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abode <uh.BOHD>

n / place where one lives; delay, sojourn, residence; domineer

Stepping out of his ---, the elderly gentleman carefully closed the door and took his coffee to the garden.

abrasive <uh.BRAY.siv> or <uh.BRAY.ziv>

adj / tending to rub or wear material for polishing

Sandpaper was the --- material Pat found most effective to smooth down her sculpture.

absolutely <AB.suh.loot.lee> or <ab.suh.LOOT.lee>

adv / entirely, unconditionally, totally

Jerry was --- certain that he had his homework in his backpack, but he couldn't find it at all.

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.

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.

acquaint <uh.KWAYNT>

v / inform, cause to know

"Let me --- you with the rules," offered Mrs. Wen, "and know that you will be responsible for following them."

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.

actually <AK.chuh.lee> or <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.

adjective <AJ.ik.tiv>

n / word used in a sentence to modify a noun

When Sophie used the --- "awesome" to describe the new television show, everyone knew she was impressed.

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.

admittance <uhd.MIT.uhns> or <ad.MIT.uhnts>

<ad.MIT.uhns> <uhd.MIT.uhnts>

n / permission to go into a place

Exhibitors without their passes will not be allowed --- into the convention hall.

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.

adversary <AD.vuhr.sehr.ee> or <AD.vuh.sehr.ee>

n, adj / enemy, opponent; involving opposing parties or interests

Sherlock Holmes barely escaped the clutches of his evil ---, Professor Moriarty.

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.

affliction <uh.FLIK.shuhn>

n / state of being tried or tormented; trial

Some virtues are seen only in ---, and the true nature of man is often displayed when he is severely troubled.

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.

alarmist <uh.LAHR.muhst>

n / one who raises warnings needlessly

Private Jackson was an --- who often woke the fort with false warnings of enemy attacks.

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.

allegiance <uh.LEE.juhns> or <uh.LEE.juhnts>

n / devotion to a person or to one's resident country

The knights in full armor swore their lasting --- to the king before riding to combat against the enemy.

allocate <AL.uh.kayt> or <AL.oh.kayt>

v / apportion or distribute to particular people as their share

The school clubs joined in a fund-raiser, and a committee met to --- the proceeds equally to each group.

hydroplane <HII.druh.playn>

n / speedboat with a bottom that allows skimming on the water

The speedboat skimming along the water with the front of the hull well above water was identified as a ---.

hyena <hii.EE.nuh>

n / large carnivorous mammal having powerful jaws and a thick neck

Living in the savannahs of Africa, the --- competes with the lion for food and often feeds on carrion.

hyperlink <HII.puhr.lingk>

n / digital address allowing one to access a location of document quickly

Raj clicked on the --- in the email to take him directly to the Internet to view a video.

hyphenate <HII.fuh.nayt>

v / use a dash as punctuation mark between two words or within word at end of a line

The teacher explained that one should --- "greenish-blue" when the two function as a single adjective.

hysterics <hi.STEHR.iks>

n / uncontrollable fit of laughing or weeping

Mother almost went into --- when she discovered that I had painted the living room purple and green.

icon, ikon <II.kahn>

n / symbol; religious image

The cathedral had an extraordinary --- that depicted the head of Mary crafted in precious metals and jewels.

idealism <ii.DEE.liz.uhm> or <ii.DEE.uh.liz.uhm>

<II.dee.liz.uhm> <II.dee.uh.liz.uhm>

n / cherishing or pursuing noble principles

With youthful ---, Allen joined the movement, thinking to right the wrongs of the system.

identifiable <ii.DEN.tuh.fii.uh.buhl>

adj / able to have the origin or basic characteristics of

The tree was --- by the leaves and acorns as a burr oak, and there was no question about its species.

idiom <ID.ee.uhm>

n / expression whose meaning is not clear from the usual meanings of the words

"To kick the bucket" is an --- that means "to die" but in a rather disrespectful manner.

ignition <ig.NISH.uhn>

n / process of kindling fuel mixture

Using very dry sticks and a small bit of paper, Carrie had little trouble with the --- of the campfire.

illegal <il.EE.guhl> or <il.LEE.guhl> <IL.ee.guhl>

<IL.lee.guhl>

adj / unlawful, immigrant entering stealthily

Jerry got a traffic ticket for making an --- turn into the mall parking lot.

illogical <il.AHJ.i.kuhl> or <il.LAHJ.i.kuhl>

<IL.ahj.i.kuhl> <IL.lahj.i.kuhl>

adj / relating to unsound reasoning through ignorance, contrary to correct thought

Mr. Bell's reasoning seemed --- to me because I had come to a different conclusion, using the same facts.

