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aberrant <a.BEHR.uhnt> or <AB.ehr.uhnt>
adj / deviating from the right or usual way
Alvin's --- opinions often caused a rift within the group, as he always disagreed with the general consensus.

abnegate <AB.ni.gayt>
v / give up or surrender a belief or right
During the emergency the assembly agreed to --- its financial powers and follow the president's decisions.

abracadabra <ab.ruh.kuh.DAB.ruh>
n / magician's mysterious incantation
Mystically saying, "---," the magician reached into his hat and removed a rabbit.

abundance <uh.BUHN.duhns> or <uh.BUHN.duhnts>
n / state of having plenty, profusion; wealth
The --- of wild flowers on roadsides was due to the spring rains, and the profusion of blooms was spectacular.

accelerator <ik.SEL.uh.rayt.uhr> or <ak.SEL.uh.rayt.uhr>
n / device in a motor vehicle used to increase speed
Susan's accident occurred when she pressed her foot on the --- instead of the brake pedal.

accompanist <uh.KUHMP.nuhst> or <uh.KUHMP.uh.nuhst>
n / one who plays or sings a part to complement a voice or instrument
Miss Kemp usually is the --- on the piano for our church choir.

acknowledge <ik.NAHL.ij> or <ak.NAHL.ij>
v / show that one knows of something
To --- one's shortcomings is the first step towards self-improvement.

acquaintance <uh.KWAYNT.uhns> or <uh.KWAYNT.uhnts>
n / individual who is known but not a particularly close friend
Having bought eggs from the farmer for years, we knew him as an ---, but he was never a close friend.

adherence <ad.HIR.uhns> or <ad.HIR.uhnts>
<uhd.HIR.uhnts> <uhd.HIR.uhnts>
n / quality of clinging to or holding close to something
Polly's strict --- to the rules made her a good choice for team captain.

adjournment <uh.JUHRN.muht>
n / state of being suspended from action, interval
Because the lawyer needed time to go over the new evidence, he requested a day's --- from the trial.

adjudicate <uh.JOOD.i.kayt> or <uh.JOO.dee.kayt>
v / pass judgment on
Despite her dislike of arbitrating, the teacher had to --- disagreements in her classroom.

advantageous <ad.van.TAY.juhs> or <ad.vuhn.TAY.juhs>
adj / giving an opportunity, favorable
The enemy will be camped and asleep for the night; therefore, it would be --- for us to attack at midnight.

affable <AF.uh.buhl>
adj / friendly, pleasant
The pilot spoke to the nervous passengers in a pleasant and --- manner.

affidavit <af.uh.DAY.vuht>
n / sworn account in writing usually made under oath before an official
After taking an oath, the man signed an --- stating he had never seen the plaintiff.

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

agnostic <ag.NAHS.tik> or <uhg.NAHS.tik>
n, adj / person who refuses to believe in what cannot be proved
The --- is unable to believe in the existence of a deity he cannot see.

alibi <AL.uh.bii>
n, v / legal plea of one claiming to have been elsewhere during a crime
The defendant had three witnesses who confirmed his --- for the time of the theft.

allergen <AL.uhr.juhn>
n / substance that causes a reaction characterized by congestion and runny eyes
Though Amy didn't react to the --- in ragweed pollen, she became congested when the pecan trees bloomed.

altostratus <al.toh.STRAY.tuhs> or <al.toh.STRAT.uhs>
n / cloud formation that is a uniform grey layer at a medium height
The meteorologist called the formation --- and estimated the dark layer of clouds was at 10,000 feet.

legitimacy <li.JIT.uh.muh.see>

n / act of ruling by the right of heredity
The --- of the prince's ascension to the throne was unquestioned since his family had reigned for generations.

leisurely <LEEZH.uhr.lee> or <LEZH.uhr.lee>

<LAYZH uhr lee>
 adv, adj / slowly, without haste; taking plenty of time
Edward was able to relax completely on his vacation and spent many hours walking --- along the seashore.

lengthen <LENG.thuhn> or <LENGK.thuhn>

<LENT.thuhn> <LEN.thuhn>
 v / cause to be longer; extend
As days slowly started to ---, we knew winter was nearly over and the long, lazy days of summer were ahead.

leprosy <LEP.ruh.see>

n / disease causing lesions on the body resulting in disfigurement
Once a dreadfully feared disease causing skin deformities, --- can now be controlled by sulfone drugs.

lethargy <LETH.uhr.jee>

n / deficiency in mental and physical alertness and activity, apathy
Some medications can cause a patient to sink into a state of --- or induce drowsiness.

leukemia, leukaemia, leucemia, leucaemia

<loo.KEE.mee.uh>
 n / cancerous disease involving blood-forming organs and marrow
Tests showed the disease was not ---, and doctors were encouraged that the anemia might not be serious.

lexical <LEK.si.kuhl>

adj / relating to vocabulary or language
Though her grammar was lacking, Valerie was commended on the --- use of words in her essay.

liberalism <LIB.ruh.li.zuhm> or <LIB.uh.ruh.li.zuhm>

n / political thought advocating individual and civil rights
Students generally advocated ---, but Ralph consistently had a conservative approach to politics.

lien <LEEN> or <LEE.uhn>

n, v / mortgage
The bank holds a --- on the property which must be paid before it can be sold to another. ~Hom: lean

life expectancy <liif.ik.SPEK.tuhn.see> or

<LIIF.ik.spek.tuhn.see>
 n / anticipated number of years one is expected to exist
The --- of large dogs is much shorter than that of many of the smaller and mid-size dogs.

ligament <LIG.uh.muhnt>

n / tissue connecting moving ends of bones or supporting internal organs
The hurdler tore a --- in his leg and will be unable to run until it heals.

limousine <LIM.uh.zeen> or <lim.uh.ZEEN>

n / large luxury car, often chauffeur-driven
Renting a --- for transportation to the senior prom is a luxury that few can afford.

lineal <LIN.ee.uhl>

adj / referring to direct descent in a family; relating to thin, continuous mark
In preparing his genealogical chart, Fred discovered that he is a --- descendant of Benjamin Franklin.

lingo <LING.goh>

n / vocabulary unique to a particular field of interest; foreign language
It took months working in computer operations to understand the unique --- used to run the IS Department.

lissome <LIS.uhm>

adj / nimble in action, easily flexed; nimbly
The ballerina was incredibly --- in the movements which, performed by anyone else, would have seemed awkward.

liverwurst <LIV.uhr.wuhrst> or <LIV.uhr.wurst>

<LIV.uhr.wust> <LIV.uh.wuhst>
 n / type of German sausage
Selecting his favorite luncheon meat, Saul spread the --- liberally on bread to make a sandwich.

locust <LOH.kuhst>

n / grasshopper that is usually migratory and often travels in swarms
When grandpa found a --- on his wheat, he told of a plague of those insects that devoured his crop one year.

locution <loh.KYOO.shuhn>

n / style of phraseology of a cultural group or of a person; act of speaking
Adam found --- in New England different than in Texas, and he was fascinated by their idioms and expressions.

logistics <loh.JIS.tiks>

n / military science of moving and supplying troops; planning details of an action
The review board discussed the --- of housing so many new troops on the already overcrowded military base.