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PREFACE FROM THE EDITOR

Designed for school districts, educators, and students seeking to maximize performance on standardized tests, Webster's paperbacks take advantage of the fact that classics are frequently assigned readings in English courses. By using a running thesaurus at the bottom of each page, this edition of *Dubliners* by James Joyce was edited for students who are actively building their vocabularies in anticipation of taking PSAT[®], SAT[®], AP[®] (Advanced Placement[®]), GRE[®], LSAT[®], GMAT[®] or similar examinations.¹

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THE SISTERS

THERE was no hope for him this time: it was the third stroke. Night after night I had passed the house (it was vacation time) and studied the **lighted** square of window: and night after night I had found it lighted in the same way, faintly and evenly. If he was dead, I thought, I would see the reflection of candles on the darkened blind for I knew that two candles must be set at the head of a corpse. He had often said to me: "I am not long for this world," and I had thought his words idle. Now I knew they were true. Every night as I gazed up at the window I said softly to myself the word **paralysis**. It had always sounded strangely in my ears, like the word **gnomon** in the Euclid and the word **simony** in the Catechism. But now it sounded to me like the name of some **maleficent** and **sinful** being. It filled me with fear, and yet I longed to be nearer to it and to look upon its deadly work.

Old Cotter was sitting at the fire, smoking, when I came downstairs to supper. While my aunt was ladling out my stirabout he said, as if returning to some former remark of his:

"No, I wouldn't say he was exactly... but there was something queer... there was something **uncanny** about him. I'll tell you my opinion..."

He began to **puff** at his pipe, no doubt arranging his opinion in his mind. **Tiresome** old fool! When we knew him first he used to be rather interesting,

Thesaurus

gnomon: (*n*) dial, horologe, pendulum, hourglass, indicator, sundial, clepsydra.

lighted: (*adj*) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning, ignite, kindled, lighten.

maleficent: (*adj*) malign, pernicious, venomous, mischievous, malevolent, malefic, baneful, baleful, harmful, ominous, galling. ANTONYM: (*adj*) beneficent.

paralysis: (*n*) anaesthesia, numbness,

apoplexy, akinesia, alalia, paralyzation, disability; (*adj*) consumption, decline, syncope, sideration.

puff: (*adj, n, v*) gasp; (*n, v*) blow, whiff, gust, drag; (*v*) boast, inflate, huff, heave, brag, distend.

sinful: (*adj*) wicked, impious, bad, iniquitous, ungodly, depraved, immoral, profane, criminal, wrong, unholy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pious, virtuous, moral, right, pure.

tiresome: (*adj*) tedious, dull, laborious, irksome, monotonous, annoying, slow, dreary, bothersome; (*adj, v*) wearisome, troublesome.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stimulating, fun, varied, soothing, pleasant, brisk, exciting, convenient, refreshing.

uncanny: (*adj*) weird, eerie, strange, ghostly, unearthly, unnatural, eldritch, mysterious, odd, frightful, hideous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) normal, common, ordinary.

talking of faints and worms; but I soon grew tired of him and his endless stories about the distillery.

"I have my own theory about it," he said. "I think it was one of those... peculiar cases... But it's hard to say..."

He began to puff again at his pipe without giving us his theory. My uncle saw me staring and said to me:

"Well, so your old friend is gone, you'll be sorry to hear."

"Who?" said I.

"Father Flynn."

"Is he dead?"

"Mr. **Cotter** here has just told us. He was passing by the house."

I knew that I was under observation so I continued eating as if the news had not interested me. My uncle explained to old Cotter.

"The **youngster** and he were great friends. The old chap taught him a great deal, mind you; and they say he had a great wish for him."

"God have mercy on his soul," said my aunt **piously**.

Old Cotter looked at me for a while. I felt that his little **beady** black eyes were **examining** me but I would not satisfy him by looking up from my plate. He returned to his pipe and finally **spat rudely** into the **grate**.

"I wouldn't like children of mine," he said, "to have too much to say to a man like that."

"How do you mean, Mr. Cotter?" asked my aunt.

"What I mean is," said old Cotter, "it's bad for children. My idea is: let a young lad run about and play with young lads of his own age and not be... Am I right, Jack?"

"That's my principle, too," said my uncle. "Let him learn to box his corner. That's what I'm always saying to that Rosicrucian there: take exercise. Why, when I was a **nipper** every morning of my life I had a cold bath, winter and

Thesaurus

beady: (*adj*) beaded, bejewelled, gemmed, spangly, spangled, sequined, jewelled, jeweled, buttony, buttonlike, bespangled.

cotter: (*n*) cottier, cottager, wedge, cottar, chock, holdfast, fastening, helot, serf, provincial, fastener.

examining: (*v*) examine, investigate; (*adj*) investigative, curious, disquisitive, exploratory, inquiring.

grate: (*v*) grind, creak, scrape, abrade, gall, gnash, fret, rub, aggravate,

provoke; (*n*) lattice.

nipper: (*n*) kid, clamp, kiddy, chela, nippers, child, youngster, shaver, tot, urchin, waif.

piously: (*adv*) religiously, reverently, godly, spiritually, devotedly, righteously, sacredly, earnestly, saintly, purely, devotionally.

rudely: (*adv*) crudely, coarsely, uncivilly, indelicately, impolitely, roughly, harshly, vulgarly, brutally, meanly, wildly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

respectfully, graciously, decently, civilly, properly, attentively, agreeably, tactfully, thoughtfully, acceptably, gently.

spat: (*n, v*) squabble, altercation, tiff, bicker, dispute, wrangle, row; (*n*) gaiter, argument, bickering, fuss. ANTONYM: (*n*) agreement.

youngster: (*n*) lad, juvenile, kid, child, urchin, toddler, youth, adolescent, bairn, baby, tot. ANTONYMS: (*n*) adult, elder.

summer. And that's what stands to me now. Education is all very fine and large... Mr. Cotter might take a pick of that leg mutton," he added to my aunt.

"No, no, not for me," said old Cotter.

My aunt brought the dish from the safe and put it on the table.

"But why do you think it's not good for children, Mr. Cotter?" she asked.

"It's bad for children," said old Cotter, "because their mind are so impressionable. When children see things like that, you know, it has an effect..."

I crammed my mouth with stirabout for fear I might give utterance to my anger. Tiresome old red-nosed **imbecile!**

It was late when I fell asleep. Though I was angry with old Cotter for alluding to me as a child, I puzzled my head to extract meaning from his unfinished sentences. In the dark of my room I imagined that I saw again the heavy grey face of the **paralytic**. I **drew** the blankets over my head and tried to think of Christmas. But the grey face still followed me. It murmured, and I understood that it desired to confess something. I felt my soul **receding** into some pleasant and vicious region; and there again I found it waiting for me. It **began** to confess to me in a murmuring voice and I wondered why it smiled continually and why the lips were so moist with **spittle**. But then I remembered that it had died of paralysis and I felt that I too was smiling feebly as if to **absolve** the simoniac of his sin.

The next morning after breakfast I went down to look at the little house in Great Britain Street. It was an unassuming shop, registered under the vague name of Drapery . The **drapery** consisted mainly of children's **bootees** and umbrellas; and on ordinary days a notice used to hang in the window, saying: Umbrellas Re-covered . No notice was visible now for the shutters were up. A **rape** bouquet was tied to the **doorknocker** with ribbon. Two poor women and a telegram boy were reading the card pinned on the crape. I also approached and read:

July 1st, 1895

Thesaurus

absolve: (*adj, v*) justify; (*v*) forgive, exculpate, exonerate, acquit, free, pardon, remit, clear, redeem, discharge. ANTONYMS: (*v*) convict, blame, condemn, sentence, punish, obligate, incriminate, impeach, hold, charge, bind.
began: (*v*) Gan.
bootees: (*n*) bootie, booties.
rape: (*n, v*) curl; (*n*) French pancake, hotcake, flapcake, flapjack, giddlecake, pancake, battercake;

(*adj, v*) crimp; (*adj*) deep mourning, weeds.
doorknocker: (*n*) rapper, boob, breast, detractor, bosom, device, disparager, depreciator.
drapery: (*n*) drape, clothing, dress, blind, raiment, costume, toilette, furnishings, trim, guise, toilet.
drew: (*n*) move, John Drew.
imbecile: (*adj*) foolish, idiotic, fatuous, dumb, imbecilic, simple; (*n*) idiot, moron, cretin, ass, oaf. ANTONYM:

(*adj*) genius.
paralytic: (*adj*) paralytical, paralyzed, torpid, comatose; (*n*) paretic, handicapped person, invalid; (*v*) withered.
receding: (*n*) disappearance, fadeout, recession, niche; (*adj*) moving back, low, hairless, balding, going out, recessive, retiring.
spittle: (*n*) slaver, slobber, spit, phlegm, sputum, drivel, dribble, drool, spital, mucus, expectoration.

The Rev. James Flynn
(Formerly of S. Catherine's Church, Meath Street),
Aged sixty-five years.
R. I. P.

The reading of the card persuaded me that he was dead and I was disturbed to find myself at check. Had he not been dead I would have gone into the little dark room behind the shop to find him sitting in his arm-chair by the fire, nearly **smothered** in his great-coat. Perhaps my aunt would have given me a packet of High Toast for him and this present would have **roused** him from his **stupefied doze**. It was always I who emptied the packet into his black **snuff**-box for his hands trembled too much to allow him to do this without spilling half the snuff about the floor. Even as he raised his large trembling hand to his nose little clouds of smoke dribbled through his fingers over the front of his coat. It may have been these constant showers of snuff which gave his ancient **priestly** garments their green faded look for the red handkerchief, **blackened**, as it always was, with the snuff-stains of a week, with which he tried to brush away the fallen grains, was quite **inefficacious**.

I wished to go in and look at him but I had not the courage to knock. I walked away slowly along the sunny side of the street, reading all the theatrical advertisements in the shop-windows as I went. I found it strange that neither I nor the day seemed in a mourning mood and I felt even annoyed at discovering in myself a sensation of freedom as if I had been freed from something by his death. I wondered at this for, as my uncle had said the night before, he had taught me a great deal. He had studied in the Irish college in Rome and he had taught me to pronounce Latin properly. He had told me stories about the catacombs and about Napoleon Bonaparte, and he had explained to me the meaning of the different ceremonies of the Mass and of the different **vestments** worn by the priest. Sometimes he had amused himself by putting difficult questions to me, asking me what one should do in certain circumstances or whether such and such sins were mortal or **venial** or only imperfections. His

Thesaurus

blackened: (*adj*) sulphured, blackening, colored, coloured, filthy, achromatic, colorful.
doze: (*n, v*) snooze, sleep, slumber, drowse, siesta, forty winks, rest; (*v*) catnap, nod, coma, nod off.
ANTONYM: (*v*) wake.
inefficacious: (*adj*) ineffective, futile, inefficient, bootless, useless, inoperative, inutile, null, feckless, nugatory, fruitless.
priestly: (*adj*) ministerial, hieratic,

sacerdotal, priestlike, hieratical, religious, theocratic, ecclesiastical; (*adv*) divinely, hieratically, theocratically. ANTONYM: (*adj*) secular.
roused: (*adj*) excited, awake, susceptible, emotional, elated, interested.
smothered: (*adj*) strangled, stifled, smothers, pent-up, covered.
snuff: (*v*) smell, kill, douse, slay, scent, snuffle, bump off, smother, snort;

(*adj*) tobacco, nicotine.
stupefied: (*adj*) stunned, amazed, astonished, bewildered, astounded, dumbfounded, stupid, confused, flabbergasted, dumfounded, groggy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) precise, unimpressed.
venial: (*adj*) excusable, pardonable, forgivable, minor, veniable, small, underage, modest, nonaged.
vestments: (*n*) canonicals, dress, clothes, bedclothes, garb.

questions showed me how complex and mysterious were certain institutions of the Church which I had always regarded as the **simplest** acts. The duties of the priest towards the Eucharist and towards the secrecy of the **confessional** seemed so grave to me that I wondered how anybody had ever found in himself the courage to undertake them; and I was not surprised when he told me that the fathers of the Church had written books as thick as the Post Office Directory and as closely printed as the law notices in the newspaper, elucidating all these intricate questions. Often when I thought of this I could make no answer or only a very foolish and halting one upon which he used to smile and nod his head twice or **thrice**. Sometimes he used to put me through the responses of the Mass which he had made me learn by heart; and, as I pattered, he used to smile **pensively** and nod his head, now and then pushing huge pinches of snuff up each **nostril** alternately. When he smiled he used to uncover his big **discoloured** teeth and let his tongue lie upon his lower lip--a habit which had made me feel uneasy in the beginning of our acquaintance before I knew him well.

As I walked along in the sun I remembered old Cotter's words and tried to remember what had happened afterwards in the dream. I remembered that I had noticed long velvet curtains and a swinging lamp of antique fashion. I felt that I had been very far away, in some land where the customs were strange--in Persia, I thought... But I could not remember the end of the dream.

In the evening my aunt took me with her to visit the house of mourning. It was after sunset; but the window-panes of the houses that looked to the west reflected the **tawny** gold of a great bank of clouds. Nannie received us in the hall; and, as it would have been **unseemly** to have shouted at her, my aunt shook hands with her for all. The old woman pointed upwards **interrogatively** and, on my aunt's nodding, **proceeded** to toil up the narrow staircase before us, her bowed head being scarcely above the level of the banister-rail. At the first landing she stopped and **beckoned** us forward encouragingly towards the open door of the dead-room. My aunt went in and the old woman, seeing that I hesitated to enter, began to beckon to me again repeatedly with her hand.

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beckon: (*n, v*) attract; (*v*) signal, summon, call, motion, sign, invite, gesture, nod, brandish, lure.

ANTONYM: (*v*) repel.

confessional: (*n*) ambo, kiosk, cubicle, credence, prothesis, reading desk, baldachin, pulpit, confessionalary, lectern, booth.

discoloured: (*adj*) faded.

interrogatively: (*adv*) inquisitively, curiously.

nostril: (*n*) flue, chimney, funnel,

weasand, nozzle, port, throat, trachea, naris, anterior naris, nare.

pensively: (*adv*) thoughtfully, reflectively, wistfully, contemplatively, sadly, ponderingly, musingly, mournfully, abstractedly, dreamily, broodingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) rashly, unthinkingly, alertly.

proceeded: (*v*) proceed, yode.

simplest: (*adj*) rudimentary.

tawny: (*n*) tan, buff; (*adj, n*) brown, auburn; (*adj*) luteous, golden, fallow,

russet, chestnut, creamy, moderately black.

thrice: (*adv*) three times, thirdly.

unseemly: (*adj*) indecent, unbecoming, indelicate, inappropriate, gross, impolite, unbefitting; (*adj, v*) indecorous; (*adj, adv*) uncomely; (*adv*) indecently, unbecomingly.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) proper, appropriate, dignified, due, fitting, polite, suitable, correct, decent, sensitive.

I went in on **tiptoe**. The room through the lace end of the blind was **suffused** with **dusky** golden light amid which the candles looked like pale thin flames. He had been confined. Nannie gave the lead and we three knelt down at the foot of the bed. I pretended to pray but I could not gather my thoughts because the old woman's mutterings distracted me. I noticed how clumsily her skirt was hooked at the back and how the heels of her cloth boots were **trodden** down all to one side. The fancy came to me that the old priest was smiling as he lay there in his coffin.

But no. When we rose and went up to the head of the bed I saw that he was not smiling. There he lay, solemn and copious, vested as for the altar, his large hands loosely retaining a **chalice**. His face was very **truculent**, grey and massive, with black **cavernous nostrils** and circled by a **scanty** white fur. There was a heavy odour in the room--the flowers.

We crossed ourselves and came away. In the little room downstairs we found Eliza seated in his arm-chair in state. I groped my way towards my usual chair in the corner while Nannie went to the sideboard and brought out a **decanter** of sherry and some wine-glasses. She set these on the table and invited us to take a little glass of wine. Then, at her sister's bidding, she filled out the sherry into the glasses and passed them to us. She pressed me to take some cream crackers also but I declined because I thought I would make too much noise eating them. She seemed to be somewhat disappointed at my refusal and went over quietly to the sofa where she sat down behind her sister. No one spoke: we all gazed at the empty fireplace.

My aunt waited until Eliza sighed and then said:

"Ah, well, he's gone to a better world."

Eliza sighed again and bowed her head in assent. My aunt fingered the stem of her wine-glass before sipping a little.

"Did he... peacefully?" she asked.

"Oh, quite peacefully, ma'am," said Eliza. "You couldn't tell when the breath went out of him. He had a beautiful death, God be praised."

Thesaurus

cavernous: (*adj*) profound, concave, echoing, resonant, sepulchral, yawning, huge, deep, depressed, sunken, vast. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cramped, claustrophobic, convex, crowded, shallow, small, tiny, confined, narrow.

chalice: (*n*) grail, goblet, bowl, glass, trophy, calyx, jar, tumbler, rummer, basin, flask.

decanter: (*n*) carafe, jar, flask, jug, flagon, amphora, cag, drum, firkin,

cask, butt.

dusky: (*adj*) dark, cloudy, gloomy, black, swarthy, dull, murky, obscure, dingy, sooty, somber. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) light, bright, sunny, radiant, clear.

nostrils: (*n*) naris, nose.

scanty: (*adj*) insufficient, few, inadequate, bare, deficient, poor, narrow, scant, light; (*adj, v*) spare, lean. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) generous, abundant, ample, strong.

suffused: (*adj*) distributed, covered, full.

tiptoe: (*v*) tip, tippytoe, creep, patter, skirt, skip, tilt, sidle, lean; (*adj*) alert; (*n*) quieter. ANTONYM: (*v*) clump.

trodden: (*adj*) trampled, damaged, beaten, compressed, packed down. ANTONYM: (*adj*) loose.

truculent: (*adj*) fierce, savage, gruff, aggressive, fell, belligerent, boorish, ferocious, tameless, frightening, rude. ANTONYM: (*adj*) peaceable.

"And everything...?"

"Father O'Rourke was in with him a Tuesday and **anointed** him and prepared him and all."

"He knew then?"

"He was quite **resigned**."

"He looks quite resigned," said my aunt.

"That's what the woman we had in to wash him said. She said he just looked as if he was asleep, he looked that **peaceful** and resigned. No one would think he'd make such a beautiful corpse."

"Yes, indeed," said my aunt.

She sipped a little more from her glass and said:

"Well, Miss Flynn, at any rate it must be a great comfort for you to know that you did all you could for him. You were both very kind to him, I must say."

Eliza **smoothed** her dress over her knees.

"Ah, poor James!" she said. "God knows we done all we could, as poor as we are--we wouldn't see him want anything while he was in it."

Nannie had **leaned** her head against the sofa-pillow and seemed about to fall asleep.

"There's poor Nannie," said Eliza, looking at her, "she's wore out. All the work we had, she and me, getting in the woman to wash him and then **laying** him out and then the **coffin** and then **arranging** about the Mass in the chapel. Only for Father O'Rourke I **don't** know what we'd done at all. It was him brought us all them flowers and them two candlesticks out of the chapel and wrote out the notice for the Freeman's General and took charge of all the papers for the **cemetery** and poor James's insurance."

"Wasn't that good of him?" said my aunt

Eliza closed her eyes and shook her head slowly.

Thesaurus

anointed: (*adj*) hallowed, divine, greasy; (*v*) anoint.

arranging: (*n*) arrange, arrangements, disposition, composing, composition, order, position, set, orchestration, organization, agreement.

cemetery: (*n*) graveyard, tomb, burial ground, burying ground, churchyard, necropolis, burial site, resting place, site, burial place, grave.

coffin: (*n*) casket, sarcophagus, chest, cask, hearse, urn, carriage,

automobile, catafalque; (*v*) to drive a nail in one's coffin, bury.

don't: (*adv*) not; (*n*) taboo, prohibition.

laying: (*n*) egg laying, placing, parturition, place, repose, setting, put, position, lay, oyster park, oviposition.

leaned: (*v*) erudite, lettered; (*adj*) tilted, inclined, educated.

peaceful: (*adj*) peaceable, quiet, gentle, even, silent, meek, peace, staid, placid, tranquil, imperturbable.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) aggressive, tense, noisy, turbulent, disturbed, hostile, disruptive, bothered, warlike, unpeaceful, compulsory.

resigned: (*adj*) patient, acquiescent, yielding, pessimistic, abject, passive, forbearing, obedient; (*adj, v*) subdued; (*v*) bowed down, content. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) resentful, optimistic, intolerant.

smoothed: (*adj*) round, smoothened, curved. ANTONYM: (*adj*) sharp.

"Ah, there's no friends like the old friends," she said, "when all is said and done, no friends that a body can trust."

"Indeed, that's true," said my aunt. "And I'm sure now that he's gone to his eternal reward he won't forget you and all your kindness to him."

"Ah, poor James!" said Eliza. "He was no great trouble to us. You wouldn't hear him in the house any more than now. Still, I know he's gone and all to that..."

"It's when it's all over that you'll miss him," said my aunt.

"I know that," said Eliza. "I won't be bringing him in his cup of beef-tea any me, nor you, ma'am, sending him his snuff. Ah, poor James!"

She stopped, as if she were **communing** with the past and then said **shrewdly**:

"Mind you, I noticed there was something **queer** coming over him **latterly**. Whenever I'd bring in his soup to him there I'd find him with his **breviary** fallen to the floor, lying back in the chair and his mouth open."

She laid a finger against her nose and frowned: then she continued:

"But still and all he kept on saying that before the summer was over he'd go out for a drive one fine day just to see the old house again where we were all born down in Irishtown and take me and Nannie with him. If we could only get one of them new-fangled **carriages** that makes no noise that Father O'Rourke told him about, them with the **rheumatic wheels**, for the day cheap--he said, at Johnny Rush's over the way there and drive out the three of us together of a Sunday evening. He had his mind set on that... Poor James!"

"The Lord have mercy on his soul!" said my aunt.

Eliza took out her handkerchief and wiped her eyes with it. Then she put it back again in her pocket and gazed into the empty grate for some time without speaking.

"He was too **scrupulous** always," she said. "The duties of the **priesthood** was too much for him. And then his life was, you might say, crossed."

Thesaurus

breviary: (*n*) epitome, portass, portuary, condensation, synopsis.

carriages: (*n*) carriage.

communing: (*n*) communion.

latterly: (*adv*) lately, lastly, late, subsequently, finally, of late, newly, ultimately, secondly, freshly, afterward. ANTONYM: (*adv*) initially.

priesthood: (*n*) ministry, apostleship, clericals, profession, the desk, the cloth, church government, clerical,

community, hierarch, presbytery.

queer: (*adj*) fantastic, odd, eccentric, funny, curious, gay, peculiar, strange, quaint, fishy, outlandish. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conventional, normal, well.

rheumatic: (*adj*) rheumatoid, creaky, arthrodynic, creaking, decrepit, palsied, stiff; (*n*) sufferer, rheumatism, diseased person.

scrupulous: (*adj*) careful, punctilious, exact, conscientious, particular,

painstaking, accurate, prudent, meticulous, rigorous, cautious.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sloppy, unscrupulous, slapdash, relaxed, guilty, deceitful.

shrewdly: (*adv*) sagaciously, smartly, brightly, sharply, craftily, cunningly, perceptively, cleverly, artfully, cannily, wisely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) foolishly, innocently, ineptly, naively.

wheels: (*n*) vehicle, truck, car, brush, force.

"Yes," said my aunt. "He was a disappointed man. You could see that."

A silence took possession of the little room and, under cover of it, I approached the table and tasted my **sherry** and then returned quietly to my chair in the **comer**. Eliza seemed to have fallen into a deep **revery**. We waited **respectfully** for her to break the silence: and after a long pause she said slowly:

"It was that chalice he broke... That was the beginning of it. Of course, they say it was all right, that it contained nothing, I mean. But still... They say it was the boy's fault. But poor James was so nervous, God be **merciful** to him!"

"And was that it?" said my aunt. "I heard something..."

Eliza nodded.

"That affected his mind," she said. "After that he began to **mope** by himself, talking to no one and wandering about by himself. So one night he was wanted for to go on a call and they couldn't find him anywhere. They looked high up and low down; and still they couldn't see a sight of him anywhere. So then the clerk suggested to try the chapel. So then they got the keys and opened the chapel and the clerk and Father O'Rourke and another priest that was there brought in a light for to look for him... And what do you think but there he was, sitting up by himself in the dark in his confession-box, wide- awake and laughing-like softly to himself?"

She stopped suddenly as if to listen. I too listened; but there was no sound in the house: and I knew that the old priest was lying still in his coffin as we had seen him, solemn and truculent in death, an idle chalice on his **breast**.

Eliza resumed:

"Wide-awake and laughing-like to himself... So then, of course, when they saw that, that made them think that there was something gone wrong with him..."

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breast: (*n*) boob, udder, tit, titty, chest, knocker, mammilla, bust, pap, heart; (*n, v*) front.

comer: (*n*) newcomer, arriver, traveler, traveller, contender, competitor, competition, visitor, whiz kid, Young Turk; (*adj*) fresh.

merciful: (*adj*) humane, gracious, lenient, compassionate, kind, clement, benign, kindly, gentle, beneficent, forgiving. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pitiless, merciless, unforgiving,

spiteful, harsh, impatient, severe, hardhearted.

mope: (*v*) sulk, fret, moon around, moon about, moon, despond, amble, saunter; (*n*) dillydallier, dallier, lounge. ANTONYMS: (*v*) grin, smile, delight.

respectfully: (*adv*) reverentially, reverently, politely, courteously, civilly, attentively, graciously, submissively, obsequiously, admiringly, regardfully.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) impudently, contemptuously, disdainfully, rudely, insolently, audaciously, sneeringly, nastily, irreverently, disobediently, arrogantly.

revery: (*n*) dream, daydream, castle in Spain, air castle, castle in the air, imagine, dreaming; (*v*) low spirits, melancholy, ill humor, despondency.

sherry: (*v*) rye, schnapps, highball, peg, rum, whisky, xeres, sling, usquebaugh; (*n*) sherris, manzanilla.

AN ENCOUNTER

IT WAS Joe Dillon who introduced the Wild West to us. He had a little library made up of old numbers of *The Union Jack*, *Pluck* and *The Halfpenny Marvel*. Every evening after school we met in his back garden and arranged Indian battles. He and his fat young brother Leo, the **idler**, held the loft of the stable while we tried to carry it by storm; or we fought a pitched battle on the grass. But, however well we fought, we never won siege or battle and all our bouts ended with Joe Dillon's war dance of victory. His parents went to eight-**o'clock** mass every morning in Gardiner Street and the peaceful odour of Mrs. Dillon was prevalent in the hall of the house. But he played too fiercely for us who were younger and more timid. He looked like some kind of an Indian when he capered round the garden, an old tea-cosy on his head, beating a tin with his fist and yelling:

"Ya! yaka, yaka, yaka!"

Everyone was **incredulous** when it was **reported** that he had a vocation for the priesthood. Nevertheless it was true.

A spirit of **unruliness** **diffused** itself among us and, under its influence, differences of culture and constitution were waived. We **banded** ourselves together, some boldly, some in **jest** and some almost in fear: and of the number of these latter, the reluctant Indians who were afraid to seem **studious** or lacking in **robustness**, I was one. The adventures related in the literature of the Wild

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banded: (*adj*) connected, striped, agouti, with stripes, stripy, belted.
diffused: (*adj*) spread, dispersed, dim, distributed, softened.
idler: (*n*) lazybones, laggard, bum, loafer, loiterer, loon, shirker, layabout, lounging, vagabond; (*v*) dawdle.
incredulous: (*adj*) dubious, doubtful, suspicious, unbelieving, faithless, skeptical, doubting, lacking faith, questioning, cynical, mistrustful.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) convinced.
jest: (*n*) gag, gibe, quip, game; (*n, v*) jape; (*v*) banter, jeer, deride, gird, sneer, clown.
o'clock: (*n*) period, hours.
reported: (*adj*) narrative, reputed.
robustness: (*n*) hardiness, health, lustiness, fitness, toughness, vigor, sturdiness, brawniness, stamina, power, hardness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) frailty, weakness, illness, flimsiness.
studious: (*adj*) scholarly, bookish,

academic, assiduous, erudite, diligent, learned, careful, deliberate; (*adj, v*) thoughtful, reflective.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) negligent.
unruliness: (*n*) contrariness, perversity, perverseness, disarray, disobedience, disorder, fractiousness, commotion, boisterousness, turbulence, anarchy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) obedience, order, restraint, loyalty, quietness, caution, orderliness.

West were remote from my nature but, at least, they opened doors of escape. I liked better some American detective **stories** which were traversed from time to time by **unkempt** fierce and beautiful girls. Though there was nothing wrong in these stories and though their intention was sometimes literary they were circulated secretly at school. One day when Father Butler was hearing the four pages of Roman History clumsy Leo Dillon was discovered with a copy of *The Halfpenny Marvel*.

