Thomas, saint Thomas Aquinas, St Thomas, St Thomas Aquinas, Thomas the doubting apostle, Lowell Jackson Thomas.

GLOSSARY

abandon: (v) relinquish, renounce, resign, vacate, waive, evacuate, desert, give up, leave, depart, throw away. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, support, maintain, adopt, retain, continue, defend; (n) restraint, inhibition, deliberation, control

abated: (adj) slack

ability: (n) hand, power, faculty, dexterity, aptitude, capacity, expertise, flair, genius; (adj, n) cleverness; (adj, n, v) talent. ANTONYMS: (n) inability, injury, incompetence, ineptitude, paralysis, limitation, weakness, stupidity, ineptness, ignorance, impotence

able: (adj) dexterous, competent, clever, ingenious, accomplished, gifted, effective, fit, expert; (adj, n) talented, efficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) incapable, incompetent, weak, untrained, inept, delicate, feeble, infirm, clumsy, ineffective, ineffectual

abnormal: (adj) aberrant, uncommon, unusual, odd, unnatural, strange, anomalous, perverted, irregular, atypical, monstrous. ANTONYMS: (adj) typical, usual, Standard, unexceptional, straight, regular, average, ordinary, natural, customary, conventional

above: (adv, prep) beyond, aloft, on, in excess of; (adv) up, supra, on top; (adj) preceding, former; (adj, prep) past; (prep) surpassing.

ANTONYMS: (prep) beneath, under, deficient, underneath; (adj) inferior, following

abroad: (adj, adv) overseas, away; (adv) afield, forth, beyond seas, yonder, farther, at large, further; (adj) foreign, out. ANTONYMS: (adj) remaining, nearby

absolute: (adj) total, unconditional, downright, full, categorical, utter, sheer; (adj, v) peremptory,

unqualified; (adj, n) positive, real.

ANTONYMS: (adj) partial, qualified, incomplete, limited, provisional, uncertain, democratic, blemished, circumscribed, comparative, complaisant

absolutely: (adv) entirely, completely, fully, purely, utterly, perfectly, totally, categorically, definitely, thoroughly; (adv, int) certainly. ANTONYMS: (adv) partly, doubtfully, questionably, somewhat, moderately, indefinitely, incompletely, fairly, conditionally, probably, possibly

absorbed: (adj) rapt, intent, immersed, fixed, deep, engaged, preoccupied, pensive, fascinated, enthralled, held. ANTONYMS: (adj) bored, disinterested, distracted, restless, unfocused, uninterested, indifferent, shallow, superficial, detached

absurd: (adj) ridiculous, foolish, unreasonable, irrational, meaningless, inept, senseless, nonsensical, illogical, ludicrous; (adj, n) silly. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, reasonable, logical, wise, weighty, sound, consistent, serious, plausible, credible, acceptable

absurdly: (adv) ridiculously, foolishly, ludicrously, nonsensically, idiotically, silly, stupidly, inconsistently, comically, illogically, irrationally. ANTONYMS: (adv) solemnly, impressively, rationally, harmoniously

accept: (v) acknowledge, take, admit, recognize, yield, abide, accede, acquiesce, adopt, believe, assume. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, reject, deny, snub, renounce, oppose, resist, disbelieve, dispute, repudiate, quibble

acceptable: (adj, v) satisfactory; (adj) adequate, passable, good, palatable,

suitable, permissible, sufficient, welcome, reasonable, desirable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unacceptable, inadequate, unsatisfactory, unwelcome, unbearable, disagreeable, forbidden, intolerable, unreasonable, unjustified, subpar

according: (adj) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (adv) correspondingly, accordingly

account: (n) narrative, score, tale, reckoning, narration, description, tally, tab, reason; (n, v) regard, report

accounts: (n) financial statement

accurate: (adj) exact, faithful, correct, truthful, nice, meticulous, literal, authentic, detailed, right; (adj, n) true. ANTONYMS: (adj) wrong, false, vague, imprecise, unrealistic, questionable, fictional, mistaken, misleading, incorrect, flawed

accurately: (adv) precisely, correctly, carefully, closely, faithfully, strictly, truly, rigorously, rightly, meticulously; (adj, adv) justly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) falsely, wrongly, imprecisely, figuratively, approximately, incorrectly, randomly, vaguely, wrong

accusation: (n) complaint, charge, accusal, blame, allegation, condemnation, insinuation, denunciation, indictment, inculpation, impeachment.

ANTONYMS: (n) exoneration, argument, compliment

accused: (n) panel, defendant, prisoner, respondent, suspect, suspected person

acid: (adj) sharp, sour, acerbic, acidic, bitter, caustic, pointed, acerb, acrid, cutting; (n) LSD. ANTONYMS: (adj) sweet, bland, kind, warm, honey, alkaline, basic, nice, flattering,

- sugary, mild
- acknowledge:** (v) recognize, confess, accept, profess, own, admit, concede, appreciate, notice, declare, approve. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, overlook, reject, repudiate, snub, refuse, renounce, abjure, disavow, disregard, refute
- acknowledging:** (n) agreement; (adj) responsive, affirmative
- acquiesce:** (v) assent, accept, agree, consent, acknowledge, yield, submit, concur, permit, surrender, defer. ANTONYMS: (v) resist, disagree, dissent, protest, object, fight, challenge, rebuff
- acquired:** (adj) acquisitive, acquisite, extrinsic, noninheritable, derivative
- acting:** (adj) interim, active, temporary, pro Tem, provisional, agent, substitute; (n) drama, business, portrayal, playing
- action:** (n, v) achievement, deed; (n) battle, play, performance, movement, accomplishment, agency, activity, fight, effect. ANTONYMS: (n) inaction, inactivity, inactiveness, ambush, stillness
- active:** (adj) diligent, lively, alert, strong, nimble, busy, live, effective, agile, alive; (adj, v) smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) dormant, sluggish, inactive, lethargic, idle, latent, sedentary, slow, extinct, passive, quiet
- actively:** (adv) briskly, energetically, animatedly, diligently, lively, quickly, vigorously, agilely, vivaciously, alertly, industriously
- actually:** (adv) genuinely, substantially, positively, authentically, certainly, truly, physically, presently, absolutely, exactly, in reality. ANTONYMS: (adv) seemingly, falsely, hypothetically, nominally, mentally
- additional:** (adj) extra, supplementary, more, further, accessory, ancillary, another, second, spare, increased; (adj, pron) other. ANTONYMS: (adj) main, fewer, none, scant, essential, basic
- address:** (n, v) lecture, accost, discourse; (n) abode, residence, speech, skill, allocution, sermon; (v) greet, speak. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, avoid, evade, overlook, pass, shun, slight, cut, disregard; (n) tactlessness
- adherents:** (n) followers, following
- administration:** (n, v) management; (n) running, organization, direction, power, reign, leadership, government, executive, execution, supervision
- admirable:** (adj) fine, outstanding, beautiful, great, commendable, lovely, good, creditable, praiseworthy, worthy, grand. ANTONYMS: (adj) appalling, poor, unworthy, despicable, contemptible, detestable, dishonorable, rotten, unimpressive, loathsome, low
- admirably:** (adv) superbly, perfectly, excellently, admirable, marvellously, heroically, bravely, brilliantly, nicely, creditably, ably. ANTONYMS: (adv) badly, inadequately, dishonorably, execrably, incompetently, poorly
- admission:** (n) acknowledgment, access, confession, reception, entrance fee, declaration, recognition, admittance, profession, confirmation; (v) acknowledge. ANTONYMS: (n) impediment, secret, concealment, blockage, barring, confidentiality, exclusion
- admit:** (n, v) allow; (adj, v) acknowledge; (v) concede, accede, grant, affirm, confess, include, permit, take, welcome. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, exclude, bar, dispute, gainsay, withhold, refuse, oust, hide, eject, dismiss
- adopted:** (adj) adoptive, elected, consecrated, inspired, justified, regenerated, sanctified, unearthly, converted, select, adoptious. ANTONYM: (adj) native
- adoptive:** (adj) adoptative, foster. ANTONYM: (adj) biological
- advance:** (v) accelerate, proceed, encourage, lend; (adv, v) further; (adj, v) promote; (n, v) rise, approach, raise, offer; (n) improvement. ANTONYMS: (v) recede, demote, regress, delay, retard, prevent, reverse; (n) deterioration, recession; (n, v) decrease, downgrade
- advanced:** (adj) progressive, senior, higher, precocious, modern, new, late, superior, ripe, cultured, developed. ANTONYMS: (adj) inferior, fundamental, slow, traditional, simple, obsolete, neurotic, behind, after, backwards, incomplete
- advice:** (n) warning, counsel, caution, report, exhortation, council, tidings, counselling, notice, intelligence, instruction. ANTONYMS: (n) misrepresentation, deceit, deception, lie, falsehood, betrayal, warning
- advisable:** (adj) eligible, desirable, advantageous, suitable, sound, prudent, acceptable, sensible, fitting, convenient, appropriate. ANTONYMS: (adj) inappropriate, unwise, imprudent, improper, worthless
- advise:** (v) recommend, propose, warn, inform, acquaint, suggest, notify, announce, tell, offer, forewarn. ANTONYMS: (v) betray, deceive, delude, fool, trick
- advised:** (adj) studied, considered, premeditated, deliberate, calculated, intended; (v) determinate, express, designed
- affair:** (n) occurrence, event, business, concern, occasion, job, topic, duty, subject, amour, thing
- affairs:** (n) dealings, concern, circumstances, transaction, occupation, duty, matters, matter, personal business, gear, finances
- affect:** (v) move, impress, pretend, act, strike, fake, feign, stir, dispose; (n) sentiment; (n, v) regard
- afford:** (v) offer, yield, provide, give, supply, get, furnish, impart, deliver, originate, sustain. ANTONYM: (v) withhold
- afield:** (adj) astray, awry; (adv) aboard, on board, at home, everywhere, here, there, wrong, amiss, where
- afraid:** (adj) fearful, timid, shy, apprehensive, anxious, worried, scared, frightened, nervous, terrified; (adj, adv) cowardly. ANTONYMS: (adj) brave, venturesome, calm, confident, cool, courageous, eager, unafraid, valiant, bold, carefree
- afterwards:** (adv) afterward, subsequently, later, thereafter, later on, next, behind, thereupon; (adj) following, subsequent; (n) termination
- again:** (adv) more, then, repeatedly, anew, encore, furthermore, yet, also, often, once again, once more
- against:** (adj, adv) counter; (prep) toward, versus, from; (pref) by; (v) oppose; (adv, prep) on; (n) opposition; (adj) unwilling, repugnant; (adv) athwart. ANTONYMS: (prep) for; (adj) eager
- aged:** (adj) senile, elderly, older, hoary, ripe, venerable, ancient, senior, decrepit, antique, antiquated. ANTONYMS: (adj) youthful, new,

- fresh, green, unripe, unseasoned, smooth
- agitation:** (n) disturbance, excitement, tumult, stirring, convulsion, stir, commotion, emotion, unrest, shake, turmoil. ANTONYMS: (n) serenity, calm, equanimity, rest, peace, deterrent
- agitator:** (n) incendiary, demagogue, insurgent, fomentor, ringleader, rebel, anarchist, instigator, rioter, firebrand, stirrer
- agree:** (v) admit, acknowledge, acquiesce, adjust, concord, bargain, suit, accede, harmonize, fit; (n, v) coincide. ANTONYMS: (v) oppose, differ, argue, refuse, object, refute, conflict, fight, dispute, decline, contend
- ahead:** (adv) in advance, formerly, beforehand, previously, along, onward, beyond, in the van; (adj) front; (adj, adv) forward; (v) precede. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) late; (adv) subsequently, following, back, before, after, ago, backward, losing, later; (adj) behindhand
- aired:** (adj) airy, broadcast, aery, aeriform, aerial
- alcohol:** (n) juice, liquor, ethanol, intoxicant, hooch, alcoholic beverage, potable, firewater, drinkable, spirits; (v) alcoholism
- alleged:** (adj) ostensible, apparent, assumed, professed, supposed, apologetic, pretended, putative, so-called, purported, believed. ANTONYMS: (adj) certain, definite, sure
- allow:** (adj, v) admit, accord; (v) agree, permit, grant, accede, acquiesce, afford, authorize, bear; (n, v) give. ANTONYMS: (v) prohibit, deny, reject, refuse, keep, prevent, disallow, disapprove, withstand, hold, outlaw
- allowed:** (adj) allowable, legal, admissible, sanctioned, authorized, legitimate, free, accepted, tolerable; (v) allow, warranted. ANTONYMS: (adj) unacceptable, unlawful, constrained
- almost:** (adj, adv, prep) about; (adj, adv) nearly, all but, near, nigh; (adv, prep) just about, approximately; (adv) just, mostly, virtually, most. ANTONYMS: (adv) surely, exactly, definitely, certainly
- alone:** (adj) forlorn, individual, lonely, lonesome; (adj, adv) only, apart; (adv) solely, entirely, exclusively, separately, individually.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) overshadowed, ordinary, mobbed, equaled, crowded, accompanied, common, grouped, surpassed; (adv) jointly; (n) foe
- along:** (adv) ahead, alongside, forwards, forth, throughout, lengthwise, onward, before; (prep) beside, from; (n) at. ANTONYMS: (adv) across, separate, apart, far
- already:** (adv) beforehand, previously, before, formerly, even now, just now, at present, once, heretofore, yet, in advance
- alter:** (v) change, adapt, move, convert, adjust, amend, affect, transform, correct, vary, shift. ANTONYMS: (v) continue, keep, leave, preserve, worsen, retain, standardize, straighten, clarify
- although:** (adv, prep) notwithstanding; (prep) in spite of, even though, however; (adv, conj) though; (conj) whereas; (adv) even, tho, when, anyway, tho'
- altogether:** (adv) absolutely, all, wholly, perfectly, purely, all in all, completely, entirely, totally, simply, ensemble. ANTONYMS: (adv) incompletely, partially
- always:** (adv) continuously, whenever, permanently, ever, usually, eternally, unceasingly; (adj) perpetual, still, eternal; (adj, adv) without exception. ANTONYMS: (adv) erratically, intermittently, temporarily
- amazement:** (n) admiration, wonder, surprise, consternation, stupefaction, stupor, wonderment, feeling, alarm, jolt; (v) amaze. ANTONYMS: (n) preparation, indifference, expectation, coolness, cool, composure, calmness, contempt, belief
- ambitious:** (adj) eager, difficult, energetic, competitive, desirous, grandiose, enterprising, pushy, challenging; (adj, v) aspiring, vaulting. ANTONYMS: (adj) fulfilled, undemanding, unambitious, slothful, simple, satisfied, lazy, humble, facile, easy, content
- america:** (n) United States, United States of America, USA, us, American, north, Psilotum nudum, New world, union, Columbia, the Americas
- amidst:** (adv, prep) among; (adv) amongst; (prep) between, midst, into
- amiss:** (adj, adv) wrong; (adj) bad, haywire, faulty, astray, guilty; (adv) badly, poorly, awry, wrongly, adrift. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) right; (adv) perfectly, properly, suitably, appropriately, correctly, well; (adj) okay, correct, good
- among:** (prep) between, amidst, mid, in, amongst, in the middle of, inter, in the midst of, with, within, middle. ANTONYMS: (prep) outside
- amongst:** (prep) amid, between, amidst, surrounded by, in the midst of, in the middle of, along with, with; (v) inter
- amount:** (n, v) number, total; (n) aggregate, sum, measure, price, volume, extent, degree, figure, quantum. ANTONYM: (n) moderation
- amusing:** (adj) humorous, fun, pleasant, entertaining, risible, comical, diverting, enjoyable, laughable, agreeable, pleasing. ANTONYMS: (adj) tragic, boring, unpleasant, unfunny, tiring, grim, depressing, sad, annoying, heavy, serious
- analysis:** (n) inspection, analyses, breakdown, inquiry, decomposition, investigation, study, scrutiny, psychoanalysis, review; (v) analyse
- ancient:** (adj) old, obsolete, antiquated, former, past, archaic, antique, primitive, bygone, hoary; (adj, n) elder. ANTONYMS: (adj) contemporary, young, recent, fresh, new, present, youthful, current
- anger:** (n) fury, rage, displeasure, resentment, indignation; (v) incense, offend, irritate, exasperate; (adj) angry; (n, v) wrath. ANTONYMS: (v) placate, pacify, tickle; (n) pleasure, composure, glee, affection, serenity, goodwill, forbearance; (n, v) calm
- angry:** (adj) anger, furious, provoked, incensed, vehement, fierce, irate, raging, maddened, shirty, indignation. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, gentle, joyful, content, euphoric, mild, happy, resigned, joyous, gleeful, quiet
- animal:** (adj, n) brute; (n) beast, organism, living thing, being, fauna; (adj, adv) fleshly; (adj) bodily, carnal, corporeal, physical. ANTONYMS: (adj) refined, mineral, genteel, mental, rational, intellectual, vegetable, delicate, factual, spiritual; (n) plant
- animals:** (n) beast, nature, natural

- world, flora and fauna, stock, animal kingdom
- announce:** (v) advertise, declare, enunciate, proclaim, return, promulgate, publicize, publish, tell, communicate, foretell.
ANTONYMS: (v) withhold, conceal, repress, request
- annoy:** (v) pester, displease, anger, harass, bother, vex, aggravate, grate, molest; (n) annoyance; (n, v) afflict.
ANTONYMS: (v) pacify, soothe, gratify, placate, comfort, encourage, delight
- annoyed:** (adj) irritated, vexed, irate, aggravated, angered, cross, disgruntled, exasperated, infuriated, displeased, resentful. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, unprovoked, smiling, patient, unconcerned, contented
- annoying:** (adj) galling, vexatious, aggravating, vexing, worrying, awkward, trying, bothersome, disagreeable; (adj, v) irritating; (n) annoyance. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasing, delightful, pleasant, charming, satisfying, welcome, convenient
- another:** (adj) second, more, alternative, additional, new, further, fresh, extra; (adj, v) other; (adj, pron) some other; (n) the other.
ANTONYMS: (n, pron) same
- answer:** (n, v) respond, retort; (v) counter, serve, resolve, acknowledge, correspond; (n) solution, defence, return, reaction.
ANTONYMS: (n, v) question; (v) ask, differ, fail, ignore; (n) request, problem, invitation, poison
- answerable:** (adj, v) amenable, liable, responsible, subject, exposed, bound; (v) uncommendable, exceptional; (adj) conformable, adequate, responsal. ANTONYMS: (adj) irrefutable, unaccountable
- ante:** (n) wager, stake, craps, roulette, pitch and toss, farthing, cup tossing, chuck, faro, gamble; (adv, prep) before
- anticipate:** (v) expect, foretell, think, forecast, forestall, calculate, estimate, predict, prevent, presume, guess. ANTONYM: (v) doubt
- antidote:** (n) remedy, counterpoison, antifebrile, antipoison, antivenin, antispasmodic, curative, corrective, answer, antitoxin, solution.
ANTONYM: (n) venom
- anxious:** (adj) uneasy, alarmed, thoughtful, fearful, apprehensive, agitated, keen; (adj, v) nervous, tense, solicitous, jumpy.
ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, carefree, confident, rational, unconcerned, undisturbed, untroubled, assured, comfortable, cool, apathetic
- anxiously:** (adv) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically.
ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly
- anybody:** (adv) any, each; (n, pron) any person, a person; (n) everyone, somebody, nobody, everybody, someone; (pron) whoever
- anyhow:** (adv) somehow, at any rate, in any case, whatever, in any event, regardless, however, though, besides, nonetheless, one way or another
- anyone:** (n) one, someone, everybody, everyone, somebody, any person, individual, human being; (adv) any, each; (pron) whoever. ANTONYM: (pron) nobody
- anything:** (adv) any, somewhat; (n) thing, aught, everything, something, any part; (adj) whatsoever; (pron) suchlike
- anyway:** (adv) somehow, however, regardless, though, besides, at any rate, in any case, in any event, all the same, although, nonetheless
- anywhere:** (adv, n) anyplace; (adv) someplace, wherever, everywhere
- apparatus:** (n) appliance, device, tackle, implement, plant, equipment, system, set, machine, organ, gear
- apparently:** (adv) manifestly, evidently, patently, obviously, clearly, plainly, supposedly, conspicuously, overtly, outwardly, allegedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unclearly, actually, doubtfully, questionably, uncertainly, underneath, unlikely, truly, equivocally, imperceptibly
- appeal:** (n, v) request, demand; (n) plea, address, attraction, prayer, recourse, complaint, application; (v) sue, interest. ANTONYMS: (v) repel, disclaim, repulse, deny, refuse, disgust, revoke; (n) unpleasantness, repulsion, refusal, rejection
- appear:** (v) occur, seem, sound, come out, turn up, show, emerge, break, arrive, feel, arise. ANTONYMS: (v) vanish, hide, stop, sink, recede, go, depart
- appearance:** (n) look, face, shape, show, apparition, advent, form, image, surface, impression; (adj, n) semblance. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, vanishing
- appeared:** (n) appearing
- appears:** (n) appearing
- appetite:** (n, v) desire; (n) appetence, appetency, relish, inclination, stomach, taste, thirst, passion, liking, gusto. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, repulsion, revulsion, apathy, distaste
- applause:** (n, v) acclaim, praise; (n) admiration, approval, eulogy, compliment, plaudit, commendation, clapping, clap, ovation. ANTONYMS: (n) disapproval, boos, booing, denigration, hisses, hissing, rejection, condemnation, criticism, jeering
- apply:** (v) devote, dedicate, utilize, ask, use, resort, exercise, consume, lay, appeal; (n, v) give.
ANTONYMS: (v) remove, separate, neglect, dissociate, defy, exempt, conserve
- applying:** (adj) applicatory, applicative
- appointed:** (adj) specified, prescribed, destined, ordained, fit, set, fitted, commissioned, nominated, designated; (v) appoint
- appointment:** (n) assignment, date, post, designation, rendezvous, engagement, appointments, fitting, berth, blind date, conference.
ANTONYM: (n) dismissal
- appreciate:** (adj, v) understand, realize; (v) esteem, treasure, prize, fathom, appraise, comprehend, admire, acknowledge, apprise.
ANTONYMS: (v) scorn, disregard, ignore, neglect, disparage, underrate, underestimate, dislike, overlook, assume, undervalue
- approve:** (v) adopt, allow, accept, acknowledge, ratify, let, agree, endorse, admit, support, applaud.
ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, censure, disapprove, veto, forbid, invalidate, disallow, disrespect, deny, desecrate, oppose
- ardour:** (n) fervency, fervidness, fervor, fervour, fire, elan, zeal, violence, ardency, assiduity, application
- arise:** (v) appear, emerge, result, issue, mount, proceed, originate, get up, ascend, awake, stand up.
ANTONYMS: (v) end, sit, recline,

- stop, retire, disappear, descend, cease, fade
- aristocracy:** (n) gentry, nobility, peerage, gentility, aristarchy, elite, landed gentry, upper crust, great folks, nobles, patricians.
ANTONYMS: (n) people, plebeians, rabble, riffraff
- aristocrat:** (n) noble, swell, patrician, magnate, lord, leader, courtier, nobleman, rajah, princess, prince
- arms:** (n) armament, coat of arms, weaponry, ammunition, shield, ordnance, order, munition, hardware, blazon; (adj) armed
- around:** (adv) approximately, almost, roughly, just about, some; (adv, prep) round, encompassing; (adj) near; (n) vicinity; (prep) all round, encircling
- arrack:** (n) spirits, booze, rack, liquor
- arrangements:** (n) arranging, disposition, fixing, schedule, travels, activities, actions, accompaniments, movements
- arrest:** (n, v) halt, check, catch, capture, hold, collar; (n) apprehension, custody; (v) apprehend, retard, inhibit.
ANTONYMS: (n, v) discharge; (v) liberate, promote, forward, encourage, activate, advance, prompt, help; (n) freeing, liberation
- artery:** (n) aorta, corridor, road, tendon, thoroughfare, celiac axis, Pipe-stem arteries, arteria, aisle, arteriola, arteriole
- article:** (n) thing, object, chapter, feature, commodity, composition, ware, entity, discourse, essay, column
- articles:** (n) canons, articles of agreement, equipment, statute, doctrine, system of opinions, stock, school
- ascertained:** (adj) discovered, determined; (v) absolute, recognized, received, noted, notorious, decisive, unmistakable, unequivocal, positive
- ashamed:** (adj) hangdog, guilty, embarrassed, sheepish, remorseful, regretful, bashful, disconcerted, contrite, chagrined; (v) dashed.
ANTONYMS: (adj) proud, arrogant, unremorseful, unashamed, pleased, blatant, bold, happy, unabashed, unrepentant
- askance:** (adj) asquint, awry, askant, sidelong, oblique, indirect, squint; (adv) suspiciously, obliquely, mistrustfully, edgewise.
- ANTONYM: (adv) trustingly
- asking:** (v) ask; (n) invitation, prayer, suit, application, begging, supplication, entreaty, billing; (adj) interrogatory, interrogative
- assault:** (n, v) storm, violence, raid, charge, onset, rape, thrust; (v) assail; (n) aggression, rush, offensive.
ANTONYMS: (v) defend, protect, resist; (n) defense
- assiduously:** (adv) diligently, industriously, busily, sedulously, carefully, attentively, studiously, constantly, untiringly, thoroughly, scrupulously. ANTONYMS: (adv) carelessly, inconsistently, hastily
- association:** (n) affiliation, assembly, affinity, syndicate, company, society, partnership, fellowship, congress; (adj, n) connection, link.
ANTONYMS: (n) divergence, clash
- assure:** (n, v) certify, warrant, vouch; (v) secure, persuade, satisfy, reassure, affirm, promise, ascertain; (adj, v) ensure. ANTONYMS: (v) alarm, disclaim, deny, disbelieve, undermine
- astern:** (adv) aft, after, aback, behind, sternmost, rearwards; (adj, adv) backward; (adj) back, rear.
ANTONYM: (adv) forward
- astounded:** (adj) astonish, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, stunned, aghast, bewildered, astounded, taken aback, thunderstruck, astonied; (v) amaze
- astorishing:** (adj) amazing, wonderful, stupendous, prodigious, strange, surprising, astounding, incredible, breathtaking; (v) astonish; (adj, n) marvelous.
ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, humdrum, boring, mundane, dull, expected, predictable, usual, comforting
- astonishment:** (n) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle.
ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, belief, contempt
- attach:** (v) append, adhere, add, affix, bind, link, associate, assign, nail, apply, annex. ANTONYMS: (v) undo, separate, unfasten, disconnect, free, deflect, dissociate, loosen, quit, take, unscrew
- attack:** (n, v) assail, attempt, thrust, raid, charge; (n) incursion, seizure, aggression, fit; (v) invade, aggress.
ANTONYMS: (v) defend, protect, flatter, aid, avoid, commend,
- compliment, procrastinate; (n, v) retreat, praise; (n) protection
- attacking:** (adj) aggressive, assailing, invading, abusive, abhorrent, warlike, rebellious, assailant
- attempt:** (n, v) endeavor, offer, struggle, assay, essay, attack; (n) effort, trial; (v) undertake, chance, aim. ANTONYMS: (n) success, fulfillment, achievement, accomplishment; (v) succeed, fulfill, achieve, accomplish, perform
- attend:** (n, v) tend, escort, nurse, conduct; (v) assist, serve, minister, aid, look, partake, follow.
ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, leave, ignore, disregard, desert, abandon
- attention:** (n) mind, heed, notice, alertness, care, advertency, aid, consideration, ear, attentiveness, precision. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect, negligence, thoughtlessness, abandonment, abstraction, discourtesy, disregard, oversight, indifference, insensibility, carelessness
- attitude:** (n) aspect, posture, behavior, mind, notion, approach, air, bearing, disposition, point of view, outlook
- attract:** (v) charm, beguile, tempt, enamor, invite, entice, captivate, draw, arrest, beckon; (adj, v) allure.
ANTONYMS: (v) disgust, repulse, dismiss, appall, shun, exude
- audience:** (n) hearing, attendance, house, listener, meeting, turnout, hearer, spectators, gallery, following; (n, v) auditory
- authorities:** (n) polity, control, regime, federal, official authorities, palace, papacy, brain trust, ancien regime, state, empire
- authority:** (n) ascendancy, sanction, warrant, administration, authorization, professional, judge, hold, domination, dominance; (adj, n) rule. ANTONYMS: (n) novice, neophyte, weakness, apprentice, servility, servitude, refusal, powerlessness, insecurity, inferiority, indecisiveness
- avoid:** (v) shun, parry, avert, escape, evade, ward off, duck, circumvent, prevent, ignore; (adj, v) eschew.
ANTONYMS: (v) associate, tackle, face, validate, participate, invite, seek, embrace, court, permit, encourage
- awakened:** (adj) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested
- aware:** (adj) awake, attentive,

- conscious, realize, vigilant, perceive, mindful, heedful, alive, sentient, sensible. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconscious, insensitive, ignorant, unfamiliar, unwitting, incognizant, unmindful, unconcerned, unprepared, oblivious, indifferent
- away:** (adj, adv) abroad, absent; (adj, adv, int) out; (adj) distant; (adv) aside, aloof, afar, way, by, forth; (adv, int) off. ANTONYMS: (adj) adjacent, neighboring, nearby, near, close; (adv) intermittently, haltingly, discontinuously, in
- background:** (n) groundwork, backdrop, education, basis, context, scene, environment, backcloth, panorama, ground, situation.
- ANTONYM: (n) future
- badger:** (v) annoy, tease, bother, harass, hassle, molest, beleaguer, worry, plague, bug, hound.
- ANTONYMS: (v) please, soothe, encourage
- badly:** (adv) poorly, severely, awfully, wrongly, seriously, naughtily, wickedly, hardly, corruptly, injuriously; (adj, adv) gravely. ANTONYMS: (adv) skillfully, obediently, perfectly, giftedly, flawlessly, satisfactorily, admirably, superbly, shamelessly, excellently, pleasingly
- bat:** (v) badger, tease; (adj, v) molest, harass, harry; (n, v) lure, bribe; (n) decoy, snare, temptation, attraction.
- ANTONYMS: (v) repel, repulse, pacify, mollify, please
- ballot:** (n, v) vote, survey; (n) election, voice, plebiscite, choice, a vote, balloting, voting; (v) ticket, elect
- banquet:** (v) junket, revel, regale; (n) party, celebration, carousal, treat, entertainment, spread, dinner, reception. ANTONYM: (n) snack
- bare:** (adj) naked, austere, bald, stark, bleak, exposed, desolate, plain; (adj, v) empty, vacant; (v) show.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) cultivated, ornate, concealed, elaborate, adorned, decorated, dressed, clothed, embellished; (v) cover, conceal
- bargain:** (adj, n, v) cheap; (n, v) covenant, deal; (n) agreement, treaty, arrangement, buy, chaffer; (v) exchange, stipulate, agree.
- ANTONYM: (adj) inflated
- bath:** (n, v) wash, clean; (v) bathe, immersion; (n) bathroom, tank, dip, tub, bathtub, ablution, bate
- bathe:** (adj, v) steep, lave, immerse, soak; (v) take a bath, tub, clean, rinse, bath; (n, v) swim; (n) bathing.
- ANTONYMS: (v) smudge, stain, soil, dip
- bathing:** (n) bathe, bath, shower, diversion, recreation, dip, washing, wash, purification, washup
- baths:** (n) pool, bath, spring
- bowling:** (adj, n) weeping, sniveling; (n) cry, wailing; (adj) vociferous, weepy, blatant, sobbing, clamorous, tearful, howling
- bear:** (v) accept, take, stand, acquit, abide, allow, wear, comport, tolerate, convey, team.
- ANTONYMS: (v) release, avoid, destroy, dodge, take, eradicate, evade, kill, refuse, erase; (n) bull
- bearing:** (n, v) demeanor; (n) manner, direction, deportment, conduct, attitude, aspect, approach, appearance, respect, air.
- ANTONYMS: (n) insignificance, irrelevance; (adj) nonbearing
- bearings:** (n) bearing, direction, crest, position
- beast:** (n) animal, monster, swine, fiend, creature, scavenger, savage, critter, animate being, barbarian; (adj) bear. ANTONYM: (n) man
- beasts:** (n) stock
- beat:** (n, v) pulse, throb, tick, flap, knock; (v) batter, whip, trounce, pulsate, bat; (n) round.
- ANTONYMS: (v) protect, help, divide, cede, aid, separate, surrender; (adj) invigorated, energized; (n) caress, pat
- beaten:** (adj) overpowered, routed, conquered, overcome, prostrate, frothy, trounced, worsted; (v) beat, lose, fail. ANTONYMS: (adj) heartened, uplifted, triumphant, encouraged, loose
- beautiful:** (adj) attractive, good-looking, bright, neat, beautiful, pleasant, picturesque, fine, pretty, lovely; (n) beauty. ANTONYMS: (adj) unattractive, homely, grotesque, plain, repulsive, awkward, ordinary, dull
- beautifully:** (adv) exquisitely, nicely, gorgeously, splendidly, handsomely, attractively, superbly, charmingly, divinely, grandly, elegantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unappealingly, tastelessly, abysmally, harshly, horribly, badly
- become:** (v) grow, suit, be, match, come about, arise, get, sit, to become, fall; (adj) becoming.
- ANTONYMS: (v) halt, stay, lower, stop, reduce, clash
- beef:** (n, v) grumble, moan, grouse, squawk, groan; (n) complaint, ox, fuss, beebes; (v) grouch, complain.
- ANTONYMS: (n) impotence, praise; (v) rejoice
- beer:** (v) wine, heavy wet, stingo, spirits; (n) lager, ale, brewage, malt liquor, suds, alcoholic beverage, alcoholic drink
- before:** (adv) ahead, ago, in front, previously, already, forth; (adv, prep) fore, afore; (adj) preceding, prior; (adj, adv) earlier.
- ANTONYMS: (adv, prep) later, behind, afterward, after; (adv) subsequently, ahead; (adj) subsequent
- beforehand:** (adv) previously, ahead, in advance, in anticipation, first; (adj, adv) early, beforehand; (adj) advance, already, afore; (n) prior.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) afterwards, afterward, later, late, subsequently
- befoul:** (v) foul, pollute, soil, contaminate, dirty, violate, maculate, tarnish; (adj) besmear, bemire, begrime
- begin:** (v) Gan
- begin:** (v) commence, arise, initiate, become, enter, rise, originate, undertake, create, dawn, set out.
- ANTONYMS: (v) end, stop, cease, terminate, die, delay, complete, conclude
- beginning:** (n) commencement, derivation, birth, start, opening, origin, begin, onset, debut, kickoff; (adj) original. ANTONYMS: (n) finish, finale, conclusion, demise, ending, culmination, closing, departure, expiration, termination, middle
- begin:** (adj) present
- behave:** (n, v) conduct, exercise; (v) bear, deal, deport, operate, perform, acquit, walk, react, go.
- ANTONYMS: (v) misdeemean, malfunction
- behind:** (adj, n) back, rear; (adj, adv) backward, late; (adv) backwards, later, aback, beyond; (n) backside, can; (prep) abaft. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) early; (adv) fore; (adj) prompt
- believe:** (n) belief, believing; (v) assume, conceive, consider, reckon, guess, accredit, to believe, understand; (n, v) trust.
- ANTONYMS: (v) distrust, doubt, question, suspect, reject, discredit, deny, despair

believed: (adj) whispered, alleged, thought, held

believer: (adj, n) convert; (n) apostle, supporter, devotee, worshipper, abiogenist, zealot, religionist, proselyte, layman; (adj) pietist. ANTONYMS: (n) skeptic, nonbeliever, guru, God, leader, opponent

bell: (n, v) chime; (n) gong, Alexander Graham Bell, ring, doorbell, handbell, tocsin, alarum, Alexander Bell, buzz, angelus

belong: (v) appertain, pertain, lie, go, belong to, attach, dwell, consist, come, rank, stand. ANTONYMS: (v) separate, disagree, disassociate, leave, quit, differ

belongings: (n) property, luggage, baggage, wealth, assets, gear, chattels, personal property, possessions, possession, equipment

bench: (n) banquette, chair, workbench, court, terrace, bank, bar, judicatory, Ottoman, board, form

bending: (n) bow, bend, deflection, deflexion, refraction, flexure, crook; (adj) flexible, supple, winding, pliant. ANTONYM: (adj) stiff

beside: (adv) on, abreast, aside, closely, nearly; (prep) about; (adv, prep) besides; (adj) adjacent; (n) while, at; (adj, prep) near

besides: (adv) as well, moreover, too, furthermore, again, as well as, anyway, additionally; (prep) apart from, beside; (adj, adv) more

best: (adj, n) supreme, most, elite; (adj) superior, great, leading, choice, superlative; (v) beat, outdo; (adj, n, v) top. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) worst; (v) lose, surrender; (adj) minimum, lowest, least, inferior, incorrect, fewest; (n) loser; (adv) insincerely

better: (adj, v) improve, mend; (adj, adv, v) best; (v) recover, ameliorate, emend, reform, advance, enhance, surpass; (n) bettor. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) worse; (adj, n) inferior; (v) worsen, deteriorate; (adj) lesser, lower, tinier, ill, unhealthy, smaller, sicker

bias: (n, v) prejudice, bent, slant, influence, twist; (adj, n) partiality; (n) penchant, drift, turn, favor, slope. ANTONYMS: (n) neutrality, fairness, tolerance, justice, justness, broadmindedness

bill: (n, v) placard; (n) beak, card, advertisement, poster, invoice, receipt, act, bank note, check; (v) advertise. ANTONYM: (n) credit

billing: (n) advertising, bang, presentment, publicity, asking, armorial bearing, accusation, bearing

billy: (n) cudgel, club, truncheon, bail, beaker, bludgeon, canakin, goat, sandbag, blackjack, baton

birds: (n) aves, class Aves, Craniata, flora and fauna, natural world, nature, subphylum Craniata, Subphylum Vertebrata, Vertebrata, amphibians

biting: (adj, v) acute, acrid, sarcastic, sharp, acrimonious, pungent, severe, cutting; (adj) acid, bitter, barbed. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, blunt, kind, bland, nice, soothing, sweet, hot, complimentary, faint, sympathetic

bits: (n) odds and ends, scraps, debris

bitterly: (adv) biting, sourly, fiercely, cruelly, caustically, harshly, poignantly, piercingly, cuttingly, rancorously, acrimoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) harmoniously, sweetly, warmly, gladly, agreeably, kindly, friendly

black: (adj) sable, dark, ebony, colored, bleak, dirty, evil, nigger, darkie, unclean; (adj, n) blackamoor. ANTONYMS: (v) whiten; (adj) spotless, snowy, saintly, pale, optimistic, merry, light, angelic, ivory, bright

blame: (v) arraign, chide; (n, v) reprimand, censure, attack, charge, reproach, rap, rebuke, fault; (n) onus. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) absolve, exonerate, commend, clear, acquit; (n) vindication, exoneration, honor, absolution, glory

blasphemous: (adj, v) profane, irreverent, sacrilegious; (adj) ungodly, impious, irreligious, unconsecrated, godless, unholy, wicked; (v) desecrate. ANTONYMS: (adj) reverent, devout, godly, religious

bless: (v) consecrate, celebrate, sanctify, anoint, eulogize, sign, praise, keep, grant, glorify; (n) blessing. ANTONYMS: (v) curse, condemn, disapprove, damn, disallow, deny

blessed: (adj) happy, holy, cursed, sacred, damned, hallowed, blasted, fortunate, saintly, lucky, divine. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlucky, condemned, damned, disapproved, unhappy, unholy, secular

blind: (n) curtain, shutter, veil, drape, awning, trick; (v) bedazzle, dazzle,

daze; (adj) sightless; (adj, v) obscure. ANTONYMS: (adj) sighted, uncovered, understanding, sharp, seeing, revealed, quick, perceptive, open, controlled, cautious

blinded: (adj) blindfolded, blinder, blindly, recklessly, unsighted, blindfold, dizzy

blow: (n) beat, knock, shock, wallop, gust, jolt; (adj, n, v) gasp, puff; (n, v) blast, slap; (v) squander. ANTONYMS: (n, v) calm; (v) save, conserve, store, stillness, inhale, come, arrive; (n) luck, comfort, caress

blown: (adj) puffy, panting, swollen, winded, inflated, moving, high, haughty lofty, late; (v) puffing and blowing; (n) blown

blue: (adj) depressed, down, gloomy, low, spicy, livid, naughty, sapphire, sad, downhearted, downcast. ANTONYMS: (adj) clean, happy, joyous, refined, moral, decent, upbeat, joyful, gay, cheerful, cheery

blunder: (n, v) mistake, stumble, slip, botch; (adj, n) fault; (n) error, gaffe, trip; (v) fail, fumble; (adj, n, v) miss. ANTONYMS: (v) succeed, correct, accomplish, achieve; (n) achievement

blunted: (adj) dulled, rounded, beaten, benumbed, dunted, duller

board: (v) get on, lodge; (n) panel, bench, meal, office, sign, court, plank, embark; (n, v) table. ANTONYMS: (v) disembark, dislodge, leave, evict, detrain, deplane, dismount

body: (n) cadaver, corpse, organization, cluster, set, carcass, figure, consistency, aggregate, association; (adj, n) mass. ANTONYMS: (n) handful, mind, minority, soul, few

boiling: (adj) hot, ebullient, heated, burning, scalding, torrid, humid; (adj, v) effervescent; (v) seethe, effervesce; (n) ebullience. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, happy, frozen, cooled, cool, collected, calm, fresh, airy

bombard: (v) bomb, attack, pelt, shell, barrage, pepper, raid, assail, besiege; (n) shawm, shelling

bond: (n) association, alliance, deed, agreement, bail, attachment, joint; (v) bind; (n, v) cement, band, link. ANTONYMS: (v) unstick, open, unfasten, loosen, disconnect, clash; (n) separation, divorce

book: (v) order, reserve, inscribe,

- apply, write; (n) account book, pamphlet, journal, volume; (n, v) list, record. ANTONYMS: (v) free, exonerate
- bookcase:** (n) bookshelf, cupboard, library, closet, furniture, cabinet, secretaire, article of furniture, davenport, till, sideboard
- books:** (n) notebook, account, ledger, literature, accountancy
- bother:** (n, v) trouble, torment, worry, hassle, pain; (adj, n, v) fuss, bore; (v) vex, annoy, irritate; (n) nuisance. ANTONYMS: (n, v) delight; (v) soothe, please, help, aid, comfort, placate, encourage, defend; (n) accord, satisfaction
- bothering:** (v) teasing, tormenting, carking; (n) harassment, provocation
- bottom:** (n) basis, backside, bed, behind, foot, footing, back, foundation, posterior, floor; (n, v) ground. ANTONYMS: (n) pinnacle, summit, peak, roof, apex, ceiling, middle; (adj) highest
- bought:** (n) crook, hook
- bound:** (n, v) leap, jump, border, bounce, limit, edge, vault, recoil; (n) boundary, barrier, compass. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, amble, crawl, limp, permit; (adj) permitted, released, unbound, allowed, unlikely
- bounds:** (n) boundary, border, limit, bound, margin, borderline, end, bourn, Bourne, brink, edge. ANTONYMS: (n) center, middle
- brain:** (n) mastermind, genius, head, mind, reason, wit, psyche, noddle, intelligence, nous, brains. ANTONYMS: (n) emotion, moron, body, dummy, imbecile, idiot, physicality
- brains:** (n) cleverness, intellect, intelligence, sense, mind, wisdom, pate, wit, wits, reason; (adj, n) head. ANTONYM: (n) stupidity
- brandy:** (n) applejack, spirits, brandies, liquor, Brandywine, Marc, fruit brandy; (v) brandy smash
- bravo:** (v) murderer, slayer, Cain, matador, sabreur; (n) thug, liquidator; (adj) bully, hotspur, enfant perdu, scapegrace
- bread:** (n) livelihood, bun, maintenance, cash, currency, loot, dough, pelf, food, sustenance, kale
- break:** (n, v) crack, fracture, breach, burst, rupture, stop, pause; (n) interruption, respite, suspension; (v) infringe. ANTONYMS: (v) obey, honor, lose, make, observe, resume, stay, strengthen; (n, v) mend; (n) continuation, misfortune
- breaking:** (n) breakage, breach, violation, infringement, contravention, smash, rift, scutching, shift, intermission; (v) deaden
- brief:** (adj) concise, transient, little, abridge, short-lived, abrupt; (adj, n) abstract, summary; (n) epitome, report; (v) notify. ANTONYMS: (adj) permanent, lengthy, rambling, wordy, prolonged, extended, lasting, civil; (adv) civilly; (v) secrete, hide
- bring:** (v) convey, get, take, bear, carry, put, conduct, return, reduce, set, bring in. ANTONYMS: (v) drop, free, leave, lose, remove, avoid
- brink:** (n, v) edge; (n) border, hem, threshold, boundary, brim, shore, periphery, lip, margin, limit. ANTONYMS: (n) middle, interior, end
- broached:** (adv) astir, afoot
- broad:** (adj) wide, sweeping, comprehensive, vast, general, extensive, large, ample, free, big; (n) female. ANTONYMS: (adj) specific, thin, restricted, polite, minor, limited, exclusive, dogmatic, decent, cultured, confined
- broadminded:** (adj) liberal, permissive, forbearing, charitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) reactionary, oppressive
- broad-minded:** (adj) large-minded, liberal, Catholic, progressive, charitable, enlightened, humane
- broad-mindedness:** (n) enlightenment, tolerance
- broken:** (adj) torn, tame, damaged, intermittent, uneven, imperfect, rugged, rough, out of order; (adj, v) busted, ruined. ANTONYMS: (adj) unbroken, intact, wild, whole, working, uplifted, uninterrupted, triumphant, running, indomitable, incessant
- brooding:** (adj) pondering, thoughtful, contemplative, hatching, meditative, pensive, wistful; (v) brewing, batching; (n) chick management, parturition. ANTONYMS: (adj) shallow, cheerful
- brother:** (n) fellow, blood brother, associate, counterpart, crony, comrade, buddy, peer, chum, sidekick, monk. ANTONYMS: (n) enemy, opposer, opponent
- brotherhood:** (n) fraternity, sodality, association, kinship, relationship, friendliness, confraternity, fellowship, organization, partnership, society
- brotherly:** (adj) brotherlike, sympathetic, cordial, neighborly, harmonious, amicable, affectionate, sisterly, fatherly; (adv) sympathetically, fraternally. ANTONYMS: (adj) sisterly, uncompassionate, unfriendly, unneighborly, sororal, antagonistic, uncompanionable
- bubble:** (v) babble, foam, froth, burble, effervesce, seethe, gurgle, fizz; (n) blister, bladder, vesicle
- build:** (n, v) make, shape; (v) erect, establish, raise, rise, found, base, fabricate, fashion; (n) frame. ANTONYMS: (v) destroy, dismantle, raze, overturn, obliterate, decrease, decelerate, ruin, disassemble
- built:** (v) establish, create; (adj) made, shapely, robust, curvaceous, reinforced, improved, heavy, buxom, assembled
- bundle:** (n, v) pack, cluster, clump, wad; (n) sheaf, pile, batch, stack, package, group, heap. ANTONYMS: (v) scatter, separate, disperse, divide
- burden:** (n, v) bother, weight, pack, burthen, trouble, clog, strain; (n) anxiety, bale, responsibility; (v) afflict. ANTONYMS: (v) relieve, lighten, free, disburden, alleviate, relax; (n, v) help; (n) tranquility, relaxation, peace, pleasure
- buried:** (adj) hidden, covert, interred, underground, inhumed, profound, covered, ulterior; (v) perdu, imbed, embed. ANTONYMS: (adj) explicit, overt
- burning:** (adj) blazing, ablaze, boiling, afire, flaming, hot; (n) combustion, firing; (adj, n) passionate, zealous, glowing. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, trivial, cool, out, painless, quenched, soothing, unimportant, apathetic, insignificant, unconcerned
- burst:** (adj, n, v) crack; (adj, v) split, blow up, explode, splinter, detonate; (n, v) rupture, blast; (adj, n) flash; (v) break out, belch. ANTONYMS: (v) attach, join, connect, fasten, trickle
- business:** (n) subject, matter, event, vocation, job, profession, affair, work, corporation, occupation; (adj, n) trade. ANTONYMS: (adj) charitable, private; (n) pleasure, avocation, fun, entertainment,

- hobby
- businesslike:** (adj) tidy, efficient, neat, orderly, practical, pragmatic, systematic, matter-of-fact, purposeful, workaday, realistic. ANTONYMS: (adj) unbusinesslike, slipshod, inefficient, disorganized, amateur
- busy:** (adj) brisk, engaged, assiduous, occupied, agile, meddlesome, industrious, crowded, officious, live; (v) occupy. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, inactive, dodging, available, deserted, lazy, quiet, still, unengaged, avoiding, empty
- butter:** (v) gloze, slaver, flatter; (adj) butyraceous, dough, pudding; (n) fat, scrapper, fighter, oil, tallow
- buying:** (n) purchasing, buy, purchase, business, shopping, import, export, transaction, ownership, patronage, sale
- call:** (n, v) appeal, shout, bellow, name, yell, howl, request, appoint; (v) bid, summon; (n) call option. ANTONYMS: (v) whisper, mutter, cancel, listen, stop, suppose, murmur; (n) dismissal, give, grant, silence
- called:** (adj) named, titled, chosen, known as; (v) nempt, cycled
- calls:** (n) securities, puts, bonds, preferred stock, common stock
- came:** (v) arrive, come
- camp:** (n) faction, encampment, base, barracks, cantonment, laager, side; (v) pitch, tent, camp out; (adj) campy
- candid:** (adj) blunt, outspoken, ingenuous, direct, sincere, open, forthright, artless, equitable, honest, guileless. ANTONYMS: (adj) scheming, tricky, artful, deceitful, dishonest, guarded, indirect, insincere, inhibited, disingenuous, evasive
- cantankerous:** (adj) cranky, testy, quarrelsome, peevish, irritable, moody, morose, cross, touchy, grumpy, crotchety. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, easygoing, nice, pleasant, happy, amiable
- capable:** (adj) competent, adequate, apt, adept, accomplished, fit, gifted, qualified, proficient, trained; (adj, n) efficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) incapable, inept, unable, helpless, lacking, bad, unimaginative, unqualified, untrained
- capacity:** (adj, n) capability, talent, endowment; (n) aptitude, capacitance, function, intelligence, dimension, authority, faculty; (n, v) might. ANTONYMS: (n) incapability, incapableness, incapacity, incompetence
- capital:** (adj, n) principal, primary, main; (n) city, stock, funds, money, wealth, means; (adj) great, magnificent. ANTONYMS: (adj) extra, worst, unimportant, poor, nonessential, minor, inferior; (n) minuscule, liabilities, poverty
- capitally:** (adv) chiefly, finely, excellently, foremostly, cardinally, mainly, primarily, leadingly, greatly, centrally, splendidly
- captain:** (n) head, master, leader, guide, commodore, commander, boss, skipper, chieftain; (v) govern, manage. ANTONYM: (n) minion
- card:** (n) calling card, board, bill of fare, ticket, label, postal, identity card, menu, notice, placard, visiting card
- care:** (adj, n, v) anxiety; (n, v) attention, charge, worry; (n) caution, bother, concern, apprehension, aid, custody; (v) attend. ANTONYMS: (n) carelessness, recklessness, thoughtlessness, rashness, negligence, vagueness, unconcern; (n, v) disregard, dislike; (v) loathe, abhor
- careful:** (adj, v) attentive, anxious; (adj) thrifty, thoughtful, frugal, mindful, prudent, deliberate, alert, economical, guarded. ANTONYMS: (adj) reckless, slapdash, neglectful, wasteful, unconcerned, tactless, stupid, spendthrift, rash, negligent, inaccurate
- carefully:** (adv) scrupulously, thoroughly, deliberately, charily, warily, watchfully, prudently, painstakingly, guardedly, thriftily, meticulously. ANTONYMS: (adv) hastily, recklessly, rashly, inaccurately, unhelpfully, incautiously, indifferently, thoughtlessly, abstractedly, clumsily, unwisely
- carried:** (adj) conveyed, imported
- carry:** (v) convey, bring, take, conduct, acquit, behave, accept, transport, comport, hold, pack. ANTONYMS: (v) withhold, lose, censor, fail, hold, conceal
- case:** (n) example, box, bin, cover, jacket, shell, bag, affair, briefcase, business; (adj, n) eccentric
- cases:** (n) brass tacks, baggage, luggage, caseload, suitcases
- cast:** (n, v) throw, stamp, form, fling, shape, figure; (v) shed, pitch, chuck; (n) casting, appearance. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, receive, subtract, reject, take, gather, catch, retain, keep
- catch:** (n, v) capture, hook, haul, hitch, trick, grab, snatch; (v) get, apprehend, intercept; (n) pawl. ANTONYMS: (n, v) release; (v) misunderstand, unhitch, mistake, Miss, misinterpret, free, give, lose; (n) advantage, boon
- caught:** (adj) fixed, guilty, accomplished, wedged, trapped, interested, exposed, defenseless, culpable; (v) seize, get. ANTONYM: (adj) loose
- cause:** (n) case, action, account; (n, v) occasion, allow; (v) breed, do, induce, beget, motivate, provoke. ANTONYMS: (n) effect, result, outcome; (v) foil, deter, forestall, prevent, stop, halt, quell, retard
- caution:** (n) advice, carefulness, warning, wariness, precaution, vigilance, prudence, admonition, commandment; (v) warn, advise. ANTONYMS: (n) carelessness, rashness, incaution, honesty, foolishness, encouragement, irresponsibility, openness, approval; (v) dare, approve
- ceiling:** (n) cap, limit, maximum, overhead, upper limit, top, roof, limitation, confine, tile, thatch. ANTONYMS: (n) minimum, floor
- censure:** (n, v) accuse, reprimand, reproach, attack, animadversion, abuse; (n) accusation, condemnation; (v) carp, condemn, berate. ANTONYMS: (v) approve, commend, allow, endorse, laud, permit, sanction; (n) approval, blessing, commendation; (n, v) compliment
- certain:** (adj) definite, sure, assured, absolute, reliable, indisputable, dependable, unquestionable, undeniable, unavoidable, unequivocal. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsure, doubtful, questionable, hesitant, debatable, erratic, faulty, indistinct, vague, doubting, undecided
- certainly:** (adv) assuredly, definitely, positively, clearly, necessarily, undoubtedly, actually, securely, confidently, absolutely; (adj, adv) really. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, possibly, equivocally, perhaps
- chair:** (n, v) chairman; (n) bench,

