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**abhorrent** <uhb.HAWR.uhnt> or <uhb.HAHR.uhnt>  
<ab.HAHR.uhnt> <ab.HAWR.uhnt>  
adj / repugnant or detestable; conflicting or discordant  
*Daniel's --- attitude often got him into trouble, and he became known as "Detestable Dan."*

**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.*

**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.*

**accelerando** <ah.chel.uh.RAHN.doh>  
adv, adj / gradually increasing in tempo  
*The piece was played ---, and the tempo that had started slow was quite rapid by the end.*

**acceptable** <ik.SEP.tuh.buhl> or <ak.SEP.tuh.buhl>  
adj / adequate; received agreeably  
*The owner of the inn was surprised that the rooms were not --- for the foreign ministers.*

**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.*

**accuracy** <AK.yuh.ruh.see>  
n / state of being correct or exact  
*Peter's --- with the bow and arrow earned him first place when he shot five consecutive bull's-eyes.*

**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.*

**acronym** <AK.ruh.nim>  
n / word made from initial letters of other words  
*The term "scuba" is merely an --- for "self-contained underwater breathing apparatus."*

**adjacent** <uh.JAYS.uhnt>  
adj / sharing a common boundary, close to, bordering, adjoining  
*Since Texas lies --- to Mexico, many Texans vacation in that country.*

**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.*

**administration** <uhd.min.uh.STRAY.shuhn> or <ad.min.uh.STRAY.shuhn>  
n / act of managing, performance of a duty  
*Aunt Donna is not very good at managing money, so the --- of her inheritance will be handled by the bank.*

**adrenaline** <uh.DREN.uhl.uhn>  
n / hormone that causes blood pressure to rise  
*The runner was in the lead, his --- at full tilt, and the finish line was his.*

**advancement** <uhd.VANS.muht> or <uhd.VANTS.muht>  
n / act of moving ahead  
*Her years of hard work finally earned her --- to the final round of the tournament.*

**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.*

**adversity** <ad.VUHR.suh.tee>  
n / misfortune  
*Though he felt sorry for Mark, John could not deny that any --- resulting from his crime was his own fault.*

**aerodynamics** <ehr.oh.dii.NAM.iks>  
n / branch of mechanics that deals with motion of air  
*After John studied --- in college, he decided to become a pilot for the airlines.*

**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.*

**afterthought** <AF.tuhr.thawt>  
n / idea considered after the event; postscript  
*The porch was added to the cottage as an ---, but it turned out to be the favorite space of all.*

**agitated** <AJ.uh.tayt.uhd> or <AJ.uh.tayt.id>  
v / shook, rattled; disturbed, bothered  
*After the student mixed the chemicals, he gently --- the vial to mix the two ingredients together.*

**duplication** <doo.pli.KAY.shuhn> or

&lt;dyoo.pli.KAY.shuhn&gt;

n / act of doubling, state of being doubled

*Dad regularly makes a --- of his customer file on a separate disk, and he puts the copy in a fireproof safe.***dyslexia** <dis.LEK.see.uh>

n / reading disability

*Seeing the youngster printing letters backwards and transposing numbers, the teacher had him checked for ---.***eccentricity** <ek.sen.TRIS.uh.tee>

n / deviation from the usual or accepted; oddness

*The old man's collection of string was less a hobby than an ---.***economics** <ek.uh.NAHM.iks> or <ee.kuh.NAHM.iks>

n / science concerned with making, distributing and consuming goods and services

*The class in --- discussed the effect of the Russian democratic leanings on their emerging free market system.***effervesce** <ef.uhr.VES>

v / exhibit happy emotion, bubble with enthusiasm; hiss

*Exhilarated by her great performance, Kay seemed to ---, and we all chuckled at her bubbling display.***effortlessly** <EF.uhrt.luhs.lee>

adv / in an easy manner without exertion

*The pianist --- played one piece after another, making a melodic backdrop to the affair.***egoist** <EE.guh.wuhst>

n / person excessively concerned with himself or herself; doctrine of self-interest