"This page or this page? This page Now, Dillon, up! '*Hardly had the day*'... Go on! What day? '*Hardly had the day dawned*'... Have you studied it? What have you there in your pocket?"

Everyone's heart palpitated as Leo Dillon handed up the paper and everyone assumed an innocent face. Father Butler turned over the pages, frowning.

"What is this rubbish?" he said. "*The Apache Chief!* Is this what you read instead of studying your Roman History? Let me not find any more of this wretched stuff in this college. The man who wrote it, I suppose, was some wretched fellow who writes these things for a drink. I'm surprised at boys like you, educated, reading such stuff. I could understand it if you were... National School boys. Now, Dillon, I advise you strongly, get at your work or..."

This **rebuke** during the sober hours of school paled much of the glory of the Wild West for me and the confused **puffy** face of Leo Dillon **awakened** one of my consciences. But when the **restraining** influence of the school was at a distance I began to hunger again for wild sensations, for the escape which those **chronicles** of disorder alone seemed to offer me. The mimic warfare of the evening became at last as **wearisome** to me as the routine of school in the morning because I wanted real adventures to happen to myself. But real adventures, I reflected, do not happen to people who remain at home: they must be sought abroad.

The summer holidays were near at hand when I made up my mind to break out of the **weariness** of schoollife for one day at least. With Leo Dillon and a boy named Mahony I planned a day's miching. Each of us saved up sixpence. We were to meet at ten in the morning on the Canal Bridge. Mahony's big sister was

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awakened: (*adj*) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested.

chronicles: (*n*) archives, history, archive, records.

puffy: (*adj*) pompous, swollen, bloated, inflated, bombastic, tumid, puffed, distended, orotund, puff; (*v*) obese.

rebuke: (*n, v*) reprimand, rebuff, reproach, chide, blame, reproof, lecture, check; (*v*) castigate, berate; (*n*) admonition. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*)

praise, compliment; (*v*) commend, acknowledge, approve; (*n*) approval.

restraining: (*adj*) binding, astringent, warning, abstemious, continuous, moderate, not interrupted, obligatory, opposing; (*n*) arrest, penning.

stories: (*n*) tale.

unkempt: (*adj*) shaggy, scruffy, grubby, ragged, messy, slovenly, sloppy, tousled, disheveled, dirty, dilapidated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy,

smart, elegant, kempt, trim, sleek, fresh.

weariness: (*n*) exhaustion, tiredness, lassitude, languor, asthenopia, defatigation, grogginess, listlessness, boredom, ennui, prostration.

wearisome: (*adj, v*) tiresome, irksome, troublesome; (*adj*) tedious, dull, monotonous, boring, laborious, trying, slow, annoying. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) satisfying, soothing, exciting, refreshing, easy.

to write an excuse for him and Leo Dillon was to tell his brother to say he was sick. We arranged to go along the Wharf Road until we came to the ships, then to cross in the **ferryboat** and walk out to see the Pigeon House. Leo Dillon was afraid we might meet Father Butler or someone out of the college; but Mahony asked, very sensibly, what would Father Butler be doing out at the Pigeon House. We were reassured: and I brought the first stage of the plot to an end by collecting **sixpence** from the other two, at the same time showing them my own sixpence. When we were making the last arrangements on the eve we were all vaguely excited. We shook hands, laughing, and Mahony said:

"Till tomorrow, mates!"

That night I slept badly. In the morning I was firstcomer to the bridge as I lived nearest. I hid my books in the long grass near the ashpit at the end of the garden where nobody ever came and hurried along the canal bank. It was a mild sunny morning in the first week of June. I sat up on the coping of the bridge admiring my frail canvas shoes which I had **diligently** pipeplayed overnight and watching the **docile** horses pulling a tramload of business people up the hill. All the **branches** of the tall trees which lined the mall were gay with little light green leaves and the sunlight **slanted** through them on to the water. The granite stone of the bridge was beginning to be warm and I began to pat it with my hands in time to an air in my head. I was very happy.

When I had been sitting there for five or ten minutes I saw Mahony's grey suit approaching. He came up the hill, smiling, and clambered up beside me on the bridge. While we were waiting he brought out the **catapult** which **bulged** from his inner pocket and explained some improvements which he had made in it. I asked him why he had brought it and he told me he had brought it to have some gas with the birds. Mahony used **slang** freely, and spoke of Father Butler as Old Bunsner. We waited on for a quarter of an hour more but still there was no sign of Leo Dillon. Mahony, at last, jumped down and said:

"Come along. I knew Fatty'd **funk** it."

"And his sixpence...?" I said.

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branches: (*n*) branch, brushwood.

bulged: (*adj*) bulgy, convex.

catapult: (*n, v*) sling; (*n*) launcher, slingshot, balister, bow, ordnance, plaything; (*v*) shoot, fling, launch, propel.

diligently: (*adv*) busily, assiduously, sedulously, attentively, industriously, earnestly, actively, laboriously, tirelessly, carefully, studiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) wearily, hastily.

docile: (*adj*) dutiful, compliant, meek, submissive, tame, teachable, humble, obedient, acquiescent, conformable; (*adj, v*) tractable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stubborn, assertive, unruly, willful, defiant, vicious, determined, uncooperative, obstinate, disobedient, intractable.

ferryboat: (*n*) wherry, commuter boat, ship.

funk: (*n*) coward, horror, fear, dread, depression; (*v*) cringe, flinch, cower,

quail, recoil, shrink.

sixpence: (*n*) bender, coin, teston, testern.

slang: (*n*) lingo, cant, vernacular, argot, dialect, patois, language; (*v*) put one over, put one across, put on, dupe.

slanted: (*adj*) slanting, diagonal, lopsided, tilted, sloped, sloping, oblique, skewed, aslant, askew, aslope. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, balanced, impartial, level, upright.

"That's forfeit," said Mahony. "And so much the better for us--a bob and a tanner instead of a bob."

We walked along the North Strand Road till we came to the Vitriol Works and then turned to the right along the Wharf Road. Mahony began to play the Indian as soon as we were out of public sight. He chased a crowd of ragged girls, **brandishing** his unloaded catapult and, when two ragged boys began, out of chivalry, to fling stones at us, he proposed that we should charge them. I objected that the boys were too small and so we walked on, the ragged troop screaming after us: "*Swaddlers! Swaddlers!*" thinking that we were Protestants because Mahony, who was **dark-complexioned**, wore the silver badge of a cricket club in his cap. When we came to the Smoothing Iron we arranged a siege; but it was a failure because you must have at least three. We revenged ourselves on Leo Dillon by saying what a funk he was and guessing how many he would get at three o'clock from Mr. Ryan.

We came then near the river. We spent a long time walking about the noisy streets flanked by high stone walls, watching the working of cranes and engines and often being shouted at for our **immobility** by the drivers of **groaning** carts. It was noon when we reached the quays and as all the labourers seemed to be eating their lunches, we bought two big **currant** buns and sat down to eat them on some metal piping beside the river. We pleased ourselves with the spectacle of Dublin's commerce--the barges signalled from far away by their curls of woolly smoke, the brown fishing fleet beyond Ringsend, the big white sailing-vessel which was being discharged on the opposite quay. Mahony said it would be right **skit** to run away to sea on one of those big ships and even I, looking at the high masts, saw, or imagined, the geography which had been **scantily** dosed to me at school gradually taking substance under my eyes. School and home seemed to **recede** from us and their influences upon us seemed to wane.

We crossed the Liffey in the ferryboat, paying our toll to be transported in the company of two labourers and a little Jew with a bag. We were serious to the point of **solemnity**, but once during the short voyage our eyes met and we laughed. When we landed we watched the **discharging** of the graceful

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brandishing: (*n*) flourish.

currant: (*n*) currant bush, shrub, black currant, red currant, raisin, Corinth, dried currant, bush, grape, berry.

dark-complexioned: (*adj*) dark.

discharging: (*n*) unloading, discharge, fulfillment, acquittal; (*v*) unload.

groaning: (*adj*) moaning, groaningly, inarticulate.

immobility: (*adj, n*) fixity; (*n*) fixedness, stillness, stationariness, motionlessness, immovability,

immovableness; (*adj*) vitality, stiffness, stabiliment, solidity.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) bustle, movement.

recede: (*v*) decline, withdraw, retire, fall back, diminish, retreat, abate, give, draw back, decrease, lose.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) approach, gain, proceed, surge, stay, increase, appear, level.

scantily: (*adv*) sparingly, scarcely, poorly, sparsely, insufficiently, skimpily, meagerly, scantily,

slenderly, sparely; (*adj, adv*) thinly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) plentifully, profusely, fully.

skit: (*n*) parody, lampoon, burlesque, libel, personality, travesty, mockery, trollop, playacting, wench; (*v*) squib.

solemnity: (*n*) seriousness, sobriety, earnestness, formality, ceremony, impressiveness, austerity, sedateness, display, pomp, grandeur.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) humor, levity, cheerfulness, understatement.

threemaster which we had observed from the other quay. Some **bystander** said that she was a Norwegian vessel. I went to the stern and tried to **decipher** the legend upon it but, failing to do so, I came back and examined the foreign sailors to see had any of them green eyes for I had some confused notion... The sailors' eyes were blue and grey and even black. The only sailor whose eyes could have been called green was a tall man who amused the crowd on the quay by calling out cheerfully every time the planks fell:

"All right! All right!"

When we were tired of this sight we wandered slowly into Ringsend. The day had grown **sultry**, and in the windows of the grocers' shops musty biscuits lay **bleaching**. We bought some biscuits and chocolate which we ate **sedulously** as we wandered through the squalid streets where the families of the fishermen live. We could find no dairy and so we went into a huckster's shop and bought a bottle of raspberry lemonade each. **Refreshed** by this, Mahony chased a cat down a lane, but the cat escaped into a wide field. We both felt rather tired and when we reached the field we made at once for a sloping bank over the ridge of which we could see the Dodder.

It was too late and we were too tired to carry out our project of visiting the Pigeon House. We had to be home before four o'clock lest our adventure should be discovered. Mahony looked regretfully at his catapult and I had to suggest going home by train before he regained any cheerfulness. The sun went in behind some clouds and left us to our **jaded** thoughts and the crumbs of our provisions.

There was nobody but ourselves in the field. When we had lain on the bank for some time without speaking I saw a man approaching from the far end of the field. I watched him lazily as I chewed one of those green stems on which girls tell fortunes. He came along by the bank slowly. He walked with one hand upon his hip and in the other hand he held a stick with which he tapped the turf lightly. He was **shabbily** dressed in a suit of greenish-black and wore what we used to call a jerry hat with a high crown. He seemed to be fairly old for his moustache was ashen-grey. When he passed at our feet he glanced up at us

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bleaching: (*v*) to bleach, whiten; (*n*) fading, decolorization; (*adj*) acid.

bystander: (*n*) spectator, witness, eyewitness, observer, beholder, looker-on, viewer, watcher, passer by, outsider, looker.

decipher: (*v*) interpret, explain, solve, decode, translate, disentangle, resolve, construe, read, decrypt, discover. ANTONYMS: (*v*) encode, code, encipher, scramble, confuse.

jaded: (*adj*) tired, fatigued, worn,

weary, wearied, fed up, satiate, worn-out, bored, satiated, sick.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, innocent, brilliant.

refreshed: (*adj*) invigorated, rejuvenated, reinvigorated, new, novel, revived, impudent, energizing, overbold, energising, clean. ANTONYM: (*adj*) tired.

sedulously: (*adv*) industriously, assiduously, studiously, earnestly, attentively, intently, painstakingly,

perseveringly, laboriously, fixedly, eagerly.

shabbily: (*adv*) grubbily, abjectly, scruffily, raggedly, shoddily, meanly, threadbarely, tattily, sordidly, tackily; (*adj, adv*) paltrily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) brightly, respectfully, smartly.

sultry: (*adj*) hot, humid, muggy, oppressive, stifling, sticky, ardent, sensual, stuffy, sweltering, torrid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, cool, cold, temperate, dry.

quickly and then continued his way. We followed him with our eyes and saw that when he had gone on for perhaps fifty paces he turned about and began to **retrace** his steps. He walked towards us very slowly, always **tapping** the ground with his stick, so slowly that I thought he was looking for something in the grass.

He stopped when he came level with us and **bade** us good-day. We answered him and he sat down beside us on the slope slowly and with great care. He began to talk of the weather, saying that it would be a very hot summer and adding that the seasons had changed greatly since he was a boy--a long time ago. He said that the happiest time of one's life was undoubtedly one's **schoolboy** days and that he would give anything to be young again. While he expressed these **sentiments** which bored us a little we kept silent. Then he began to talk of school and of books. He asked us whether we had read the poetry of Thomas Moore or the works of Sir Walter Scott and Lord Lytton. I pretended that I had read every book he mentioned so that in the end he said:

"Ah, I can see you are a **bookworm** like myself. Now," he added, **pointing** to Mahony who was regarding us with open eyes, "he is different; he goes in for games."

He said he had all Sir Walter Scott's works and all Lord Lytton's works at home and never tired of reading them. "Of course," he said, "there were some of Lord Lytton's works which boys couldn't read." Mahony asked why couldn't boys read them--a question which **agitated** and **pained** me because I was afraid the man would think I was as stupid as Mahony. The man, however, only smiled. I saw that he had great gaps in his mouth between his yellow teeth. Then he asked us which of us had the most sweethearts. Mahony mentioned lightly that he had three totties. The man asked me how many I had. I answered that I had none. He did not believe me and said he was sure I must have one. I was silent.

"Tell us," said Mahony **pertly** to the man, "how many have you yourself?"

The man smiled as before and said that when he was our age he had lots of sweethearts.

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agitated: (*adj*) upset, excited, nervous, restive, tumultuous, distressed, tense, jumpy, overwrought, anxious, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, lethargic, tranquil, relaxed, assured, cool, still.
bade: (*v*) bid, command, bad.
bookworm: (*n*) reader, learner, booklover, pedant, scholastic, scholar, purist, pupil, pundit, person who reads; (*adj*) studious.
pained: (*adj*) offended, aggrieved,

distressed, displeased, sore, grieved, miserable, injured, wounded, worried, upset. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unaffected.

pertly: (*adv*) impudently, impertinently, freshly, rudely, perkily, smartly, brashly, immodestly, forwardly, briskly, sassily.

pointing: (*n*) punctuation, indication, scoring.

retrace: (*v*) recollect, recall, trace,

etymologize, recognize, construct, call up, bethink oneself, speculate; (*n, v*) reconsider; (*n*) flyback.

schoolboy: (*n*) lad, scholar, pupil, student, disciple, learner, schoolchild, youngun, younker, youth, school child.

sentiments: (*n*) breast.

tapping: (*n*) draining of the furnace, paracentesis, to tap, tick, tapotement, sound, patter, drainage, clapping, casting, restriking.

"Every boy," he said, "has a little sweetheart."

His attitude on this point struck me as strangely liberal in a man of his age. In my heart I thought that what he said about boys and sweethearts was reasonable. But I disliked the words in his mouth and I wondered why he shivered once or twice as if he feared something or felt a sudden **chill**. As he proceeded I noticed that his accent was good. He began to speak to us about girls, saying what nice soft hair they had and how soft their hands were and how all girls were not so good as they seemed to be if one only knew. There was nothing he liked, he said, so much as looking at a nice young girl, at her nice white hands and her beautiful soft hair. He gave me the impression that he was repeating something which he had learned by heart or that, **magnetised** by some words of his own speech, his mind was slowly **circling** round and round in the same orbit. At times he spoke as if he were simply alluding to some fact that everybody knew, and at times he lowered his voice and spoke **mysteriously** as if he were telling us something secret which he did not wish others to **overhear**. He repeated his phrases over and over again, varying them and surrounding them with his **monotonous** voice. I continued to gaze towards the foot of the slope, listening to him.

After a long while his **monologue** paused. He stood up slowly, saying that he had to leave us for a minute or so, a few minutes, and, without changing the direction of my gaze, I saw him walking slowly away from us towards the near end of the field. We remained silent when he had gone. After a silence of a few minutes I heard Mahony **exclaim**:

"I say! Look what he's doing!"

As I neither answered nor raised my eyes Mahony exclaimed again:

"I say... He's a queer old jossler!"

"In case he asks us for our names," I said "let you be Murphy and I'll be Smith."

We said nothing further to each other. I was still considering whether I would go away or not when the man came back and sat down beside us again. Hardly had he sat down when Mahony, catching sight of the cat which had escaped him,

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chill: (*adj, v*) cool; (*adj, n*) cold; (*adj*) bleak, icy, chilly, frosty, depressing; (*v*) freeze, dispirit, damp; (*n*) coolness. ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) warm; (*n*) warmth, warmness; (*v*) encourage, hearten, inspirit, thaw; (*adj*) hot, gregarious, friendly, sociable.
circling: (*v*) snaky, serpentine; (*adj*) rotating, spinning, circular, spiral, moving; (*n*) circulation, circuit, cycling; (*adv*) around.

exclaim: (*v*) call out, call, shout, cry out, ejaculate, clamor, outcry, scream, shout out, speak, vociferate.
magnetised: (*adj*) charismatic, attractable, magnetic. ANTONYM: (*adj*) antimagnetic.
monologue: (*n*) soliloquy, speech, words, apostrophe, discourse, language.
monotonous: (*adj*) dull, flat, boring, dreary, tedious, insipid, monotone, monotonic; (*adj, v*) dry, uninteresting,

stupid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) exciting, varied, stimulating, lively, exotic, enthralling, brilliant, flexible.
mysteriously: (*adv*) enigmatically, strangely, obscurely, secretly, uncannily, mystically, darkly, puzzlingly, weirdly, abstrusely, occultly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) normally.
overhear: (*v*) catch, eavesdrop, listen, overheard, understand, fold up, befool, fascinate, entrance, enchant, enamour.

sprang up and pursued her across the field. The man and I watched the chase. The cat escaped once more and Mahony began to throw stones at the wall she had escalated. Desisting from this, he began to wander about the far end of the field, aimlessly.

After an interval the man spoke to me. He said that my friend was a very rough boy and asked did he get **whipped** often at school. I was going to reply **indignantly** that we were not National School boys to be *whipped*, as he called it; but I remained silent. He began to speak on the subject of **chastising** boys. His mind, as if magnetised again by his speech, seemed to circle slowly round and round its new centre. He said that when boys were that kind they ought to be whipped and well whipped. When a boy was rough and **unruly** there was nothing would do him any good but a good sound **whipping**. A slap on the hand or a box on the ear was no good: what he wanted was to get a nice warm whipping. I was surprised at this sentiment and involuntarily glanced up at his face. As I did so I met the gaze of a pair of bottle-green eyes peering at me from under a **twitching** forehead. I turned my eyes away again.

The man continued his monologue. He seemed to have forgotten his recent liberalism. He said that if ever he found a boy talking to girls or having a girl for a **sweetheart** he would whip him and whip him; and that would teach him not to be talking to girls. And if a boy had a girl for a sweetheart and told lies about it then he would give him such a whipping as no boy ever got in this world. He said that there was nothing in this world he would like so well as that. He described to me how he would whip such a boy as if he were **unfolding** some elaborate mystery. He would love that, he said, better than anything in this world; and his voice, as he led me **monotonously** through the mystery, grew almost affectionate and seemed to plead with me that I should understand him.

I waited till his monologue paused again. Then I stood up abruptly. Lest I should betray my agitation I delayed a few moments pretending to fix my shoe properly and then, saying that I was obliged to go, I bade him good-day. I went up the slope calmly but my heart was beating quickly with fear that he would

Thesaurus

chastising: (*n*) disciplining, penalizing, imprisoning, fining.
indignantly: (*adv*) irately, angrily, wrathfully, enragedly, sorely, acrimoniously, cynically, sulkily, hotly, exasperatedly, furiously.
monotonously: (*adv*) uninterestingly, boringly, drearily, tiresomely, tediously, wearisomely, flatly, humdrumly, prosaically, tonelessly, routinely. ANTONYM: (*adv*) brightly.
sweetheart: (*n*) dear, girl, darling,

mistress, flame, beloved, boyfriend, love, steady; (*adj, n*) beau, admirer. ANTONYMS: (*n*) foe, enemy.
twitching: (*n*) tic, fibrillation, cramp, fasciculation, spasm, contraction, vellication, spasmodic tic.
unfolding: (*n*) development, growth, flowering, display, recitation, dawn, process, solution, disclosure; (*adj*) ongoing, duration.
unruly: (*adj*) boisterous, insubordinate, disobedient,

intractable, headstrong, uncontrollable, wayward, rambunctious, ungovernable, lawless, rebellious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) manageable, obedient, yielding, biddable, compliant, loyal, gentle, peaceful, placid, restrained.
whipped: (*v*) whipt.
whipping: (*n*) flagellation, beating, thrashing, licking, lashing, flogging, overcasting, debacle, slaughter, overlocking; (*adj*) snappy.

seize me by the ankles. When I reached the top of the slope I turned round and, without looking at him, called **loudly** across the field:

"Murphy!"

My voice had an accent of forced **bravery** in it and I was ashamed of my **paltry stratagem**. I had to call the name again before Mahony saw me and hallooed in answer. How my heart beat as he came running across the field to me! He ran as if to bring me aid. And I was **penitent**; for in my heart I had always **despised** him a little.

Thesaurus

bravery: (*n*) courage, fortitude, audacity, valor, boldness, mettle, nerve, manhood, valiancy, heart, heroism. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fear, anxiety, fearfulness, timidity.

despised: (*adj*) scorned, despicable, hated, abject, disparaged, mean, attaching disgrace, unpopular, unloved, reviled, opprobrious.

loudly: (*adv*) vociferously, noisily, loud, clamorously, showily, strongly, flamboyantly, obstreperously,

luridly, boisterously; (*adj, adv*) forte. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) softly, thinly, silently, piano, pleasantly.

paltry: (*adj, n*) mean; (*adj*) contemptible, measly, trifling, abject, insignificant, inconsiderable, puny, little, trivial, low. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) generous, substantial, plentiful, enormous, important, profound.

penitent: (*adj*) contrite, apologetic, sorry, remorseful, regretful, guilty, sorrowful, rueful, penitential; (*n*)

flagellant, religionist. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unrepentant, impenitent, unashamed, unremorseful.

seize: (*v*) catch, capture, grab, arrest, clutch, get, apprehend, receive, annex, clasp; (*n, v*) grapple.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) baulk, relinquish, restore, surrender, give, remove.

stratagem: (*n*) scheme, ruse, plan, trick, dodge, ploy; (*n, v*) contrivance, maneuver, deceit, intrigue; (*adj, n*) artifice.

ARABY

NORTH RICHMOND STREET being blind, was a quiet street except at the hour when the Christian Brothers' School set the boys free. An **uninhabited** house of two storeys stood at the blind end, detached from its neighbours in a square ground. The other houses of the street, conscious of decent lives within them, gazed at one another with brown **imperturbable** faces.

The former tenant of our house, a priest, had died in the back drawing-room. Air, **musty** from having been long enclosed, hung in all the rooms, and the waste room behind the kitchen was **littered** with old useless papers. Among these I found a few paper-covered books, the pages of which were curled and damp: *The Abbot*, by Walter Scott, *The Devout Communicant* and *The Memoirs of Vidocq*. I liked the last best because its leaves were yellow. The wild garden behind the house contained a central apple-tree and a few **straggling bushes** under one of which I found the late tenant's rusty bicycle-pump. He had been a very charitable priest; in his will he had left all his money to institutions and the furniture of his house to his sister.

When the short days of winter came dusk fell before we had well eaten our dinners. When we met in the street the houses had grown **sombre**. The space of sky above us was the colour of ever-changing **violet** and towards it the lamps of the street lifted their feeble lanterns. The cold air **stung** us and we played till our bodies glowed. Our **shouts** echoed in the silent street. The career of our play

Thesaurus

bushes: (*n*) underbrush, thicket, undergrowth, minor league.

imperturbable: (*adj*) dispassionate, impassive, composed, placid, unflappable, cool, quiet, peaceful, still, equable, steady. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) edgy, concerned, agitated, excited, nervous.

littered: (*adj*) untidy, under attack, beleaguered, beset, besieged, messy, plagued, topsy-turvy, tormented.

musty: (*adj*) fusty, rancid, stale,

mouldy, rank, bad, obsolete, antiquated, stuffy, threadbare, trite. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) airy, modern.

shouts: (*n*) cries.

sombre: (*adj*) dismal, dreary, dark, shadowy, mournful, morose, murky, gloomy, sober, dull, glum.

straggling: (*adj*) rambling, straggly, spread, few, trailing, untidy, vagabond, sprawly, sprawled.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) compact.

stung: (*adj*) sting, bit, annoyed, roiled,

irritated, nettled, peeved, pissed, riled, stings, thrust.

uninhabited: (*adj*) empty, desert, desolate, vacant, unoccupied, unpopulated, uninhabitable, lonely, untenanted, unsettled, waste.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inhabited, overcrowded, populous.

violet: (*adj, n*) mauve, lavender; (*adj*) empurpled, lilac, purplish; (*n*) viola, purpleness, indigo, sweet violet, reddish blue, pansy.

brought us through the dark muddy lanes behind the houses where we ran the **gauntlet** of the rough tribes from the cottages, to the back doors of the dark dripping gardens where odours arose from the ashpits, to the dark **odorous** stables where a **coachman** smoothed and combed the horse or shook music from the **buckled** harness. When we returned to the street light from the kitchen windows had filled the areas. If my uncle was seen turning the corner we hid in the shadow until we had seen him safely housed. Or if Mangan's sister came out on the doorstep to call her brother in to his tea we watched her from our shadow peer up and down the street. We waited to see whether she would remain or go in and, if she remained, we left our shadow and walked up to Mangan's steps **resignedly**. She was waiting for us, her figure defined by the light from the half-opened door. Her brother always teased her before he obeyed and I stood by the railings looking at her. Her dress swung as she moved her body and the soft rope of her hair tossed from side to side.

Every morning I lay on the floor in the front parlour watching her door. The blind was pulled down to within an inch of the **sash** so that I could not be seen. When she came out on the doorstep my heart leaped. I ran to the hall, seized my books and followed her. I kept her brown figure always in my eye and, when we came near the point at which our ways diverged, I **quicken**ed my pace and passed her. This happened morning after morning. I had never spoken to her, except for a few casual words, and yet her name was like a summons to all my foolish blood.

Her image accompanied me even in places the most hostile to romance. On Saturday evenings when my aunt went marketing I had to go to carry some of the parcels. We walked through the **flaring** streets, jostled by drunken men and bargaining women, amid the **curses** of labourers, the shrill litanies of shop-boys who stood on guard by the barrels of pigs' cheeks, the nasal **chanting** of street-singers, who sang a *come-all-you* about O'Donovan Rossa, or a **ballad** about the troubles in our native land. These noises converged in a single sensation of life for me: I imagined that I bore my chalice safely through a throng of foes. Her name sprang to my lips at moments in strange prayers and praises which I

Thesaurus

ballad: (*n*) song, folk song, carol, poem, ballade, recitative, solfeggio, pastoral, recitativo, ditty, bravura.
buckled: (*v*) wreathy, frizzly, crepe; (*adj*) warped, misshapen, malformed, distorted, askew, deformed.
chanting: (*n*) cantillation, vocalizing, sing, singing, intonation.
coachman: (*n*) teamster, cabman, charioteer, carter, carman, Jehu, postboy, drayman, wagoner, postilion; (*v*) whip.

curses: (*n*) abuse.
flaring: (*adj*) flared, flaming, burning, blazing, tawdry, ablaze, garish, fiery; (*v*) glaring; (*n*) flare; (*adv*) flaringly.
gauntlet: (*n*) mitt, sleeve, wristband, gantlet, mitten, gloves; (*v*) corner stone, armored vest, buffer, mask, call to arms.
odorous: (*adj*) fragrant, odoriferous, aromatic, balmy, scented, sweet, redolent, perfumed, odorant, malodorous, fragrance. ANTONYM:

(*adj*) smelly.
quickened: (*adj*) hasty, rapid, passionate, intoxicated.
resignedly: (*adv*) abjectly, submissively, patiently, subduedly, passively, uncomplainingly, despairingly, yieldingly, tolerantly, unhelpfully.
sash: (*n*) girdle, cincture, band, cummerbund, baldric, framing, waistband, framework, frame, fillet, fascia.

myself did not understand. My eyes were often full of tears (I could not tell why) and at times a flood from my heart seemed to pour itself out into my bosom. I thought little of the future. I did not know whether I would ever speak to her or not or, if I spoke to her, how I could tell her of my confused **adoration**. But my body was like a harp and her words and gestures were like fingers running upon the wires.

One evening I went into the back drawing-room in which the priest had died. It was a dark rainy evening and there was no sound in the house. Through one of the broken **panes** I heard the rain **impinge** upon the earth, the fine **incessant** needles of water playing in the sodden beds. Some distant lamp or lighted window gleamed below me. I was thankful that I could see so little. All my senses seemed to desire to veil themselves and, feeling that I was about to slip from them, I pressed the palms of my hands together until they trembled, **murmuring**: "*O love! O love!*" many times.