- president, chairperson, throne, couch, armchair, electric chair, chairwoman; (v) moderate, lead
- chairman:** (n) chairperson, president, chairwoman, director, administrator, chairmen, moderator, speaker, master of ceremonies, chief, chief executive officer
- chairs:** (n) seats
- chance:** (n, v) hazard, adventure, risk, venture, bet; (n) fortune, probability, opportunity; (adj) accidental; (adj, n) contingency; (v) befall.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) intentional, deliberate, designed, arranged, planned, foreseeable; (n, v) plan; (n) predictability, misfortune, certainty; (v) protect
- change:** (n, v) shift, barter, twist, cash; (v) alter, alternate, adapt, convert; (n) alteration, modification, variation. ANTONYMS: (v) leave, maintain, idle, hold, establish, standardize; (n) stability, bills, constancy, preservation, uniformity
- changed:** (adj) transformed, varied, switched, change, transform, converted, distorted, affected, changing, disguised, inverse.
- ANTONYM: (adj) unchanged
- channels:** (n) canals, course, form, routine, conduct, process, method
- chap:** (n) fellow, blighter, guy, crevice, cranny, crack, lad, man, scissure, beau, chink
- characteristic:** (adj, v) typical, representative; (adj) individual, distinctive, original, specific; (n) sign, attribute, character, point; (adj, n) peculiar. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, unusual, untypical, rare, abnormal, typical, atypical
- charge:** (n, v) blame, care, burden, commission, command, attack, bill, load, tax; (n) accusation; (v) bid. ANTONYMS: (v) request, discharge, plead, beg, compensate, aid, credit, calm; (n, v) retreat, absolve, unload
- charity:** (n) dole, favor, aid, liberality, generosity, kindness, alms, mercy, virtue; (v) almsgiving; (adj, n) brotherly love. ANTONYMS: (n) intolerance, meanness, unkindness, cruelty, malice, stinginess, cheapness, nastiness, inhumanity
- charming:** (adj) beautiful, lovely, captivating, winning, attractive, enchanting, delightful, pleasing, nice, magic, cute. ANTONYMS: (adj) repellent, unpleasant, unappealing, repulsive, charmless, disgusting, gross, irritating,
- offensive, uninteresting, annoying
- check:** (n, v) control, bridle, arrest, curb, stop, limit, block, halt, bar; (v) agree, restrain. ANTONYMS: (v) help, hurry, allow, disagree, disregard, encourage, expedite, ignore, overlook; (n) furthering, spur
- checked:** (adj) checkered, chequered, check, plaid, examine, temperate, tartan, silent, safe, pent-up, numbered
- cheer:** (v) animate, applaud, amuse, hearten, inspire, lighten; (n, v) comfort, delight, cry; (adj, v) embolden; (n) consolation. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, boo, uncheerfulness, hiss, pessimism, raspberry; (v) depress, discourage, dissuade, complain, jeer
- cheers:** (n) cheerio, bye, acclamation, so long, goodbye, au revoir, clapping, encore
- chemist:** (n) pharmacist, druggist, pharmacy, pharmacist, drug store, pharmacologist, scientist, pharmaceutical chemist, dispensing chemist, pharmacologist, carver
- cherish:** (v) care for, nurture, treasure, entertain, cultivate, bosom, prize, esteem, harbor; (n, v) hug, foster. ANTONYMS: (v) hate, scorn, reject, denounce, despise, neglect
- chest:** (n) bosom, ark, bust, box, chest of drawers, case, hutch, bureau, caisson, casket, dresser
- chicken-hearted:** (adj) chicken, white-livered, yellow, pusillanimous, cowardly, frightened
- chief:** (adj, n) principal, head, cardinal, capital, arch, essential, paramount; (n) administrator, boss, executive, leader. ANTONYMS: (adj) associate, secondary, junior, smallest, inessential, unimportant, least, trivial; (n) subordinate, underling, inferior
- child:** (n) baby, babe, bairn, infant, kid, toddler, tot, girl, brat, juvenile, minor. ANTONYMS: (n) ancestor, parent
- children:** (n) child, offspring, descendant, family, seed, boy, babies, descendants, birth, relatives, people
- chin:** (n) jaw, Kuki, jawbone, lineament, rap, jowl; (v) elevate, speak, chin up, confer, bring up
- chose:** (v) adopt, elect, select, pick, prefer, take, appoint, assign, decide, excerpt; (n) picking. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, waver, decline, forgo, spurn, dislike, elect
- chose:** (v) choose, opt, decide; (n) thing
- Christmas:** (n) Yuletide, Yule, Xmas, Christmastide, Christmas Day, advent, Easter, Epiphany, Allhallowmas, Christmastime, jewel
- chuckle:** (n, v) snicker, snigger, giggle, chortle, titter, crow; (v) chuck, laugh, cackle, exult; (n) laughter
- cigar:** (n) cheroot, cigars, smoke, cigarette, corona, panatela, panetella, segar, cigarillo
- cigars:** (n) cigar
- circulating:** (v) circulate; (adj) cyclic, circulative, moving; (n) distribution
- circumstances:** (n) state, position, condition, circumstance, case, state of affairs, status, predicament, plight, environment, fortune
- citizen:** (n) national, inhabitant, denizen, resident, burgher, the people, subject, freeman, native, nationality, voter. ANTONYMS: (n) foreigner, immigrant, tourist, alien, stranger
- citizens:** (n) people, population, inhabitants, populace, public, commonwealth, country, the general public, the public, the populace
- city:** (adj) municipal, urban, civic, public; (n) borough, the City, burgh, village, metropolis, municipality, state. ANTONYMS: (adj) suburban, country, private
- civic:** (adj) city, urban, public, national, communal, local, civil, metropolitan, town, personal, universal. ANTONYM: (adj) rural
- civil:** (adj) courteous, civic, gracious, affable, obliging, municipal, mannerly, public, civilised, courtly, domestic. ANTONYMS: (adj) abrupt, impolite, critical, unrefined, sidereal, uncivil, unkind, barbaric, discourteous, private
- claim:** (n, v) call, charge, need, requisition; (n) allegation, privilege; (v) assert, exact, ask, want, arrogate. ANTONYMS: (v) disclaim, forfeit, waive, question, lose, grant, refute, request; (n) denial, disclaimer, response
- clap:** (n, v) blast, boom, slam, rumble; (n) applause, clapping, gonorrhoea, smash; (v) acclaim, applaud, hit. ANTONYMS: (v) hiss, jeer
- clapping:** (n) clap, acclaim, hand, clapping of hands, cheering, handclap, ovation, slapping, plaudit, round, approval

class: (n, v) rank, place, group, position, grade, brand, type; (n) category, form, department; (v) categorize. ANTONYMS: (adj) unstylish; (n) coarseness, inferiority, tastelessness

classes: (n) lessons

clean: (adj, adv) fair; (v) cleanse, brush, bathe, disinfect; (adj) antiseptic, blank, pure, chaste, unblemished; (n, v) wash. ANTONYMS: (adj) filthy, unclean, muddy, unhygienic, tainted, unwholesome, syrupy, full; (v) soil, contaminate, pollute

cleanse: (adj, v) clean; (v) bathe, wash, clarify, wipe, scour, scrub, clear, rinse, disinfect, refine.

ANTONYMS: (v) dirty, soil, stain, spot, pollute, mess, defile, cloud
clear: (adj) clean, certain, distinct; (adj, v) acquit, absolute, free, net, absolve, empty; (adj, n) open; (v) exculpate. ANTONYMS: (adj) opaque, cloudy, incomprehensible, uncertain, dark, hazy, vague, fuzzy, obscure, confused, puzzling

clearly: (adv) distinctly, apparently, evidently, openly, decidedly, explicitly, definitely, certainly, absolutely, obviously, plainly. ANTONYMS: (adv) vaguely, indistinctly, unclearly, blurry, imperceptibly, obscurely, softly, doubtfully, imperfectly, unconvincingly, unintelligibly

clever: (adj) capable, acute, intelligent, able, apt, expert, skillful, cunning, sharp; (adj, v) brilliant, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) clumsy, unintelligent, dim, dull, inept, thick, naive, idiotic, moronic, incompetent, open

climb: (v) ascend, arise, scale, escalate, go up, scramble; (n, v) clamber, mount, increase; (n) ascent, jump. ANTONYMS: (n, v) drop; (n) descent; (v) wane, dismount, plummet

cloak: (n, v) veil, mask, camouflage, wrap, masquerade, screen, pall; (n) cape; (v) conceal, dissemble, hide. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, uncloak, unmask; (n, v) uncover

close: (n, v) end, stop, finish; (adj, adv, prep) nearby; (adj, adv) adjacent, tight; (adj, v) compact, approximate; (adj) accurate; (adv, prep) by; (n) conclusion. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) open; (n, v) start; (adj) distant, airy, loose, fresh, far, inaccurate, unfamiliar; (v) begin,

unlock

closely: (adv) nearly, narrowly, intimately, strictly, exactly, thickly, firmly, securely, confidentially, solidly, familiarly. ANTONYMS: (adv) loosely, thoughtlessly, heedlessly, carelessly, approximately, inconveniently, sparsely, casually, lightly, inaccurately

closer: (adv) nearer, closest, more rapidly; (adj) close, approximate, near, dear, good, nigh; (n) finisher, finale

clothes: (n) apparel, clothing, dress, garb, wardrobe, vestment, garment, cloth, thing, gown, wear

club: (n) association, society, stick, bat, circle, Billy, meeting, baton, gang; (v) bludgeon, beat

coarse: (adj) vulgar, boorish, rough, brutal, crude, gross, common, earthy, blunt, bawdy; (adj, v) harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) sophisticated, refined, smooth, polite, soft, civil, cultured, delicate, fine, genteel, gentlemanly

coastal: (adj) seashore, seaside, seacoast, inshore, shore, riparian, maritime, littoral, coastwise, midland, marine

coat: (v) cloak, blanket; (n, v) sheath, plaster; (n) coating, fur, film, crust, jacket, layer, bark. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, expose

cold: (n) chilliness, chill; (adj) chilly, frigid, distant, indifferent, aloof, callous, icy, apathetic, impassive. ANTONYMS: (adj) warm, friendly, hot, prepared, burning, affectionate, loving, soporific, fervid; (n) heat, warmth

collect: (v) gather, amass, accumulate, pick, aggregate, congregate, acquire, harvest, accrue, pick up, cull. ANTONYMS: (v) distribute, scatter, spread, lose, give, divide, dispense, disband, compensate, need, dispatch

colossal: (adj) huge, gargantuan, prodigious, Brobdingnagian, vast, enormous, great, mammoth, immense, massive, monstrous. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, small, insignificant, minute, compact, microscopic, miniature, slight

combative: (n) aggression, aggressiveness, attack, fight, militance

combined: (adj) united, collective, cooperative, amalgamated, aggregate, concerted, conjoint,

incorporate, conjunct, joined, conjunctive. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, solitary, uncombined, disjointed

comfortable: (adj, v) easy, snug; (adj) pleased, pleasing, prosperous, agreeable, pleasurable, congenial, rich, enjoyable, homely.

ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, tense, formal, unpleasant, unhappy, unaccustomed, intimidating, difficult, anxious, broke, destitute
comfortably: (adv) easily, pleasantly, cosily, conveniently, easy, snugly, richly, advantageously, leisurely, well, wealthily. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncomfortably, awkwardly, unpleasantly

comforting: (adj) soothing, consoling, consolatory, satisfying, gratifying, encouraging, restful, placatory, tranquil, appeasing; (n) relief.

ANTONYMS: (adj) hostile, discomfoting, disconcerting, distressing, disturbing, overwhelming, surprising, troublesome, irritating, tense, upsetting

comforts: (n) amenities, bread and butter, convenience, conveniences

coming: (n) advent, approach, appearance, arrival, return; (adj, n) approaching; (adj) forthcoming, imminent, future, impending; (adj, v) instant. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, exit, leaving, departing; (adj) distant, retreating, past

command: (n, v) order, charge, call, control, decree; (n) instruction, bidding, direction, behest; (v) direct, commission. ANTONYMS: (v) obey, follow, contradict, countermand, revoke, recall, oppose; (n) beg, plead, plea

comment: (n) annotation, commentary, critique, note, explanation, interpretation, mention; (n, v) remark, gloss, censure, notice. ANTONYM: (n) confirmation
committee: (n) council, commission, chamber, trustee, consignee, panel, jury, cabinet, citizens committee, bureau, staff

common: (adj) coarse, mutual, vulgar, mean, mediocre, ignoble, plebeian, base; (adj, n) cheap, habitual; (adj, n, v) usual.

ANTONYMS: (adj) uncommon, rare, unusual, characteristic, specific, unique, extraordinary, exclusive, aristocratic, infrequent, refined
communication: (n) announcement,

- word, report, commerce, letter, tidings, communicating, notice, intercourse, news, liaison
- community:** (adj) communal, neighborhood; (n) association, nation, agreement, people, commune, commonwealth, fraternity, world, brotherhood. ANTONYMS: (n) disagreement, dissimilarity, isolation; (adj) individual, national
- compact:** (n) arrangement, covenant, bargain; (adj, v) close, condense; (v) compress; (n, v) contract; (adj) dense, solid, thick, compendious. ANTONYMS: (adj) loose, sprawling, sparse, bulky, large, cumbersome, long, lengthy, unwieldy; (v) expand, loosen
- company:** (adj, n) society, business; (n) band, association, collection, cohort, brigade, troop, club, partnership; (v) accompany. ANTONYMS: (n) isolation, enmity, host, hostess, absence
- compare:** (adj, v) liken; (v) confront, equate, to compare, associate, contrast, correlate, equalize, resemble, equal; (n, v) comparison. ANTONYMS: (v) imbalance, contrast
- comparison:** (n) collation, likeness, compare, resemblance, correspondence, metaphor, comparing, similarity, contrast, parallel; (n, prep) connection. ANTONYMS: (n) difference, contrast
- compel:** (v) force, coerce, pressure, necessitate, enforce, command, oblige, require, make, obligate, press. ANTONYMS: (v) impede, deter, check, block, request, prevent
- complain:** (v) bemoan, protest, whine, squawk, bewail, beef, grudge, accuse, carp, plain, complaint. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, applaud, cheer, recommend, rejoice, laud, approve, agree, accept
- completely:** (adv) thoroughly, perfectly, fully, totally, altogether, consummately, roundly, purely, absolutely, unreservedly; (adv, pref) all. ANTONYMS: (adv) partly, partially, hardly, slightly, incompletely, superficially, somewhat, halfheartedly, barely
- complicated:** (adj, v) intricate; (adj) elaborate, hard, complicate, difficult, sophisticated, awkward, convoluted, obscure, deep; (v) involved. ANTONYMS: (adj)
- straightforward, clear, easy, plain, primitive, direct, amicable, basic
- composure:** (n) calmness, serenity, poise, calm, equanimity, temper, aplomb, tranquillity, peace, temperament, disposition. ANTONYMS: (n) panic, discomposure, anger, nervousness, perturbation, anxiety, agitation, turbulence, awkwardness
- compromising:** (adj) conciliatory, moderate, vulnerable, awkward, intermediate, flexible, inculpatory; (adv) halfway
- conceal:** (v) hide, disguise, bury, screen, cloak, smother, shield, suppress, mask, obscure; (n, v) veil. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, show, expose, divulge, clarify, uncover, disclose, tell, admit, spotlight, flaunt
- conceivable:** (adj) imaginable, thinkable, believable, comprehensible, likely, earthly, potential, credible, plausible, cogitable, reasonable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unthinkable, difficult, implausible, impossible, unimaginable
- conception:** (n) concept, idea, view, thought, creation, mind, design, imagination, impression, understanding, fancy. ANTONYMS: (n) termination, finish, ending, concrete, abortion, ignorance, destruction
- concern:** (adj, n, v) worry; (n, v) interest, care, affect, regard, trouble, bother; (n) affair, attention, matter, anxiety. ANTONYMS: (n) reassurance, negligence, unresponsiveness, calmness, coldness, detachment, pleasure, confidence, recklessness, serenity, thoughtlessness
- concerned:** (adj, v) careful, solicitous; (adj) involved, interested, thoughtful, considerate, worried, nervous, apprehensive, affected, attentive. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncaring, unfeeling, untroubled, calm, unworried, uninvolved, casual, detached, removed, indifferent, hardhearted
- concerning:** (adj, prep) regarding, with regard to, with reference to, in relation to; (prep) respecting, as regards, of, touching, relating to; (adj) as to, relevant
- concerns:** (n) dealings, affairs
- conclusion:** (n) end, close, result, termination, sequel, completion, cessation, dissolution, finish, finale;
- (n, v) closing. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning, opening, preface, inauguration, foreword, launch, commencement, head
- condition:** (n) position, status, provision, standing, clause, circumstances, term, predicament, rank; (n, v) aspect; (v) provide. ANTONYMS: (v) disqualify; (n) option
- conditions:** (n) climate, environment, situation, circumstances, setting, surroundings, terms, provisions, ambiance, background, bound
- conducted:** (adj) directed, guided
- conduit:** (n) canal, channel, aqueduct, tube, duct, watercourse, drain, vas, culvert, dike, ditch
- confess:** (adj, v) own, allow, admit, avow; (v) concede, profess, recognize, divulge, disclose, reveal, receive. ANTONYMS: (v) suppress, hide, dispute, conceal, repress, harbor
- confidence:** (n) assurance, certainty, certitude, belief, faith, hope, nerve, credit, conviction, reliance, expectation. ANTONYMS: (n) insecurity, doubt, nervousness, anxiety, diffidence, distrust, fear, timidity, hopelessness, aimlessness, embarrassment
- confident:** (adj) bold, brave, secure, sanguine, audacious, forward, fearless; (adj, v) certain, positive, sure; (adj, n) hopeful. ANTONYMS: (adj) insecure, timid, pessimistic, frightened, anxious, unsure, hesitant, unintelligent, doubtful, diffident, bland
- confidential:** (adj) secret, classified, private, intimate, privileged, clandestine, furtive, thick, inner, esoteric, confident. ANTONYMS: (adj) open, familiar, known, external, accessible, official, unrestricted
- confine:** (n, v) bound, border, limit; (v) bind, restrain, circumscribe, tie, incarcerate, hold; (n) boundary, bounds. ANTONYMS: (v) release, free, liberate, broaden
- confines:** (n) boundary, bound, barrier, compass, limit, limits, range, frontier; (adj) environs, alentours; (adj, n) neighborhood
- confound:** (v) bewilder, baffle, nonplus, perplex, astonish, puzzle, amaze, astound, mistake; (adj, v) confuse, stupefy. ANTONYMS: (v) explain, clarify, comfort, lose, distinguish; (n) understanding

confoundedly: (adj) tremendously, severely, desperately, with a vengeance; (adv) confusedly, accursedly, abashedly, bewilderedly, cursedly, puzzledly, extremely

conscience: (n) moral sense, Conscience money, sense of right and wrong, scruple, intention, tender conscience, small voice, principles, morals, morality, inward monitor. ANTONYM: (n) indifference

conscientiously: (adv) carefully, thoroughly, painstakingly, faithfully, religiously, meticulously, dutifully, assiduously, closely, diligently, industriously. ANTONYMS: (adv) irresponsibly, hastily

consciousness: (n) feeling, sense, conscience, cognizance, mind, notion, knowledge, sensibility, feel, Consciousness of kind, self. ANTONYMS: (n) ignorance, oblivion, certainty, numbness

consequence: (n) effect, outcome, import, result, importance, product, account, concern, event, aftermath; (n, v) weight. ANTONYMS: (n) cause, inconsequence, insignificance, antecedent, unimportance, triviality, source, meaninglessness

consequences: (n) result, cost, impact, penalty

consequently: (adv) therefore, subsequently, as a result, then, sequentially, followingly, so, naturally, in consequence, hence; (conj) ergo

consider: (v) think, regard, view, cogitate, deliberate, calculate, conceive, reckon, reflect, assume; (n, v) study. ANTONYMS: (v) disregard, forget, discard, doubt, reject, nevermind, dismiss, abandon, leave, decide, overlook

considerable: (adj, v) important, influential; (adj) large, ample, substantial, significant, sizable, great, momentous, consequential, meaningful. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, faint, trivial, slight, paltry, imperceptible, unnoticeable, little, inconsiderable, unimportant, subtle

considerably: (adv, v) well, fully; (adv) much, very, substantially, hugely, largely, rather, noticeably, markedly, immensely. ANTONYMS: (adv) insignificantly, somewhat, faintly, unremarkably,

modestly, barely

consideration: (n, v) respect, regard, care, account, condition; (n) reflection, thought, attention, cogitation, conception, thoughtfulness. ANTONYMS: (n) impulsiveness, inconsideration, inattention, cruelty, rashness, unconcern, heedlessness, disregard, negligence, neglect, insensitivity

considered: (adj) reasoned, premeditated, intentional, willful, sensible, sound, advised, studied, planned, calculated, regarded. ANTONYMS: (adj) sudden, impetuous, ingenuous, thoughtless, swift, spontaneous, disregarded, unconsidered, unplanned, unstudied, casual

consistently: (adv) uniformly, solidly, logically, persistently, constantly, always, regularly, consonantly, homogeneously, accordantly, customarily. ANTONYMS: (adv) erratically, unusually, unsystematically, unevenly, illogically, carelessly, unreliably

conspicuous: (adj) apparent, blatant, visible, manifest, obvious, marked, glaring, blazing, flagrant, famous; (adj, v) salient. ANTONYMS: (adj) unobtrusive, unremarkable, unnoticeable, concealed, hidden, indistinct, invisible, secret, unimportant, unseen, doubtful

constable: (n) police officer, policeman, alderman, burgomaster, Petty constable, portreeve, alguazil, gendarme, tipstaff, peon, patrolman

constitute: (v) compose, commission, appoint, establish, comprise, build, name, create, found, institute; (n, v) make. ANTONYMS: (v) deny, repeal, refuse, disband

constituted: (adj) habitual, planted, legitimate, grooved, accomplished, official

constituting: (v) component, composing

consult: (v) consider, negotiate, deliberate, advise, refer, discuss, ask, reason, look up, canvass; (n, v) talk. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, bypass

contact: (n) connection, collision, link, communication, tangency, impact; (v) meet, call, reach, adjoin, communicate. ANTONYMS: (v) avoid, evade; (n) distance, stranger

containing: (adj) including, comprehensive

contented: (adj) content, happy, comfortable, quiet, cheerful, smug, complacent, satisfied, easy, proud, delighted. ANTONYMS: (adj) discontented, unhappy, depressed, unsatisfied, sad, anxious

contrary: (adj, n) contradictory, reverse; (adj) adverse, conflicting, unfavorable, perverse, cross, disobedient, alien, different, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) similar, harmonious, helpful, obliging, compatible, complaisant, concordant, parallel, agreeable, cooperative, favorable

contributor: (n) correspondent, donor, participant, benefactor, giver, subscriber, partaker, accomplice, writer, journalist, presenter. ANTONYM: (n) recipient

control: (n, v) command, curb, check, bridle, handle, sway, hold, influence, conduct; (adj, n) authority; (n) care. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, unrestraint, expression, excess; (v) share, intensify, rush, risk, resign, relinquish, forsake

controls: (n) helm, rudder, control elements, tiller, wheel

convenient: (adj) comfortable, commodious, handy, appropriate, expedient, timely, fit, useful, nearby, opportune; (adj, n) advantageous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwieldy, fixed, useless, distant, troublesome, unsited, remote, unsuitable, unadaptable, unuseful, inappropriate

conviction: (n) belief, confidence, certainty, condemnation, persuasion, faith, trust, certitude, firmness, doctrine, determination. ANTONYMS: (n) acquittal, doubt, release, absolution, disbelief, justification, insecurity, distrust

convince: (v) persuade, convert, sway, reassure, prevail on, induce, entice, argue, convict, win over; (adj, v) satisfy. ANTONYMS: (v) discourage, repel

convinced: (adj, v) sure, positive, confident, firm; (v) cocksure, persuaded, satisfied, assured, bold; (adj) clear, definite. ANTONYMS: (adj) doubtful, unconvinced, uncertain, cynical

copy: (n, v) counterfeit, duplicate, pattern, trace; (v) imitate, ape, follow; (adj, n, v) model; (n) imitation, transcription, reproduction. ANTONYMS: (v) create, originate; (n) master

corner: (n) bend, angle, nook, dilemma, recess, hole, coign, predicament, niche; (n, v) turn; (adj) angular. ANTONYMS: (v) free; (n) solution

correct: (adj, v) right; (adj, n) accurate; (v) amend, chastise, adjust, castigate, chasten, better; (adj) appropriate, becoming, proper. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) wrong; (adj) incorrect, faulty, mistaken, false, inappropriate, improper, inaccurate; (v) spoil, coddle, baby

corrosive: (adj) acid, erosive, acrid, biting, sarcastic, destructive, vitriolic, acerbic, bitter, stringent, acrimonious. ANTONYMS: (adj) supporting, fortifying, gentle

corruption: (n) depravity, pollution, adulteration, filth, infection, vitiation, taint, bribery, canker, blight, foulness. ANTONYMS: (n) purification, incorruptness, decency, honesty, morality, pureness, incorruption, purity, righteousness, scruples, virtue

cost: (n, v) price; (n) charge, amount, expense, toll, expenditure, payment, disbursement, worth, damage, fee

cosy: (v) comfortable; (adj) comfy, companionable, sociable, snug, convenient, conversable, clubbable, easeful, intimate; (n) cosey.

couch: (n) bed, sofa, settee, divan; (adj, v) lie; (v) express, put, frame, lower, repose; (adj) recline

cough: (v) clear the throat, to cough, spit up, cough up, expectorate; (n) expiration, exhalation, symptom, sneeze, breathing out

coughing: (n) coughs, breathing out

council: (n) assembly, congress, convocation, convention, consultation, synod, meeting, legislature, diet, committee, chamber

count: (v) compute, weigh, consider, estimate, matter; (n, v) calculate, tally, number, total; (n) calculation, computation. ANTONYMS: (v) guess, except, estimate, disregard, dismiss, abandon, ignore, subtract

counting: (n) calculation, count, reckoning, computation, enumeration, numbering, numeration, tally, nose-count; (adj) calculating, including. ANTONYM: (prep) excluding

country: (n) nation, home, land, place, area, territory, commonwealth, soil, kingdom,

realm; (adj) rustic. ANTONYMS: (adj) urban, metropolitan; (adj, n) city; (n) metropolis

couple: (v) connect, associate, combine, attach, copulate, join, tie, mate; (adj, n) brace; (n, v) yoke; (n) duo. ANTONYMS: (v) separate, unhook, detach, disconnect, divide, unbuckle, undo; (n) individual, single

courage: (n) audacity, fortitude, boldness, nerve, spirit, backbone, valor, heroism, gallantry, mettle, chivalry. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, faintheartedness, weakness, wimpiness, yellowness

courageous: (adj, n) bold; (adj) audacious, fearless, valiant, gallant, intrepid, spirited, heroic, undaunted, manly, confident. ANTONYMS: (adj) timid, wimpy, weak, spineless, pusillanimous, fearful, fainthearted, afraid, despicable

course: (n, v) stream, flow; (n) bearing, route, career, track, path, road, channel; (adj, n) current; (v) chase. ANTONYM: (v) trickle

covered: (adj) veiled, concealed, covert, coated, secret, wrapped, thick, obscured, masked, shrouded; (adj, prep) cloaked. ANTONYMS: (adj) bare, uncovered, open, plain, exposed, outdoor, empty

coward: (n) cur, pantywaist, sneak, dastard, milksop, weakling, milquetoast; (adj) gutless, chickenhearted, pusillanimous, chicken-hearted. ANTONYMS: (n) daredevil, stalwart; (adj) brave

cowardice: (n) dastardliness, poltroonery, pusillanimity, fear, spirit, cravenness, timidity, fearfulness, base fear, cowardship. ANTONYMS: (n) nerve, bravery, daring, determination

cramped: (adj) cramp, limited, close, constrained, contracted, crowded, narrow, poky, restricted, small, tight. ANTONYMS: (adj) roomy, open, uncrowded, vast, liberated

crawl: (adv, v) grovel, lag; (n, v) clamber, climb; (v) sneak, fawn, cringe, teem, swarm, scramble, inch. ANTONYMS: (v) fly, rush, hurry, hasten, dart, dash, lead, soothe, speed

crazy: (adj) wild, mad, brainsick, absurd, eccentric, silly, wacky, cracked, crazed, demented; (adj, n) madcap. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, sane, rational, indifferent,

stable, reasonable, realistic, balanced, levelheaded, cool, calm

created: (adj) create, composed, shaped, produced, wrought, legendary, mythical, fictitious, bent, romantic, fashioned

credit: (n) credence, recognition, belief, commendation, appreciation, advance, fame; (v) accredit; (n, v) reputation; (adj, n) worth, merit. ANTONYMS: (n, v) discredit; (n) cash, blame, fault, disrepute, disgrace, withdrawal; (v) disbelieve, question, mistrust, distrust

crew: (n) cluster, gang, bunch, party, band, faction, crowd, assemblage, team, group, set

crime: (n, v) guilt, blame; (n) injustice, transgression, villainy, evil, vice, delinquency, misdemeanor, wickedness, sin. ANTONYMS: (n) goodness, kindness, virtue, uprightness

critical: (adj) important, decisive, severe, ticklish, vital, acute, delicate, momentous, minute, particular; (adj, n) urgent. ANTONYMS: (adj) complimentary, positive, insignificant, flattering, approving, unimportant, praising, noncritical, minor, mild, uncritical

crow: (n, v) brag, cry, snigger; (v) exult, triumph, cackle, chuckle, talk big; (n) gasconade, crowing; (adj) raven

crowd: (n, v) huddle, flock, swarm, press, squeeze, cluster, mob; (n) crew, collection, circle, army. ANTONYMS: (v) disperse, empty, retreat, scatter, desert; (n) dispersal, scattering, trickle, few

crowded: (adj) compact, congested, full, packed, busy, dense, populous, jammed, cramped, tight; (adj, n) thronged. ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, deserted, uncrowded, loose

crumpled: (adj) rumpled, crinkly, wrinkled, bent, corrugated, crinkled, disheveled, lined, furrowed, dented, damaged

crush: (n, v) squeeze, crunch, press; (v) beat, break, compress, conquer, stamp, overpower, squash, bruise. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, congratulate, stretch, praise, inspire, encourage, compliment, expand, resist, submit, smooth

crushing: (adj) overpowering, overwhelming, destructive; (n) grinding, quelling, stifling, suppression, flattening, pressure; (v) shatter; (adv) crushingly.

ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, wonderful
crying: (adj, v) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (adj) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (n) weeping; (v) weep; (adj, n) sniveling
culture: (n) breeding, cultivation, acculturation, learning, tillage, education, polish, erudition, enlightenment, farming; (adj) cultural. ANTONYMS: (n) regression, ignorance, degeneration, inexperience, crudeness, coarseness, uncouthness
cured: (adj) recovered, corned, aged, mellow, whole, better, pickle cured, salted, vulcanised, well, vulcanized
curious: (adj) odd, unusual, abnormal, strange, peculiar, interested, quizzical, quaint, queer, inquiring, inquisitive. ANTONYMS: (adj) incurious, ordinary, apathetic, uninterested, unconcerned, typical, indifferent, everyday, disinterested, conventional, common
cursed: (adj) damned, doomed, execrable, cussed, wretched, unlucky, accused, blamed, blasted, confounded; (v) accrurt. ANTONYMS: (adj) commendable, honorable, nice, kine
cursor: (adj) careless, passing, fleeting, perfunctory, ephemeral, superficial, slapdash, facile, evanescent, sketchy, shallow. ANTONYMS: (adj) complete, comprehensive, meticulous, long
daily: (adj, n) journal; (adj, adv) everyday; (adj, v) diurnal; (adj) everyday, regular; (n) tabloid, gazette, paper, dailies; (adv) each day, day by day. ANTONYMS: (adj) nightly, intermittent, sporadic
damn: (adj, adv, v) bloody; (v) curse, imprecate, beshrew, blaspheme, cuss, slam, convict; (adj) blasted, cursed; (n) damnation. ANTONYMS: (v) bless, laud, glorify, exalt, commend, praise
damnable: (adj) cursed, damned, abominable, hateful, accursed, devilish, infernal, disgusting, sinful, deplorable, offensive. ANTONYMS: (adj) commendable, laudable, praiseworthy
damnation: (n) damn, condemnation, anathema, state, curse, execration, judgment, oath, imprecation, denunciation, denouncement
damned: (adj) accursed, doomed, blasted, condemned, damn, cussed, wretched, infernal, hateful, goddamned; (adv) damnably.

ANTONYM: (adj) saved
danger: (n) risk, peril, hazard, chance, jeopardy, threat, trouble, precariousness, slipperiness, disaster, insecurity. ANTONYMS: (n) security, ease, privilege
dangerous: (adj, n) critical; (adj) severe, serious, grave, adventurous, unhealthy, precarious, hazardous, perilous, threatening, chancy. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, secure, protected, unharzardous, slight, weak, harmless, friendly, favorable, calm, pleasant
dare: (n, v) venture; (v) defy, brave, hazard, confront, risk, resist, make bold; (n) adventure, daring, defiance. ANTONYMS: (v) avoid, flee, pass, refrain, retreat, obey
daresay: (v) assume, deem
daring: (adj, n) bold, courageous, adventurous; (adj) audacious, venturesome, intrepid; (n) bravery, audacity, boldness, courage, adventurousness. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, timidity; (adj) timid, cautious, dull, afraid, chicken, fearful, unadventurous, wimpy
dating: (n) invitation
daughter: (n) child, son, maiden, young woman, daughterly, lass, unmarried woman, damsel, miss, missy, virgin
dawn: (adj, n) break of day, daybreak; (n) beginning, commencement, cockcrow, onset, morning, prime, aurora; (v) break, begin. ANTONYMS: (n) twilight, sunset, nightfall, close, departure, demise, conclusion, ending; (n, v) end, finish; (v) set
days: (n) period, life, time, age, existence, generation, years, being, era, living, lifetime
deal: (v) administer, allot, conduct, truck, distribute, apportion; (n, v) buy, trade, contract; (n) agreement, arrangement. ANTONYMS: (n) purchase; (v) misdirect, receive, neglect, mishandle, mismanage, take, ignore, hold, gather, disregard
dealing: (n, v) trade; (n) transaction, deal, exchange, business, concern, traffic, conduct, handling, dealings, distribution
dear: (adj, adv) close, near; (adj, n) darling; (adj) costly, expensive, lovely, precious, affectionate, adorable, cherished; (n) love. ANTONYMS: (adj) worthless, inexpensive, valueless, despised, modest, loathed, hateful, distant; (n)

rival, foe, enemy
dearly: (adv) affectionately, preciously, darlingly, sweetly, petly, expensively, belovedly, intimately, highly, heartfelty, lovely
death: (n) expiration, end, close, exit, fate, mortality, departure, cessation, decease, dissolution; (adj) quietus. ANTONYMS: (n) existence, delivery, living, nascency, being, survival, life, beginning
debatable: (adj) moot, arguable, problematic, contestable, dubious, doubtful, controvertible, litigious, disputable; (adj, v) questionable; (v) precarious. ANTONYMS: (adj) certain, incontrovertible, uncontestable, established, undoubted, undebatable, uncontroversial, inarguable, sure, unambiguous, likely
debt: (n) score, debit, loan, liability, obligation, due, bill, commitment, arrears, pocket, hole. ANTONYMS: (n) asset, cash, credit
deceit: (n) guile, artifice, deception, falsehood, ruse, pretense, fraud, trickery; (adj, n) cunning, craft, art. ANTONYMS: (n) sincerity, truthfulness, fairness, frankness, loyalty, straightforwardness, uprightness, truth
decent: (adj) adequate, appropriate, becoming, decorous, sufficient, honest, acceptable, modest, seemly, comely; (adj, adv) right. ANTONYMS: (adj) immoral, inappropriate, disreputable, indecent, unsuitable, inadequate, filthy, undressed, unkind, smutty, selfish
decently: (adv) becomingly, decorously, fairly, correctly, seemly, fitly, courteously, justly, appropriately, rightly, right. ANTONYMS: (adv) rudely, improperly, disreputably, inappropriately, immorally
decided: (adj, v) decisive, absolute, unmistakable, distinct, clear, positive, unequivocal, emphatic; (adj) determined, resolute, conclusive. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, hesitant, unsure, questionable, indefinite, postponing, doubtful, unresolved, vague, flippant, indecisive
declaring: (adj) affirming, predicant
decomposing: (adj) moldering, rotting, decompose, decomposition, rancid, decaying, crumbling, putrefying, mouldering, moldy,

- decomposed. ANTONYM: (adj) fresh
- decreed:** (adj) appointed, lawful, prescribed, legal, inevitable, appointive
- deep:** (adj) thick, profound, strong, rich, broad, sound, absorbed, wide, abstruse, dark; (adj, v) intense. ANTONYMS: (adj) superficial, high, weak, soft, light, open, frivolous, lightweight, narrow, straightforward, simple
- defended:** (adj) shielded, secured, watched over, secure, sacred
- defending:** (v) defend; (adj) caring, shielding, protective, opposed, protecting; (n) patrol
- defenses:** (n) defence, defense, escape mechanism, lines, position, ranks
- deference:** (n) homage, respect, compliance, admiration, allegiance, reverence, obedience, submission, compliancy, duty, complaisance. ANTONYMS: (n) contempt, opposition, rebellion, resistance, disobedience
- degrade:** (v) cheapen, demean, corrupt, decrease, dishonor, disparage; (n, v) disgrace, reduce; (adj, n, v) abase; (adj, v) debauch, lessen. ANTONYMS: (v) honor, admire, aggrade, elevate, uplift, worship, respect, promote, praise, dignify, purify
- degree:** (n) extent, level, condition, title, rank, academic degree, place, caliber, status, stair; (adj, n) order
- delay:** (adj, v) defer, linger; (n, v) arrest, wait, check, stay; (n) deferment, interruption; (v) postpone, reserve, adjourn. ANTONYMS: (n, v) rush; (n) decisiveness, promptness; (v) advance, hurry, begin, hasten, go, expedite, speed, prompt
- delayed:** (adj) belated, tardy, protracted, deferred, slow, retarded, held up, backward, back, prolonged; (adv) behind. ANTONYMS: (adj) early, expedited, prompt
- deliberately:** (adv) consciously, intentionally, designedly, knowingly, carefully, on purpose, purposely, willfully, slowly, premeditatedly, purposefully. ANTONYMS: (adv) accidentally, involuntarily, furtively, arbitrarily, automatically, naively, secretly, unconsciously, unwittingly, innocently, covertly
- delicate:** (adj) accurate, tender, dainty, refined, breakable, fragile, beautiful, brittle, soft, nice, frail. ANTONYMS: (adj) inelegant, robust, heavy, sturdy, tough, careless, inaccurate, rough, well, substantial, unscrupulous
- delicious:** (adj, v) delicate; (adj) tasteful, pleasing, delightful, appetizing, agreeable, sweet, toothsome, savory, enjoyable, dainty. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteless, distasteful, yucky, unsavory, unpleasant, unappetizing, revolting, nauseating, inedible, gross, dry
- delighted:** (adj) glad, cheerful, blissful, jubilant, happy, overjoyed, joyful, captivated, pleasant; (adj, v) pleased, elated. ANTONYMS: (adj) shocked, unhappy, sorrowful, depressed, melancholy, miserable, desolate, sorry, sad, down
- delightful:** (adj) delicious, delectable, charming, pleasing, grateful, blissful, amiable, adorable, lovely, nice, gorgeous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, unwelcome, hateful, miserable, unhappy, unappealing, horrific, horrible, disagreeable, depressing, annoying
- delightfully:** (adv) pleasantly, enchantingly, exquisitely, gladly, charmingly, finely, sweetly, deliciously, beautifully, merrily; (adv, v) happily. ANTONYMS: (adv) unattractively, horribly, disagreeably
- deliver:** (v) consign, bear, carry, save, rescue, abandon, send, pronounce, hand over, bring; (adj, v) utter. ANTONYMS: (v) capture, confine, imprison, hold, oppress, enslave, restrain, retain, collect, withhold, shackle
- deliverer:** (n) saviour, deliveryman, redeemer, rescuer, bailor, Christ, individual, human, somebody, person, helper
- democratic:** (adj) equal, classless, popular, tolerant, informal, permissive, humane, free, broadminded, commoner, constitutional. ANTONYMS: (adj) authoritarian, tyrannical, repressive, autocratic, dictatorial, intolerant, totalitarian, undemocratic, communistic, oppressive
- demonstration:** (n) parade, presentation, argument, display, manifestation, exhibition, evidence, show, demo, testimony; (n, v) exposition. ANTONYM: (n) concealment
- deny:** (v) controvert, rebuff, contradict, disavow, gainsay, reject, oppose, refuse, disown, abnegate, renounce. ANTONYMS: (v) affirm, claim, acknowledge, declare, maintain, agree, spoil, accept, accede, allow, argue
- denying:** (v) deny; (adv) denyingly; (adj) opposed, recusative, unselfish, abnegative
- depend:** (adj, v) hang; (v) dangle, count, rely, stay, reckon, confide, suspend, calculate, attend, pivot. ANTONYM: (v) distrust
- dependent:** (adj) subordinate, subject, conditional, contingent, addicted, tributary; (n) charge, adjective, attendant, follower, slave. ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, free, autonomous, capable
- depravity:** (n) corruption, evil, degeneracy, depravation, debauchery, degeneration, degradation, wickedness, vice, turpitude; (adj) demoralization. ANTONYMS: (n) honor, justice, morality, nobility, purity, restraint, uprightness, virtue, righteousness, decency, goodness
- described:** (v) extraught
- describe:** (v) represent, report, delineate, state, depict, outline, relate, draw, qualify, designate, name
- describes:** (adj) conscience, depraved, depravity
- deserve:** (v) rate, warrant, gain, earn, to deserve, demand, justify, bear; (n, v) reward; (n) richly deserve, worth
- desirable:** (adj) eligible, suitable, fitting, worthy, expedient, appropriate, alluring, charming, covetable, good, fascinating. ANTONYMS: (adj) repulsive, bad, detrimental, disadvantageous, disgusting, repugnant, repellent, unattractive, unenviable, unwanted, useless
- desk:** (n) bench, box, coffer, table, secretary, bureau, writing desk, escriptoire, caisson, caddy, case
- despite:** (conj) although, albeit; (n) contempt, scorn, ill will, malice, disdain; (adv) though; (prep) in spite of, notwithstanding, regardless of
- destroyed:** (adj) ruined, lost, desolate, shattered, desolated, broken, depressed, dead, damaged, undone, fallen. ANTONYMS: (adj) preserved, living
- destroying:** (v) destroy; (adj) deadly, deleterious, murderous; (n) disposal

destruction: (n, v) defeat; (n) death, ruin, collapse, demolition, devastation, downfall, abolition, damage, desolation, end.

ANTONYMS: (n) preservation, protection, creation, reparation, formation, conservation, restoration, building, help, making, order

determined: (adj) constant, definite, decided, stubborn, certain, inflexible, decisive, determinate, ambitious, set; (adj, v) resolved. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, irresolute, unmotivated, feeble, indecisive, waffling, undetermined, undecided, wavering, vacillating, fickle

deuce: (n) devil, couple, two, dyad, demon, duo, duet, Twain, Dickens, brace, craps

develop: (v) advance, bring up, expand, grow, educate, breed, contract, increase, work up, cultivate, come. ANTONYMS: (v) regress, neglect, erupt, narrow, die, struggle, stop, shrivel, shrink, lessen, compress

developed: (adj) mature, grown, advanced, sophisticated, ripe, grow, distinguished, established, educated, improved, full.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unripe, undeveloped, coarse, incomplete

devil: (n) fiend, demon, ghost, monster, Lucifer, Satan, Beelzebub, deuce, daemon; (v) torment, rag.

ANTONYM: (n) angel

devilry: (n) mischief, devilment, evil, atrocity, roguery, rascality, blaze, brutality, heartless, ruthless, ferocious

difference: (n) conflict, disagreement, controversy, contention, distinction, discrepancy, dissimilarity, divergence, quarrel, discord; (n, v) change. ANTONYMS: (n) sameness, resemblance, correspondence, agreement, concurrence, understanding, parity, normality, likeness, accord, consistency

different: (adj) dissimilar, various, assorted, unusual, alien, miscellaneous, new, fresh, discrete, diverse; (v) differ. ANTONYMS: (adj) identical, corresponding, equal, like, typical, same, conventional, familiar, unified, uniform, Standard

difficult: (adj) awkward, demanding, burdensome, complicated, uphill, knotty, fastidious, hard, delicate, finicky, intricate. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, straightforward, rewarding,

clear, accommodating, amenable, easygoing, manageable, uncomplicated, satisfying, undemanding

difficulty: (n) trouble, bother, asperity, jam, barrier, difficultness, fix, hardship; (n, v) hindrance, obstacle; (adj, n) strait.

ANTONYMS: (n) simplicity, advantage, help, assurance, easiness, accommodation, effortlessness, gentleness, reassurance, agreement, resolution

digest: (n) resume, compilation, epitome, compendium, condensation, collection; (v) stomach, absorb, summarize, apprehend; (adj) brook.

ANTONYMS: (v) misinterpret, lengthen, expand, enlarge, elaborate, misunderstand, avoid, succumb, misapprehend, detail, reject

digestion: (n, v) concoction; (n) assimilation, chemical change, coction, biological process, chemical process, digestion; (v) classification, analysis, clustering; (adj) digestive

dilemma: (n) corner, problem, predicament, jam, fix, mess, difficulty, crisis, plight, doubt; (adj, n) embarrassment. ANTONYMS: (n) explanation, solution, resolution, ease

diminishing: (adj) abating, declining, dwindling, lessening, waning; (n) decrease, shrinking, reducing, reduction; (adv) diminishingly; (v) diminish. ANTONYMS: (adj) increasing, growing, burgeoning

dingy: (adj) dark, black, drab, dull, muddy, impure, dim, seedy, dowdy, unclean, grimy. ANTONYMS: (adj) immaculate, spotless, sparkling, bright, neat, brilliant, interesting, smart

dining: (n) feeding, eating; (v) eat

dining-room: (n) canteen, restaurant

direct: (v) aim, address, charge, dictate, head; (n, v) channel, command, control; (adj, adv) straight; (adj, v) level; (adj) immediate. ANTONYMS: (adj) roundabout, circuitous, oblique, sideways, unplanned, devious, dishonest; (v) request, follow, divert, get

direction: (n, v) conduct, charge, management; (n) bearing, guidance, command, course, instruction, rule, control, address

directly: (adj, adv) immediately, forthwith; (adv) instantly, frankly,

bluntly, personally, straightly, straightforwardly, at once, outspokenly, sincerely. ANTONYMS: (adv) obliquely, later, ambiguously, equivocally, subsequently, hesitantly, eventually, distantly, whenever, wrong, untruthfully

disapproval: (n) condemnation, disapprobation, censure, blame, criticism, dislike, disfavor, dissent, objection, dispraise, denunciation.

ANTONYMS: (n) blessing, commendation, favor, respect, pleasure, acceptance, praise, admiration, enthusiasm

disastrous: (adj) destructive, calamitous, fateful, dire, deplorable, unfortunate, terrible, sinister, sad, unlucky; (adj, v) ruinous.

ANTONYMS: (adj) successful, lucky, miraculous, wondrous, fortuitous, joyous, wonderful

disconcerted: (adj) confused, confounded, bewildered, blank, embarrassed, disturbed, troubled, worried, ashamed, discombobulated, bemused.

ANTONYMS: (adj) composed, soothed, unabashed, relaxed

discourtesy: (n) indignity, rudeness, incivility, affront, contempt, contumely, insult, abruptness, brusqueness, impudence, bad manners. ANTONYMS: (n) politeness, civility

discover: (v) discern, disclose, ascertain, find, perceive, catch, expose, hear, determine, sense, detect. ANTONYMS: (v) overlook, ignore, disregard, confuse, conceal, lose

discovered: (adj) revealed, disclosed, exposed, naked, detected, determined, observed, open, unconcealed, bare. ANTONYM: (adj) concealed

discovery: (n) detection, disclosure, breakthrough, finding, revelation, catching, revealing, invention, find, development, exploration

discreet: (adj) circumspect, prudent, careful, cautious, chary, discerning, tactful, diplomatic, sensible, politic; (adj, v) wise. ANTONYMS: (adj) elaborate, tactless, careless, indiscreet, reckless, bold, incautious, thoughtless, insensitive, loud, obvious

discretion: (n) circumspection, prudence, delicacy, diplomacy, calculation, free will, discernment,

- discreetness, tact, confidentiality, choice. ANTONYMS: (n) tactlessness, rashness, indiscretion, foolishness, vulgarity, openness, clumsiness
- disgusting:** (adj) abominable, loathsome, odious, nasty, execrable, distasteful, disgusting, offensive, foul, disagreeable, obscene. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, appealing, delightful, tasty, pleasing, edible, charming, appetizing, laudable, lovable, nice
- disinclined:** (adj) reluctant, loath, averse, indisposed, loth, backward, not content, opposed, dubious, afraid, not in the vein. ANTONYMS: (adj) tending, willing, leaning, eager, bent, keen, disposed
- dismissal:** (n) conge, denial, expulsion, dismissal, release, removal, deposition, acquittal, rejection, sacking, dissolution. ANTONYMS: (n) recruitment, employment, appointment
- dismissed:** (adj) discharged, unemployed, clear, convalescent
- disorder:** (n, v) ailment, disarray, disease, jumble, muddle; (n) clutter, disturbance, disarrangement; (v) derange, confuse, perturb. ANTONYMS: (n, v) order; (n) orderliness, calm, peace, tranquility, health; (v) organize, align, arrange, systematize, neat
- dispense:** (v) allot, deal, administer, assign, deal out, apportion, dole out, give, issue, diffuse, furnish. ANTONYMS: (v) prohibit, receive, withhold
- disposal:** (n) administration, organization, distribution, sale, classification, alienation, giving, order, direction, adjustment, dispensation. ANTONYMS: (n) cumulation, collection, acquisition, acquirement, accumulation
- disposition:** (n) attitude, character, disposal, tendency, predisposition, inclination, propensity, bias, arrangement, direction, aptitude
- dispute:** (adj, n, v) quarrel, debate, question; (n) conflict, difference; (n, v) argue, wrangle, row, fight, squabble; (v) discuss. ANTONYMS: (n) agreement, understanding, accord, concord; (v) surrender, concede, concur, confess, support, accept
- disregard:** (n, v) disdain, slight, scorn; (n) carelessness, contempt; (v) discount, defy, despise, cut, flout; (adj, v) overlook. ANTONYMS: (v) notice, heed, value, obey, accept, consider; (n) respect, thoughtfulness, consideration, attention; (n, v) regard
- dissolved:** (adj) adulterate, gone, liquified, broken
- distantly:** (adv) reservedly, aloofly, coldly, formally, coolly, frigidly, standoffishly, farly, removedly, vaguely, detachedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) intimately, passionately, clearly, warmly, nearby, alertly
- distinction:** (n) discrimination, contrast, difference, rank, dissimilarity, demarcation, prestige, celebrity, reputation, consequence, variation. ANTONYMS: (n) mediocrity, resemblance, likeness, indistinction, insult, disgrace, commonness, obscurity
- distinguished:** (adj) dignified, celebrated, illustrious, renowned, conspicuous, important, reputable, great, noble, high, well-known. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, insignificant, undignified, Standard, pedestrian, low, common, coarse, base, undistinguished, modest
- disturbed:** (adj, v) concerned; (adj) anxious, disquieted, upset, confused, worried, restless, disordered, unsettled, distressed, turbulent. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, relaxed, calm, sane, unaffected, unbroken, peaceful, stable, carefree, unconcerned, untroubled
- divert:** (adj, v) distract; (v) entertain, avert, delight, deflect, deviate, beguile, depart, disport, digress, sidetrack. ANTONYMS: (v) bore, irritate, maintain, set, upset, stay, displease, sadden
- doctor:** (v) cure, mend, repair, remedy, attend, adulterate, fix, heal; (n) doc, Dr; (adj) doctorly. ANTONYMS: (v) purify, clean, distill, harm, hurt, injure, wound
- doctrine:** (n) creed, philosophy, belief, dogma, credo, conviction, lesson, canon, faith, gospel, school
- document:** (n) charter, deed, credential, credentials, text, papers, writing; (v) list, report, file, prove
- dogs:** (n) foxes, Canidae, Carnivora, cats, family Canidae, forceps, order Carnivora, bears; (adj) dogging
- doing:** (n) act, do, deed, making, performance, execution, perpetration, acting; (v) to make, to do; (adj) current. ANTONYM: (n) failure
- done:** (adj, adv) finished, ended; (adj) complete, completed, over, made, gone, accomplished, concluded, through, cooked. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsettled, disapproved, incomplete, rare, raw, rejected, uncooked, undone, unfulfilled, unsanctioned
- don't:** (adv) not; (n) taboo, prohibition
- door:** (n) threshold, mouth, entrance, doorway, entry, opening, access, entryway, way out, portal, hatch. ANTONYM: (n) entrance
- doorway:** (n) door, entrance, entry, passage, entryway, way in, access, driveway, gate, gateway, lobby
- doubt:** (n, v) suspicion, question, query, dispute; (n) disbelief, misgiving, incertitude, apprehension, uncertainty; (adj, n) skepticism; (v) suspect. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, confidence, conclusiveness, belief, certitude, faith, approval; (v) accept, believe, consider, swallow
- doubtful:** (adj) dubious, debatable, distrustful, questionable, queer, suspicious, tentative, disputable, diffident, unsettled, unsure. ANTONYMS: (adj) trusting, convinced, reliable, confident, persuaded, provable, sure, hopeful, promising, likely, indubitable
- doubts:** (adj) doubting
- downright:** (adj, n) absolute; (adj, v) sheer, clear; (adj) dead, blunt, candid, plain; (adv) absolutely, thoroughly, wholly, decidedly. ANTONYMS: (adj) semi, limited, incomplete, questionable, slight; (adv) hardly
- dozen:** (adj, n) XII; (n) dozens, boxcars
- dragged:** (adj) depressed, dejected, upset, unhappy, spent, dispirited, somber, melancholy, gloomy, joyless, low
- drainage:** (n) drain, highway drainage, voidance, emptying, drainpipe, sewerage, evacuation, clearing; (adj) draining, dephlegmation, arefaction
- draining:** (n) drainage, emptying, refinement; (adj) wearing, ruinous, tiresome, fatiguing, irksome, tiring, strenuous; (v) consume. ANTONYM: (adj) undemanding
- draughty:** (adj) leaky
- draw:** (n, v) drag, pull, delineate, tie, design, puff; (v) depict, describe, derive, bring; (n) attraction.