*Dubbed an --- by peers, John directed all his actions to political gain, but he lost his friends on the way.***electrician** <i.lek.TRISH.uhn>

n / specialist dealing with energy present in most households

*Mr. Warner hired an --- to run a new circuit from his power box to his office for his new computer.***electrolyte** <i.LEK.truh.liit>

n / liquid conductor of natural energy

*Automobile batteries using sulfuric acid for the --- have a plate with pure lead and one with lead dioxide.***elevated** <EL.uh.vayt.uhd>

adj, v / raised; formal, dignified

*The new --- freeway downtown eliminated some through traffic, but it looked like a piece of spaghetti.***eliminate** <i.LIM.uh.nayt>

v / dispose of; remove

*If you will --- the references to your past accomplishments, the audience will enjoy your speech more.***eloquence** <EL.uh.kwuhns> or <EL.uh.kwuhnts>

n / persuasive or expressive discourse

*The speaker's --- held the audience spellbound, and every youth was swayed by his convincing rhetoric.***embankment** <im.BANGK.muht>

n / structure raised to hold back a stream of water

*An --- on the north side of the river protected the flat cropland from flooding waters during heavy rains.***embattle** <im.BAT.uhl>

v / prepare for conflict; add parapets to fortify a structure

*The English king gave the order to --- the castle when he heard the French forces were headed his way.***emblem** <EM.bluhm>

n / symbolic object or picture

*The stationery used at the college had an --- at the top of the page showing the school motto.***emotionally** <i.MOH.shnuh.lee> or

&lt;i.MOH.shuh.nuh.lee&gt;

adv / in a manner marked by agitated feelings

*The class president gave her speech at commencement, and she --- said a simple, "Goodbye."***empathy** <EM.puh.thee>

n / capacity to participate vicariously in another's emotions

*Claire's --- for the grieving youngster gave him comfort in the thought that someone understood his loss.***employment** <im.PLAWI.muht>

n / act of folding a person into an organization, one's place of work

*Rob was seeking ---, but he had a difficult time trying to describe his skill set in a resume.***emptiness** <EM.tee.nuhs> or <EMP.tee.nuhs>

n / lacking contents

*The --- of the room created a feeling of eeriness, with our voices echoing as we whispered.***encipher** <in.SII.fuhr> or <en.SII.fuhr>

v / put into coded form

*The small boy used a crude translation table to --- his message to leave for his buddy at the club house.***encumbrance** <in.KUHM.bruhns> or <in.KUHM.bruhnts>

n / something that renders an action difficult, burden; dependent person

*The massive convoy seemed an unnecessary ---, slowing the troop advance to the pace of the lumbering machines.*

**ligament** <LIG.uh.muht>

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.*

**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.*

**linguistic** <ling.GWIS.tik>

adj / pertaining to language and its study

*Pursuing --- studies, Jill spent summer on a small island in the Pacific documenting language of a tribe.*

**linseed** <LIN.seed>

n / reproductive part of flax

*The painter explained that --- oil was used in paint, varnish, ink, and some linoleum products.*

**lissome, lissom** <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.*

**lithesome** <LIITHH.suhm> or <LIITH.suhm>

adj / limber, flexible and graceful

*The --- gymnast at the meet performed her floor routine with fluid movements, strength, and perfect timing.*

**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.*

**logarithm** <LAWG.uh.rithh.uhm> or

<LAHG.uh.rithh.uhm>

n / exponent indicating the power to which a number is raised

*Since 10 to the third power equals 1000, then the --- of 1000 is three.*

**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.*

**longshoreman** <LAHNG.shohr.muhn> or

<LAHNG.shawr.muhn>

n / one who works loading and unloading ships at dock

*The burly --- had no trouble manhandling the massive crate since he was accustomed to loading heavy goods.*

**loophole** <LOOP.hohl>

n / minute opening; means of breaking free from something, particularly a regulation

*The agency left an intentional --- in the regulation that accepted noncompliance from long-term residents.*

**lorry** <LAWR.ee> or <LAHR.ee>

n / wagon drawn by horses

*A team of bay horses pulled the --- that was laden with sacks of flour.*

**loudspeaker** <lowd.SPEE.kuhr> or <LOWD.spee.kuhr>

n / instrument that changes electrical signals into audible sound

*Each morning we listen to school announcements over the ---.*

**loyalties** <LAWIL.teez> or <LAWI.uhl.teez>

n / qualities of showing tenacious adherence to principles

*My --- remain with the current administration, but I will work with the new staff when they are installed.*

**lubricant** <LOO.bruh.kuhnt>

n, adj / something that is applied as grease or oil to reduce friction

*Edmund sprayed a dry --- in my lock to loosen the working parts so that the key would work more easily.*

**lugubrious** <lu.GOO.bree.uhs> or

<lu.GYOO.bree.uhs>

adj / mournful, very sad

*The opera was a --- and painful tragedy that held the audience spellbound.*

**luminescence** <loo.mu.h.NES.uhns> or

<loo.mu.h.NES.uhnts>

n / emission of light caused by chemical, biochemical or crystallographic changes

*Fascinated by the --- of the lightning bugs, the child couldn't stop watching the light flicker.*