At last she spoke to me. When she addressed the first words to me I was so confused that I did not know what to answer. She asked me was I going to Araby. I forgot whether I answered yes or no. It would be a splendid **bazaar**, she said she would love to go.

"And why can't you?" I asked.

While she spoke she turned a silver bracelet round and round her wrist. She could not go, she said, because there would be a retreat that week in her convent. Her brother and two other boys were fighting for their caps and I was alone at the **railings**. She held one of the spikes, bowing her head towards me. The light from the lamp opposite our door caught the white curve of her neck, lit up her hair that rested there and, falling, lit up the hand upon the railing. It fell over one side of her dress and caught the white border of a **petticoat**, just visible as she stood at ease.

"It's well for you," she said.

"If I go," I said, "I will bring you something."

Thesaurus

adoration: (*n*) admiration, adulation, cult, appreciation, reverence, glorification, idolization, homage, praise; (*adj, n*) devotion, passion.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) hatred, detestation, despising, disparagement, revulsion, repulsion, disgust, disdain.
bazaar: (*n*) fair, market, exchange, bazar, emporium, marketplace, store, guildhall, change, carnival, bourse.
impinge: (*v*) entrench, bump, clash, collide, impact, to strike, trench,

intrude, infringe, hit, contravene.
incessant: (*adj*) endless, continual, everlasting, eternal, constant, continuous, perpetual, unremitting, interminable, persistent; (*adj, v*) frequent. **ANTONYMS**: (*adj*) intermittent, occasional, sporadic, broken, finite.
murmuring: (*n*) murmuration, murmur, complaint, grumble, muttering, mutter, murmur vowel; (*adj*) whispering, humming, droning,

murmurous.
panes: (*n*) Fauni.
petticoat: (*adj, n*) female; (*n*) underskirt, skirt, she, woman, her, crinoline, wife, undergarment, apron; (*adj*) petty.
railing: (*n*) balustrade, rail, barrier, guardrail, banister, fence, pale, paling, breastwork, handrail; (*adj, n*) invective.
railings: (*n*) railing, fencing, paling, inclosure, lattice, enclosure.

What innumerable follies laid waste my waking and sleeping thoughts after that evening! I wished to **annihilate** the tedious intervening days. I **chafed** against the work of school. At night in my bedroom and by day in the classroom her image came between me and the page I **strove** to read. The syllables of the word Araby were called to me through the silence in which my soul luxuriated and cast an Eastern enchantment over me. I asked for leave to go to the bazaar on Saturday night. My aunt was surprised and hoped it was not some Freemason affair. I answered few questions in class. I watched my **master's** face pass from **amiability** to **sternness**; he hoped I was not beginning to idle. I could not call my wandering thoughts together. I had hardly any patience with the serious work of life which, now that it stood between me and my desire, seemed to me child's play, ugly monotonous child's play.

On Saturday morning I reminded my uncle that I wished to go to the bazaar in the evening. He was fussing at the **hallstand**, looking for the hat-brush, and answered me curtly:

"Yes, boy, I know."

As he was in the hall I could not go into the front parlour and lie at the window. I left the house in bad humour and walked slowly towards the school. The air was **pitilessly** raw and already my heart misgave me.

When I came home to dinner my uncle had not yet been home. Still it was early. I sat staring at the clock for some time and, when its ticking began to irritate me, I left the room. I mounted the staircase and **gained** the upper part of the house. The high cold empty gloomy rooms liberated me and I went from room to room singing. From the front window I saw my companions playing below in the street. Their cries reached me weakened and indistinct and, leaning my forehead against the cool glass, I looked over at the dark house where she lived. I may have stood there for an hour, seeing nothing but the brown-clad figure cast by my imagination, touched discreetly by the lamplight at the curved neck, at the hand upon the railings and at the border below the dress.

When I came downstairs again I found Mrs. Mercer sitting at the fire. She was an old **garrulous** woman, a pawnbroker's widow, who collected used stamps for

Thesaurus

amiability: (*n*) geniality, affableness, kindness, friendliness, courtesy, cordiality, amiableness, affability, kindness, joviality, hospitality. ANTONYMS: (*n*) unfriendliness, hostility, unkindness.
annihilate: (*v*) eradicate, exterminate, eliminate, wipe out, extinguish, destroy, quash, crush, demolish, quench, extirpate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) build, help, save, protect, surrender.
chafed: (*adj*) uncomfortable, sore,

painful, galled, angry; (*v*) fretted, agitated.
gained: (*adj*) extrinsic.
garrulous: (*adj*) talkative, chatty, gabby, verbose, wordy, conversational, glib, talky, windy, voluble, effusive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) taciturn, concise, reticent.
hallstand: (*n*) furniture.
master's: (*n*) postgraduate degree.
pitilessly: (*adv*) remorselessly, ruthlessly, unmercifully, unfeelingly,

heartlessly, harshly, cruelly, unsympathetically, brutally, relentlessly, unkindly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) mercifully, sensitively, sympathetically.
sternness: (*n*) harshness, rigor, strictness, austerity, rigour, asperity, inclemency, hardness, grimness, unpermissiveness, acrimony. ANTONYMS: (*n*) leniency, warmth, pleasantness, cheerfulness.
strove: (*v*) strive.

some pious purpose. I had to endure the gossip of the tea-table. The meal was prolonged beyond an hour and still my uncle did not come. Mrs. Mercer stood up to go: she was sorry she couldn't wait any longer, but it was after eight o'clock and she did not like to be out late as the night air was bad for her. When she had gone I began to walk up and down the room, clenching my fists. My aunt said:

"I'm afraid you may put off your bazaar for this night of Our Lord."

At nine o'clock I heard my uncle's **latchkey** in the halldoor. I heard him talking to himself and heard the hallstand rocking when it had received the weight of his overcoat. I could interpret these signs. When he was midway through his dinner I asked him to give me the money to go to the bazaar. He had forgotten.

"The people are in bed and after their first sleep now," he said.

I did not smile. My aunt said to him **energetically**:

"Can't you give him the money and let him go? You've kept him late enough as it is."

My uncle said he was very sorry he had forgotten. He said he believed in the old saying: "*All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.*" He asked me where I was going and, when I had told him a second time he asked me did I know *The Arab's Farewell to his Steed*. When I left the kitchen he was about to **recite** the opening lines of the piece to my aunt.

I held a **florin** tightly in my hand as I strode down Buckingham Street towards the station. The sight of the streets **thronged** with buyers and glaring with gas recalled to me the purpose of my journey. I took my seat in a third-class carriage of a deserted train. After an intolerable delay the train moved out of the station slowly. It crept onward among **ruinous** house and over the **twinkling** river. At Westland Row Station a crowd of people pressed to the carriage doors; but the porters moved them back, saying that it was a special train for the bazaar. I remained alone in the bare carriage. In a few minutes the train drew up beside an **improvised** wooden platform. I passed out on to the road and saw by the

Thesaurus

energetically: (*adv*) vigorously, strongly, actively, briskly, lustily, forcefully, lively, forcibly, powerfully, spiritedly, strenuously.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) idly, quietly, lifelessly, resignedly, indifferently, feebly, wearily, languorously, lazily, sluggishly, passively.
florin: (*n*) guilder, Dutch florin.
improvised: (*adj, adv*) off the cuff, informal, unplanned; (*adj*) extemporaneous, improvisatory,

offhand, makeshift, spontaneous, unrehearsed, temporary, extemporized. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) prepared, permanent.
latchkey: (*n*) house key, master key, passkey.
recite: (*v*) relate, enumerate, describe, narrate, recount, repeat, say, rehearse, detail, lecture; (*n, v*) declaim.
ruinous: (*adj*) harmful, baleful, disastrous, calamitous, injurious,

deleterious, dilapidated, blasting, baneful, pernicious; (*adj, n*) subversive. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) beneficial, fortunate, harmless.
thronged: (*adj*) throng, busy, populous, brisk, teeming, swarming, sprightly, sensitive, replete, overflowing; (*n*) persistent.
twinkling: (*n*) moment, jiffy, minute, second, flash, trice, twinkle, wink, split second, breath; (*adj*) sparkling. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) dull.

lighted **dial** of a clock that it was ten minutes to ten. In front of me was a large building which displayed the magical name.

I could not find any **sixpenny** entrance and, fearing that the bazaar would be closed, I passed in quickly through a **turnstile**, handing a **shilling** to a weary-looking man. I found myself in a big hall girdled at half its height by a gallery. Nearly all the stalls were closed and the greater part of the hall was in darkness. I recognised a silence like that which pervades a church after a service. I **walked** into the centre of the bazaar **timidly**. A few people were gathered about the stalls which were still open. Before a curtain, over which the words *Café Chantant* were written in coloured lamps, two men were counting money on a **salver**. I listened to the fall of the coins.

Remembering with difficulty why I had come I went over to one of the stalls and examined **porcelain** vases and **flowered** tea-sets. At the door of the stall a young lady was talking and laughing with two young **gentlemen**. I remarked their English accents and listened vaguely to their conversation.

"O, I never said such a thing!"

"O, but you did!"

"O, but I didn't!"

"Didn't she say that?"

"Yes. I heard her."

"O, there's a... fib!"

Observing me the young lady came over and asked me did I wish to buy anything. The tone of her voice was not encouraging; she seemed to have spoken to me out of a sense of duty. I looked **humbly** at the great jars that stood like eastern guards at either side of the dark entrance to the stall and murmured:

"No, thank you."

The young lady changed the position of one of the vases and went back to the two young men. They began to talk of the same subject. Once or twice the young lady glanced at me over her shoulder.

Thesaurus

dial: (*n*) face, disc, control, selector, gnomon, pendulum, hourglass, clock, gauge; (*v*) telephone, operate.

flowered: (*adj*) flowering, flowery.

gentlemen: (*n*) sirs, messieurs.

humbly: (*adv*) lowly, meanly, modestly, submissively, low, shyly, lowly, naturally, regretfully, remorsefully, repentantly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) conceitedly, haughtily, pompously, ostentatiously, unrepentantly,

affluently, brashly, pretentiously.

porcelain: (*v*) ceramics, crockery, pottery, ceramic ware; (*n*) earthenware, magnetism, figurines, purslane, collectibles, bone China.

salver: (*n*) waiter, server, epergne, tazza, platter, plate, serving dish, patella, urn, attendant, patera.

shilling: (*n*) York shilling, Tanzanian shilling, British shilling, Kenyan shilling, Ugandan shilling, Somalian shilling, dock, cork, farthing, coin,

cheat.

sixpenny: (*adj*) cheap, priced, threepenny, tuppenny.

timidly: (*adv*) fearfully, timorously, cautiously, shyly, diffidently, anxiously, nervously, shily, gingerly, modestly, apprehensively.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) confidently, bravely, daringly, brashly, fearlessly, decisively, brazenly.

turnstile: (*n*) turnpike.

walked: (*adj*) exempt; (*v*) yode.

I lingered before her **stall**, though I knew my stay was **useless**, to make my interest in her **wares** seem the more real. Then I turned away slowly and walked down the middle of the bazaar. I allowed the two **pennies** to fall against the sixpence in my pocket. I **heard** a voice call from one end of the gallery that the light was out. The upper part of the hall was now completely dark.

Gazing up into the darkness I saw myself as a creature driven and derided by **vanity**; and my eyes **burned** with **anguish** and anger.

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anguish: (*n, v*) pain, ache; (*n*) torment, agony, torture, distress, misery, suffering, despair, grief, sorrow.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) pleasure, happiness, calm, euphoria, joyfulness, ecstasy, content, peace, hopefulness.
burned: (*adj*) baked, scorched, tempered, sore, hurt, heated, hardened, destroyed, bleak, parched, adust.
heard: (*n*) hearing.

pennies: (*n*) change.
stall: (*n*) bench, barn, compartment, stand, carrel, hut, stalling, cabin, kiosk; (*n, v*) delay; (*v*) procrastinate.
ANTONYM: (*v*) advance.
useless: (*adj*) pointless, unnecessary, needless, worthless, fruitless, hopeless, abortive, idle, barren, superfluous, unavailing.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) helpful, effective, competent, convenient, valuable, necessary, brilliant, great,

meaningful, usable, worthwhile.
vanity: (*n*) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceitedness, pretension, pomposity; (*adj, n*) amour propre.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness.
wares: (*n*) merchandise, goods, commodities, stock, product, commodity, freight, cargo, ware, refill, shipment.

EVELINE

SHE sat at the window watching the evening **invade** the avenue. Her head was leaned against the window curtains and in her nostrils was the **odour** of **dusty cretonne**. She was tired.

Few people passed. The man out of the last house passed on his way home; she heard his footsteps clacking along the concrete pavement and afterwards crunching on the **cinder** path before the new red houses. One time there used to be a field there in which they used to play every evening with other people's children. Then a man from Belfast bought the field and built houses in it—not like their little brown houses but bright brick houses with **shining** roofs. The children of the avenue used to play together in that field --the Devines, the Waters, the Dunns, little Keogh the **cripple**, she and her brothers and **sisters**. Ernest, however, never played: he was too grown up. Her father used often to hunt them in out of the field with his **blackthorn** stick; but usually little Keogh used to keep nix and call out when he saw her father coming. Still they seemed to have been rather happy then. Her father was not so bad then; and besides, her mother was alive. That was a long time ago; she and her brothers and sisters were all grown up her mother was dead. Tizzie Dunn was dead, too, and the Waters had gone back to England. Everything changes. Now she was going to go away like the others, to leave her home.

Thesaurus

blackthorn: (*n*) *Crataegus tomentosa*, *Prunus Spinososa*, bush, shrub, haw, hawthorn, Allegheny plum, Alleghany plum, pear haw, pear hawthorn.
cinder: (*n*) clinker, scoria, charcoal, scum, ashes, ember, dross, slag, chark, bastard.
cretonne: (*n*) fabric, material, textile, cloth.
cripple: (*adj, v*) maim, prostrate; (*v*) mutilate, enfeeble, injure,

incapacitate, weaken, becripple; (*n, v*) damage; (*n*) invalid; (*adj*) paralyze. ANTONYMS: (*v*) support, strengthen, invigorate, help, fortify, enable, aid.
dusty: (*adj*) dirty, sandy, mealy, dry, unclean, pulverulent, branny, uninteresting, vague, psammous; (*adj, v*) sooty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dusted, clean.
invade: (*v*) infringe, intrude, occupy, overrun, impinge, encroach upon,

raid, infest; (*n, v*) assail, attack, assault. ANTONYMS: (*v*) withdraw, surrender.
odour: (*n*) flavour, smell, odor, aroma, scent, bouquet, savour, nose, flavor, smack, redolence.
shining: (*adj, v*) brilliant; (*adj*) lustrous, radiant, glossy, luminous, glorious, glowing; (*adj, n*) lucid, resplendent, clear; (*v*) shine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, pale, blemished.
sisters: (*n*) sistren.

Home! She looked round the room, reviewing all its familiar objects which she had dusted once a week for so many years, **wondering** where on earth all the dust came from. Perhaps she would never see again those familiar objects from which she had never dreamed of being divided. And yet during all those years she had never found out the name of the priest whose **yellowing** photograph **hung** on the wall above the broken **harmonium** beside the coloured print of the promises made to Blessed Margaret Mary Alacoque. He had been a school friend of her father. Whenever he showed the photograph to a visitor her father used to pass it with a casual word:

"He is in Melbourne now."

She had consented to go away, to leave her home. Was that wise? She tried to **weigh** each side of the question. In her home anyway she had **shelter** and food; she had those whom she had known all her life about her. O course she had to work hard, both in the house and at business. What would they say of her in the Stores when they found out that she had run away with a fellow? Say she was a fool, perhaps; and her place would be filled up by **advertisement**. Miss Gavan would be glad. She had always had an edge on her, especially whenever there were people listening.

"Miss Hill, don't you see these ladies are waiting?"

"Look **lively**, Miss Hill, please."

She would not cry many tears at leaving the Stores.

But in her new home, in a distant unknown country, it would not be like that. Then she would be married--she, Eveline. People would treat her with respect then. She would not be treated as her mother had been. Even now, though she was over nineteen, she sometimes felt herself in danger of her father's violence. She knew it was that that had given her the palpitations. When they were growing up he had never gone for her like he used to go for Harry and Ernest, because she was a girl but latterly he had begun to **threaten** her and say what he would do to her only for her dead mother's sake. And no she had nobody to protect her. Ernest was dead and Harry, who was in the church decorating

Thesaurus

advertisement: (*n*) declaration, advert, bill, circular, proclamation, notice, advertising, ad, publication, placard, propaganda.

harmonium: (*n*) organ, electronic organ, reed organ, Hammond organ, electric organ, harmoniphon.

hung: (*n*) hanging; (*v*) Heng; (*adj*) fatigued, puzzled, decorated.

lively: (*adj, adv*) jolly, sprightly; (*adj, v*) active, cheerful; (*adj*) energetic, agile, keen, busy, gay, fresh, jovial.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lethargic, listless, inactive, unexciting, lifeless, awkward, sad, gentle, tired, insipid, subdued.

shelter: (*n, v*) guard, refuge, harbor, protect, shield; (*adj, n, v*) screen; (*n*) protection, asylum, sanctuary, security, hut. ANTONYMS: (*n*) danger, exposure; (*v*) endanger.

threaten: (*v*) intimidate, loom, bully, endanger, offer, imperil, jeopardize, peril, foreshadow, portend; (*n, v*)

threat. ANTONYMS: (*v*) guard, protect, relieve, save, alleviate, reassure, recede, strengthen.

weigh: (*v*) press, study, measure, matter, consider, count, deliberate, contemplate, assess; (*n, v*) balance, poise. ANTONYMS: (*v*) ignore, neglect.

wondering: (*adj*) inquisitive, speculative, suspicious.

yellowing: (*n*) discoloration, tint, staining, mark, stain, streak.

business, was nearly always down somewhere in the country. Besides, the **invariable squabble** for money on Saturday **nights** had begun to weary her **unspeakably**. She always gave her entire wages--seven shillings--and Harry always sent up what he could but the trouble was to get any money from her father. He said she used to **squander** the money, that she had no head, that he wasn't going to give her his hard-earned money to throw about the streets, and much more, for he was usually fairly bad on Saturday night. In the end he would give her the money and ask her had she any intention of buying Sunday's dinner. Then she had to rush out as quickly as she could and do her marketing, holding her black leather purse tightly in her hand as she elbowed her way through the crowds and returning home late under her load of provisions. She had hard work to keep the house together and to see that the two young children who had been left to her charge went to school regularly and got their meals regularly. It was hard work--a hard life--but now that she was about to leave it she did not find it a wholly undesirable life.

She was about to explore another life with Frank. Frank was very kind, manly, **open-hearted**. She was to go away with him by the night-boat to be his wife and to live with him in Buenos Ayres where he had a home waiting for her. How well she remembered the first time she had seen him; he was lodging in a house on the main road where she used to visit. It seemed a few weeks ago. He was standing at the gate, his peaked cap pushed back on his head and his hair **tumbled** forward over a face of bronze. Then they had come to know each other. He used to meet her outside the Stores every evening and see her home. He took her to see *The Bohemian Girl* and she felt **elated** as she sat in an unaccustomed part of the theatre with him. He was awfully fond of music and sang a little. People knew that they were **courting** and, when he sang about the lass that loves a sailor, she always felt pleasantly confused. He used to call her Poppens out of fun. First of all it had been an excitement for her to have a fellow and then she had begun to like him. He had tales of distant countries. He had started as a deck boy at a pound a month on a ship of the Allan Line going out to Canada. He told her the names of the ships he had been on and the names of the different services. He had sailed through the Straits of Magellan and he told her stories of

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courting: (*n*) wooing, courtship, bundling, appeal, attraction, case, causa, cause, flirtation, suit.
elated: (*adj*) joyful, delighted, jubilant, exultant, gleeful, happy, triumphant, overjoyed, proud, ecstatic; (*n*) buoyant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dejected, disappointed, sad, unhappy, miserable, down, depressed, despairing, blue, sorrowful, desolate.
invariable: (*adj*) fixed, consistent, even, immutable, steady,

unchanging, stable, uniform, set, undeviating, unchanged.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) changing, dynamic, erratic, irregular, varied.
nights: (*adj*) nightly; (*n*) night.
open-hearted: (*adj*) open, sincere, liberal.
squabble: (*n, v*) quarrel, brawl, row, bicker, feud, scrap, hassle, fuss, fight; (*n*) contention, spat. ANTONYM: (*n*) agreement.
squander: (*v*) fritter, dissipate,

exhaust, lavish, blow, expend; (*adj, v*) consume, spend, desolate; (*n*) prodigality, dissipation.
 ANTONYMS: (*v*) conserve, manage.
tumbled: (*adj*) disordered.
unspeakably: (*adv*) indescribably, horrifically, horrifyingly, staggeringly, inexcusably, unbearably, unkindly, unpleasantly, unutterably, offensively, horrendously. ANTONYM: (*adv*) pleasantly.

the terrible Patagonians. He had fallen on his feet in Buenos Ayres, he said, and had come over to the old country just for a holiday. Of course, her father had found out the affair and had forbidden her to have anything to say to him.

"I know these sailor chaps," he said.

One day he had quarrelled with Frank and after that she had to meet her lover secretly.

The evening **deepened** in the avenue. The white of two letters in her lap grew **indistinct**. One was to Harry; the other was to her father. Ernest had been her favourite but she liked Harry too. Her father was becoming old lately, she **noticed**; he would miss her. Sometimes he could be very nice. Not long before, when she had been laid up for a day, he had read her out a ghost story and made toast for her at the fire. Another day, when their mother was alive, they had all gone for a picnic to the Hill of Howth. She remembered her father putting on her mother's bonnet to make the children laugh.

Her time was running out but she continued to sit by the window, leaning her head against the window curtain, **inhaling** the odour of dusty cretonne. Down far in the avenue she could hear a street organ playing. She **knew** the air Strange that it should come that very night to remind her of the promise to her mother, her promise to keep the home together as long as she could. She remembered the last night of her mother's illness; she was again in the close dark room at the other side of the hall and outside she heard a **melancholy** air of Italy. The organ-player had been ordered to go away and given sixpence. She remembered her father **strutting** back into the **sickroom** saying:

"Damned Italians! coming over here!"

As she mused the **pitiful** vision of her mother's life laid its spell on the very quick of her being--that life of commonplace **sacrifices** closing in final **craziness**. She trembled as she heard again her mother's voice saying constantly with foolish insistence:

"Derevaun Seraun! Derevaun Seraun!"

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craziness: (*n*) foolishness, folly, insanity, lunacy, mania, idiocy, distraction, frenzy, derangement; (*adj, n*) madness; (*adj*) aberration.

deepened: (*adj*) concentrated, gathered.

indistinct: (*adj*) indefinite, inarticulate, faint, dull, fuzzy, indeterminate, hazy, neutral; (*adj, n*) confused, cloudy, dark. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clear, slight, separate, certain, precise, audible, strong, definite.

inhaling: (*adj*) inhale, breathing, inhalant.

knew: (*adj*) known; (*v*) recognize, wist.

melancholy: (*adj, v*) dreary; (*adj, n*) gloom, melancholic; (*adj*) depressed, dejected, dismal, gloomy, doleful; (*n, v*) low spirits; (*n*) gloominess, depression. ANTONYMS: (*n*) happiness, cheerfulness, hopefulness, optimism; (*adj*) happy, bright, cheery, satisfied.

noticed: (*adj*) noted.

pitiful: (*adj, n*) abject; (*adj*) pathetic, lamentable, piteous, contemptible, miserable, distressing, mean, wretched, poor, sad. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) generous, heartwarming, admirable, cheerful, fine, happy, impressive.

sacrifices: (*n*) holocaust.

sickroom: (*n*) infirmary, sick bay, sanitarium, room.

strutting: (*n*) boasting, stiffening, bracing; (*adj*) boastful.

She stood up in a sudden impulse of terror. Escape! She must escape! Frank would save her. He would give her life, perhaps love, too. But she wanted to live. Why should she be unhappy? She had a right to happiness. Frank would take her in his arms, fold her in his arms. He would save her.

She stood among the **swaying** crowd in the station at the North Wall. He held her hand and she knew that he was speaking to her, saying something about the passage over and over again. The station was full of soldiers with brown baggages. Through the wide doors of the sheds she caught a glimpse of the black mass of the boat, lying in beside the **quay** wall, with illumined portholes. She answered nothing. She felt her cheek pale and cold and, out of a maze of distress, she prayed to God to direct her, to show her what was her duty. The boat blew a long **mournful** whistle into the mist. If she went, tomorrow she would be on the sea with Frank, **steaming** towards Buenos Ayres. Their passage had been booked. Could she still draw back after all he had done for her? Her distress awoke a **nausea** in her body and she kept moving her lips in silent **fervent** prayer.

A bell clanged upon her heart. She felt him seize her hand:

"Come!"

All the seas of the world tumbled about her heart. He was drawing her into them: he would drown her. She gripped with both hands at the iron railing.

"Come!"

No! No! No! It was impossible. Her hands **clutched** the iron in **frenzy**. Amid the seas she sent a cry of anguish.

"Eveline! Evvy!"

He rushed beyond the barrier and called to her to follow. He was shouted at to go on but he still called to her. She set her white face to him, passive, like a helpless animal. Her eyes gave him no sign of love or farewell or recognition.

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clutched: (*adj*) tense, worried, anxious, neurotic.

fervent: (*adj*) ardent, eager, earnest, enthusiastic, intense, cordial, passionate, hot, emotional, torrid, strong. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) apathetic, unenthusiastic, cool, weak, unexcited, dispirited, dispassionate, flippant, impassive, lukewarm, mild.

frenzy: (*n*) fury, anger, insanity, mania, hysteria; (*adj, n*) distraction, aberration, alienation, phrensy,

derangement; (*n, v*) craze.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, calm, order.

mournful: (*adj*) sad, miserable, melancholy, funereal, dolorous, dark, pensive, gloomy, lugubrious, lamentable; (*adj, n*) plaintive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) joyful, happy, emotionless.

nausea: (*n*) sickness, queasiness, squeamishness, revulsion, repugnance, qualm, illness; (*v*)

loathing, aversion, dislike, distaste.

quay: (*n*) dock, jetty, pier, embankment, platform, port, berth, harbour, harbor, basin, waterfront. **steaming:** (*adj*) hot, sweltering, roasting, baking, hot under the collar, hazy, scorching; (*adv*) piping; (*n*) fumigation.

swaying: (*adj*) swinging, convincing, oscillating, influential, persuasive, moving, liltng, groggy; (*n*) floating, manipulation.

AFTER THE RACE

THE **cars came scudding** in towards Dublin, running evenly like **pellets** in the groove of the Naas Road. At the crest of the hill at Inchicore sightseers had gathered in clumps to watch the cars careering **homeward** and through this channel of poverty and **inaction** the Continent **sped** its wealth and industry. Now and again the clumps of people raised the cheer of the **gratefully oppressed**. Their sympathy, however, was for the blue cars--the cars of their friends, the French.

The French, moreover, were virtual victors. Their team had finished **solidly**; they had been placed second and third and the driver of the winning German car was reported a Belgian. Each blue car, therefore, received a double measure of welcome as it topped the crest of the hill and each cheer of welcome was acknowledged with smiles and nods by those in the car. In one of these **trimly** built cars was a party of four young men whose spirits seemed to be at present well above the level of successful Gallicism: in fact, these four young men were almost **hilarious**. They were Charles Ségouin, the owner of the car; Andre Rivière, a young **electrician** of Canadian birth; a huge Hungarian named Villona and a neatly groomed young man named Doyle. Ségouin was in good humour because he had unexpectedly received some orders in advance (he was about to start a motor establishment in Paris) and Rivière was in good humour because he was to be appointed manager of the establishment; these two young men (who

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came: (*v*) arrive, come.

cars: (*n*) train.

electrician: (*n*) lineman, gaffer.

gratefully: (*adv*) appreciatively, indebtedly, obligedly, gratifyingly, delightfully, beholdenly, pleasingly, pleasantly, welcomingly, goodly, deliciously.

hilarious: (*adj*) gay, convivial, humorous, funny, happy, jovial, blithe, merry, jaunty, festive, laughable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sad,

tragic.

homeward: (*adj*) oriented, orientated.

inaction: (*n*) idleness, inactivity, abeyance, apathy, standstill, dormancy, stagnancy, quiescence, quiescence, stagnation; (*adj*) latency. ANTONYM: (*n*) activity.

oppressed: (*adj*) laden, persecuted, broken, burdened, drawn, gloomy, aggrieved, downcast, heavy, ladened, loaded.

pellets: (*n*) grapeshot; (*v*) granulate.

scudding: (*n*) hastening, hurrying.

solidly: (*adv*) steadfastly, substantially, strongly, stably, steadily, stoutly, compactly, soundly, securely, sturdily, consistently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) feebly, unreliably, weakly, sparsely.

sped: (*v*) done for.

trimly: (*adv*) tidily, neatly, smartly, thinly, compactly, sprucely, efficiently, nicely, nattily, slenderly, snugly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) loosely.

were cousins) were also in good humour because of the success of the French cars. Villona was in good humour because he had had a very satisfactory **luncheon**; and besides he was an **optimist** by nature. The fourth member of the party, however, was too excited to be genuinely happy.