- ANTONYMS: (v) repel, deposit, shove, shorten, thrust, cut, curtain, contract, alienate; (n) repulsion, win
- drawn:** (adj) careworn, worn, drew, pinched, gaunt, taut, tired, cadaverous, thin, tense, withdraw. ANTONYMS: (adj) rested, robust, refreshed, hale, fresh, vigorous, carefree
- dreadful:** (adj) bad, awful, alarming, atrocious, fearful, terrible, abominable, appalling, direful, grisly; (adj, v) dread. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, great, lovely, fantastic, marvelous, admirable, successful, nice, joyous, honorable, fair
- dreadfully:** (adj, adv) frightfully, shockingly; (adv) fearfully, appallingly, hideously, horrendously, horribly, atrociously, ghastly, tremendously, horridly. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, wonderfully, happily, hardly, superbly, well
- dressed:** (adj) attired, clad, garbed, appareled, spruced up, spiffed up, covered, polished, garmented; (v) clothed, habited
- dressng:** (n) bandage, stuffing, fertilization, binding, bandaging, scolding, fertilizer, manure, compress, preparation, farce
- drink:** (n, v) beverage, draught, swallow; (n) alcohol, brew, potion, intoxicant; (v) booze, carouse, bib, swig. ANTONYMS: (v) regurgitate, sip, abstain
- drinking:** (n) consumption, ingestion, intake, potation, drunkenness, crapulence, boozing, drinkable, uptake, intemperateness, booze
- drinks:** (n) refreshments, food and drink
- drive:** (n, v) ride, push, force, crusade, urge, thrust, campaign, cause; (v) compel, chase, actuate. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, inertia, lethargy, walk, indifference; (v) discourage, repress, stop, prevent, inhibit, dissuade
- driving:** (adj) energetic, impulsive, enterprising, pushing, vigorous; (n) drive, travel, drove, direction, motoring, push. ANTONYMS: (adj) lethargic, weak, light
- drove:** (adj, n) flock, swarm, shoal; (n) horde, crowd, covey, mob, throng, multitude; (adj) bevy, driven
- drum:** (adj, n) barrel; (n) cask, tympan, cylinder, timbrel, tambour, tambourine; (v) beat, roll, bone up, ram
- drunk:** (adj) tipsy, wet, tight, blotto, drunken, inebriated; (adj, n) inebriate; (n) boozier, dipsomaniac, drunkard, drinker. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, clearheaded; (n) teetotaler
- drunken:** (adj) boozy, sottish, intoxicated, tipsy, tight, bibulous, groggy, intemperate, blotto, canned, pissed
- duck:** (adj, n, v) plunge; (v) douse, dodge, dive, evade, circumvent, bob, shirk; (adj, n) darling; (adj, v) souse; (n) canvas. ANTONYMS: (v) confront, rise, jump, meet, accept; (n) drake
- duffer:** (n) dunce, lubber, blockhead, stick, bungler, fathead, marplot, fence, fumbler, receiver of stolen goods, dudder
- dupe:** (n, v) fool, con, gull; (v) defraud, bamboozle, beguile, deceive, take in, kid, trick; (n) victim. ANTONYM: (v) enlighten
- duped:** (adj) mistaken
- dust:** (v) sprinkle, clean, spray, wipe, spread; (n) dirt, earth, relics, grit, remains, soil. ANTONYMS: (n) newness; (v) dirty
- duty:** (n) function, commitment, obligation, chore, assignment, office, dues, job, responsibility, must; (n, v) charge. ANTONYMS: (n) disobedience, option
- dyng:** (n) death, demise, decease, mortality; (adj) vanishing, moribund, last, final, ultimate, failing, ebbing. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, well, opening, aborning, developing, flourishing, growing, reviving, rejuvenating; (n) birth
- dynamite:** (n, v) blast, plastic explosive, plastique; (n) explosive, lyddite, danger, gelly; (v) detonate, explode; (adj) capable, great
- each:** (adv) apiece, either, individually; (adj) every, various, singular; (adj, det) any; (n) anyone, an, anybody, everyone
- eager:** (adj) avid, ardent, agog, acute, zealous, enthusiastic, keen, ambitious, industrious, studious; (adj, n) earnest. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, unconcerned, apathetic, disinterested, unwilling, unenthusiastic, lukewarm, patient, reluctant, listless, bored
- early:** (adv) betimes, soon; (adj) initial, primitive, young, prompt, first, quick; (n) beginning, morning, prior. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) late, later; (adj) delayed, slow, tardy, conclusive, latter, middle; (adv) belatedly, tardily, expectedly
- earn:** (v) acquire, deserve, get, attain, win, bring in, bring, achieve, bear, merit, yield. ANTONYMS: (v) spend, cost, scatter
- earnest:** (adj, v) devout; (adj) eager, solemn, heartfelt, diligent, studious, sincere, intense, ardent, staid; (n) guarantee. ANTONYMS: (adj) flippant, halfhearted, uncertain, insincere, unimportant, nonchalant, lethargic, apathetic, unenthusiastic, indifferent, frivolous
- ears:** (n) antenna
- earth:** (n) world, dust, ground, land, lair, dry land, terra firma, clay, creation, ball, country
- earthly:** (adj, n) terrestrial; (adj) carnal, worldly, conceivable, human, geotic, secular, terrene, temporal, telluric, sublunary. ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritual, divine, ethereal, immortal, impossible, improbable, inconceivable, celestial
- easily:** (adv) lightly, smoothly, facily, fluently, readily, plainly, comfortably, uncomplicatedly, calmly, slowly, conveniently. ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, unquestionably, laboriously, difficultly, barely, arduously, affectedly, inconveniently, seriously, formally
- easy:** (adj) convenient, gentle, familiar, graceful, at ease, light, lenient, clear, contented, cozy; (adj, adv) soft. ANTONYMS: (adj) arduous, laborious, demanding, hard, strenuous, particular, burdensome, tough, uneasy, awkward, testing
- eating:** (n) ingestion, intake, feeding, browsing, banqueting, food, lunching, supping, pica, repletion; (v) eat
- eats:** (n) grub, chuck, food, meat, meal, diet, nurture, eat, dinner, board, feed
- eavesdropping:** (n) talk, OUI dire, electronic eavesdropping; (adj) nosy
- economic:** (adj) commercial, profitable, economy, financial, efficient, economical, fiscal, trade, industrial, mercantile, pecuniary
- economical:** (adj) prudent, economic, cheap, inexpensive, provident, sparing, careful, saving, cautious; (adj, n) frugal; (n) economy. ANTONYMS: (adj) expensive, spendthrift, extravagant, wasteful,

costly, lavish, uneconomical, fussy
edge: (n, v) bound, verge, hem, skirt, line; (n) boundary, margin, brink, blade, extremity, limit.

ANTONYMS: (n) center, disadvantage, obstacle, handicap, mainstream, end; (v) interior, dull, blunt, speed

edging: (n) border, edge, brim, brink, lace, trimming, boundary, galloon, hem, list, frame

editing: (n) redaction, edition, copy editing, deletion, cutting, cut, compiling, layout, compilation, edit, electronic editing. ANTONYM: (n) freedom

editor: (n) publisher, redactor, writer, copyreader, copy editor, anthologist, edit, editor in chief, application program, applications programmer, editor program

editorial: (n) column, leader, leading article, comment, commentary, critique, exposition, feature, agony column, piece of writing, newspaper column

educate: (v) instruct, civilize, train, cultivate, coach, bring up, drill, discipline, breed, rear, nurture

education: (n) discipline, instruction, teaching, cultivation, breeding, school, culture, nurture, knowledge, background, learning. ANTONYM: (n) illiteracy

effect: (n, prep) consequence; (v) accomplish, achieve, bring about, create, complete, cause, do; (n) product, sequel; (n, v) result. ANTONYMS: (n) reason, cause; (v) impede, fail

eggs: (n) seed, ball, ballock, roe, bollock

either: (adj) whatever; (adv) too, also, neither, besides, likewise; (n) or; (det) any; (conj) other

elder: (adj) older, big, adult; (n) dean, doyen, patriarch, ancient, boss, elderberry, superior, presbyter. ANTONYMS: (n) youngster, minor, child, inferior; (adj) youngest, younger, little

elected: (adj) adopted, selected, chosen, regenerated, inspired, justified, sanctified, unearthly, select, voted, appointed.

ANTONYM: (adj) autocratic

election: (n) choice, ballot, poll, vote, volition, selection, preference, option, doom, predestination, referendum

element: (n) ingredient, constituent, substance, factor, basis,

fundamental, matter, feature, foundation, chemical element, origin

elementary: (adj) simple, primary, fundamental, primitive, basal, easy, elemental, introductory, essential, main, original. ANTONYMS: (adj) secondary, complex, hard, complicated, difficult, final

elevated: (adj) exalted, towering, noble, lofty, grand, great, majestic, tall, elated, magnanimous; (adj, v) steep. ANTONYMS: (adj) base, lowly, decreased, humble, inferior, lessened, low, sunken, undignified, lowered

else: (adv) besides, yet, to boot, in addition, moreover; (pron) another; (n) or; (adj) different, other, further, additional

elsewhere: (adj, adv) away; (adj) worried, lost in thought, abroad, anxious; (adv) off, elsewhere, thence, somewhere. ANTONYMS: (adj) carefree; (adv) in

emancipated: (adj) free, freed, uncontrolled, released, unbound, open, uninhibited, freer, disentangled, disengaged, boundless

emancipating: (v) emancipate, liberate; (adj) emancipative, freeing

embarrassed: (adj) awkward, abashed, uncomfortable, disconcerted, bashful, sheepish, shy, shamefaced, mortified, discomfited, chagrined. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, unabashed, natural, talkative

embellish: (v) dress, adorn, decorate, deck, beautify, ornament, embroider, trim, bedeck, gild, garnish. ANTONYMS: (v) deface, understate, disfigure, mar, spoil, uglify

emphasis: (n) stress, accentuation, importance, prominence, import, vehemence, weight, intensity, significance, force, power

emphatically: (adv) decidedly, definitely, positively, categorically, flatly, distinctly, absolutely, explicitly, forcefully, firmly, expressly

employ: (v) use, apply, exploit, consume, wield, hire, engage, exercise, work, busy, utilize. ANTONYMS: (v) fire, dismiss, can, ignore, misuse, sack, underuse; (n) unemployment

empty: (adj, v) clear, discharge, destitute, void; (adj) hollow, bare, blank, barren, abandoned; (v)

deplete, pour. ANTONYMS: (adj) crowded, meaningful, packed, occupied, inhabited, swarming, brimming, laden, filled, cultivated; (v) fill

enable: (v) entitle, capacitate, qualify, authorize, license, accredit, permit, let, endow, commission; (adj) able. ANTONYMS: (v) debilitate, disable, hinder, halt, forbid, prevent, stop, block, disallow, debar

endless: (adj) constant, perpetual, interminable, continuous, ceaseless, eternal, uninterrupted, everlasting, incessant, vast, unrelenting. ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, restricted, limited, intermittent, ending, finishing, sporadic, mortal, inconstant, few, slight

enemy: (n) antagonist, opponent, foe, opposition, competitor, enmity, assailant, foeman, hostile, besieger; (adj, n) rival. ANTONYMS: (n) ally, friend, supporter, benefactor, defender, fan

energetic: (adj) animated, brisk, busy, driving, dynamic, powerful, strong, effective, agile, emphatic, forcible. ANTONYMS: (adj) sluggish, lazy, weary, languid, inactive, exhausted, indolent, apathetic, dull, indifferent, listless

engaged: (adj) occupied, betrothed, employed, affianced, engrossed, reserved, absorbed, working, pledged, involved, committed.

ANTONYMS: (adj) free, unengaged, unemployed, uncommitted, unattached, single, detached, idle

engineer: (v) conduct, organize, direct, contrive, plan, construct, finagle; (n) architect, engine driver, technologist; (n, v) mastermind

english: (n) English language, Englishwoman, Britain, Englishman, side, the English, English people; (adj) Anglican; (v) Anglify

enjoy: (v) hold, have, relish, bask, appreciate, own, rejoice, revel, love, experience; (adj, v) like.

ANTONYMS: (v) need, suffer, loathe, lack, hate, detest, despise, want

enjoying: (n) relish, enjoyment; (adj) comfortable, fruitive

enlighten: (v) advise, edify, educate, inform, clarify, apprise, instruct, illuminate, clear, notify; (adj, v) lighten. ANTONYMS: (v) puzzle, obfuscate, mystify, confound, cloud,

brutalize, bewilder, muddle
enlightened: (adj) liberal,

- disillusioned, progressive, cultured, aware, informed, learned, lettered; (adj, v) wise; (n, v) savant; (v) shrewd. ANTONYMS: (adj) puzzled, unenlightened, uninformed, confounded, confused, ignorant, perplexed, wild, reactionary, traditional; (n) uninitiate
- enormous:** (adj) huge, big, colossal, vast, prodigious, excessive, exorbitant, great, large, tremendous, stupendous. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, minute, insignificant, miniature, measly, diminutive, affordable, little, slim, ordinary, minor
- enough:** (adj) ample, adequate, competent, decent; (n) adequacy, sufficiency, fill; (adv) rather, amply, adequately; (adv, n) plenty. ANTONYMS: (adj) insufficient, deficient, wanting, scant; (adv) insufficiently, inadequately; (n) insufficiency, deficiency, inadequacy, shortage
- enquiring:** (v) inquire, enquire; (adv) enquiringly
- entail:** (v) imply, involve, demand, mean, need, induce, evoke, implicate, require, to bar an entail, draw down
- enterprise:** (n) business, company, concern, endeavor, activity, adventure, energy, effort, courage, venture, endeavour. ANTONYMS: (n) lethargy, apathy, laziness, passiveness, sloth, idleness
- entertaining:** (adj) enjoyable, fun, funny, diverting, witty, merry, comical, laughable, convivial, humorous, droll. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, boring, heavy, slow, tiresome, tiring, unentertaining
- enthusiasm:** (adj, n) devotion; (n, v) ardor, zeal; (adj, n, v) passion; (n) ardour, animation, craze, ebullience, gusto, inspiration, interest. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, lethargy, passivity, unwillingness, boredom, unconcern, detachment, gloom, gloominess, patience, reluctance
- enticing:** (adj, v) alluring; (adj) tempting, attractive, beguiling, inviting, seductive, engaging, fetching, appealing, fascinating, enthralling. ANTONYMS: (adj) unappealing, unattractive, revolting
- entire:** (adj, n) absolute, complete; (adj) total, all, integral, whole, utter, perfect, clean, undivided, unbroken.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) incomplete, limited, part, unfinished, narrow, imperfect
- entirely:** (adv) fully, absolutely, utterly, wholly, altogether, all, thoroughly, perfectly, clean, solely; (adj, adv) completely. ANTONYMS: (adv) partially, incompletely, unenthusiastically, hardly, slightly, somewhat
- entitled:** (adj) authorized, qualified, authorised, eligible, competent, accredited, titled, privileged, certified. ANTONYM: (adj) constrained
- entrance:** (v) enchant, charm, captivate, bewitch, enrapture; (n) access, entry, admittance, threshold, arrival, door. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, exit, egress, egression, exiting, exclusion, retirement; (v) bore, repel, repulse
- entrust:** (v) deposit, depute, commission, commend, delegate, surrender, trust, assign, hand over, commit, confide. ANTONYM: (v) retain
- equally:** (adv) evenly, equivalently, levelly, alike, justly, as, parallelly, uniformly, similarly; (adj, adv, conj) as well; (adj) even. ANTONYMS: (adv) unevenly, individually, differently, unfairly
- errant:** (adj) devious, vagabond, erring, erroneous, perverse, fallible, mistaken, migrant, fugitive; (adj, n) notorious; (adv) adrift. ANTONYMS: (adj) reliable, right, pure, inerrant, correct, trustworthy, righteous
- escaped:** (adj) at large, at liberty, loose, on the loose, runaway, easy, wild; (n) freer; (v) escaping
- especially:** (adv) particularly, chiefly, expressly, peculiarly, specifically, above all, exceedingly, principally, exceptionally, extraordinarily, unusually. ANTONYMS: (adv) unexceptionally, customarily, usually, commonly, frequently, generally
- essence:** (n) core, perfume, being, gist, aroma, crux, hypostasis, extract, spirit, substance; (v) stuff. ANTONYMS: (n) body, surface
- essential:** (adj) inherent, crucial, natural, basic, elementary; (adj, v) important, imperative; (adj, n, v) requisite; (adj, n) constituent, fundamental; (n) necessity. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) optional, unimportant, peripheral, luxury;
- (adj) secondary, minor, marginal, unessential, trivial, subordinate; (n) option
- established:** (adj, v) conventional, regular, set, settled; (adj) accepted, firm, fixed, decided, standard, secure, confirmed. ANTONYMS: (adj) debatable, unestablished, unconventional, unusual, unknown, rare, new, innovative, changing, temporary, unorthodox
- establishment:** (n) company, constitution, institution, organization, enactment, settlement, creation, formation, concern, building, foundation. ANTONYMS: (n) elimination, destruction, culmination
- esteem:** (n) deference, admiration; (n, v) respect, value, consideration, account; (v) appreciate, deem, adore, admire, count. ANTONYMS: (v) scorn, hate, disdain, insult, despise, abominate, abhor, dislike, reject; (n) disesteem, disapproval
- esteemed:** (adj) dear, reputable, respected, honorable, noble, honored, prestigious, important, distinguished, August, respect.
- establishment:** (adj) disreputable
- estimable:** (adj) creditable, reputable, valuable, admirable, respectable, computable, honorable, good; (adj, n) worthy, meritorious, deserving. ANTONYMS: (adj) dishonorable, disliked, disregarded, disreputable, disrespected, scorned, contemptible, lamentable, unimpressive
- estimate:** (v) compute, consider, weigh, assess; (n, v) guess, esteem, calculation, gauge, forecast; (n) appraisal, assessment. ANTONYMS: (v) measure, compute
- evening:** (n) even, dusk, dark, eve, twilight, sunset, eventide, nightfall, sundown, night, period. ANTONYMS: (n) daybreak, sunrise, sunup, morning
- events:** (n) athletics, plot, activities, actions
- ever:** (adj, adv) always, continually; (adj) constantly, still, forever; (adv) never, e'er, before, once, perpetually; (n) Evers. ANTONYM: (adv) erratically
- everlasting:** (adj) eternal, ceaseless, endless, constant, continual, perpetual, immortal, deathless, ageless, aeonian; (adj, n) lasting. ANTONYMS: (adj) finite, ephemeral, fleeting, mortal, ending, terminating, inconstant, fragile,

- perishable
every: (adj) each, total, whole, any, thorough; (n) everybody, everyone, everything; (adv) apiece, either; (pron) every one
everybody: (adv) each, any; (n, pron) anyone, anybody; (n) every person, world, everything, horde, throng; (pron) any person, someone. ANTONYMS: (n, pron) nobody
everyday: (adj, v) ordinary, usual; (adj) familiar, customary, routine, accustomed, average, regular, casual, prosaic, commonplace. ANTONYMS: (adj) extraordinary, exquisite, special, rare, exciting, different, exceptional, occasional, uncommon, formal, imaginative
everyone: (n) all, everything, world, public; (n, pron) anyone, anybody; (pron) everybody, someone, a person, any person; (adv) any. ANTONYM: (pron) nobody
everything: (pron) anything, something, whatever thing, no matter which; (n) whole, everyone, all things, everybody, entirety, universe, thing
everywhere: (adv) everywhere, all over, far and wide, overall, somewhere, far and near, about, where; (adv, pron) anywhere; (adv, n) anyplace; (adj) throughout. ANTONYM: (adv) nowhere
evidence: (n) proof, confirmation, data, testimony, sign, attestation, demonstration; (v) demonstrate, certify, attest; (n, v) mark. ANTONYMS: (v) disprove, confute; (n) conviction
evidently: (adv) clearly, patently, plainly, obviously, manifestly, openly, certainly, overtly, markedly, conspicuously, palpably. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, imperceptibly, obscurely, questionably, actually, ambiguously, inconspicuously
evil: (adj) bad, criminal, corrupt, wicked, destructive, depraved; (adj, n) ill, detriment; (n) adversity, disaster, depravity. ANTONYMS: (n) goodness, righteousness, morality; (adj) kindhearted, righteous, benign, moral, pure, upright, virtuous, sinless
exactly: (adv) correctly, punctually, rightly, accurately, strictly, perfectly, definitely, directly, truly, right, absolutely. ANTONYMS: (adv) inaccurately, randomly, figuratively, wrongly, vaguely, roughly,
 inexactly, indirectly, imprecisely, around; (adv, prep) about
exaggerate: (v) boast, aggravate, amplify, dramatize, overdo, overdraw, brag, overstate, magnify, aggrandize, enhance. ANTONYMS: (v) minimize, alleviate, weaken
exaggerated: (adj) extravagant, theatrical, immoderate, inflated, overdone, hyperbolic, magnified, pretentious, overstated, excessive; (adj, v) hypertrophied. ANTONYMS: (adj) restrained, unembellished, minimized
exalted: (adj) elevated, eminent, noble, high, August, elated, dignified, great, sublime, grand, big. ANTONYMS: (adj) belittled, condemned, criticized, debased, humble, humiliated, low, lowly, minor, ridiculed, base
examine: (v) assay, audit, overhaul, try, consider, control, check, search, survey, ask, ascertain. ANTONYMS: (v) reply, skim, glance
excellent: (adj, n) estimable, worthy, capital; (adj) superior, admirable, beautiful, distinctive, superb, great, good, splendid. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, abysmal, awful, mediocre, terrible, imperfect, inadequate, middling, shoddy, bad, used
except: (adj, conj, prep) save; (v) exclude, demur, omit, elide; (adv, conj, prep) but; (adv, prep) besides; (prep) excepting, excluding, aside from; (conj, n) without. ANTONYMS: (prep) including; (v) receive, admit
exception: (n) objection, exemption, anomaly, immunity, privilege, repudiation, release, condition, salvo, animadversion; (adj, n) peculiarity. ANTONYM: (n) liability
exceptional: (adj) abnormal, excellent, particular, prodigious, extraordinary, uncommon, singular, unusual, outstanding, unique, superior. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, ordinary, average, normal, usual, poor, abysmal, inferior, unexceptional, regular, everyday
exceptionally: (adv) remarkably, rarely, extraordinarily, unusually, particularly, exceedingly, extremely, greatly, singularly, especially, oddly. ANTONYMS: (adv) abysmally, frequently, usually, unexceptionally, slightly, badly, unremarkably, somewhat, poorly, hardly, moderately
exchange: (n, v) barter, interchange, swap, counterchange, switch, substitute; (n) commutation; (v) commute, alternate, alter, convert. ANTONYMS: (n) holding, keeping; (v) keep
excited: (adj, v) animated, ardent; (adj) ablaze, enthusiastic, emotional, frantic, warm, heated, delirious, fervent, passionate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cool, unexcited, bored, tranquil, easygoing, disappointed, despairing, comatose, apathetic, sedate, composed
excitement: (n) commotion, emotion, animation, agitation, disturbance, elation, enthusiasm, eagerness, taking, excitation, tumult. ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, boredom, tediousness, desolation, apathy, bore, dormancy, indifference, somnolence, despondency, lifelessness
exclamation: (n) clamor, ejaculation, exclaiming, utterance, whoop, interjection, shout, expletive, deuce, Dickens, ecphonesis
excuse: (n, v) pardon, palliate; (v) absolve, exculpate, condone, acquit, justify, forgive; (n) alibi, pretext, evasion. ANTONYMS: (v) blame, accuse, chide, discipline, include, reprimand, castigate; (n) accusation
excused: (adj) privileged, immune
exercise: (n, v) employ, practice, use, discipline; (v) apply, train, exert; (n) employment, application, play, movement. ANTONYMS: (n) avoid, idleness, inactiveness, inactivity, work; (v) ignore, neglect, overlook, perform, conserve
exercises: (n) military exercises, athletics
exile: (n, v) expatriate; (v) banish, deport, drive out, expel, proscribe; (n) expulsion, deportation, refugee, deportee, outcast. ANTONYMS: (v) restore, welcome, appoint
existence: (n) being, entity, life, subsistence, living, essence, lifetime, aliveness, actuality, occurrence, availability. ANTONYMS: (n) nonbeing, nonexistence, absence, extinction
exit: (n) departure, door, egress, outlet, going, gate, way out; (v) leave, go, go out, die. ANTONYMS: (n) arrival, entry, entrance, greeting; (v) arrive, come
exorbitant: (adj) unreasonable, immoderate, steep, unconscionable, inordinate, extravagant, outrageous, enormous, extortionate, extreme,

- high. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, inexpensive, moderate, modest, sensible, fair
- expect:** (v) assume, anticipate, demand, understand, hope, think, suppose, calculate, await, abide, conceive. ANTONYMS: (v) fear, despair
- expectations:** (n) outlook, expectation, expectancy, potential
- expected:** (adj) likely, expect, predictable, prospective, anticipated, usual, conventional, intended, due, assumed, hoped-for. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, surprising, unconventional, unexpected, unlikely, exceptional
- expecting:** (adj) pregnant, confident, with child, heavy, hopeful; (n) family way
- expediency:** (n) utility, convenience, advantage, fitness, advisability, pertinence, expedient, benefit, effectiveness, value, pertinency. ANTONYMS: (n) impracticality, inconvenience, inexpedience, unsuitability, uselessness
- expenditure:** (n) disbursement, charge, outlay, expense, consumption, outgo, exhaustion, expenses, price, use, payment. ANTONYMS: (n) income, savings, profits, receivable, conservation
- expense:** (n) disbursement, expenditure, price, outlay, amount, toll, fee, payment, costs; (n, v) charge, detriment. ANTONYM: (n) income
- expenses:** (n) expenditure, expense, charge, costs, fee, spending, disbursement, overheads, payment, outlay, upkeep
- experience:** (v) endure, suffer, examine, meet, live, know, receive; (adj, v) see; (n) event, episode, happening. ANTONYMS: (n) inexperience, greenness, naivete, inability, ignorance
- experienced:** (adj) educated, capable, expert, trained, competent, skillful, sophisticated, knowledgeable, proficient, practiced, old. ANTONYMS: (adj) naive, immature, unsophisticated, unseasoned, unknowledgeable, ignorant, green, untrained, inept, unqualified, coarse
- experiment:** (n, v) attempt, try, taste, venture; (n) essay, trial, tentative, examination, probation, experience; (v) examine
- explain:** (v) comment, interpret, account, define, decipher, clarify, solve, gloss, excuse, expound, explicate. ANTONYMS: (v) complicate, perplex, obfuscate, puzzle, outline
- explanation:** (n) annotation, commentary, definition, description, exposition, solution, justification, interpretation, gloss, excuse, key. ANTONYMS: (n) mystery, cloudiness, confusion, problem
- expose:** (v) endanger, exhibit, betray, detect, display, air, uncover, debunk, denude, unfold, divulge. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, cover, enclose, suppress, shield, shelter, insulate, hide, guard, drape
- express:** (adj) explicit, direct, definite, distinct, especial; (n, v) declare; (v) demonstrate, convey, articulate, display, mean. ANTONYMS: (v) suppress, hide, retain; (adj) vague, slow, unexpressed, roundabout, unsaid, uncertain, indirect; (n) local
- expression:** (n) phrase, voice, aspect, appearance, demonstration, declaration, manifestation, articulation, express, face, style. ANTONYMS: (n) hint, suggestion, smile, insinuation, concealment, misconstruction
- expressions:** (n) vocabulary, terms, language
- extend:** (v) enlarge, broaden, widen, dilate, amplify, augment, go, continue, spread, draw out; (adj, v) stretch. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, shorten, narrow, shrink, limit, contract, curtail, hold, reduce, abridge, keep
- extensive:** (adj) comprehensive, broad, extended, commodious, ample, considerable, major, copious, large, wide, capacious. ANTONYMS: (adj) restricted, small, partial, short, minor, limited, conservative, slight, sketchy, uncomprehensive, cramped
- extent:** (n) extension, amplitude, bulk, amount, ambit, compass, boundary, scope; (n, v) area, expanse; (adj, n) distance. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, mildness, scarcity
- exterminated:** (adj) broken, extinct, destroyed completely, lost, wiped out, annihilated
- externally:** (adv) superficially, exteriorly, outsiders, outerly, without, foreignly, extrinsically, surfacely, extraneously, peripherally, outlyingly. ANTONYM: (adv) internally
- extinction:** (n) destruction, extermination, end, expiration, obliteration, expiry, dissolution, devastation, demise, effacement; (n, v) cessation. ANTONYMS: (n) preservation, protection
- extraordinarily:** (adv) singularly, rarely, unusually, exceptionally, extremely, peculiarly, remarkably, phenomenally, uncommonly, exceedingly, especially.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) slightly, unremarkably, ordinarily
- extraordinary:** (adj) odd, exceptional, curious, rare, special, phenomenal, amazing, astonishing, unusual, strange, abnormal. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, everyday, usual, common, mundane, regular, undistinguished, unremarkable, insignificant, natural
- extravagance:** (n) dissipation, luxury, excess, profligacy, lavishness, squandering, recklessness, waste, prodigality, magnificence, immoderateness. ANTONYMS: (n) economy, frugality, parsimony, prudence, paucity, moderation, austerity, necessity, bareness
- extremely:** (adv) enormously, excessively, greatly, extraordinarily, utterly, severely, hugely, intensely, desperately; (adj, adv) highly, very.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) quite, fairly, slightly, moderately, unremarkably, sensibly, hardly, somewhat, commonly, reasonably, insufficiently
- eyes:** (n) sight, eye, vision, view, baby blues, guard, propensity, eyeen
- fabric:** (n) composition, cloth, construction, material, framework, fiber, performance, anatomy; (n, v) edifice, building, structure
- face:** (adj, n, v) front; (v) confront, audacity; (n, v) look, aspect, top; (n) side, expression, countenance, exterior, facade. ANTONYMS: (n, v) back; (n) timidity, nobody, underside, shyness, rear; (v) evade, elude, hide, withdraw, submit
- fact:** (n) event, detail, truth, particular, reality, point, thing, occurrence, experience, actuality; (n, v) deed. ANTONYMS: (n) guesswork, fallacy, conjecture, report, falsehood, fiction, concept, fabrication, fantasy, illusion, lie
- facts:** (n) reality, details, proof, grounds, premises, praecognita, truth, testimony, particulars, physical constraints, reasonableness

faculties: (n) mother wit

fail: (adj, v) fade, decline, cease; (v) abort, die, break, bust, want, disappoint, deteriorate, default. ANTONYMS: (v) succeed, triumph, win, thrive, procure, accomplish, achieve, attain, boom, complete, continue

failed: (adj) unsuccessful, failing, abortive, bankrupt, fruitless, futile, declining, deteriorating, ineffective, insolvent

failing: (adj, n) deficiency, blemish, imperfection; (n) fault, shortcoming, failure, weakness, flaw, inadequacy, foible; (adj) declining. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, flourishing, well, strong, growing, healthy; (n) strength, virtue, specialty, capability, passing

fair: (adj) clear, beautiful, sweet, reasonable, dispassionate, average, fine, impartial; (adj, v) bright; (adj, adv) clean; (n) blonde.

ANTONYMS: (adj) biased, unjust, exceptional, dark, partial, mismatched, unwarranted, foul, imbalanced, prejudiced, poor

fairly: (adj, adv) justly; (adv) moderately, honestly, completely, purely, impartially, somewhat, righteously, lightly, rightly, squarely. ANTONYMS: (adv) unjustly, extremely, subjectively, very, dishonestly, unreasonably, completely, entirely, unlawfully, excessively, wholly

fair-minded: (adj) even-handed, just, impartial, neutral, sane

faithfully: (adv) exactly, accurately, sincerely, staunchly, precisely, truly, authentically, dutifully, literally, steadfastly, truly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unfaithfully, approximately, falsely, insincerely, carelessly, inaccurately

fall: (n, v) decline, dip, rain, decrease, plunge, dive; (n) downfall, descent, autumn; (v) descend, sink.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) increase, win, climb, triumph; (n) ascent, improvement, rising; (v) ascend, advance, conquer, elevate

falling: (n) descent, fall, downfall, degradation, depreciation; (adj) descending, decreasing, declining, tumbling, ebb, down. ANTONYMS: (adj) standing, increasing, burgeoning

falls: (n) cataract, waterfall, chute, angel, torrent, Victoria, twin, force, body of water, Guaira, Niagara

false: (adj, n) bastard; (adj, adv) counterfeit, deceitful; (adj) untrue, dishonest, erroneous, sham, assumed, artificial, fictitious, deceptive. ANTONYMS: (adj) real, genuine, faithful, factual, correct, natural, truthful, honest, valid, just, loyal

falsehood: (n) fable, fabrication, deception, untruth, lie, fib, fiction, invention, dishonesty; (adj, n) deceit, falsity. ANTONYMS: (n) fact, honesty, reality

families: (n) family

family: (adj, n) household, descent, home; (n) name, genus, house, people, breed, brood, kin, lineage

fancy: (n, v) desire, fantasy, caprice, dream, wish, daydream; (v) imagine, consider; (adj, v) conceive; (n) conception, conceit.

ANTONYMS: (n) reality, certainty, actuality, conviction; (adj) unadorned, common; (v) hate, demonstrate, detest, disapprove, test

fare: (n, v) do; (n) food, aliment, board, table, charge, chow, menu, traveller; (v) come, eat. ANTONYM: (v) stop

farther: (adj, adv, prep) beyond; (adj) additional, more, distant; (adv) furthermore, besides, abroad, in addition, too; (adj, prep) outside; (pron) another. ANTONYMS: (prep) within; (adv) nearer, closer

fatal: (adj) deadly, pestilent, lethal, disastrous, destructive, dangerous, deathly, fateful, murderous, critical; (adj, v) mortal. ANTONYMS: (adj) harmless, nourishing, healthful, benign, uncritical, mild

fate: (n, v) doom; (n) chance, luck, fatality, fortune, kismet, allotment, portion, lot; (v) destiny, designate. ANTONYMS: (n) will, design, choice, accident, chance

father: (n) dad, begetter, creator, abba, patriarch, beginner, founder, padre; (n, v) sire; (v) engender, generate. ANTONYMS: (n) disciple, follower

fault: (adj, n, v) deficiency; (n) error, blot, delinquency, flaw, break, blunder; (adj, n) failing, blemish; (n, v) blame, crime. ANTONYMS: (n) strength, virtue, capability, innocence, perfection, credit, ease; (v) praise, absolve

favour: (n) relief, goodness, assistance, office, favoritism, benignity; (v) choose, prefer, privilege, facilitate, approve

favourable: (adj) convenient, encouraging, good, auspicious, useful, benevolent, favorable, profitable, conducive, opportune, prosperous

fear: (n) awe, dismay, alarm, fright, consternation, care, anguish; (n, v) apprehension, doubt, concern, reverence. ANTONYMS: (n) fearlessness, reassurance, confidence, courage, valor, calm, boldness, security, equanimity, peace; (v) brave

fearlessly: (adj, adv) daringly, boldly, heroically, courageously, valiantly; (adv) dauntlessly, bravely, gallantly, undauntedly, audaciously, unflinchingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) nervously, cautiously, timidly

feel: (v) experience, finger, handle, consider, find; (n, v) sense, sound; (n) feeling, texture, atmosphere, air.

ANTONYMS: (v) observe, doubt, question, mistrust, ignore, disregard, disbelieve, challenge

feeling: (n) affection, feel, emotion, sensitivity, mood, hunch, opinion, belief, impression, atmosphere; (adj, n) sentiment. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, overtone, insensibility, certainty, insensitivity, hatred, trust;

(adj) unfeeling

feelings: (n) emotions, opinion, bosom, emotion, thought, reputation, honor, feeling, sentiments, thoughts, manner

feet: (v) legs, pegs, pins, trotters; (n) foos, ft, fete, meter, rescue

fellow: (adj, n) comrade, associate; (n) boy, equal, brother, peer, chap, colleague, compeer, buddy; (adj, n, v) concomitant. ANTONYMS: (n) female, woman, girl, foe, enemy, antagonist, competitor

fellows: (n) fellow, membership, faculty

felt: (v) mat, tangle, snarl, braid, entangle, lace, perceive; (adj) sensed, perceived, conscious, sensible

fermenting: (n) ferment, zymosis, brewing, zymolysis, vinification, chemical process, chemical change, chemical action, agitation; (adj) fermentative, aging

fervor: (adj, n) devotion, passion; (n) enthusiasm, zeal, eagerness, fervency, energy, warmth, earnestness, fervidness, ardour.

ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, apathy, impassiveness, aloofness, coolness, dejection, doubt

fetch: (v) carry, bring, bring in,

- convey, draw, elicit, deliver, catch, get, attract; (adj, n) feint
- field:** (n) area, battlefield, ground, place, domain, discipline, range, realm, battleground, section, compass
- fight:** (n, v) battle, dispute, contest, quarrel, engagement, feud, squabble, argue, struggle, clash; (adj, n, v) brawl. ANTONYMS: (n, v) withdrawal, retreat; (n) fear, surrender, agreement; (v) compromise, favor, submit
- fighting:** (adj) belligerent, militant; (n) fight, contest, combat, action, affray, strife, engagement, war; (n, v) conflict. ANTONYMS: (adj) peaceful, meek; (n) calm, withdrawal, retreat, friendliness, agreement, peace, surrender
- figure:** (n, v) form, design, cast, estimate, shape, image; (v) count, cipher; (adj, n) appearance; (n) character, cost. ANTONYM: (v) estimate
- filled:** (adj) replete, packed, fraught, teeming, laden, abundant, congested, charged, stuffed; (adj, adv) crowded; (n) fuller.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) lacking, clear
- filth:** (n) grime, garbage, foulness, impurity, soil, blot, stain, nastiness, squalor, uncleanness; (adj) impure. ANTONYMS: (n) cleanliness, luxury, loveliness
- filthy:** (adj) unclean, dingy, nasty, foul, disgusting, squalid, bawdy, muddy, grimy, grubby, vile. ANTONYMS: (adj) decent, pleasant, attractive
- financial:** (adj) monetary, financials, economic, pecuniary, commercial, crumena, business, numismatical, sumptuary, money
- find:** (v) catch, detect, encounter, come across, feel, attain, ascertain; (n) detection, disclosure, search, discovery. ANTONYMS: (v) misplace, search, fail; (n) loss
- fine:** (adj) delicate, dainty, agreeable, nice, thin, elegant, capital, excellent, brave; (n) penalty; (v) punish. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, thick, wide, coarse, unsatisfactory, substantial, wretched, unpleasant, unimpressive, dark, cloudy
- finesse:** (n) artifice, diplomacy, delicacy, refinement, dexterity, daintiness, ability, skill; (n, v) maneuver; (adj) intrigue; (v) circumvent. ANTONYMS: (n) ignorance, tactlessness, coarseness
- finest:** (adj, n) elite; (adj) top, select, excellent, most favorable, most excellent, most advantageous, exclusive, classic, best possible; (n) cream
- finished:** (adj, adv) ended, completed; (adj) complete, consummate, absolute, accomplished, ruined, spent, ripe, polished; (adj, v) done. ANTONYMS: (adj) incomplete, remaining, rough, leftover, uncultured
- five:** (n) fives, quintuplet, quint, Phoebe, basketball team, fin, squad, ace, digit; (adj, n) v; (adj) quinary
- fjord:** (n) inlet, cove, bay, channel, creek, strait
- flash:** (n, v) flicker, blaze, shimmer, glitter, gleam, glimmer, blink, flame; (adj, n, v) twinkle; (n) instant; (v) coruscate. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful; (n) age; (v) dawdle
- flay:** (v) excoriate, peel, skin, decorticate, pare, lash, flog, castigate, scalp, shell, batter
- flock:** (n, v) crowd, cluster, pack, mass; (adj, n) bevy; (adj, n, v) swarm; (n) band, horde, congregation, herd; (v) assemble. ANTONYM: (v) disperse
- floor:** (n, v) level; (n) layer, earth, base, bottom, soil, platform; (v) stun, dump, deck; (adj, v) prostrate. ANTONYMS: (v) clarify; (n) ceiling
- flooding:** (adj) awkward, maladroitness, purposeless
- flourishing:** (adj) thriving, palmy, healthy, successful, luxuriant, booming, verdant, lush, auspicious, favorable, rich. ANTONYMS: (adj) arid, declining, fading, poor, unhealthy
- flowing:** (adj) fluent, running, graceful, smooth, fluid, soft, liquid; (n) current, flux, flow; (adj, v) loose. ANTONYMS: (adj) secure, ugly, still, stilted, jerky, harsh, halting
- flying:** (adj) fast, quick, rapid, swift, moving, flaring, aflame; (n) fly, flight, aviation, ballooning
- focus:** (n, v) center, target; (v) concentrate, converge, focalize, aim, centre; (n) focal point, core, nidus, centering. ANTONYMS: (v) blur, wander, broaden; (n) haziness, periphery, distraction, edge
- folk:** (n) family, common people, nationality, nation, country, clan, tribe, race, persons, man; (adj) popular
- folks:** (n) people, folk, tribe, relations, household, house, relatives, relative, kindred, lineage, kin
- follow:** (v) chase, adopt, adhere, succeed, accompany, abide by, comprehend, ensue, track; (adj, v) catch, grasp. ANTONYMS: (v) guide, lead, head, disobey, deny, ignore, misunderstand, predate, exceed, defy, break
- food:** (n, v) fare; (n) edible, board, nourishment, diet, sustenance, aliment, dish, foodstuff, meat, nurture
- fool:** (n) blockhead, dunce, clown, idiot, ass, booby, buffoon; (v) deceive, bamboozle; (n, v) joke, gull. ANTONYM: (n) savant
- foot:** (n) base, feet, foundation, footing, pes, paw, basis, leg, measure; (v) hoof, pay. ANTONYMS: (v) owe; (n) head
- foraging:** (n) eatage
- forbid:** (v) prohibit, ban, disallow, bar, obstruct, exclude, deny, avert, frustrate, to prohibit, enjoin. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, let, approve, authorize, stand
- forbidding:** (adj) grim, ominous, dismal, dour, austere, abominable, ugly, hard, repulsive, redoubtable; (n) banning. ANTONYMS: (adj) alluring, inviting, pleasant, hospitable, friendly, favorable, comforting
- force:** (n, v) drive, squeeze, pressure, thrust; (n) energy, strength, agency; (v) coerce, push, press, compel. ANTONYMS: (n) persuasion, ineffectiveness, inertia, apathy, moderation; (v) request, wheedle, pull, push, restrain, prevent
- forced:** (adj) compelled, bound, constrained, artificial, involuntary, unnatural, forcible, farfetched, strained, obligatory, labored. ANTONYMS: (adj) unprovoked, spontaneous, voluntary, natural, genuine, willing, optional
- forces:** (n) troop, army, troops, rank and file, services, war, Armed Services, enmity
- forefathers:** (n) patriarchs, forefather, ancestor, colony, lineage, family
- foreground:** (n) front, scene, panorama, window, vista; (v) bring out, emphasize, highlight, cozy up, cotton up, accentuate. ANTONYM: (v) background
- foremost:** (adj, adv, v) first; (adj, n) chief, capital, leading, cardinal, principal, main; (adj) best, front, central, top. ANTONYMS: (adj) last,

- insignificant, inferior, worst, secondary
- forest:** (v) afforest, reforest; (n) woodland, jungle, wood, timberland, woods, grove, greenwood, bush, coppice
- forget:** (v) leave, miss, blank out, bury, to forget, overlook, neglect, ignore, fail, unlearn, abandon. ANTONYMS: (v) mind, attend
- forgive:** (v) absolve, excuse, acquit, remit, pardon, justify, to forgive, exonerate, overlook, clear, to excuse. ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, punish, castigate
- forgiving:** (adj) compassionate, lenient, tolerant, charitable, remissive, humane, kind, magnanimous, generous, merciful, mild. ANTONYMS: (adj) unforgiving, hardhearted, impatient, strict
- forgotten:** (adj) lost, disregarded, elapsed, past, abandoned, gone, Gone With the Wind, irrecoverable, lapsed, disoriented, no more. ANTONYM: (adj) remembered
- fork:** (n) crotch, bifurcation, turn, branching; (n, v) branch, bend; (v) diverge, split, branch off, separate, divide. ANTONYM: (v) converge
- form:** (n, v) make, fashion, design, build, arrange, shape; (adj, n) figure; (v) establish, constitute, do; (n) ceremony. ANTONYMS: (v) deform, destroy
- formal:** (adj) ceremonious, distant, solemn, courtly, prim, ceremonial, stately, official, elegant, cold, proper. ANTONYMS: (adj) informal, relaxed, unceremonious, unofficial, chatty, cosy, natural, casual, nonformal, friendly, flexible
- forming:** (n) shaping, form, form turning, organization, construction, molding, conformation, synthesis; (v) create, constitute; (adj) constituent
- fortunately:** (adv) happily, prosperously, propitiously, fortuitously, providentially, successfully, auspiciously, opportunely, felicitously, blessedly, advantageously. ANTONYMS: (adv) disastrously, unluckily, inauspiciously, negatively
- fortune:** (n) estate, fate, fluke, destiny, luck, accident, means, assets, riches, abundance, doom. ANTONYM: (n) design
- forward:** (adj, prep) bold; (adj, adv) onward; (adj) audacious; (adj, n, v) promote; (v) expedite, dispatch; (adv) fore, along, ahead; (adv, n, v) further; (adj, adv, n) early. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) backward; (adj) posterior, timid, reverse, abashed, late, formal; (adv) behind, rearward, back, aft
- foul:** (adj, v) nasty, base, corrupt, coarse; (adj) filthy, disgusting, evil, unclean, putrid; (n, v) defile, soil. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) clean, pure; (adj) pleasant, fair, inoffensive, humane, attractive, honest, pleasing, fragrant; (v) unclg
- founded:** (v) erect, build, base, form, construct, constitute, appoint, institute, set up, create, ground. ANTONYMS: (v) abolish, disband; (adj) lost
- founded:** (prep) established, institute; (v) fusil, cast
- four:** (n) quaternary, foursome, tetrad, quaternion, quadruplet, square, quarter, quad, air, age of man; (adj, n) IV
- fowl:** (n) poultry, bird, domestic fowl, chick, cochin, birds, partlet, poult, hen, fowls, rooster
- foxy:** (adj) crafty, cunning, astute, clever, vulpine, russet, slick, tricky, dodgy, wily, sly. ANTONYM: (adj) ingenuous
- frank:** (adj) candid, blunt, sincere, honest, downright, direct, fair, straightforward, plain, open, hearty. ANTONYMS: (adj) guarded, devious, tactful, disingenuous, insincere, hesitant, hypocritical, evasive
- frankly:** (adv) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely
- fraud:** (n, v) deceit; (n) duplicity, counterfeit, fake, dishonesty, deception, sham, falsehood, swindle, trickery, trick. ANTONYMS: (n) fairness, integrity, original, genuine, truthfulness
- free:** (adj, v) exempt, liberate, discharge; (adj, adv, v) loose; (v) excuse, extricate, relieve, disentangle, ease; (adj, n) frank; (adj) liberal. ANTONYMS: (adj) restricted, imprisoned, repressive, secure, strict, stuck, confined, tangled, compelled, dependent; (v) confine
- freedom:** (adj, n) franchise, immunity; (n) deliverance, autonomy, release, discharge, emancipation, escape, liberty, right; (adj) frankness. ANTONYMS: (n) imprisonment, restriction, captivity, suppression, dependence, restraint, capture, chance, conformity, inclusion
- freethinker:** (n) deist, atheist, infidel, skeptic, disbeliever, doubter, pagan, unbeliever, flower child, nonbeliever; (adj) rationalist. ANTONYM: (n) adherent
- frequent:** (adj, v) customary, usual, ordinary, incessant; (adj) everyday, many, familiar, continual, habitual; (v) patronize, haunt. ANTONYMS: (adj) infrequent, occasional, intermittent, spasmodic, unusual, few; (v) shun, boycott, avoid
- fresh:** (adj) clean, bracing, novel, bright, recent, original, airy, bold, pure, green; (adj, v) brisk. ANTONYMS: (adj) stale, decayed, hot, tired, worn, rotten, off, musty, muggy, humid, exhausted
- friend:** (adj, n) associate, comrade, companion, fellow, ally; (n) acquaintance, colleague, boyfriend, crony, brother, mate. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, stranger, rival, nemesis, adversary, antagonist
- friends:** (n) circle, associates, connections, links, support group, acquaintances
- frighten:** (v) cow, alarm, daunt, terrify, appall, scare, affright, intimidate, terrorize, appal; (n, v) fright. ANTONYMS: (v) comfort, reassure, soothe, calm
- frightened:** (adj) fearful, timid, startled, terrified, scared, alarmed, anxious, apprehensive, horrified, intimidated, restless. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, confident, brave, fearless, reassured
- frightfully:** (adv) awfully, ghastly, dreadfully, fearfully, hideously, terribly, gruesomely, terrifically, atrociously, horrendously, awful
- front:** (v) confront, look; (n) countenance, forefront, appearance, facade, forehead, frontage; (adj, n) head; (n, v) disguise; (adj) fore. ANTONYMS: (adj, n, v) back; (adj, n) end; (adj) posterior; (v) follow
- full:** (adj, n) complete, absolute, entire; (adj) abundant, flush, broad, extensive, ample, total, enough; (adj, adv, n) crowded. ANTONYMS: (adj) lacking, starving, hungry, sketchy,

