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abnormal <ab.NAWR.muhl> or <AB.nawr.muhl>
adj / not usual
Although most domestic cats have a tail, the Manx species is considered --- because it has little or no tail.

aboveground <uh.BUHV.grownd>
adj / located or starting at soil level or higher
Dad purchased an --- swimming pool so that when we moved from the rented house, we could take it.

absent <AB.suhnt> or <ab.SENT>
adj, v / not present
John was --- from class on the day we studied about dinosaurs, and he had to make up the work he missed.

adjust <uh.JUHST>
v / rectify; settle, resolve
Gran's glasses kept slipping down her nose until she took them to the optical shop to get someone to --- them.

admire <uhd.MIIR> or <uhd.MII.uhr>
v / think highly of
I certainly --- Mrs. Johnson, and I have high regard for her husband as well.

afterglow <AF.tuhr.gloh>
n / reflected brilliance continuing after sunset
The sun was completely below the horizon, but its --- in the western sky left it breathtakingly orange.

agreement <uh.GREE.muht>
n / sharing of the same opinion; treaty or contract
The teams were in basic --- about ground rules, but there was some argument about how many men would play.

album <AL.buhm>
n / book with blank pages used for collections
Beverly has a collection of autographed pictures of movie stars carefully pasted into her photo ---.

alley <AL.ee>
n / narrow street between buildings; superior marble for playing
Ben often rode his bike down the --- behind the store in order to avoid the traffic.

allowance <uh.LOW.uhns> or <uh.LOW.uhtns>
n / amount allotted or granted; accounting for mitigating circumstances
John could hardly wait to receive an --- from his dad, and now he can't wait until he gets an increase.

almost <AWL.mohst> or <awl.MOHST>
adv / very close to the total amount
Molly was so interested in the story that she --- read the whole book in one night.

already <awl.RED.ee> or <AWL.red.ee>
adv / before a designated time
Christmas was two weeks away, and the children --- had their stockings hung by the fireplace.

altar <AWL.tuhr>
n / structure used for offering sacrifices; table that is the center of worship
In ancient religions, people often sacrificed sheep and cows to the gods by burning them on an ---.

amber <AM.buhr>
n, adj / fossilized resin that is yellowish brown; Anglo-Saxon unit of measure
Looking closely at Marti's pendant, Jess could see an ant that had been preserved in the ---.

ancestor <AN.ses.tuhr>
n / person from whom one is descended
Billy claimed that George Washington was his ---, but everyone knew that Washington had no children.

ankle <ANG.kuhl>
n / joint which connects foot to leg
John enjoyed his new skateboard until he fell off and broke his ---.

antonym <ANT.uh.nim>
n / word having the opposite meaning of another word
The word "short" is an --- of the word "tall."

appetite <AP.uh.tiit>
n / craving or desire
Although it was time to eat, Frank took one look at the boiled fish eyes and lost his --- for supper.

applaud <uh.PLAWD>
v / clap, cheer, praise
As the orchestra finished playing the last note, the crowd began to --- enthusiastically.

article <AHRT.i.kuhl>
n / section of a written document; part of speech
I did not have time to read the entire publication, but I did scan the --- on fire ants on page 10.

artist <AHRT.uhst>
n / one who paints, sculpts or plays an instrument well
Leonardo da Vinci's work won him acclaim as a skillful ---, and many of his paintings are studied today.

fruitcake <FROOT.kayk>

n / rich dessert made with flour, sugar, nuts and candied cherries and pineapples

Mr. Jimson always gave the family a --- for Christmas, but only the adults ate the heavy dessert.

future <FYOO.chuhr>

n, adj / time that is still to come

Perhaps someday in the --- we will have a colony of people living on the moon.

gadget <GAJ.uht>

n / useful device

Aunt Jane has a handy little --- that rocks the crib automatically when her baby cries.

gallery <GAL.ree> or <GAL.uh.ree>

n / room full of artwork; corridor, passageway

The exhibition in the --- featured a modern painting with futuristic designs.

garlic <GAHR.lik>

n / strong tasting herb

My Italian neighbor says that the secret to good cooking is knowing the right amount of --- to use.

garnish <GAHR.nish>

v, n / embellish, cause to be fancy

The chef used parsley and curled carrots to --- the meat platter, and the roast appeared to be a work of art.

gaseous <GAS.ee.uhs> or <GASH.uhs>

adj / having the form of a vapor

The odor of the --- emissions at the refinery can be detected from miles away.

gather <GATHH.uhr> or <GETHH.uhr>

v, n / harvest; collect; accumulate; pucker made in cloth

Migrant workers make the trip to Washington State every year to --- apples.

genius <JEEN.yuhs> or <JEE.nee.uhs>

n / strongly marked aptitude or talent; person with mental superiority

Houdini was a --- in the art of illusion, and some of his methods still remain a mystery today.