He was about twenty-six years of age, with a soft, light brown moustache and rather innocent-looking grey eyes. His father, who had begun life as an advanced Nationalist, had modified his views early. He had made his money as a butcher in Kingstown and by opening shops in Dublin and in the suburbs he had made his money many times over. He had also been fortunate enough to secure some of the police contracts and in the end he had become rich enough to be alluded to in the Dublin newspapers as a merchant prince. He had sent his son to England to be educated in a big Catholic college and had afterwards sent him to Dublin University to study law. Jimmy did not study very earnestly and took to bad courses for a while. He had money and he was popular; and he divided his time curiously between musical and **motoring** circles. Then he had been sent for a term to Cambridge to see a little life. His father, remonstrative, but **covertly** proud of the excess, had paid his bills and brought him home. It was at Cambridge that he had met Ségouin. They were not much more than **acquaintances** as yet but Jimmy found great pleasure in the society of one who had seen so much of the world and was **reputed** to own some of the biggest hotels in France. Such a person (as his father agreed) was well worth knowing, even if he had not been the charming companion he was. Villona was entertaining also—a brilliant pianist—but, unfortunately, very poor.

The car ran on **merrily** with its cargo of hilarious youth. The two cousins sat on the front seat; Jimmy and his Hungarian friend sat behind. Decidedly Villona was in excellent spirits; he kept up a deep bass hum of melody for miles of the road. The Frenchmen flung their laughter and light words over their shoulders and often Jimmy had to strain forward to catch the quick phrase. This was not altogether pleasant for him, as he had nearly always to make a **deft** guess at the meaning and shout back a suitable answer in the face of a high wind. Besides Villona's **humming** would confuse anybody; the noise of the car, too.

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acquaintances: (*n*) associates.

covertly: (*adv*) surreptitiously, furtively, privately, clandestinely, stealthily, privily, underhandedly, undercoverly, mysteriously, obscurely, quietly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) blatantly, overtly, publicly, brazenly.

deft: (*adj*) dexterous, cunning, neat, handy, expert, quick, apt, adept, able, artful, nimble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unskilled, bumbling, inept, awkward,

inelegant, rough.

humming: (*adj*) droning, zippy, reeking, bustling, grunting, stinking; (*n*) buzzing, vocalizing, sound, murmur, growling.

luncheon: (*n*) meal, tiffin, dejeuner, dinner, repast, party; (*v*) nunchion.

merrily: (*adv*) gaily, cheerfully, blithely, cheerily, gladly, gleefully, mirthfully, brightly, jovially, joyfully, gayly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sadly, anxiously, miserably, unhappily,

carefully, despondently.

motoring: (*n*) guidance.

optimist: (*n*) millenarian, optimistic, utopist, whitewasher, encomiast, enthusiast, intellectual, laudator, millenarist, utopian, utopianist. ANTONYM: (*n*) realist.

reputed: (*adj*) supposed, renowned, famous, conjectural, assumed, famed, eminent, prominent, alleged, well-known, distinguished. ANTONYM: (*adj*) known.

Rapid motion through space elates one; so does notoriety; so does the possession of money. These were three good reasons for Jimmy's excitement. He had been seen by many of his friends that day in the company of these Continentals. At the control Ségouin had presented him to one of the French competitors and, in answer to his confused murmur of compliment, the **swarthy** face of the driver had disclosed a line of shining white teeth. It was pleasant after that honour to return to the **profane** world of spectators amid nudges and significant looks. Then as to money—he really had a great sum under his control. Ségouin, perhaps, would not think it a great sum but Jimmy who, in spite of temporary errors, was at heart the **inheritor** of solid instincts knew well with what difficulty it had been got together. This knowledge had previously kept his bills within the limits of reasonable recklessness, and if he had been so conscious of the labour latent in money when there had been question merely of some freak of the higher intelligence, how much more so now when he was about to stake the greater part of his substance! It was a serious thing for him.

Of course, the investment was a good one and Ségouin had managed to give the impression that it was by a favour of friendship the mite of Irish money was to be included in the capital of the concern. Jimmy had a respect for his father's **shrewdness** in business matters and in this case it had been his father who had first suggested the investment; money to be made in the motor business, pots of money. Moreover Ségouin had the unmistakable air of wealth. Jimmy set out to translate into days' work that **lordly** car in which he sat. How smoothly it ran. In what style they had come careering along the country roads! The journey laid a magical finger on the genuine pulse of life and **gallantly** the machinery of human nerves strove to answer the bounding courses of the swift blue animal.

They drove down Dame Street. The street was busy with unusual traffic, loud with the horns of motorists and the gongs of impatient tram-drivers. Near the Bank Ségouin drew up and Jimmy and his friend alighted. A little knot of people collected on the footpath to pay homage to the **snorting** motor. The party was to dine together that evening in Ségouin's hotel and, meanwhile, Jimmy and his friend, who was staying with him, were to go home to dress. The car **steered** out

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gallantly: (*adv*) courageously, intrepidly, chivalrously, splendidly, valiantly, heroically, fearlessly, finely, doughtily, pluckily, courteously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unchivalrously, poorly, timidly.
inheritor: (*n*) beneficiary, heritor, heiress, successor, recipient, progeny, offspring, legatee, inheritress, inheritrix, heir presumptive.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) predecessor, ancestor.

lordly: (*adj, v*) dignified, proud, noble; (*adj*) haughty, grand, August, domineering, disdainful, arrogant, imperious, lofty. ANTONYM: (*adj*) humble.
profane: (*v*) desecrate, abuse, violate, defile, outrage, debauch; (*adj*) irreverent, impious, sacrilegious, unholy; (*adj, v*) foul. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) devout, sacred, moral, religious, reverent.
shrewdness: (*n*) craftiness,

perspicacity, astuteness, gumption, ingenuity, foxiness, craft, cunning, cleverness, sharpness, sagacity.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) stupidity, ingenuousness, ineptness.
snorting: (*n*) puffing, laughter, expiration, breathing out, exhalation.
steered: (*adj*) directed.
swarthy: (*adj*) dusky, black, swart, sable, somber, dun, tawny, coloured, colored, atramentous; (*n*) brunette.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fair, light.

slowly for Grafton Street while the two young men pushed their way through the knot of gazers. They walked northward with a curious feeling of disappointment in the exercise, while the city hung its pale globes of light above them in a haze of summer evening.

In Jimmy's house this dinner had been pronounced an occasion. A certain pride mingled with his parents' trepidation, a certain eagerness, also, to play fast and loose for the names of great foreign cities have at least this virtue. Jimmy, too, looked very well when he was dressed and, as he stood in the hall giving a last equation to the bows of his dress tie, his father may have felt even commercially satisfied at having secured for his son qualities often unpurchaseable. His father, therefore, was unusually friendly with Villona and his manner expressed a real respect for foreign **accomplishments**; but this subtlety of his host was probably lost upon the Hungarian, who was beginning to have a sharp desire for his dinner.

The dinner was excellent, exquisite. Ségouin, Jimmy decided, had a very refined taste. The party was increased by a young Englishman named Routh whom Jimmy had seen with Ségouin at Cambridge. The young men supped in a snug room lit by electric candle lamps. They talked **volubly** and with little reserve. Jimmy, whose imagination was **kindling**, conceived the lively youth of the Frenchmen **twined** elegantly upon the firm framework of the Englishman's manner. A graceful image of his, he thought, and a just one. He admired the **dexterity** with which their host directed the conversation. The five young men had various tastes and their tongues had been loosened. Villona, with immense respect, began to discover to the mildly surprised Englishman the beauties of the English **madrigal**, **deploring** the loss of old instruments. Rivière, not wholly **ingenuously**, undertook to explain to Jimmy the triumph of the French mechanicians. The resonant voice of the Hungarian was about to prevail in ridicule of the spurious lutes of the romantic **painters** when Ségouin shepherded his party into politics. Here was congenial ground for all. Jimmy, under generous influences, felt the buried zeal of his father wake to life within him: he aroused the **torpid** Routh at last. The room grew doubly hot and Ségouin's task grew

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accomplishments: (*n*) benefit, actions, background, Comings and Goings, deeds, events, happenings, activities.

deploring: (*n*) woe, grief; (*adj*) plaintive.

dexterity: (*n*) agility, cleverness, ability, aptitude, skill, deftness, expertise; (*adj, n*) art, cunning; (*n, v*) adroitness, address. ANTONYMS: (*n*) clumsiness, awkwardness, ineptitude, inability, uselessness, inexperience, ineptness, inaccuracy.

ingenuously: (*adv*) artlessly, sincerely, innocently, candidly, naively, frankly, outspokenly, plainly, naturally, unsophisticatedly, straightforwardly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) artfully, dishonestly, pretentiously.

kindling: (*n*) combustion, firing, ignition, lighting, tinder, fire, firewood, dismissal; (*v*) ignite, agitate, kindle.

madrigal: (*adv*) glee, descant, round,

part song; (*n*) partsong, roundelay, pastoral, ode, rondo, dithyramb; (*v*) sing.

painters: (*n*) painter.

torpid: (*adj*) inactive, sluggish, indolent, dull, slow, dormant, lazy, dead, lifeless, flat, supine.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) energetic, lively. **twined:** (*adj*) bent, coiled, contorted, distorted, misrepresented, perverted.

volubly: (*adv*) enthusiastically, vociferously, vocally, loudly.

harder each moment: there was even danger of personal spite. The alert host at an opportunity lifted his glass to Humanity and, when the toast had been drunk, he threw open a window significantly.

That night the city wore the mask of a capital. The five young men strolled along Stephen's Green in a faint cloud of aromatic smoke. They talked loudly and gaily and their cloaks dangled from their shoulders. The people made way for them. At the corner of Grafton Street a short fat man was putting two handsome ladies on a car in charge of another fat man. The car drove off and the short fat man caught sight of the party.

"Andre."

"It's Farley!"

A torrent of talk followed. Farley was an American. No one knew very well what the talk was about. Villona and Rivière were the noisiest, but all the men were excited. They got up on a car, squeezing themselves together amid much laughter. They drove by the crowd, **blended** now into soft colours, to a music of merry bells. They took the train at Westland Row and in a few seconds, as it seemed to Jimmy, they were walking out of Kingstown Station. The ticket-collector saluted Jimmy; he was an old man:

"Fine night, sir!"

It was a serene summer night; the harbour lay like a darkened mirror at their feet. They proceeded towards it with linked arms, singing *Cadet Roussel* in chorus, **stamping** their feet at every:

"Ho! Ho! Hohé, vraiment!"

They got into a **rowboat** at the slip and made out for the American's yacht. There was to be supper, music, cards. Villona said with conviction:

"It is delightful!"

There was a yacht piano in the cabin. Villona played a **waltz** for Farley and Rivière, Farley acting as **cavalier** and Rivière as lady. Then an **impromptu** square dance, the men **devising** original figures. What **merriment!** Jimmy took his part

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blended: (*adj*) mixed, miscellaneous, composite, assorted, alloyed, amalgamated, beaten, adulterate, conglomerate; (*n*) medley; (*v*) mingle.
cavalier: (*adj*) overbearing, arrogant, haughty, offhand, supercilious, domineering, bumptious, adventurous, flippant; (*n*) escort, equestrian. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) humble, conscientious, obliging, careful, polite, considerate.
devising: (*n*) cartography, devisal,

mapmaking, making; (*adj*) cartographical, original, cartographic.
harder: (*adj*) serious.
impromptu: (*adj, adv*) off the cuff, ad lib, offhand, ad libitum; (*adj*) extempore, extemporaneous, unprepared, improvised, extemporary, makeshift; (*adj, adv, v*) ad-lib. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) planned, rehearsed.
merriment: (*n*) fun, amusement, cheerfulness, hilarity, glee, jollity,

frolic, gaiety, happiness, festivity; (*adj, n*) mirth. ANTONYMS: (*n*) misery, gloom, seriousness, despondency, boredom.
rowboat: (*n*) rowing boat, dory, wherry.
stamping: (*n*) impression, blocking, coin, postage, stamping of rail.
waltz: (*n*) minuet, valse, tango, tap, polka, ballroom dance, music; (*v*) trip the light fantastic, zip, oscillate, waltz around.

with a will; this was seeing life, at least. Then Farley got out of breath and cried "Stop!" A man brought in a light supper, and the young men sat down to it for form's sake. They drank, however: it was Bohemian. They drank Ireland, England, France, Hungary, the United States of America. Jimmy made a speech, a long speech, Villona saying: "Hear! hear!" whenever there was a pause. There was a great **clapping** of hands when he sat down. It must have been a good speech. Farley clapped him on the back and laughed loudly. What **jovial** fellows! What good company they were!

Cards! cards! The table was cleared. Villona returned quietly to his piano and played voluntaries for them. The other men played game after game, **flinging** themselves boldly into the adventure. They drank the health of the Queen of Hearts and of the Queen of Diamonds. Jimmy felt **obscurely** the lack of an audience: the wit was flashing. Play ran very high and paper began to pass. Jimmy did not know exactly who was winning but he knew that he was losing. But it was his own fault for he frequently mistook his cards and the other men had to calculate his I.O.U.'s for him. They were **devils** of fellows but he wished they would stop: it was getting late. Someone gave the toast of the yacht *The Belle of Newport* and then someone proposed one great game for a finish.

The piano had stopped; Villona must have gone up on deck. It was a terrible game. They stopped just before the end of it to drink for luck. Jimmy understood that the game lay between Routh and Ségouin. What excitement! Jimmy was excited too; he would lose, of course. How much had he written away? The men rose to their feet to play the last tricks. Talking and **gesticulating**. Routh won. The cabin shook with the young men's **cheering** and the cards were **bundled** together. They began then to gather in what they had won. Farley and Jimmy were the heaviest **losers**.

He knew that he would regret in the morning but at present he was glad of the rest, glad of the dark **stupor** that would cover up his folly. He leaned his elbows on the table and rested his head between his hands, counting the **beats** of his **temples**. The cabin door opened and he saw the Hungarian standing in a shaft of grey light:

Thesaurus

beats: (*n*) beat, beatniks, Beat Generation.

bundled: (*adj*) wrapped.

cheering: (*adj, n*) encouraging, inspiring; (*adj*) comforting, hearty, exhilarating, heartening, amusing; (*n*) applause, acclaim, ovation, cheers. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disheartening, heartbreaking, discouraging, depressing, dejecting, disturbing.

clapping: (*n*) clap, acclaim, hand, clapping of hands, cheering,

handclap, ovation, slapping, plaudit, round, approval.

devils: (*n*) unclean spirits.

flinging: (*n*) casting, cast.

gesticulating: (*adj*) communicative.

jovial: (*adj, n*) gay; (*adj*) jolly, genial, glad, festive, joyful, gleeful, merry, jocund, cheerful, blithe.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) miserable, gloomy, frosty, serious, hostile.

losers: (*n*) scum.

obscurely: (*adv*) cloudily, darkly,

vaguely, secretly, hazily, abstrusely, foggily, mysteriously, indistinctly, occultly, unclearly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) clearly, comprehensibly, intelligibly.

stupor: (*n*) lethargy, stupefaction, coma, shock, insensibility, unconsciousness, trance, sluggishness, torpor, haze, grogginess. ANTONYMS: (*n*) alertness, awareness, wakefulness.

temples: (*n*) brow.

"Daybreak, gentlemen!"

TWO GALLANTS

THE grey warm evening of August had descended upon the city and a mild warm air, a memory of summer, circulated in the streets. The streets, shuttered for the repose of Sunday, swarmed with a gaily coloured crowd. Like illumined pearls the lamps shone from the summits of their tall poles upon the living texture below which, changing shape and hue **unceasingly**, sent up into the warm grey evening air an unchanging unceasing murmur.

Two young men came down the hill of Rutland Square. On of them was just bringing a long monologue to a close. The other, who walked on the verge of the path and was at times obliged to step on to the road, owing to his companion's **rudeness**, wore an amused listening face. He was squat and ruddy. A yachting cap was shoved far back from his forehead and the narrative to which he listened made constant waves of expression break forth over his face from the corners of his nose and eyes and mouth. Little jets of **wheezing** laughter followed one another out of his convulsed body. His eyes, twinkling with cunning enjoyment, glanced at every moment towards his companion's face. Once or twice he rearranged the light waterproof which he had slung over one shoulder in **toreador** fashion. His breeches, his white rubber shoes and his **jauntily** slung waterproof expressed youth. But his figure fell into **rotundity** at the waist, his hair was scant and grey and his face, when the waves of expression had passed over it, had a ravaged look.

Thesaurus

jauntily: (*adv*) cheerfully, airily, brightly, sprucely, smartly, merrily, dashingly, nattily, buoyantly, breezily, lightly.

rotundity: (*n*) corpulence, rondure, globularness, globosity, roundness, circularity, obesity, embonpoint, plumpness, fullness, corpulency.

rudeness: (*n*) disrespect, audacity, insolence, impudence, discourtesy, incivility, effrontery, bad manners, impoliteness, impropriety,

primitiveness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) civility, refinement, propriety, courteousness, courtesy, decency, respect, diplomacy, praise, thoughtfulness, gentleness.

toreador: (*n*) matador, banderillero, soul, somebody, person, individual, someone, human, mortal, picador.

unceasing: (*adj*) ceaseless, incessant, perpetual, continuous, constant, continual, everlasting, eternal, lasting, uninterrupted, endless.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) acute, intermittent, sporadic.

unceasingly: (*adv*) incessantly, endlessly, ceaselessly, continually, unremittingly, unendingly, constantly, always, perpetually, uninterruptedly, eternally.

ANTONYM: (*adv*) acutely.
wheezing: (*adj*) breathless, asthmatic, gasping, out of breath, panting, puffed, puffing, reedy, wheezy, winded.

When he was quite sure that the narrative had ended he laughed **noiselessly** for fully half a minute. Then he said:

"Well!... That takes the biscuit!"

His voice seemed winnowed of vigour; and to enforce his words he added with humour:

"That takes the solitary, unique, and, if I may so call it, *recherché* biscuit! "

He became serious and silent when he had said this. His tongue was tired for he had been talking all the afternoon in a public-house in Dorset Street. Most people considered Lenehan a **leech** but, in spite of this reputation, his **adroitness** and **eloquence** had always prevented his friends from forming any general policy against him. He had a brave manner of coming up to a party of them in a bar and of holding himself **nimbly** at the borders of the company until he was included in a round. He was a sporting **vagrant** armed with a vast stock of stories, limericks and riddles. He was insensitive to all kinds of **discourtesy**. No one knew how he achieved the stern task of living, but his name was vaguely associated with racing tissues.

"And where did you pick her up, Corley?" he asked.

Corley ran his tongue swiftly along his upper lip.

"One night, man," he said, "I was going along Dame Street and I spotted a fine tart under Waterhouse's clock and said good- night, you know. So we went for a walk round by the canal and she told me she was a **slavey** in a house in Baggot Street. I put my arm round her and squeezed her a bit that night. Then next Sunday, man, I met her by appointment. We went out to Donnybrook and I brought her into a field there. She told me she used to go with a dairyman... It was fine, man. Cigarettes every night she'd bring me and paying the tram out and back. And one night she brought me two bloody fine cigars--O, the real cheese, you know, that the old fellow used to smoke... I was afraid, man, she'd get in the family way. But she's up to the dodge."

"Maybe she thinks you'll marry her," said Lenehan.

Thesaurus

adroitness: (n) cleverness, ability, skill, deftness, facility, nimbleness, skillfulness, knack, finesse, art; (n, v) address. ANTONYMS: (n) uselessness, inaccuracy.
discourtesy: (n) indignity, rudeness, incivility, affront, contempt, contumely, insult, abruptness, brusqueness, impudence, bad manners. ANTONYMS: (n) politeness, civility.
eloquence: (n) style, fluency, oratory,

rhetoric, articulateness, expression, volubility, persuasiveness, articulacy, facundity, way with words. ANTONYM: (n) inarticulateness.
leech: (n) parasite, bloodsucker, physician, doctor, sponger, hirudinean, freeloader, sycophant, vampire; (v) bleed, phlebotomize.
nimbly: (adv) adroitly, alertly, lightly, energetically, cleverly, hastily, deftly, rapidly, readily; (adj) dexterously; (adj, adv) neatly. ANTONYMS: (adv)

lethargically, heavily, awkwardly.
noiselessly: (adv) silently, soundlessly, stillly, softly, mutely, delicately, wordlessly, gently, speechlessly; (adj, adv) stealthily; (adj) noiseless. ANTONYMS: (adv) heavily, audibly.
slavey: (n) maidservant, domestic help, house servant, slave, domestic.
vagrant: (adj, v) stray, roving, itinerant, Peripatetic, rambling; (n) tramp, hobo, drifter, wanderer; (v) unsettled, erratic. ANTONYM: (n) resident.

"I told her I was out of a job," said Corley. "I told her I was in Pim's. She doesn't know my name. I was too hairy to tell her that. But she thinks I'm a bit of class, you know."

Lenehan laughed again, noiselessly.

"Of all the good ones ever I heard," he said, "that emphatically takes the biscuit."

Corley's **stride** acknowledged the compliment. The swing of his **burly** body made his friend execute a few light skips from the path to the **roadway** and back again. Corley was the son of an inspector of police and he had inherited his father's frame and gut. He walked with his hands by his sides, holding himself erect and swaying his head from side to side. His head was large, **globular** and oily; it sweated in all weathers; and his large round hat, set upon it sideways, looked like a bulb which had grown out of another. He always stared straight before him as if he were on parade and, when he wished to gaze after someone in the street, it was necessary for him to move his body from the hips. At present he was about town. Whenever any job was vacant a friend was always ready to give him the hard word. He was often to be seen walking with policemen in plain clothes, talking **earnestly**. He knew the inner side of all affairs and was fond of delivering final judgments. He spoke without listening to the speech of his companions. His conversation was mainly about himself what he had said to such a person and what such a person had said to him and what he had said to settle the matter. When he reported these **dialogues** he **aspirated** the first letter of his name after the manner of Florentines.

Lenehan offered his friend a cigarette. As the two young men walked on through the crowd Corley occasionally turned to smile at some of the passing girls but Lenehan's gaze was fixed on the large faint moon circled with a double **halo**. He watched earnestly the passing of the grey web of twilight across its face. At length he said:

"Well... tell me, Corley, I suppose you'll be able to pull it off all right, eh?"

Corley closed one eye **expressively** as an answer.

Thesaurus

aspirated: (*adj*) ardent, acute, abrupt, surd, sharp.

burly: (*adj*) rugged, beefy, brawny, strapping, hefty, muscular, husky, stout, strong; (*adv*) beefily, sturdily. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) slight, skinny, thin, slim, small, anorexic, feeble, delicate, weak.

dialogues: (*n*) dialog.

earnestly: (*adj, adv*) seriously; (*adv*) eagerly, intently, zealously, solemnly, ardently, fervently, heartily, gravely,

warmly, passionately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) indifferently, insincerely, unconcernedly, jokingly.

expressively: (*adv*) meaningfully, eloquently, indicatively, poignantly, movingly, vividly, suggestively, emphatically, evocatively, mobilely, tellingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unemotionally, inexpressively, innocently, blandly.

globular: (*adj*) circular, spherical, spheric, global, globose, rotund,

globous, rounded, orbicular, bulging, orbed.

halo: (*n*) halation, aura, glory, ring, circle, corona, nimbus, hoop, aureola, band, anchor ring.

roadway: (*n*) carriageway, track, pathway, path, highway, pavement, roadbed, way, stairway, runway, trail.

stride: (*n, v*) pace, tread, walk, stalk, rate, toddle, stump; (*n*) footstep, gait, progress; (*v*) march.

"Is she game for that?" asked Lenehan **dubiously**. "You can never know women."

"She's all right," said Corley. "I know the way to get around her, man. She's a bit gone on me."

"You're what I call a gay Lothario," said Lenehan. "And the proper kind of a Lothario, too!"

A shade of mockery relieved the **servility** of his manner. To save himself he had the habit of leaving his **flattery** open to the interpretation of **raillery**. But Corley had not a subtle mind.

"There's nothing to touch a good slavey," he **affirmed**. "Take my tip for it."

"By one who has tried them all," said Lenehan.

"First I used to go with girls, you know," said Corley, unbosoming; "girls off the South Circular. I used to take them out, man, on the tram somewhere and pay the tram or take them to a band or a play at the theatre or buy them chocolate and sweets or something that way. I used to spend money on them right enough," he added, in a convincing tone, as if he was conscious of being disbelieved.

But Lenehan could well believe it; he nodded gravely.

"I know that game," he said, "and it's a mug's game."

"And damn the thing I ever got out of it," said Corley.

"**Ditto** here," said Lenehan.

"Only off of one of them," said Corley.

He moistened his upper lip by running his tongue along it. The recollection brightened his eyes. He too gazed at the pale disc of the moon, now nearly veiled, and seemed to **meditate**.

She was... a bit of all right," he said **regretfully**.

He was silent again. Then he added:

Thesaurus

affirmed: (*adj*) acknowledged, avowed, guaranteed.

ditto: (*adj*) same, alike; (*n, v*) duplicate; (*v*) repeat, reiterate, restate; (*adj, n*) equivalent; (*n*) replica, reproduction, counterpart, facsimile.

dubiously: (*adv*) suspiciously, uncertainly, problematically, fishily, vaguely, incredulously, skeptically, equivocally, distrustfully, questionably, undecidedly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) clearly, certainly.

flattery: (*n, v*) cajolery; (*n*) blarney, compliment, adulation, taffy, palaver, praise, gloze, sweet talk, sycophancy, soft soap. ANTONYMS: (*n*) insult, offense.

meditate: (*n, v*) muse; (*v*) contemplate, consider, cogitate, reflect, speculate, wonder, ruminate, ponder, think, bethink.

raillery: (*n*) mockery, joke, irony, quiz, persiflage, derision, ridicule, pleasantry, tease, jest, badinage.

regretfully: (*adv*) remorsefully, repentantly, sadly, contritely, apologetically, penitently, unhappily, sorrowfully, mournfully, sorrowfully, ashamedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unrepentantly, joyfully.

servility: (*n*) sycophancy, obsequiousness, subservience, meanness, abjectness, flattery, obedience, humility, submissiveness, servileness, yoke.

"She's on the turf now. I saw her driving down Earl Street one night with two fellows with her on a car."

"I suppose that's your doing," said Lenehan.

"There was others at her before me," said Corley **philosophically**.

This time Lenehan was inclined to **disbelieve**. He shook his head to and fro and smiled.

"You know you can't kid me, Corley," he said.

"Honest to God!" said Corley. "Didn't she tell me herself?"

Lenehan made a tragic gesture.

"Base betrayer!" he said.

As they passed along the railings of Trinity College, Lenehan skipped out into the road and peered up at the clock.

"Twenty after," he said.

"Time enough," said Corley. "She'll be there all right. I always let her wait a bit."

Lenehan laughed quietly.

'Ecod! Corley, you know how to take them," he said.

"I'm up to all their little tricks," Corley confessed.

"But tell me," said Lenehan again, "are you sure you can bring it off all right? You know it's a **ticklish** job. They're damn close on that point. Eh?... What?"

His bright, small eyes searched his companion's face for reassurance. Corley swung his head to and fro as if to **toss** aside an **insistent** insect, and his **brows** gathered.

"I'll pull it off," he said. "Leave it to me, can't you?"

Lenehan said no more. He did not wish to **ruffle** his friend's temper, to be sent to the devil and told that his advice was not wanted. A little **tact** was necessary. But Corley's brow was soon smooth again. His thoughts were running another way.

Thesaurus

brows: (*n*) brow.

disbelieve: (*v*) distrust, doubt, mistrust, suspect, question, disgrace, deny, wonder, reject; (*adj*) lack faith, suspected. ANTONYMS: (*v*) believe, trust, accept.

insistent: (*adj*) exigent, pressing, emphatic, persistent, crying, importunate, instant, clamant, imperative, adamant, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) satisfied, irresolute, gentle.

philosophically: (*adv*) calmly, rationally, reflectively, thoughtfully, wisely.

ruffle: (*n, v*) crinkle, ruff, crumple, wrinkle, fold; (*v*) agitate, discompose, fret; (*adj, n*) perturbation; (*n*) flounce, frill. ANTONYMS: (*v*) smooth, calm.

tact: (*n*) diplomacy, delicacy, finesse, address, discretion, skill, consideration, refinement, grace, thoughtfulness, tactfulness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) frankness,

carelessness, thoughtlessness, insensitivity, clumsiness.

ticklish: (*adj*) difficult, sensitive, tricky, tender, awkward, touchy, unsettled, unstable; (*adj, v*) precarious; (*v*) slippery, questionable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unproblematic, easy.

toss: (*n, v*) throw, fling, pitch, chuck, cast, flip; (*v*) agitate, hurl, shake, convulse, discard. ANTONYM: (*v*) catch.