- incomplete, thin, deserted, partial, restricted, weak; (v) wane
- fully:** (adv) thoroughly, entirely, perfectly, totally, absolutely, all, downright, enough, richly; (adv, v) abundantly, adequately.
ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, incompletely, meagerly, partly, poorly, nearly, slightly, insufficiently, hardly; (adj) half, semi
- fume:** (n, v) smoke, reek; (v) chafe, rage, storm, evaporate, fret; (adj, v) seethe, boil; (adj, n) foam; (n) cholera
- furnished:** (adj) fitted, arranged, privileged, fixture, carrying weapons, equipt, enlightened; (v) provide, furnish, begone, beset
- furniture:** (n) fitment, equipment, appliance, fixture, appointments, furnishings, goods, dresser, article of furniture, cabinet; (v) stuff
- further:** (adj, adv) farther, more; (v) advance, encourage, foster, forward; (adj) extra, additional; (n, v) promote; (adv) again, also.
ANTONYMS: (v) impede, thwart, discourage, damage, regress, deteriorate, prevent, hinder; (adj) near
- fury:** (n) anger, exasperation, force, resentment, delirium, furor, frenzy, indignation, craze; (adj, n) wrath, ferocity. ANTONYMS: (n) composure, calmness, mildness, calm, pleasure, serenity
- future:** (adj) unborn, prospective, coming, intended, to come, potential, impending, approaching; (n) hereafter, fate, time to come.
ANTONYMS: (adj) distant, earlier, near, nearby
- gagging:** (n) press straightening
- gaining:** (n) acceptance, acquisition, attainment, capture; (adj) ahead, fortunate. ANTONYM: (n) loss
- gall:** (v) fret, chafe, irritate, irk, provoke; (adj, n, v) anger; (n) bitterness, cheek, audacity, acerbity, acrimony. ANTONYM: (v) please
- game:** (n) fun, amusement, entertainment, play, diversion, prey, quarry; (v) bet, wager, gamble; (adj) fearless. ANTONYMS: (adj) reticent, unwilling; (n) hunter
- gastric:** (adj) stomachic, abdominal, cordial
- gathered:** (adj) deepened, congregated, accumulated, amassed, assembled, concentrated, equanimous, congregate, collective
- gave:** (v) deliver, allow, allot, provide, furnish, impart, administer; (n) gives
- general:** (adj, v) common, frequent; (adj) comprehensive, national, universal, ecumenical, current, commonplace, public; (n) chief, commander. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) particular; (adj) narrow, individual, restricted, specialist, detailed, personal, localized, local, precise, limited
- generalities:** (n) general points, general terms, generalia
- generally:** (adj, adv) usually; (adv) commonly, broadly, regularly, ordinarily, altogether, approximately, generically, normally, comprehensively, popularly. ANTONYMS: (adv) rarely, specifically, locally, occasionally, particularly, unusually
- generations:** (n) generation, family
- generous:** (adj) ample, abundant, copious, benevolent, bountiful, kind, charitable, flush, fair, liberal; (adj, n) free. ANTONYMS: (adj) meager, tightfisted, miserly, measly, mean, small, ungenerous, avaricious, greedy, petty, pitiful
- gentlemen:** (n) sirs, messieurs
- gently:** (adv) tenderly, slowly, mildly, soft, slow, kindly, delicately, softly, lightly, meekly, quietly.
ANTONYMS: (adv) sharply, fiercely, forcefully, harshly, abruptly, violently, severely, roughly, intensely, meanly, heavily
- gentry:** (n) aristocracy, gentility, gentlefolk, nobility, elite, peerage, squirearchy, second estate, society, upper class
- gets:** (n) getting
- getting:** (n) acquiring, reception, acquisition, attainment, contracting, appropriation, taking, reaching; (prep) receiving; (v) acquire, receive. ANTONYM: (n) rejection
- girl:** (n) damsel, gal, lady, young woman, maid, lass, fille, wench, daughter, bride, virgin.
ANTONYMS: (n) son, boy
- give:** (v) extend, commit, donate, endow, contribute, dispense, deliver, convey, grant; (adj, v) bestow, accord. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, take, withhold, retain, receive, keep, get, hide, conceal, starve, withstand
- given:** (adj) apt, disposed, prone, specified, liable, inclined, granted, fixed, conditional; (n) assumption, particular. ANTONYMS: (adj) taken, unwilling
- gives:** (n) give, offer, provide, grant, accord
- glad:** (adj) jubilant, cheerful, gay, blithe, delighted, festive, content, delightful, genial, bright, willing. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, apologetic, dismayed, unwilling, disappointed, sorry
- glance:** (n, v) look, peek, flash, peep; (n) gaze, glimpse, coup d'oeil, gander; (v) bounce, glint, ricochet. ANTONYMS: (n, v) study; (n) examination, perusal; (v) stick, stare
- glass:** (n) bottle, drink, goblet, cup, drinking glass, spectacles, glasses, field glass, bowl; (v) glaze; (adj, n) ice
- glasses:** (n) spectacles, eyeglasses, glass, specs, spectacle, eyeglass, barnacles, lens, pair of glasses, mirror, goggles
- glazier:** (n) glasscutter, glazer, journeyman, puttier, artificer, artisan, craftsman, glass cutter
- gloves:** (n) gauntlet, mitten, mittens, gauntlets, scarf, ornament, handbag, belt, batting glove, boxing glove, baseball mitt
- goats:** (n) suborder Ruminantia, Ruminantia, giraffes, deer, frank Capra, genus Capra, bison, antelopes, family Bovidae, camels, Capra
- going:** (n) exit, leaving, parting, expiration, disappearance, action; (v) go, course, to go; (adj) working, running. ANTONYMS: (n) arrival, Reunion
- gold:** (n) Au, money, riches, wealth, bullion, treasure, yellow, amber; (adj) aureate, gilt, golden
- gone:** (adj, prep) past; (adj) deceased, bygone, departed, desperate, lost, late; (adj, v) exhausted, extinct; (adj, adv) absent, away. ANTONYMS: (adj) present, remaining, found, alive
- goodbye:** (n) farewell, bye, adieu, adios, cheerio, valediction, so long, aloha; (adj, n) parting; (int) ciao, bon voyage. ANTONYMS: (n) hello, Reunion
- good-bye:** (n) bye, farewell, goodbye, goodbye, vale, adios, cheerio
- goodwill:** (n) friendship, friendliness, amity, grace, kindness, benevolence, altruism, readiness, favour, neighborliness, sympathy. ANTONYMS: (n) hostility, malice, opposition, malevolence
- gossiping:** (adj) gabby, garrulous,

scandalous; (n) gossipmongering
govern: (n, v) direct, control, reign, rule; (v) administer, dictate, dominate, manage, check, bridle, regulate. ANTONYM: (v) deregulate
governing: (adj) ruling, leading, chief, ascendant, predominant, prevailing, executive; (v) govern; (n) governance, administration, government. ANTONYM: (adj) minor
government: (n, v) administration, management, conduct; (adj, n) authority, control, empire, rule; (n) command, dominion, governance, cabinet
gown: (n) robe, clothing, cassock, vestment, wrapper, overclothes, outerwear, uniform, tunic, clothes; (v) clothe
gracious: (adj) genial, benign, good, courteous, compassionate, kind, accommodating, civil; (adj, n) benevolent, congenial, gentle. ANTONYMS: (adj) ungracious, boorish, discourteous, reserved, rude, abrupt, critical, unkind, hardhearted, harsh, poor
grand: (adj, n) glorious, excellent; (adj, n, v) noble; (adj) gorgeous, August, superb, important, majestic, exalted; (adj, v) great, dignified. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, humble, modest, unimportant, poor, base, inferior, limited, incomplete, restricted, small
grandfather: (n) gramps, grandad, grandpapa, grandpa, grandsire, granddaddy, ancestor, father's father, paternal grandfather, father, forefather
grateful: (adj, n) welcome; (adj) agreeable, appreciative, beholden, pleasing, pleasant, acceptable, indebted, obliged, pleasurable; (v) appreciate. ANTONYMS: (adj) ungrateful, unwelcome, unappreciative
gratitude: (n) appreciation, thanks, thank, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, appreciativeness, feeling, appreciate, grateful, thanksgiving, kindness. ANTONYMS: (n) ingratitude, ungratefulness
grave: (adj) solemn, serious, critical, earnest, dangerous, sedate, sad, grand; (adj, v) severe, acute; (v) engrave. ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, funny, cheerful, carefree, slight, nonchalant, trivial, stable, minor, insignificant, favorable

great: (adj) eminent, gigantic, big, distinguished, large, extensive, extreme, grand, chief, ample, massive. ANTONYMS: (adj) awful, insignificant, tiny, mild, poor, minor, useless, ordinary, slight, weak, unknown
greater: (adj) larger, more, major, higher, superior, most, great, bigger, increased, considerable, not inconsiderable. ANTONYMS: (adj) inferior, smaller, small, lower
greatest: (adj) top, superlative, biggest, utmost, largest, extreme, first; (adj, n) maximum, most; (adj, v) paramount, supreme. ANTONYMS: (adj) inferior, secondary
greetings: (n) greeting, respects, compliments, consolation, regards, commend, good wishes, commendation, induction, draft
grievance: (n) injustice, wrong, grudge, affliction, protest, objection, disaffection, discontentment, dissatisfaction; (adj) annoyance; (adj, n) distress. ANTONYMS: (n) justice, praise
gross: (adj) coarse, boorish, big, crude, fat, common, blunt, disgusting, bulky; (n) aggregate; (adj, v) foul. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, small, remaining, refined, tiny, partial, delicate, cultivated, chaste, sensitive; (v) lose
ground: (n, v) base, land, floor; (v) found, establish; (adj, n, v) bottom; (n) earth, reason, field, soil, dirt. ANTONYMS: (n) sea, figure; (v) launch, top
grow: (v) expand, advance, augment, enlarge, come, emerge, spring, become, farm, turn, get. ANTONYMS: (v) decrease, weaken, shrink, decline, drop, collapse, struggle, wane, plummet, dwindle, deteriorate
growing: (n) development, growth; (adj, adv) increasing; (adj) flourishing, thriving, blossoming, expanding, swelling, progressive; (adj, n) developing; (v) grow. ANTONYMS: (adj) dwindling, decreasing, downward; (n) nondevelopment
grown: (adj) mature, big, growned, grown-up, developed, ripe, grownup, fully grown, full-grown, growth, become. ANTONYM: (adj) unripe
grudge: (v) begrudge, covet; (n, v) spite; (n) malice, anger, umbrage,

resentment, rancor, gall, pique, feud
guard: (n) defense, protection, escort, bulwark, watchman, custody, fender; (n, v) care, shield, cover; (adj, n, v) ward. ANTONYMS: (v) endanger, expose, neglect, reveal; (n) attacker
guest: (n) caller, visitor, customer, alien, foreigner, client, invite, foreign, company, guests, houseguest
guidance: (n, v) direction, government, control, management, administration, charge; (n) advice, counsel, lead, instruction, regulation
guided: (adj) conducted, directed, led
gutter: (n) groove, trough, ditch, drain, chute, trench, canal, furrow, conduit, waterway, gully
habit: (n) clothing, practice, dress, garb, attire, convention, character, ritual, addiction, clothes; (n, v) use. ANTONYM: (n) innovation
half: (adj) moiety, part, short, defective; (n) semi, mediety, halve, division, piece, first half; (adv) partly. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) all; (adj) fully, complete
halfpenny: (adj) feather, bulrush, old sun, jot, pinch of snuff, peppercorn, rap; (n) bawbee, doit, farthing
hall: (n) mansion, vestibule, lobby, foyer, auditorium, court, entrance hall, anteroom, concourse; (n, v) corridor, passage
halo: (n) halation, aura, glory, ring, circle, corona, nimbus, hoop, aureola, band, anchor ring
hand: (v) give, pass, commit, bestow, afford, communicate, consign; (n) deal, worker, aid, applause. ANTONYMS: (n) boss, foot; (v) take
handle: (n, v) conduct, administer; (v) feel, wield, deal, treat, touch, control, manipulate, direct; (n) clutch. ANTONYMS: (n) blade, head; (v) mishandle, bungle, conceal, crumble, avoid
hands: (n) custody, keeping, personnel, safekeeping, hold, shift, workforce, men, manpower, guardianship, full complement
handsome: (adj) fair, beautiful, fine, generous, charming, comely, attractive, bountiful, considerable, bonny, prepossessing. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, unattractive, meager, ungenerous, measly, plain
hang: (adj, n, v) suspend; (v) dangle, depend, drape, float, fall, hover, append, string up; (n, v) delay; (adj) hung

- hanging:** (n) execution, curtain, arras, wall hanging; (adj) suspended, pendent, pendant, pendulous, hung, pending; (n, v) suspension
- happen:** (n, v) betide; (v) arise, befall, develop, go, come, fall, chance, come about, occur, get. ANTONYM: (v) disappear
- happening:** (n) incident, episode, circumstance, contingency, affair, event, fact, occurrence, experience, occasion, eventuality
- happily:** (adv) fortunately, joyously, joyfully, merrily, luckily, gladly, blissfully, cheerfully, felicitously, providentially, successfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) miserably, unhappily, sadly, unfortunately, unsuccessfully, reluctantly, gloomily, discontentedly, despondently, negatively, grudgingly
- happiness:** (n) delight, merriment, ecstasy, welfare, gladness, luck, cheerfulness, blessedness, bliss, felicity, contentment. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, despair, grief, misery, dissatisfaction, seriousness, dullness, discontent, dejection, gloominess, displeasure
- happy:** (adj) felicitous, contented, gay, buoyant, content, gleeful, gratified, pleasant, glad, carefree; (adj, n) auspicious. ANTONYMS: (adj) sad, depressed, dejected, sorrowful, miserable, unlucky, sorry, reluctant, irritable, unfortunately, gloomy
- hard:** (adj, n) austere, rough; (adj, v) grave, severe, acute; (adj) bad, difficult, strong, callous, cruel, tough. ANTONYMS: (adj) easy, kind, soggy, tender, merciful, yielding, simple; (adv) lightly, gently, lackadaisically; (adj, adv) flexible
- hardly:** (adj, adv) barely, scarcely; (adv) severely, harshly, roughly, badly, toughly, laboriously, arduously, cruelly, heavily. ANTONYMS: (adv) extremely, fully, well, easily
- hare:** (n) leporid, cony, puss, doe, jackrabbit, coney; (adj) antelope, courser, eagle, gazelle, greyhound
- harm:** (adj, n, v) damage, hurt; (adj, n) evil, detriment, injury; (n, v) abuse, wound, blemish, disadvantage; (n) bruise; (adj, v) injure. ANTONYMS: (n, v) benefit, respect, help; (n) reparation, service; (v) enable, spoil, protect, defend, repair
- harmony:** (n) accord, consonance, agreement, correspondence, accordance, congruity, consistency, amity; (n, v) concord, peace; (v) concert. ANTONYMS: (n) discord, disagreement, argument, conflict, bitterness, harshness, incongruity, uproar, hostility, misery, upheaval
- hasten:** (adj, n, v) speed, quicken; (v) expedite, advance, hurry, hie, dash, rush; (n, v) further, forward, dispatch. ANTONYMS: (v) linger, retard, amble
- hatched:** (adj) crosshatched, born, ruled
- hateful:** (adj) disgusting, execrable, nasty, abominable, hideous, despicable, repulsive, distasteful, foul; (adj, v) odious, obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, kind, nice, benign, desirable
- having:** (n) estate, possession, acceptance, enjoyment
- head:** (n) captain, boss, froth, foam, crown, chieftain; (n, v) point, lead; (adj, n, v) front; (v) capital, direct. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) subordinate; (n) end, beginning, foot, mouth, rear, tail, body, underling, base; (adj) minor
- heads:** (n) conspectus, contents, prospectus, syllabus, synopsis, public, textbook, people, outlines, head stick
- headstrong:** (adj) intractable, dogged, obstinate, disobedient, unruly, willful, wayward, froward, rash, headlong; (adj, v) ungovernable. ANTONYMS: (adj) tractable, compliant, amenable, docile, malleable, agreeable, cautious
- health:** (n) condition, fitness, welfare, pledge, strength, form, hygiene, sanitation, salubrity, shape; (adj) sanitary
- healthy:** (adj) healthful, wholesome, salubrious, hale, good, fit, beneficial, whole, well, sound, hearty. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwell, harmful, unfit, sporific, dependent, fattening, infected, unwholesome, weak, ill, underfed
- heap:** (n, v) pile, aggregate, amass; (n) collection, accumulation, mound, mass, group, lot; (v) bank, collect. ANTONYM: (v) tidy
- hear:** (int, v) attend; (v) find out, discover, understand, apprehend, hark, learn, try, examine, listen; (adj) heard
- heard:** (n) hearing
- hearing:** (n) audition, ear, auditory sense, trial, consultation, reach, auscultation, inquiry; (n, v) earshot, sound; (adj, n) audience
- heart:** (adj, n) core, gist, marrow; (n) spirit, center, essence, basis, kernel, crux, breast, hub. ANTONYMS: (n) body, surface
- heartily:** (adv) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly. ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, languorously
- heartly:** (adj) heartfelt, healthy, genial, sturdy, cheering, fervent, wholehearted, lusty, enthusiastic, convivial; (adj, n) well. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhealthy, frail, old, weak, sluggish, unwholesome, meager
- heavens:** (n) firmament, heaven, sky, welkin, sphere, atmosphere, celestial sphere, space, skies, area, vault of heaven
- heavily:** (adv) seriously, weightily, severely, ponderously, hard, firmly, thickly, grievously, sadly, strongly, compactly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, nimbly, briskly, sparsely, thinly, slightly
- heavy:** (adj, n) dull; (adj) deep, fat, dense, grave, dark, full, gross, thick, bulky; (adj, adv) hard. ANTONYMS: (adj) slim, easy, thin, slight, skinny, puny, gentle, insubstantial, animated, nimble, entertaining
- held:** (adj) absorbed, confined, kept, apprehended, seized, supposed, reputed, tenable, thought, trapped; (v) detain
- helm:** (n) wheel, haft, handle, tiller, shank, rudder, steering wheel, shaft, hilt, haln; (v) helmet
- help:** (n, v) assist, assistance, support, benefit, favor, avail, cure, assistant; (v) facilitate, ease, alleviate. ANTONYMS: (n) hindrance, detriment, interference, damage, disadvantage, disservice, manager; (v) worsen, aggravate, halt, hurt
- helped:** (adj) aided, assisted; (v) HALP
- helping:** (n) portion, share, plateful, serving, part, quota, drumstick; (adj) auxiliary, assistant, aiding, assisting
- herd:** (n, v) crowd; (adj) bevy, many; (adj, n, v) swarm; (n) drove, gang, crew, collection, covey, multitude, mob
- herewith:** (adv) therewith, this, now,

- enclosed, wherewith
herself: (adj) oneself, self, himself, myself, yourself, yourselves, themselves, ourselves, itself
- high**: (adj, v) elevated; (adj) great, expensive, distinguished, lofty, tall, exalted, heavy, dear; (n) chief; (v) bad. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) low; (adj) deep, short, sober, reasonable, sad, resonant, lowly, husky, unimportant; (n) depression
- higher**: (adj) greater, upper, major, senior, over, more, better, advanced, bigger; (prep) above, upon. ANTONYMS: (adj) basic, junior, lower
- highest**: (adj, n) most; (adj) best, chief, foremost, first, supreme, topmost, extreme, utmost, top, uppermost. ANTONYMS: (adj) bottom, minor
- highly**: (adv) greatly, extremely, much, loftily, exceedingly, mightily, eminently, toweringly, too, largely; (adj, adv) very. ANTONYMS: (adv) insignificantly, poorly, simply, slightly, ill
- high-minded**: (adj) great, noble, generous, lofty, magnanimous, elevated, exalted, upright, chivalrous, magnificent, honest
- himself**: (pron) herself, themselves, yourself, itself; (adj) myself; (n) yourselves
- hint**: (v) suggest; (adj, n) trace; (n) suggestion, intimation, inkling, cue, allusion; (n, v) tip, touch, dash; (adj, v) intimate. ANTONYM: (n) overtone
- hire**: (v) employ, charter, enlist, take, rent, take on, retain; (n, v) wage; (n) employment, salary, engagement. ANTONYM: (v) fire
- hiss**: (v) fizz, spit, whiz, whisper, whoosh; (n) buzz, jeer, hissing, ridicule; (n, v) hoot, taunt
- hissing**: (adj) sibilant, sibilous, sibilatory; (n) whistling, heckling, scoffing, sibilance, taunts, sibilation, white noise; (v) fizzle. ANTONYM: (n) applause
- hitherto**: (adv) as yet, yet, so far, up to now, until now, thus far, before, hereunto, to date, still, all the same
- hold**: (n, v) keep, grip, grasp, entertain; (v) endure, detain, adhere, bear, have, contain, comprise. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, disagree, lose, free, deny, remove, lack; (n) separation, repulsion
- hole**: (adj, n) gap; (n) aperture, den, hollow, crack, pocket, break, lair, pit, fix, depression. ANTONYMS: (n) mansion, mend
- hole-and-corner**: (adj) cryptic, undercover, underhanded, backstairs, backdoor, covert, inner, hugger-mugger, unprincipled, unethical
- holiday**: (n, v) vacation; (n) festival, time off, sabbath, break, celebration, holy day, leisure, recess; (v) fete; (adj) festive
- holy**: (adj) devout, divine, heavenly, religious, blessed, hallowed, spiritual, devotional, pure; (adj, adv) saintly; (adv) sacredly. ANTONYMS: (adj) irreligious, unholy
- home**: (n) domicile, abode, house, residence, base, place, dwelling, family, habitation; (adj) domestic; (adj, n) household. ANTONYMS: (adj) external, national, public, away, foreign; (adv) out
- honest**: (adj) fair, genuine, sincere, good, equitable, artless, heartfelt, guileless, frank, forthright, faithful. ANTONYMS: (adj) lying, misleading, guarded, corrupt, disloyal, unwholesome, discourteous, disreputable, fictional, crafty, crooked
- honesty**: (adj, n) candor, justice, fidelity, equity; (n) integrity, fairness, candidness, probity, frankness, rectitude, faith. ANTONYMS: (n) dishonesty, wickedness, treachery, deceit, deception, deviousness, decadence, affectation, caution, evasiveness, injustice
- honour**: (n) fame, award, dignity, homage, celebrity, accolade, reputation; (n, v) honor; (v) respect, celebrate, dignify. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dishonor; (v) disrespect
- honourable**: (adj) estimable, reverend, venerable, glorious, honorable, distinguished, above-board, good, worthy, right, noble
- hope**: (n, v) trust, desire; (n) aspiration, faith, belief, expectation, confidence, expectancy, anticipation; (v) confide, anticipate. ANTONYMS: (n) reality, past, pessimism, distrust, independence
- horn**: (n) car horn, antler, klaxon, cornet, French horn, ivory, foghorn, cornu, alarm, trumpet, arm
- horrible**: (adj) awful, fearful, frightful, abominable, grisly, formidable, dire, ghastly, dreadful, fearsome; (adj, v) horrid.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, lovely, nice, lovable, fair, delightful, slight, appealing, minor, attractive, great
- horribly**: (adv) horrifically, awfully, terrifically, hideously, atrociously, appallingly; (adj, adv) frightfully, terribly, fearfully, shockingly; (adj) ghastly. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, wonderfully, kindly, sweetly
- horrid**: (adj) grisly, ghastly, ugly, gruesome, grim, fearful, dreadful, direful, dire, horrible, fearsome. ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, nice, appealing, attractive, kind
- hospitality**: (n) entertainment, generosity, friendliness, cordiality, welcome, cordial reception, kindness, amiability, warmth, solicitously, politely. ANTONYMS: (n) frostiness, inhospitality
- hotchpotch**: (n) hodgepodge, mishmash, farrago, hotchpot, melange, ragbag, jumble, variety, miscellanea, stew, hash
- hour**: (n) clock, o'clock, hours, time, hr, term, nonce, moment, occasion, dawn, dusk
- hours**: (n) period, duty period; (adv) o'clock
- house**: (adj, n, v) family; (adj, n) home; (v) accommodate; (n) dwelling, firm, abode, domicile, edifice, habitation, housing; (n, v) lodge. ANTONYM: (adj) public
- hullo**: (n) hi, hello, greeting, hallo, salutation, hollo, Hawaii, aloha state
- humans**: (n) humanity, humankind, human, man, mankind, people, human beings, human being, humanness, gentleman, adult male
- humble**: (v) demean, humiliate, mortify; (n, v) disgrace, debase; (adj, n, v) abase; (adj) base, lowly, unassuming, docile, low. ANTONYMS: (adj) impressive, arrogant, haughty, imposing, conceited, pompous, snooty, overbearing, presumptuous, proud, exalted
- hundred**: (adj) a hundred, one hundred, many; (adj, n) c; (n) cent, centred, riding, lathe, soke, tithing, carbon
- hungry**: (adj) eager, avid, famished, starving, esurient, greedy, ravenous, desirous, meager, starveling; (v) starve. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, satiated, sated, thirsty, unconcerned, moderate, healthy, disinterested
- hunt**: (n, v) search; (v) course, follow,

- hound, rummage, forage, prey, dog, go after, persecute; (n) battue.
ANTONYMS: (v) find, precede
- hurl:** (v) chuck, dash, pitch, throw, dart, pelt, toss, heave, send; (n, v) fling; (n) casting. **ANTONYM:** (v) hold
- hurrah:** (int, n) hooray; (n) huzza, cry, controversy, fervor, passion, praise; (int) congratulations, bravo; (v) come; (adv) cheerfully
- hurriedly:** (adv) rapidly, quickly, swiftly, abruptly, promptly, fast, in haste, suddenly, speedily, rashly, precipitately. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) calmly, unhurriedly, patiently, carefully, gradually, thoroughly
- hurry:** (n) haste; (n, v) bustle, hasten, dispatch, flurry, rush; (v) scurry, dash, accelerate, expedite, run. **ANTONYMS:** (n) slowness, calmness, patience, unimportance; (v) dawdle, delay, linger, crawl, amble; (intj) wait
- hurt:** (adj, n, v) damage, detriment; (adj, n) evil; (n, v) wound, pain, ache, distress; (n) disadvantage, lesion; (v) afflict; (adj, v) injure. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unhurt, unaffected, healed; (v) encourage, please, protect, repair, defend; (n, v) help; (n) reparation, pleasure
- husband:** (v) conserve, economize, preserve, save; (n) consort, hubby, man, fellow, lover, master, mate. **ANTONYMS:** (n) wife, bachelor
- hush:** (adj, n, v) calm, silence, quiet, still, lull; (n) peace; (v) shut up, gag, quieten, muffle; (adj, v) soothe. **ANTONYMS:** (n) noise, turmoil; (v) Louden
- idea:** (n) meaning, belief, opinion, concept, estimation, fancy, plan, impression, apprehension, notion, conception. **ANTONYM:** (n) certainty
- ideas:** (n) idea, thoughts, thought, thinking, principles, philosophy, information, imaginings, data, content, communication
- idol:** (n) fetish, deity, effigy, divinity, graven image, image, hero, favorite, star, simulacrum, beloved
- ignorance:** (n) illiteracy, nescience, folly, unwisdom, innocence, denseness, ignorancy, stupidity, obtuseness, tabula rasa, unawareness. **ANTONYMS:** (n) intelligence, acquaintance, education
- ignorant:** (adj) unconscious, unwitting, rude, illiterate, uneducated, blind, dull, unaware, uninformed, unlearned, innocent. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) conscious, versed, cultured, educated, informed, wary, literate, aware, polite
- ill-bred:** (adj) boorish, discourteous, impertinent, graceless, gruff, uncouth, uncivil, ill-mannered, crude, inurbane, indelicate
- ill-considered:** (adj) rash, ill-advised, imprudent, thoughtless, unguarded, premature, unwise, irresponsible, foolish, short-sighted, frivolous
- illness:** (n, v) ailment, disorder, distemper; (n) sickness, complaint, malady, attack, affliction, pain, bug, trouble. **ANTONYMS:** (n) wellness, health
- imaginary:** (adj) fictitious, unreal, false, mythical, illusory, ideal, hypothetical, visionary, fictional, notional, chimerical. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) real, palpable, actual, concrete, prosaic, normal, true
- imagination:** (n) vision, fancy, image, dream, conceit, imagery, originality, invention, resource, reflection, phantasy
- imagine:** (v) believe, conjecture, fancy, conceive, daydream, assume, guess, consider, fantasize; (conj, v) suppose; (n, v) dream
- imagined:** (adj) fanciful, notional, unreal, fancied, fictitious, nonexistent, unseen, hypothetical, feigned, dubious, doubtful
- imagining:** (n) conception, daydream, fantasy, opinion; (v) imagine; (adj) imaginant
- immediately:** (adv) instantly, presently, readily, rapidly, quickly, promptly, instantaneously, speedily, right; (adj, adv) at once, forthwith. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) slowly, whenever, gradually, now, eventually
- immense:** (adj) vast, enormous, great, gigantic, immeasurable, colossal, boundless, big, large, giant, infinite. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) tiny, small, insignificant, miniature, slight, negligible, compact, narrow, short, minor
- imminent:** (adj) forthcoming, coming, close, future, near, pending, approaching, at hand, menacing, threatening, prospective. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) remote, past
- impart:** (v) give, convey, disclose, communicate, announce, grant, reveal, hand, bestow, divulge, confer. **ANTONYMS:** (v) withhold, withdraw
- impartially:** (adv) justly, dispassionately, neutrally, evenly, disinterestedly, objectively, unbiasedly, unprejudicedly, indifferently, evenhandedly, rightly. **ANTONYM:** (adv) unfairly
- impatient:** (adj) eager, anxious, petulant, fidgety, vexed, keen, edgy, quick, avid, irritable, fretful. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) patient, enduring, unenthusiastic, calm, happy, relaxed, slow
- impetuosity:** (n) eagerness, haste, heat, violence, vehemence, impulsiveness, impetuosity, excitability, temerity, precipitation, fervency. **ANTONYMS:** (n) deliberation, patience, consideration, carefulness
- importance:** (n) account, gravity, import, dignity, prominence, stress, emphasis, value, concern, magnitude; (n, v) consequence. **ANTONYMS:** (n) unimportance, insignificance, triviality, meaninglessness
- important:** (adj, v) grave; (adj) fundamental, significant, crucial, key, serious, remarkable, chief, earnest, central, heavy. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) insignificant, trivial, minor, irrelevant, low, worthless, frivolous, secondary, little, superfluous, inconsequential
- impossible:** (adj) unimaginable, insufferable, unbelievable, hopeless, impracticable, impractical, inconceivable, unlikely, unthinkable, unable, ridiculous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) feasible, achievable, manageable, bearable, attainable, on, tolerable, probable, hopeful, easy, consistent
- impressions:** (n) impersonation, imitation
- improve:** (v) advance, heal, help, emend, amend, ameliorate, correct, reform, gain, educate, restore. **ANTONYMS:** (v) deteriorate, regress, spoil, lower, impair, downgrade, brutalize, ruin, diminish, exacerbate, hinder
- imprudent:** (adj) foolish, foolhardy, indiscreet, hasty, improvident, impolitic, heedless, unadvised, injudicious, unwary, unwise. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) sensible, prudent, cautious, wise, deliberate, discreet, guarded, judicious, advisable
- impurities:** (n) dross, bastard, scum,

- cinder
- inadmissible:** (adj) ineligible, improper, unqualified, inappropriate, inconvenient, unfit, impermissible, unbearable, inadequate, undesirable; (v) illtimed. ANTONYMS: (adj) admissible, allowable
- inaudible:** (adj) indistinct, imperceptible, inarticulate, noiseless, quiet, faint, out of hearing, muffled, silent, unheard, low. ANTONYMS: (adj) audible, obvious
- incapability:** (n) incapacity, disability, impotence, unfit, inaptitude, incompetence, incapableness, imperfectibility, inefficiency, disqualification, inadequacy. ANTONYMS: (n) capability, ability, capacity
- incidentally:** (adv) casually, accidentally, in passing, by chance, occasionally, haphazardly, by the bye, apropos, incidently, indirectly; (adj, adv) en passant
- inclined:** (adj, v) given; (adj) prone, willing, oblique, apt, predisposed, ready, minded, likely, liable, bowed. ANTONYMS: (adj) reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, horizontal, unbiased, vertical, impervious
- income:** (n) earnings, revenue, profit, proceeds, pay, means, gain, yield, return, salary, receipts. ANTONYMS: (n) loss, expenditure, outgo, spending, cost
- incomplete:** (adj) faulty, deficient, inadequate, imperfect, short, lacking, unfinished, half, insufficient, sketchy; (adj, adv) halfway. ANTONYMS: (adj) finished, whole, entire, comprehensive, boundless, adequate
- inconceivable:** (adj, v) unbelievable, hard to believe; (adj) impossible, implausible, incomprehensible, unimaginable, unthinkable, improbable, unintelligible, inscrutable, fabulous. ANTONYMS: (adj) conceivable, believable, likely, understandable, credible
- inconsistency:** (n) disagreement, contradiction, incompatibility, incoherence, incongruity, discordance, disparity, variance, repugnance, contradictoriness; (adj, n) frivolity. ANTONYMS: (n) steadiness, equality, constancy, concord, parity, predictability, reliability
- increase:** (n, v) extend, gain, accrue, augmentation, extension; (adj, n, v) augment; (v) grow, expand, aggrandize, enhance; (n) addition. ANTONYMS: (n, v) decrease; (n) reduction, contraction, decline; (v) reduce, diminish, drop, deteriorate, damage, abate, contract
- incredible:** (adj, n) astonishing, marvelous; (adj, v) inconceivable; (adj) fabulous, extraordinary, unbelievable, implausible, fantastic, unlikely, preposterous, wonderful. ANTONYMS: (adj) credible, believable, conceivable, unspectacular, likely, mundane, unremarkable, plausible, awful, sensible, real
- incredibly:** (adv) unbelievably, improbably, implausibly, greatly, dreadfully, fantastically; (adj, adv) astonishingly, amazingly, marvelously, surprisingly; (adj) emphatically. ANTONYMS: (adv) unremarkably, slightly, credibly, believably, sensibly, plausibly, conceivably, hardly
- incure:** (n, v) contract; (v) catch, get, incite, begin, cause, encounter, experience, obtain, suffer, receive
- indeed:** (adv) certainly, exactly, in reality, surely, of course, assuredly, as a matter of fact, admittedly; (adj, adv) really, much; (n) yes. ANTONYMS: (adv) possibly, doubtfully
- indefatigable:** (adj) tireless, assiduous, unflagging, untiring, inexhaustible, energetic, unremitting, indomitable, laborious, unwearying, unwearied. ANTONYMS: (adj) idle, feeble, unrelenting, weary
- independent:** (adj) autonomous, separate, substantive, nonpartisan, sovereign, impartial, self-supporting, unallied, self-sufficient; (n) freelance, mugwump. ANTONYMS: (adj) dependent, simultaneous, needy, constrained, biased, tied, autocratic, weak, inseparable, conventional, subjective
- independently:** (adv) individually, autonomously, apart, sovereignly, freely, objectively, singly, neutrally, impartially, self-supportingly, dispassionately. ANTONYMS: (adv) subjectively, assisted, jointly, accompanied, internally
- indicated:** (adj) numbered
- indigent:** (adj) destitute, needy, impoverished, impecunious, penurious, penniless, miserable, necessitous, underprivileged, broke; (n) pauper. ANTONYMS: (adj) wealthy
- indiscreet:** (adj) careless, imprudent, incautious, ill-advised, rash, unadvised, unwise, impolitic, hasty, tactless, inadvisable. ANTONYMS: (adj) thoughtful, tactful, judicious, guarded
- individual:** (adj) single, distinct, particular, different, especial, alone, characteristic, distinctive; (n) creature, fellow, person. ANTONYMS: (adj) joint, common, combined, vague, general, communal, ordinary, public, group; (adj, n) collective; (n) collection
- individuals:** (n) people, persons
- inexcusable:** (adj) irremissible, unpardonable, reprehensible, unwarrantable, unforgivable, unwarranted, unfair, untenable, not excusable, intolerable, unexcusable. ANTONYMS: (adj) understandable, forgivable, justifiable, justified, laudable, wonderful
- inexorable:** (adj) adamant, unrelenting, stern, cruel, relentless, austere, adamant, inflexible, remorseless, stiff; (adj, v) inevitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle
- infallibility:** (n) inerrability, inerrancy, dependability, reliability, inerrableness, dependableness, infallibleness, truth
- infected:** (adj) diseased, dirty, impure, tainted, festering, corrupt, unclean, morbid, stained, spoiled, soiled. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy
- infernal:** (adj) devilish, fiendish, diabolical, demonic, damned, cursed, blasted, unholy, wicked; (adj, v) diabolic, satanic
- infernally:** (adv) satanically, fiendishly, diabolically, devilishly, wickedly, unholy, demonically, satanically, deucedly, blessedly, damnedly
- influence:** (v) determine, affect, incline, dispose, direct, govern, persuade; (n) authority, domination; (n, v) control, effect. ANTONYMS: (n) powerlessness, repulsion, feebleness, weakness
- influential:** (adj) potent, dominant, cogent, forcible, powerful, predominant, prevailing, effective, strong, impressive, efficacious. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconvincing, minor, unimportant, weak, uninfluential, ineffective, frivolous
- information:** (n) communication,

- data, evidence, datum, note, tidings, report, enlightenment, complaint, counsel, announcement
- informed:** (adj) cognizant, educated, conscious, knowledgeable, familiar, apprised, wise, conversant, experienced, sensible; (adv) abreast. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninformed, unconcerned
- ingrained:** (adj, n) inborn, inbred; (adj) confirmed, entrenched, inveterate, deep-rooted, chronic, hereditary, implanted, inherent; (v) impregnated with. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, fleeting
- inhabitants:** (n) population, citizens, populace, folk, country, community, abode, group, inhabitation, nation, natives
- inherit:** (v) heir, come into, get, to inherit, own, receive, come in for, to succeed, follow, descend, accede
- inherited:** (adj) inborn, genetic, familial, ancestral, transmissible, congenital, inherent, incarnate, transmitted, instinctive, intuitive
- injured:** (adj) hurt, broken, wounded, affected, damaged, pained, offended, insulted, defective, prejudiced; (n) casualty. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninjured, unaffected, well
- injurious:** (adj) evil, harmful, hurtful, destructive, bad, disadvantageous, detrimental, adverse, deleterious, inimical, damaging. ANTONYMS: (adj) healing, favorable, healthy, helpful, advantageous, beneficial
- injustice:** (n) iniquity, wrong, unfairness, bigotry, wickedness, prejudice, crime; (adj, n) injury, evil, harm, damage. ANTONYMS: (n) fairness, evenhandedness, reasonableness, goodness, tolerance
- inkpot:** (n) bottle
- innocuous:** (adj) innocent, inoffensive, safe, innoxious, guiltless, bland, unoffending, unobnoxious, unobjectionable, pleasant, not unpleasant. ANTONYMS: (adj) offensive, harmful, malicious, unpleasant
- innumerable:** (adj) countless, numberless, incalculable, multitudinous, infinite, innumerable, unnumbered, uncounted, myriad, immeasurable, untold. ANTONYM: (adj) finite
- inquiries:** (n) investigation, examination, study, enquiries, enquiry, inquiry, exploration
- insidious:** (adj) cunning, crafty, deceitful, deceptive, guileful, subtle, treacherous, devious; (adj, v) sly, wily, elusive. ANTONYMS: (adj) straightforward, harmless
- insist:** (v) affirm, assert, contend, demand, claim, asseverate, declare, maintain, urge, importune, press. ANTONYMS: (v) request, deny
- insolent:** (adj) impertinent, abusive, disrespectful, impudent, fresh, arrogant, brazen, defiant, offensive, brassy, bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, modest, gracious, meek, submissive
- instance:** (n) exemplar, case, time, illustration, sample, affair, pattern, chance, cause; (v) exemplify, illustrate
- instead:** (adv) instead of, alternatively, as an alternative, in place of, more willingly, to compensate for, sooner, preferably, otherwise, on the other hand; (n) lieu
- institution:** (n) creation, formation, asylum, agency, founding, academy, foundation, organ, initiation, method; (adj, n) institute
- instrumental:** (adj) conducive, implemental, useful, contributory, vocal, operatic, lyric, subservient, profitable, influential, serviceable. ANTONYM: (adj) uninvolved
- insult:** (n, v) contumely, affront, abuse, flout, outrage, wound, taunt; (n) disgrace, indignity, contempt; (v) cut. ANTONYMS: (n, v) compliment, praise; (v) flatter, consecrate; (n) privilege
- insulted:** (adj) affronted, offended, injured, huffy
- insults:** (adj) insulting; (n) abuse, swearing
- intake:** (n) absorption, ingestion, eating, drinking, imbibition, suck, sucking, suction, inlet, uptake, drink
- intellectual:** (n) intellect, brain, thinker, scholar; (adj) rational, mental, cerebral, learned, spiritual; (adj, n) mind, academic. ANTONYMS: (adj) nonintellectual, intuitive, emotional, dim, ignorant, physical, thick, lowbrow; (n) dunce
- intellectually:** (adv) rationally, intelligently, spiritually, cerebrally, intellectually, learnedly, academically, mindly, ideally, culturedly, smartly
- intelligence:** (n) cleverness, intellect, news, tidings, understanding, acumen, mentality, knowledge, brains, comprehension, brainpower. ANTONYMS: (n) stupidity, emotion, slowness, foolishness, ineptness
- intelligent:** (adj) intellectual, astute, sensible, alert, rational, quick-witted, bright, cunning, gifted, knowledgeable, brilliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) dim, thick, slow, stupid, dull, foolish
- intelligible:** (adj) clear, understandable, articulate, luminous, apprehensible, graspable, simple, lucid, definite, distinct, perspicuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) difficult, illegible
- intend:** (v) destine, design, mean, aim, determine, denote, contemplate, plan, purpose, consider, believe. ANTONYM: (v) improvise
- intention:** (n) idea, intent, goal, purpose, cause, motive, mind; (n, v) aim, end, design, drift
- intently:** (adv) fixedly, attentively, seriously, raptly, intensely, closely, steadily, eagerly, absorbedly, hard, steadfastly. ANTONYM: (adv) absently
- interest:** (n, v) advantage, care, benefit; (adj, v) engage; (n) affair, account, gain, hobby, eagerness, enthusiasm, sake. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, apathy, boredom, distraction, hostility, detachment, inattention, repulsion; (v) repel, appall
- interested:** (adj) concerned, involved, inquiring, inquisitive, keen, interesting, attentive, fascinated, responsive, partial, eager. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninterested, bored, indifferent, unconcerned, hostile
- interesting:** (adj) entertaining, amusing, attractive, absorbing, delightful, fascinating, exciting, readable, diverting; (adj, v) charming, engaging. ANTONYMS: (adj) boring, dull, unremarkable, unappealing, repulsive, repellent, normal, ordinary
- interests:** (n) wellbeing, security, safety, power structure, investment, health, happiness, capital, welfare, comfort
- internally:** (adv) innerly, intrinsically, inwardly, nationally, intimately, insidely, within, locally, essentially, privately, really. ANTONYMS: (adv) outwardly, outside, internationally
- interrupted:** (adj) discontinuous,

- fitful, intermittent, discontinued, disconnected, unsuccessful, intervallic, episodic, gaping, periodic; (prep) interrupt
- intimate:** (adj, adv, v) close; (n, v) express, imply; (v) hint, indicate, allude, suggest; (adj) informal, inner, internal; (adj, v) confidential. ANTONYMS: (adj) formal, cold, unfriendly, external, outermost, public, superficial
- introduce:** (v) interject, inject, advance, infuse, initiate, acquaint, implant, inaugurate, bring in, present, enter. ANTONYMS: (v) end, terminate, remove, export
- invective:** (n, v) abuse, insult, contumely, vituperation; (n) diatribe, denunciation, tirade, curse, reproach, ignominy; (adj) abusive
- investigated:** (adj) studied
- involves:** (v) exonerate, conscience, acquit, disinterested
- irreparable:** (adj) incurable, hopeless, irremediable, irrecoverable, incorrigible, irredeemable, irretrievable, remediless, irreclaimable, unalterable, irrevocable. ANTONYMS: (adj) impermanent, repairable, temporary, superficial
- irritable:** (adj) fractious, irascible, edgy, cantankerous, touchy, petulant, excitable, cross, sensitive, grumpy, disagreeable. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, happy, cheerful, amiable, patient, pleasant, stable, courteous; (n) cheeriness
- island:** (n, v) isle; (n) islet, reef, safety zone, Cebu, Papua; (v) insulate, isolate, segregate, sequester, separate
- isolated:** (adj, adv) apart; (adj) separate, deserted, distant, sporadic, separated, solitary, lone, remote, lonely, single. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, accessible, widespread, near, nearby, public, regular, populous, connected, cheerful, attached
- issue:** (v) emanate, arise, emerge; (n) aftermath, progeny, consequence, effect; (n, v) egress, release, exit, result. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, trickle, withhold; (n) resolution
- itself:** (adj) herself, self, oneself, personally, myself, themselves, yourself
- japanese:** (n) Chinese galls, geisha, shogun
- jealous:** (adj) distrustful, envious, covetous, suspicious, jealousy, resentful, invidious, green, grudging, jaundiced, attentive. ANTONYM: (adj) trusting
- join:** (v) unite, connect, associate, combine, graft, assemble, attach, affiliate, meet, get together; (n, v) link. ANTONYMS: (v) separate, secede, detach, undo, disjoin, exclude, leave, disconnect, diverge, refrain, untie
- jolly:** (adj) gay, cheerful, happy, festive, genial, bright, cheery, merry, jocund; (v) chaff; (adv) lively. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, miserably, serious
- journalism:** (n) press, essayist, author, fourth estate, profession, correspondent, news media, litterateur, literature, tabloid, text
- journalist:** (n) reporter, correspondent, author, columnist, pressman, scribe, newscaster, diarist, diary keeper, chronicler, newsman
- jove:** (n) Jovian, Jovianist, thunderer
- judge:** (v) consider, think, evaluate, believe, condemn, assess, calculate, guess; (n) arbitrator, arbiter; (n, v) umpire. ANTONYM: (v) doubt
- judging:** (n) judge, judgment, judged, decision making, assessment, thought, deciding, prejudgment, discernment
- judgment:** (n, v) decision, belief, discernment, condemnation, sense, discrimination; (n) determination, discretion, opinion, assessment, adjudication. ANTONYMS: (n) clumsiness, request, tastelessness
- jump:** (n, v) bound, start, bounce, hop, caper, startle, dive, rise; (v) spring, hurdle; (adj, v) skip. ANTONYMS: (n, v) decrease; (v) surface, drop, hesitate
- jumps:** (n) fit, nervousness, tension, anxiety, jitters
- justice:** (adj, n) equity, right, integrity, honesty; (n) judge, impartiality, judicature, jurist, morality, justness; (adj) just. ANTONYMS: (n) unfairness, wickedness
- justify:** (v) explain, exonerate, vindicate, confirm, absolve, defend, deserve, apologize, claim, palliate; (n, v) warrant
- keen:** (adj, v) eager, fresh, biting, brisk, avid; (adj) sharp, intense, intelligent, enthusiastic, exquisite, piercing. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, apathetic, unenthusiastic, blunt, unwilling, reluctant, passive, stupid, unconcerned, lukewarm, disinterested
- keenly:** (adv) eagerly, zealously, piercingly, acutely, cuttingly, ardently, strongly, lively, penetratingly, fervently, avidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unenthusiastically, apathetically, faintly, reluctantly, patiently, passively, halfheartedly, vaguely
- keep:** (n, v) hold; (v) preserve, retain, defend, guard, maintain, continue, have, save, confine, observe. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, neglect, entrust, return, let, discontinue, reimburse, allow, stop, destroy, break
- kept:** (adj) reserved, preserve, retained, remain, store, reserve, hold, lodge, keep, retain, detained. ANTONYM: (adj) broken
- kill:** (n, v) assassinate, destroy; (v) erase, annihilate, eliminate, extinguish, finish, blast, decimate, execute, eradicate. ANTONYMS: (v) revitalize, revive; (n) hunter
- kind:** (n) sort, form, class, variety, breed; (adj, n) helpful, good, humane, friendly, gentle; (adj) generous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unkind, cruel, hardhearted, mean, merciless, nasty, spiteful, uncaring, upsetting, callous, disagreeable
- kindly:** (adj) kind, amiable, genial, charitable; (adv) sympathetically, benevolently, tenderly; (adj, n) benign, gentle, sympathetic, benevolent. ANTONYMS: (adv) harshly, nastily, callously, cruelly, sharply, disagreeably, grumpily, malevolently; (adj) upsetting, unfeeling, sour
- knees:** (n) knee
- knew:** (adj) known; (v) recognize, wist
- knife:** (adj, n) blade; (adj) cutlery, edge tool; (v) stab; (n) sword, cleaver, whittle, cutter, tongue, pocketknife, chopper
- knitting:** (n) knitwork, needlework, needlecraft, knitted fabric, web, braid, weave, creating from raw materials, knit stitch
- knock:** (n, v) hit, blow, bang, bump, tap, strike, whack, bash, punch, cuff; (n) crash. ANTONYMS: (n) improvement, boost; (v) encourage, bolster, approve
- knocking:** (n) sound, bang, beating, hit, rap, strike, belt, criticism, bash

knowing: (adj, v) canny, crafty, wise; (adj, n) clever; (adj) conscious, aware, ingenious, intelligent, bright, conversant, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) naive, uncomprehending, unconscious

knowledge: (n) information, comprehension, science, lore, understanding, intelligence, grasp, erudition, acquaintance; (n, v) cognition; (adj, n) art. ANTONYMS: (n) foolishness, inexperience

known: (adj) familiar, knew, conscious, certain, famous, know, eminent, plain, accepted, published, acknowledged. ANTONYMS: (adj) unknown, secret, unidentified, unfamiliar

lack: (n, v) deficiency, need, destitution; (n) default, defect, dearth, absence, insufficiency, deficit, poverty; (v) fail. ANTONYMS: (n) abundance, excess, provision, adequacy, affluence, sufficiency, plethora, supply; (v) have, own, possess

lady: (n) gentlewoman, Mrs, duchess, countess, spouse, madam, ma'am, milady, matron, woman; (v) squaw. ANTONYM: (n) Lord

laid: (adj) layed, lay, place, placed, put, situated, arranged, determined, dictated, hardened, ordered

lamentably: (adj, adv) sadly, woefully; (adv) pathetically, pathetically, pitifully, wretchedly, pitifully; (adj) grievously, piteously, sorely, painfully

lamp: (n) light, lantern, beacon, headlight, flashbulb, flashgun, table lamp, oil lamp, storm lantern; (n, v) look; (v) behold

lampshade: (n) shade, lamp shade
landed: (adj) land, territorial, allodial, predial

landlord: (n) laird, proprietor, landlady, owner, landholder, land holder, land owner, innkeeper, property owner, slumlord, publican. ANTONYM: (n) occupant

language: (n) speech, expression, lingo, diction, tongue, idiom, jargon, conversation, word, words, terminology

large: (adj) ample, generous, considerable, broad, handsome, high, bulky, heavy, capacious, roomy; (adj, n) extensive. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, cramped, insignificant, narrow, microscopic, compact, tiny, thin, short, slim, paltry

larger: (adj) bigger, big, more, major, large, greater, largest, exceed, superior, generously proportioned, excel

late: (adj, adv) dilatory, fresh, behindhand, backward; (adj) former, deceased, dead, slow, delayed, modern; (adv) belatedly.

ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) early, punctual; (adv) punctually, promptly; (adj) ahead, existing, alive, initial, middle, old, premature

lately: (adv) tardily, newly, freshly, belatedly, slowly, latterly, deadily; (adj, adv) anew, late, afresh; (adj) recent

later: (adv) afterward, subsequently, afterwards, then; (adj) following, last, future, ensuing, subsequent, latter; (adj, adv) next. ANTONYMS: (adv) immediately, before, now; (adj, adv) prior; (adj) early, previous, preceding, former

latitude: (n) freedom, scope, breadth, room, expanse, range, compass, climate, clime, space, reach.

ANTONYM: (n) constraint

laugh: (n, v) joke, giggle, chortle, titter, snicker; (v) smile; (n) jest, gag, jape, laughter, cackle. ANTONYM: (v) weep

laughing: (adj) merry, smiling, laughable, jolly, gay, lighthearted, frolicsome, playful, pleased, dizzy; (adv) laughingly. ANTONYM: (adj) serious

laughter: (n) amusement, fun, guffaw, merriment, chortle, chuckle, mirth, hilarity, giggle, derision, happiness. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, gloom, despair, boredom, misery, despondency

law-abiding: (adj) obedient, straight, honest, solid, righteous

lead: (n, v) guide; (v) conduct, direct, contribute, go, control, conduce, govern, chair, bring; (n) clue.

