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## For

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**abdicate** <AB.di.kayt>

v / renounce formally, abandon, relinquish or give up absolutely

*King Edward VIII announced he would --- the throne in order to marry the woman he loved.*

**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.*

**abracadabra** <ab.ruh.kuh.DAB.ruh>

n / magician's mysterious incantation

*Mystically saying, "---," the magician reached into his hat and removed a rabbit.*

**accede** <ak.SEED> or <ik.SEED>

v / give consent or approval

*If a girl wants to marry before she is eighteen years old, her father must --- for the wedding.*

**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.*

**acclimate** <AK.luh.mayt> or <uh.KLII.muht>

<uh.KLII.mayt>

v / adapt to a new temperature, environment, or situation

*Moving to Alaska from Florida in January, Janis had a difficult time trying to --- to the frigid temperatures.*

**accompaniment** <uh.KUHMP.nee.muht> or

<uh.KUHMP.uh.nee.muht>

n / vocal or instrumental part to complement something

*Bridgit practiced the piano --- until she was prepared to add her part to Jason's violin section.*

**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.*

**addict** <AD.ikt> or <uh.DIKT>

n, v / one who is dependent on a drug; become habitually dependent on a drug

*The reformed --- recounted details of his own drug dependence and gruesome stories of other drug users.*

**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.*

**admissible** <uhd.MIS.uh.buhl>

adj / worthy of being allowed

*Judge Wu ruled that the evidence was not --- since it seemed only circumstantial, and there were no witnesses.*

**admonition** <ad.muh.NISH.uhn>

n / warning, gentle reminder or reproof

*"Listen to one ---:" warned Coach Ames, "any not returning to this spot by 2 o'clock will get detention."*

**adolescence** <ad.uhl.ES.uhns> or <ad.uhl.ES.uhnts>

n / period between puberty and maturity, process of growing up

*Contrary to what many parents think, survival of children through --- to adulthood is not impossible.*

**advanced** <uhd.VANST> or <uhd.VANTST>

adj, v / being at a higher level; went forward

*Lucy wanted to take --- Spanish, but her skills were not quite strong enough to skip to that level.*

**advisory** <ad.VIIZ.ree> or <ad.VII.zuh.ree>

adj / having authority to give opinions and suggestions

*An --- committee was formed to determine and present a reasonable solution to the problem.*

**aerobatics** <ehr.uh.BAT.iks>

n / performance of flying stunts as rolls and dives in a plane

*The air show featured --- by a pilot whose daredevil feats of rolling and diving his plane left us breathless.*

**affable** <AF.uh.buhl>

adj / friendly, pleasant

*The pilot spoke to the nervous passengers in a pleasant and --- manner.*

**agglutinate** <uh.GLOOT.uhn.ayt>

v / join together as an adhesive; adhere

*Some infections are diagnosed when particles ---, lumping together in a liquid test suspension.*

**aggressive** <uh.GRES.iv>

adj / marked by combative offensiveness; enterprising; militant

*Robert became an --- ball player during games, but he was certainly not assertive off the field.*

**theorize** <THEE.uh.riiz>

v / speculate

*Anthropologists --- that men first entered America during the ice age when the Bering Sea was frozen over.*

**thesis** <THEE.suhs>

n / long paper or dissertation to describe results of research

*Nick researched genetic traits for taillessness, ear folds, and polydactylism in cats to write his ---.*

**thighbone** <THII.bohn> or <thii.BOHN>

n / femur

*Frank broke his --- in practice and missed the entire football season.*

**thrombosis** <thrahm.BOH.suhs>

n / blood clot

*The man suffered a heart attack caused by a --- in a coronary artery.*

**tiddledywinks, tiddlywinks** <TID.uhl.ee.wings> or <TID.uhl.dee.wings> <TID.uhl.ee.wings>

&lt;TID.uhl.dee.wings&gt;

n / game in which players snap small disks from a flat surface into a container

*Granny showed us how to play jacks and ---, and she was terrific at both games.*

**tomahawk** <TAHM.i.hawk>

n, v / lightweight Indian ax

*The North American Indian made the head of his --- with stone or bone and tied it to the handle with leather.*

**tonnage** <TUHN.ij>

n / carrying capacity of a ship; tax on boats based on the cargo aboard; tax on wine imported

*Measurement of a ship's --- is a complex calculation due to the ship's shape and to tax ramifications.*

**tonsillectomy** <tahn.suh.LEK.tuh.mee> or

&lt;tahnt.suh.LEK.tuh.mee&gt;

n / surgical removal of lymphoid tissue in the throat

*After several cases of strep throat, Natalie underwent a --- and had the problem tissue removed surgically.*

**topography** <tuh.PAHG.ruh.fee>

n / description of the physical and natural features of an area

*We consulted a map showing the --- of the region in order to study the road patterns and the elevations.*

**torpedoes** <tawr.PEED.ohz>

n, v / underwater projectiles launched from ships, submarines or planes

*The submarine had --- ready to launch in case of attack by ships of a hostile country.*

**tostada** <toh.STAH.duh>

n / tortilla that has been fried until crisp

*At the Mexican restaurant, Joel ordered a beef ---, and the crispy tortilla had a delicious spicy filling.*

**totalitarian** <toh.tal.uh.TEHR.ee.uhn>

adj / dictatorial, relating to completely centralized control

*Ancient Sparta existed as a --- state, and the head of state was a military dictator.*

**townspeople** <TOWNZ.pee.puhl>

n / residents of a small city collectively

*The --- banded together for the spring clean-up campaign, and everything was given a face-lift.*

**tragedian** <truh.JEED.ee.uhn>

n / one who writes or acts in dramatic roles other than comedies

*Shakespeare is respected as a --- as well as a writer of comedies and sonnets.*

**trampoline** <tram.puh.LEEN> or <TRAM.puh.leen>

n / elastic material supported by a spring frame for acrobatic exercises

*Jana would gain momentum jumping up higher and higher on the --- then do an amazing twist and somersault.*

**transcription** <trans.KRIP.shuhn> or

&lt;trants.KRIP.shuhn&gt;

n / act of making a written or typed copy of dictated matter

*When the stenographer has typed the --- of his testimony, John must sign it.*

**transitive** <TRANS.uht.iv> or <TRANTS.uht.iv>

&lt;TRANZ.uht.iv&gt; &lt;TRANS.tiv&gt;

adj / expressing an action that carries over from a subject to an object

*In the sentence, "Pat slurped his soda," the verb is --- as the action is directed toward the object.*

**travail** <truh.VAYL> or <TRAV.ayl> <truh.VAY.uhl>

n, v / hard work, either physical or mental

*The --- of countless slaves produced the Egyptian pyramids.*

**treadmill** <TRED.mil>

n, v / grinding device worked by walking around a wide wheel

*At the pioneer village, an ox powered the --- used to grind corn.*

**trellis** <TREL.uhs>

n / latticework used to support climbing plants

*Weaving in, out, and around the wooden ---, a thick growth of climbing roses had covered the entire structure.*