"She's a fine decent tart," he said, with appreciation; "that's what she is."

They walked along Nassau Street and then turned into Kildare Street. Not far from the porch of the club a **harpist** stood in the roadway, playing to a little ring of listeners. He **plucked** at the wires **heedlessly**, glancing quickly from time to time at the face of each new-comer and from time to time, wearily also, at the sky. His harp, too, heedless that her coverings had fallen about her knees, seemed weary alike of the eyes of strangers and of her master's hands. One hand played in the bass the melody of *Silent, O Moyle*, while the other hand careered in the **treble** after each group of notes. The notes of the air sounded deep and full.

The two young men walked up the street without speaking, the mournful music following them. When they reached Stephen's Green they crossed the road. Here the noise of trams, the lights and the crowd released them from their silence.

"There she is!" said Corley.

At the corner of Hume Street a young woman was standing. She wore a blue dress and a white sailor hat. She stood on the **curbstone**, swinging a **sunshade** in one hand. Lenehan grew lively.

"Let's have a look at her, Corley," he said.

Corley glanced sideways at his friend and an unpleasant grin appeared on his face.

"Are you trying to get inside me?" he asked.

"Damn it!" said Lenehan boldly, "I don't want an introduction. All I want is to have a look at her. I'm not going to eat her."

"O... A look at her?" said Corley, more **amiably**. "Well... I'll tell you what. I'll go over and talk to her and you can pass by."

"Right!" said Lenehan.

Corley had already thrown one leg over the chains when Lenehan called out:

"And after? Where will we meet?"

"Half ten," answered Corley, bringing over his other leg.

Thesaurus

amiably: (*adv*) kindly, affably, graciously, decently, courteously, thoughtfully, cordially, lovelily, in a friendly way, favorably, pleasantly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unkindly, disagreeably.

curbstone: (*n*) kerbstone, kerb, bourn, bounds, boundary, confine, pale, enclave, but, verge, term.

harp: (*n*) lyre, harmonica, harper, lute, mouth harp; (*v*) dwell, ingeminate, iterate, restate, reiterate, retell.

harpist: (*n*) instrumentalist, musician, player.

heedless: (*adj*) careless, reckless, inattentive, neglectful, negligent, thoughtless, rash, regardless, unwary, indifferent; (*adj, v*) wanton.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) heedful, attentive, mindful, conscientious, prudent, careful, cautious.

heedlessly: (*adv*) inattentively, thoughtlessly, negligently, recklessly, neglectfully, unthinkingly, hastily,

rashly, inadvertently, incautiously, imprudently. ANTONYM: (*adv*) carefully.

plucked: (*v*) ploughed; (*adj*) pulled, unfeathered, featherless, moulting, pilled.

sunshade: (*n*) awning, canopy, parasol, shade, sunblind, marquee, umbrella, tilt, blind, covering, tent.

treble: (*adj*) threefold, ternary, triplex, thribble, double, dual, high, voce di testa, shrill; (*adj, v*) triple; (*v*) sing.

"Where?"

"Corner of Merrion Street. We'll be coming back."

"Work it all right now," said Lenehan in farewell.

Corley did not answer. He sauntered across the road swaying his head from side to side. His bulk, his easy pace, and the solid sound of his boots had something of the **conqueror** in them. He approached the young woman and, without saluting, began at once to converse with her. She swung her umbrella more quickly and executed half turns on her heels. Once or twice when he spoke to her at close quarters she laughed and bent her head.

Lenehan observed them for a few minutes. Then he walked rapidly along beside the chains at some distance and crossed the road **obliquely**. As he approached Hume Street corner he found the air heavily scented and his eyes made a swift anxious scrutiny of the young woman's appearance. She had her Sunday **finery** on. Her blue **serge** skirt was held at the waist by a belt of black leather. The great silver buckle of her belt seemed to depress the centre of her body, catching the light stuff of her white blouse like a clip. She wore a short black jacket with mother-of-pearl buttons and a ragged black boa. The ends of her tulle collarette had been carefully disordered and a big bunch of red flowers was pinned in her bosom stems upwards. Lenehan's eyes noted **approvingly** her stout short muscular body. rank rude health glowed in her face, on her fat red cheeks and in her **unabashed** blue eyes. Her features were blunt. She had broad nostrils, a straggling mouth which lay open in a contented **leer**, and two projecting front teeth. As he passed Lenehan took off his cap and, after about ten seconds, Corley returned a salute to the air. This he did by raising his hand vaguely and pensively changing the angle of position of his hat.

Lenehan walked as far as the Shelbourne Hotel where he halted and waited. After waiting for a little time he saw them coming towards him and, when they turned to the right, he followed them, stepping lightly in his white shoes, down one side of Merrion Square. As he walked on slowly, timing his pace to theirs, he watched Corley's head which turned at every moment towards the young woman's face like a big ball revolving on a **pivot**. He kept the pair in view until

Thesaurus

approvingly: (*adv*) approving, approve, sympathetically, kindly, positively, constructively, admiringly, deferentially, enthusiastically, flatteringly, encouragingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) censoriously, negatively.

conqueror: (*n*) champion, winner, subjugator, vanquisher, hero, superior, defeater, subduer, invader, colonist, Alexander. ANTONYM: (*n*) loser.

finery: (*n*) regalia, clothing, attire, decoration, dress, pinchbeck, spangle, trimmings, gimcrack; (*adj, n*) tinsel, gewgaw. ANTONYM: (*n*) rags.

leer: (*n, v*) glance; (*n*) grin, wink, smirk, look, gaze, nudge, shrug, tip the wink; (*v*) simper, ogle.

obliquely: (*adj, adv*) athwart, transversely, askew; (*adv*) aslant, indirectly, slopingly, slantingly, sideways, sidelong, skewly, askance. ANTONYM: (*adv*) straight.

pivot: (*n*) axle, axis, fulcrum, pin, hub, nucleus, pintle; (*v*) revolve; (*n, v*) swivel, wheel, turn.

serge: (*n*) cloth, fabric, material.

unabashed: (*adj*) shameless, brazen, barefaced, unashamed, undaunted, aweless, blatant, bold, unapprehensive, unflinching, unshrinking. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) embarrassed, remorseful, prudish, discreet, ashamed, abashed, apologetic.

he had seen them climbing the stairs of the Donnybrook tram; then he turned about and went back the way he had come.

Now that he was alone his face looked older. His **gaiety** seemed to **forsake** him and, as he came by the railings of the Duke's Lawn, he allowed his hand to run along them. The air which the harpist had played began to control his movements His softly padded feet played the melody while his fingers swept a scale of variations idly along the railings after each group of notes.

He walked **listlessly** round Stephen's Green and then down Grafton Street. Though his eyes took note of many elements of the crowd through which he passed they did so **morosely**. He found trivial all that was meant to charm him and did not answer the glances which invited him to be bold. He knew that he would have to speak a great deal, to invent and to **amuse** and his brain and throat were too dry for such a task. The problem of how he could pass the hours till he met Corley again troubled him a little. He could think of no way of passing them but to keep on walking. He turned to the left when he came to the corner of Rutland Square and felt more at ease in the dark quiet street, the sombre look of which suited his mood. He paused at last before the window of a poor-looking shop over which the words *Refreshment Bar* were printed in white letters. On the glass of the window were two flying inscriptions: *Ginger Beer* and *Ginger Ale*. A cut ham was exposed on a great blue dish while near it on a plate lay a segment of very light plum-pudding. He eyed this food earnestly for some time and then, after **glancing** warily up and down the street, went into the shop quickly.

He was hungry for, except some biscuits which he had asked two **grudging** curates to bring him, he had eaten nothing since breakfast-time. He sat down at an uncovered wooden table opposite two work-girls and a mechanic. A **slatternly** girl waited on him.

"How much is a plate of peas?" he asked.

"Three halfpence, sir," said the girl.

"Bring me a plate of peas," he said, "and a bottle of ginger beer."

Thesaurus

amuse: (*v*) please, beguile, absorb, entertain, enjoy, disport, distract, delight, occupy, recreate, rejoice. ANTONYMS: (*v*) bore, dull, tire, annoy, anger, cloy, depress, weary, disappoint.

forsake: (*v*) abandon, ditch, relinquish, abdicate, fail, leave, forgo, chuck, disclaim; (*n, v*) drop; (*adj, v*) quit. ANTONYM: (*v*) support.

gaiety: (*n*) fun, cheerfulness, exhilaration, mirth, glee, merriment,

hilarity, happiness, joy, joviality, jollity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) seriousness, misery, sadness.

glancing: (*adj*) passing.

grudging: (*adj*) envious, niggardly, unwilling, begrudging, sparing, cheap, scanty, parsimonious, tightfisted, miserly, mean. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) generous, expansive, willing.

listlessly: (*adv*) sluggishly, spiritlessly, indifferently, languidly, slowly,

weakly, indolently, supinely, lazily, inanimately, slackly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) brightly, nimbly.

morosely: (*adv*) grumpily, sourly, peevishly, sulkily, glumly, dourly, moodily, gloomily, petulantly, dismally, gruffly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) cheerily.

slatternly: (*adj*) blowzy, sluttish, untidy, dirty, blowsy, sordid, loose, dowdy, squalid; (*adv*) dowdily, drably.

He spoke roughly in order to **belie** his air of **gentility** for his entry had been followed by a pause of talk. His face was heated. To appear natural he pushed his cap back on his head and planted his elbows on the table. The mechanic and the two work-girls examined him point by point before resuming their conversation in a subdued voice. The girl brought him a plate of grocer's hot peas, seasoned with pepper and **vinegar**, a fork and his ginger beer. He ate his food greedily and found it so good that he made a note of the shop mentally. When he had eaten all the peas he sipped his ginger beer and sat for some time thinking of Corley's adventure. In his imagination he **beheld** the pair of lovers walking along some dark road; he heard Corley's voice in deep energetic gallantries and saw again the leer of the young woman's mouth. This vision made him feel keenly his own poverty of purse and spirit. He was tired of knocking about, of pulling the devil by the tail, of shifts and intrigues. He would be thirty-one in November. Would he never get a good job? Would he never have a home of his own? He thought how pleasant it would be to have a warm fire to sit by and a good dinner to sit down to. He had walked the streets long enough with friends and with girls. He knew what those friends were worth: he knew the girls too. Experience had **embittered** his heart against the world. But all hope had not left him. He felt better after having eaten than he had felt before, less weary of his life, less **vanquished** in spirit. He might yet be able to settle down in some snug corner and live happily if he could only come across some good **simple-minded** girl with a little of the ready.

He paid **twopence halfpenny** to the slatternly girl and went out of the shop to begin his wandering again. He went into Capel Street and walked along towards the City Hall. Then he turned into Dame Street. At the corner of George's Street he met two friends of his and stopped to converse with them. He was glad that he could rest from all his walking. His friends asked him had he seen Corley and what was the latest. He replied that he had spent the day with Corley. His friends talked very little. They looked **vacantly** after some figures in the crowd and sometimes made a critical remark. One said that he had seen Mac an hour before in Westmoreland Street. At this Lenehan said that he had been with Mac the night before in Egan's. The young man who had seen Mac in

Thesaurus

beheld: (*adj*) visual.

belie: (*v*) falsify, contradict, negate, misrepresent, betray, calumniate, defame, dissemble, color, distort, garble. ANTONYMS: (*v*) indicate, verify, prove, affirm, attest, reveal.

embittered: (*adj*) bitter, disillusioned, sour, indignant, disappointed, crestfallen, dissatisfied, frustrated, disenchanting; (*v*) resent. ANTONYM: (*adj*) idealistic.

gentility: (*n*) elegance, cultivation,

politeness, decorum, genteelness, breeding, courtesy, nobility, aristocracy, propriety; (*adj*) urbanity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) vulgarity, rudeness.

halfpenny: (*adj*) feather, bulrush, old son, jot, pinch of snuff, peppercorn, rap; (*n*) bawbee, doit, farthing.

simple-minded: (*adj*) silly, naive, stupid, foolish, guileless, dumb, plain, innocent, retarded, dull.

twopence: (*n*) tuppence, coin.

vacantly: (*adj, adv*) vacuously, expressionlessly, inanely; (*adv*) voidly, emptily, unoccupiedly, hollowly, unemployedly, thoughtlessly, freely, barely.

vanquished: (*adj*) beaten, overwhelmed, routed, overcome, overpowered, overthrown, defeated, crushed, tried, tired out, practiced.

vinegar: (*n*) verjuice, eisel, crab, condiment, chili vinegar, brine, cider vinegar, acetum, acetic acid, alum.

Westmoreland Street asked was it true that Mac had won a bit over a **billiard** match. Lenehan did not know: he said that Holohan had stood them drinks in Egan's.

He left his friends at a quarter to ten and went up George's Street. He turned to the left at the City Markets and walked on into Grafton Street. The crowd of girls and young men had **thinned** and on his way up the street he heard many groups and couples **bidding** one another good-night. He went as far as the clock of the College of Surgeons: it was on the stroke of ten. He set off briskly along the northern side of the Green **hurrying** for fear Corley should return too soon. When he reached the corner of Merrion Street he took his stand in the shadow of a lamp and brought out one of the **cigarettes** which he had reserved and lit it. He leaned against the lamp-post and kept his gaze fixed on the part from which he expected to see Corley and the young woman return.

His mind became active again. He wondered had Corley managed it successfully. He wondered if he had asked her yet or if he would leave it to the last. He suffered all the **pangs** and thrills of his friend's situation as well as those of his own. But the memory of Corley's slowly **revolving** head **calmed** him somewhat: he was sure Corley would pull it off all right. All at once the idea struck him that perhaps Corley had seen her home by another way and given him the slip. His eyes searched the street: there was no sign of them. Yet it was surely half-an-hour since he had seen the clock of the College of Surgeons. Would Corley do a thing like that? He lit his last cigarette and began to smoke it nervously. He strained his eyes as each **tram** stopped at the far corner of the square. They must have gone home by another way. The paper of his cigarette broke and he flung it into the road with a **curse**.

Suddenly he saw them coming towards him. He started with delight and keeping close to his lamp-post tried to read the result in their walk. They were walking quickly, the young woman taking quick short steps, while Corley kept beside her with his long stride. They did not seem to be speaking. An **intimation** of the result pricked him like the point of a sharp instrument. He knew Corley would fail; he knew it was no go.

Thesaurus

bidding: (*n*) behest, order, dictate, charge, bid, request, call, dictation, direction, fiat; (*adj*) imperative.

billiard: (*n*) pool, one thousand billions.

calmed: (*adj*) composed, thankful.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) worried.

cigarettes: (*n*) tobacco, cigaret.

curse: (*n, v*) blight, plague; (*n*) anathema, blasphemy, malediction, denunciation; (*adj, v*) beshrew; (*v*) swear, ban, damn, vituperate.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) blessing, benediction, making; (*v*) communicate.

hurrying: (*n*) hastening, speed, quickening, rushing, early, speeding, speeding up, stepping up, amphetamine, forward, eager.

intimation: (*n*) hint, inkling, implication, insinuation, suggestion, clue, allusion, indication, cue, notice, innuendo.

pangs: (*n*) anguish, compunction,

contrition, distress.

revolving: (*adj*) turning, rotating, vertiginous, rotary, gyratory, wheeling, rotative, rotatory, rotational; (*n*) revolution; (*v*) revolve.

thinned: (*adj*) dilute, gelded, hurt, mown, slashed, split, watered down, weakened, gashed, lessened, weak.

tram: (*n*) tramcar, truck, trolley car, trolley, tramway, cable tramway, ropeway, aerial tramway, cable car, conveyance, horsecar.

They turned down Baggot Street and he followed them at once, taking the other **footpath**. When they stopped he stopped too. They talked for a few moments and then the young woman went down the steps into the area of a house. Corley remained standing at the edge of the path, a little distance from the front steps. Some minutes passed. Then the hall-door was opened slowly and cautiously. A woman came running down the front steps and coughed. Corley turned and went towards her. His broad figure hid hers from view for a few seconds and then she reappeared running up the steps. The door closed on her and Corley began to walk swiftly towards Stephen's Green.

Lenehan hurried on in the same direction. Some drops of light rain fell. He took them as a warning and, glancing back towards the house which the young woman had entered to see that he was not observed, he ran eagerly across the road. Anxiety and his swift run made him **pant**. He called out:

"Hallo, Corley!"

Corley turned his head to see who had called him, and then continued walking as before. Lenehan ran after him, settling the waterproof on his shoulders with one hand.

"Hallo, Corley!" he cried again.

He came level with his friend and looked **keenly** in his face. He could see nothing there.

"Well?" he said. "Did it come off?"

They had reached the corner of Ely Place. Still without answering, Corley swerved to the left and went up the side street. His features were composed in stern calm. Lenehan kept up with his friend, breathing **uneasily**. He was **baffled** and a note of menace **pierced** through his voice.

"Can't you tell us?" he said. "Did you try her?"

Corley **halted** at the first lamp and stared grimly before him. Then with a grave gesture he extended a hand towards the light and, smiling, opened it slowly to the gaze of his **disciple**. A small gold coin shone in the palm.

Thesaurus

baffled: (*adj*) bewildered, puzzled, perplexed, confounded, at sea, frustrated, befuddled, beaten, bemused, preoccupied, helpless.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) clear.
disciple: (*n*) adherent, follower, devotee, scholar, pupil, believer, proselyte, cohort, learner, partisan, votary. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) leader, teacher, God, instructor.
footpath: (*n*) track, walk, path, trail, sidewalk, footway, walkway, trottoir,

way, lane, pavement.
hallo: (*n*) hi, hullo.
halted: (*adj*) motionless, nonmoving, unmoving.
keenly: (*adv*) eagerly, zealously, piercingly, acutely, cuttingly, ardently, strongly, lively, penetratingly, fervently, avidly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unenthusiastically, apathetically, faintly, reluctantly, patiently, passively, halfheartedly, vaguely.

pant: (*n, v*) heave, wheeze; (*v*) puff, blow, huff, long, desire, sigh; (*n*) trouser, tingle, thrill.
pierced: (*adj*) punctured, perforate, penetrated, cut, cleft.
uneasily: (*adv*) apprehensively, restlessly, worriedly, nervously, solicitously, unquietly, constrainedly, awkwardly, fretfully, unsettledly, fearfully. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) calmly, confidently, unconcernedly, comfortably, fearlessly.

THE BOARDING HOUSE

MRS. MOONEY was a butcher's daughter. She was a woman who was quite able to keep things to herself: a determined woman. She had married her father's foreman and opened a butcher's shop near Spring Gardens. But as soon as his father-in-law was dead Mr. Mooney began to go to the devil. He **drank**, **plundered** the till, ran **headlong** into debt. It was no use making him take the pledge: he was sure to break out again a few days after. By fighting his wife in the presence of customers and by buying bad meat he ruined his business. One night he went for his wife with the **cleaver** and she had to sleep a neighbour's house.

After that they lived apart. She went to the priest and got a separation from him with care of the children. She would give him neither money nor food nor house-room; and so he was obliged to **enlist** himself as a sheriff's man. He was a shabby **stooped** little **drunkard** with a white face and a white moustache white eyebrows, **pencilled** above his little eyes, which were **veined** and raw; and all day long he sat in the bailiff's room, waiting to be put on a job. Mrs. Mooney, who had taken what remained of her money out of the butcher business and set up a boarding house in Hardwicke Street, was a big imposing woman. Her house had a floating population made up of tourists from Liverpool and the Isle of Man and, occasionally, *artistes* from the music halls. Its resident population was made up of clerks from the city. She governed the house **cunningly** and firmly, knew

Thesaurus

cleaver: (*n*) riving knife, bramble, hatchet, cleaver knife, chop, meat cleaver, ax; (*adj*) billhook, cutter.

cunningly: (*adv*) craftily, artfully, cleverly, ingeniously, trickily, shrewdly, astutely, insidiously, smartly, foxily, slipperily.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) ineptly, openly.

drank: (*v*) absorb.

drunkard: (*n*) alcoholic, drinker, boozier, dipsomaniac, rummy, inebriate, toper, sot, bibber, lush,

imbiber.

enlist: (*v*) engage, recruit, employ, enroll, gain, get, join up, hire, acquire, join, enter. ANTONYMS: (*v*) discharge, resign, quit, dodge, avoid, leave, fire.

headlong: (*adj, adv*) headfirst; (*adv*) directly, hastily, precipitately; (*adj*) rash, hurried, desperate, precipitous, impetuous, sudden, precipitate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cautiously, considered; (*adv*) carefully.

pencilled: (*adj*) penciled.

plundered: (*adj*) pillaged, despoiled, raped, robbed, emptier, empty, fleeced, ransacked.

stooped: (*adj*) hunched, stoop, stooping, crooked, bended, not straight, inclined, not erect, arched, asymmetrical, droopy.

veined: (*v*) striated, barred; (*adj*) streaked, venous, venose, mottled, camleted, multicolored, fibrous, patterned, veinlike.

when to give credit, when to be stern and when to let things pass. All the resident young men spoke of her as *The Madam*.

Mrs. Mooney's young men paid fifteen shillings a week for board and lodgings (beer or stout at dinner excluded). They shared in common tastes and occupations and for this reason they were very **chummy** with one another. They discussed with one another the chances of favourites and outsiders. Jack Mooney, the Madam's son, who was clerk to a commission agent in Fleet Street, had the reputation of being a hard case. He was fond of using soldiers' obscenities: usually he came home in the small hours. When he met his friends he had always a good one to tell them and he was always sure to be on to a good thing—that is to say, a likely horse or a likely *artiste*. He was also handy with the mits and sang comic songs. On Sunday nights there would often be a reunion in Mrs. Mooney's front drawing-room. The music-hall *artistes* would **oblige**; and Sheridan played waltzes and polkas and vamped **accompaniments**. Polly Mooney, the Madam's daughter, would also sing. She sang:

I'm a... naughty girl.
You needn't **sham**:
You know I am.

Polly was a slim girl of nineteen; she had light soft hair and a small full mouth. Her eyes, which were grey with a shade of green through them, had a habit of glancing upwards when she spoke with anyone, which made her look like a little perverse madonna. Mrs. Mooney had first sent her daughter to be a **typist** in a corn-factor's office but, as a **disreputable** sheriff's man used to come every other day to the office, asking to be allowed to say a word to his daughter, she had taken her daughter home again and set her to do **housework**. As Polly was very lively the intention was to give her the run of the young men. Besides young men like to feel that there is a young woman not very far away. Polly, of course, flirted with the young men but Mrs. Mooney, who was a shrewd judge, knew that the young men were only passing the time away: none of them meant

Thesaurus

accompaniments: (*n*) equipment, trimmings, fixing.

artiste: (*n*) musician, performer, actor, minstrel, performing artist, master, player, professional, singer, instrumentalist, conductor.

chummy: (*adj*) thick, familiar, intimate, close, pally, pleasant, matey, sociable, companionable, gregarious, kind. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hostile, unsociable, unfriendly, estranged, alienated, cool, frosty.

disreputable: (*adj, n, v*) discreditable; (*adj*) base, dishonorable, doubtful, sordid, infamous, shameful, dishonourable, dishonest, despicable, notorious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) honorable, respected, ethical, noble, decent, respectable, sporting, pleasant, admirable, famous, honest.

housework: (*n*) housekeeping, chore, work.

oblige: (*v*) coerce, force, drive, constrain, make, bind, accommodate,

obligate, necessitate, enforce, impel. ANTONYMS: (*v*) displease, request, hinder.

sham: (*adj, adv, n, v*) counterfeit; (*adj, n, v*) fake; (*adj, v*) pretend, put on; (*adj, n*) imitation, phony; (*v*) feign; (*adj*) false; (*n*) fraud, impostor, falsehood. ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) real; (*n*) original, truth, truthfulness, honesty; (*adj*) valid.

typist: (*v*) stenographer; (*n*) secretary, employee.

business. Things went on so for a long time and Mrs. Mooney began to think of sending Polly back to **typewriting** when she noticed that something was going on between Polly and one of the young men. She watched the pair and kept her own counsel.

Polly knew that she was being watched, but still her mother's persistent silence could not be **misunderstood**. There had been no open **complicity** between mother and daughter, no open understanding but, though people in the house began to talk of the affair, still Mrs. Mooney did not intervene. Polly began to grow a little strange in her manner and the young man was evidently **perturbed**. At last, when she judged it to be the right moment, Mrs. Mooney intervened. She dealt with moral problems as a cleaver deals with meat: and in this case she had made up her mind.

It was a bright Sunday morning of early summer, promising heat, but with a fresh breeze blowing. All the windows of the boarding house were open and the lace curtains **ballooned** gently towards the street beneath the raised sashes. The **belfry** of George's Church sent out constant peals and worshippers, **singly** or in groups, traversed the little circus before the church, revealing their purpose by their self-contained **demeanour** no less than by the little volumes in their gloved hands. Breakfast was over in the boarding house and the table of the breakfast-room was covered with plates on which lay yellow **streaks** of eggs with morsels of bacon-fat and bacon-rind. Mrs. Mooney sat in the straw arm-chair and watched the servant Mary remove the breakfast things. She mad Mary collect the crusts and pieces of broken bread to help to make Tuesday's bread- pudding. When the table was cleared, the broken bread collected, the sugar and butter safe under lock and key, she began to **reconstruct** the interview which she had had the night before with Polly. Things were as she had suspected: she had been frank in her questions and Polly had been frank in her **answers**. Both had been somewhat awkward, of course. She had been made awkward by her not wishing to receive the news in too cavalier a fashion or to seem to have connived and Polly had been made awkward not merely because allusions of that kind always

Thesaurus

answers: (*n*) replies; (*adj*) answering.

ballooned: (*adj*) stuffed, swollen, puffy, overstuffed, full, blown up, overfed.

belfry: (*n*) apse, room, bell tower, head, pinnacle, belltower.

complicity: (*n*) collusion, guilt, guiltiness, conspiracy, agreement, connivance, participation, involvement, implication, accomplice, plot.

demeanour: (*n*) behavior, behaviour,

conduct, demeanor, comportment, deportment, manner, citizenship, correctitude, carriage, attitude.

misunderstood: (*adj*) mistreated, confused.

perturbed: (*adj*) disturbed, agitated, hot and bothered, confused, uneasy, concerned, worried, unsettled, troubled, upset, distraught.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untroubled, relaxed.

reconstruct: (*v*) alter, restore, build,

mend, rehabilitate, repair, reconstitute, reconstructing, rebuilding, redo, retrace.

singly: (*adv*) one by one, separately, independently, severally, solely, respectively; (*adj, adv*) alone, only, merely; (*adj*) single, particularly.

ANTONYM: (*adv*) multiply.

streaks: (*n*) stripes, cords.

typewriting: (*n*) writing, symbolic representation, touch system, touch typing.

made her awkward but also because she did not wish it to be thought that in her wise innocence she had divined the intention behind her mother's tolerance.

Mrs. Mooney glanced instinctively at the little **gilt** clock on the **mantelpiece** as soon as she had become aware through her reverie that the bells of George's Church had stopped ringing. It was **seventeen** minutes past eleven: she would have lots of time to have the matter out with Mr. Doran and then catch short twelve at Marlborough Street. She was sure she would win. To begin with she had all the weight of social opinion on her side: she was an **outraged** mother. She had allowed him to live beneath her roof, assuming that he was a man of honour and he had simply abused her hospitality. He was thirty-four or thirty-five years of age, so that youth could not be pleaded as his excuse; nor could ignorance be his excuse since he was a man who had seen something of the world. He had simply taken advantage of Polly's youth and **inexperience**: that was evident. The question was: What **reparation** would he make?

There must be reparation made in such case. It is all very well for the man: he can go his ways as if nothing had happened, having had his moment of pleasure, but the girl has to bear the **brunt**. Some mothers would be content to patch up such an affair for a sum of money; she had known cases of it. But she would not do so. For her only one reparation could make up for the loss of her daughter's honour: marriage.

She counted all her cards again before sending Mary up to Doran's room to say that she wished to speak with him. She felt sure she would win. He was a serious young man, not **rakish** or loud-voiced like the others. If it had been Mr. Sheridan or Mr. **Meade** or Bantam Lyons her task would have been much harder. She did not think he would face publicity. All the lodgers in the house knew something of the affair; details had been invented by some. Besides, he had been employed for **thirteen** years in a great Catholic wine-merchant's office and publicity would mean for him, perhaps, the loss of his job. Whereas if he agreed all might be well. She knew he had a good screw for one thing and she suspected he had a bit of stuff put by.