ANTONYMS: (v) follow, trail, descend; (n) disadvantage, inferiority

leader: (n) chief, guide, head, captain, boss, director, commander, chieftain, conductor, administrator, lead. ANTONYMS: (n) straggler, laggard, supporter, underdog, inferior

leaders: (n) leader, leads, leadership, influential, high command, cream of the crop, body, best, privileged

leading: (adj, v) first, foremost; (adj) outstanding, head, great, capital; (adj, n) main, cardinal, principal;

(adj, adv) ahead; (n) lead. ANTONYMS: (adj) secondary, subordinate, following, junior, innocent, last, lousy, unimportant, worst; (adv) behind, losing
leads: (n) slating, pieced leads, slates, pile driving leads, tiling
learn: (v) get, find, ascertain, hear, find out, have, determine, con, acquire, tell; (n, v) know.

ANTONYM: (v) reject
learned: (adj) educated, knowledgeable, scholarly, academic, cultured, literary, bookish, lettered; (adj, v) enlightened, wise, knowing.

ANTONYMS: (adj) innate, unconditioned, foolish, unlearned
learning: (n, v) erudition, enlightenment; (n) acquisition, education, culture, scholarship, wisdom, acquirement, letter, literature; (v) learn

least: (n) minimum; (adj) smallest, minimal, littlest, lowest, insignificant, minutest, negligible; (adj, n) smallest amount; (adv) at least, fully. ANTONYMS: (adj)

maximum, greatest; (adj, adv) most

leave: (v) depart, go, abandon, desert, lead; (adj, v) forsake, quit; (n) furlough, permission, holiday; (n, v) escape. ANTONYMS: (v) enter, arrive, stay, remain, come, approach, change, reposition, disinherit, occupy, participate

leaves: (n) departure, leaving, plants, trees, vegetation
leaving: (n) leave, exit, desertion, going, going away, farewell, departing, abandonment, withdrawal, boarding; (v) depart.

ANTONYMS: (n) arrival, greeting, Reunion; (adj) incoming

lecture: (n, v) discourse, harangue, reprimand, sermon, rebuke, talk, censure; (n) speech, oration; (v) chide, preach. ANTONYMS: (v) praise; (n) compliment

left: (adj) gone, absent, port, odd, remaining, larboard, gauche, sinister; (n) left hand, left wing, mitt.

ANTONYMS: (adj, adv, n) right; (adj) remaining, center, starboard, present

legally: (adv) lawfully, legitimately, justly, statutorily, licitly, validly, constitutionally, rightfully, judicially, juridically, correctly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) unlawfully, illegally

legend: (n) caption, fable, fiction, inscription, tale, folk tale, account,

- tradition, title, story, myth
- legs:** (v) pegs, trotters, pins; (n) patience, pedestal, stamina
- lend:** (v) grant, give, advance, impart, bestow, contribute, borrow, bring, add, confer; (n) lending
- less:** (adj) inferior, wanting, minor, secondary, subordinate, deficient, minus, few; (adj, adv) lesser, lower; (adv) below. ANTONYMS: (adj) additional; (prep) plus
- lessened:** (adj) diminished, hurt, lower, mitigated, pointed, tapering, vitiated, atrophied, short, attenuate, attenuated
- lesson:** (n) example, education, instruction, class, learning, sermon, recitation, task, study, message; (n, v) rebuke
- lessons:** (n) classes, coaching, tuition, schoolwork, revision, learning, education, training
- letter:** (n) epistle, mail, character, communication, alphabetic character, dispatch, note, message, memorandum, type, memo
- letters:** (n) erudition, literature, correspondence, lore, script, scholarship, post, print, mail, letter, polite literature
- liberal:** (adj) bountiful, handsome, benevolent, large, abundant, big, kind, broad, charitable, tolerant; (adj, n) free. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) conservative; (adj) totalitarian, oppressive, intolerant, reactionary, proactive, miserly, rigid, insufficient, stingy, tightfisted
- liberals:** (n) socialists, Tories
- liberty:** (adj, n) freedom, franchise; (n) license, leave, independence, autonomy, emancipation, latitude, permission, scope, release. ANTONYMS: (n) slavery, domination, constraint, suppression, dependence
- lies:** (n) fabrication, falsehood, lie, lying, deceit, defamation, denigration, dishonesty, slander, libel, treachery. ANTONYM: (n) truth
- life:** (adj, n) animation; (n) energy, spirit, activity, dash, enthusiasm, being, biography, existence, exuberance, live. ANTONYMS: (n) death, apathy, extinction, nonexistence, lifelessness
- lifted:** (adj) raised, elevated, lift, lofty, upraised, steep
- light:** (adj) fair, facile, faint; (adj, v) clear; (n, v) fire, glow, flame; (v) kindle, inflame, ignite; (n) illumination. ANTONYMS: (adj) heavy, fattening, nauseating, testing, stale; (n) darkness, shade, gloom, night; (v) extinguish, darken
- lighted:** (adj) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning, ignite, kindled, lighted
- lightning:** (n) levin, electricity, thunderbolt, Leven, ignis fatuus, heat lightning, forked lightning, fetter, dart, chain lightning; (adj) wind
- likely:** (adj) believable, probable, plausible, expected, potential, conceivable, apt, prospective, verisimilar; (adv) possibly, maybe. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) unlikely; (adj) improbable, implausible, slight, unwilling, unusual, unbelievable
- likes:** (n) kind, sort, type
- line:** (n) cord, house, course, family, lineage, breed, field, ancestry, row; (adj, n) file; (n, v) order
- lines:** (n) cavesson, jaquima, hackamore, headstall, ribbons, words, contour, shape, position, piece, part
- lion:** (adj, n) celebrity, hero; (adj) worthy, great card, tiger; (n) Leo, cat, king of beasts, curiosity, luminary, spectacle
- lionhearted:** (adj) brave, gallant, dauntless, fearless, intrepid, stout
- list:** (n) catalogue, catalog, inclination, index, calendar, enumeration; (n, v) file, tilt, schedule; (v) enter, itemize
- listen:** (v) hear, heed, hearken, attend, harken, list, listening, eavesdrop, mind, concentrate, pay attention
- listening:** (v) listen, hear, obey; (n) auscultation, perception, sensing, audition, audience, earshot, auditory modality; (adj) attentive
- literally:** (adv) precisely, plainly, faithfully, strictly, accurately, rightly, verbally; (adj, adv) word for word, really, sic, actually. ANTONYMS: (adv) metaphorically, loosely
- littered:** (adj) untidy, under attack, beleaguered, beset, besieged, messy, plagued, topsy-turvy, tormented
- little:** (adj, adv) small; (adj) diminutive, insignificant, short, tiny, some, brief, petty, minute, exiguous; (adv) rather. ANTONYMS: (adj) enormous, large, important, huge, high, giant, older, old, tall; (adv) frequently, well
- live:** (adj) alive, living; (adj, v) reside, active, dwell, stay; (n, v) subsist; (v) exist, be, abide, endure. ANTONYMS: (adj) inanimate, inactive, silent, dummy, blank, recorded; (v) die, perish, expire
- livelihood:** (n) subsistence, existence, job, maintenance, support, living, sustenance, bread, keep, bread and butter, career
- lives:** (n) life, living, estate, existence, earnest living
- living:** (adj) alive, live, extant, animated, active, fresh, animate, quick; (n) livelihood, life, being. ANTONYMS: (adj) inanimate; (n) death, leisure
- loan:** (n, v) advance, invest; (n) credit, accommodation, loanword, debt, borrowing; (v) lend, borrow, trust, rent
- local:** (adj) sectional, topical, home, indigenous, nearby, municipal, civic, limited, vernacular, internal; (n) resident. ANTONYMS: (adj) universal, foreign, worldwide, general, global, central, private; (n) express, outsider, stranger, foreigner
- logical:** (adj) coherent, sensible, rational, legitimate, reasonable, justifiable, valid, judicious, lucid, orderly; (n) logic. ANTONYMS: (adj) unintelligible, imaginative, confused, irrational, unreasonable, random, disorganized, intuitive, incomprehensible, haphazard, disorderly
- lonely:** (adj) deserted, lone, dreary, solitary, forsaken, desert; (adj, n) isolated, alone; (adv) lonesomely, solely, solitarily. ANTONYMS: (adj) sheltered, populous, cheerful, nearby; (n) foe
- long:** (v) yearn, desire, hanker, languish, ache, wish; (adj, n) extensive; (n, v) hunger; (adj) extended, lengthy; (n) length. ANTONYMS: (adj) short, brief, concise
- longer:** (adj) longest, better, lengest; (adv) farther; (n) yearner, thirster
- longing:** (n, v) desire, aspiration; (adj) eager, wistful, nostalgic; (n) nostalgia, wish, hankering, urge, appetite; (adj, n) yearning. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, disinclination; (adj) satisfied, unconcerned
- long-lived:** (adj) old, perennial, lifelong, inveterate, chronic
- look:** (n, v) gaze, aspect, figure; (adj, v) seem; (v) appear, expect; (n) appearance, expression, view, glance, guise. ANTONYMS: (v)

- back, study; (n) perusal
- looking:** (n) face, sensing, aspect, approximation, appearance, watching, outlook; (v) look at, examine; (adv) about; (adj) superficial
- looks:** (n) aspect, countenance, expression, manner, complexion, fashion, costume, garb
- lord:** (n) chief, king, noble, sir, duke, master, God, seignior, nobility, Mister, potentate. ANTONYM: (n) lady
- lose:** (v) drop, forfeit, mislay, miss, sacrifice, fall behind, fail, to lose, forget, clear, hurt. ANTONYMS: (v) find, secure, recover, earn, obtain, acquire, get, win, beat, keep, succeed
- lost:** (adj, v) forlorn, extinct, gone, missing, helpless; (adj) hopeless, bewildered, forgotten, disoriented, broken; (n) loss. ANTONYMS: (adj) present, found, existing, won, saved, aware
- lots:** (adj, n) plenty, heaps; (adj) a lot, galore; (n) many, scores, scads, oodles, much, masses; (adv) a great deal. ANTONYM: (n) few
- loud:** (adj) flashy, garish, gaudy, blatant, brassy, boisterous, high, jazzy, brazen, piercing; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful, gentle, quiet, subtle, subdued, low, muted, weak, tranquil, thin; (adv) softly
- loudly:** (adv) vociferously, noisily, loud, clamorously, showily, strongly, flamboyantly, obstreperously, luridly, boisterously; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, thinly, silently, piano, pleasantly
- love:** (n) desire, fondness, affection, dear, liking, benevolence, charity, honey, devotion; (v) enjoy; (n, v) worship. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dislike; (n) abhorrence, hatred, aversion, detestation, detachment, indifference; (v) abhor; (adv) roughly
- loved:** (adj) beloved, pet, cherished, precious, liked, adored, respected, treasured, esteemed, valued; (n) darling. ANTONYM: (adj) hated
- lovely:** (adj) beautiful, charming, lovable, enchanting, delightful, handsome, alluring, elegant, endearing, gorgeous; (adv) comely. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, hideous, ugly, unattractive, horrifying, horrid, unappealing,
- repellent, detestable, dreadful, awkward
- loyally:** (adv) steadfastly, devotedly, staunchly, unwaveringly, constantly, steadily, dutifully, obediently, truly, trustily, firmly. ANTONYMS: (adv) disloyally, unfaithfully, carelessly
- lucidly:** (adv) plainly, limpidly, pellucidly, sanely, transparently, perspicuously, shiningly, articulately, resplendently, luminously, translucently. ANTONYMS: (adv) obscurely, unconvincingly, incoherently, vaguely, illogically
- luck:** (n) fortune, fate, accident, destiny, hazard, lot, advantage, providence, portion, happiness; (n, v) chance. ANTONYM: (n) design
- luckily:** (adv) happily, prosperously, auspiciously, fortuitously, successfully, providentially, propitiously, opportunely, advantageously, felicitously, as luck would have it. ANTONYMS: (adv) unluckily, inauspiciously
- lucky:** (adj, n) auspicious, happy, favored; (adj) favorable, prosperous, propitious, successful, favourable, flourishing, fortuitous; (n) fortune. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlucky, hapless, unfortunate, unsuccessful, disadvantaged, inauspicious, underprivileged, unenviable, unsatisfactory
- lying:** (adj) false, deceptive, mendacious, untrue, misleading, fraudulent; (n) lie, falsehood, fabrication, deceit, dishonesty. ANTONYMS: (n) honesty, truthfulness; (adj) truthful
- machine:** (n) apparatus, device, implement, car, contrivance, auto, tool, organization, gadget, automobile, automaton
- madness:** (n) frenzy, insanity, lunacy, idiocy, folly, delirium, insaneness; (adj, n) furor, rage, desperation, furore. ANTONYMS: (n) sense, calmness, order
- magnesia:** (n) mineral, pericalse
- magnificent:** (adj) imposing, brilliant, splendid, grandiose, superb, elegant; (adj, n) grand, excellent, gorgeous, illustrious, glorious. ANTONYMS: (adj) awful, ridiculous, unimpressive, humble, inglorious, modest, meager, unattractive, boring, unexceptional, humdrum
- maid:** (n) damsel, chambermaid, lass,
- lassie, girl, domestic, amah, virgin, maiden, housemaid, handmaid
- maimed:** (adj) disabled, mutilated, deformed, truncated, faulty, cut short, game, cut off; (n) wounded
- main:** (adj) grand, great, leading, head, principal, prominent, basic, capital, central; (adj, n) essential, cardinal. ANTONYMS: (adj) minor, secondary, supplementary, auxiliary, subsidiary, peripheral, dependent, extra, side, trivial, marginal
- mainly:** (adv) principally, primarily, above all, primely, especially, greatly, mostly, largely, in the main, grandly; (adj, adv) particularly
- maintain:** (v) continue, assert, aver, preserve, defend, declare, guard, conserve, affirm; (n, v) justify, allege. ANTONYMS: (v) change, neglect, abandon, transform, quit, grant, end, cancel, endanger, refute, stop
- majority:** (n) legal age, age, adulthood, plurality, body, preponderance, maturity, mass, greater part; (adv) most, mostly. ANTONYMS: (adj) alternative, unconventional; (n) childhood
- making:** (n) creation, construction, production, fabrication, manufacture, cartography, devising, fashioning, manufacturing, formation; (v) to make. ANTONYMS: (n) undoing, destruction
- malice:** (n) spite, animosity, enmity, venom, ill will, hatred, malevolence, cruelty, envy, hate, spleen. ANTONYMS: (n) goodwill, benevolence, affection, goodness
- manage:** (n, v) direct, govern, guide; (v) do, administer, cope, accomplish, deal, work, arrange, lead. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, lose, bungle
- mandate:** (n) charge, authority, behest, command, bidding, instruction, dictate, order, authorization, decree, commandment
- mangled:** (adj, prep) lacerated, rent; (adj) deformed, mutilated, lacerate, disabled, broken, maimed, distorted, damaged, blasted
- manner:** (adj, n) kind; (n) bearing, demeanor, method, form, appearance, carriage, way; (n, v) custom, style, habit
- manoeuvre:** (n) device, gambit, artifice, ruse, stratagem, ploy, tactic; (v) direct, guide, steer, go

manuscript: (n, v) writing; (n) book, handwriting, record, copy, text, document, Ms, holograph, transcript, palimpsest
many-sided: (adj) various, versatile, eclectic, finished, clever
march: (n, v) hike, parade, trek, ramble, journey, tramp, course; (n) demonstration; (v) process, pace, stride
marching: (n) walking, mar, drill; (adj) ongoing, moving
mark: (adj, n, v) notice; (n, v) brand, score, heed, label, blemish; (n) sign, impression, character; (v) characterize, distinguish. ANTONYM: (n) enhancement
marrowless: (v) nerveless, pithless, lustless, sinewless
mash: (v) crush, squash, grind, beat, comminute, squeeze, crunch, bray, flirt, press, pulp
mass: (adj, n) bulk, lump, block; (n, v) flock, crowd, cluster, pile, bunch; (n) magnitude, collection, majority. ANTONYMS: (n) lightness, few; (v) disperse
masses: (adj, n) plenty, heaps, loads; (adj, adv, n) lots; (n) mass, public, people, hoi polloi, crowd, common people, multitude. ANTONYMS: (n) aristocracy, few, elite; (adj) inadequate
master: (n) captain, instructor, lord; (v) control, conquer, command, dominate, defeat; (adj, n) original, head, ace. ANTONYMS: (n) underling, servant, novice, amateur
masterpiece: (adj, n) tour de force; (n) achievement, chef d'oeuvre, standard, model, paragon, creation; (adj) prime, pick, nonpareil, nonesuch
material: (n) matter, body, cloth; (adj) corporal, substantial, bodily, corporeal, concrete, physical, important, real. ANTONYMS: (adj) insubstantial, immaterial, incorporeal, insignificant, unimportant, abstract, heavenly, intangible, ethereal
matter: (n) business, substance, issue, material, affair, concern, incident, article, subject; (n, v) case; (adj, n) import
matters: (n) affairs, materials, dealings, proceedings
mature: (adj, v) ripe, ripen; (v) develop, age, mellow, season; (adj) complete, old, experienced, adult, perfect. ANTONYMS: (adj) childish, naive, young, unripe, sophomoric,

unfledged, green, unclear, irresponsible, incomplete; (v) growing
maybe: (adv) possibly, probably, perchance, haply, peradventure, in all probability, lest, doubtless, conceivably, mayhap; (n) possibility. ANTONYM: (adv) certainly
mayor: (n) provost, mayoress, city manager, politician, mayoralty, official, civil authority, administrator; (adj) major
meal: (n) repast, farina, flour, feed, banquet, dinner, luncheon, supper, refection, collation; (n, v) spread
meals: (n) nourishment, fare, food, meal, the food we eat, provisions
mean: (adj, n) middle, low, contemptible, average, medium, common; (v) design; (n, v) imply, denote; (adj) ignoble, hateful. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, kind, extravagant, charitable, luxurious, rich, expansive, extreme, great; (n) maximum, minimum
means: (n) instrument, agency, income, assets, manner, funds, capital, channel, property, resource, resources. ANTONYM: (n) poverty
meant: (adj) destined, implied, sincere, preordained, intentional, predestined; (v) intend, designate
meantime: (adv) meanwhile, in the meantime, simultaneously; (n) interval, interlude, while, at times, whiles, mean, instrument
meanwhile: (adv) in the meantime, at the same time, for the time being, ad interim; (n) interim, while, interlude, interval, mean, at times; (prep) during
measures: (n) proceedings, actions, events, method, preparations, process, provision, way, planning
meat: (n) food, gist, essence, core, kernel, heart, substance, marrow, crux, matter, beef
medical: (adj) aesculapian, medicinal, medic, therapeutic, remedial; (n) checkup, health check, examination, scrutiny, healing; (adv) medically. ANTONYMS: (adj) surgical, theoretical
medicinal: (adj) medical, medicative, healing, remedial, therapeutic, healthful, medical services, theriacal, external, containing medicine; (n) drug
meet: (v) find, converge, assemble, gather, fulfill, congregate, answer, cross, confront, intersect; (adv, v) encounter. ANTONYMS: (v)

diverge, disperse, separate, part, leave, differ, disband
meeting: (n) confluence, convention, concourse, assembly, conference, congress, council, meet, caucus, appointment, junction. ANTONYMS: (n) parting, trough
member: (n) limb, supporter, extremity, portion, phallus, personnel, appendage, employee, section, fellow, constituent. ANTONYMS: (n) nonmember, observer, skeptic, whole, opponent
memories: (n) recollections, reminiscences, nostalgia, memento Mori
menagerie: (n) zoo, vivarium, menage, manage, installation, facility, collection, assemblage, aggregation, accumulation, menagery
mention: (n, v) comment, name, remark, call, hint; (v) cite, observe, commend; (n) allusion, citation, reference. ANTONYM: (v) conceal
merchant: (n) trader, seller, businessman, shopkeeper, vendor, retailer, merchandiser, storekeeper, broker, grocer; (n, v) chapman. ANTONYM: (n) buyer
mercy: (n) kindness, compassion, pity, favor, leniency, pardon, forgiveness, grace, charity, humanity; (n, v) quarter. ANTONYMS: (n) cruelty, harshness, unkindness, severity, mercilessness, ruthlessness, impatience, inhumanity
mere: (adj, n) entire; (adj) bare, simple, pure; (n) loch, tarn, boundary, absolute; (n, v) downright; (adv) merely; (adj, v) clear
merely: (adj, adv) only, barely, purely, simply, exclusively; (adv) but, absolutely, entirely, simply, completely, unmixedly. ANTONYM: (adv) intensely
mess: (n) jumble, clutter, hodgepodge, jam, difficulty, confusion, disorder, chaos; (v) soil, botch; (adj, n) scrape. ANTONYMS: (n) success, space, neatness, ease
message: (n) communication, information, errand, letter, mission, dispatch, statement, word, lesson, significance, note
messenger: (n, v) herald; (n) harbinger, runner, emissary, bearer, ambassador, precursor, courier, carrier, apostle, errand
mettle: (n) heart, courage, spunk,

- fortitude, guts, character, spirit, bravery, valor, boldness; (adj, n) pluck
- midday:** (n) noon, noonday, noontide, afternoon, twelve noon, hour; (adj) meridian, meridional; (adj, n) culmination
- middle:** (n) heart, hub, core, center; (adj, n) mean, median, mid; (adj) intermediate, halfway, mediate, central. ANTONYMS: (adj) extreme, outer, late, early; (adj, n) outside; (n) extremity, perimeter, beginning, end, circumference, surface
- might:** (n) power, energy, ability, influence, strength, puissance, vehemence, intensity; (v) may, can, could. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, feebleness, meekness
- mind:** (n, v) intellect, notice, regard; (v) care, look, attend, beware, keep, listen, look after; (n) disposition. ANTONYMS: (v) forget, neglect, disregard, disobey, Miss, ignore; (n) emotion, inattention; (adj) physical
- minded:** (prep) inclined; (adj, prep) disposed; (adj) willing, apt, ready, prone, orientated, favorable, oriented, prepared, partial
- mine:** (adj, v) excavate, sap; (n) excavation, pit, fund, land mine, vein; (v) exploit, burrow; (adj) my, delve
- minority:** (n) nonage, infancy, inferiority, adolescence, tender age, subordination, teens, youth, legal status, legal immaturity, early childhood. ANTONYM: (adj) mainstream
- minute:** (n, v) note; (adj) little, delicate, microscopic, small, atomic; (n) jiffy, flash, moment, second, memorandum. ANTONYMS: (adj) huge, big, gigantic, significant, cursory, immeasurable, tremendous, important, colossal, giant, large
- minutes:** (n) record, transactions, records, memorandum, journal, minute, report, proceeding, legal proceeding, judicial proceeding, Hansard
- mischief:** (adj, n) evil, hurt, harm; (n) damage, ill, detriment, disadvantage, devilry, caper, devilment, maleficence. ANTONYMS: (n) obedience, beneficence, help
- miserable:** (adj, v) forlorn, wretched, unhappy; (adj) mean, low, abject, deplorable, downcast, bad, desolate; (adj, adv) meager. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, generous, cheerful,
- cheery, bright, fortunate, hopeful, jubilant, luxurious, overjoyed, heavenly
- misfortune:** (n) accident, hardship, misadventure, disaster, calamity, mischance, catastrophe, mishap, bad luck, misery, affliction. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, bonus, opportunity, privilege, success, happiness
- misjudge:** (v) err, misunderstand, underrate, miscalculate, misconstrue, miscalculate, underestimate, misread, misinterpret, undervalue, misapprehend. ANTONYMS: (v) underestimate, appreciate, interpret, overestimate, understand
- misled:** (adj) fooled, undirected, false, bewildered, confused, erroneous, mistaken, misleading, misdirected, led astray, incorrect
- misrepresentation:** (n) deceit, falsity, falsification, false statement, misstatement, falsehood, forgery, lie, exaggeration, fraudulence, deception. ANTONYM: (n) correction
- miss:** (v) lose, fail, jump, omit, overlook, long, forget; (n) maid, girl; (adj, v) fault; (n, v) want. ANTONYMS: (v) perceive, attend, achieve, have, succeed, hit, make, see, find, take; (n) success
- mistake:** (n, v) miss, blunder, err, slip; (n) failure, error, misconception, misapprehension, defect, demerit; (v) misapprehend. ANTONYMS: (v) appreciate, distinguish, interpret
- mistaken:** (adj) wrong, erroneous, false, misguided, inaccurate, fallacious, untrue, misleading, confused, improper, error. ANTONYMS: (adj) accurate, wise, right
- mocking:** (adj) derisive, ironic, jeering, mock, quizzical, sarcastic, taunting, derisory, teasing, sardonic, sneering. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, approving, complimentary, sympathetic; (n) praise
- moderate:** (adj, v) temperate, calm; (adj) abstemious, mild, middling; (v) mitigate, lessen, allay, diminish, curb; (adv, v) check. ANTONYMS: (v) increase, intensify; (adj) immoderate, radical, unrestrained, speculative, strong, unreasonable, great, intemperate, massive
- moderation:** (n) abstinence,
- abstemiousness, moderateness, abatement, measure, alleviation, sobriety, patience, restraint, soberness, easing. ANTONYMS: (n) intemperance, overindulgence, excess, increase, immoderation, strength, extremism, indulgence, impatience, harshness, abandon
- modest:** (adj) humble, lowly, moderate, gentle, low, meek, chaste, decent, unassuming; (adj, n) bashful, diffident. ANTONYMS: (adj) pretentious, arrogant, spectacular, conceited, showy, proud, pompous, elaborate, grand, conspicuous, ostentatious
- moment:** (n, v) consequence, weight; (adj, n) instant; (n) flash, jiffy, hour. ANTONYMS: (n) inconsequence, age, triviality
- money:** (n) currency, capital, kale, funds, means, lucre, assets, legal tender, pelf, cash, dough
- monkey:** (n) imp, primate, scamp, rascal, battering ram; (v) tinker, meddle, tamper, trifle, cuckoo, echo
- monopoly:** (n) limitation, impropriation, exclusive possession, retention, monopolization, control, cartel, business, industry, board game, iron grip
- moral:** (n) lesson, meaning; (adj) good, decent, right, honest, virtuous, proper, chaste, upright, righteous. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, unwholesome, unethical, amoral, decadent, wrong, unjust, sinful, irreverent, dishonorable, degenerate
- morality:** (n) ethics, goodness, virtue, honesty, decency, integrity, righteousness, chastity, behavior, moral philosophy, rectitude. ANTONYMS: (n) immorality, decadence, wickedness, indecency
- morass:** (n) bog, swamp, quagmire, mire, fen, marsh, moss, sump, sludge, tangle, mud
- moreover:** (adv) again, besides, in addition, further, additionally, into the bargain, beyond, what is more; (adv, n) also; (adj, n) likewise; (adv, conj) and
- morning:** (n) dawn, sunrise, morn, forenoon, daylight, first light, am, dayspring, aurora, cockcrow, dawning. ANTONYMS: (n) sunset, nighttime, nightfall
- morsel:** (n, v) bite, mouthful; (n) crumb, chew, particle, fragment, taste, piece, nibble; (adj, v) gobbet, mite

mostly: (adv) generally, chiefly, for the most part, ordinarily, in general, above all, mainly, primarily, principally, more often than not, by and large. ANTONYM: (adv) partially

mother: (n) mamma, mommy, origin, mama, ma, mammy, mummy; (n, v) father; (v) engender, generate, beget

motion: (n) action, movement, gesticulation, play, exercise, passage; (n, v) wave, sign, signal; (v) beckon, gesticulate. ANTONYMS: (n) inertia, motionlessness, inactivity, stillness; (v) dismiss

mount: (n, v) rise, climb, frame; (v) board, arise, advance, jump, increase; (n) hill, mountain; (adj, v) ride. ANTONYMS: (v) drop, decrease, wane, dismount; (n) valley, hollow

mounts: (adj) mounted

mournful: (adj) sad, miserable, melancholy, funereal, dolorous, dark, pensive, gloomy, lugubrious, lamentable; (adj, n) plaintive. ANTONYMS: (adj) joyful, happy, emotionless

move: (v) excite, go, affect, carry, touch, instigate, travel; (n, v) act, drive, transfer, maneuver. ANTONYMS: (v) stay, restore, refrain, remain, rest, withdraw, stop, repel, come, leave

municipal: (adj) city, civic, urban, public, civil, national, town, metropolitan, domestic, executive, community. ANTONYM: (adj) private

murmur: (n, v) grumble, mumble, hum, whisper, mutter, whine, babble, drone; (v) complain, bubble, breathe

music: (n) melody, chorus, musical, sound, composition, monody, folk music, medicine, euphony, drumming, ballet

mutable: (adj) variable, inconstant, fickle, slippery, changeful, capricious, unstable, fluctuating, erratic, unsettled, checked.

ANTONYMS: (adj) immutable, constant, fixed, unchangeable

mutual: (adj) common, communal, joint, bilateral, collective, public, united, concerted, shared, alternate; (adv) mutually. ANTONYMS: (adj) individual, unilateral, private, solitary

myself: (pron) me, itself, herself, oneself, themselves, yourself; (n) I, yourselves; (adv) in person, for

myself, in my opinion.

ANTONYMS: (adv) universally, generally

mysterious: (adj) inscrutable, incomprehensible, deep, eerie, inexplicable, obscure, abstruse, dark, cryptic, secret, arcane. ANTONYMS: (adj) known, apparent, normal, open, explicable, facile, obvious, simple, legible, familiar, transparent

mystery: (n) arcanum, enigma, mysteriousness, secrecy, puzzle, craft, perplexity, poser, inscrutability, whodunit; (adj, n) secret. ANTONYMS: (n) explanation, openness

name: (v) appoint, describe, baptize, list, enumerate, identify, cite, mention; (n, v) title, entitle; (n) epithet. ANTONYMS: (n) nobody, indecency

names: (n) calumny, defamation, hatchet job

napkin: (n) diaper, cloth, handkerchief, serviette, table napkin, nappy, dinner napkin, duster, malkin, maukin; (v) sudary

narrow-minded: (adj) narrow, petty, bigoted, provincial, stuffy, fanatical, dogmatic, selfish, sectarian, rabid, conventional

nastiness: (n) filthiness, foulness, meanness, spite, malice, beastliness, dirt, dirtiness, indecency, bitchiness; (adj, n) unpleasantness.

ANTONYMS: (n) amiability, niceness, goodwill, generosity, decency, charity, pleasantness, politeness, friendliness

nasty: (adj) dirty, foul, filthy, disgusting, awful, mean, repulsive, raw, hurtful, coarse; (adj, n) obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) agreeable, pleasant, nice, charitable, lovely, delightful, friendly, tasty, charming, safe, respectful

national: (adj) domestic, home, civil, interior, public, ethnic, federal; (n) citizen, subject; (adj, n) local, native.

ANTONYMS: (adj) international, local, foreign, private, home, regional; (n) foreigner

native: (adj, n) aboriginal, natural; (adj) inherent, inborn, innate, congenital, inbred, indigenous, domestic; (n) autochthon, aborigine.

ANTONYMS: (n) stranger, migrant, foreigner; (adj) foreign, learned, acquired, nonnative, overseas, adopted; (adj, n) immigrant, imported

natural: (adj) inherent, innate,

unaffected, instinctive, artless, congenital, inborn, normal, intrinsic, essential, native. ANTONYMS: (adj) affected, refined, false, cultivated, unnatural, paranormal, supernatural, abnormal, forced, exceptional, strained

naturally: (adv, int) of course; (adv) spontaneously, unaffectedly, natively, openly, essentially, course, by nature, understandably, normally; (adj, adv) innately. ANTONYMS: (adv) artificially, surprisingly, uncharacteristically, pretentiously, unusually, abnormally, affectedly, shyly

navvy: (n) laborer, labourer, galley slave, Demiurgus, drudge, hack, hewers of wood and drawers of water, manual laborer, hacker, peon; (v) pavior

near: (adj, adv, v) close, at hand; (adv, prep) by, around, towards; (adj, v) familiar, adjoining, approximate; (adj, adv, prep) about; (adj, adv) almost; (adj) imminent.

ANTONYMS: (adj) distant, far, further, actual, exact; (v) leave

nearer: (adj) adjacent, narre, hither; (adv) more rapidly, sooner, quicker, nigher, NER, faster, earlier, Neer

nearest: (adj) proximate, immediate, close, near, next, adjoining, intimate, direct, adjacent; (adj, adv) nighest; (adv) fore. ANTONYM: (adj) distant

nearily: (adv) closely, intimately, nighly, virtually; (adj, adv, prep) about, just about; (adj, adv) near, all but, close, most; (adv, prep) approximately

neatly: (adv) sprucely, tidily, cleanly, adroitly, precisely, smartly, tastefully, gracefully, properly, nattily; (adj, adv) dexterously.

ANTONYMS: (adv) messily, shabbily, untidily, clumsily, loosely, inelegantly, awkwardly

necessary: (adj, n, v) requisite; (adj, v) important; (adj) inevitable, compulsory, mandatory, fundamental, main, indispensable;

(n) necessity, demand; (adj, n) basic. ANTONYMS: (adj) optional, surplus, needless, unjustified, dispensable, possible, unimportant, voluntary, nonessential, inappropriate; (n) inessential

necessity: (n) demand, need, lack, exigency, essential, compulsion, emergency, distress, must, constraint, necessary. ANTONYMS: (n) inessential, treat, unimportance,

- luxury
- neck:** (n) cervix, nape, neckband, neckline, isthmus; (v) make out, pet, love, cut; (adj) stricture, middle constriction
- neckcloth:** (n) neckerchief, scarf, handkerchief, gunstock, broth, caudex, descent, farm animal, breed, gillyflower, inventory
- need:** (adj, n, v) lack, want; (n, v) demand, desire, deficiency, must, destitution; (n) necessity, requirement; (v) require, claim. ANTONYMS: (v) obviate, dislike, have; (n) option, luxury, glut, unimportance, affluence, prosperity
- needs:** (adv) inevitably, needfully, indispensably, by necessity, inescapably, of necessity, ineluctably; (n) must, requirement, necessity; (adj) needed
- neglected:** (adj) dilapidated, disregarded, ignored, deserted, derelict, forsaken, obsolete, antiquated, antique, shabby, unnoticed. ANTONYM: (adj) salubrious
- neighbourhood:** (n) neighborhood, adjacency, locality, near, nearness, proximity, place, community, street, vicinity, nearby
- neighbours:** (n) neighborhood
- neither:** (conj) either, no-one, not either, nor, nother
- nerve:** (n) cheek, audacity, boldness, brass, impudence, heart, mettle, daring, courage, face, fortitude. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, timidity, reticence, respect
- nervous:** (adj) anxious, excitable, afraid, uneasy, shy, fearful, apprehensive, firm; (adj, v) tense; (adj, adv) cowardly, excited. ANTONYMS: (adj) brave, relaxed, bold, composed, confident, fearless, untroubled, unflappable, still, unconcerned, carefree
- nest:** (n) den, lair, hole, burrow, home, beehive; (adj) brood, hive, litter; (adj, n) herd; (v) embed
- never:** (adv) ne'er, Nevers, always, not ever, by no means, at all times, not at all, not, NE. ANTONYMS: (adv) always, forever
- nevertheless:** (adv, conj, prep) however, although; (adv, conj) but, yet, even; (adv) all the same, even so, though, anyway, anyhow; (adj, adv) still
- newly:** (adv) freshly, recently, lately, new, late, novelly, unusedly, anew, fresh; (adj, adv) afresh; (adj) recent
- newspaper:** (n) magazine, paper, gazette, news, periodical, print, publisher, press, publication, newsprint, weekly
- newspapers:** (n) press, papers, the media, journalists, reporters
- next:** (adj) nearest, adjacent, contiguous, following, future, coming, ensuing, after; (adv, conj) then, afterward; (adj, v) subsequent. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) previous, previously, preceding; (adj) outgoing, distant; (adv) before
- nice:** (adj) fastidious, dainty, fine, good, lovely, kind, likable, delicious, difficult, precise; (adj, n) neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) horrible, nasty, unlikable, rough, mean, loathsome, approximate, unsavory, unfriendly, inelegant, bad
- nicely:** (adv) daintily, pleasantly, finely, deliciously, kindly, delicately, correctly, exactly, pleasingly, elegantly, skillfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) badly, unattractively, inelegantly, cruelly
- night:** (n) dark, dusk, darkness, gloaming, twilight, nighttime, Nox, eventide, period; (adj) nocturnal, gloomy. ANTONYMS: (n) day, light, sunrise
- nobody:** (n) cipher, naught, zero, nil, nothing, nonentity, cypher, zip, whippersnapper, none; (n, pron) no one. ANTONYMS: (n) celebrity, notable, somebody; (pron) everyone, anyone, everybody
- noise:** (n, v) clatter, echo; (n) clamor, hubbub, racket, sound, disturbance, uproar, din, buzz, clang. ANTONYMS: (n) silence, quiet, quietness, sense
- none:** (n) nought, naught, nobody, zilch, anything; (adv) not, neither, any; (adj) whatsoever, no, whatever
- nonsense:** (n) bosh, absurdity, humbug, balderdash, foolishness, drivel, folderol, baloney, falderal, jargon, claptrap. ANTONYMS: (n) sense, wisdom, substance, fact
- normal:** (adj) regular, general, customary, conventional, habitual, natural, typical, mean, everyday; (adj, v) ordinary, common. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, irregular, weird, unconventional, creepy, supernatural, strange, odd, extraordinary, eccentric, irrational
- normally:** (adv) ordinarily, usually, generally, regularly, customarily, typically, commonly, routinely, habitually, naturally, Standardly.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) unusually, abnormally, oddly, strangely, peculiarly, eccentrically, exceptionally, irrationally, rarely, seldom
- north:** (adv) northwards, northerly, northward, in the north; (n) n, union, compass north, due north, magnetic north, norther; (adj) northbound
- norway:** (n) Kingdom of Norway, Norge
- nose:** (n) hooter, neb, nozzle, proboscis, honker, bow, odour; (v) wind, pry, scent; (n, v) sniff
- note:** (n, v) comment, mind, remark, mention, heed, mark, look, report; (n) indication, annotation; (v) detect. ANTONYMS: (v) disregard; (n) disgrace, invoice
- notes:** (n) data, commentary, currency, paper, comments, remarks, annotation, information, ready money, observations, newspaper
- nothing:** (adv, n) naught; (adj, n) nil, null; (n) nobody, cipher, nihil, nonentity, trifle, nix, aught, cypher. ANTONYMS: (pron) anything, everything, some; (n) all
- notice:** (n, v) note, mind, regard; (n) advertisement, information, declaration, attention; (adj, v) look, attend; (v) find, detect. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, overlook, Miss; (n) ignorance, inattention, appointment, unconsciousness
- noticed:** (adj) noted
- notion:** (n) belief, idea, impression, fancy, image, imagination, opinion, conception, concept; (adj, n, v) judgment; (n, v) caprice. ANTONYMS: (n) trust, certainty, fact, reality
- nourished:** (adj) fostered
- nourishment:** (n) food, alimentation, meal, meat, diet, feeding, nutrition, repast, sustenance, edible, fuel
- nowadays:** (adv) currently, presently, at present, at the moment, immediately; (adv, n) today; (adj, n) present; (n) moment, modern times, these days, nonce. ANTONYMS: (adv) formerly, then
- nuisance:** (adj, n) annoyance; (n) harassment, irritation, pain, pest, hassle, inconvenience, mischief, irritant, plague, pain in the neck. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, help, delight, blessing, balm, advantage, satisfaction, ease
- number:** (n, v) amount, figure; (v)

- calculate, total, aggregate, enumerate, come; (n) score, act, volume, issue
- nutritive:** (adj) nourishing, nutritious, alimentary, nutrient, alimental, wholesome, eatable, rich, alible, edible, healthy
- obey:** (v) comply, listen, keep, fulfill, hear, conform, abide by, serve, comply with; (n, v) mind, heed. ANTONYMS: (v) disobey, defy, break, transgress, infringe, challenge, deny
- obeying:** (adv) under
- object:** (n) cause, intent, meaning, mark, subject, objective, substance; (n, v) aim, end, intention; (v) except. ANTONYMS: (v) agree, approve, praise; (n) notion
- objection:** (n) dissent, complaint, grievance, exception, gripe, disagreement, outcry, difficulty, expostulation, disapproval, criticism. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, agreement, praise, acceptance
- oblige:** (v) coerce, force, drive, constrain, make, bind, accommodate, obligate, necessitate, enforce, impel. ANTONYMS: (v) displease, request, hinder
- obliged:** (adj) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable, compelled; (adj, v) bound, under obligation; (adj, prep) indebted; (v) oblige, binding. ANTONYM: (adj) ungrateful
- obstinacy:** (n) stubbornness, firmness, bullheadedness, determination, contumacy, mulishness, impenitence, resolve, resoluteness, impenitency, pertinacity. ANTONYMS: (n) cooperation, compliance
- obtained:** (adj) fulfilled, derivative
- obvious:** (adj, v) clear; (adj) distinct, conspicuous, open, evident, flagrant, glaring, blatant, discernible; (adj, adv) apparent, manifest. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconspicuous, obscure, unclear, undetectable, hidden, imperceptible, slight, subtle, concealed, unobvious, furtive
- obviously:** (adv) clearly, patently, plainly, openly, apparently, manifestly, markedly, transparently, naturally, distinctly, prominently. ANTONYMS: (adv) imperceptibly, inconspicuously, secretly, ambiguously, covertly, furtively, unclearly, invisibly, questionably, surprisingly
- occasion:** (n, v) cause; (n) case, event, juncture, episode, incident; (v) bring about, create, beget, make, induce
- occupied:** (adj) busy, engaged, employed, diligent, active, absorbed, engrossed, working, industrious, affianced, betrothed. ANTONYMS: (adj) empty, vacant, uninhabited, available, free, idle, liberated, unoccupied
- occupies:** (v) acquisition, Addison, engross, absorb, etymology, Milman, misery, multiplied, attainment
- o'clock:** (n) period, hours
- offend:** (v) irritate, affront, insult, contravene, injure, disgust, infringe, displease, abuse, wound, anger. ANTONYMS: (v) please, delight, praise, attract
- offended:** (adj) angry, affronted, aggrieved, pained, wronged, annoyed, insulted, shocked, vexed, resentful, injured. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, proud, unconcerned
- offensive:** (adj, v) foul, odious, nasty, aggressive, coarse, hateful; (adj) distasteful, disgusting, loathsome, abusive, nauseous. ANTONYMS: (adj) complimentary, pleasant, polite, defensive, tasteful, peaceful, pleasing, savory, euphemistic, decent; (n) defense
- offer:** (v) give, bestow, put, tender, extend, impart, introduce, advance, propose; (n) proposal, proposition. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, withhold, take
- offered:** (adj) presented, accessible, existing, obtainable, available, ready, on hand, to be had, unsolicited
- office:** (n) function, position, agency, commission, appointment, division, place, bureau, post, job; (n, v) duty
- officer:** (n) police officer, administrator, constable, commander, military officer, bureaucrat, official, officeholder, executive, agent, employee. ANTONYM: (n) underling
- offices:** (n) kitchen, pantry, scullery
- official:** (adj) formal, standard, regular, functional; (n) minister, bureaucrat, functionary, employee, officeholder; (n, v) executive; (adj, v) authoritative. ANTONYMS: (adj) private, informal, illegal, unauthorized, unceremonious, unlawful, invalid
- officials:** (n) administration, bureaucracy
- often:** (adj, adv) oft; (adv) much, again and again, repeatedly, oftentimes, oftentimes, many times, always, commonly, again; (adj) frequent. ANTONYMS: (adv) seldom, infrequently, never
- older:** (adj) old, aged, elderly, ancient, adult, earlier, big, preceding, former, oldest; (adj, n) senior. ANTONYMS: (adj) younger, immature, youthful, present, young
- old-fashioned:** (adj) obsolete, antiquated, archaic, outmoded, outdated, ancient, old, musty, corny, behind the times, superannuated
- once:** (adv, n) formerly; (adv) before, ever, previously, one time, at one time, already, erst; (adj, adv) erstwhile; (adj) former; (n) whilom. ANTONYM: (adv) future
- oneself:** (n) herself, himself, themselves, personal, private, selfness, self, yourself, me, person, own
- open:** (adj, n) frank, candid; (adj, n, v) clear; (adj) obvious, exposed, artless, free, honest, guileless, forthright, naked. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) shut; (v) close, end; (adj) devious, secretive, concealed, furtive, restricted, limited, reserved, secret
- opened:** (adj) candid, exposed, overt, agaze, blatant, blazing, clear, through, conspicuous; (v) distended, blown
- opinion:** (adj, n, v) judgment, feeling, notion; (n) idea, belief, conjecture, advice, guess, impression, view; (n, v) meaning
- opportune:** (adj, v) appropriate; (adj) favorable, apropos, auspicious, expedient, happy, handy, timely, felicitous, favourable; (v) becoming. ANTONYMS: (adj) untimely, disadvantageous, inappropriate, inconvenient, unfortunate, unlucky
- opportunity:** (n) chance, opening, luck, occasion, crack, room, event, time, circumstance, shot, alternative. ANTONYMS: (n) past, disaster
- oppose:** (v) contest, contend, resist, contradict, controvert, contravene, counteract, fight, counter, disagree, dissent. ANTONYMS: (v) advocate, agree, back, advise, promote, accept, submit, encourage, correspond, approve, favor
- opposing:** (adj) conflicting, antagonistic, opponent, contrary, adverse, hostile, antithetical, anti, contradictory, rival; (prep) against.