gentleman <JEN.uhl.muhn> or <JENT.uhl.muhn>

n / person of quality or nobility, one having good manners and dress

Sir Walter was a fine --- who draped his cape over the mud puddle and allowed the lady to step upon it.

gentry <JEN.tree>

n / people belonging to a high social class

Great grandfather grew up on a southern plantation and believed himself a member of the landed --- of his day.

germfree <JUHRM.free>

adj / having no microorganisms

Sal's experiment involved comparison of growing a plant in a --- environment and in an unprotected area.

ghastly <GAST.lee>

adj, adv / gruesome, grisly, frightening

Reading about the serial killer, Jill shuddered at the idea of the --- crimes perpetrated by the criminal.

ginger <JIN.juhr>

adj, n, v / spice; plant with scented blooms

Mother added a touch of --- to the cookie dough, and it added zest to the taste.

giraffe <juh.RAF>

n / tall African mammal

As the --- stretched its long neck to reach the high leaves on the tree, a monkey babbled nearby.

glisten <GLIS.uhn>

v, n / give off a shine or sparkle; shine or sparkle

The ice-coated trees seemed to --- in the early morning sunlight.

goatherd <GOHT.huhrd>

n / one tending to horned, ruminant mammals similar to sheep

The --- called his dog to round up the large herd of Nubians and bring them into the corral for the night.

granite <GRAN.uht>

n / very hard, igneous rock

The owner of the rock quarry tried to buy the property because a large deposit of --- was located there.

grateful <GRAYT.fuhl>

adj / expressing appreciation; being thankful for

The kind, elderly lady was --- to the helpful Boy Scout for assisting her across the street.

grease <GREES> or <GREEZ>

n, v / oily matter, lubricant; smooth a passage, apply oil to a surface

While working on the engine of the car, Dad accidentally smeared black, oily --- on his work shirt.

grime <GRIIM>

n / accumulated dirt and dust; soot or dirt embedded into a surface

Ed returned from the three-day camping trip so covered with --- that his mother feared he would never come clean.

grouch <GROWCH>

n, v / person who grumbles or complains

"You're acting the proverbial ---, and you need to go to your room or stop grumbling," said Mom.

nonfat <nahn.FAT> or <NAHN.fat>

adj / having had the greasy or oily component removed

*Mom loved the taste of whole milk, but she usually bought --- milk because she thought it was healthier.***nonviolent** <nahn.VII.uh.luhnt> or <NAHN.vii.uh.luhnt>

adj / peaceful, peacefully resistant

*Though the march was expected to be ---, police had extra personnel in case there was any altercation.***nostril** <NAHS.truhl>n / one of two sides of the external smelling organ
*The baby was rushed to the emergency room at the hospital after he pushed a bean into his ---.***nosy, nose** <NOH.zee>

adj / prying into others' affairs

*Nora was so --- that no one wanted to talk to her because she would pry into their personal affairs.***notepad** <NOHT.pad>

n / group of sheets of papers glued together at one end

*"Leave a --- by the phone so that we can take messages for each other," suggested Alva.***notice** <NOHT.uhs>

n, v / warning, announcement

*The sound of the car in the drive was the first --- Craig's family had that he would be home for the weekend.***novelist** <NAHV.luhst> or <NAHV.uh.luhst>

n / one who writes fictional prose

*After one best seller, the --- soon inked her pen to start another saga for publication.***noxious** <NAHK.shuhs>

adj / physically harmful to living beings

*The --- waste in the stream killed a large number of fish.***number** <NUHM.buhr>

n, v / symbol representing a quantity; a total sum

*Mother counted the --- of calendar days left until Christmas and wrote it on the chalkboard.***nursemaid** <NUHR.smaid>

n / one who takes care of children

*Mrs. More hired a --- to care for her infant for the first few weeks that the baby was home from the hospital.***nylon** <NII.lahn>

n / synthetic material characterized by elasticity and strength

*The mountain climbers needed a strong, durable rope, so they chose one made of ---.***oatmeal** <OHT.meel> or <oht.MEE.uhl>

n / hot breakfast cereal

*Anna liked --- baked in cookies much better than she liked it cooked for breakfast.***obey** <oh.BAY> or <uh.BAY>

v / perform as directed; comply

*Being well-trained, Blake's horse would --- commands given with just slight movements of the reins.***obstinate** <AHB.stuh.nuht>

adj / not easily yielding to reason, stubborn

*The ---, young man refused to follow his doctor's orders and tried once again to stand on his injured leg.***occasion** <uh.KAY.zhuhn>

n, v / opportunity; instance; give rise to

*A politician needs little encouragement to seize upon any --- to make a speech about his accomplishments.***occur** <uh.KUHR>

v / happen, take place, appear

*Mark Twain correctly predicted that his death would --- when Halley's comet again streaked across the sky.***oddball** <AHD.bawl>