Thesaurus

brunt: (*n*) jolt, onset, push, shock, thrust, throw, impact, strain, blow, bang; (*adj*) stress.

gilt: (*n*) gilding, plating, money, decoration; (*adj*) aureate, golden, gold, florid; (*v*) tessellated, ornate, rich.

inexperience: (*adj*) inexperienced, indexterity, incomprehension, inability; (*adj, n*) simplicity; (*n*) freshness, innocence, ignorance, newness, callowness, unfamiliarity.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) skillfulness, sophistication, wisdom.

mantelpiece: (*n*) chimneypiece, mantlepiece, shelf, chimneybreast, blanket, cape, sill, clavy, curtain, drape, drapery.

meade: (*n*) mead, James Edward Meade, hydromel.

outraged: (*adj*) angry, incensed, livid, enraged, mad, cross, annoyed, perverted, umbrageous, beside yourself, scandalized. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) calm, indifferent.

rakish: (*adj*) dissolute, debauched, raffish, dapper, profligate, licentious, dashing, gallant, stylish, dissipated, fast. ANTONYM: (*adj*) upright.

reparation: (*n*) redress, recompense, atonement, indemnity, correction, restoration; (*n, v*) indemnification, compensation, repair, remuneration, restitution.

seventeen: (*n*) large integer.

thirteen: (*n*) long dozen, large integer.

Nearly the half-hour! She stood up and surveyed herself in the pier-glass. The decisive expression of her great **florid** face satisfied her and she thought of some mothers she knew who could not get their daughters off their hands.

Mr. Doran was very anxious indeed this Sunday morning. He had made two attempts to shave but his hand had been so unsteady that he had been obliged to **desist**. Three days' reddish beard **fringed** his jaws and every two or three minutes a mist gathered on his glasses so that he had to take them off and polish them with his **pocket-handkerchief**. The recollection of his confession of the night before was a cause of acute pain to him; the priest had drawn out every ridiculous detail of the affair and in the end had so **magnified** his sin that he was almost thankful at being afforded a **loophole** of reparation. The harm was done. What could he do now but marry her or run away? He could not **brazen** it out. The affair would be sure to be talked of and his employer would be certain to hear of it. Dublin is such a small city: everyone knows everyone else's business. He felt his heart leap warmly in his throat as he heard in his excited imagination old Mr. Leonard calling out in his **rasping** voice: "*Send Mr. Doran here, please.*"

All his long years of service gone for nothing! All his industry and diligence thrown away! As a young man he had sown his wild oats, of course; he had boasted of his free-thinking and denied the existence of God to his companions in public-houses. But that was all passed and done with... nearly. He still bought a copy of *Reynolds's Newspaper* every week but he attended to his religious duties and for nine-tenths of the year lived a regular life. He had money enough to settle down on; it was not that. But the family would look down on her. First of all there was her disreputable father and then her mother's boarding house was beginning to get a certain fame. He had a notion that he was being had. He could imagine his friends talking of the affair and laughing. She was a little vulgar; some times she said "*I seen*" and "*If I had've known.*" But what would grammar matter if he really loved her? He could not make up his mind whether to like her or despise her for what she had done. Of course he had done it too. His instinct urged him to remain free, not to marry. Once you are married you are done for, it said.

Thesaurus

brazen: (*adj*) audacious, impudent, brassy, insolent, bold, brash, impertinent, blatant, flagrant, forward, saucy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shy, abashed, prudish, reserved, quiet, discreet, respectful, ashamed, veiled, modest.

desist: (*v*) abstain, discontinue, refrain, avoid, leave, knock off, halt, forbear, end, stop, quit. ANTONYMS: (*v*) continue, consume, persevere, go.

florid: (*adj*) flamboyant, fancy,

flowery, aureate, flashy, fresh, figurative, gorgeous; (*adj, v*) ornate, gaudy; (*adj, n*) ruddy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pale, plain.

fringed: (*adj*) fibrillated, bounded, feathered, bushy, decorated, fimbriate, fimbriate, lacinate, befringed, rough, lacinated.

loophole: (*n*) crevice, gazebo, alternative, keyhole, balistraria, aperture, eyelet, watchtower, pigeonhole, mousehole; (*v*)

machicolation.

magnified: (*adj*) enlarged, inflated, enlarge, hyperbolic, hypertrophied, increased, overblown, overstated, puffed up, made larger.

pocket-handkerchief: (*n*) handkerchief.

rasping: (*adj*) harsh, rough, raspy, strident, gravelly, hoarse, raucous, husky, guttural; (*n*) rasp, friction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) smoothness; (*adj*) velvety, smooth, harmonious.

While he was sitting helplessly on the side of the bed in shirt and trousers she tapped lightly at his door and entered. She told him all, that she had made a clean breast of it to her mother and that her mother would speak with him that morning. She cried and threw her arms round his neck, saying:

"O Bob! Bob! What am I to do? What am I to do at all?"

She would put an end to herself, she said.

He comforted her feebly, telling her not to cry, that it would be all right, never fear. He felt against his shirt the agitation of her bosom.

It was not altogether his fault that it had happened. He remembered well, with the curious patient memory of the **celibate**, the first casual caresses her dress, her breath, her fingers had given him. Then late one night as he was undressing for she had tapped at his door, timidly. She wanted to **relight** her candle at his for hers had been blown out by a **gust**. It was her bath night. She wore a loose open **combing**-jacket of printed flannel. Her white **instep** shone in the opening of her furry slippers and the blood glowed warmly behind her **perfumed** skin. From her hands and wrists too as she lit and steadied her candle a faint perfume arose.

On nights when he came in very late it was she who **warmed** up his dinner. He scarcely knew what he was eating feeling her beside him alone, at night, in the sleeping house. And her **thoughtfulness**! If the night was anyway cold or wet or windy there was sure to be a little **tumbler** of punch ready for him. Perhaps they could be happy together...

They used to go upstairs together on tiptoe, each with a candle, and on the third landing exchange reluctant goodnights. They used to kiss. He remembered well her eyes, the touch of her hand and his **delirium**...

But delirium passes. He echoed her phrase, applying it to himself: "*What am I to do?*" The instinct of the celibate warned him to hold back. But the sin was there; even his sense of honour told him that reparation must be made for such a sin.

Thesaurus

celibate: (*adj*) continent, unmarried, single, chaste, maiden, virgin, virtuous, pure; (*n*) religionist, celibacy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) promiscuous, sexual.
combing: (*n*) hairdressing, search, combing waste, cockscomb.
delirium: (*n*) craze, insanity, mania, disturbance, fever, ecstasy, derangement; (*adj, n*) fury; (*adj*) furor, rage, distraction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) indifference, dejection.

gust: (*n*) eruption, flurry, blow, blast, puff, flare, explosion, gale, storm, breeze; (*adj, n*) whiff.
instep: (*n*) covering.
perfumed: (*adj*) fragrant, odoriferous, odorous, scented, sweet, honeyed, mellifluous, angelic, angelical, fresh, gratifying. ANTONYM: (*adj*) odorless.
relight: (*v*) regenerate, renew, revive.
thoughtfulness: (*n*) kindness, tact, deliberation, attentiveness,

contemplativeness, attention, introspection, meditation, pensiveness, reflection, reflexion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) thoughtlessness, carelessness, cruelty, rashness, unthoughtfulness, inconsideration, unkindness, selfishness, insensitivity, neglect, cheerfulness.
tumbler: (*n*) acrobat, beaker, turner, mime, roller, buffoon, tumbler switch, cup, bowl, flute; (*v*) glass.
warmed: (*adj*) warmer, warm, baked.

While he was sitting with her on the side of the bed Mary came to the door and said that the **missus** wanted to see him in the parlour. He stood up to put on his coat and waistcoat, more helpless than ever. When he was dressed he went over to her to comfort her. It would be all right, never fear. He left her crying on the bed and moaning softly: "*O my God!*"

Going down the stairs his glasses became so **dimmed** with moisture that he had to take them off and polish them. He longed to **ascend** through the roof and fly away to another country where he would never hear again of his trouble, and yet a force pushed him downstairs step by step. The implacable faces of his employer and of the Madam stared upon his **discomfiture**. On the last flight of stairs he passed Jack Mooney who was coming up from the pantry nursing two bottles of *Bass*. They saluted coldly; and the lover's eyes rested for a second or two on a thick **bulldog** face and a pair of thick short arms. When he reached the foot of the staircase he glanced up and saw Jack regarding him from the door of the return-room.

Suddenly he remembered the night when one of the music-hall *artistes*, a little blond Londoner, had made a rather free **allusion** to Polly. The reunion had been almost broken up on account of Jack's violence. Everyone tried to quiet him. The music-hall *artiste*, a little paler than usual, kept smiling and saying that there was no harm meant: but Jack kept shouting at him that if any fellow tried that sort of a game on with *his* sister he'd bloody well put his teeth down his throat, so he would.

Polly sat for a little time on the side of the bed, crying. Then she dried her eyes and went over to the looking-glass. She dipped the end of the towel in the water-jug and refreshed her eyes with the cool water. She looked at herself in profile and readjusted a **hairpin** above her ear. Then she went back to the bed again and sat at the foot. She regarded the pillows for a long time and the sight of them awakened in her mind secret, amiable memories. She rested the nape of her neck against the cool iron bed-rail and fell into a **reverie**. There was no longer any **perturbation** visible on her face.

Thesaurus

allusion: (*n*) innuendo, reference, cue, suggestion, mention, intimation, pointer, insinuation, implication, indication, clue.

ascend: (*n, v*) mount; (*v*) arise, scale, uprise, climb, go up, come up, increase, elevate; (*n*) ascending, ascent. ANTONYMS: (*v*) descend, drop, decline, fall, lower, set, sink.

bulldog: (*n*) English bulldog, newspaper; (*v*) subdue, surmount; (*adj*) pertinacious, tiger, panther,

tenacious, lion, dour, dogged.

dimmed: (*adj*) wan, soft, blurred, vague, faint, dull, bleak, black, dense.

discomfiture: (*n*) embarrassment, confusion, perturbation, discomfort, discomfit, disconcertion, discomposure, humiliation, consternation; (*adj*) rebuff, rout. ANTONYMS: (*n*) contentment, honor.

hairpin: (*n*) bobby pin, pin, curve, grip.

missus: (*n*) lady, wife, matron, married woman.

perturbation: (*n*) commotion, agitation, fuss, emotion, excitement, confusion, dislocation, discomposure, interruption; (*adj, n, v*) trepidation; (*adj, n*) flutter.

reverie: (*n*) dream, fantasy, air castle, brown study, revery, trance, abstraction, castle in Spain, castle in the air; (*adj*) preoccupation, distraction. ANTONYM: (*n*) reality.

She waited on **patiently**, almost **cheerfully**, without **alarm**. her **memories** gradually giving place to hopes and visions of the future. Her hopes and visions were so **intricate** that she no longer saw the white pillows on which her **gaze** was fixed or remembered that she was waiting for anything.

At last she heard her mother calling. She started to her feet and ran to the **banisters**.

"Polly! Polly!"

"Yes, mamma?"

"Come down, dear. Mr. Doran **wants** to speak to you."

Then she remembered what she had been waiting for.

Thesaurus

alarm: (*n, v*) alert, scare, awe, panic; (*n*) consternation, alarm clock, fright, alarm, terror; (*v*) agitate, horrify. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) comfort; (*v*) reassure, soothe, assure; (*n*) reassurance, composure, nonchalance, assurance, bravery, confidence, order.
banisters: (*n*) railing, balustrade.
cheerfully: (*adj, adv*) gladly; (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) merrily, readily, brightly, jovially, cheerily, genially,

chirpily, lively, blithely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) bleakly, dismally, grimly, sullenly, unhappily, somberly, sadly, grudgingly, gloomily, dourly, forlornly.
gaze: (*n, v*) stare, regard, look, behold; (*v*) gape, see, contemplate, face, pry, view, glance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) glance, peek.
intricate: (*adj, n*) complicated; (*adj*) difficult, knotty, hard, tricky, convoluted, tortuous, inextricable,

elaborate, obscure; (*adj, v*) involved. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) simple, easy, plain.
memories: (*n*) recollections, reminiscences, nostalgia, memento Mori.
patiently: (*adv*) perseveringly, invalidly, quietly, uncomplainingly, persistently, forbearingly, resignedly, steadily, doggedly, calmly, meekly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) eagerly.
wants: (*n*) need, necessities.

A LITTLE CLOUD

EIGHT years before he had seen his friend off at the North Wall and wished him Godspeed. Gallaher had got on. You could tell that at once by his travelled air, his well-cut tweed suit, and **fearless** accent. Few fellows had talents like his and fewer still could remain **unspoiled** by such success. Gallaher's heart was in the right place and he had deserved to win. It was something to have a friend like that.

Little Chandler's thoughts ever since lunch-time had been of his meeting with Gallaher, of Gallaher's invitation and of the great city London where Gallaher lived. He was called Little Chandler because, though he was but slightly under the average **stature**, he gave one the idea of being a little man. His hands were white and small, his frame was fragile, his voice was quiet and his manners were refined. He took the greatest care of his fair **silken** hair and **moustache** and used perfume discreetly on his handkerchief. The half-moons of his nails were perfect and when he smiled you caught a glimpse of a row of childish white teeth.

As he sat at his desk in the King's Inns he thought what changes those eight years had brought. The friend whom he had known under a shabby and **necessitous** **guise** had become a brilliant figure on the London Press. He turned often from his tiresome writing to gaze out of the office window. The glow of a late autumn sunset covered the grass plots and walks. It cast a shower of kindly golden dust on the untidy nurses and **decrepit** old men who drowsed on the

Thesaurus

decrepit: (*adj*) infirm, senile, feeble, effete, seedy, worn, dilapidated, shabby, old, rickety, frail.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fit, strong, sound, robust, powerful, healthy, hearty, sturdy.
fearless: (*adj, n*) daring; (*adj*) brave, dauntless, courageous, undaunted, intrepid, heroic, audacious, gallant, confident, valiant. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) afraid, frightened, scared, apprehensive, terrified, timid.

guise: (*n*) form, dress, aspect, costume, disguise, fashion, pretense, camouflage, attire, figure, color.
moustache: (*adj, n*) hair; (*n*) mustache, mustachio, mastax, whiskers; (*adj*) whisker, mane, brush, tress, ringlet, shag.
necessitous: (*adj*) indigent, destitute, necessary, poor, impoverished, penniless, meagre, indispensable, poverty-stricken; (*adj, n*) pinched; (*n*) straitened.

silken: (*adj*) glossy, silk, sleek, soft, satiny, satin, shiny, smooth, slick, downy, mild. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) coarse, dull, rough.
stature: (*n*) height, altitude, standing, tallness, prestige, figure, growth, status, quality, rank, greatness.
unspoiled: (*adj*) pure, unspoil, uncorrupted, virtuous, estimable, flawless, fresh, fine, financially sound, fresher, expert. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) flawed, impure, marred, soiled.

benches; it flickered upon all the moving figures-- on the children who ran screaming along the gravel paths and on everyone who passed through the gardens. He watched the scene and thought of life; and (as always happened when he thought of life) he became sad. A gentle melancholy took possession of him. He felt how useless it was to struggle against fortune, this being the burden of wisdom which the ages had **bequeathed** to him.

He remembered the books of poetry upon his shelves at home. He had bought them in his bachelor days and many an evening, as he sat in the little room off the hall, he had been tempted to take one down from the **bookshelf** and read out something to his wife. But shyness had always held him back; and so the books had remained on their shelves. At times he repeated lines to himself and this consoled him.

When his hour had struck he stood up and took leave of his desk and of his fellow-clerks **punctiliously**. He emerged from under the feudal arch of the King's Inns, a neat modest figure, and walked swiftly down Henrietta Street. The golden sunset was **waning** and the air had grown sharp. A **horde** of **grimy** children populated the street. They stood or ran in the roadway or crawled up the steps before the gaping doors or squatted like mice upon the thresholds. Little Chandler gave them no thought. He picked his way deftly through all that minute vermin-like life and under the shadow of the gaunt **spectral** mansions in which the old nobility of Dublin had roystered. No memory of the past touched him, for his mind was full of a present joy.

He had never been in Corless's but he knew the value of the name. He knew that people went there after the theatre to eat **oysters** and drink liqueurs; and he had heard that the waiters there spoke French and German. Walking swiftly by at night he had seen cabs drawn up before the door and richly dressed ladies, escorted by cavaliers, alight and enter quickly. They wore noisy dresses and many **wraps**. Their faces were **powdered** and they caught up their dresses, when they touched earth, like alarmed Atalantas. He had always passed without turning his head to look. It was his habit to walk swiftly in the street even by day and whenever he found himself in the city late at night he hurried on his way

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benches: (*n*) bleachers.

bequeathed: (*adj*) hereditary.

bookshelf: (*n*) bookcase, ledge, bookshelves, shelf, sill.

grimy: (*adj*) dirty, filthy, grubby, dingy, unclean, impure, nasty, begrimed, squalid, messy, muddy.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pure, pleasant.

horde: (*n*) gang, crowd, crush, swarm, mob, drove, crew, cloud, shoal, throng, herd. ANTONYM: (*n*) few.

oysters: (*n*) class Pelecypoda, family

Ostreidae, Lamellibranchia, Ostreidae, class Lamellibranchia, Bivalvia, clams, class Bivalvia.

powdered: (*adj*) powdery, fine, crushed, milled, ground, broken up, finer, minced, pulverised; (*n*) punctated, milk.

punctiliously: (*adv*) accurately, precisely, scrupulously, exactly, pedantically, punctually, fastidiously, meticulously, stiffly, starchedly, primly.

spectral: (*adj*) ghostly, phantasmal, apparitional, unearthly, ghostlike, supernatural, ghastrly, shadowy, insubstantial, eerie, cadaverous.

waning: (*n*) decrease, decline, lessening, ebb, failure; (*adj*) run to seed, ripe, mellow, diminishing, abating, moribund. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) growing, thriving, waxing, increasing; (*n*) improvement.

wraps: (*n*) concealment, veil of secrecy, cover.

apprehensively and excitedly. Sometimes, however, he courted the causes of his fear. He chose the darkest and **narrowest** streets and, as he walked boldly forward, the silence that was spread about his footsteps troubled him, the wandering, silent figures troubled him; and at times a sound of low **fugitive** laughter made him tremble like a leaf.

He turned to the right towards Capel Street. **Ignatius** Gallaher on the London Press! Who would have thought it possible eight years before? Still, now that he reviewed the past, Little Chandler could remember many signs of future greatness in his friend. People used to say that Ignatius Gallaher was wild. Of course, he did mix with a rakish set of fellows at that time. drank freely and borrowed money on all sides. In the end he had got mixed up in some shady affair, some money transaction: at least, that was one version of his flight. But nobody denied him talent. There was always a certain... something in Ignatius Gallaher that impressed you in spite of yourself. Even when he was out at elbows and at his wits' end for money he kept up a bold face. Little Chandler remembered (and the remembrance brought a slight flush of pride to his cheek) one of Ignatius Gallaher's sayings when he was in a tight corner:

"Half time now, boys," he used to say light-heartedly. "Where's my considering cap?"

That was Ignatius Gallaher all out; and, damn it, you couldn't but admire him for it.

Little Chandler quickened his pace. For the first time in his life he felt himself superior to the people he passed. For the first time his soul **revolted** against the dull **inelegance** of Capel Street. There was no doubt about it: if you wanted to succeed you had to go away. You could do nothing in Dublin. As he crossed Grattan Bridge he looked down the river towards the lower quays and pitied the poor **stunted** houses. They seemed to him a band of tramps, huddled together along the riverbanks, their old coats covered with dust and **soot**, stupefied by the **panorama** of sunset and waiting for the first chill of night bid them arise, shake themselves and **begone**. He wondered whether he could write a poem to express his idea. Perhaps Gallaher might be able to get it into some London paper for

Thesaurus

apprehensively: (*adv*) uneasily, fearfully, worriedly, solicitously, timidly, restlessly, nervously, timorously, suspiciously, uncertainly, hesitantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, fearlessly, trustingly, unconcernedly.
begone: (*int*) shoo, scat, out, off, avault; (*v*) take off, get out, clear out; (*adv*) aside, absent.
fugitive: (*adj*) ephemeral, fleeting, momentary, elusive, caducous; (*n*)

escapee, absconder, deserter, emigrant, criminal; (*v*) fugacious.
ignatius: (*n*) St Ignatius, saint Ignatius.
inelegance: (*n*) awkwardness, grossness, coarseness, gracelessness, vulgarity, vulgarism, inelegancy, commonness, crudeness, homeliness; (*adj*) deformity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) elegance, delicacy, tastefulness, grace.
narrowest: (*n*) minimum.
panorama: (*n*) view, aspect, prospect,

landscape, scene, vista, countryside, background, exposure, perspective, sight.
revolted: (*adj*) sickened, sick, shocked, horrified, disgusted, appalled.
soot: (*n*) smut, lampblack, carbon black, grime, carbon, crock, dirt; (*adj*) ink, ebony, coal pitch, jet.
stunted: (*adj*) scrubby, little, scrawny, diminutive, puny, short, spare, weak, underdeveloped, dwarfish; (*v*) strangulated. ANTONYM: (*adj*) tall.

him. Could he write something original? He was not sure what idea he wished to express but the thought that a poetic moment had touched him took life within him like an infant hope. He stepped onward bravely.

Every step brought him nearer to London, farther from his own sober **inartistic** life. A light began to tremble on the horizon of his mind. He was not so old—thirty-two. His temperament might be said to be just at the point of maturity. There were so many different moods and **impressions** that he wished to express in verse. He felt them within him. He tried weigh his soul to see if it was a poet's soul. Melancholy was the dominant note of his temperament, he thought, but it was a melancholy tempered by recurrences of faith and resignation and simple joy. If he could give expression to it in a book of poems perhaps men would listen. He would never be popular: he saw that. He could not sway the crowd but he might appeal to a little circle of **kindred** minds. The English critics, perhaps, would recognise him as one of the Celtic school by reason of the melancholy tone of his poems; besides that, he would put in allusions. He began to invent sentences and phrases from the notice which his book would get. "Mr. Chandler has the gift of easy and graceful verse."... "A **wistful** sadness pervades these poems."... "The Celtic note." It was a pity his name was not more Irish-looking. Perhaps it would be better to insert his mother's name before the surname: Thomas **Malone** Chandler, or better still: T. Malone Chandler. He would speak to Gallaher about it.

He pursued his reverie so **ardently** that he passed his street and had to turn back. As he came near Corless's his former agitation began to **overmaster** him and he halted before the door in **indecision**. Finally he opened the door and entered.

The light and noise of the bar held him at the doorways for a few moments. He looked about him, but his sight was confused by the shining of many red and green wine-glasses. The bar seemed to him to be full of people and he felt that the people were observing him curiously. He glanced quickly to right and left (frowning slightly to make his **errand** appear serious), but when his sight cleared a little he saw that nobody had turned to look at him: and there, sure enough,

Thesaurus

ardently: (*adv*) fervently, warmly, eagerly, intensely, fiercely, avidly, enthusiastically, burningly, zealously, fervidly; (*adj, adv*) hotly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) indifferently, apathetically, unenthusiastically, halfheartedly, calmly.
errand: (*n*) chore, mission, job, task, assignment, embassy, duty, charge, messenger, communication, work.
impressions: (*n*) impersonation, imitation.

inartistic: (*adj*) artless, inartificial, guileless, ordinary, rude, unornamental, ignorant, honest.
indecision: (*n*) hesitation, irresolution, uncertainty, indecisiveness, hesitance, qualm, vacillation, hesitancy, dubiety, infirmity of purpose; (*adj, n*) suspense.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) determination, resolve, resolution, confidence.
kindred: (*adj*) cognate, akin, similar, allied, related; (*n*) kin, consanguinity,

relation, folk, folks, kin group.
malone: (*n*) Edmond Malone.
overmaster: (*adj, v*) overpower; (*v*) overwhelm, conquer, trounce, whelm, vanquish, subdue, overbear; (*adj*) overthrow, override, overreach.
wistful: (*adj, v*) reflective, meditative, thoughtful; (*adj*) contemplative, sad, melancholy, longing, plaintive, wishful, yearning; (*v*) anxious.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) alert, satisfied, shallow.

was Ignatius Gallaher leaning with his back against the counter and his feet planted far apart.

"Hallo, Tommy, old hero, here you are! What is it to be? What will you have? I'm taking whisky: better stuff than we get across the water. Soda? Lithia? No mineral? I'm the same Spoils the flavour... Here, garcon, bring us two halves of malt whisky, like a good fellow... Well, and how have you been pulling along since I saw you last? Dear God, how old we're getting! Do you see any signs of **aging** in me--eh, what? A little grey and thin on the top-- what?"

Ignatius Gallaher took off his hat and displayed a large closely **cropped** head. His face was heavy, pale and cleanshaven. His eyes, which were of **bluish** slate-colour, relieved his unhealthy **pallor** and shone out plainly above the vivid orange tie he wore. Between these rival features the lips appeared very long and **shapeless** and **colourless**. He bent his head and felt with two sympathetic fingers the thin hair at the crown. Little Chandler shook his head as a denial. Ignatius Galaher put on his hat again.

"It pulls you down," he said, "Press life. Always hurry and **scurry**, looking for copy and sometimes not finding it: and then, always to have something new in your stuff. Damn proofs and printers, I say, for a few days. I'm **deuced** glad, I can tell you, to get back to the old country. Does a fellow good, a bit of a holiday. I feel a ton better since I landed again in dear dirty Dublin... Here you are, Tommy. Water? Say when."

Little Chandler allowed his whisky to be very much **diluted**.

"You don't know what's good for you, my boy," said Ignatius Gallaher. "I drink mine neat."

"I drink very little as a rule," said Little Chandler modestly. "An odd half-one or so when I meet any of the old crowd: that's all."

"Ah well," said Ignatius Gallaher, cheerfully, "here's to us and to old times and old acquaintance."

They clinked glasses and drank the toast.

Thesaurus

aging: (*adj, n*) ageing; (*n*) senescence, agedness, ripening; (*adj*) elderly, senescent, long in the tooth.

bluish: (*adj*) blueish, blasphemous, powder blue, coloured, colorful, colored, chromatic, bluey, aristocratic, aristocratical.

colourless: (*adj*) colorless, drab, pale, neutral, wan, pallid, ashen, clear, white, washy, bloodless.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) colorful.

cropped: (*adj*) close.

deuced: (*adj*) cursed, infernal, damn, damned, darned, blessed, goddamn, goddam, demonic, unholy, satanic.

diluted: (*adj*) thin, watery, weak, insipid, tasteless, bland, sparse, rare, cut, washy, tame. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, concentrated, undiluted, thickened, strengthened, enriched, thick.

pallor: (*n*) pallidness, wanness, complexion, achromasia, lividity, lividness, luridness, pale, skin color,

whiteness, sallowness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) rosiness, coloration, bloom.

scurry: (*n, v*) scamper, scramble, race; (*v*) hasten, dash, rush, run, scuttle, sprint, dart; (*n*) haste. ANTONYMS: (*v*) amble, stroll.

shapeless: (*adj*) amorphous, misshapen, unformed, unstructured, nebulous, inchoate, unshapely, indistinct, uncrystallized, embryonic, vague. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) distinct, defined, tailored.

"I met some of the old **gang** today," said Ignatius Gallaher. "O'Hara seems to be in a bad way. What's he doing?"

"Nothing, said Little Chandler. "He's gone to the dogs."

"But Hogan has a good sit, hasn't he?"

"Yes; he's in the Land Commission."

"I met him one night in London and he seemed to be very flush... Poor O'Hara! Boose, I suppose?"

"Other things, too," said Little Chandler shortly.

Ignatius Gallaher laughed.

"Tommy," he said, "I see you haven't changed an **atom**. You're the very same serious person that used to **lecture** me on Sunday mornings when I had a **sore** head and a fur on my tongue. You'd want to knock about a bit in the world. Have you never been anywhere even for a trip?"

"I've been to the Isle of Man," said Little Chandler.

Ignatius Gallaher laughed.

"The Isle of Man!" he said. "Go to London or Paris: Paris, for choice. That'd do you good."

"Have you seen Paris?"

"I should think I have! I've knocked about there a little."

"And is it really so beautiful as they say?" asked Little Chandler.

He sipped a little of his drink while Ignatius Gallaher finished his **boldly**.

"Beautiful?" said Ignatius Gallaher, pausing on the word and on the **flavour** of his drink. "It's not so beautiful, you know. Of course, it is beautiful... But it's the life of Paris; that's the thing. Ah, there's no city like Paris for gaiety, movement, excitement..."

Little Chandler finished his **whisky** and, after some trouble, succeeded in **catching** the barman's eye. He ordered the same again.