- ANTONYMS: (adj) compatible, consistent, allied, accepting
- opposite:** (adj, n) contrary, contradictory, opponent; (adj) adverse, different, opposing, hostile, diametric, opposed; (adj, pron) other; (adj, adv) counter.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) allied, alternate, identical, like, same, parallel; (n) sameness, alikeness, confirmation
- opposition:** (n) conflict, contrary, contrariety, opposite, hostility, enemy, opponent, antagonism, competition, contradiction; (n, prep) antithesis. ANTONYMS: (n) ally, support, acceptance, approval, backing, encouragement, inclination, goodwill, ease, agreement, cooperation
- oppressed:** (adj) laden, persecuted, broken, burdened, drawn, gloomy, aggrieved, downcast, heavy, laden, loaded
- order:** (n, v) command, direct, decree, dictate, sort, rank, array, commission, charge; (n) instruction, edict. ANTONYMS: (n, v) request; (n) mayhem, confusion, chaos, mess, anarchy, disorderliness, disarray; (v) disturb, deregulate, supply
- ordered:** (adj) regular, arranged, methodical, trim, orderly, lawful, logical, consistent, coherent, commanded, organized. ANTONYMS: (adj) disordered, disarranged, inconsistent
- ordinary:** (adj, n, v) customary, usual; (adj) middling, mediocre, average, normal, everyday; (adj, n) familiar, accustomed, habitual; (adj, v) general. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, strange, peculiar, outstanding, incredible, special, famous, distinguished, abnormal, particular, exotic
- organic:** (adj) natural, fundamental, constitutive, constituent, inherent, structural, whole, raw, biotic; (n) guano, bonemeal. ANTONYMS: (adj) artificial, functional, incidental, inorganic
- origin:** (n, v) lineage; (n) birth, beginning, descent, base, source, well, commencement, extraction, derivation, foundation. ANTONYMS: (n) demise, conclusion, culmination, effect
- others:** (n) rest, cessation, lie, lave, LAN, ease, acquiesce, intermission
- otherwise:** (adv) besides, differently, or else, yet, alias, nevertheless, on the other hand, in addition; (adj, adv) other; (n) or; (adj) different
- ought:** (n, v) need; (v) had better, should, have, possessed, owned, owed, behoove; (n) aught, zero, duty
- ourselves:** (pron) myself, herself, itself, oneself, themselves, yourself; (n) me, yourselves, usself
- out-and-out:** (adj) perfect, positive, sheer, stark, downright, outright, consummate, thorough, total, unmitigated, unqualified
- outer:** (adj) exterior, outward, outside, extrinsic, outdoor, outlying, peripheral, surface, utter, extraneous, utmost. ANTONYMS: (adj) internal, inner, interior, inward, inside
- outlet:** (n) market, egress, store, exit, opening, drain, emporium, way out, hole, issue, outfall. ANTONYM: (n) entrance
- out-of-the-way:** (adj) strange, singular, remote, devious, secluded, outlying, distant, obscure, unusual, peculiar, far
- outside:** (adv) outdoors, alfresco, out of doors; (n, prep) exterior; (adj, prep) external; (adj) outdoor, foreign, outer, extraneous, remote, outward. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv, n, prep) inside; (adj) indoor, internal, likely, strong; (prep) in, within; (adv) indoors; (adj, n) interior
- oval:** (adj) elliptical, elliptic, ovate, oviform, ovoid, oblong, egg-shaped, rounded, prolate, round; (n) ovule
- overcoat:** (n) greatcoat, coat, cloak, robe, topcoat, surcoat, coating, overcoating, capote, chesterfield, gown
- overcome:** (v) crush, subdue, beat, vanquish, overpower, master, defeat, hurdle, get over, overwhelm; (adj) beaten. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, lose, comfort, protect, resist, surrender, capitulate; (adj) unimpressed
- overwhelming:** (adj) devastating, irresistible, insurmountable, crushing, monumental, astounding, amazing, tremendous, resistless, formidable; (v) overwhelm. ANTONYMS: (adj) comfortable, comforting, weak, mild, shallow, insignificant, faint, disputable, easy
- overwork:** (v) exhaust, tax, strain, overtax, exploit, overlabor, drive, wear, abuse; (adj) overtask; (n) overworking
- owing:** (adj) due, unpaid, unsettled, outstanding, overdue, owed, payable, undischarged, indebted, fulfilling obligation, lawful. ANTONYM: (adj) settled
- owner:** (n) proprietor, possessor, holder, lord, landowner, landholder, boss, proprietary, landlord, keeper, employer. ANTONYMS: (n) tenant, seller
- oxygen:** (n) o, oxygens, gas, liquid oxygen, group o, element, chemical element, atomic number, air
- pack:** (n, v) crowd, bundle, bunch, load; (n) herd, company, bevy, batch; (v) heap, compress, jam. ANTONYMS: (v) unpack, unload, disperse, empty, loosen
- packet:** (n) bundle, bale, container, parcel, pack, wad, carton, mail boat, wrap, deck, envelope
- pagan:** (adj, n) gentile, ethnic, agnostic; (n) idolater, infidel, paynim, heretic; (adj) heathenish, irreligious, ethnical, profane
- page:** (n) footboy, waiter, attendant, boy, note, bellhop, pageboy, folio, varlet; (v) paginate, summon
- pain:** (n, v) hurt, afflict, ache, bother, torment, trouble, grieve, anguish; (n) ill, agony, nuisance. ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, cheer; (n) joy, peace, content, balm, ecstasy
- painful:** (adj) hard, difficult, sharp, harrowing, grievous, afflictive, bad, irritating; (adj, v) distressing, harsh, bitter. ANTONYMS: (adj) content, heartwarming, soothing, comfortable, bearable, agreeable, effortless, dull, slight, wonderful, happy
- pair:** (n, v) match; (adj, n) brace; (n) duet, duo, dyad; (v) join, mate, link, copulate, equate, marry
- pamphlet:** (n) book, leaflet, booklet, flyer, magazine, treatise, tract, writing, literature, folder, lampoon
- panes:** (n) Fauni
- paper:** (n) article, newspaper, discourse, newsprint, publication, journal, essay, periodical, report, magazine, certificate
- papers:** (n) paper, documents, document, credentials, identification, newspaper, credential, inclosure, copyright, confession, charter
- parade:** (v) flaunt, exhibit, demonstrate, strut, swagger; (n, v) march, show, array; (n) ostentation, pageant, ceremony
- pardoned:** (v) excuse, condone, forgive, acquit, spare; (n) amnesty, forgiveness, grace; (adj, v) justify,

- exonerate, exculpate. ANTONYMS: (n, v) blame; (v) punish, castigate, condemn, convict; (n) intolerance
- part:** (adj, n) constituent; (n) piece, article, section; (v) break, disjoin, divide, divorce; (n, v) branch, division, character. ANTONYMS: (n) whole, entirety; (v) join, unite, meet, arrive, connect; (adv) wholly
- participation:** (n) interest, contribution, complicity, attendance, intervention, communion, commitment, connection, association, concert; (v) participate
- particular:** (n) detail, item; (adj) fastidious, fussy, finicky, exact, individual, careful, definite, delicate, detailed. ANTONYMS: (adj) careless, easy, vague, ordinary, collective, generalized, slapdash, universal, strong, normal, indeterminate
- party:** (n) company, band, group, assembly, crew, association, gathering, crowd, clique, meeting, celebration
- pass:** (adj, n, v) run; (v) flow, give, deliver, lead, happen, overtake, proceed; (adj, v) move; (n, v) offer, live. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, make, take, veto; (n) failing, rejection, exclusion
- passage:** (n, v) course, journey; (n) gangway, corridor, hall, channel, entry, way, entrance, lobby, duct. ANTONYMS: (n) rejection, room
- passing:** (adj) transient, ephemeral, momentary, cursory, brief; (n) overtaking, departure, expiration, decease, passage, death. ANTONYMS: (adj) lasting, thorough, intended, lengthy, long; (n) birth, failing
- past:** (n) history, yesterday; (adj, adv, prep) beyond; (adj) former, bygone, old, prior, over, gone by; (adv) before; (adv, prep) along. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) future, present; (prep) within; (adj) current, contemporary, modern, upcoming, following, subsequent, later; (n) prospect
- patching:** (n) patch, tiling, fix, repair, reparation, plugging, connection, burning, fixing
- path:** (n, v) course, passage, line; (n) way, direction, highway, orbit, track, lane, means, walk. ANTONYM: (n) room
- paths:** (n) path
- patient:** (adj) forbearing, passive, calm, enduring, resigned, uncomplaining, tolerant, stoical, lenient, meek, persistent. ANTONYMS: (adj) intolerant, annoyed, eager, harsh
- patriot:** (n) jingoist, jingo, subject, patriotic, Garibaldi, loyalist, national, chauvinist. ANTONYM: (n) turncoat
- pause:** (n, v) halt, interruption, adjournment, delay, respite, stop; (adj, n, v) rest; (n) intermission, gap; (adj, v) discontinue; (v) hesitate. ANTONYMS: (n) decisiveness, continuation, start; (v) proceed
- paving:** (n) pavement, floor, pavage, curbside, earth, ground, sett paving, surface, paved surface, metalling of road, ground floor
- peace:** (adj, n) calm, quiet; (n) harmony, hush, repose, ease, amity, agreement, rest, pacification, order. ANTONYMS: (n) noise, chaos, conflict, uproar, commotion, agitation, war, distress, suffering, disruption, turbulence
- peaceable:** (adj) gentle, calm, pacific, amicable, quiet, friendly, inoffensive, moderate, meek, serene; (adj, v) peaceful. ANTONYMS: (adj) argumentative, belligerent, intemperate, quarrelsome, crooked, disruptive, harsh, disordered
- penny:** (n) change, coin, centime, copper, groat, subunit, money, mite, doit, small change, denomination
- perfectly:** (adj, adv) entirely; (adv) fully, thoroughly, consummately, utterly, flawlessly, absolutely, purely, totally, faultlessly, wholly. ANTONYMS: (adv) badly, imperfectly, incorrectly, wrong, inaccurately, partially, partly, poorly, unpleasantly, wrongly
- perhaps:** (adv) mayhap, perchance, peradventure, possibly, probably, conceivably, by chance, haply, if, presumably; (n) might. ANTONYM: (adv) certainly
- perilous:** (adj, v) dangerous, hazardous; (adj) insecure, unsafe, parlous, precarious, risky, treacherous, dicey, critical, dodgy. ANTONYM: (adj) secure
- perish:** (v) expire, pass away, decease, go, fade, decay, depart, fall, pass, ruin, annihilate. ANTONYMS: (v) survive, live, appear
- permanent:** (adj, v) lasting, fixed, fast, constant, continuous; (adj) everlasting, eternal, perennial, invariable, enduring, immutable. ANTONYMS: (adj) fleeting,
- temporary, transitory, provisional, impermanent, brief, superficial, fragile, freelance, ephemeral, mobile
- permit:** (adj, n, v) give, allow, consent; (adj, v) grant; (n, v) license, leave; (v) admit, let, bear; (n) licence, permission. ANTONYMS: (n, v) ban; (v) prevent, prohibit, stop, refuse, veto, outlaw, disagree, debar, bar; (n) prohibition
- persecuted:** (adj) downtrodden, aggrieved, laden, mistreated, wronged
- persistent:** (adj) lasting, obstinate, constant, continual, insistent, permanent, continuous, incessant, unrelenting, stubborn, chronic. ANTONYMS: (adj) contained, irresolute, temporary, gentle, intermittent, compliant, caducous, fickle, fleeting, feeble, inconsistent
- persistently:** (adv) stubbornly, constantly, continually, firmly, tenaciously, unremittingly, continuously, incessantly, insistently, doggedly, pertinaciously. ANTONYMS: (adv) sporadically, acutely, aimlessly, inconsistently, spasmodically, halfheartedly
- person:** (n) individual, human, man, mortal, character, soul, human being, being, creature, body; (n, v) party
- personal:** (adj) own, particular, human, intimate, peculiar, private, direct, proper, subjective, physical; (n) person. ANTONYMS: (adj) public, general, detached, collective, common, orthodox, formal, impersonal, outermost, external, typical
- personally:** (adv) privately, in person, intimately, directly, specially, confidentially, secretly, self, oneself, subjectively, particularly. ANTONYMS: (adv) impersonally, indirectly, objectively, collectively, distantly, generally, universally
- persons:** (n) folk, public, society, world
- persuade:** (v) convince, coax, assure, allure, entice, influence, induce, cajole, argue, exhort, lure. ANTONYMS: (v) discourage, dissuade, deter, restrain, force
- persuaded:** (adj) sure, satisfied, easily affected, impressive, positive, delicate, sensible, intelligent, certain, in no doubt, definite. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsure, uncertain

- pestiferous:** (adj) annoying, pernicious, contagious, noisome, harmful, vexing, vexatious, destructive, irritating, bothersome, pesky
- peter:** (n) Dick, prick, pecker, calamus, bill, beam of light, beam, beak, barb, asshole, bastard
- petty:** (adj) insignificant, trivial, little, frivolous, paltry, puny, negligible, light, mean, minute, exiguous. ANTONYMS: (adj) important, serious, generous, profound, significant, expansive, crucial, considerable, broadminded, enormous
- pheasant:** (n) monal, afropavo, peafowl, wildfowl, bird of Juno, golden pheasant, monaul, phasianid, Argus pheasant, Argus
- physician:** (n) doctor, medico, doc, medic, quack, surgeon, leech, houseman, MD, allergist, intern
- pick:** (n) alternative, best, option, selection, choice; (adj, n) cream, elite; (adj, v) select; (v) opt, harvest, gather. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, refuse
- piece:** (n) fragment, division, part, article, lump, hunk, composition, component, opus; (n, v) patch, portion. ANTONYMS: (n) whole, chunk; (v) disassemble
- pieces:** (n) debris, trash
- piggishness:** (n) hoggishness, gluttony, greed
- pinch:** (n, v) nip, arrest, twinge, squeeze; (n) emergency, crisis, exigency; (v) compress, lift, wring, constrict
- pinacle:** (n) apex, top, height, crest, zenith, crown, summit, acme, heyday, climax, culmination. ANTONYMS: (n) nadir, base, bottom, trough
- pipe:** (n) conduit, duct, flue, passage, pipage; (n, v) channel, cry; (v) squeak, sing, peep, screech
- pipes:** (n) musette, tubing, tubes, pipe, tube
- pirate:** (n) buccaneer, corsair, bandit, pillager, freebooter, sea robber, robber, sea rover; (n, v) plagiarist; (v) hijack, infringe
- place:** (n, v) post, order; (v) fix, lay, arrange, locate, install; (adj, n, v) rank, station; (n) domicile, office. ANTONYMS: (v) remove, divest, lift, dismantle
- placed:** (adj) situated, laid, set, positioned, arranged, fixed, sited, collocate, determined, dictated, hardened
- places:** (n) chairs, seating, spaces
- plague:** (v) molest, harass, afflict, hassle, annoy, badger, pester, disturb, beleaguer; (n, v) worry; (adj, n, v) bother. ANTONYM: (v) comfort
- plain:** (adj) ordinary, comprehensible, intelligible, apparent, manifest, obvious, clear, simple; (adj, n) flat, homely, humble. ANTONYMS: (adj) elaborate, unclear, multicolored, mottled, ornate, concealed, attractive, confused, fussy, obscure, patterned
- plainly:** (adv) evidently, manifestly, clearly, distinctly, openly, obviously, patently, overtly, definitely; (adj, adv) frankly, honestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) imperceptibly, vaguely, obscurely, figuratively, unclearly, politely, incoherently, implicitly, finely, ambiguously, covertly
- plan:** (n, v) aim, map, figure, scheme, outline, plot; (n) intent, pattern, chart; (v) intend, devise. ANTONYM: (v) improvise
- plantation:** (n) orchard, farm, garden, shrubbery, hacienda, planting, settlement, colony, parterre, grove, planter
- platform:** (n) dais, stand, stage, rostrum, quay, pulpit, plan, landing, ambo; (adj, n) floor; (n, v) program
- plausible:** (adj) credible, likely, convincing, acceptable, feasible, probable, reasonable, ostensible, imaginable, oily; (adj, v) specious. ANTONYMS: (adj) implausible, unlikely, unbelievable, improbable, improbably, untenable
- playing:** (n) personation, pitching, performing, hamming, golfing, byplay, enactment, bowling, playacting, portrayal; (adj) playful
- please:** (v) delight, charm, amuse, entertain, oblige, enchant, enrapture; (adj, v) gratify, enjoy, like; (adj) glad. ANTONYMS: (v) displease, annoy, irritate, anger, distress, sicken, disappoint, dissatisfy, sadden, repel, appall
- pleased:** (adj) contented, glad, delighted, content, joyful, thankful, gratified, appreciative, overjoyed, cheerful; (adj, v) elated. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, annoyed, angry, worried, ashamed, disappointed, frustrated, sad, unsatisfied, ungrateful, uncomplimentary
- pleasing:** (adj, n) acceptable; (adj) amiable, lovable, amusing, attractive, gratifying, lovely, pleasant, charming, delightful, inviting. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, unwelcome, infuriating, disappointing, straight, hurtful, maddening, displeasing, discordant, harsh, frustrating
- pleasure:** (n) fun, enjoyment, delectation, joy, comfort, happiness, mirth, inclination; (n, v) contentment, content; (adj, n, v) gratification. ANTONYMS: (n) irritation, nuisance, boredom, ache, displeasure, dissatisfaction, misery, pain, sadness, worry, anguish
- plebeian:** (adj) low, vulgar, ignoble, humble, coarse, mean; (n) pleb, commoner; (adj, n) proletarian; (adj, v) ordinary, general. ANTONYMS: (adj) cultivated, proletarian, patrician, refined; (n) aristocrat, noble
- plentiful:** (adj) opulent, bountiful, ample, luxurious, liberal, copious, fruitful, full, abundant, rich, plenty. ANTONYMS: (adj) scanty, meager, sparse, lacking, insufficient, few, infertile
- plenty:** (adj, n) affluence, opulence; (n) many, much, plenteousness, copiousness, plenitude, exuberance, galore; (adj, adv) enough; (adj) adequate. ANTONYMS: (adj) insufficient, inadequate; (n) scarcity, insufficiency; (adv) insufficiently
- pocket:** (v) take, appropriate, steal, lift, catch; (n, v) sack, pouch; (n) cavity, hole, hollow; (adj) digest. ANTONYM: (v) return
- point:** (n, v) grade, head, nib, level, aim, degree; (n) peak, article, dot; (adj, n) edge; (v) direct. ANTONYM: (n) middle
- points:** (n) turnout, handicap, interest, percentage, brownie points, commendation, credit, eight points, share, terms
- poison:** (adj, v) contaminate, taint; (n, v) envenom, drug, empoison; (adj) toxic, poisonous; (v) defile, intoxicate; (n) bane, venom. ANTONYMS: (n) cure; (v) clean
- poisoned:** (adj, v) tainted; (v) peccant, morbid, tabid; (adj) venenate, made virulent, rabid, resentful, sour, mangy, leprous
- poisoning:** (n) intoxication, gassing, corruption, carbon monoxide poisoning, defoedation, discoloration, ergotism, caffeinism,

- alkali poisoning, Malathion poisoning, cyanide poisoning
- poisonous:** (adj) toxic, mortal, venomous, noxious, malicious, fatal, baneful, poison, lethal, viperous, mephitic. ANTONYMS: (adj) harmless, benevolent, edible, kindhearted
- political:** (adj) national, civil, state, government, diplomatic, governmental, supporting, following, cunning
- politician:** (n) legislator, politico, lawgiver, political leader, mayor, pol, nominee, campaigner, governor, statemonger, tactician
- politics:** (n) government, policy, geopolitics, political sympathies, political relation, thought, profession, sentiment, governance, governing; (n, v) diplomacy
- polluted:** (adj) dirty, contaminated, foul, defiled, filthy, unclean, profane, stained, soiled, tainted, nasty. ANTONYMS: (adj) clean, hygienic
- pollution:** (adj, n) defilement, taint, infamy; (n) filth, infection, corruption, dirtiness, impurity, befoolment, foulness, soiling. ANTONYMS: (n) cleanness, decontamination, cleanliness
- poodle:** (n) domestic dog, dog, poodle dog, miniature poodle, large poodle
- poor:** (adj) bad, miserable, piteous, destitute, pitiful, insufficient, penniless, pathetic; (adj, v) meager; (adj, n) paltry, mean. ANTONYMS: (adj) wealthy, excellent, privileged, admirable, good, adequate, satisfactory, outstanding, favorable, dignified, comfortable
- poorer:** (adj) lesser, substandard, subordinate, of inferior quality, not as good as, lower, junior, minor. ANTONYMS: (adj) superior, higher
- poorly:** (adv) inadequately, meanly, bad, meagrely, unfortunately, insufficiently, imperfectly; (adj, adv) ill, sickly; (adj, v) indisposed, sick. ANTONYMS: (adv) opulently, satisfactorily, graciously, clearly, fully, excellently, perfectly, outstandingly, affluently, smartly; (adj) healthy
- population:** (n) inhabitants, nation, group, populace, public, society, community, folk, stock, colonization, citizens
- portion:** (n, v) division, lot, allot, dividend, divide; (n) piece, parcel, fragment, component, section; (adj, n) constituent. ANTONYM: (n) whole
- position:** (n, v) grade, locate, fix, lay, post, set, rank; (v) arrange; (n) attitude, condition, placement. ANTONYM: (v) dismiss
- possess:** (adj, v) own; (v) hold, wield, occupy, bear, keep, enjoy, contain, retain, to have, maintain. ANTONYMS: (v) lack, remove
- possessions:** (n) means, belongings, assets, goods, property, effects, wealth, gear, things, possession, riches
- possible:** (adj) imaginable, likely, feasible, practicable, earthly, maybe, probable, practical, potential, tolerable, thinkable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlikely, compulsory, actual, implausible, unrealistic, unattainable
- possibly:** (adv) probably, perhaps, peradventure, likely, perchance, may, might, or, mayhap, conceivably, potentially. ANTONYMS: (adv) impossibly, definitely, certainly, indeed, implausibly
- post:** (n, v) place, position, stake, station; (n) office, function, pillar, attitude; (v) locate, enter, lay
- postman:** (n) mailman, carrier, deliveryman, letter carrier, carrier wave, flattop, express, delivery boy, common carrier, immune carrier, aircraft carrier
- poverty:** (n, v) lack, destitution, penury, need, indigence, want; (adj, n) distress; (n) pauperism, impoverishment, squalor, deprivation. ANTONYMS: (n) wealth, riches, affluence, smartness, luxury, prosperity, fertility, surplus
- power:** (n, v) might, ability, influence, dominion, faculty; (n) potency, energy, control, authority, domination, strength. ANTONYMS: (n) powerlessness, helplessness, weakness, inability, subjugation, moderation, calmness, meekness, inferiority, feebleness, ease
- powerless:** (adj) impotent, unable, feeble, incapable, ineffective, ineffectual, infirm, inefficient, nerveless, weak, prostrate. ANTONYMS: (adj) powerful, strong, effective, capable, able
- practical:** (adj) practicable, realistic, pragmatic, functional, feasible, efficient, helpful, active, expedient, useful, handy. ANTONYMS: (adj) impractical, theoretical, unrealistic, useless, impossible, passive, idealistic, impracticable, unimaginative, unprofessional, destructive
- practice:** (n, v) exercise, drill, discipline, use; (n) fashion, convention, habitude, habit, experience, form, observance. ANTONYMS: (n) theory, innovation; (v) perform
- praised:** (adj) beupuffed, popular, renowned
- praiseworthy:** (adj, v) laudable; (adj) admirable, meritorious, worthy, creditable, good, deserving, honorable, applaudable, exemplary; (adj, n) excellent. ANTONYMS: (adj) blameworthy, disgraceful, despicable, dishonorable, poor, unworthy
- praising:** (adj) praiseful, commending, praise, flattering, admiring, kind, complimentary, bestowing praise, eulogistic, commendatory, encomiastical
- pranks:** (n) trouble
- preach:** (v) lecture, exhort, moralize, advocate, sermonize, urge, hold forth, admonish, evangelize, prophesy, moralise
- preaching:** (n) sermon, lecture, homily, preaching, baccalaureate, speech, pulpit, exhortation, kerygma; (v) preach; (adj) hence
- precautions:** (n) protection, defense, safety net
- precise:** (adj, v) accurate, careful, close; (adj) correct, definite, minute, particular, delicate, neat, certain, clear. ANTONYMS: (adj) imprecise, inaccurate, vague, rough, careless, rushed, approximate, clumsy, unscientific, wrong, slapdash
- precisely:** (adv) accurately, correctly, strictly, truly, specifically, meticulously, minutely, literally, scrupulously, rigorously; (adj, adv) just. ANTONYMS: (adv) clumsily, indistinctly, approximately, inaccurately, imprecisely, wrongly, randomly, carelessly, poorly, wrong, haphazardly
- predecessor:** (n) forefather, forerunner, ancestor, antecedent, father, antecessor, precedent, forebear, former, primogenitor; (adj, n) elder. ANTONYMS: (n) successor, descendant
- prefer:** (v) pick, elevate, like, elect, opt, advance, favor, want, select, promote, favour. ANTONYMS: (v)

- reject, refuse
- preferred:** (adj) favorite, chosen, pet, select, favourite, selected, choice, preferable, singled out, favoured, golden
- prepare:** (n, v) arrange, form, plan, make; (v) dress, set, lay, devise, groom, equip; (adj, v) coach.
ANTONYM: (v) perform
- prepared:** (adj) willing, disposed, fitted, fain, finished, ready, ripe, primed, competent, inclined, efficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) spontaneous, unarmed, reluctant, unwilling
- preposterous:** (adj) absurd, irrational, ludicrous, nonsensical, foolish, ridiculous, laughable, derisory, monstrous, inconsistent; (adj, v) extravagant. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, reasonable, impressive, plausible
- presence:** (n) front, manner, mien, bearing, carriage, figure, air, comportment, demeanor, company; (n, v) attendance. ANTONYMS: (n) absence, nonattendance
- present:** (adj, n, v) gift, grant; (n, v) donation, display; (adj, v) confer, bestow; (v) introduce, give, prefer, offer, perform. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, withhold, consume, take; (adj) missing, lost, dated, historical; (adj, n) past, future; (n) history
- presentation:** (n) exhibition, donation, performance, introduction, display, demonstration, offer, exposition, appearance, gift, exposure
- presently:** (adv) instantly, directly, currently, before long, shortly, soon, now, at present, readily, just, actually. ANTONYMS: (adv) later, now, formerly
- preserve:** (v) maintain, keep, save, guard, hold, defend, uphold, keep up; (n) jam, jelly, conserves.
ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, discontinue, damage, lose, attack, endanger, use, end
- president:** (n) chief, headmaster, leader, director, chairwoman, chief executive, chair, chairperson, superintendent, manager, boss
- press:** (n, v) crush, crowd, squeeze, pack; (adj, v) force; (v) push, urge, coerce, exhort, mash, compress.
ANTONYMS: (v) loosen, restrain, unpack, demand
- pressed:** (adj) compact, urgent, printed, pressing, press, stamped, pushed, impelled, incited, bound, driven
- pressing:** (adj, v) exigent, importunate, important; (adj) imperative, immediate, imperious, instant, critical, insistent; (n) dishing, press. ANTONYM: (adj) mild
- presume:** (v) dare, consider, believe, think, infer, guess, expect, esteem, conclude, suppose, conjecture.
ANTONYMS: (v) appreciate, despair, speculate
- pretence:** (n) deceit, pretext, dissimulation, pretense, affectation, falsehood, deception, hypocrisy, bluff, appearance, pretension
- pretend:** (adv, v) assume; (adj, v) sham, counterfeit, fake, play; (v) dissimulate, dissemble, make believe, imagine, affect, act.
ANTONYMS: (adj, v) real; (adj) genuine, natural, sincere
- pretext:** (n) pretense, pretension, color, pretence, mask, plea, guise, sham, appearance; (n, v) excuse, cloak
- pretty:** (adj) fair, graceful, lovely, handsome, attractive, charming, good-looking, picturesque, dainty; (n) nice; (adv) very. ANTONYMS: (adj) plain, unattractive, modern, inelegant; (adv) extremely
- prevent:** (n, v) hinder, bar; (v) anticipate, block, forbid, avert, avoid, preclude, arrest, hamper, obviate. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, permit, promote, advance, attract, cause, let, drive, help, support, include
- prevented:** (adj) disallowed, barred, banned. ANTONYM: (adj) legitimate
- prey:** (n) chase, game, victim, immolation, quarry, target, mark, capture; (n, v) plunder, raven; (v) eat. ANTONYMS: (n) hunter, predator
- price:** (v) appraise, assess; (adj, n) worth, merit; (n) cost, charge, expense, figure, fee; (n, v) estimate, amount
- pride:** (n) arrogance, conceit, egotism, vanity, lordliness, assumption, insolence, disdain, hauteur; (n, v) boast; (v) plume. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, sorrow, dregs, disgrace, shame, baseness
- principle:** (n) rule, method, fundamental, cause, doctrine, ground, precedent, reason, law, essence, tenet. ANTONYM: (n) baseness
- principles:** (n) principle, cause, morals, conscience, law, philosophy, dogma, doctrine, honor, ideas, knowledge
- print:** (n, v) mark, impress, photograph; (n) impression, engraving, printing, picture, lettering, copy; (v) issue, engrave
- printed:** (adj) written, imprinted, stamped, pressed, embossed, on paper
- printer:** (n) typographer, pressman, typesetter, printing machine, press, newspaperman, peripheral device, page printer, newswriter, newspaperwoman, microform printer
- printing:** (n) print, impression, issue, edition, press, letterpress, type, imprint, typography, publication, mackle
- private:** (adj) clandestine, personal, secret, individual, hidden, inner, exclusive, intimate, esoteric; (adj, v) covert, close. ANTONYMS: (adj) official, nationalized, community, communal, shared, civic, state, open, external, commercial, collective
- privately:** (adv) covertly, privily, confidentially, personally, closely, stealthily, secludedly, domestically, informally, retiredly; (adj, adv) quietly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, officially
- probably:** (adv) presumably, perhaps, maybe, in all probability, in all likelihood, belike, believably, credibly; (adj, adv) doubtless; (adj) like; (n) may. ANTONYM: (adv) implausibly
- proceed:** (v) move, advance, originate, ensue, flow, issue, arise, emanate; (adj, v) pass, run, extend. ANTONYMS: (v) discontinue, recede, regress, return, retreat
- proclaim:** (v) declare, assert, advertise, broadcast, promulgate, enunciate, herald, decree, divulge, notify, announce
- proclaiming:** (adj) predicating, predicant, declaring, affirming, oracular, hence
- profession:** (n) employment, declaration, occupation, affirmation, calling, career, vocation, job, position, assertion, assurance. ANTONYM: (n) denial
- profoundly:** (adv) thoroughly, extremely, intensely, exhaustively, greatly, sincerely, gravely, deep, heavily, weightily, very. ANTONYMS: (adv) lightly, mildly

progress: (v) proceed, continue, go on; (n) headway, improvement, furtherance, betterment, course, growth, development; (n, v) gain. ANTONYMS: (n) decline, deterioration, regression, impasse, decrease, decay; (n, v) retreat; (v) recede, return, deteriorate, stay

project: (n, v) design, jut, scheme; (v) hurl, contrive, overhang, protrude, shoot, bulge; (n) device, idea

prolific: (adj) fertile, copious, fecund, fruitful, profuse, abundant, bountiful, plentiful, fat, exuberant, pregnant. ANTONYMS: (adj) scanty, destructive, fruitless, scarce, unproductive

promise: (n, v) covenant, guarantee, contract, vow, bargain; (v) augur, assure; (n) engagement, assurance, plight, word

promised: (adj) pledged, affianced, betrothed, busy, devoted, employed, greatly interested, intended, involved; (v) benempt, named

promising: (adj) auspicious, bright, favorable, propitious, encouraging, favourable, hopeful, promise, budding, optimistic, probable. ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeless, inauspicious, threatening, unfavorable, unlikely, depressing

pronounce: (v) articulate, declare, affirm, say, assert, express, vocalize, proclaim; (n, v) allege; (adj, v) deliver, utter. ANTONYM: (v) mumble

proof: (n) confirmation, probation, authentication, sign, substantiation, evidence, verification, validation, argument, experiment, indication. ANTONYM: (n) contradiction

propensity: (n) proclivity, leaning, disposition, bias, bent, aptitude, aptness, proneness, predisposition, predilection, penchant. ANTONYM: (n) inability

proper: (adj) due, decent, modest, agreeable, fitting, legitimate, right; (adj, v) correct, fit, becoming; (adj, n) just. ANTONYMS: (adj) inappropriate, wrong, unseemly, rude, unconventional, unsuitable, false, relaxed, vulgar, unreasonable, undue

propertied: (adj) rich

property: (n) characteristic, capital, peculiarity, feature, character, belongings, goods, wealth; (adj, n) attribute, quality; (n, v) possession

prophylactic: (adj, n) contraceptive, preventative, antiseptic; (n) condom,

rubber, contraceptive device, birth control device, prophylactic device, restorative; (adj) cautionary, antifertility

proposals: (n) suggestion

propose: (v) bid, nominate, design, plan, proffer, move, intend, mean, aim, suggest; (n, v) advance. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, improvise, oppose

proposed: (adj) intended, projected, suggested, intentional, jutting, planned, future, projecting, predetermined, prospective; (n) moot

proposition: (n, v) offer, bid, proffer; (n) proposal, motion, design, approach, assertion, suggestion, plan, premise

propriety: (adj, n) decency, modesty, correctness, aptitude; (n) decorum, fitness, etiquette, civility, grace, politeness, manners. ANTONYMS: (n) impropriety, rudeness, unsuitableness, indecorum, decadence, tactlessness, corruption, vulgarity, indecency

prospect: (n) outlook, expectancy, lookout, aspect, anticipation, hope, possibility, perspective, probability, panorama, picture

prospects: (n) perspective, forecast, circumstances, odds, expectation, possibilities, prediction, projection, scenario, diagnosis

prosperity: (n) affluence, wealth, success, flourish, good fortune, fortune, welfare, opulence, abundance, good, prosperousness. ANTONYMS: (n) failure, fruitlessness, hardship, insufficiency

protect: (v) keep, cover, preserve, safeguard, conserve, vindicate, screen, save; (n, v) guard, hide, ward. ANTONYMS: (v) expose, neglect, risk, intimidate, destroy, harm, endanger, reveal

protest: (n) demonstration, objection, complaint, challenge, question; (v) assert, object, complain, remonstrate, demur; (n, v) moan. ANTONYMS: (n, v) support, praise; (n) approval, acceptance; (v) approve, agree

proud: (adj) lofty, disdainful, haughty, exalted, egotistical, gallant, pompous, lordly, majestic, overbearing; (adj, v) dignified. ANTONYMS: (adj) humble, modest, ashamed, embarrassed, sorrowful, disappointed, miserable

prove: (v) attest, manifest, evidence,

establish, show, examine, verify, essay, check, corroborate; (adj, v) confirm. ANTONYMS: (v) refute, undermine

proved: (adj) tried, established, tested, qualified, genuine, demonstrable, apparent, confirmed, reliable, faithful

provide: (v) contribute, furnish, offer, cater, supply, afford, equip, administer, accommodate, allow, fit. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, withhold, divest, neglect, take, buy

provided: (adv) in case, provided always; (conj) if; (n) conditionally, as if, quasi; (adj) fitted, instructed, enlightened, arranged; (v) foreseen

provision: (n, v) preparation, feed, stock; (n) condition, proviso, agreement, clause, article, board, store; (v) cater

provisional: (adj) makeshift, tentative, probationary, temporary, provisional, interim, experimental, qualified, provisory, acting; (n) emergency. ANTONYMS: (adj) permanent, definite, absolute, unrestricted, unconditional

prudent: (adj, v) discreet; (adj) cautious, circumspect, reasonable, chary, economical, careful, frugal, deliberate, advisable, canny. ANTONYMS: (adj) imprudent, reckless, spendthrift, stupid, careless, unwise, unsafe, tactless

public: (n) folk, people, populace; (adj) national, overt, civic, communal, popular; (adj, v) general, open; (adj, n) community. ANTONYMS: (adj) private, confidential, personal, individual, privileged, restricted, unknown, home, secret

publicly: (adv) overtly, publicly, in public, generally, communally, commonly, socially, stately, vulgarly, plainly, usually. ANTONYMS: (adv) privately, secretly, informally

public-spirited: (adj) philanthropic

publish: (adj, v) disclose, announce, communicate; (v) proclaim, divulge, issue, circulate, notify, broadcast, print, advertise

pugnacious: (adj) belligerent, bellicose, combative, aggressive, quarrelsome, warlike, contentious, argumentative, hostile, martial, peevish. ANTONYMS: (adj) peaceable, friendly

pull: (n, v) draw, drag, pluck, tug, wrench, jerk; (v) draught, haul,

- attract, pick; (n) attraction.
ANTONYMS: (v) repel, shove, leave; (n) repulsion, repulsiveness
- pulling:** (n) pull, drawing, traction, haulage, actuation, clout, deracination, draughts, extirpation; (adj) attracting, tractive
- pulsating:** (adj) vibrant, beating, vivacious, resonant, rhythmical, rhythmic, animated, exciting, lively, pulsatile, pulsing. ANTONYM: (adj) listless
- punctually:** (adv) precisely, exactly, duly, accurately, correctly, on time, regularly, timely, punctiliously, strictly, sharp
- punishment:** (n) correction, penance, chastisement, fine, judgement, rebuke, retribution, reward, castigation, execution; (adj, n) penalty. ANTONYMS: (n) persuasion, exoneration, reward
- puny:** (adj) weak, petty, feeble, frail, tiny, small, minute, measly, runty, paltry, trivial. ANTONYMS: (adj) muscular, brawny, strong, significant, fit, huge, enormous, robust, considerable
- purely:** (adv) utterly, merely, completely, perfectly, just, fairly, unmixedly, absolutely, virtuously, clearly; (adj, adv) simply.
ANTONYMS: (adv) artificially, indecently, immorally, partly
- purify:** (adj, v) clear, cleanse; (v) purge, disinfect, refine, distill, sanctify, clarify, depurate, lustrate, chasten. ANTONYMS: (v) pollute, dilute, soil, cloud, desecrate
- purpose:** (n, v) plan, intention, design, project, resolve, purport, end, object; (n) mind, effect, motive.
ANTONYM: (n) weakness
- pursue:** (v) follow, dog, prosecute, hunt, course, tail, stalk, persist, hound, haunt, go after.
ANTONYMS: (v) shun, eschew, avoid, discourage, lead, precede, find
- puts:** (n) stocks, securities, preferred stock, common stock, bonds
- putting:** (n) placing, putt, botong, swing, puts, miniature golf, golf stroke, golf shot, placing into standby
- quagmire:** (n) bog, marsh, morass, swamp, fen, quag, marsh, moss, marshland; (adj) mud, slough.
ANTONYM: (n) desert
- qualifications:** (n) capacity, qualification, terms, ability, credentials, faculty, facility, rider, eligibility requirements, training, specifications. ANTONYM: (n) inability
- quarrel:** (adj, n, v) dispute; (n, v) fight, feud, brawl, row, altercation, argue, conflict, squabble; (n) dissension, difference.
ANTONYMS: (n) agreement, reconciliation, acceptance, concord, consensus; (v) agree
- quarter:** (n) part, district, neighbourhood, division, mercy, neighborhood, region, direction, portion; (n, v) place; (v) lodge.
ANTONYM: (v) evict
- quarters:** (n) abode, domicile, lodging, residence, quarter, diggings, pad, digs, lodgings, accommodation, barracks
- question:** (n, v) query, distrust, interrogate, matter, challenge, demand; (n) inquiry; (v) investigate, inquire, contest, examine.
ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, resolution; (n, v) trust; (v) praise, reply, believe, accept
- quick:** (adj) bright, hasty, agile, nimble, intelligent, clever, speedy, active, immediate, instant; (adj, v) prompt. ANTONYMS: (adj) leisurely, dull, dim, thick, unintelligent, thorough, inept, unobservant, lengthy, long, permanent
- quickly:** (adv) promptly, rapidly, expeditiously, readily, speedily, swiftly, suddenly, hastily; (adj, adv) immediately, shortly; (adv, n) instantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) slowly, gradually, permanently, later, eventually, thoroughly
- quiet:** (adj, adv, v) still; (adj, n, v) lull, hush, pacify, compose, appease, assuage; (adj, v) moderate, cool; (adj, adv) gentle, motionless.
ANTONYMS: (adj) noisy, talkative, vociferous, active, oratorical, fierce, vocal, unquiet, busy, disordered; (n) noise
- quietly:** (adv) stilly, calmly, peacefully, silently, softly, smoothly, tranquilly, serenely, restfully, lully, moderately. ANTONYMS: (adv) loudly, harshly, raucously, vociferously, anxiously, energetically, manically, unquietly, clearly, heavily, brashly
- quit:** (adj, n, v) leave; (v) go, drop, break, cease, give up, depart, end, discontinue; (adj, v) discharge; (n, v) part. ANTONYMS: (v) stay, occupy, enter, maintain, start, come, arrive
- quite:** (adj, adv) altogether, fully, sheer, just; (adv) all, absolutely, completely, entirely, exactly, enough, well. ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, slightly, insufficiently, partially
- raise:** (n, v) lift, boost, increase; (v) erect, hoist, grow, enhance, build, elevate, promote, foster.
ANTONYMS: (n, v) downgrade; (v) lessen, demote, decrease, level, reduce, dismantle, knock; (n) lowering, reduction, descent
- raising:** (n) bringing up, nurture, elevation, lift, raise, culture, heave, ascent, ascension, upbringing, rearing
- rampant:** (adj, v) rife; (adj) wild, raging, luxuriant, unchecked, prevailing, rank, boisterous, exuberant, furious, irrepressible.
ANTONYMS: (adj) contained, controlled, mild, rare, sparse
- rancid:** (adj) putrid, sour, high, rank, fetid, stale, rotten; (adj, v) musty, decayed, moldy, tainted
- ranks:** (n) rank and file
- rare:** (adj) uncommon, thin, unusual, seldom, scarce, precious, exceptional, infrequent, few, choice, fine. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, frequent, usual, plentiful, commonplace, recurrent
- rascal:** (n) villain, rapsallion, monkey, miscreant, knave, scoundrel, scamp, rogue, varlet, vagabond, brat
- rash:** (adj, n) foolhardy, hasty, precipitate, eruption; (adj) imprudent, reckless, impetuous, heedless, audacious, sudden; (adj, adv) thoughtless. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautious, careful, sensible, wise, considered, deliberate, prudent, modest, slow, responsible, patient
- rate:** (n) worth, pace; (v) assess, estimate, evaluate, appreciate, compute, appraise, count, calculate; (n, v) value
- ratepayer:** (n) taxpayer, payer
- rates:** (n) tax, rate, tariff, toll, charge, dues, impost, rate fixing, property tax, municipal tax, local tax
- rather:** (adv) a little, enough, fairly, pretty, moderately, considerably, very, relatively, kind of, instead, kinda. ANTONYMS: (adv) extremely, absolutely; (adj) complete
- raven:** (v) guttle, feed, devour, gulp, harry, eat; (n) crow, plunder; (adj) black, jet; (n, v) gorge

ravenously: (adv) greedily, voraciously, avidly, gluttonously, rapaciously, starvingly, wolfishly, famishedly, starvedly, ravengingly, edaciously

razed: (adj) dismantled, destroyed

reaches: (n) recess

reaching: (n) reach, arrival, coming, accomplishment, outreach, advent, achievement, grasp, arriver, getting; (adj) suspicious

read: (v) say, decipher, understand, learn, construe, perceive, gather, indicate, demonstrate, translate, comprehend. ANTONYM: (v) write

readiness: (n) facility, ease, expedition, preparation, promptness, knack, dexterity, eagerness, quickness, fitness; (adj, n) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (n) reluctance, delay

reading: (n, v) read; (n) recital, learning, interpretation, lection, construction, version, study, perusal, erudition, exegesis

ready: (v) prepare, fix; (adj, v) fit, disposed, willing; (adj) quick, prompt, nimble, apt; (adj, n) available, dexterous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwilling, reluctant, unavailable, unready, unripe, difficult, unenthusiastic, young

real: (adj, n, v) actual; (adj, n) true, pure, authentic; (adj) physical, material, natural, concrete, positive, literal, native. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) pretend; (adj) imaginary, artificial, fake, apparent, mock, insubstantial, imitation, fantasy, false, bogus

realise: (v) appreciate, perceive, actualize, understand, attain, comprehend, get, bring, see, make, earn

realised: (adj) realized, complete, completed, highly skilled, caught, effected, established

reality: (n, v) fact, efficiency, deed; (n) existence, certainty, actuality, realism, being, realness, truth, entity. ANTONYMS: (n) vision, imagination, delusion, dream, illusion, idealism, unreality, fiction

really: (adj, adv) honestly, genuinely, sincerely; (adv) absolutely, authentically, certainly, substantially, in reality, positively, truly, essentially. ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, falsely, doubtfully, somewhat, unremarkably, nominally

reason: (n) account, intellect, occasion, object, understanding,

argument, purpose; (n, v) cause; (v) argue, debate; (adj, n) rationality. ANTONYMS: (n) inconsistency, disincentive

reasonable: (adj) rational, just, fair, legitimate, judicious, sensible, sane, temperate, impartial, inexpensive, equitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) illogical, unfair, expensive, unsatisfactory, inadequate, excessive, intolerable, intemperate, inexplicable, ridiculous, obsessional

reasoning: (n) argumentation, deduction, ratiocination, illation, logic, argument, abstract thought, sense, judgment, thought; (adj) rational

reasons: (n) proof

reassure: (n, v) encourage; (v) guarantee, calm, comfort, console, hearten, assuage, quieten, soothe, promise; (n) cheer. ANTONYMS: (v) worry, unsettle, terrify, alarm, undermine, upset

rebellious: (adj) insubordinate, mutinous, disaffected, defiant, disobedient, contrary, contumacious, insurgent, stubborn, unruly, malcontent. ANTONYMS: (adj) docile, conventional, obedient, conformist, content, conforming, cooperative, loyal, meek, submissive, obliging

received: (adj) acknowledged, conventional, standard, accredited, acceptable, orthodox, canonical, normative; (v) receiving, current, ascertained. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconventional, nonstandard

recently: (adv) freshly, lately, latterly, new, currently, late, fresh, of late, anew, latest; (n) yesterday

reckless: (adj) careless, rash, foolhardy, hasty, incautious, extravagant, daring, desperate, brash; (adj, v) imprudent, wanton. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautious, prudent, sensible, wise, responsible, parsimonious, considered, safe, guarded, dutiful, discreet

recognised: (adj) recognized, undisputed, received, noted, known, established, certified, acceptable, accepted

recommendation: (n) commendation, suggestion, advice, counsel, advocacy, reference, approval, proposal, admonition, endorsement, character

recommended: (adj) registered, advisable, favored, not compulsory, optional, required

recommending: (adj) recommendatory, commendatory

recovered: (adj) cured, retrieved, well, well again, healthier, aged, improved, whole, better, corned. ANTONYM: (adj) worse

reef: (v) furl, rive; (n) rock, eyot, ait, island, isle, islet, cliff, bank, shelf

refer: (v) pertain, allude, apply, deliver, commend, impute, name, advert, relate, invoke, attribute

referring: (adj) relative, relevant, pertaining, not absolute; (v) refer; (n) delegation

reflect: (v) deliberate, ponder, cogitate, muse, consider, meditate, contemplate, think, mull over, mull, mirror. ANTONYM: (v) ignore

refreshing: (adj) bracing, invigorating, refreshing, pleasant, fresh, cool, refresh, refreshingly, crisp, tonic, pleasing. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwelcome, soporific, tiring, relaxing, musty

refuse: (v) deny, reject, decline, disallow, rebuff, turn down; (adj, n) waste, trash; (n) offal, litter; (n, v) dross. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, receive, permit, offer, dedicate, approve, agree, admit, choose, pass, affirm

refusing: (adj) negative, dismissive, denying, recusative, noncompliant

refute: (v) confute, contradict, controvert, oppose, disprove, rebut, deny, invalidate, negate, gainsay; (n, v) answer. ANTONYMS: (v) agree, prove, avow, confirm, corroborate

regard: (n, v) respect, esteem, attention, heed, concern, note; (adj, n, v) notice; (v) estimate, believe; (adj, v) attend; (n) deference. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect, disesteem, inattentiveness, disdain, detachment, infamy; (v) ignore, scorn, disregard

regret: (n, v) grieve, sorrow; (v) bewail, lament, mourn, bemoan, deplore; (n) remorse, penitence, compunction, contrition. ANTONYMS: (v) welcome, praise; (n) idealism, shamelessness, joy, satisfaction

regular: (adj) normal, general, formal; (adj, n) steady, common, customary, ordinary; (adj, v) orderly, conventional, methodical; (adj, n, v) constant. ANTONYMS: (adj) irregular, erratic, variable, unusual, inconsistent, straight, extraordinary, asymmetrical, rare, distant, strong

reins: (n) bridle, Reins of a vault,

- reins of government, wheel, gearshift, joystick, pedals, potency, power, powerfulness
- related:** (adj) germane, relevant, cognate, similar, connected, allied, associated, collateral, pertinent, akin, consanguineous.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) unconnected, different, irrelevant, separate, disparate, dissimilar
- relationship:** (n) affinity, association, affiliation, connection, ratio, kindred, consanguinity, correlation, friendship, kinship, link
- relative:** (adj) related, comparative, proportionate, proportional, dependent; (n) cousin, kin, brother, connection, kinswoman; (v) kinsman. ANTONYM: (adj) absolute
- relay:** (v) transmit, pass, transfer, pass on, communicate, convey, send; (n) electrical relay, relief, spell, relay race
- reliable:** (adj, v) trustworthy, credible; (adj) honest, firm, dependable, safe, trusty, true, certain, authentic, faithful.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) fallacious, inconsistent, false, careless, unpredictable, unsafe, disreputable, doubtful, shaky, senseless, irresponsible
- relics:** (n) relic, rood, rosary, thurible, reliquary, remainder, remain, leavings, remains, remnants, patera
- relief:** (n, v) help, ease, aid, relaxation, assistance, solace; (n) consolation, release, respite, abatement, rest. ANTONYMS: (n) capture, discomfort, worry, aggravation, grief, hindrance, intensification, distress
- relieve:** (n, v) ease, assuage, mitigate, alleviate, allay, calm, redress; (v) free, help, console, excuse.
- ANTONYMS: (v) burden, aggravate, exacerbate, harbor, enforce, include, upset, depress
- reluctant:** (adj) loath, unwilling, averse, loth, indisposed, hesitant, involuntary, backward, diffident, shy, slow. ANTONYMS: (adj) inclined, eager, enthusiastic, happy, disposed, wholehearted, keen
- rely:** (v) depend, count, lean, believe, bank, confide, entrust, reckon, trust, swear; (n, v) rest
- remarkably:** (adj, adv) outstandingly, markedly, conspicuously, particularly, prominently; (adv) signally, uncommonly, surprisingly, extremely, wonderfully, curiously.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) normally, slightly, poorly, unexceptionally
- remarks:** (n) commentary, explanation
- remedy:** (n, v) cure, redress, heal, help, medicine, relief; (v) rectify, amend, relieve, correct; (n) drug.
- ANTONYM: (n) poison
- remedying:** (adj) curative
- remember:** (v) commemorate, recognize, recollect, recall, consider, memorize, think, mind, call to mind, retain, bear in mind. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, neglect, overlook
- remove:** (v) oust, pull, expel, eject, deduct, discharge, strip, get rid of, delete; (adj, v) clear; (n, v) take.
- ANTONYMS: (v) place, install, add, wedge, take, bring, attach, construct, wrap, restore, provide
- renewed:** (adj) changed, born again, new, fresh, reintegrate, rehabilitated, transformed, regenerate, reformed, Renate
- rent:** (n, v) breach, fissure, lease, let; (adj, n) cleft; (n) crevice, tear, crack, break; (v) charter, engage
- repeat:** (v) copy, recapitulate, reduplicate, reiterate, rehearse, return, say, double, renew, iterate, duplicate
- repent:** (v) deplore, bewail, rue, mourn, lament, atone, sorry, bemoan, feel remorse, grieve, be sorry
- report:** (n, v) account, gossip, name, record; (n) description, notice, recital, story, notification; (v) describe, recount
- represent:** (adj, v) express; (v) depict, play, exemplify, act, be, illustrate, describe, embody, enact, make.
- ANTONYMS: (v) prosecute, oppose
- representation:** (n) performance, presentation, picture, depiction, effigy, portrait, diagram, model, likeness, description, illustration
- represented:** (adj) delineate, depicted, representing, drawn, painted, pictured, diagrammatic
- represents:** (v) represent
- reproach:** (n, v) blame, rebuke, charge, abuse, disgrace, reprimand, invective; (v) accuse, chide, condemn; (n) condemnation.
- ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) commend, approve; (n) compliment, commendation, approval
- reputation:** (n) name, prestige, distinction, face, celebrity, credit, character; (n, v) honor, esteem, report; (adj, n) renown.
- ANTONYMS: (n) infamy, dishonor, obscurity
- request:** (n, v) demand, bid, invite, wish, appeal; (v) ask, order, pray, call for; (n) prayer, application.
- ANTONYMS: (v) command, grant, insist, force, supply, reject; (n) ruling, response
- require:** (v) charge, crave, involve, desire, demand, exact, claim, ask, entail; (adj, v) want, lack.
- ANTONYMS: (v) obviate, dislike, have
- rescue:** (n, v) release, ransom, salvage; (n) deliverance, delivery, relieve; (v) extricate, recover, free, save, redeem. ANTONYMS: (n) involvement, loss, abandonment, downfall; (n, v) capture; (v) endanger, lose, aggravate
- reservoir:** (n) fountain, well, store, pool, lake, repository, receptacle, basin, repertory, bank, supply
- resolution:** (n) determination, purpose, firmness, conclusion, answer, solution, resolve, decomposition, resoluteness, perseverance, settlement.
- ANTONYMS: (n) problem, feebleness, indecision, irresoluteness, irresolution, weakness, indifference
- resources:** (n) means, property, capital, finances, money, assets, substance, resource, wherewithal, funds, revenue. ANTONYM: (n) inability
- respectable:** (adj) considerable, decorous, fair, estimable, decent, honorable, good, proper, creditable, passable, honest. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, small, sordid, scruffy, inadequate, unrespectable, paltry, discourteous, inappropriate, sinful, unacceptable
- respectful:** (adj) deferential, mannerly, dutiful, courteous, attentive, obedient, reverential, respectful, reverent, polite, humble.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) cheeky, impudent, insolent, rude, contemptuous, disobedient, scornful, nasty, sneering, irreverent, impolite
- responsibility:** (n, v) duty, care, charge, load; (n) obligation, reliability, affair, onus, fault, job, liability. ANTONYMS: (n) thoughtlessness, innocence, dishonesty, inexperience
- responsible:** (adj, v) liable, answerable, amenable; (adj) reliable,

- dependable, trustworthy, culpable, trusty, faithful, responsive; (v) bound. ANTONYMS: (adj) innocent, untrustworthy, reckless, guiltless, thoughtless, unreliable, corrupt
- rest:** (adj, n) remnant, remainder, residue; (n, v) pause, balance, nap, relaxation, sleep; (n) recess, leisure; (v) remain. ANTONYMS: (n) activity, agitation, intensification; (v) change, stand, deteriorate
- restless:** (adj) fidgety, uneasy, impatient, restive, agitated, fretful, turbulent, feverish; (adj, n) nervous, apprehensive; (adj, v) quiet. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, peaceful, lethargic, unbroken, still, contented
- restored:** (adj) new, healthy, comfortable, convalescent
- result:** (n) fruit, outcome, issue, answer, effect, conclusion, aftermath, produce; (v) ensue, follow; (n, v) end. ANTONYMS: (n) problem; (v) precede
- resume:** (v) restart, regain, summarize, continue, revert, adopt, recapitulate; (n, v) outline; (n) digest, synopsis, summary. ANTONYMS: (v) abandon, suspend, die, discontinue, expand
- retailing:** (n) deal, trade, merchandising, marketing, transaction, vending; (adj) commercial. ANTONYM: (n) purchase
- return:** (v) recur, reimburse, restore; (n, v) pay, restitution, recompense, refund, restoration, render, retort; (n) proceeds. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, confiscation, abolition, recovery, loss, disappearance, penalty; (v) keep, depart, take, remove
- revelation:** (n) discovery, exposure, display, revealing, manifestation, betrayal, apocalypse, expose, inspiration, publication; (v) reveal. ANTONYM: (n) concealment
- reverse:** (adj, v) repeal, rescind, annul, nullify, invert; (adj, n) converse, contrary; (v) revoke, countermand, overturn; (adj, n, v) rear. ANTONYMS: (n) success, victory, obverse, recto; (v) accept, uphold, validate, reinforce, proceed; (adj) forward, parallel
- revolution:** (n) change, rotation, turn, gyration, insurrection, mutiny, rebellion, revolt, alteration, cycle; (n, v) circuit
- revolutionary:** (adj, n) insurgent, rebel, extremist, mutineer, fanatic; (adj) rebellious, mutinous, progressive; (n) insurrectionist, subversive, revolutionist. ANTONYMS: (adj) conventional, stale, orthodox, counterrevolutionary
- rich:** (adj, n) copious, luxurious; (adj) productive, fruitful, full, deep, prolific, opulent, fat, affluent; (adj, v) fertile. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, impoverished, destitute, broke, light, plain, lean, delicate, infertile, weak, barren
- ridiculous:** (adj) foolish, preposterous, funny, laughable, ludicrous, inane, nonsensical, comical, farcical, amusing, comic. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, inspiring, ordinary, sensitive, acceptable, generous, normal, possible, impressive, sane, worthwhile
- right-hand:** (adj) righthand, right, dextral, essential
- rightly:** (adv) correctly, rightfully, properly, accurately, appropriately, exactly, fitly, straightly, fairly, really; (adv, v) adequately. ANTONYMS: (adv) wrongly, inappropriately, incorrectly, immorally, unjustly, partially, sinfully, unfairly, falsely
- right-minded:** (adj) sound, virtuous, righteous, sane, worthy, true, ethical, normal
- rights:** (n) human rights, citizenship, possession, copyright, due, exclusive rights, nationality, official document, patent, government grant
- ring:** (n, v) encircle, peal, call, loop, jingle; (v) resound, echo, reverberate; (n) gang, band, rim
- rings:** (n) ornaments, necklaces, jewels, costume jewelry, charms, bracelets
- ripe:** (adj) adult, ready, advanced, prepared, good, grown, perfect, matured, finished, consummate; (adj, v) mellow. ANTONYMS: (adj) green, unripe, immature, dry, poisonous, young, unsuitable, sweet
- rise:** (n, v) mount, lift, increase, heave, swell, jump; (v) ascend, arise; (n) elevation, ascent, progress. ANTONYMS: (n, v) decrease, drop; (v) sink, descend, plummet, retire, set; (n) reduction, descent, depreciation, ruin
- rising:** (n) revolt, rebellion, mutiny, ascent, ascension, climb, rise, outbreak, insurrection; (adj) climbing, uphill. ANTONYMS: (adj) plummeting, plunging, decreasing, falling, setting, downward, content; (n) fall
- risk:** (n, v) peril, chance, gamble, bet, venture, adventure, wager, dare; (n) danger, jeopardy; (v) endanger. ANTONYMS: (v) protect, shun; (n) security
- risking:** (n) daily double, gaming, perfecta, place bet, exacta
- roast:** (v) burn, grill, bake, joke, heat, quiz, fry, cook, scorch; (n, v) ridicule; (n) joint. ANTONYMS: (v) cool, praise
- rocks:** (n) sunken rocks, family jewels, coral reef
- roof:** (n, v) top, cover, shelter; (n) crown, housing, ceiling, dome, house, household, back, covering
- room:** (n) chamber, occasion, house, apartment, opportunity, hall, opening, compartment, expanse, extent; (v) board. ANTONYM: (n) walkway
- rooms:** (n) flat, apartment, chamber, quarters, lodging, chambers, accommodation, cortege, suite, temporary housing, accommodations
- rooted:** (adj, v) fixed; (adj) ingrained, immovable, inveterate, firm, set, frozen, riveted, irremovable; (v) imbedded, posited
- rotting:** (adj) rotten, decaying, decayed, moldering, mouldering, decomposing, putrid; (n) rot, putrefaction, decomposition, deep etching
- round:** (n) bout, circuit, beat; (n, v) ring, compass; (adv, prep) about; (adj) circular, entire; (adj, v) plump; (adj, n, v) turn; (v) gird. ANTONYMS: (adj) sharp, slender, thin, square, harsh, reedy, evasive; (prep) exactly
- roundabout:** (adj) indirect, oblique, devious, winding, circumlocutory, periphrastic; (n) circuit, rotary, circle, carousel, circumlocution. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, straightforward, decisive, overt
- rubbing:** (n) friction, abrasion, grinding, detrition, rub, grip, resistance, chafe, sweat, travail, massage. ANTONYM: (n) smoothness
- rubbish:** (adj, n) refuse, trash, litter, garbage, trumpery; (n) nonsense, junk, offal, debris, waste, drivel. ANTONYMS: (n) fact; (adj) valuable, helpful

ruin: (n) devastation, desolation; (adj, n) downfall; (v) break, consume, demolish, destroy; (n, v) doom, ravage, destruction, damage.