n / person who is eccentric

*Mr. Jensen had always been an ---, and it surprised no one when he became totally reclusive.***offend** <uh.FEND>

v / cause injury, discomfort or anger

*Jim is so sarcastic that he tends to --- people who are not accustomed to his brand of humor.***officer** <AWF.uh.suhr> or <AHF.uh.suhr>

n / one who serves to maintain the law; command

*The --- caught the burglar and brought him to the jail in handcuffs.***oilcloth** <AWIL.klawth> or <AWI.uhl.klawth>

n / waterproof cotton material

*The cowboy's rain gear was made of a heavy --- to keep him warm and dry.***omit** <oh.MIT> or <uh.MIT>

v / leave out; disregard

*"Please --- Question six on the test; it is poorly stated and will not be graded," said Mr. Wu.***onstage** <awn.STAYJ>

adv, adj / relating to area in which a play is performed that is visible to the audience

*When the hero walked --- for the last scene, the audience broke into applause.***oozy** <OOZ.ee>

adj / slimy, exuding goo

The wound was a bit ---, and the nurse applied some antibacterial medication and a bandage.

partial <PAHR.shuhl>

adj / inclined to favor; segment of a whole

*Given his choice of banana or chocolate pie, David was always --- to chocolate.***partner** <PAHRT.nuhr>

n / associate

*Larry was a --- in Chad's lawn mowing business until he discovered his investment was going to be the labor.***passageway** <PAS.ij.way>

n / corridor, place allowing one to go through

*The --- to the burial room in the pyramid was a tortuous tunnel that was narrow and had a low ceiling.***patrolman** <puh.TROHL.muhn>

n / police officer that has a regular assigned area to watch

*The --- had walked the same beat for 15 years and knew all the shopkeepers in the entire area.***pattern** <PAT.uhrn>

n, v / something used as a model for making things

*Ann selected a dress --- and material at the fabric store from which to make a new dress for the dance.***peculiar** <pi.KYOOL.yuhr>

adj / distinguished from others; odd

*We found that the ---, fresh odor came from the pot of mint that was growing by the back door.***pedicure** <PED.i.kyur> or <PED.i.kyu.uhr>

n / care of feet, toes and nails

*As a special treat for her birthday, Daphne got a --- while she was at the beauty shop for a hair cut.***performance** <puhr.FAWR.muhns> or

<puhr.FAWR.muhnts> <puh.FAWR.muhns>

<puh.FAWR.muhnts>

n / rendition; accomplishment of a deed

*The judges were impressed by Judy's --- of the violin solo.***perfume** <puhr.FYOOM> or <PUHR.fyoom>

n, v / pleasurable scent; fill with a fragrant odor

*Aunt Jane always wears --- that has the sweet smell of lilacs.***perplex** <puhr.PLEKS>

v / puzzle

*Instructions for assembling toys may be labeled "simple," but they are able to --- even the smartest user.***persuade** <puhr.SWAYD>

v / win over by argument of appeal

*Janie appealed to her parents and desperately tried to --- them to let her go to the dance.***petrify** <PET.ruh.fii>

v / terrify, turn into stone or other hard material

*"It would --- me for a horse to run up to me, but Josh is totally unafraid of the huge animal," said Rhonda.***phonics** <FAH.niks>

n / study or science of sounds

*Following the prescribed teaching of ---, Mrs. Jones introduced the children to the sound of each letter.***phony, phoney** <FOH.nee>

n, adj / fake, sham; to counterfeit

*"You're not a doctor selling a medical cure; you're a --- peddling snake oil!" the small boy jeered.***photocopy** <FOHT.uh.kahp.ee>

n, v / reproduction of an image

*I needed a duplicate of my birth certificate, so I asked the clerk at the court house to make a --- of it.***pierce** <PIRS>

v / penetrate, stab through

*The bright beacon of the lighthouse seemed to --- the dark, thick fog.***pleasure** <PLEHZH.uhr> or <PLAYZH.uhr>

n / delight, joy

*Mr. Crane said it was a --- to interview for the position at Yale, although he knew he would not be chosen.***plywood** <PLII.wud>

n / layered sheets of building material glued together for strength

*Two desirable qualities of --- for use as a building material are its strength and resistance to warping.***pointless** <PAWINT.luhs>

adj / without meaning

*Discouraged, Mel thought the assignment was --- because he didn't understand the teacher's explanation.***popular** <PAHP.yuh.luhr>

adj / regarded with approval; pertaining to the people

*Sally was one of the most --- girls in school because she had a witty personality and was friendly to all.***portrait** <POHR.truht> or <PAWR.truht>

<POHR.trayt> <PAWR.trayt>

n / painting or drawing of a person's face, image

*"I am pleased to present to George Washington School this --- of our first president," announced Mayor Brown.***positive** <PAHZ.uht.iv> or <PAHZ.tiv>

adj, n / certain; confident

Mary was absolutely --- that she had left her keys in her coat pocket.