**lustrous** <LUHS.truhs>

adj / bright, shining

*After hours of waxing and rubbing, the car's dull finish gleamed like new with a --- shine.*

**luxuriant** <luhg.ZHUR.ee.uhnt> or

<luhk.SHUR.ee.uhnt>

adj / characterized as producing lush vegetation

*Maintaining a schedule of watering and fertilizing in his greenhouse, Jim always had plants with --- foliage.*

**mackerel** <MAK.ruhl> or <MAK.uh.ruhl>

n / fish with green, blue and silver colorings

*Important for food, a --- is a swift-moving, predacious fish that is found in large schools in temperate seas.*

**stenographer** <stuh.NAHG.ruh.fuhr>

n / one who is employed to take dictation

*When her class visited a court trial, Laura watched the --- and decided to learn more about court reporting.*

**stimulus** <STIM.yuh.luhs>

n / something that arouses the senses or mind

*Crossword puzzles seemed to be the perfect --- to encourage Janet to expand her vocabulary.*

**strategic** <struh.TEE.jik>

adj / concerned with devising plans to win a goal

*The armies dispersed to --- locations to cut off enemy supply lines and prevent conversion of their forces.*

**stratosphere** <STRAT.uh.sfir>

n / upper part of the air mass surrounding the earth

*Being about seven miles above the earth, the --- maintains an almost constant temperature.*

**subdivision** <suhb.duh.VIZH.uhn>

n / one of the parts into which an area has been cut up

*The --- that the Patels lived in was gated.*

**subdue** <suhb.DOO> or <suhb.DYOO>

v / bring into subjection by force or power

*Charlene was able to --- the rowdy boys with a small threat.*

**subjugate** <SUHB.ji.gayt>

v / bring under control

*Wherever the Roman legions went, they forced the people they defeated to --- themselves to Rome.*

**subliminal** <suhb.LIM.uhn.uhl> or

<SUHB.lim.uhn.uhl>

adj / existing outside the area of consciousness

*Mom felt TV commercials had a --- message, suggesting hunger to viewers who were unaware of being influenced.*

**subtrahend** <SUHB.truh.hend>

n / quantity taken away from a minuend to produce the difference

*In the equation, "15 - 10 = 5," the --- is 10, the minuend is 15, and the difference is 5.*

**subtropical** <suhb.TRAHP.uh.kuhl> or

<SUHB.trahp.uh.kuhl>

adj / relating to geographic area just outside the area around the equator

*Cora found the weather conditions around the equator too hot and preferred a --- climate.*

**successive** <suhk.SES.iv>

adj / following in a given order and without interruption

*After four --- attempts, Janis finally passed her driver's test and got her license.*

**succumb** <suh.KUHM>

v / yield

*Eventually, the rebels will be forced to --- to the superior strength of the army.*

**suffrage** <SUHF.rij>

n / right to vote

*There were countless marches and demonstrations held before women's --- finally became accepted.*

**superficial** <soo.puhr.FISH.uhl>

adj / affecting the surface layers; person lacking in genuine qualities

*Luckily the knife only scratched the surface of his skin, causing a --- wound that could easily be treated.*

**superimpose** <soo.puh.rim.POHZ>

v / place in a position of coexistence, overlay

*In the collage, Susie planned to --- transparent yellow film partially over the red to produce orange patches.*

**supernova** <soo.puhr.NOH.vuh>

n / explosion of a large star resulting in a bright object's emission of energy

*A --- is a rare phenomenon in which a star's explosion causes luminosity millions times brighter than the sun.*

**superstitious** <soo.puhr.STISH.uhs>

adj / relating to or swayed by fear of the unknown

*His --- fears were so strong that he stayed in bed all day when Friday fell on the 13th.*

**supervise** <SOO.puhr.viiz>

v / direct or oversee

*A teacher's aide was asked to --- the children during their rest period.*

**surveillance** <suhr.VAY.luhns> or <suhr.VAY.luhnts>

n / close observation over a person or thing, supervision

*Police put the criminal under 24-hour --- after releasing him from jail.*

**suspension** <suh.SPEN.chuhn>

n / forced withdrawal from an activity temporarily

*The length of his --- from school will depend upon the judgment of the principal.*

**sustenance** <SUHS.tuh.nuhns> or <SUHS.tuh.nuhnts>

n / food

*Hard work is good for the soul, but --- is necessary for the stomach.*

**syndrome** <SIN.drohM>

n / group of symptoms that together characterize an abnormality

*Reye's --- is a frequently fatal affliction of young children marked by seizures and liver degeneration.*