Thesaurus

atom: (*n*) grain, speck, molecule, particle, mite, bit, mote, monad, crumb, corpuscle, iota.

boldly: (*adj, adv*) courageously, valiantly, heroically; (*adv*) fearlessly, daringly, bravely, intrepidly, impudently, audaciously, shamelessly, brashly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) discreetly, modestly, nervously, hesitantly, shyly, fearfully, meekly, submissively, secretly, respectfully, diffidently.

catching: (*adj*) communicable, infectious, epidemic, gripping, transferable, zymotic; (*n*) discovery, take, playing, uncovering, getting. ANTONYM: (*adj*) noncommunicable.

flavour: (*n*) aroma, savor, smell, palate, essence, sapor, feeling, feel, sapidity, relish; (*n, v*) flavor.

gang: (*n*) band, company, crowd, circle, pack, faction, mob, team, bunch, association, clique.

lecture: (*n, v*) discourse, harangue,

reprimand, sermon, rebuke, talk, censure; (*n*) speech, oration; (*v*) chide, preach. ANTONYMS: (*v*) praise; (*n*) compliment.

sore: (*adj, n, v*) hurt; (*adj*) sensitive, angry, grievous, raw; (*n*) injury, lesion, cut, boil; (*v*) acute; (*adj, v*) sharp. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) happy, healthy, pleased, comfortable.

whisky: (*adj, v*) usquebaugh; (*v*) rye, sherry, rum, schnapps, peg, sling, highball, xeres; (*n*) liquor, coach.

"I've been to the Moulin Rouge," Ignatius Gallaher continued when the barman had removed their glasses, "and I've been to all the Bohemian cafes. Hot stuff! Not for a pious chap like you, Tommy."

Little Chandler said nothing until the barman returned with two glasses: then he touched his friend's glass lightly and **reciprocated** the former toast. He was beginning to feel somewhat **disillusioned**. Gallaher's accent and way of **expressing** himself did not please him. There was something vulgar in his friend which he had not observed before. But perhaps it was only the result of living in London amid the **bustle** and competition of the Press. The old personal charm was still there under this new **gaudy** manner. And, after all, Gallaher had lived, he had seen the world. Little Chandler looked at his friend enviously.

"Everything in Paris is gay," said Ignatius Gallaher. "They believe in enjoying life--and don't you think they're right? If you want to enjoy yourself properly you must go to Paris. And, mind you, they've a great feeling for the Irish there. When they heard I was from Ireland they were ready to eat me, man."

Little Chandler took four or five sips from his glass.

"Tell me," he said, "is it true that Paris is so... **immoral** as they say?"

Ignatius Gallaher made a catholic gesture with his right arm.

"Every place is immoral," he said. "Of course you do find **spicy** bits in Paris. Go to one of the students' balls, for instance. That's lively, if you like, when the cocottes begin to let themselves loose. You know what they are, I suppose?"

"I've heard of them," said Little Chandler.

Ignatius Gallaher drank off his whisky and shook his head.

"Ah," he said, "you may say what you like. There's no woman like the Parisienne--for style, for go."

"Then it is an immoral city," said Little Chandler, with timid insistence--"I mean, compared with London or Dublin?"

"London!" said Ignatius Gallaher. "It's six of one and half-a-dozen of the other. You ask Hogan, my boy. I showed him a bit about London when he was

Thesaurus

bustle: (*adj, n, v*) hurry; (*n, v*) flurry, ado, fuss, hustle; (*adj, n*) stir, movement; (*n*) bother, commotion, disorder; (*adj, v*) hasten.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) inactivity, stillness, idleness; (*v*) laziness, relaxation.
disillusioned: (*adj*) disappointed, embittered, knowing, sarcastic, let down, dissatisfied, enlightened, sophisticated. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) enthusiastic, satisfied, idealistic, enthralled, enchanted, deceived,

misled.
expressing: (*adj*) significant; (*n*) speech.
gaudy: (*adj*) flashy, loud, showy, garish, flamboyant, tasteless, colorful, tacky, brassy, tawdry, florid.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tasteful, restrained, muted, drab, modest, dull, quality.
immoral: (*adj*) evil, bad, depraved, indecent, dissolute, corrupt, criminal, unprincipled, dirty, unfair, lewd.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) moral, decent, honest, ethical, principled, good, restrained, amoral, right, righteous, pure.
reciprocated: (*adj*) joint, mutual, shared, communal.
spicy: (*adj*) piquant, racy, fragrant, pungent, salty, blue, savory, hot, juicy, peppery, redolent.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bland, mild, dull, insipid, tasteless, uninteresting, faint, sweet.

over there. He'd open your eye... I say, Tommy, don't make punch of that whisky: **liquor** up."

"No, really..."

"O, come on, another one won't do you any harm. What is it? The same again, I suppose?"

"Well... all right."

"*François*, the same again... Will you smoke, Tommy?"

Ignatius Gallaher produced his **cigar**-case. The two friends lit their **cigars** and **puffed** at them in silence until their drinks were served.

"I'll tell you my opinion," said Ignatius Gallaher, emerging after some time from the clouds of smoke in which he had taken refuge, "it's a rum world. Talk of **immorality**! I've heard of cases--what am I saying?--I've known them: cases of... immorality..."

Ignatius Gallaher puffed thoughtfully at his cigar and then, in a calm historian's tone, he proceeded to **sketch** for his friend some pictures of the corruption which was **rife** abroad. He summarised the vices of many **capitals** and seemed inclined to award the palm to Berlin. Some things he could not **vouch** for (his friends had told him), but of others he had had personal experience. He spared neither rank nor **caste**. He revealed many of the **secrets** of religious houses on the Continent and described some of the practices which were fashionable in high society and ended by telling, with details, a story about an English duchess--a story which he knew to be true. Little Chandler was astonished.

"Ah, well," said Ignatius Gallaher, "here we are in old jog- along Dublin where nothing is known of such things."

"How dull you must find it," said Little Chandler, "after all the other places you've seen!"

Well," said Ignatius Gallaher, "it's a relaxation to come over here, you know. And, after all, it's the old country, as they say, isn't it? You can't help having a

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capitals: (*n*) brevier, caps, pica boldface.

caste: (*n*) rank, class, sort, variety, estate, tribe, race, genus; (*adj*) degree, baccalaureate, condition.

cigar: (*n*) cheroot, cigars, smoke, cigarette, corona, panatela, panetella, segar, cigarillo.

cigars: (*n*) cigar.

immorality: (*n*) iniquity, degeneracy, corruption, evil, vice, sin, evilness, wickedness, debauchery, devilry,

wrong. ANTONYMS: (*n*) righteousness, decency, piety, morality, restraint, honesty, good.

liquor: (*n*) fluid, broth, alcohol, booze, brew, brandy, arrack, spirits, schnapps; (*n, v*) drink; (*adj, n*) liquid.

puffed: (*adj*) puff, bloated, distended, puffy, tumid, turgid, swell, breathless, bepuffed, overflowing, out of breath.

rife: (*adj*) prevailing, current, rampant, plentiful, predominant, epidemic,

copious, numerous, common, regnant, abundant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) scarce, limited, rare, sparse.

secrets: (*n*) secrecy.

sketch: (*n, v*) plan, outline, draft, scheme, picture, project; (*n*) drawing, cartoon, plot; (*v*) paint, draw.

vouch: (*v*) guarantee, secure, promise, certify, attest, pledge, swear, testify, protest, confirm, affirm.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) deny, disavow, refute.

certain feeling for it. That's human nature... But tell me something about **yourself**. Hogan told me you had... tasted the joys of **connubial bliss**. Two years ago, wasn't it?"

Little Chandler blushed and smiled.

"Yes," he said. "I was married last May twelve months."

"I hope it's not too late in the day to offer my best wishes," said Ignatius Gallaher. "I didn't know your address or I'd have done so at the time."

He extended his hand, which Little Chandler took.

"Well, Tommy," he said, "I wish you and yours every joy in life, old chap, and tons of money, and may you never die till I shoot you. And that's the wish of a sincere friend, an old friend. You know that?"

"I know that," said Little Chandler.

"Any youngsters?" said Ignatius Gallaher.

Little Chandler blushed again.

"We have one child," he said.

"Son or daughter?"

"A little boy."

Ignatius Gallaher **slapped** his friend **sonorously** on the back.

"Bravo," he said, "I wouldn't doubt you, Tommy."

Little Chandler smiled, looked **confusedly** at his glass and bit his lower lip with three **childishly** white front teeth.

"I hope you'll spend an evening with us," he said, "before you go back. My wife will be delighted to meet you. We can have a little music and----"

"Thanks **awfully**, old chap," said Ignatius Gallaher, "I'm sorry we didn't meet earlier. But I must leave tomorrow night."

"Tonight, perhaps...?"

Thesaurus

awfully: (*adv*) atrociously, hideously, appallingly, frightfully, fearfully, ghastly, terribly, horrifically, horrendously, badly; (*adj, adv*) amazingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly, hardly, little, mildly, satisfactorily, slightly, well, adequately, superbly, somewhat.
bliss: (*n*) happiness, joy, ecstasy, pleasure, paradise, blessedness, felicity, elation, beatitude, heaven, blessing. ANTONYMS: (*n*) misery,

sorrow, agony, grief, anguish, sadness, suffering, gloom, hell, dissatisfaction.

childishly: (*adv*) foolishly, babyishly, silly, infantilely, stupidly, immaturely, simply, juvenily, absurdly, ridiculously, frivolously.
confusedly: (*adv*) obscurely, disorderedly, perplexedly, cloudily, dazedly, befuddledly, muddily, bemusedly, dizzily, bewilderedly, puzzledly.

connubial: (*adj, v*) matrimonial, marital; (*adj*) nuptial, wedded, married, spousal, bridal; (*adv*) conjugally. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unmarried, unwedded, divorced.
hogan: (*n*) William Benjamin Hogan.
slapped: (*adj*) mistreated.
sonorously: (*adv*) richly, rotundly, loudly, vibrantly, roundly, harmoniously, soundingly, vocally, fully, clearly.
yours: (*adj*) own.

"I'm awfully sorry, old man. You see I'm over here with another fellow, clever young chap he is too, and we arranged to go to a little card-party. Only for that..."

"O, in that case..."

"But who knows?" said Ignatius Gallaher **considerately**. "Next year I may take a little skip over here now that I've broken the ice. It's only a pleasure deferred."

"Very well," said Little Chandler, "the next time you come we must have an evening together. That's agreed now, isn't it?"

"Yes, that's agreed," said Ignatius Gallaher. "Next year if I come, *parole d'honneur*."

"And to **clinch** the bargain," said Little Chandler, "we'll just have one more now."

Ignatius Gallaher took out a large gold watch and looked at it.

"Is it to be the last?" he said. "Because you know, I have an a.p."

"O, yes, positively," said Little Chandler.

"Very well, then," said Ignatius Gallaher, "let us have another one as a *deoc an doruis*--that's good **vernacular** for a small whisky, I believe."

Little Chandler ordered the drinks. The blush which had risen to his face a few moments before was **establishing** itself. A trifle made him blush at any time: and now he felt warm and excited. Three small whiskies had gone to his head and Gallaher's strong cigar had confused his mind, for he was a delicate and **abstinent** person. The adventure of meeting Gallaher after eight years, of finding himself with Gallaher in Corless's surrounded by lights and noise, of listening to Gallaher's stories and of **sharing** for a brief space Gallaher's vagrant and triumphant life, upset the **equipoise** of his sensitive nature. He felt acutely the contrast between his own life and his friend's and it seemed to him unjust. Gallaher was his inferior in birth and education. He was sure that he could do something better than his friend had ever done, or could ever do, something

Thesaurus

abstinent: (*adj*) abstemious, abstentious, sober, continent, moderate, temperate, teetotal, austere, frugal, serious; (*n*) abstainer.
clinch: (*n, v*) clutch, clench, grip, hold, embrace, clasp, grasp, gripe, squeeze; (*adj, v*) fasten; (*v*) clamp. ANTONYM: (*v*) unfasten.
considerately: (*adv*) thoughtfully, attentively, politely, obligingly, discreetly, solicitously, humanely, circumspectly, courteously,

graciously, sympathetically.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unkindly, rudely, thoughtlessly, tactlessly, inconsiderately, uncooperatively, cruelly, harshly, insensitively.
equipoise: (*v*) poise, offset; (*n, v*) balance, counterweight; (*n*) equilibration, counterbalance, symmetry, counterpoise, balancing, equiponderance, equalizer.
establishing: (*adj*) established; (*v*) create.

parole: (*n*) countersign, password, word, watchword, pledge, plight, locution, oral communication, parlance, prattle; (*v*) free.
sharing: (*n*) communion, dispensation, allotment, generosity, apportionment, pooling, allocation, division, show and tell, sharing out; (*adj*) sexual.
vernacular: (*n*) jargon, slang, patois, language, dialect, cant, idiom, tongue, argot; (*adj*) vulgar, native.

higher than mere **tawdry** journalism if he only got the chance. What was it that stood in his way? His unfortunate **timidity** He wished to **vindicate** himself in some way, to assert his **manhood**. He saw behind Gallaher's refusal of his invitation. Gallaher was only **patronising** him by his friendliness just as he was patronising Ireland by his visit.

The **barman** brought their drinks. Little Chandler pushed one glass towards his friend and took up the other boldly.

"Who knows?" he said, as they lifted their glasses. "When you come next year I may have the pleasure of wishing long life and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Gallaher."

Ignatius Gallaher in the act of drinking closed one eye expressively over the rim of his glass. When he had drunk he smacked his lips decisively, set down his glass and said:

"No blooming fear of that, my boy. I'm going to have my fling first and see a bit of life and the world before I put my head in the sack --if I ever do."

"Some day you will," said Little Chandler calmly.

Ignatius Gallaher turned his orange tie and slate-blue eyes full upon his friend.

"You think so?" he said.

"You'll put your head in the sack," repeated Little Chandler **stoutly**, "like everyone else if you can find the girl."

He had slightly emphasised his tone and he was aware that he had betrayed himself; but, though the colour had heightened in his cheek, he did not **flinch** from his friend's gaze. Ignatius Gallaher watched him for a few moments and then said:

"If ever it occurs, you may bet your bottom dollar there'll be no **mooning** and **spooning** about it. I mean to marry money. She'll have a good fat account at the bank or she won't do for me."

Little Chandler shook his head.

Thesaurus

barman: (*n*) bartender, barkeeper, barkeep, publican, tapster, mixologist.

flinch: (*v*) cower, quail, recoil, recede, blench, shrink; (*n, v*) cringe, start, retreat, jump, jerk.

manhood: (*n*) majority, maturity, valor, resolution, personality, humanity, integrity, bravery; (*adj*) manliness, ripe age, maturity full age.

mooning: (*adj*) unaware, preoccupied, forgetful, absent-minded, mindless.

patronising: (*adj*) patronizing, condescending, arch, superior.

spooning: (*n*) dalliance.

stoutly: (*adv*) sturdily, robustly, strongly, solidly, lustily, vigorously, toughly, resolutely, stockily, portly, obstinately. ANTONYM: (*adv*) feebly.

tawdry: (*adj*) cheap, shoddy, meretricious, showy, flashy, garish, loud, tasteless, trashy, tacky, brassy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sophisticated, nice, quality.

timidity: (*n*) shyness, fear, bashfulness, nervousness, reserve, cowardice, fearfulness, timidity, modesty, humility, coyness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) confidence, boastfulness, swagger, brashness, security.

vindicate: (*adj, v*) absolve, clear, exonerate, exculpate; (*v*) excuse, acquit, defend, maintain, uphold, assert, rationalize. ANTONYMS: (*v*) punish, blame, accuse, condemn.

"Why, man alive," said Ignatius Gallaher, **vehemently**, "do you know what it is? I've only to say the word and tomorrow I can have the woman and the cash. You don't believe it? Well, I know it. There are hundreds--what am I saying?--thousands of rich Germans and Jews, rotten with money, that'd only be too glad... You wait a while my boy. See if I don't play my cards properly. When I go about a thing I mean business, I tell you. You just wait."

He tossed his glass to his mouth, finished his drink and laughed loudly. Then he looked thoughtfully before him and said in a **calmer** tone:

"But I'm in no hurry. They can wait. I don't fancy **tying** myself up to one woman, you know."

He **imitated** with his mouth the act of **tasting** and made a wry face.

"Must get a bit stale, I should think," he said.

Little Chandler sat in the room off the hall, holding a child in his arms. To save money they kept no servant but Annie's young sister Monica came for an hour or so in the morning and an hour or so in the evening to help. But Monica had gone home long ago. It was a quarter to nine. Little Chandler had come home late for tea and, moreover, he had forgotten to bring Annie home the parcel of coffee from Bewley's. Of course she was in a bad humour and gave him short answers. She said she would do without any tea but when it came near the time at which the shop at the corner closed she decided to go out herself for a quarter of a pound of tea and two pounds of sugar. She put the sleeping child **deftly** in his arms and said:

"Here. Don't **waken** him."

A little lamp with a white china shade stood upon the table and its light fell over a photograph which was enclosed in a frame of **crumpled** horn. It was Annie's photograph. Little Chandler looked at it, pausing at the thin tight lips. She wore the pale blue summer blouse which he had brought her home as a present one Saturday. It had cost him ten and elevenpence; but what an agony of **nervousness** it had cost him! How he had **suffered** that day, waiting at the shop door until the shop was empty, standing at the counter and trying to appear at

Thesaurus

calmer: (*n*) placid, quiet.

crumpled: (*adj*) rumpled, crinkly, wrinkled, bent, corrugated, crinkled, disheveled, lined, furrowed, dented, damaged.

deftly: (*adv*) adroitly, skillfully, dextrously, agilely, expertly, neatly, delicately, proficiently, adeptly, aptly, readily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) inelegantly, incompetently, roughly, awkwardly.

imitated: (*adj*) mimical.

nervousness: (*n*) nerves, trepidation, disquiet, tension, jumpiness, restlessness, jitters, agitation, worry, fearfulness, edginess. ANTONYMS: (*n*) boldness, confidence, reassurance, calm, relief, peace, equanimity.

suffered: (*adj*) permitted, permissive.

tasting: (*n*) degustation, gustation, savoring, relishing, sample, gustatory sensation, gustatory perception, discernment, drinking, eating, feeding.

tying: (*n*) ligation, bundling, attachment, knotting, lacing; (*adj*) binding; (*v*) restrict.

vehemently: (*adj, adv*) ardently; (*adv*) violently, zealously, strongly, fervently, passionately, ferociously, fervidly, keenly, intensely, furiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) feebly, gently, impassively.

waken: (*v*) stir, awaken, wake, wake up, arouse, awake, excite, call, kindle, evoke, provoke.

his ease while the girl piled ladies' blouses before him, paying at the desk and forgetting to take up the odd penny of his change, being called back by the **cashier**, and finally, **striving** to hide his blushes as he left the shop by examining the parcel to see if it was securely tied. When he brought the blouse home Annie kissed him and said it was very pretty and stylish; but when she heard the price she threw the blouse on the table and said it was a regular **swindle** to charge ten and elevenpence for it. At first she wanted to take it back but when she tried it on she was delighted with it, especially with the make of the sleeves, and kissed him and said he was very good to think of her.

Hm!...

He looked coldly into the eyes of the photograph and they answered coldly. Certainly they were pretty and the face itself was pretty. But he found something mean in it. Why was it so unconscious and **ladylike**? The composure of the eyes irritated him. They repelled him and defied him: there was no passion in them, no **rapture**. He thought of what Gallaher had said about rich Jewesses. Those dark Oriental eyes, he thought, how full they are of passion, of **voluptuous** longing!... Why had he married the eyes in the photograph?

He caught himself up at the question and glanced nervously round the room. He found something mean in the pretty furniture which he had bought for his house on the hire system. Annie had chosen it herself and it reminded hi of her. It too was **prim** and pretty. A dull resentment against his life **awoke** within him. Could he not escape from his little house? Was it too late for him to try to live bravely like Gallaher? Could he go to London? There was the furniture still to be paid for. If he could only write a book and get it published, that might open the way for him.

A volume of Byron's poems lay before him on the table. He opened it cautiously with his left hand lest he should waken the child and began to read the first poem in the book:

Hushed are the winds and still the evening gloom,
Not e'en a Zephyr wanders through the grove,

Thesaurus

awoke: (*adj*) awakened.

cashier: (*n*) accountant, receiver, teller, paymaster, almoner; (*v*) discard, reject, discharge, shed, dismiss, displace. ANTONYMS: (*v*) designate, hire, name.

ladylike: (*adj*) feminine, refined, gentle, womanly, genteel, maidenly, matronly, wifely, dainty, well-bred, mannerly. ANTONYM: (*adj*) coarse.

prim: (*adj*) stiff, prudish, precise, priggish, neat, ceremonious, mincing,

squeamish, prissy, decorous, demure.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, brash, uninhibited, informal, improper, lax.

rapture: (*n*) joy, bliss, delight, happiness, exaltation, elation, exultation, enchantment; (*adj, n*) enthusiasm; (*n, v*) transport; (*adj, n, v*) passion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) indifference, boredom, misery, gloom, agony, hell, despair.

striving: (*n*) nisis, pains, endeavor, strife, try, strain, attempt, strive,

ambition, struggle, exertion.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) unmotivated.

swindle: (*n, v*) cheat, con, do, trick, hoax, beguile; (*v*) defraud, deceive; (*n*) imposture, deception, fraud. ANTONYMS: (*v*) donate, give; (*n*) donation, gift.

voluptuous: (*adj*) luscious, voluptuary, sensual, carnal, sybaritic, epicurean, buxom, sexy, sensuous, lascivious, erotic. ANTONYM: (*adj*) underdeveloped.

Whilst I return to view my Margaret's tomb
And scatter flowers on the dust I love.

He paused. He felt the rhythm of the verse about him in the room. How melancholy it was! Could he, too, write like that, express the melancholy of his soul in verse? There were so many things he wanted to describe: his sensation of a few hours before on Grattan Bridge, for example. If he could get back again into that mood...

The child awoke and began to cry. He turned from the page and tried to hush it: but it would not be hushed. He began to rock it to and fro in his arms but its **wailing** cry grew **keener**. He rocked it faster while his eyes began to read the second **stanza**:

Within this narrow cell reclines her clay,
That clay where once...

It was useless. He couldn't read. He couldn't do anything. The wailing of the child pierced the drum of his ear. It was useless, useless! He was a prisoner for life. His arms trembled with anger and suddenly bending to the child's face he **shouted**:

"Stop!"

The child stopped for an instant, had a **spasm** of fright and began to scream. He jumped up from his chair and walked hastily up and down the room with the child in his arms. It began to sob **piteously**, losing its breath for four or five seconds, and then bursting out **anew**. The thin walls of the room echoed the sound. He tried to **soothe** it but it sobbed more **convulsively**. He looked at the contracted and **quivering** face of the child and began to be alarmed. He counted seven sobs without a break between them and caught the child to his breast in fright. If it died!...

The door was burst open and a young woman ran in, panting.

Thesaurus

anew: (*adv*) again, newly, lately, recently, over again, once more, once again, new; (*adj*) only yesterday, the other day, just now.

convulsively: (*adv*) spasmodically, paroxysmally, spastically, with convulsions.

keener: (*v*) Indian giver, floater, repeater.

piteously: (*adj, adv*) sadly; (*adv*) pitifully, wretchedly, ruefully, woefully, poorly, plaintively, sorrowfully,

grievously, sorrowfully, dolefully.

quivering: (*adj, n*) trembling, tremor, quaking, trepidation; (*n*) palpitation, quiver, vibration; (*adj*) flutter, quavering, shivering, tremulous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) steady.

shouted: (*adj*) screamed, loud.

soothe: (*n, v*) comfort, allay, console, solace; (*v*) alleviate, palliate, ease, calm, mitigate; (*adj, v*) appease; (*adj, n, v*) assuage. ANTONYMS: (*v*) upset, irritate, aggravate, annoy, intensify,

worry, enrage, scare, provoke, incite, disturb.

spasm: (*n*) fit, outburst, cramp, attack, twitch, paroxysm, convulsion, pain, pang, start, tic.

stanza: (*n*) couplet, quatrain, strophe, stave, line, octave, antistrophe, sestet, poetry, envoy, canto.

wailing: (*n, v*) lamentation, lament, moaning; (*adj*) lamenting, weeping, crying, wailful, howling, sobbing; (*adj, n*) bawling; (*n*) cry.

"What is it? What is it?" she cried.

The child, hearing its mother's voice, broke out into a **paroxysm** of **sobbing**.

"It's nothing, Annie... it's nothing... He began to cry..."

She flung her **parcels** on the floor and **snatched** the child from him.

"What have you done to him?" she cried, **glaring** into his face.

Little Chandler sustained for one moment the gaze of her eyes and his heart closed together as he met the hatred in them. He began to **stammer**:

"It's nothing... He... he began to cry... I couldn't... I didn't do anything... What?"

Giving no **heed** to him she began to walk up and down the room, **clasping** the child tightly in her arms and murmuring:

"My little man! My little mannie! Was 'ou frightened, love?... There now, love! There now!... Lambabaun! Mamma's little lamb of the world!... There now!"

Little Chandler felt his **cheeks** suffused with shame and he stood back out of the lamplight. He listened while the paroxysm of the child's sobbing **grew** less and less; and tears of **remorse** started to his eyes.

Thesaurus

checks: (*n*) Gemini, twins, couple, posterior, pair, deuce, two, duet.

clasping: (*adj*) tendril.

glaring: (*adj*) conspicuous, bright, blatant, egregious, obvious, plain, flaming, garish, crying, gross, glary.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soft, inconspicuous, dull, minor.

grew: (*v*) become, develop; (*adj*) grown.

heed: (*n, v*) consideration, concern, regard, mind, attention, notice; (*n*)

caution, advertence; (*v*) attend, hear. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) disregard; (*n*) inattentiveness.

parcels: (*n*) post, correspondence, baggage, appurtenances, letters.

paroxysm: (*adj, n*) fit, burst; (*n*) convulsion, outburst, explosion, attack, seizure, spasm, gust, agony; (*adj*) breaking out.

remorse: (*n*) penitence, contrition, repentance, regret, guilt, penance, sorrow, grief, qualm, ruefulness,

compassion. ANTONYM: (*n*) shamelessness.

snatched: (*adj*) hasty, speedy, brief, hurried, quick, rapid, short, sudden, swift. ANTONYM: (*adj*) slow.

sobbing: (*adj*) crying, weeping, weepy, tearful; (*n*) lamentation, shortness of breath, shit, prick, motherfucker, tear, lament.

stammer: (*v*) falter, hesitate, stumble, bumble, fumble, mumble, utter, verbalize, waver, halt, splutter.

COUNTERPARTS

THE bell rang **furiously** and, when Miss Parker went to the tube, a furious voice called out in a **piercing** North of Ireland accent:

"Send Farrington here!"

Miss Parker returned to her machine, saying to a man who was writing at a desk:

"Mr. Alleyne wants you upstairs."

The man **muttered** "*Blast him!*" under his breath and pushed back his chair to stand up. When he stood up he was tall and of great bulk. He had a hanging face, dark wine-coloured, with fair eyebrows and moustache: his eyes bulged forward slightly and the **whites** of them were dirty. He **lifted up** the counter and, passing by the clients, went out of the office with a heavy step.

He went heavily upstairs until he came to the second landing, where a door bore a brass plate with the **inscription** *Mr. Alleyne*. Here he halted, **puffing** with labour and **vexation**, and knocked. The **shrill** voice cried:

"Come in!"

The man entered Mr. Alleyne's room. Simultaneously Mr. Alleyne, a little man wearing gold-rimmed glasses on a cleanshaven face, shot his head up over a pile of documents. The head itself was so pink and **hairless** it seemed like a large egg **reposing** on the papers. Mr. Alleyne did not lose a moment:

Thesaurus

furiously: (*adv*) irately, angrily, fiercely, wildly, violently, ragingly, wrathfully, infuriatedly, rabidly, impetuously, frantically.

ANTONYM: (*adv*) sluggishly.

hairless: (*adj*) tonsured, glabrous, shorn, balding, smooth, beardless, depilous, depilated.

inscription: (*n*) epigraph, entry, dedication, autograph, epitaph, registration, lettering, writing, record, superscription, title.

lifted: (*adj*) raised, elevated, lift, lofty, upraised, steep.

muttered: (*adj*) garbled, incoherent, broken, inarticulate.

piercing: (*adj, n*) sharp, cutting; (*adj, v*) keen, penetrating, biting, bitter, harsh, shrill; (*adj*) high, raw, loud. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) quiet, dull, soft, hot.

puffing: (*adj*) gasping, breathless, panting, bloated, bouffant, breathing heavily, out of breath, distended,

puffed; (*n*) expansion, snorting.

reposing: (*adj*) calm, asleep.

shrill: (*adj*) piercing, penetrating, strident, keen, shrewd; (*v*) shriek, screech, scream, yell; (*adj, v*) high, sharp. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) low, quiet, resonant.

vexation: (*adj, n*) annoyance, nuisance; (*n*) irritation, worry, aggravation, displeasure, chagrin, chafe, anger, frustration, botheration.

whites: (*n*) thirds.

"Farrington? What is the meaning of this? Why have I always to complain of you? May I ask you why you haven't made a copy of that contract between Bodley and Kirwan? I told you it must be ready by four o'clock."