imaginary <im.AJ.uh.nehr.ee>

adj / formed outside of reality, fanciful; part of a subconscious idea

The man in the movie had an --- companion whom he described as an extremely tall rabbit named Harvey.

immaculate <i.MAK.yuh.luht>

adj / free from dirt, stain, flaw or error

After spring housecleaning, Mrs. Simpson's house is always spotless and ---.

immature <im.uh.TUR> or <im.uh.TYUR>

adj / exhibiting the characteristics of not being fully grown or developed

Fruit that is picked in an --- stage usually will not ripen as quickly.

impacted <im.PAKT.id>

adj, v / wedged; entrenched; collided

Angela had an --- tooth that was wedged below two other teeth, and it had to be extracted.

impeach <im.PEECH>

v / charge an officeholder with misconduct and cause his removal from office

Although a movement was underway to --- President Nixon, it was abandoned when he resigned from office.

impersonate <im.PUHRS.uhn.ayt>

v / assume the behavior and appearance of a character

The thief was caught trying to --- an officer to gain entrance to the museum for his heist.

improvement <im.PROOV.muht>

n / betterment

Brent's study habits in college were a great --- over those he'd had in high school, and his grades showed it.

improvise <im.pruh.VIIZ> or <IM.pruh.viiz>

v / make up extemporaneously, fabricate on the spot

Jan hadn't learned her part and tried to ---, but the coach soon realized that she was just bluffing her part.

impurity <im.PYUR.uh.tee> or <IM.pyur.uh.tee>

n / state of being foul or unclean

The rancid smell was a signal to the traveler of the --- of the water in the pond.

ironclad <IIRN.klad> or <II.uhrn.klad>
adj, n / fixed, rigid, unshakable; protected by metal
The youth had an --- alibi, and the officials realized that he couldn't have perpetrated the crime.

irritable <IR.uht.uh.buhl>
adj / tending to be easily exasperated or annoyed
Dad seemed ---, and I decided to wait until he was in a better mood to ask for a favor.

issue <ISH.oo>
n, v / point in question; publication; to come out
The --- before the city council today is the installation of parking meters to increase city revenues.

itinerary <ii.TIN.uh.rehr.ee> or <uh.TIN.uh.rehr.ee>
n / route that one travels or plans to travel while on a journey
Travel agents usually include an --- for their clients to follow on their trip.

jackrabbit <JAK.rab.uht>
n / species of large North American hare
The fast --- jumped into his hole just as the hawk flew overhead.

jamboree <jam.buh.REE>
n / large, international assembly of Boy Scouts; festive gathering
At the --- in Valley Forge, my brother compared patches with other Boy Scouts from all over the world.

Japanese <jap.uh.NEEZ> or <jap.uh.NEES>
adj, n / relating to or from a particular southeast Asian island; one born or from there
Mariko, a --- exchange student, showed a nationalistic loyalty to her country which she called Nippon.~~Always capitalized

jaywalk <JAY.wawk>
v / cross a street carelessly or at an inappropriate spot
To get across the street to the bank before it closed, Steve chose to --- instead of cross at the corner.

jellyfish <JEL.ee.fish>
n / gelatinous sea animal with hanging, stinging tentacles
Our biology class took a field trip to the coast to identify varieties of --- that were washed onto the shore.

jet stream <JET.streem>
n / current of winds that blows in the narrow and strong current
The plane picked up speed as the --- carried it toward its destination.

jinx <JINGS> or <JINGKS>
n, v / something thought to bring bad luck
Many superstitious people believe that a rabbit's foot can counteract a ---.

jobholder <JAHB.hohl.duhr>
n / one who has regular employment
Proud to be a ---, the youth took his employment very seriously and was never late delivering papers.

journalist <JUHRN.uhl.uhst>
n / person who writes for a news publication
Sue honed her writing skills to become a capable ---; then, she spent years as a foreign news correspondent.

judged <JUHD>
v / formed an opinion or decision after careful consideration
The artist --- the paintings of all the students and awarded first through sixth places.

justify <JUHS.tuh.fii>
v / show an adequate reason for an act
"I can't --- that expenditure," explained Mr. Sims, "because it costs too much for the good it will do us."

juvenile <JOO.vuh.niil> or <JOO.vuh.nuhl>
adj, n / immature, undeveloped; childish; 2-year-old horse for racing
"Throwing spit wads is --- behavior for a college student, don't you think, Jeffery?" admonished Mrs. Scott.

kazoo <kuh.ZOO>
n / toylike instrument that is hummed into for producing sounds
Humming into the ---, Nora produced a buzzing, musical melody that was intriguing to the children.

kernel <KUHRN.uhl>
n / grain or seed in a hard husk
While eating popcorn, Tim bit into a hard --- that had not popped and lost a filling from his tooth.

