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abdomen <AB.duh.muhn> or <ab.DOH.muhn>
n / section of the body located in the lower part of the trunk
Grampa had a pain in his ---, and he insisted that it was simply heartburn.

abrasive <uh.BRAY.siv> or <uh.BRAY.ziv>
adj, n / tending to rub or wear material for polishing
Sandpaper was the --- material Pat found most effective to smooth down her sculpture.

abridged <uh.BRIJD>
v / condensed, shortened, usually by omitting wording
Lisa didn't like --- audio books and felt she missed some character and plot nuances in the shortened book.

academic <ak.uh.DEM.ik>
adj / scholarly, relating to schools or colleges and their learning
The college graduates wore a cap and gown while receiving their --- degrees.

accomplish <uh.KAHM.plish> or <uh.KUHM.plish>
v / fulfill, perform completely, attain
We must work together as a team if we are to --- our goal of winning the state championship.

accountable <uh.KOWNT.uh.buhl>
adj / answerable
"You're --- for everything spent on your project, so you must keep accurate records of expenses," said Alfred.

acne <AK.nee>
n / skin disorder found chiefly in teenagers that is marked by facial eruptions
Consulting a dermatologist, Jim learned that the --- on his face was controllable with a medicated cream.

acrobat <AK.ruh.bat>
n / skilled gymnast or performer on a high wire or trapeze
The crowd watched breathlessly while the --- performed a triple somersault on the high trapeze.

activity <ak.TIV.uht.tee>
n / vigorous participation or involvement in some pursuit
Mel's only --- outside school was his piano lessons, but he kept himself quite busy with school involvement.

actually <AK.chuh.lee> or <AK.shuh.lee>
<AK.shuh.wuh.lee> <AK.chuh.wuh.lee>
adv / really, in truth
Dr. Butler --- spoke in Latin during class, and Ann was amazed that anyone really used the ancient language.

adequate <AD.i.kwuht>
adj / sufficient to meet a requirement
The sandwiches that the troop leader brought were --- for lunch, but we all became hungry by late afternoon.

admirable <AD.muh.ruh.buhl> or <AD.mruh.buhl>
adj / worthy of the highest esteem, wonderful, excellent
Mrs. Martin's desire to earn a college degree at the age of 65 is --- and exciting.

adoption <uh.DAHP.shuhn>
n / act of taking a child into one's family by legal means; act of accepting a practice
When the Smiths found they could not have children, they decided that --- was a good alternative.

advantage <uhd.VAN.tij>
n / position having superiority; benefit
Ned lacked the --- of an education, but he prided himself for having learned more about cars than his peers.

aerobics <ehr.OH.biks> or <eh.uhr.OH.biks>
n / physical activities that improve breathing ability and blood circulation
Dr. Smith recommended a class in --- to get Mrs. Sims' blood rate up and improve her circulation.

affirmative <uh.FUHR.muh.tiv>
adj, n / positive
Upon receiving an --- word from the control tower, the pilot began his taxi to the runway for takeoff.

agreeable <uh.GREE.uh.buhl>
adj / pleasing; willing to consent
Connie was so --- that everyone who met her soon felt as if they had been good friends for years.

airborne <EHR.bohrn> or <EHR.bawrn>
<EH.uhr.bohrn> <EH.uhr.bawrn>
adj / supported by the atmosphere
The plane's wings were specifically designed to create lift, thus allowing the plane to become --- and fly.

airport <EHR.pohrt> or <EH.uhr.pohrt> <EHR.pawrt>
<EH.uhr.pawrt>
n / site reserved for the takeoff and landing of planes
Aunt Carrie's flight from Dallas landed just after we arrived at the --- to pick her up.

alimony <AL.uh.moh.nee>
n / money paid by a husband to a wife after their divorce
Becca's mom is receiving --- from her ex-husband, but she also gets money from her new job.

nitrite <NII.triit>

n / salt or ester containing nonmetallic element that constitutes 80% of atmosphere
In the experiment, dry air bubbled through the liquid --- of butyl.

nocturnal <nahk.TUHRN.uhl>

adj / related to or occurring at night
The owl is a --- predator and is rarely seen in the daylight.

nominal <NAHM.uhn.uhl> or <NAHM.nuhl>

adj / being small and insignificant; existing in name only, formal
For a --- fee of twenty-five cents Madam Zelda will predict your future and tell your fortune!

nonchalant <nahn.shuh.LAHNT> or

<NAHN.shuh.lahnt>
 adj / having an air of easy unconcern or indifference
Joe tried to appear --- while waiting for his date, but his palms were sweating.

nonmetallic <nahn.mi.TAL.ik>

adj / not being made of iron, copper, bronze, steel, or other such element
 --- elements include oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, phosphorus, sulfur, and more.

nonresident <nahn.REZ.uhd.uhnt> or

<nahn.REZ.duhnt> <nahn.REZ.uh.dent>
 <NAHN.rez.duhnt>
 n, adj / one not living in a particular place
Sales tax is collected from anyone who buys something in the city even though he may be a ---.

nonwoven <nahn.WOH.vuhn> or <NAHN.woh.vuhn>

adj / made by a process of fabric making that does not use weaving
Felt is a --- fabric that is made of compressed wool or synthetic fibers.

normalize <NAWR.muh.liiz>

v / cause to conform to a standard
The doctor wanted to --- the child's temperature before he would run the battery of tests on the infant.

northernmost <NAWRTHH.uhrn.mohst> or

<NAWRTHH.uhn.mohst>
 adj / being in the farthest direction from due south
The --- point of the earth is the Arctic Circle.

nosebleed <NOHZ.bleed>

n / nasal problem resulting in blood expulsion; Indian paintbrush, yarrow
Sue's allergies so affected her nasal passages that she had one --- after another during spring.

nostalgic <nah.STAL.jik> or <nuh.STAL.jik>

adj / homesick; longing for the past
Hearing the song always makes Julie ---, and she remembers her first boyfriend.

notable <NOHT.uh.buhl>

adj, n / important, remarkable; observable
"One poem written by a student is ---, and I'll read it to the class since it is outstanding," said Mr. Day.

notoriety <noht.uh.RII.uht.ee>

n / state of being known widely and unfavorably
The gang's --- had spread throughout the West, and everyone knew their faces from the "Wanted" posters.

nougat <NOO.guht>

n / confection made with nuts and fruit in a sugar paste
In the box of Valentine's candy, my favorite was a cherry --- covered with chocolate.

novitiate, novice <noh.VISH.uht>

n / time during which one is a beginner in a religious order
During their ---, the young sisters were encouraged to make certain they were ready to take their final vows.

nowadays <NOW.dayz> or <NOW.uh.dayz>

adv / at the present time; relating to these times; this time
"---, everyone owns a car; but when I was a girl, we all rode horses to get around," explained Grandmother.

nuclear <NOO.klee.uhr> or <NYOO.klee.uhr>

adj / referring to energy produced by atoms
The citizens of the town opposed the building of a --- power plant near their city.

nuisance <NOOS.uhns> or <NOOS.uhnts>

<NYOOS.uhns> <NYOOS.uhnts>
 n / annoyance; irritant; pest
The buzzing fly was a ---, but Joe was using both hands to paint the ceiling and couldn't do much about it.

nullify <NUHL.uh.fii>

v / negate, annul
"If you vote in favor of the candidate, I'll vote against him and --- your vote," countered Edward.

numerical <noo.MEHR.i.kuhl> or

<nyoo.MEHR.i.kuhl>
 adj / pertaining to numbers or digits
Print your report in --- order by customer number, and don't use alphabetical order next time.