ANTONYMS: (v) conserve, enhance, save, restore, improve; (n, v) respect; (n) making, success, triumph, rise, preservation

ruined: (adj, v) lost; (adj) dilapidated, desolate, broke, broken, bankrupt, finished, devastated, desolated, insolvent, spoiled. ANTONYMS: (adj) solvent, pure, rich, whole

ruler: (n, v) control, order, govern, decree, influence, line, dominion, regulate, reign; (n) law, ordinance.

ANTONYMS: (v) request; (n) option

runs: (n) Aztec two-step, sickness, Montezuma's revenge

sacred: (adj) holy, hallowed, dedicated, consecrated, divine, religious, pious, spiritual, inviolable, blessed; (adj, v) solemn.

ANTONYMS: (adj) profane, unconsecrated, cursed, breakable

sacrifice: (n, v) oblation, forfeit; (v) offer, immolate, offer up, give, give up, relinquish; (n) immolation, loss, forfeiture

saddle: (v) charge, load, burden, encumber, adjure, bear down, blame; (n) pillion, seat, saddleback, bicycle seat. ANTONYM: (v) relieve

sail: (n, v) cruise, float, voyage, sheet; (v) navigate, run, glide, drift, cross, sweep, travel. ANTONYM: (v) struggle

sailing: (adj) nautical, at sea; (adj, n) seafaring; (n) departure, glide, gliding, boating, cruise, soaring, going, leaving

sake: (n, v) interest, reason, motive, ground; (v) advantage, cause; (n) object, account, design, purpose, saki

salary: (n) pay, earnings, allowance, remuneration, fee, income, payment, emolument, gain, compensation, profit

sale: (n) fair, disposal, sales, sales event, bazaar, market, demand, marketing, saloon, vend, vendition. ANTONYMS: (n) acquisition, purchase

salute: (v) greet, hail, kiss, accost, acknowledge, buss; (n) salutation, bow, salaam; (n, v) address, compliment

same: (adj) identical, equal, like, corresponding, equivalent, similar, uniform, even, consistent, matching; (adv) equally. ANTONYMS: (adj)

different, varying, another, unlike, other, varied

sanitary: (adj) clean, healthful, pure, unpolluted, uncontaminated, antiseptic, disinfected, salubrious, sterile, spotless, sanitarian.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unsanitary, unhygienic, insanitary

satisfied: (adj) happy, content, full, pleased, confident, complacent, persuaded, fulfilled; (adj, v) certain, sure; (v) convinced. ANTONYMS: (adj) frustrated, anxious, disgruntled, hungry, insistent, pensive, unsure, dissatisfied, ashamed

sausage: (n) frank, blimp, pepperoni, pudding, salami, hot dog, wiener, intestine, hotdog, headcheese, dirgible

save: (v) rescue, hoard, conserve, keep, maintain, preserve, free, protect, liberate; (adv, conj, n, prep) except; (adj, v) economize.

ANTONYMS: (v) waste, squander, use, abandon, endanger, capture, asphyxiate, aggravate, destroy

savings: (n) reserve, saving, fund, store, funds, reserved fund, resources, capital, cash, corps de reserve, reserves

saying: (adj, n, v) maxim; (n) axiom, adage, phrase, dictum, idiom, byword, aphorism, expression; (n, v) saw, proverb

scale: (adj) balance; (v) mount, climb, ascend; (n) gamut, yardstick, graduation, degree; (n, v) flake, gauge, measure

scarcely: (adv) narrowly, rarely, hardly, just, scarce, uncommonly, insufficiently, scantily, scantily, only just, seldom. ANTONYMS: (adv) easily, liberally

scattered: (adj) dissipated, thin, disordered, disconnected, confused, sparse, sporadic, distributed, rare, diffuse; (v) disperse

scent: (n, v) fragrance, smell, odor, essence, nose; (n) aroma, bouquet, redolence, odour; (adj, n) savor, flavor. ANTONYMS: (n) stench, stink

scheme: (n, v) plot, design, intrigue, project; (n) contrivance, dodge, device, diagram, method; (v) devise, conspire

school: (v) educate, instruct, train, coach; (n) class, sect, shoal, college, herd, training, teaching

schoolroom: (n) nursery, class, lecture room, room

science: (n) learning, lore, proficiency, dexterity, virtuosity, skill, literature, knowledge, agrology, mathematics; (adj) art

scientific: (adj) technical, mathematical, exact, punctual, scientific, accurate, science, religiously exact, artistic, objective, shipshape. ANTONYMS: (adj) random, unscientific, unsystematic, personal

scientifically: (adv) technically, precisely, exactly, accurately, technologically, analytically, industrially, mechanically, punctually, experimentally, steadily.

ANTONYM: (adv) randomly
scope: (n, v) range, drift; (n) purview, domain, room, expanse, area, compass, horizon, oscilloscope; (v) view

scrag: (v) garrotte, garotte, strangulate, hang, strangle, fret; (n) throat, scrag end; (adj) snick, snatch, snack

scrubbed: (adj) deferred, clean, cleaner

scruple: (adj, v) hesitate, demur, pause; (n) hesitation, qualm, misgiving, distrust, objection; (n, v) mistrust; (v) falter, question
scurvy: (adj) contemptible, paltry, miserable, sordid, low, abject, ignoble, dirty, scabby; (v) base, scurvy

sealed: (adj) hermetic, tight, certain, plastered, Solen, shut, impervious, irrevocable, tighter, still, preserved
season: (v) mature, flavor, salt, mellow, moderate; (adj, v) harden, inure, habituate; (n) opportunity, spell, space

seats: (n) parquet, circle, parterre, seating area, seating room, orchestra, seat, chairs, places, bleachers, elbow room

secret: (adj, v) mysterious, hidden, covert, secluded, confidential; (adj) concealed, furtive, occult, obscure; (adj, n) privacy, secrecy.

ANTONYMS: (adj, n) known, public; (adj) open, overt, apparent, unrestricted, external, visible, outermost, transparent, blatant

secretary: (n, v) amanuensis; (n) clerk, minister, escriptoire, secretaire, desk, penman, secretaries, undersecretary; (v) scribe, writer

secretaryship: (n) situation, attorney general

secure: (adj, v) close, firm, fix, certain, confident, fasten, attach, bind; (v)

- preserve, gain; (adj) reliable.
ANTONYMS: (v) lose, detach, unfasten, undo; (adj) vulnerable, unsafe, loose, uncertain, unlocked, uncomfortable, unstable
- seeing:** (prep) because; (adj) Seely, considering; (n) sight, vision, beholding, fusion, visual sense; (v) conceive, comprehend, perceive
- seek:** (n, v) ask, inquire; (v) hunt, endeavor, attempt, look, aspire, pursue, beg, quest, explore.
ANTONYMS: (v) answer, grant
- seeking:** (n) hunt, pursuit, hunting, effort, pursuance; (adj) searching, zetetic; (prep) looking for
- seem:** (v) appear, feel, seeming, loom, expect, show, beseem, sound, glitter, glisten, gleam
- seen:** (adj) visible, clad, beseen, accomplished, discovered, appearing; (v) observe, perceive, conceive, comprehend, understand
- seize:** (v) catch, capture, grab, arrest, clutch, get, apprehend, receive, annex, clasp; (n, v) grapple.
ANTONYMS: (v) balk, relinquish, restore, surrender, give, remove
- seizing:** (v) seize; (n) seizure, clutches, prehension, taking, apprehension, capture, infection; (adj) catching, galling, controlling
- seldom:** (adj) scarce, rare, few, infrequent; (adv) occasionally, infrequently, uncommonly, hardly, scarcely, not often, once in a blue moon. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) often, seldom
- self:** (n) ego, person, me, individual, being; (pron) myself, herself, itself; (adj) same; (v) own; (adv) personally
- self-control:** (n) self-discipline, patience, forbearance, abstinence, temperance, temper, composure, discipline, self-command, self-possession, balance
- self-government:** (n) self-control, restraint, self-command, self-mastery, liberty, freedom, discipline, willpower, independence
- self-opinionated:** (adj) overweening, conceited
- self-reliant:** (adj) confident, independent, responsible, valiant, manly
- self-sacrifice:** (n) martyrdom, renunciation
- sense:** (n) perception, meaning, common sense, sensation, logic, understanding, impression, feeling; (n, v) feel, intellect, mind.
ANTONYMS: (n) stupidity,
- garbage, ludicrousness, nonsense, foolishness, gibberish, illogicality, irrationality, numbness, certainty; (v) observe
- senses:** (adj) sober senses, sound mind; (n) reason, mind, conception, consciousness, judgment, faculties, mother wit, right mind, sanity
- sensible:** (adj) aware, sagacious, prudent, rational, judicious, perceptible, sane, wise, intelligent, appreciable, sage. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) ludicrous, crazy, unreasonable, stupid, silly, ridiculous, reckless, idiotic, outrageous, imprudent, mad
- sent:** (adj) dispatched, imported, ecstatic, blissful, fascinated, intoxicated; (v) transmit.
ANTONYM: (adj) unsent
- sentiments:** (n) breast
- separate:** (v) part, detach, insulate, scatter, dissociate, cut, disperse, disconnect; (adj) individual, detached; (adj, v) discrete.
ANTONYMS: (v) unite, merge, mix, link, combine, fuse, join, associate; (adj) connected, joined, simultaneous
- sepulchre:** (n) mausoleum, burial, monument, repository, crypt, sepulture, burial chamber, tomb, bier; (v) inter, bury
- serial:** (adj) sequential, consecutive, recurrent, sequent, successive, continuous, regular; (n) periodical, series, serial publication, soap opera
- serious:** (adj, n, v) grave; (adj) heavy, austere, great, hard, dangerous, critical; (adj, v) sedate, important, momentous, considerable.
ANTONYMS: (adj) lighthearted, mild, flippant, cheerful, humorous, minor, slight, playful, trivial, unimportant, brisk
- seriously:** (adv) earnestly, soberly, severely, solemnly, badly, deeply, staidly, sincerely, thoughtfully, greatly, weightily. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) frivolously, playfully, cheerfully, slightly, teasingly, jovially, nonchalantly, lightheartedly, briskly, mildly, lightly
- servant:** (n) manservant, domestic, lackey, maid, employee, flunkey, retainer, boy, footman, flunky, menial. **ANTONYMS:** (n) master, mistress
- serve:** (adj, n, v) avail; (v) assist, aid, act, benefit, tend, attend, operate, function, do; (n, v) officiate
- service:** (n, v) overhaul, serve, refit, assist; (n) aid, employment, assistance, avail, ministration, ceremony; (v) attendance.
ANTONYMS: (n) disservice, damage, hindrance, uselessness
- setting:** (n) scene, scenery, adjustment, position, background, mount, backdrop, environment, scope, mounting, set
- settle:** (adj, n, v) fix, establish, confirm; (n, v) place, set; (v) resolve, clarify, pay, regulate, adjudicate, agree. **ANTONYMS:** (v) float, wander, prolong, owe, bungle, open, provoke, rise, weaken, worsen, complicate
- seventeen:** (n) large integer
- several:** (adj, v) diverse, divers, sundry; (adj, n) a few, some; (adj) various, individual, different, particular, special, numerous.
ANTONYMS: (adj) joint, all, none
- severe:** (adj, n) rigid, austere, inclement, rough, hard; (adj, v) biting, cutting; (adj) rigorous, bad, intense, heavy. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) mild, lenient, slight, easy, lax, cordial, kindly, kind, approving, funny, moderate
- sewer:** (adj, n) cloaca; (n) channel, ditch, gully, dike, culvert, sewerage, drainpipe, moat, main; (adj) latrines
- sewn:** (adj) stitched, sew, sewen, seamed
- shakes:** (n) hangover, jitters, nervousness, tension, anxiety
- shaking:** (adj, n) quivering, tremor, jarring; (n) quiver, palpitation, quake; (adj) quaking, shaky, flutter, unsteady, shivering
- shaky:** (adj) precarious, ramshackle, insecure, unsafe, unstable, unsteady, wobbly, tottery, trembling; (adj, v) crazy, broken. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) steady, stable, strong, watertight, sound, hard, composed, alert, safe, secure, promising
- shall:** (n) must, necessity; (v) require, bequeath, leave
- shame:** (n, v) disgrace, dishonor, discredit, humiliate, degrade, chagrin; (n) humiliation, modesty, scandal, insult; (v) abash.
ANTONYMS: (n) pride, glorification, making, worthiness; (v) acknowledge, glorify, respect, dignity
- shameful:** (adj) scandalous, dishonorable, opprobrious, shocking, ignominious, disreputable, despicable; (adj, v) foul, base, gross, black.

- ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, noble, dignified, admirable, faultless, reputable, glorious, compassionate, praiseworthy, commendable, excellent
- shape:** (n, v) cast, mold, fashion, mould, model, make, design; (n) pattern, figure; (v) determine, influence
- share:** (n, v) portion, allot, part, distribute, apportion, deal, divide; (v) participate, partake, dispense; (n) dole. ANTONYM: (v) refrain
- sharpen:** (v) focus, edge, hone, intensify, sharp, increase, heighten, whet, pare, improve; (n, v) point. ANTONYMS: (v) blunt, dull, flatten, soften, spoil, blur, quench
- shattered:** (adj) destroyed, smashed, done in, crazy, shaky, crushed; (adj, v) exhausted; (v) battered, dead beat, done up, lame. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, energetic, lively, whole, strong
- sheep:** (n) goat, ram, tup, ewe, cattle, follower, Bovidae, stock, simple, simpleton, family Bovidae
- sheer:** (adj) pure, filmy, bold, transparent, gauzy, simple, diaphanous, gossamer; (adj, n) complete, mere, perfect. ANTONYMS: (adj) thick, gentle, opaque, heavy, gradual, robust, partial
- sheriff:** (n) Lord Lieutenant, constable, shrieve, peace officer, officer of the law, officer, police officer, law officer
- sherry:** (v) rye, schnapps, highball, peg, rum, whisky, xeres, sling, usquebaugh; (n) sherris, manzanilla
- shift:** (n, v) change, exchange, turn, interchange, quibble, switch, move; (v) remove, budge, convert, alter. ANTONYMS: (v) restore, leave, straighten; (n) preservation, stillness
- ship:** (v) send, forward, transport, send off, consign, carry, transfer, move; (n) boat, craft; (n, v) ferry. ANTONYM: (v) keep
- shipowner:** (n) owner, shipholder, possessor
- shirk:** (v) evade, avoid, dodge, duck, goldbrick, elude, malinge, eschew, parry, blink, flinch. ANTONYMS: (v) accept, court
- shoes:** (n) footwear, shoe, place, position, situation, post, plaza, property, lieu, home, blank space
- shore:** (n) coast, edge, beach, seashore, stay, seaside, brace, margin; (n, v) prop, land, buttress.
- ANTONYM: (n) sea
- short:** (adj, v) concise, close; (adj) scarce, curt, brusque, sharp, compendious, laconic, deficient, scanty, diminutive. ANTONYMS: (adj) long, high, lengthy, unabridged, sufficient, slender, rangy, rambling, overlong, extended, plentiful
- short-winded:** (adv) out of breath
- shot:** (n) injection, gunshot, go, fling, shoot, crack, ball, picture, bang, jab, discharge
- shout:** (n, v) cry, clamor, scream, yell, roar, call, bellow, screech; (v) bawl, holler; (n) cheer
- shouting:** (adj, n) yelling; (adj) crying, howling, vociferous; (n) clamor, calling, noise, cheering, vociferation, tumult; (v) bawl
- shouts:** (n) cries
- show:** (adj, n, v) present, appearance; (n, v) exhibit, produce, broadcast, indicate, parade; (v) point out; (n) presentation, ostentation; (adj, v) guide. ANTONYMS: (v) disprove, hide, withhold, suppress, disappear, cover, absorb; (n) concealment
- shown:** (adj) manifest, revealed, exhibited, ostensible, avowed, declared, denoted, given away; (v) appear, represent, indicate. ANTONYM: (adj) hidden
- shrivelled:** (adj) shriveled, withered, wizened, shrunken, sere, sear, thin, lean, dry, shrunk, dryer
- shut:** (v) seal, bar, fasten, obstruct, lock, exclude; (adj) closed, cut; (n) shutting, end, finish. ANTONYMS: (v) admit, undo
- shuts:** (adj) closed
- sick:** (adj) ill, queasy, poorly, ailing, weary, diseased, sickly, morbid; (adj, v) indisposed, unwell; (adj, n) invalid. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, fond, wholesome
- side:** (n) rim, faction, brink, direction, hand, aspect, margin; (adj, n) part; (n, v) party, border, face. ANTONYMS: (adj) distant, central, major, primary; (n) back, front, center, middle; (v) straddle
- sidelong:** (adj) indirect, oblique, side, askint, askance, askant; (adv) sideways, obliquely, askew, aslant, sideling. ANTONYM: (adj) direct
- sigh:** (n, v) groan, suspire, murmur; (v) breathe, languish, pine; (n) breath, wail, whimper, whine, suspiration
- sight:** (n, v) vision, glimpse, show, aspect, appearance; (v) aim, spot, see; (n) view, prospect, scene
- signature:** (v) sign; (n) mark, key signature, endorsement, subscription, earmark, ratification, stamp, sign manual, seal, scale
- signing:** (n) signature, signage, linguistic communication, fingerspelling, ASL, language; (adj) signatory
- signs:** (n) situation, indications, signage, appearances, cipher, cryptogram, discriminating marks, indicia, secret code, secret language, symbols
- silence:** (adj, n, v) calm, still; (int, n, v) hush; (n, v) lull; (n) mum; (adj, v) appease; (v) mute, allay, pacify, muzzle; (int, v) shut up. ANTONYMS: (n) sound, openness, uproar, movement; (v) amplify, Louden, encourage, rouse
- simple:** (adj, n) plain, humble, innocent, rustic; (adj) homely, elementary, natural; (adj, v) pure, clear, mere, downright. ANTONYMS: (adj) complex, complicated, compound, elaborate, difficult, multiple, obscure, ornate, problematical, sophisticated, confusing
- simply:** (adj, adv) only, exclusively, barely; (adv) just, alone, directly, purely, absolutely, easily, plainly; (adj) straightforward. ANTONYMS: (adv) elaborately, ornately, majestically, covertly, dishonestly, incoherently, obscurely, pretentiously
- since:** (adv, conj, prep) because, seeing that; (adv, prep) afterwards, before; (adv, conj) for, as; (adj, adv) ago; (conj) whereas; (prep) from, of; (adv) after
- sinful:** (adj) wicked, impious, bad, iniquitous, ungodly, depraved, immoral, profane, criminal, wrong, unholy. ANTONYMS: (adj) pious, virtuous, moral, right, pure
- single:** (adj) celibate, odd, particular, separate, solitary, isolated, sole, lone, lonely, simple; (adj, n) one. ANTONYMS: (adj) double, multiple, divorced, attached, dual, involved, widowed, general, common; (n) record
- sipping:** (n) imbibing, imbibition; (adj) libant
- sits:** (n) sat
- sitting:** (n) session, seat, seance, meeting, seating, conference, posing; (adj) seated, inactive; (v) incubation, batching. ANTONYMS: (adj)

- standing, active
- situation:** (n) employment, position, post, job, matter, location, circumstance, circumstances, condition, site, office
- sixpence:** (n) bender, coin, teston, testern
- skin:** (n) hide, fur, rind, coating, shell, hull; (v) pare, scrape, excoriate, flay; (n, v) bark
- slackness:** (n) slack, laxness, negligence, carelessness, neglect, laziness, laxity, slump, softness, inattention, bagginess. ANTONYMS: (n) tightness, tone, strictness, firmness, attention
- slave:** (n) servant, bondman, thrall, bondsman, bondwoman, captive, vassal; (n, v) labor; (v) drudge, work; (adj, n) inferior. ANTONYMS: (adj) free; (v) slack
- slavery:** (adj, n) bondage, involuntary servitude; (n) servitude, drudgery, thralldom, thrall, yoke, travail, vassalage, thralldom, toil. ANTONYMS: (n) liberty, freedom
- sledgehammer:** (n) maul, sled, sledge hammer
- slice:** (n, v) share, part, slash, gash, chip; (n) section, piece, bit, morsel, slab; (v) carve
- slight:** (adj, adv) light; (adj) thin, flimsy, slender, fragile, petty, little; (adv, n, v) neglect; (n, v) insult, scorn; (v) ignore. ANTONYMS: (adj) considerable, major, obvious, thickest, severe, wide, fat, intense, heavy, likely; (v) acknowledge
- slightly:** (adv) slenderly, slimly, lightly, somewhat, little, thinly, moderately, weakly, faintly, trivially, unimportantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) significantly, infinitely, excessively, terribly, tremendously, solidly, particularly, much, considerably, seriously, intensely
- slip:** (adj, n, v) lapse, miss; (adj, n) fault, blunder; (n, v) slide, drop, mistake, escape, skid, trip; (n) cutting. ANTONYM: (n) invoice
- slips:** (n) pad
- slow:** (adj, v) slack; (adj) dull, sluggish, heavy, stupid, lazy, indolent, inactive; (adj, adv) easy, behind; (adj, n) gradual. ANTONYMS: (adj) intelligent, rapid, bright, speedy, alert, brisk, quick, prompt, hasty, rushed; (v) accelerate
- slowly:** (adj, adv, v) slow; (adv) deliberately, sluggishly, tediously, dully, gradually, unhurriedly, slackly, lethargically, belatedly; (adj, adv) lento. ANTONYMS: (adv) fast, hurriedly, promptly, rapidly, immediately, briefly, intelligently, vigorously, brightly, nimbly, punctually
- slyly:** (adv) craftily, artfully, secretly, furtively, slyly, cleverly, surreptitiously, astutely, foxily, knavishly, sly. ANTONYM: (adv) brazenly
- small:** (adj) little, narrow, slight, minor, inadequate, petty, fine, insignificant, light, remote; (adj, v) low. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) big; (adj) sizeable, colossal, considerable, enormous, great, huge, bulky, major, giant, important
- smaller:** (adj) littler, inferior, lesser, less, little, shorter, lower, littlest, subordinate
- smile:** (n) grin, grinning, smiling, luck, facial expression; (v) laugh, beam, chuckle, simper; (n, v) grimace; (adv) smilingly. ANTONYMS: (n, v) scowl; (v) glower
- smite:** (v) strike, hit, buffet, bang, clout, knock, smash, thrash, thump, batter, affect
- smooth:** (adj, v) quiet, level, facilitate; (adj) calm, oily, facile, fluent, flowing, flat, fluid, graceful. ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, uneven, wrinkled, peeling, jerky, ridged, flaking, abrasive, coarse, prickly; (v) wrinkle
- smoothly:** (adv) easily, evenly, calmly, swimmingly, sleekly, fluently, flatly, softly, quietly, oily; (adj, adv) readily. ANTONYMS: (adv) unevenly, harshly, abrasively, awkwardly, huskily, hesitantly
- snare:** (n, v) mesh, gin, ambush, hook; (v) catch, ensnare, entrap, entangle, capture, enmesh; (n) lure
- snug:** (adj, v) cosy, trim; (adj) cozy, easy, comfy, tight, close, warm, secure, homely; (v) neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) baggy, uncomfortable, unwelcoming, bleak, formal, loose
- so-called:** (adj) nominal, ostensible, pretended, false, quasi, sham, mock
- social:** (adj, n) sociable; (adj) national, public, friendly, companionable, common, neighborly, convivial; (n) mixer, party, society. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsociable, unfriendly, shy
- society:** (n) club, public, community, companionship, company, fraternity, association, corporation, fellowship, circle, people
- soft:** (adj, adv) easy, quiet; (adj) limp, light, balmy, delicate, slack, loose, smooth; (adj, v) feeble; (adj, adv, v) low. ANTONYMS: (adj) hard, firm, harsh, loud, hoarse, stiff, rough, solid, strong, shrill, alcoholic
- soil:** (adj, n) dirt; (adj, v) smudge; (v) pollute, dirty, contaminate, mire; (n, v) grime; (n) land, dust, earth; (adj, n, v) blot. ANTONYMS: (v) wash, cleanse, purify; (n) sea
- solely:** (adj, adv) exclusively, merely, only, alone, barely; (adv) just, but, entirely, wholly, purely, completely
- solemnly:** (adv) earnestly, gravely, majestically, stately, sternly, staidly, thoughtfully, soberly, formally, ceremoniously, importantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, flippantly
- solicitude:** (n) care, consideration, anxiety, thought, apprehension, regard, attention, fear, disquietude, heed, fret. ANTONYMS: (n) negligence, serenity, thoughtlessness
- solid:** (adj, v) dense, compact, consistent, close, fixed; (adj) hard, strong, real, good, secure, substantial. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, unreliable, loose, permeable, runny, gaseous, transparent, watery, slim, weak, brittle
- solitude:** (n) desolation, loneliness, seclusion, privacy, aloneness, isolation, retirement, lonesomeness, retreat, desert, solitariness. ANTONYMS: (n) companionship, closeness
- somebody:** (n) person, personage, mortal, man, creature, notable, human; (n, pron) someone; (adj, n) celebrity; (pron) anybody; (adj) notability. ANTONYM: (n) nonentity
- somehow:** (adv) anyhow, anyway, for some reason, somewhat, somehow, someways, a little, in some manner, in some way, very, somehow or other
- someone:** (n) individual, person, human, self, party, man, one, soul, buster; (pron) anybody, anyone
- something:** (n) what, object, thing, article, entity, substance, somebody; (adv, n) somewhat; (adv) rather, a little, kinda. ANTONYM: (pron) nothing
- sometimes:** (adv) from time to time, occasionally, every now and then,

- now and again, every so often, once, sometime, once in a while, formerly; (n) at times; (adj, adv) on and off.
- ANTONYM:** (adv) regularly
- somewhat:** (adv) slightly, a little, fairly, a bit, reasonably, pretty, moderately, sort of; (adv, v) little; (adv, pron) partly; (adj, adv) something. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) considerably, very, unreasonably, totally, hugely, completely, closely, massively, absolutely, wholly
- somewhere:** (adv) someplace, approximately, anyplace, about, wherever, where, roughly, everywhere, around, passim, ultimately
- soon:** (adv) shortly, presently, anon, immediately, directly, at once, before long, betimes, quickly, promptly; (adj, adv) early. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) now, eventually, later, slowly
- sooner:** (adj, adv) rather, earlier, before, preferably, instead; (adv) first, before now, faster, previously, beforehand; (adj) prior
- soot:** (n) smut, lampblack, carbon black, grime, carbon, crock, dirt; (adj) ink, ebony, coal pitch, jet
- sort:** (adj, n, v) class; (n, v) type, group, rank; (n) variety, breed, assortment, form, pattern; (adj, n) manner, description
- sorts:** (n) varieties, sorting, running pi, batter
- soul:** (n) creature, human, person, personification, ghost, individual, mind, essence, life, self; (adj, n) heart. **ANTONYMS:** (n) surface, body
- sound:** (n, v) chime, echo, peal; (adj) reasonable, complete, healthy, sensible, sane, rational; (adj, v) fit, fast. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) illogical, unsound, confused, unreliable, flawed, flimsy, silent, weak, unreasonable; (n) silence; (v) deceive
- sounded:** (adj) measured, oral
- source:** (n) root, cause, commencement, reason, provenance, beginning, head, parent, reference, headspring, germ
- south:** (n) confederacy, due south, Dixie, Dixieland, s, souther, south side; (adv) in the south, southwards; (adj) southern, polar
- southern:** (adj, n) southerly, austral; (adj) meridional, austral ocean; (n) southerner, austrine. **ANTONYM:** (adj) northern
- space:** (n) gap, scope, opening, period, place, void, margin, latitude, extent, emptiness, distance. **ANTONYM:** (n) mess
- spanish:** (n) Spanish people, romance language, Castilian
- spare:** (adj, v) free, reserve, save, thin; (adj) slender, slight, additional, lean; (adj, n) extra, excess; (v) exempt. **ANTONYMS:** (n) shortfall, original; (adj) principal, fat, basic, abundant, stout; (v) need, include
- speak:** (adj, v) pronounce, utter; (v) converse, say, deliver, articulate, recite, talk, discourse, lecture; (n) language
- speaker:** (n) loudspeaker, narrator, orator, spokesman, president, conversationalist, rhetorician, chairman, bullhorn, announcer, caller
- speaking:** (n) talk, discourse, speech, public speaking, reading, oral presentation, recital, recitation, disputation; (v) speak; (adj) expressive. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) nonspeaking, silent
- special:** (adj) particular, rare, limited, individual, especial, different, distinguished, distinct, express, private, separate. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) general, basic, collective, everyday, unremarkable, vague, normal, Standard, common, public, universal
- specimen:** (n) exemplar, instance, example, copy, pattern, person, representative, individual, model, illustration, type
- speechless:** (adj) silent, mute, dumb, dumbfounded, voiceless, quiet, tongueless, tacit, noiseless, mum, wordless. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) loquacious, eloquent, talkative
- spend:** (v) expend, exhaust, squander, pay out, blow, deplete, pass, wear, lead; (adj, v) waste; (n) outlay. **ANTONYMS:** (v) conserve, earn, hoard, keep
- spider:** (n) spiders, tarantula, arachnid, mussuk, chatti, lota, schooner, wedge ring, spinner, star handle, terrine
- spirit:** (n, v) courage, mind; (n) mood, ghost, apparition, disposition, energy, essence, soul, phantom; (adj, n) animation. **ANTONYMS:** (n) lethargy, body, cowardice, surface, sluggishness, lifelessness, defeatism
- spirits:** (n) alcohol, booze, humor, frame of mind, liqueur, strong drink, hard drink; (adj) cheer, geniality, good humor; (v) wine
- spite:** (n) malice, grudge, hatred, malevolence, rancor, venom, rancor, maliciousness, ill will, animosity; (n, v) pique. **ANTONYMS:** (v) please; (n) benevolence, goodwill, love, affection, harmony
- spitting:** (n) spiting, expectoration, ejection, sizzle, projection, forcing out, expulsion, saliva
- splendid:** (adj, n, v) illustrious, glorious; (adj) gorgeous, beautiful, royal, gallant, proud; (adj, n) magnificent, noble, grand; (adj, v) brilliant. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unimpressive, modest, humble, ordinary, undistinguished, meager, awful, dire, lowly, inglorious, shabby
- spoke:** (n) bar, rung, radius, rule, shoe, skid, rundle, line, clog, round; (v) said
- sponge:** (n) parasite, leech, sponger; (v) cadge, scrounge, bum, mooch, soaker, efface, crawl; (adj, v) wipe
- spot:** (n, v) place, speck, blemish, speckle, fleck, dirty, dapple; (adj, n, v) stain, soil; (n) dot, space
- spread:** (n, v) scatter, stretch, increase; (adj, n, v) reach; (v) disperse, expand, propagate, disseminate, diffuse, circulate; (adj, v) extend. **ANTONYMS:** (v) suppress, gather, collect, fold, prevent, regress, shrink, specialize, concentrate; (n) decline; (n, v) decrease
- spring:** (n, v) leap, bound, hop, fountain, skip, caper, bounce, dive, dance; (n) source; (v) originate
- squeeze:** (n, v) hug, pinch, embrace, nip; (adj, v) compress, force; (adj, n, v) press; (v) extort, cram, crush, jam. **ANTONYMS:** (v) expand, extend
- staff:** (n) club, pole, post, employees, personnel, faculty, mace; (v) crutch, prop; (n, v) rod, stick
- stained:** (adj) besmirched, dirty, colored, tarnished, soiled, tainted, sullied, flyblown, discolored, painted; (v) polluted. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unspoiled, unstained, unblemished, clean
- stamping:** (n) impression, blocking, coin, postage, stamping of rail
- stand:** (v) endure, undergo; (n) rack, booth, attitude, base, pedestal; (n, v) live, position; (adj, v) suffer, tolerate. **ANTONYMS:** (v) sit, lie, yield, forbid; (n) top
- standing:** (n) fame, position,

- importance, prestige, place, reputation, footing; (adj) erect, motionless, continuance; (n, v) stand. ANTONYMS: (adj) seated, moving, horizontal, falling, temporary
- stands:** (n) bleachers, stood, grandstand, standing, stop, covered stand, standpoint, stall, sales booth, reviewing stand, rack
- staring:** (adj) conspicuous, garish, agaze, vivid, noisy, showy, fixed, opened, glassy; (adv) staringly
- stark:** (adj) severe, plain, bare, bleak, desolate, mere, simple, bald, positive, pure, barren. ANTONYMS: (adj) disguised, ornate, fuzzy, indistinct, soft, romantic, fussy, hidden, dim, abundant, mild
- start:** (n) onset, origin; (v) begin, originate, drive, commence, embark, spring, enter; (n, v) launch, shock. ANTONYMS: (n, v) finish, stop; (v) conclude, halt, terminate, arrive; (n) conclusion, demise, departure, middle, culmination
- started:** (adv) happening, in progress, ongoing; (v) stert, leaped
- starvation:** (n) inanition, famine, famishment, hungeriness, privation, starving, malnutrition, dearth, poverty, scarcity, esurience
- starved:** (adj) famished, starving, ravenous, meager, emaciated, malnourished, thin, esurient, hungerly, lean, starveling. ANTONYM: (adj) healthy
- state:** (n) nation, position, kingdom, status, country; (n, v) say, show, place; (adj) national; (v) express, expound. ANTONYMS: (adj) private; (n) monarchy; (v) conceal, refute
- statement:** (n) account, affirmation, instruction, announcement, communication, proposition, description, assertion, command, enunciation, profession
- staunch:** (adj) faithful, loyal, constant, solid, resolute, devoted, stalwart, secure, sturdy; (n, v) stanch; (adj, n) hardy. ANTONYM: (adj) disloyal
- stay:** (adj, n, v) remain; (n, v) rest, prop, stop, delay, abide, continue, pause, endure, halt, support. ANTONYMS: (v) change, abscond, depart, move, disappear, become, go
- stayed:** (v) staid, serious, philosophic, sedate, platonic, stoical; (n) stays; (adj) late
- steals:** (adj) stolen; (n) stealing
- step:** (n) stage, degree, rank, level, gait, gradation, footprint; (n, v) walk, measure, stride; (v) tread
- steps:** (n) step, stairs, staircase, stairway, flight, stepladder, scale, backstairs, companionway, escalator, stair
- stick:** (adj, v) adhere, cohere; (n, v) stab, paste, staff; (v) cling, attach, fix, bind, affix; (n) bar. ANTONYMS: (v) detach, open, undo
- sticking:** (n) soldering, adhesion; (adj) adhering, clinging, glutinous, viscous, stuck, projected, tenacious, closefisted, cohesive
- stifle:** (v) smother, suffocate, repress, dampen, muffle, extinguish, strangle, quell, hush up, asphyxiate, check. ANTONYMS: (v) express, arouse, stimulate, light, exacerbate, show
- stinking:** (adj) malodorous, putrid, fetid, foul, smelly, loathsome, noisome, odorous, disgusting, funky, lousy. ANTONYMS: (adj) fragrant, clean, fresh
- stipulated:** (adj) fixed, formal, certain, conventional, customary, firm, predetermined, abstracted
- stir:** (adj, n, v) move, bustle; (v) rouse, arouse, affect, agitate, inspire; (adj, n) movement; (n) commotion, excitement, disturbance. ANTONYMS: (v) dampen, retire, stultify, bore, steady, stifle, suppress; (n) quiet, peace; (n, v) calm
- stirred:** (adj) excited, agitated, moved, affected, aroused, emotional, aflame, Stirn, horny, susceptible, stirred up
- stock:** (n, v) store, handle; (n) lineage, breed, goods, origin, ancestry, hoard, race; (adj, v) regular; (adj) standard. ANTONYMS: (adj) original, unusual, atypical, nonstandard
- stocks:** (n) stock, bilboes, provisions, securities, whipping post, inventory, store, supplies, supply, bonds, instrument of punishment
- stolen:** (adj) stole, stealing, steal, steals, furtive, stealthy, secret, taken, misbegotten, sly
- stomach:** (adj, v) brook, digest; (v) endure, stand, abide, bear, suffer, tolerate, take; (n) abdomen, appetite
- stone:** (n) jewel, rock, pebble, gem, calculus, gemstone, kernel, concretion; (n, v) pit; (v) lapidate, pelt
- stones:** (n) shingle, grit
- stool:** (n) seat, bench, footstool, feces, dejection, faeces, ordure, fecal matter, droppings, bowel movement, form
- stop:** (int, n, v) hold, stand; (adj, n, v) stay, cease; (n, v) check, end, close, block, bar, arrest; (v) obstruct. ANTONYMS: (n, v) continue; (v) begin, encourage, permit, prolong, persevere, expedite, accelerate; (n) continuation, proceed, go
- stops:** (n) Chicago, Michigan, Newmarket, boodle, halts, stop, stoppages, stopped, stopping, card game, moolah
- storm:** (n, v) rush, tempest, hail, attack, assault, charge; (v) fume; (n) shower, blizzard, hurricane, gust. ANTONYM: (n) trickle
- story:** (n, v) history, tale, narrative; (n) recital, narration, report, account, level, legend, novel, stage. ANTONYM: (n) fact
- stout:** (adj, n) sturdy, stocky, hearty; (adj) hardy, strong, robust, obese, husky, bold, corpulent, fleshy. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, slim, flimsy, cowardly, slight, skinny, fragile, weak
- stove:** (n) cooker, hearth, heater, furnace, fireplace, kiln, oven, cooking stove, cookstove, kitchen stove, kitchen range
- straightforward:** (adj) direct, open, square, simple, candid, plain, honest, sincere, forthright, immediate, frank. ANTONYMS: (adj) difficult, tricky, deceitful, complex, mysterious, pompous, devious, ambiguous, dishonest, disingenuous, evasive
- straightway:** (adv) presently, forthwith, directly, right, anon, immediately, at once, straightforward, promptly; (adj) straight, immediate
- strain:** (n, v) stretch, sift; (adj, n, v) tax; (v) screen, filter, try, exert; (n) effort, breed, exertion, song. ANTONYMS: (v) laze; (n) ease, relief
- strange:** (adj) foreign, peculiar, unusual, abnormal, outlandish, irregular, odd, new, mysterious, extraordinary, curious. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, familiar, typical, usual, conventional, explicable, sensible, mainstream, known, human
- stranger:** (n) foreigner, outsider, newcomer, outlander, immigrant, intruder, unknown, tramontane, trespasser; (adj) foreign, strange. ANTONYMS: (n) pal, native,

- associate, resident, familiar
- strangers:** (n) stranger
- strangle:** (v) smother, stifle, asphyxiate, scrag, tighten, repress, constrict, pinch, strangulate; (adj, v) throttle; (n) strangling
- stream:** (adj, n, prep, v) current, course; (n, prep, v) flood; (n, v) brook, run, crowd, jet, gush; (n) river; (v) pour, swarm. ANTONYMS: (n) shortage; (v) drizzle
- streaming:** (adj) flowing, flapping, detached, incoherent, baggy, slack, relaxed, loose, lax; (n) cyclosis; (v) disheveled
- street:** (n) road, avenue, way, highway, route, lane, neighborhood, path, track, boulevard, Main Street
- streets:** (n) street
- strength:** (n, v) power; (n) energy, firmness, endurance, stability, potency, health, soundness; (adj, n, v) might; (adj, n) vigor, intensity. ANTONYMS: (n) frailty, shortcoming, flaw, faintness, powerlessness, moderation, limitation, instability, impotence, feebleness, disadvantage
- strict:** (adj) severe, stern, rigid, correct, austere, rigorous, harsh, scrupulous; (adj, v) exact, accurate, precise. ANTONYMS: (adj) lenient, lax, free, negligent, imprecise, flexible, relaxed, loose, gentle, inaccurate, liberal
- strictly:** (adv) rigorously, severely, exactly, correctly, stringently, sternly, rigidly, precisely, closely, literally, harshly. ANTONYMS: (adv) loosely, leniently, lightheartedly, negligently, inaccurately, unlawfully, falsely, amenably
- strike:** (n, v) hit, beat, bang, knock, assault, slap, clap, rap, smash; (v) impress, move. ANTONYMS: (n) defense; (v) extinguish, defend
- string:** (n) chain, twine, strand, series, filament; (adj, n) file, row, range, rank; (n, v) run, thread. ANTONYM: (v) unstring
- strive:** (v) endeavor, contend, contest, struggle, fight, attempt, combat, strain, work, aspire, aim
- strong:** (adj) intense, able, firm, stable, steady, solid, hard, lusty; (adj, v) deep, sound; (adj, n, v) steadfast. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, pale, unconvincing, slight, feeble, frail, bland, faint, delicate, mild, lightweight
- strongly:** (adv) firmly, vigorously, robustly, violently, solidly, vehemently, sturdily, hardily, mightily, energetically, severely. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, dimly, faintly, feebly, gently, loosely, slightly, submissively, thinly, languorously, impassively
- struggle:** (n, v) contest, battle, conflict, combat, strain, endeavor, attempt, dispute, quarrel; (n) effort, exertion. ANTONYMS: (v) flourish; (n) ease, surrender, friendship
- study:** (n, v) examine, review, survey, research; (v) learn, check, contemplate, ponder, inquire; (n) consideration, learning. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect; (v) skim
- stupid:** (adj, n) foolish, silly, simple, absurd; (adj, adv, n) dull; (adj) idiotic, ridiculous, senseless, fatuous, crass, insane. ANTONYMS: (adj) wise, clever, bright, intelligent, shrewd, prudent, responsible, smart, great, sensitive, useful
- stupidity:** (n) foolishness, nonsense, obtuseness, dullness, fatuity, absurdity, stolidity, slowness, denseness, idiocy, imbecility. ANTONYMS: (n) sense, logic, cleverness, shrewdness, wisdom, ability
- style:** (n, v) name, call, entitle, cut; (adj, n) manner, sort, kind; (n) form, pattern, method, mode. ANTONYMS: (n) clumsiness, tastelessness, coarseness, crudeness
- subject:** (n) matter, citizen, motif, question, issue, affair, point, national; (adj, v) exposed; (adj, n) dependent, inferior. ANTONYMS: (n) foreigner, resolution; (adj) impervious
- subordinate:** (adj, n) inferior, subaltern; (adj) dependent, secondary, lower, petty, lowly, lesser, minor, junior; (n) assistant. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) chief, superior, major; (adj) senior, dominant, independent, insubordinate, higher, main; (n) central
- subscribe:** (v) confirm, sign, contribute, ratify, subscribe to, underwrite, agree, buy, donate, endorse, accept
- subscription:** (n) donation, agreement, approval, offering, reservation, registration, gift, entry; (v) allowance, subvention, subsidy
- subsistence:** (n) existence, life, entity, maintenance, food, support, sustenance, living, livelihood, esse, ens
- succeed:** (v) follow, arrive, prosper, prevail, manage, supplant, ensue, supersede, do, achieve, flourish. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, precede, lose, botch, restore, neglect, Miss, deteriorate
- sudden:** (adj) precipitous, quick, abrupt, hasty, rash, unexpected, steep, unforeseen, drastic, immediate, swift. ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, slow, gentle, leisurely, protracted, sensible, smooth
- suddenly:** (adj, adv) quickly, rapidly, immediately, presto; (adv) hastily, short, all at once, sudden, sharply, unexpectedly, instantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) increasingly, predictably, slowly, gently, progressively, sensibly, eventually
- suffer:** (v) encounter, stand, accept, undergo, brook, experience, have, endure, abide, sustain; (adj, v) allow. ANTONYMS: (v) enjoy, rejoice, flourish
- sufficient:** (adj) adequate, proper, commensurate, competent, good, acceptable, apt, ample, full; (adj, n) enough; (adv) quite. ANTONYMS: (adj) inadequate, insufficient, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, impossible, appalling
- suggest:** (v) offer, imply, indicate, propose, submit, advise, intimate, hint, counsel, proffer, point. ANTONYMS: (v) contraindicate, oppose, reject
- suggested:** (adj) advisable, proposed, tacit, optional, not compulsory, nominal, implied
- suggesting:** (n) proposal; (adj) symptomatic of, insinuating, suggestive of
- suitably:** (adv) appropriately, fittingly, befittingly, properly, fitly, becomingly, accordingly, decently, correctly, aptly; (adv, v) conveniently. ANTONYMS: (adv) inappropriately, unsuitably, inconveniently, incorrectly, unreasonably, wrongly, inadequately, badly, indecently, unduly
- summer:** (n) summertime, joist, rafter, beam, scaffold, season, skeleton, corner stone, lintel, transom, girder. ANTONYM: (n) winter
- summons:** (n) call, invitation, bidding, process, writ, invocation,

- warrant, command; (n, v) summon; (v) demand, cite
- sums:** (n) estimate, calculation, arithmetic
- sunshine:** (n) sunlight, sun, day, light, fair weather, gladness, shine, glee, sunbeam, delight, brightness
- superior:** (adj) dominant, exceptional, predominant, better, great, proud, arrogant, excellent, select, high; (adj, n) elder. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) inferior, subscript; (adj) humble, worse, poor, adscript, junior, lesser, low; (n) subordinate, associate
- supernatural:** (adj) mystical, preternatural, weird, superhuman, eerie, uncanny, unnatural, mysterious, ghostly, divine; (n) occult. ANTONYM: (adj) normal
- superstition:** (n) superstitious, taboo, religion, old wives' tale, superstitious notion, lore, folklore, fanaticism, fallacy, belief, magic. ANTONYMS: (n) science, truth
- supervise:** (v) manage, superintend, run, oversee, monitor, direct, check, control, conduct, handle, inspect
- supper:** (n) meal, tea, lunch, repast, reception, mealtime, siesta, social affair; (v) dejeuner, beber, whet
- supply:** (n, v) furnish, stock, afford, store; (v) fill, feed, provide, offer, produce, satisfy; (n) purveyance. ANTONYMS: (v) requisition, recall, refuse, withhold, take, buy; (n) lack
- support:** (n, v) stand, aid, keep, prop, comfort, patronage; (adj, n, v) assist; (v) brace; (adj, v) encourage, back; (n) maintenance. ANTONYMS: (n, v) neglect; (v) undermine, reject, weaken, abandon, condemn, contradict, disapprove, release; (n) hindrance, opposition
- supported:** (adj) sustained, backed, bolstered, based; (v) borne, carried, conveyed, supporting; (adv) on
- supporters:** (n) following, followers, the people, group, clique, public, constituency, constituency members, electorate, faction
- supports:** (n) ropes, chains, rigging
- suppose:** (v) infer, guess, speculate, divine, presume, conjecture, reckon, imagine, estimate, consider, assume. ANTONYMS: (v) disbelieve, know, measure, despair, doubt, speculate
- supposed:** (adj) hypothetical, reputed, alleged, assumed, imaginary, putative, apparent, ostensible, suppositional, supposititious, suppositious. ANTONYM: (adj) actual
- supposing:** (adv) admitting, conditionally, in case; (n) supposition, conjecture, thought, theory, assumption; (conj) although, what if; (v) suppose
- suppressed:** (adj) stifled, smothered, strangled, repressed, downtrodden, buried, hidden, pent-up, latent, untold; (n) subordinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) publicized, overt
- sure:** (adj) secure, reliable, safe, indisputable, dependable, assured, positive; (adj, v) steady, firm; (adv) certainly; (adj, adv) for certain. ANTONYMS: (adj) doubtful, uncertain, unsure, hesitant, humbled, dubious, indefinite, wavering, wobbly, unconvinced; (adv) doubtfully
- surely:** (adv) positively, definitely, confidently, securely, undoubtedly, clearly, firmly, assuredly, absolutely; (adj, adv) really; (adv, int) of course. ANTONYMS: (adv) questionably, uncertain, weakly
- surprise:** (n) fright, amazement, wonder, astonishment; (n, v) alarm, shock, jolt; (v) amaze, startle, astonish, stun. ANTONYMS: (n) expectation; (v) encourage, comfort
- surprised:** (adj) amazed, dumbfounded, shocked, astounded, stunned, taken aback, bewildered, startled, surprise, aghast, to be astonished. ANTONYM: (adj) unsurprised
- surround:** (v) gird, round, skirt, border, besiege, beset, envelop; (n, v) circle, inclose, ring, compass. ANTONYMS: (v) release, free
- surroundings:** (n) atmosphere, environment, environs, setting, neighborhood, habitat, milieu, neighbourhood, scene, background, ambiance
- suspect:** (v) mistrust, suppose, distrust, conjecture, guess, surmise, divine, disbelieve; (adj) fishy, questionable, shady. ANTONYMS: (adj) trustworthy, trusted, innocent, reliable, credible, aboveboard; (n) plaintiff; (v) know, believe
- suspected:** (adj) supposed, doubted, suspicious, suspicion, inspiring distrust, distrusted
- suspend:** (adj, v) defer, put off; (v) interrupt, stop, adjourn, postpone, hang, dangle, stay, shelve, debar. ANTONYMS: (v) continue, sustain, rise, finish, advance, inaugurate
- suspicion:** (n) distrust, inkling, misgiving, hunch, qualm, scruple, surmise, supposition; (n, v) doubt, mistrust, fear. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, knowledge, information, carelessness, recklessness, certitude
- sustenance:** (n) living, food, maintenance, subsistence, fare, sustenance, provisions, nourishment, nutriment, aliment, livelihood. ANTONYM: (n) extras
- swallow:** (n, v) drink, gulp, taste, sip, swig; (v) bolt, consume, devour, accept, stomach, endure. ANTONYMS: (n, v) sip; (v) doubt, expel, disbelieve, reject, express
- swarm:** (n) host, horde, multitude, drove, throng, cloud, assembly; (n, v) mob; (v) teem, pour; (adj) shoal. ANTONYMS: (v) retreat; (n) few
- swayed:** (adj) persuaded, susceptible, touched, convinced. ANTONYM: (adj) doubtful
- swear:** (v) declare, assure, assert, affirm, curse, pledge; (n, v) promise, avow, depone, depose, aver. ANTONYMS: (v) distrust, refute, deny, compliment
- swearing:** (n) curse, expletive, profanity, oath, abuse, blasphemy, swearword, excretion, adjuration, asseveration; (v) swear
- sweet:** (adj) fresh, mellow, lovable, dear, pleasant, musical, melodious, pleasing, sugary; (adj, v) lovely; (adj, n) beloved. ANTONYMS: (adj) discordant, bitter, acid, sharp, acidic, pungent, salty, harsh, detestable, cacophonous, dry
- swept:** (adj) clean
- swinish:** (adj) piggish, porcine, boorish, piggy, gluttonous, brutal, loutish, brutish, crappulous; (v) omnivorous, edacious
- sympathy:** (n) compassion, kindness, commiseration, mercy, feeling, understanding, rapport, benevolence, agreement; (adj, n) humanity, charity. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, cruelty, coldness, disdain, incompatibility, thoughtlessness, mercilessness, callousness, incomprehension, inhumanity, insensitivity
- table:** (n) board, schedule, chart, stand, list, desk, plateau, platen; (v) defer, shelve, postpone. ANTONYMS: (v) decide, vote, withdraw
- tacit:** (adj) silent, implicit, understood, implied, undeclared, unspoken, voiceless, mute, mum; (n) tace; (v) not expressed. ANTONYMS: (adj) spoken, express

tack: (v) affix, attach, fasten, veer; (n, v) baste, shift, turn; (n) pin, tache, brad; (adj, v) sew. ANTONYMS: (v) separate, detach

fact: (n) diplomacy, delicacy, finesse, address, discretion, skill, consideration, refinement, grace, thoughtfulness, tactfulness. ANTONYMS: (n) frankness, carelessness, thoughtlessness, insensitivity, clumsiness

tail: (n, v) shadow, trail; (v) follow, track, pursue, dog, tag, chase; (n) behind, posterior, butt. ANTONYMS: (n, v) head, front; (v) lead

tainted: (adj, v) rotten, rancid, bad, musty, reasy, vitiated; (adj) rank, contaminated, faulty, putrid, dirty. ANTONYMS: (adj) unadulterated, unchanged, untarnished, clean

taken: (adj) occupied, full, interpreted, appropriated, seized, overcome, affected, besotted; (v) take, get, receive. ANTONYMS: (adj) given, free

taking: (adj) fetching, attractive, contagious, winning, catching, fascinating, captivating; (n) capture, receipt, angry mood, achievement. ANTONYM: (n) rejection

tale: (n) account, narrative, narration, recital, fib, fable, report, fiction, lie, relation, yarn. ANTONYM: (n) fact

talk: (n, v) discourse, gossip, converse, lecture, chatter, chat, address; (v) articulate, speak, prattle; (n) language. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse; (n) silence

talking: (n) talk, conversation, nothingness, speech, speaking, verbal communication, words, yak, language; (adj) sound, levelheaded. ANTONYM: (adj) silent

talks: (n) parley, discussion, dialogue, diplomacy, arbitration, mediation, conversation, discussions, conference, meeting, dialog

tanner: (n) artificer, artisan, coin, craftsman, journeyman

tannery: (n) workplace, tanyard

taps: (n) demise, bugle call

taste: (n, v) relish, sample, smack, touch; (n) flavor, liking, penchant, morsel, bit, drop, fondness. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, tastelessness, disinclination, hate, lot, coarseness, uncouthness; (v) abstain, refrain

taxed: (adj) laden

teach: (v) enlighten, educate, instruct,

coach, indoctrinate, drill, learn, lecture, school; (adj, v) guide, show

teacher: (n) instructor, master, coach, preceptor, educator, mentor, tutor, missionary, guide, trainer, pedagogue. ANTONYM: (n) pupil

teaching: (n) education, instruction, indoctrination, precept, pedagogy, schooling, doctrine, training, lesson, advice, tuition

tear: (n, v) rip, break, split, rupture, crack, run, slit; (v) pull, rend, lacerate; (adj, v) rush. ANTONYMS: (v) wait, mend, idle, fix, amble, dawdle

tears: (n) cry, crying, snivel, brine, weeping, activity, bawling, bodily function, bodily process, body process, lacerations

technical: (adj) industrial, secundum Artem, shipshape, technic, specialised, specialized, artistic, artistic execution, technicolour, obscure; (n) technique. ANTONYMS: (adj) untechnical, unmechanical, simple, nontechnical, unscientific

tell: (n, v) disclose, impart, count; (v) relate, reveal, recount, divulge, explain, communicate; (adj, v) declare, express. ANTONYMS: (v) request, misunderstand, estimate, listen, figure, guess, withhold, conceal, suppress, confuse

telling: (adj, v) significant; (adj) revealing, emphatic, impressive, effectual, effective, pregnant, cogent; (n) relation, recounting, notice. ANTONYMS: (adj) secretive, unimportant, insignificant, hidden

temper: (adj, v) moderate, soften, mitigate, harden; (n) character, disposition, humor, nature; (v) modify, season, qualify. ANTONYMS: (n, v) upset; (v) soften, agitate, excite, flex, bend, increase; (n) composure, happiness, wrath, equanimity

temperance: (n) moderation, abstinence, abstemiousness, control, restraint, moderateness, soberness, forbearance, measure, gravity, asceticism. ANTONYMS: (n) intemperance, wildness

temperate: (adj) sober, moderate, restrained, calm, reasonable, abstemious, gentle, balmy, abstinent, frugal, equitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) violent, unrestrained, stormy, cool, extreme, hot, immoderate, wintry, rough

temporarily: (adv) for the time being,

transitorily, transiently, temporally, momentarily, for a moment, ephemerally, makeshiftly, interimly, impermanently, evanescently. ANTONYMS: (adv) permanently, enduringly, everlastingly

tendency: (n, v) drift; (n) proclivity, propensity, leaning, trend, direction, inclination, partiality, disposition, bent, course. ANTONYM: (n) dislike

terms: (n) conditions, provision, stipulation, terminology, price, proposition, lemma, cost, footing, damage, specifications

testimonial: (n) testament, evidence, certificate, testimony, commendation, good word, character reference, credential, warrant, diploma, attestation

thank: (v) give thanks, recognize, bless, thanks, give thanks to, convey, acknowledged, remercy, impart

thanks: (n) acknowledgment, gratitude, blessing, grace, praise, gratefulness, recognition, credit, benediction, thankfulness; (int) thank you. ANTONYMS: (n) criticism, blame

themselves: (pron) myself, itself, yourself; (n) yourselves

theory: (n) supposition, assumption, conjecture, hypothesis, speculation, guess, idea, opinion, surmise, presumption, belief. ANTONYMS: (n) reality, practice, proof

therefore: (adv) thence, so, hence, accordingly, as a result, thus, for that reason; (con) since, because, then, ergo

thick: (adj) compact, stupid, crowded, slow, opaque, dull, heavy, stocky, deep, close, familiar. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, intelligent, sparse, bright, slight, clever, transparent, diluted, fine, clear, runny

thin: (adj) tenuous, flimsy, light, fine, emaciated; (adj, v) lean, gaunt, slight, sheer, meager, dilute. ANTONYMS: (adj) fat, concentrated, chubby, plump, wide, heavy, broad, strong, resonant, solid; (v) thicken

thing: (n) affair, occurrence, object, event, concern, something, article, happening, substance, occasion, being

things: (n) gear, belongings, equipment, garb, garment, clothes, paraphernalia, goods, life, property, palliament

thinking: (n) consideration, idea, opinion, reasoning, intellection, cogitation, conception, contemplation; (adj) intelligent, thoughtful, meditative

thomas: (n) Aquinas, Dylan Thomas, Lowell Thomas, doubting Thomas, Norman Thomas, Saint Thomas, saint Thomas Aquinas, St Thomas, St Thomas Aquinas, Thomas the doubting apostle, Lowell Jackson Thomas

thoroughly: (adv, v) fully; (adv) entirely, totally, soundly, exhaustively, carefully, absolutely, perfectly, deeply, utterly, exactly. ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, incompletely, negligently, partially, partly, barely, halfheartedly, deficiently, inadequately, insufficiently, hastily

though: (adj, conj) however; (conj) still, notwithstanding, nevertheless, albeit, whereas, while; (adv) even, after all, tho'; (adv, conj) tho

thought: (n) idea, impression, conception, belief, concept; (adj, n) opinion, feeling, sentiment; (n, v) consideration, reflection, observation. ANTONYMS: (n) thing, vacuity, vacancy, concrete, thoughtlessness, inattention, impulsiveness, certainty, neglect, trust

thoughtful: (adj, v) serious, solemn, grave; (adj) kind, careful, pensive, heedful, attentive, discreet, sensible, courteous. ANTONYMS: (adj) thoughtless, careless, heedless, uncaring, unkind, tactless, superficial, stupid, negligent, idiotic, unthinking

thoughtlessly: (adv) carelessly, inconsiderately, heedlessly, rashly, imprudently, inattentively, hastily, negligently, indiscreetly, unheedingly; (adj, adv) foolishly. ANTONYMS: (adv) considerately, carefully, cautiously, prudently, sensibly, wisely

thousand: (adj, n) one thousand, k, m; (n) grand, g, thou, cat Valium, constant of gravitation, grounds, curtilage; (adj) a thousand

thousands: (n) myriad, much, many

threatened: (adj) vulnerable, in jeopardy, exposed, endangered, doomed, at risk

threateningly: (adv) sinisterly, ominously, seriously, warningly, perilously, gloomily, dangerously, minorily, grimly, minaciously,

loweringly

threshold: (n) brink, beginning, outset, entrance, entry, doorsill, doorstep, doorway, edge, vestibule, border. ANTONYM: (n) end

throttle: (v) choke, asphyxiate, strangulate, smother, scrag, constrain, stifle, suffocate, restrain, cumber; (n) accelerator

throw: (n, v) cast, pitch, push; (v) shed, hurl, heave, chuck, flip, pass, hurtle; (n) shot. ANTONYMS: (v) explain, help, receive, clarify, encourage

thrown: (adj) puzzled, confused, thrown and twisted, upset, disconcerted, unnerved, terrified, scared out of your wits, mystified, frightened; (n) reminder.