kettledrum <KET.uhl.druhm>
n / percussion instrument made of large hemispheres with stretched skins
Usually used in pairs, the --- dates back to the Crusades, and the instrument is played with padded mallets.

khaki <KAK.ee> or <KAH.kee>
n / cloth in a light, yellowish-brown color that is made of cotton or wool
Summer military uniforms are often made of ---.

kidney <KID.nee>
n / organ in the body used in filtering liquid waste
Identifying parts on the drawing of the body, Eloise labeled each bean-shaped organ as a ---.

kilt <KILT>
n / pleated, wool skirt that is usually plaid; move in a nimble fashion
In the parade, the Scotsman wore a --- with the Stewart tartan, and he played bagpipes.

receptacle <ri.SEP.ti.kuhl>

n / container

*The antique desk had a built-in --- for ink and a groove for a fountain pen.***receptionist** <ri.SEP.shnuhst> or <ri.SEP.shuh.nuhst>

n / person employed to greet visitors, clients or telephone callers

*Meg tired of being a --- and wanted to go back to school to become a doctor rather than just talk to patients.***reference** <REF.uhrns> or <REF.ruhnts>

<REF.uhrnts> <REF.uh.ruhns>

n, v, adj / book containing information; act of consulting

*Mother looked up the information on my rash in a medical --- and determined that I had poison ivy.***reflective** <ri.FLEK.tiv>

adj / able to throw light waves, sound waves or heat waves back to where they originated

*The metal roof was highly ---, and it tended to keep the house cooler than a shingle roof.***refugee** <ref.yuh.JEE> or <REF.yu.jee>

n / person fleeing from danger

*The spy joined the throng of people fleeing the battlefield, hoping to appear to be just one more ---.***regiment** <REJ.muht> or <REJ.uh.muht>

<REJ.uh.ment>

n, v / body of soldiers consisting of many units; organize into groups

*Before leaving the fort, Colonel Davis insured that each unit in his --- was fully equipped for battle.***reliable** <ri.LII.uh.buhl>

adj / dependable

*"Sometimes it seems that the --- repairman has become as extinct as the dinosaurs," grumbled Mr. Day.***reluctant** <ri.LUHK.tuhnt>

adj / offering resistance, unwilling

*At first, Granny was --- to try her new microwave oven because she thought it was too complicated.***remnant** <REM.nuhnt>

n / remainder, fragment or scrap that is left over

*Lou bought a --- of carpet, and the small piece from the end of the bolt was the right size for her dorm room.***rephrase** <ree.FRAYZ> or <REE.frayz>

v / state again in a different way

*If you do not understand the instructions, I will --- them for you.***reportedly** <ri.POHRT.uhd.lee> or

<ri.PAWRT.uhd.lee>

adv / in accordance to rumor

*Although the facts were vague, the boy had --- tried to pilfer a copy of the exam from the teacher's desk.***reptilian** <rep.TIL.ee.uhn>adj / belonging to a cold-blooded vertebrate family
*In science, the class compared the --- characteristics that are common to snakes and lizards.***reservoir** <REZ.uhrv.wahr> or <REZ.uhv.wawr>

<REZ.uhrv.wawr> <REZ.uhr.wawr>

n, v / place where something is stored

*In order to provide a constant supply of water to the small town, a --- was constructed nearby.***response** <ri.SPAHNS> or <ri.SPAHNTS>

n / act of giving an answer, reply

*The fire fighters were praised for their quick --- to the brush fire threatening the western edge of town.***retort** <ri.TAWRT> or <REE.tawrt> <ri.TAW.uhrt>

<REE.taw.uhrt>

n, v / snappish reply; hurl back; vessel used in distillation process

*The girl's angry --- was out of bounds, and the teacher couldn't condone her argumentative reply.***retrospect** <RET.ruh.spekt>

n / act of looking back upon past events

*In ---, Paco felt that the long hours he'd worked on his paper had paid off with a sterling grade.***reunite** <ree.yoo.NIIT>

v / bring together once more, rejoin

*Our graduating class plans to --- every ten years to catch up on what everyone has been doing.***review** <ri.VYOO>

v, n / examine or study again; evaluation

*The instructor promised the class that they would --- the material before taking the final exam.~~Hom: revue***revolution** <rev.uh.LOO.shuhn>

n / rebellion; act of orbiting around a central axis; sudden change

*The dissidents banded together, gathering strength to foment a full-scale --- against the cruel dictator.***rhapsody** <RAP.suhd.ee>

n / highly emotional speech or literary work; musical composition

Her description of her trip to Italy became a --- on the flowers and fountains of Rome.