ANTONYM: (adj) calm

thunder: (adj, n, v) boom; (n, v) roar, bang, roll, bellow; (adj, n) peal; (adj, v) explode, detonate; (v) howl, rumble, fulminate

till: (conj, prep) until, unto; (v) plow, hoe, farm, dig; (adj) up to; (n) tiller, drawer; (adv) so far; (prep) to

times: (n) present time, modern times, contemporary world, multiplication, time, period, era, many years duration, epoch, present, arithmetic operation

timid: (adj) shy, afraid, diffident, coy, bashful, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, modest; (adj, adv) cowardly; (adj, n) cautious.

ANTONYMS: (adj, n) brave; (adj) confident, bold, fearless, resolute, forward, daring, brazen, extrovert, brash, talkative

timidity: (n) shyness, fear, bashfulness, nervousness, reserve, cowardice, fearfulness, timidity, modesty, humility, coyness.

ANTONYMS: (n) confidence, boastfulness, swagger, brashness, security

tinker: (v) monkey, fiddle, putter, mess around, toy, tamper, vamp; (n) cobbler, mender, Scomber japonicus, chub mackerel

tipsy: (adj) tight, intoxicated, soused, blotto, inebriated, fuddled, taut, stringent, loaded, besotted, close

tired: (adj, v) fatigued, weary, exhausted, stale; (adj) threadbare, commonplace, trite, banal, haggard, stock, jaded. ANTONYMS: (adj) invigorated, alert, refreshed, energetic, original, strong, awake, energized, lively, rested, relaxed

today: (adj, n) present; (adv) these

days, currently, nowadays, presently, at present, right away, immediately; (n) modern times; (adj) modern, recent. ANTONYM: (adv) yesterday

toddy: (n) hot toddy, negus, mixed drink, alcohol, bishop; (v) wassail

together: (adv) in concert, conjointly, at the same time, at once, simultaneously, mutually, in unison, all together, at the same moment; (adj) united, stable. ANTONYMS: (adv) separately, individually, independently, apart, alone; (adj) separate, upset, unstable, separated, imbalanced, scatterbrained

told: (v) related, narrated; (adj) numbered, oral, spoken, legendary, verbal, manifest

tolerably: (adv) well enough, passably, acceptably, reasonably, enough, moderately, to a tolerable degree, pretty, to an adequate degree; (adj, adv) somewhat; (adj) pretty well. ANTONYMS: (adv) unbearably, intolerably, unacceptably, unreasonably, insufficiently, inadequately

toleration: (n) sufferance, endurance, allowance, patience, moderation, permission, indulgence, acceptance, forbearance, suffering, self acceptance

tomfoolery: (n) foolery, folly, prank, mummery, indulgence, fooling, farce, harlequinade, frivolity, frolic, caper

tomorrow: (adv) kal, never; (n) solar day, mean solar day, time to come, day

tone: (n) note, accent, timbre, spirit, tinge, shade, air, sound, tint, manner; (n, v) color. ANTONYMS: (n) atonicity, flaccidity; (v) jar

tongue: (n) lingua, speech, idiom, dialect, clapper, glossa, natural language, striker, talk; (v) lick; (adj) flowing

tonight: (adv) this night

took: (adj) taken; (v) receive

topmost: (adj) highest, upmost, upper, maximum, uppermost, head, supreme, utmost, crowning, apical, uttermost. ANTONYM: (adj) bottom

topsy-turvy: (adj) confused, upside-down, deranged, disorderly, chaotic, upside down, inverted; (adj, adv) upended, inside-out, jumbled; (adv) helter-skelter

tor: (adj, prep) lacerated, rent, mangled; (adj) ripped, tattered, blasted, lacerate, shabby,

- goddamned, infernal, made uninhabitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) pristine, sure, resolute, healed, decided, mended
- torture**: (n, v) pain, distress, agonize, afflict; (n) agony, anguish, suffering, excruciation, grief; (v) rack, excruciate. ANTONYMS: (n) relief, alleviation, content, ecstasy, joy, pleasure; (v) relieve, alleviate
- toward**: (prep) to, towards, approaching, headed for, just before, of, in the direction of; (adv, prep) on; (adv) about, around, by.
- ANTONYMS: (prep) from, away
- towards**: (prep) to, facing, until, opposite to, till, unto, upon; (n, prep) against; (adv) about, by; (n) at
- town**: (adj) municipal, urban; (n) borough, township, village, burgh, burg, municipality, townspeople, metropolis; (adj, n) community.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) country, private
- townsfolk**: (n) borough, town, municipality
- townspeople**: (n) town, borough, township, municipality
- trade**: (n, v) deal, exchange, swap, merchandise, switch, barter, change; (adj, n) business; (n) commerce, profession, occupation.
- ANTONYMS: (n) purchase, entertainment, fun, pastime; (v) buy, wholesale
- tradesmen**: (n) fellow tradesmen
- train**: (v) aim, exercise, direct, educate, tame, prepare, school; (n, v) coach, trail, tail; (n) chain.
- ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, forget; (n) head
- translate**: (v) construe, transform, decipher, explain, render, read, convert, define, turn, understand, alter. ANTONYM: (v) stagnate
- transported**: (adj) ecstatic, rapt, elated, inspirited, spellbound, exultant, puffed up, proud, delighted, elate; (adv) on cloud nine.
- ANTONYM: (adj) dejected
- trash**: (n) rubbish, litter, scum, garbage, refuse, rubble, debris; (n, v) scrap, junk; (v) destroy; (adj, n) trumpery. ANTONYMS: (n) valuables, sense, possessions, assets, fact; (v) renovate, conserve
- tray**: (n) plate, salver, dish, cheeseboard, tray bar, server, waiter, Cran, inkstand, icetray, jardiniere
- treasure**: (n) gem, fortune, riches, funds; (n, v) hoard, prize, store; (v) cherish, appreciate; (adj, n) jewel, precious stone. ANTONYMS: (v) dislike, disparage, scorn, neglect; (n) dud, poverty
- treat**: (n, v) feast, manage, administer, regale; (v) process, deal, heal, nurse; (n) luxury, delicacy, tidbit.
- ANTONYMS: (v) harm, hurt, injure, neglect, exacerbate, deprive, deny, contaminate, cloud; (n) necessity
- treated**: (adj) tempered, hardened, emotionally hardened, inured, baked, physically toughened, enured, burned, tough, burnt, considered. ANTONYM: (adj) untempered
- treatment**: (n) manipulation, handling, therapy, medication, remedy, dealing, reception, method; (n, v) conduct, management, behavior. ANTONYMS: (n) hurt, harm
- tremendous**: (adj) terrific, fantastic, enormous, immense, wonderful, dreadful, huge, marvelous, gigantic, formidable, mighty. ANTONYMS: (adj) awful, unimportant, tiny, small, unremarkable, poor, dreadful, abysmal
- tremendously**: (adv) hugely, awfully, greatly, terrifically, wonderfully, immensely, marvelously, vastly, dreadfully, excellently; (adj, adv) severely. ANTONYMS: (adv) insignificantly, somewhat, hardly, abysmally
- trend**: (n) fashion, tendency, inclination, fad, course, disposition, drift, direction; (n, v) style; (v) tend, incline
- trial**: (n) test, examination, experiment, hardship, essay, hearing, audition, attempt; (n, v) affliction, adversity; (adj, n) distress.
- ANTONYMS: (n) peace, performance, happiness, ease, opportunity; (adj) known, definite, proven
- trickery**: (n) deceit, deception, guile, chicanery, artifice, craft, cunning, dishonesty, jugglery, fraudulence, imposture. ANTONYM: (n) truthfulness
- tricks**: (n) actions, behavior, thing, clowning around, fooling, magic, plunder, possession, activities
- tried**: (adj) reliable, tested, trustworthy, dependable, proven, proved, experienced, practiced, just, conquered, believable.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) untried, unreliable
- trifling**: (adj) paltry, slight, petty, negligible, immaterial, worthless, trivial, minor, small; (adj, v) inconsequential; (adj, n) frivolity.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) significant, worthwhile, major, considerable, crucial, enormous, great, mature, profound, substantial; (n) importance
- triumph**: (v) exult, prevail, crow, rejoice, succeed; (n, v) glory, win, joy; (n) victory, conquest, exultation.
- ANTONYMS: (n) failure, defeat, sorrow, unhappiness, dud, sadness, loss, flop; (v) fail, lose, forfeit
- triumphant**: (adj) victorious, successful, triumphal, exulting, winning, joyful, rejoicing, elated, conquering, prideful; (adj, v) exultant. ANTONYMS: (adj) disappointed, failing, losing, defeated, miserable, sorrowful
- troop**: (n) group, corps, gang, crowd, band, brigade, crew, herd, swarm, horde; (n, v) flock
- trouble**: (n, v) inconvenience, pain, bother, disquiet, disorder, worry, annoy, fuss, afflict, torment; (adj, n) difficulty. ANTONYMS: (v) please, help, assist, aid, placate, soothe, comfort; (n) fitness, pleasure, advantage, ease
- trousers**: (n) breeches, knickers, pantaloons, trows, bellbottoms, chinos, cords, denim, flannel, gabardine, knickerbockers
- truce**: (n, v) respite; (n) peace, breather, reprieve, ceasefire agreement, agreement, pact, accord; (v) rest, pause, lull. ANTONYMS: (n) disagreement, fight, war
- true**: (adj, n) genuine, authentic; (adj) right, faithful, even, correct, accurate, honest, straight, truthful; (adj, v) actual. ANTONYMS: (adj) inaccurate, untrue, bogus, untrustworthy, unrealistic, mythical, fraudulent, faithless, disloyal; (adv) wrongly, dishonestly
- trust**: (n, v) credit, rely, hope; (n) confidence, faith, reliance, belief, cartel, assurance; (v) believe, confide. ANTONYMS: (n, v) distrust, doubt, mistrust; (v) disbelieve, keep, hold, despair; (n) disbelief, suspicion, independence
- trustfully**: (adv) trustingly, showing trust, unsuspectingly, unsuspectingly. ANTONYM: (adv) distrustfully
- trustworthy**: (adj) honest, trusty, dependable, safe, faithful, sound, certain, good, responsible; (adj, n, v) credible; (adj, n) true. ANTONYMS:

- (adj) suspect, dubious, untrustworthy, undependable, sneaky, doubtful, deceitful, disloyal, disreputable, irresponsible, degenerate
- truth:** (n) exactness, actuality, sincerity, verity, fidelity, fact, correctness, genuineness, faithfulness, certainty, honesty. ANTONYMS: (n) dishonesty, fabrication, falsehood, fiction, lie, inaccuracy, idealism, falsity, disloyalty, fallacy, invention
- truthfully:** (adv) exactly, truly, forthrightly, honestly, veraciously, truly, accurately, openly, frankly, faithfully, candidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) untruthfully, mendaciously, deceitfully, guardedly, inaccurately, insincerely, unfairly, dishonestly, ambiguously
- trying:** (adj) hard, taxing, arduous, thorny, severe, bothersome, tough, demanding, annoying, tiresome, rugged. ANTONYMS: (adj) rewarding, facile, relaxing, satisfying, simple, pleasant, pleasing, refreshing, soothing
- turn:** (n, v) curve, roll, twist, go, coil, round, change, bent, spin; (n) bout; (v) revolve. ANTONYMS: (n) failure, Miss, stagnation; (v) unbind
- turncoat:** (n) renegade, apostate, deserter, defector, rebel, recreant, betrayer, transfugitive, ratter, conspirator, collaborator. ANTONYM: (n) patriot
- turned:** (adj) off, curved, rancid, twisted, false, bent, altered, sullen, having inflections, versed, glowering. ANTONYM: (adj) unturned
- turning:** (n) turn, revolution, bend, rotation, deviation, gyration, conversion, veering; (adj) rotating, revolving, rotary
- twelve:** (adj, n) dozen, XII; (n) boxcars, large integer
- twenty:** (adj) vigesimal; (n) large integer, twenty dollar bill
- twice:** (adv) doubly, bis, two times, in two ways, once more; (adj) twenty
- ugly:** (adj, adv) surly; (adj) nasty, repulsive, frightful, forbidding, disagreeable, hideous, gruesome, evil, offensive, shocking. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, flowing, ornamental, nice, lovely, pleasant, safe, kind, gentle, appealing, agreeable
- umbrella:** (n) parasol, sunshade, shelter, canopy, cover, gamp, protection, tent, shield, screen, umbra
- unable:** (adj) incapable, ineffective, incompetent, impotent, helpless, ineffectual, inefficient, inadequate, unqualified, unfit, not able. ANTONYMS: (adj) able, capable, competent, eligible, powerful
- unappreciated:** (adj) unacknowledged, ungratifying, trying, unrewarding, difficult, unvalued, unsung, obscure. ANTONYM: (adj) rewarding
- unbearable:** (adj) insufferable, excruciating, insupportable, unendurable, hateful, unacceptable, repugnant, impossible, grievous, enormous, dreadful. ANTONYMS: (adj) bearable, manageable, imperceptible, tolerable, wonderful, lovable, nice, pleasant
- unbelievable:** (adj) improbable, implausible, unlikely, inconceivable, fabulous, impossible, unthinkable, marvelous, marvellous, tall; (adj, v) staggering. ANTONYMS: (adj) credible, plausible, believable, mundane, ordinary, real, conceivable, unremarkable, truthful, sensible, probable
- uncle:** (n) father's younger brother, elder uncle, father's older brother, father's sister's husband, husband of paternal aunt, maternal uncle, niece, benefactor, EME, helper, kinsman
- uncomfortable:** (adj) ill at ease, embarrassing, troubled, disagreeable, inconvenient, difficult, discomfited, anxious, uneasy, cheerless; (v) untoward. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, comfy, happy, untroubled, painless, content, easy, straightforward
- uncommonly:** (adv) rarely, strangely, infrequently, scarcely, occasionally, exceptionally, oddly; (adj, adv) particularly, remarkably, singularly, curiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) frequently, typically
- undeniably:** (adv) certainly, clearly, positively, unarguably, easily, incontrovertibly, without doubt, without a doubt, unquestionably, unmistakably, unavoidably. ANTONYMS: (adv) arguably, possibly, unclearly
- under:** (adj) lower, down, nether, bottom, inferior, low, subject; (adv, prep) beneath, underneath; (adv) downstairs, infra. ANTONYMS: (adv, prep) over, above; (adv) primary, higher, major
- understand:** (v) interpret, hear, see, catch, learn, translate, grasp, construe, gather; (adj, v) realize, take. ANTONYMS: (v) misinterpret, misconstrue, misunderstand, disbelieve, mistake, reject, deny, Miss
- undertone:** (n) undercurrent, murmur, tinge, nuance, whisper, suggestion, implication, connotation, overtone, association, hint
- undisturbed:** (adj) peaceful, quiet, tranquil, serene, placid, still, easy, smooth, uninterrupted, untroubled, composed. ANTONYMS: (adj) tense, anxious, agitated, bothered, disordered, disturbed, noisy, scared
- undivided:** (adj) complete, whole, unbroken, total, single, integral, continuous, united, full, exclusive, solid. ANTONYMS: (adj) partial, separate, broken, imperfect, individual
- undone:** (adj) ruined, unfinished, sunk, done for, finished, behindhand, decayed; (adj, v) doomed; (v) accursed, to be pitied, devoted
- undoubtedly:** (adj) unquestionable, undisputed, indisputable, undeniable, sure, positive, true, unquestioned, indubitable, definite, unchallenged
- undoubtedly:** (adv) certainly, positively, definitely, indubitably, no doubt, clearly, unquestionably, unquestioned, all right, beyond any doubt; (adj, adv) doubtless. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, indefinite, ambiguously, possibly
- uneasily:** (adv) apprehensively, restlessly, worriedly, nervously, solicitously, unquietly, constrainedly, awkwardly, fretfully, unsettledly, fearfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, confidently, unconcernedly, comfortably, fearlessly
- unemployment:** (n) joblessness, depression, being without a job, inactivity, lay off, leisure, recession, state, unpaid leave
- unfortunate:** (adj) inauspicious, sad, hapless, bad, inopportune, disastrous, adverse, deplorable, infelicitous, untoward, lamentable. ANTONYMS: (adj) lucky, auspicious, good, opportune, joyous, timely, appropriate, successful, easy, privileged
- unfortunately:** (adv) wretchedly,

- unhappily, regrettably, sadly, alas, badly, unsuccessfully, poorly, disastrously, inauspiciously, inopportune. ANTONYMS: (adv) luckily, thankfully, happily
- ungrudgingly:** (adv) unsparingly. ANTONYM: (adv) grudgingly
- unhappily:** (adv) wretchedly, unluckily, disconsolately, badly, woefully, forlornly, sorrowfully, unfortunately, dismally, dejectedly, despondently. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, contentedly, luckily, willingly, enthusiastically, fortunately
- uniform:** (adj, v) even; (adj, n) constant, steady; (adj) equal, consistent, same, level, invariable, homogenous, equable, unchanging. ANTONYMS: (adv) varied, assorted, inconsistent, unequal, different, multiform, multicolored, differentiated, unlike, dissimilar, intermittent
- unimportant:** (adj) insignificant, frivolous, inconsequential, irrelevant, trifling, slight, petty, little, negligible, immaterial, minor. ANTONYMS: (adj) important, significant, major, crucial, relevant, serious, powerful, connected, central, profound, considerable
- unite:** (v) associate, meet, connect, link, blend, join, coalesce, unify, tie, amalgamate; (adj, v) fuse. ANTONYMS: (v) divide, cut, disband, disconnect, diverge, segregate, split, undo, unpick
- universal:** (adj) general, global, ecumenical, international, common, worldwide, public, ubiquitous, comprehensive, widespread, oecumenical. ANTONYMS: (adj) local, specific, idiosyncratic, confined, isolated, narrow, rare
- university:** (n) academy, academe, varsity, Alma mater, Oxford, academic circles, academic world, city university; (adj) college, academic, academical
- unjustifiable:** (adj) unwarranted, unwarrantable, unreasonable, inexcusable, unjustified, unfair, unfounded, unforgivable, unallowable, undue; (adj, v) unpardonable. ANTONYMS: (adj) justifiable, excusable, understandable, fair, justified, necessary
- unlucky:** (adj) luckless, hapless, unhappy, sinister, inauspicious, unsuccessful, ominous, adverse, disastrous, unfavorable; (adj, v) untoward. ANTONYMS: (adj) fortunate, happy, auspicious, successful
- unnecessary:** (adj) redundant, gratuitous, needless, dispensable, surplus, pointless, excessive, excess, undue, spare, useless. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, basic, worthwhile, required, indispensable, helpful, justified, essential, moderate, inevitable
- unoffending:** (adj) innocent, harmless, innocuous, offenseless, blameless, innoxious, unharmed, unhurt, uninjured, uncontroversial, savoury. ANTONYMS: (adj) offending, offensive
- unprofitably:** (adv) profitlessly, gainlessly, fruitlessly, uneconomically
- unquestionably:** (adv) certainly, definitely, indubitably, decidedly, indisputably, positively, surely, of course, assuredly, no doubt; (adj) doubtless. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, possibly, arguably
- unreliable:** (adj) uncertain, treacherous, undependable, precarious, unsound, untrustworthy, dubious, erratic, unsafe, faithless, dangerous. ANTONYMS: (adj) honest, dependable, consistent, faithful, constant, unwavering, foolproof, reputable, responsible, safe, predictable
- until:** (prep, v) to; (conj, prep) unto; (adj) up to; (adv) so far, yet, before, meanwhile; (prep) pending, while, during, awaiting
- untimely:** (adj) early, unseasonable, inopportune, inappropriate, awkward, immature, previous, ill timed, inconvenient, improper, belated. ANTONYMS: (adj) timely, appropriate, opportune, convenient, overdue
- untiringly:** (adv) unweariedly, unflaggingly, doggedly, resolutely, assiduously, industriously, persistently, firmly, unwaveringly, vigorously, diligently. ANTONYM: (adv) halfheartedly
- unusual:** (adj) peculiar, odd, uncommon, quaint, exotic, eccentric, remarkable, curious, irregular, special, exceptional. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, common, customary, typical, ordinary, familiar, routine, conventional, orthodox, inconspicuous, commonplace
- unusually:** (adj, adv) uncommonly, particularly, outstandingly, remarkably, singularly, curiously; (adv) rarely, peculiarly, extraordinarily, signally, abnormally. ANTONYMS: (adv) usually, regularly, typically, frequently, slightly, commonly, ordinarily
- unwilling:** (adj) involuntary, loath, disinclined, averse, recalcitrant, backward, indisposed, grudging, loth, adverse, forced. ANTONYMS: (adj) inclined, amenable, keen, prepared, ready, eager, disposed, agreeable, accepting, happy
- upon:** (adv, prep) above; (prep) up, onto, against, towards; (adv) on, on that occasion, then, before, by; (n) at
- upright:** (adj) perpendicular, erect, fair, good, righteous, just, virtuous, true, honorable, plumb; (adj, n) vertical. ANTONYMS: (adj) prone, disreputable, degenerate, hanging, unwholesome, dishonest, dishonorable, lying, horizontal, falling; (adv) horizontally
- uproar:** (adj, n, v) hubbub, disturbance, tumult; (n) din, noise, turmoil, commotion, disorder, confusion; (adj, n) row; (n, v) brawl. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, peace, serenity, order
- upset:** (n, v) overturn, trouble, disquiet, overthrow; (v) agitate, subvert, perturb, confuse, reverse; (adj) unsettled; (n) disturbance. ANTONYMS: (v) please, soothe, encourage, delight, fail; (adj) pleased, confident, happy, content; (n) peace, happiness
- upside:** (n) crest, crown, poll, top side, upper side, pate, round top, acme, summit, superlative, teetotum
- used:** (adj) exploited, old, accustomed, worn, spent, victimized, wont, tried, decrepit, second hand, exhausted. ANTONYMS: (adj) new, unused, spanking, misused
- useful:** (adj) helpful, beneficial, practical, handy, advantageous, valuable, convenient, effective, functional, efficient, gainful. ANTONYMS: (adj) worthless, ineffective, unusable, negative, decorative, destructive, detrimental, disadvantageous, ineffectual, irrelevant, theoretical
- useless:** (adj) pointless, unnecessary, needless, worthless, fruitless, hopeless, abortive, idle, barren,

- superfluous, unavailing.
ANTONYMS: (adj) helpful, effective, competent, convenient, valuable, necessary, brilliant, great, meaningful, usable, worthwhile
- using:** (n) colonialism, employment, enjoyment, victimisation, mistreatment, victimization, development; (adv) through, via, by; (adj) usant
- usual:** (adj, n, v) ordinary, common, customary; (adj, n) habitual, accustomed, familiar, average, regular; (adj) everyday; (adj, v) frequent, general. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unconventional, extraordinary, abnormal, irregular, atypical, exceptional, unprecedented, uncommon, rare, changing, unacceptable
- usually:** (adv) generally, ordinarily, normally, frequently, habitually, customarily, mostly, regularly, typically, as a rule, in general. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) rarely, exceptionally, occasionally
- utter:** (v) say, state, speak, breathe, articulate, deliver, voice, pronounce; (adj, n, v) express, declare; (adj, v) tell. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) qualified, incomplete, uncertain, rather, slight; (v) conceal, hide, block
- vacillation:** (n) indecision, irresolution, hesitancy, fluctuation, doubt, indecisiveness, instability, indetermination, oscillation, uncertainty, vibration. **ANTONYMS:** (n) decisiveness, insistence, resolution, determination
- vague:** (adj) obscure, indistinct, indeterminate, undefined, undetermined, indefinite, uncertain, faint, ambiguous; (adj, v) loose, equivocal. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) clear, distinct, exact, particular, precise, specific, sure, certain, defined, alert, detailed
- valuable:** (adj) costly, beneficial, expensive, helpful, useful, admirable, important, invaluable; (adj, n) estimable, worthy; (n) treasure. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) useless, unimportant, valueless, insignificant, ineffectual, shabby, cheap, detrimental, disadvantageous; (n) trash, garbage
- value:** (adj, n, v) price; (n) cost, importance, consequence; (n, v) rate, appraise, measure; (v) appreciate, evaluate, esteem, assess. **ANTONYMS:** (n) disadvantage, futility, uselessness, insignificance, detriment, inefficiency, inferiority; (v) scorn, disregard, disrespect, hate
- variety:** (adj, n) kind, sort, species, style, class; (n) form, variation, type, diversity, breed; (n, v) change. **ANTONYMS:** (n) monotony, dearth, likeness
- various:** (adj, v) several, sundry, divers, diversified, separate; (adj) varied, many, different, manifold, miscellaneous, numerous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) homogeneous, same, individual, uniform, limited, none
- venerable:** (adj) ancient, reverend, estimable, august, respectable, aged, distinguished, sacred, worthy, of long standing, revered. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unworthy, unimpressive, undignified, disreputable
- venom:** (n) poison, malice, bane, spite, rancor, malevolence, maliciousness, malignity, hate, bitterness; (adj, n) gall. **ANTONYM:** (n) affection
- venture:** (n, v) hazard, chance, stake, peril, attempt, gamble, adventure; (adj, n, v) dare; (n) speculation, danger; (v) endanger
- verbal:** (adj) oral, literal, unwritten, vocal, wordy, talkative, lexical, nominal, oral law, oral testimony, prolix. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) numerical, silent
- vermin:** (n) bug, varmint, louse, trash, pest, brute, varment, scum, riffraff, ragtag and bobtail, rabble
- veterinary:** (n) vet, veterinary surgeon, doc, physician, medico, veteran, horse doctor
- vice:** (adj, n) imperfection, defect, blemish, failing, frailty; (n) corruption, sin, evil, immorality, iniquity, depravity. **ANTONYMS:** (n) asset, strength, propriety, virtue, righteousness, goodness, good, honesty; (adj) chief
- victims:** (n) dead, wounded, losses, fatalities
- victorious:** (adj) triumphant, successful, winning, jubilant, victor, fortunate, lifted up; (adj, v) triumphal, exultant, triumphing, on top. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) beaten, unsuccessful, failing, losing, sorrowful
- view:** (n, v) sight, scene, regard, opinion, judgment, prospect, outlook, thought; (adj, v) observe, see; (n) idea. **ANTONYMS:** (v) disbelieve, mistrust
- vigorous:** (adj, n) robust, hardy, powerful, brave; (adj) energetic, strenuous, mighty, hearty, athletic; (adj, v) lively, brisk. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) feeble, weak, dull, inactive, impotent, enervated, unwell, uncommitted, unfit, weary, slow
- viking:** (n) corsair, Northman, buccaneer, buccanier
- vindictive:** (adj) vengeful, malicious, revengeful, unforgiving, punitive, malevolent, remorseless, implacable, spiteful, vindictive, virulent. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) nice, charitable, forgiving, helpful, merciful, tolerant
- viole:** (n) force, fury, fierceness, strength, vehemence, intensity, ferocity, impetuosity, might, outrage, power. **ANTONYMS:** (n) peacefulness, peace, passivity, nonviolence, friendliness, defense, indifference, orderliness, calmness, meekness
- violent:** (adj, n) rough, furious, tempestuous, severe, turbulent, boisterous, powerful; (adj, v) vehement; (adj) raging, intense, sharp. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) gentle, calm, nonviolent, mild, passive, moderate, pleasant, slight, refined, relaxed, friendly
- violently:** (adj, adv) vehemently, hotly, madly, ardently; (adv) wildly, passionately, strongly, hard, furiously, turbulently; (adv, n) vigorously. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) gently, nonviolent, feebly, impassively, peacefully, tamely
- virgin:** (adj) pure, new, chaste, innocent, fresh, untouched, intact, virginal; (adj, n) vestal; (n) maid, girl. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) defiled, sullied
- virility:** (n) manliness, potency, masculinity, fertility, manfulness, vigour, strength, vitality, energy, maleness, prime
- virtue:** (adj, n) merit, excellence, quality, attribute; (n) honor, goodness, honesty, morality, decency, probity, efficacy. **ANTONYMS:** (n) wickedness, guilt, vice, peccadillo, sin, dishonor, immorality, evil, demerit, inadequacy, disadvantage
- visit:** (v) frequent, attend, call, view, gossip, jaw, inspect, haunt; (n, v) tour, chat; (n) sojourn
- visitor:** (n) visitant, tourist, company, traveler, caller, inspector, stranger, foreigner, alien, sightseer, surveyor
- visitors:** (n) visitation

- vital:** (adj) indispensable, critical, animated, crucial, fundamental, main, necessary, lively, alive, important, chief. ANTONYMS: (adj) trivial, unimportant, insignificant, optional, minor, sluggish, peripheral, listless, dull, dead, marginal
- vocation:** (n, v) calling, profession, employment; (n) occupation, job, trade, business, career, line, mission, line of work
- voice:** (n) speech, vox; (v) enunciate, pronounce, speak, say, vocalize, express, utter, articulate; (n, v) sound. ANTONYMS: (v) devoice, block
- voices:** (n) chorus
- volunteer:** (v) offer, proffer, tender, extend, propose, submit; (adj, n) voluntary; (adj) unpaid; (n) military volunteer, unpaid worker, worker. ANTONYMS: (v) force, obligate, compel, withdraw
- voracious:** (adj) greedy, rapacious, ravenous, hungry, gluttonous, esurient, edacious, avid, ravening, grasping, insatiable. ANTONYMS: (adj) quenched, disinterested, moderate
- vote:** (n, v) voice; (n) suffrage, poll, ballot, franchise, voting, right to vote, choice, balloting; (v) elect, choose
- voter:** (n) constituent, citizen, floater, inhabitant, national, resident, suffragist
- voting:** (n) ballot, balloting, poll, election, suffrage, voter turnout, right to vote, straight ticket, split ticket; (adj) electoral, elective
- wage:** (n) pay, payment, fee, income, stipend, allowance, earnings, remuneration; (v) fight, engage, prosecute. ANTONYMS: (v) cease, halt, stop
- wait:** (n, v) pause, hold, stop; (v) expect, anticipate, stay, await, lurk, ambush, remain; (adj, v) tarry. ANTONYMS: (n) act, continuation, doing; (v) interrupt, leave, begin, depart, continue; (intj) hurry
- waiting:** (n) abeyance, suspense, expectancy, hold, time lag, postponement; (adj) ready and waiting, ready, expectant; (adv) to come, in the making
- walk:** (adj, n, v) step; (n, v) gait, ramble, march, pace, hike, course, saunter, stroll, roam; (n) path. ANTONYMS: (v) run, ride, stride
- wall:** (n, v) fence, bar; (n) barrier, rampart, bulwark, cliff, earthwork, fortification, screen, rail, fencing
- wallow:** (v) roll, flounder, welter, triumph, enjoy, rejoice, splash, bask; (adj) luxuriate, crouch, slouch
- walls:** (n) brickwork, buttresses, defenses, masonry, ramparts, fortifications
- wandering:** (adj) itinerant, nomadic, erratic, rambling, errant, migratory; (adj, v) stray, vagrant, vagabond, unsettled; (n) peregrination. ANTONYMS: (adj) resident
- want:** (n, v) lack, desire, miss, wish; (n) poverty, deficiency, deprivation, famine, necessity, destitution, shortage. ANTONYMS: (n, v) hate; (n) glut, despise, luxury, option, prosperity, supply; (v) disinterest, answer
- wanted:** (adj) welcome, cherished, precious, treasured, marketable, invited, necessary, needed, desirable, desired, loved. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwanted, unwelcome
- wants:** (n) need, necessities
- warm:** (adj) hot, affectionate, tender, ardent, cordial, fervent, lively, fond, loving, earnest, tepid. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, unfriendly, aloof, reserved, hostile, uncaring, unenthusiastic, unwelcoming, stale, offhand; (v) chill
- warning:** (n) notice, indication, caution, advice, example, lesson, hint, premonition, caveat, admonition; (adj, n) monitory. ANTONYMS: (n) encouragement, recommendation, approval; (adj) promising
- wash:** (adj, n, v) soak; (n, v) paint; (v) clean, scrub, mop, moisten, lave, scour, bathe; (n) washing, ablution. ANTONYMS: (v) soil
- waste:** (adj, n, v) spoil, damage; (adj, v) desolate; (n, v) squander, ruin, consume, ravage; (adj, n) refuse, trash; (v) exhaust, spend. ANTONYMS: (v) conserve, save, use, preserve, create, build; (n) saving, possessions, hoarding, development; (adj) cultivated
- wasted:** (adj, v) squandered, rotten, decayed, effete; (adj) thin, cadaverous, emaciated, gaunt, devastated, pointless, haggard. ANTONYMS: (adj) bloated, hypertrophied, strong, plump, obese, fruitful, useful
- watch:** (n, v) view, sentinel, clock, wake, regard, care; (v) observe, look, see; (n) sentry; (adj, n) surveillance. ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, overlook, harm, hurt, glance
- water:** (n) urine, sea, lake, ocean, moisture, juice, river; (n, v) wet; (v) moisten, soak, dampen. ANTONYMS: (v) dehydrate, dry
- ways:** (n) behavior, process, shipway, slipway, means, childbearing, conduct, construction, demeanor, direction, traveling
- weak:** (adj, n) frail; (adj) flat, watery, fragile, flimsy, faint, thin, light, sickly, soft, nerveless. ANTONYMS: (adj) concentrated, firm, brave, safe, forceful, effective, healthy, intense, determined, powerful, robust
- wealth:** (adj, n) abundance, plenty, affluence, opulence; (n, v) money, gold; (n) treasure, property, fortune, capital; (adj) richness. ANTONYMS: (n) penury, scarcity, dearth, want, need, lack
- wealthy:** (adj, adv) moneyed; (adj) flush, opulent, affluent, prosperous, loaded, substantial, generous, ample, abundant, abounding. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, impoverished, needy
- weapon:** (n) arm, missile, arms, knuckles, spear, steel, tomahawk, firearm, flamethrower, projectile, hatchet
- wear:** (n) clothing, clothes, apparel, attire, garb; (v) endure, fatigue, waste, bear, tire, fray. ANTONYMS: (v) refresh, reject, rebuild, please, freshen, disrobe, delight, cheer, refuse; (n) improvement
- weather:** (v) survive, withstand, resist, brave, stand, brave out, wear; (n) climate, atmospheric condition, downfall, inclemency. ANTONYMS: (v) succumb, reject
- week:** (n) period, minute, second, hour, rag, day, calendar week, year, sevennight, Wyke, workweek
- weight:** (n, v) load, burden, charge, heaviness, bias; (n) significance, consequence, importance, pressure, stress, influence. ANTONYMS: (n) lightness, benefit, advantage, unimportance, meaninglessness, powerlessness, weakness, feebleness; (v) unburden
- weighty:** (adj) heavy, ponderous, grievous, powerful, profound; (adj, v) grave, serious, momentous, significant, solemn, influential. ANTONYMS: (adj) superficial, light, unimportant, trivial, weightless, unsubstantial, thin, solvable, small,

- facile, easy
- welfare:** (n) good, benefit, health, advantage, sake, interest, wellbeing, goodness, upbeat; (adv, n) happiness, weal
- well-bred:** (adj) courteous, mannerly, urbane, civil, genteel, gentlemanly, refined, nice, sophisticated, thoughtful, debonair
- went:** (v) walked, proceeded
- west:** (n) due west, w, the occident, walt, geographic region, tungsten, New world; (adv) westwards; (v) to the west, south, north east
- whatever:** (adj, pron) whatsoever; (pron) what, partly, whatso; (adv) no matter what, anyway, anyhow, regardless, in any case; (n) aught, anything
- when:** (adv, conj) once, as soon as; (adv) then, because, than, since, after; (conj) although, while, if; (prep) during
- where:** (adv) there, here, wherever, whither, in which, wherein, in what; (adv, pron) anywhere; (pron) everywhere; (n) point, spot
- whether:** (pron) where
- whichever:** (adv) any; (adj) a few, one, several, some
- while:** (adv, conj) whereas, as, although; (n) time, spell, period, moment, interval; (adv) when; (conj) though; (prep) during
- whisper:** (n, v) murmur, hum, mumble, suggestion, hint, inkling; (v) breathe, hiss; (n) rustle, trace, breath. ANTONYMS: (n) information
- whistle:** (v) sing, twitter, hiss, warble, tweet, cheep, chirp, wheeze; (n, v) cry; (n) whistling, tin whistle
- white:** (adj, n) pale; (adj) clean, blank, snowy, ashen, wan, achromatic, pure, pallid; (v) whiten; (n) Caucasian. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) black; (adj) dark, rosy, red, dirty; (v) blacken
- whole:** (adj, v) entire; (adj, n) total, integral, sum, aggregate, well; (adj, adv, n) all; (adj) complete, healthy, intact, full. ANTONYMS: (adj) incomplete, broken, partial, imperfect, unhealthy, deficient, destroyed, fractional, impaired, half, sick
- wholesome:** (adj) healthy, beneficial, salubrious, healthful, salutary, sound, good, nutritious, nourishing, pure, hale. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwholesome, unhealthy, impure, indecent, sordid, warped, tainted, decadent, deadly, unsavory
- wicked:** (adj) bad, sinful, atrocious, evil, vile, depraved, mischievous, immoral, unholy, nasty, naughty. ANTONYMS: (adj) innocent, pure, pious, moral, kind, admirable, kindhearted, helpful, decent, assisting, aiding
- wide:** (adj) broad, spacious, roomy, extensive, comprehensive, large, vast, ample, capacious, open, sweeping. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, restricted, skinny, straight, cramped, minute
- wife:** (n) matron, missis, partner, married woman, spouse, consort, helpmate, housewife, lady, woman, viscountess
- wild:** (adj, n, v) waste, desert; (adj, v) fierce, violent, reckless, raging; (adj) boisterous, untamed, stormy, rude, desolate. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, orderly, manageable, sane, domestic, cultivated, tame, restrained, mild, sensible, passive
- willing:** (adj, adv) disposed; (adj) spontaneous, voluntary, ready, amenable, inclined, prepared, enthusiastic, unforced, obliging; (adj, v) consenting. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwilling, reluctant, compulsory, disagreeable, unprepared, forced, unenthusiastic, unhelpful
- willingly:** (adv) readily, voluntarily, cheerfully, spontaneously, helpfully, disposedly, actively, openly, obligingly, eagerly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) grudgingly, reluctantly, uncooperatively, unenthusiastically
- wind:** (n, v) twist, turn; (v) meander, curl, bend, twine, curve, weave, crook; (n) air, gust. ANTONYMS: (v) unwind; (n) breeze
- window:** (n) casement, pane, skylight, gap, Ventian window, clearstory, transom, windowpane, rosette, clerestory, embrasure
- winking:** (n) twinkling, wink, blink, New York minute, jiffy, instant, nictation, nictitation, trice, blink of an eye; (adj) pink ribbons
- winter:** (n) wintertime, season, time of year, hiems, frost, chill; (adj) wintry, wintry; (v) spend. ANTONYMS: (n) heat
- wise:** (adj) reasonable, sensible, sound, rational, sagacious, intelligent, prudent, shrewd, discreet; (adj, n) knowing; (n) method. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwise, stupid, ignorant, mistaken, illogical,
- reckless, naive, irrational, dense
- wish:** (adv, n, v) will; (n, v) want, hope, need, inclination, longing, aspiration, aim; (v) like, choose; (n) pleasure. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dislike, hate; (n) hatred, coercion, disinclination, aversion
- wishes:** (n) desires, requirements, requests, needs, will
- wishing:** (n) wish, want, velleity, option, need, privation, lack, deprivation, deficiency, choice; (adj) desirous
- withdraw:** (v) retire, remove, retract, retreat, abandon, pull out, disengage, draw, cancel, leave, recede. ANTONYMS: (v) propose, give, advance, extend, offer, deposit, remain, engage, allow, permit, stay
- withhold:** (v) reserve, keep, suppress, deny, retain, hold, detain, restrain, abstain, check; (adj, v) stint. ANTONYMS: (v) transmit, release, show, lavish, add
- within:** (adv, n, prep) inside; (adv, prep) in; (adv) indoors, internally, inwardly, inly; (adj, n) interior; (prep) into, on, between; (adj) inwards. ANTONYMS: (prep) beyond, out
- without:** (adv, n, prep) outside; (adj, adv) except; (adj) lacking, save barring; (prep) out of, sans; (n) minus, provisionally; (adv) save, beyond; (adv, prep) besides. ANTONYMS: (prep) with, having; (adv) inside
- witness:** (n, v) testimony, attest, evidence; (n) bystander, eyewitness, onlooker, observer; (v) observe, notice, see, view. ANTONYMS: (v) deny, participate, refute
- wits:** (n) intellect, mind, wit, brains, common sense, presence, percipience, observation, mother wit, right mind, judgment
- wolf:** (n) philanderer, coyote, brute, skirt chaser, beast; (v) gobble, gorge, guzzle, consume, swallow, bolt
- wolves:** (n) jackals, skunks, raccoons, panthers, order Carnivora, lions, tigers, foxes, cats, Carnivora, Canis
- woman:** (n) girl, female, lady, dame, madam, mistress, matron, maid, gentlewoman, Donna, petticoat. ANTONYMS: (n) man, gentleman
- women:** (n) sex, gentle sex
- wonder:** (adj, n) prodigy; (n) astonishment, admiration, amazement, surprise, miracle, phenomenon, muse; (v) admire, reflect, question. ANTONYMS: (n)

- expectation, belief, disapproval; (v) know, believe, anticipate, decide
- word:** (n) news, tidings, password, expression, report, vocable, statement, term; (v) formulate, phrase; (n, v) advice
- words:** (n) speech, expression, row, text, fracas, argument; (n, v) altercation, squabble, tiff, dispute, quarrel
- worked:** (adj) elaborated, beaten
- worker:** (n) employee, hand, proletarian, labourer, toiler, operative, workman, scab, throwster, quarrier, practitioner. ANTONYMS: (n) nonworker, unemployed
- working:** (adj) practical, active, busy, in action, in force; (n) operation, play, agency, movement; (adj, n) running, functioning. ANTONYMS: (adj) passive, unemployed, inoperative, inactive, idle, ineffective
- workman:** (n) laborer, working man, worker, employee, hand, operative, artisan, working person, lather, mechanic, artificer
- workpeople:** (n) working class
- world:** (n) cosmos, nature, creation, earth, public, sphere, society, realm, globe, macrocosm; (adj) global
- worn:** (adj) haggard, tired, tattered, threadbare, ragged, drawn, jaded, fatigued, exhausted, faded, wasted. ANTONYMS: (adj) new, smart, unused, unworn, pristine, original
- worse:** (adj) worsen, subordinate, waur, worsened, warre, unrelieved, minor, lesser, junior, poorer; (n) badness. ANTONYMS: (adj) improved, healthier, higher
- worst:** (v) whip, trounce, defeat, overcome, vanquish, pip, rack up; (adj, v) best, rout; (adj) floor, lick. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) best; (adj) highest, first, secondary
- worth:** (adj, n) value, dignity; (n) cost, virtue, price, importance, excellence, quality, import, goodness, benefit. ANTONYMS: (n) insignificance, disadvantage, hopelessness, detriment, disgrace, inferiority, triviality, uselessness, inefficiency
- worthy:** (adj) noble, good, meritorious, valuable, estimable, respectable, deserving, worthwhile, virtuous, honorable; (adj, n) celebrity. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, unrespected, disreputable, mediocre, petty, poor, unimpressive, insignificant, dishonorable, despicable; (n) nobody
- wrap:** (v) envelop, cover, roll, wind, shroud, enfold, enclose, drape; (n, v) cloak, swathe; (n) wrapping. ANTONYMS: (v) uncover, undo, unwind, expose, reveal
- wretched:** (adj) unfortunate, pitiful, sad, pitiable, woeful, pathetic, piteous, lamentable; (adj, v) poor, unhappy, forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) fine, strong, fortunate, overjoyed, nice, admirable, good, cheery, joyous, lucky, comfortable
- write:** (v) pen, indite, draw up, correspond, spell, record, publish, compile, draw, outline, type
- writer:** (n) journalist, poet, penman, novelist, dramatist, commentator, playwright, authoress, amanuensis, scribe, clerk. ANTONYM: (n) reader
- writing:** (n) script, print, composition, lettering, document, autograph, paper, record, inscription, authorship, handwriting
- written:** (adj) registered, clerical, conscript, enrolled, literal, hard-and-fast, on paper; (n) examination. ANTONYMS: (adj) verbal, unscripted, unwritten
- wrong:** (adj, n) evil, ill, injury, injustice; (adj, n, v) damage, injure; (adj) improper, false, incorrect, bad, inappropriate. ANTONYMS: (adj) correct, good, proper, honest, appropriate, just, true; (adv) correctly; (n) justice, virtue; (v) sympathize
- yesterday:** (n) past, yesteryear, yore, mean solar day, past times, solar day, day, history, water under the bridge; (adj) pass, stale. ANTONYMS: (adv) nowadays; (n) today
- yokel:** (n) hick, bumpkin, hayseed, rustic, rube, clod, hobnail, yahoo, chawbacon, yochel, boor
- young:** (n, v) offspring; (adj, n) juvenile; (adj) immature, fresh, adolescent, new, raw, baby, childish, early; (n) progeny. ANTONYMS: (adj) old, mature, adult, ripe, older, late; (adj, n) aged
- yours:** (adj) own
- yourself:** (adv) herself, themselves, itself, myself, ourselves, yourselves, physically
- yourselves:** (pron) themselves, myself, herself
- youthful:** (adj) immature, fresh, green, juvenile, vernal, adolescent, childish, new, tender, sappy, beardless. ANTONYMS: (adj) adult, mature, experienced, sophisticated, late