"But Mr. **Shelley** said, sir----"

"Mr. *Shelley* said, sir ... Kindly attend to what I say and not to what *Mr. Shelley* says, sir. You have always some excuse or another for **shirking** work. Let me tell you that if the contract is not **copied** before this evening I'll lay the matter before Mr. Crosbie... Do you hear me now?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you hear me now?... Ay and another little matter! I might as well be talking to the wall as talking to you. Understand once for all that you get a half an hour for your lunch and not an hour and a half. How many courses do you want, I'd like to know... Do you mind me now?"

"Yes, sir."

Mr. Alleyne bent his head again upon his pile of papers. The man stared **fixedly** at the polished **skull** which directed the affairs of Crosbie & Alleyne, **gauging** its **fragility**. A spasm of rage **gripped** his throat for a few moments and then passed, leaving after it a sharp sensation of **thirst**. The man recognised the sensation and felt that he must have a good night's drinking. The middle of the month was passed and, if he could get the copy done in time, Mr. Alleyne might give him an order on the cashier. He stood still, **gazing** fixedly at the head upon the pile of papers. Suddenly Mr. Alleyne began to upset all the papers, searching for something. Then, as if he had been unaware of the man's presence till that moment, he shot up his head again, saying:

"Eh? Are you going to stand there all day? Upon my word, Farrington, you take things easy!"

"I was waiting to see..."

"Very good, you needn't wait to see. Go downstairs and do your work."

Thesaurus

copied: (*adj*) counterfeit, derivative, sham, false, phony, mock, imitative, forged, fake, ersatz, bogus.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) real.

fixedly: (*adv*) steadily, steadfastly, regularly, intently, stably, setly, permanently, rigidly, unwaveringly, surely, resolutely.

fragility: (*n*) brittleness, weakness, feebleness, flimsiness, daintiness, breakability, fineness, finesse, vulnerability; (*adj, n*) frailty; (*adj*)

failing. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sturdiness, solidity.

gauging: (*n*) measurement, estimate, discharge measurement.

gazing: (*adj*) fixed.

gripped: (*adj*) obsessed, engrossed, held, seized, captivated, fanatical, absorbed, occupied, preoccupied, rapt, spellbound. ANTONYM: (*adj*) uninterested.

shelley: (*adj*) shelly; (*n*) Mary Shelley, Percy Bysshe Shelley.

shirking: (*n*) avoidance, goofing off, goldbricking, dodging, escape, elusion, soldiering, skirting, slacking, fudging.

skull: (*n*) noddle, sconce, pericranium, brainpan, cranium, head, upper story, shell, noggin, skeleton, skullcap.

thirst: (*n, v*) hunger, lust, wish; (*n*) longing, yen, craving, hankering, dryness, appetite; (*v*) starve, crave. ANTONYM: (*n*) dislike.

The man walked heavily towards the door and, as he went out of the room, he heard Mr. Alleyne cry after him that if the contract was not copied by evening Mr. Crosbie would hear of the matter.

He returned to his desk in the lower office and counted the sheets which remained to be copied. He took up his pen and dipped it in the ink but he continued to stare stupidly at the last words he had written: *In no case shall the said Bernard Bodley be...* The evening was falling and in a few minutes they would be lighting the gas: then he could write. He felt that he must **slake** the thirst in his throat. He stood up from his desk and, lifting the counter as before, passed out of the office. As he was passing out the chief clerk looked at him **inquiringly**.

"It's all right, Mr. Shelley," said the man, pointing with his finger to indicate the objective of his journey.

The chief clerk glanced at the hat-rack, but, seeing the row complete, offered no remark. As soon as he was on the landing the man pulled a shepherd's **plaid** cap out of his pocket, put it on his head and ran quickly down the **rickety** stairs. From the street door he walked on **furtively** on the inner side of the path towards the corner and all at once dived into a doorway. He was now safe in the dark snug of O'Neill's shop, and filling up the little window that looked into the bar with his **inflamed** face, the colour of dark wine or dark meat, he called out:

"Here, Pat, give us a **g.p.**.. like a good fellow."

The curate brought him a glass of plain porter. The man drank it at a gulp and asked for a **caraway** seed. He put his penny on the counter and, leaving the curate to **grope** for it in the gloom, **retreated** out of the snug as furtively as he had entered it.

Darkness, accompanied by a thick fog, was gaining upon the dusk of February and the lamps in Eustace Street had been lit. The man went up by the houses until he reached the door of the office, wondering whether he could finish his copy in time. On the stairs a moist pungent odour of perfumes saluted his nose: evidently Miss Delacour had come while he was out in O'Neill's. He

Thesaurus

caraway: (*n*) Carum Carvi, herb, caraway seed, Carum, anise, Apiaceae, carrot family, Caraway, family Apiaceae, family Umbelliferae, genus Carum.
furtively: (*adv*) stealthily, covertly, surreptitiously, sneakily, clandestinely, secretively, sly, sneakingly, underhandedly, undercoverly, craftily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) deliberately, brazenly.
g.p.: (*n*) family doctor.

grope: (*v*) fumble, finger, grabble, search, handle, scramble, paw, mishandle; (*n, v*) touch; (*adj*) groping; (*adv*) gropingly.
inflamed: (*adj*) impassioned, excited, angry, hot, flaming, ablaze, irritated, passionate, painful, burning; (*n*) red.
inquiringly: (*adv*) enquiringly, inquisitively, nosily, curiously, pryingly, interestedly, searchingly, inquiring, quizzically, intrusively.
plaid: (*n*) check, tartan, patchwork,

kirtle, fabric, cloth, cape, tippet; (*v*) mosaic, tessellated; (*adj*) checked.
retreated: (*adj*) withdrawn, people.
rickety: (*adj*) unstable, wobbly, decrepit, dilapidated, insecure, ramshackle, rachitic, flimsy, precarious, cranky, wonky. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stable, sturdy, firm, secure.
slake: (*adj, v*) abate, slacken; (*v*) satisfy, assuage, satiate, slack, allay, sate, ease, fill, mollify.

crammed his cap back again into his pocket and re-entered the office, assuming an air of absentmindedness.

"Mr. Alleyne has been calling for you," said the chief clerk severely. "Where were you?"

The man glanced at the two clients who were standing at the counter as if to intimate that their presence prevented him from answering. As the clients were both male the chief clerk allowed himself a laugh.

"I know that game," he said. "Five times in one day is a little bit... Well, you better look sharp and get a copy of our correspondence in the Delacour case for Mr. Alleyne."

This address in the presence of the public, his run upstairs and the porter he had gulped down so hastily confused the man and, as he sat down at his desk to get what was required, he realised how hopeless was the task of finishing his copy of the contract before half past five. The dark damp night was coming and he longed to spend it in the bars, drinking with his friends amid the glare of gas and the **clatter** of glasses. He got out the Delacour correspondence and passed out of the office. He hoped Mr. Alleyne would not discover that the last two letters were missing.

The moist **pungent perfume** lay all the way up to Mr. Alleyne's room. Miss Delacour was a middle-aged woman of Jewish appearance. Mr. Alleyne was said to be sweet on her or on her money. She came to the office often and stayed a long time when she came. She was sitting beside his desk now in an **aroma** of perfumes, **smoothing** the handle of her umbrella and **nodding** the great black **feather** in her hat. Mr. Alleyne had swivelled his chair round to face her and thrown his right foot jauntily upon his left knee. The man put the correspondence on the desk and bowed respectfully but neither Mr. Alleyne nor Miss Delacour took any notice of his bow. Mr. Alleyne **tapped** a finger on the correspondence and then flicked it towards him as if to say: "*That's all right: you can go.*"

Thesaurus

aroma: (*n*) fragrance, smell, odor, bouquet, scent, incense, taste, breath, tang, flavor; (*n, v*) perfume.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) stink, stench.

clatter: (*n, v*) rattle, jingle, bang, clank, clang, roll, clink; (*v*) clash, chatter; (*n*) noise, racket. ANTONYM: (*n*) quiet.

crammed: (*adj*) packed, full, overcrowded, chock-full, stuffed, jammed, brimming, congested, overflowing, saturated, teeming.

feather: (*n*) pen, feathering, pinion,

nib, plumage, quill, kind, spline; (*n, v*) plume; (*adj, n, v*) fringe; (*v*) fledge.

nodding: (*adj*) cernuous, drooping, dozy, dozing, somnolent, drugged, pendulous, drowsing, droopy, annuent, flagging. ANTONYM: (*adj*) awake.

perfume: (*n, v*) scent, essence, odor, smell; (*n*) aroma, bouquet, cologne, incense, odour; (*v*) embalm, aromatize. ANTONYMS: (*n*) stink, stench.

pungent: (*adj, n*) bitter; (*adj*) hot, peppery, acid, acrid, biting, penetrating, caustic; (*adj, v*) poignant, keen, brisk. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bland, sweet, faint, odorless.

smoothing: (*n*) fine cutting, smoothness, sleeking; (*adj*) sleek, even, not harsh, smooth porcelain, bland, not rough, moving equably, mild.

tapped: (*adj*) poor, powerless, helpless. ANTONYM: (*adj*) untapped.

The man returned to the lower office and sat down again at his desk. He stared intently at the incomplete phrase: *In no case shall the said Bernard Bodley be...* and thought how strange it was that the last three words began with the same letter. The chief clerk began to hurry Miss Parker, saying she would never have the letters typed in time for post. The man listened to the **clicking** of the machine for a few minutes and then set to work to finish his copy. But his head was not clear and his mind wandered away to the glare and rattle of the public-house. It was a night for hot punches. He struggled on with his copy, but when the clock struck five he had still fourteen pages to write. Blast it! He couldn't finish it in time. He longed to **execrate** aloud, to bring his fist down on something violently. He was so **enraged** that he wrote *Bernard Bernard* instead of *Bernard Bodley* and had to begin again on a clean sheet.

He felt strong enough to clear out the whole office **singlehanded**. His body ached to do something, to rush out and **revel** in violence. All the indignities of his life enraged him... Could he ask the cashier privately for an advance? No, the cashier was no good, no damn good: he wouldn't give an advance... He knew where he would meet the boys: Leonard and O'Halloran and Nosey Flynn. The barometer of his emotional nature was set for a spell of riot.

His imagination had so **abstracted** him that his name was called twice before he answered. Mr. Alleyne and Miss Delacour were standing outside the counter and all the clerks had turn round in anticipation of something. The man got up from his desk. Mr. Alleyne began a **tirade** of abuse, saying that two letters were missing. The man answered that he knew nothing about them, that he had made a faithful copy. The tirade continued: it was so bitter and violent that the man could hardly restrain his fist from descending upon the head of the **manikin** before him:

"I know nothing about any other two letters," he said **stupidly**.

"*You--know--nothing*. Of course you know nothing," said Mr. Alleyne. "Tell me," he added, glancing first for approval to the lady beside him, "do you take me for a fool? Do you think me an utter fool?"

Thesaurus

abstracted: (*adj*) absentminded, separate, absent-minded, abstract, distrait, inattentive, pensive, preoccupied, remote, lost, vacant.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) alert.
clicking: (*n*) tick.
enraged: (*adj*) angered, furious, infuriated, irate, mad, livid, incensed, exasperated, raging, irritated, boiling.
execrate: (*v*) abominate, detest, anathematize, curse, loathe, beshrew, dislike, swear, damn, despise, hate.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) applaud, eulogize, like, praise, love.
manikin: (*n*) model, homunculus, dummy, mannikin, mannequin, Manacus, phantom, manakin, figurine, form, fashion model.
revel: (*n, v*) frolic; (*v*) drink, celebrate, exult, wallow, rejoice, bask, riot; (*n*) carousal, orgy; (*adj*) luxuriate.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) mourn; (*n*) mourning.
singlehanded: (*adj*) solitary, by

yourself, on your own, lone.
stupidly: (*adv*) dully, thickly, obtusely, senselessly, fatuously, slowly, insanely, unwisely, doltishly, crassly, densely. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) shrewdly, brightly, sensibly, wisely, sensitively, prudently, carefully.
tirade: (*n*) diatribe, invective, sermon, speech, recitation, Philippic, oration, delivery, broadside, lecture, say.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) calm, harmony, praise.

The man glanced from the lady's face to the little **egg**-shaped head and back again; and, almost before he was aware of it, his tongue had found a **felicitous** moment:

"I don't think, sir," he said, "that that's a fair question to put to me."

There was a pause in the very breathing of the clerks. Everyone was astounded (the author of the **witticism** no less than his neighbours) and Miss Delacour, who was a stout amiable person, began to smile broadly. Mr. Alleyne flushed to the hue of a wild rose and his mouth twitched with a dwarf's passion. He shook his fist in the man's face till it seemed to vibrate like the knob of some electric machine:

"You **impertinent ruffian!** You impertinent ruffian! I'll make short work of you! Wait till you see! You'll apologise to me for your **impertinence** or you'll quit the office **instanter!** You'll quit this, I'm telling you, or you'll apologise to me!"

He stood in a doorway opposite the office watching to see if the cashier would come out alone. All the clerks passed out and finally the cashier came out with the chief clerk. It was no use trying to say a word to him when he was with the chief clerk. The man felt that his position was bad enough. He had been obliged to offer an abject apology to Mr. Alleyne for his impertinence but he knew what a hornet's nest the office would be for him. He could remember the way in which Mr. Alleyne had hounded little Peake out of the office in order to make room for his own nephew. He felt savage and thirsty and **vengeful**, annoyed with himself and with everyone else. Mr. Alleyne would never give him an hour's rest; his life would be a hell to him. He had made a proper fool of himself this time. Could he not keep his tongue in his cheek? But they had never pulled together from the first, he and Mr. Alleyne, ever since the day Mr. Alleyne had overheard him **mimicking** his North of Ireland accent to amuse Higgins and Miss Parker: that had been the beginning of it. He might have tried Higgins for the money, but sure Higgins never had anything for himself. A man with two establishments to keep up, of course he couldn't...

He felt his great body again aching for the comfort of the public-house. The fog had begun to chill him and he wondered could he touch Pat in O'Neill's. He

Thesaurus

egg-shaped: (*adj*) oval, round, elliptical.

felicitous: (*adj*) apt, suitable, appropriate, proper, applicable, fortunate, apposite, clever, cute, lucky; (*adj, n*) happy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inappropriate, infelicitous, inopportune, unfitting, unhappy.

impertinence: (*n*) audacity, gall, impudence, insolence, disrespect, effrontery, brass, boldness, impertinency, sauciness, freshness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) politeness, seriousness, reticence.

impertinent: (*adj*) fresh, pert, saucy, forward, audacious, brash, brazen, extraneous, discourteous, disrespectful, flippant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful, polite, courteous.

instanter: (*adv*) immediately, now, directly, right, straightway, at once, straight; (*adj*) suddenly, like a shot, subito, presto.

mimicking: (*v*) apish, aping; (*adj*)

derisive, mocking.

vengeful: (*adj*) vengeful, vindictive, punitive, unforgiving, vindictive, resentful, spiteful, spiteful, implacable, rancorous, vengeable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) charitable.

ruffian: (*n*) rowdy, rascal, hooligan, bully, brute, hoodlum, tough, miscreant, villain, rogue, roughneck.

witticism: (*n*) humor, jest, wit, gag, repartee, humour, pun, quip, crack, pleasantry, epigram.

could not touch him for more than a bob--and a bob was no use. Yet he must get money somewhere or other: he had spent his last penny for the g.p. and soon it would be too late for getting money anywhere. Suddenly, as he was **fingering** his watch-chain, he thought of Terry Kelly's pawn-office in Fleet Street. That was the **dart**! Why didn't he think of it sooner?

He went through the narrow alley of Temple Bar quickly, muttering to himself that they could all go to hell because he was going to have a good night of it. The clerk in Terry Kelly's said *A crown!* but the **consignor** held out for six shillings; and in the end the six shillings was allowed him literally. He came out of the pawn-office **joyfully**, making a little cylinder, of the coins between his thumb and fingers. In Westmoreland Street the footpaths were crowded with young men and **women** returning from business and ragged urchins ran here and there **yelling** out the names of the evening editions. The man passed through the crowd, looking on the spectacle generally with proud satisfaction and staring **masterfully** at the office-girls. His head was full of the noises of tram-gongs and **swishing** trolleys and his nose already sniffed the **curling** fumes punch. As he walked on he preconsidered the terms in which he would **narrate** the incident to the boys:

"So, I just looked at him--coolly, you know, and looked at her. Then I looked back at him again--taking my time, you know. 'I don't think that that's a fair question to put to me,' says I."

Nosey Flynn was sitting up in his usual corner of Davy Byrne's and, when he heard the story, he stood Farrington a half-one, saying it was as smart a thing as ever he heard. Farrington stood a drink in his turn. After a while O'Halloran and Paddy Leonard came in and the story was repeated to them. O'Halloran stood tailors of malt, hot, all round and told the story of the **retort** he had made to the chief clerk when he was in Callan's of Fownes's Street; but, as the retort was after the manner of the liberal shepherds in the eclogues, he had to admit that it was not as clever as Farrington's retort. At this Farrington told the boys to polish off that and have another.

Thesaurus

consignor: (*n*) consigner, sender.
curling: (*adj*) curled, curly, moving, curled up; (*adv*) curlingly; (*n*) croquet, pallone, polo, tipcat, golf, curling edge.
dart: (*n, v*) dash, run, flit; (*v*) bound, flash, shoot, rush, race, gallop; (*adj, n*) arrow, rocket. ANTONYMS: (*v*) plod, trudge, slog, linger, dawdle, dally, delay, amble; (*n*) tonic.
fingering: (*n*) location, placement, feeling, emplacement.

joyfully: (*adv*) joyously, merrily, gaily, gleefully, buoyantly, cheerily, jubilantly, pleasantly, mirthfully; (*adv, v*) happily; (*adj, adv*) cheerfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) joylessly, miserably, despondently.
masterfully: (*adv*) masterly, consummately, domineeringly, overbearingly, arrogantly, arbitrarily, skillfully, adroitly, authoritatively, dictatorially, magisterially.
narrate: (*v*) tell, relate, recount, recite,

describe, report, express, rehearse, inform, state, detail.
retort: (*n, v*) answer, return, riposte; (*n*) response, rejoinder, repartee, comeback; (*v*) respond, repay, rejoice, alembic.
swishing: (*adj*) swishy, noisy.
women: (*n*) sex, gentle sex.
yelling: (*adj*) crying, howling, fantastic, noisy, marvelous, marvellous, instant, insistent, rank; (*n*) screaming, noise.

Just as they were **naming** their poisons who should come in but Higgins! Of course he had to join in with the others. The men asked him to give his version of it, and he did so with great **vivacity** for the sight of five small hot whiskies was very **exhilarating**. Everyone roared laughing when he showed the way in which Mr. Alleyne shook his fist in Farrington's face. Then he imitated Farrington, saying, "*And here was my nabs, as cool as you please,*" while Farrington looked at the company out of his heavy dirty eyes, smiling and at times drawing forth stray **drops** of liquor from his moustache with the aid of his lower lip.

When that round was over there was a pause. O'Halloran had money but neither of the other two seemed to have any; so the whole party left the shop somewhat regretfully. At the corner of Duke Street Higgins and Nosey Flynn bevelled off to the left while the other three turned back towards the city. Rain was **drizzling** down on the cold streets and, when they reached the Ballast Office, Farrington suggested the Scotch House. The bar was full of men and loud with the noise of tongues and glasses. The three men pushed past the **whining** matchsellers at the door and formed a little party at the corner of the counter. They began to exchange stories. Leonard introduced them to a young fellow named Weathers who was performing at the Tivoli as an **acrobat** and **knockabout** *artiste*. Farrington stood a drink all round. Weathers said he would take a small Irish and Apollinaris. Farrington, who had definite notions of what was what, asked the boys would they have an Apollinaris too; but the boys told Tim to make theirs hot. The talk became theatrical. O'Halloran stood a round and then Farrington stood another round, Weathers protesting that the hospitality was too Irish. He promised to get them in behind the scenes and introduce them to some nice girls. O'Halloran said that he and Leonard would go, but that Farrington wouldn't go because he was a married man; and Farrington's heavy dirty eyes leered at the company in token that he understood he was being chaffed. Weathers made them all have just one little **tincture** at his expense and promised to meet them later on at Mulligan's in Poolbeg Street.

When the Scotch House closed they went round to Mulligan's. They went into the parlour at the back and O'Halloran ordered small hot specials all round.

Thesaurus

acrobat: (*n*) clown, contortionist, jock, mountebank, Pulcinella, punch, harlequin, charlatan, scaramouch, balancer; (*adj*) athlete.

drizzling: (*adj*) drizzle, sprinkle, pouring, disgusting, drizzly, nasty, disagreeable, rainy, showery, raining, descending.

drops: (*n*) tear.

exhilarating: (*adj*) exciting, stimulating, invigorating, thrilling, elating, moving, exhilarative,

gladdening, brisk, glad, delighted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) boring, dull, depressing, discouraging, dispiriting.

knockabout: (*n*) sloop; (*adj*) fierce, rumbustious, rambunctious, spirited, rugged.

naming: (*n*) appointment, identification, denomination, appellation, nomination, indication, delegacy, assignment, mention; (*adj, n*) appellative; (*adj*) designating.

tincture: (*n, v*) dye, tint, taste; (*n*)

shade, color, hue, tinct; (*adj, n, v*) smack, dash; (*adj*) spice; (*v*) impregnate.

vivacity: (*adj, n*) life, liveliness; (*n*) energy, vitality, enthusiasm, dash, spirit, vigor, happiness, sparkle, effervescence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) apathy, dullness, sluggishness.

whining: (*adj*) whimpering, whiny, sniveling pitiful, Snively, tearful, whiney, singing, peevish; (*v*) fretful, lamenting; (*n*) sniveling.

They were all beginning to feel **mellow**. Farrington was just standing another round when Weathers came back. Much to Farrington's relief he drank a glass of bitter this time. Funds were getting low but they had enough to keep them going. Presently two young women with big hats and a young man in a check suit came in and sat at a table close by. Weathers saluted them and told the company that they were out of the Tivoli. Farrington's eyes wandered at every moment in the direction of one of the young women. There was something striking in her appearance. An immense scarf of peacock-blue **muslin** was wound round her hat and **knotted** in a great bow under her chin; and she wore bright yellow gloves, reaching to the elbow. Farrington gazed **admiringly** at the plump arm which she moved very often and with much grace; and when, after a little time, she answered his gaze he admired still more her large dark brown eyes. The **oblique** staring expression in them fascinated him. She glanced at him once or twice and, when the party was leaving the room, she **brushed** against his chair and said "O, pardon!" in a London accent. He watched her leave the room in the hope that she would look back at him, but he was disappointed. He cursed his want of money and cursed all the rounds he had stood, particularly all the whiskies and Apolinaris which he had stood to Weathers. If there was one thing that he hated it was a **sponge**. He was so angry that he lost count of the conversation of his friends.

When Paddy Leonard called him he found that they were talking about feats of strength. Weathers was showing his **biceps** muscle to the company and **boasting** so much that the other two had called on Farrington to uphold the national honour. Farrington pulled up his sleeve accordingly and showed his biceps muscle to the company. The two arms were examined and compared and finally it was agreed to have a trial of strength. The table was cleared and the two men **rested** their elbows on it, clasping hands. When Paddy Leonard said "Go!" each was to try to bring down the other's hand on to the table. Farrington looked very serious and determined.

The trial began. After about thirty seconds Weathers brought his opponent's hand slowly down on to the table. Farrington's dark wine-coloured face flushed

Thesaurus

admiringly: (*adv*) admire, lovingly, respectfully, reverently, approvingly, enthusiastically, affectionately, indulgently, kindly, dotingly, tenderly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disrespectfully, ill.

biceps: (*n*) musculus biceps brachii.

boasting: (*n*) bluster, bravado, rodomontade, swagger, braggadocio, ostentation, show; (*v*) brag; (*adj*) swaggering, vaporing, strutting.

brushed: (*adj*) napped, fleecy.

knotted: (*adj*) knotty, gnarled, gnarly, involved, entangled, complicated, tangled, matted, knobbed, fastened; (*adj, v*) kinky. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, tidy, relaxed.

mellow: (*adj, v*) ripe, mollify, smooth, soften; (*adj*) gentle, luscious, mild, soft, juicy; (*v*) melt, ripen. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) harsh, frantic, fresh, bright, strict, young, frenetic.

muslin: (*v*) linen, cloth; (*n*) mousseline, organdy, cambric, crash,

fabric, nainsook, organdie.

oblique: (*adj*) circuitous, devious, lateral, side, roundabout, slanting, evasive, collateral, sloping, inclined, tortuous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) direct, level, perpendicular, parallel, overt, explicit, straight, clear, upright; (*n*) nominative.

rested: (*adj*) comfortable.

sponge: (*n*) parasite, leech, sponger; (*v*) cadge, scrounge, bum, mooch, soaker, efface, crawl; (*adj, v*) wipe.

darker still with anger and humiliation at having been defeated by such a stripling.

"You're not to put the weight of your body behind it. Play fair," he said.

"Who's not playing fair?" said the other.

"Come on again. The two best out of three."

The trial began again. The veins stood out on Farrington's forehead, and the pallor of Weathers' complexion changed to **peony**. Their hands and arms trembled under the stress. After a long struggle Weathers again brought his opponent's hand slowly on to the table. There was a murmur of applause from the spectators. The **curate**, who was standing beside the table, nodded his red head towards the victor and said with stupid familiarity:

"Ah! that's the knack!"

"What the hell do you know about it?" said Farrington fiercely, turning on the man. "What do you put in your gab for?"

"Sh, sh!" said O'Halloran, observing the violent expression of Farrington's face. "Pony up, boys. We'll have just one little smahan more and then we'll be off."

A very sullen-faced man stood at the corner of O'Connell Bridge waiting for the little Sandymount tram to take him home. He was full of **smouldering** anger and revengefulness. He felt **humiliated** and **discontented**; he did not even feel drunk; and he had only twopence in his pocket. He cursed everything. He had done for himself in the office, pawned his watch, spent all his money; and he had not even got drunk. He began to feel **thirsty** again and he longed to be back again in the hot **reeking** public-house. He had lost his reputation as a strong man, having been defeated twice by a mere boy. His heart **swelled** with fury and, when he thought of the woman in the big hat who had brushed against him and said Pardon! his fury nearly **choked** him.

His tram let him down at Shelbourne Road and he steered his great body along in the shadow of the wall of the **barracks**. He **loathed** returning to his

Thesaurus

barracks: (n) billet, quarters, encampment, casern.

choked: (adj) clogged, smothered, congested, annoyed, high-strung, strained, neurotic, tense, angry, anxious, insecure.

curate: (n) rector, clergyman, minister, chaplain, pastor, Stipendiary curate, priest, vicar, incumbent, reverend, canon.

discontented: (adj, v) querulous, complaining; (adj) disaffected,

disgruntled, malcontent, unsatisfied, dissatisfied, displeased, miserable, put out, ungratified. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, satisfied, happy, content.

humiliated: (adj) humbled, mortified, embarrassed, humble, broken, abashed, crushed, miserable, shamefaced, abject, feeling guilty.

loathed: (adj) unpopular, hated, reviled, undesirable.

peony: (n) paeony, flower, piony.

reeking: (adj) dripping, overly diluted, odorous, noisome, high, fetid, stale; (v) sloppy, soft, soaking, sodden.

smouldering: (adj) live, angry.

swelled: (adj) big, inflated, bloated, swollen, adult, boastful, bighearted, bad, fully grown, crowing, elder.

thirsty: (adj) eager, arid, parched, avid, keen, athirst, greedy, absorbent, ambitious; (v) craving, hungry.

ANTONYMS: (adj) quenched, satisfied, disinterested, wet.

home. When he went in by the side- door he found the kitchen empty and the kitchen fire nearly out. He bawled upstairs:

"Ada! Ada!"

His wife was a little sharp-faced woman who **bullied** her husband when he was **sober** and was bullied by him when he was **drunk**. They had five children. A little boy came running down the stairs.

"Who is that?" said the man, **peering** through the darkness.

"Me, pa."

"Who are you? Charlie?"

"No, pa. Tom."

"Where's your mother?"

"She's out at the chapel."

"That's right... Did she think of leaving any dinner for me?"

"Yes, pa. I --"

"Light the **lamp**. What do you mean by having the place in darkness? Are the other children in bed?"

The man sat down heavily on one of the chairs while the little boy lit the lamp. He began to **mimic** his son's flat **accent**, saying half to himself: "*At the chapel. At the chapel, if you please!*" When the lamp was lit he banged his **fist** on the table and shouted:

"What's for my dinner?"

"I'm going... to cook it, pa," said the little boy.

The man jumped up furiously and pointed to the fire.

"On that fire! You let the fire out! By God, I'll teach you to do that again!"

He took a step to the door and seized the walking-stick which was standing behind it.

"I'll teach you to let the fire out!" he said, rolling up his **sleeve** in order to give his arm free play.

Thesaurus

accent: (*v*) emphasize, emphasise, punctuate, accentuate; (*n*) dialect, emphasis, idiom, importance, speech, articulation, pronunciation.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) attenuate, downplay, hide, ignore, lessen, minimize, slight.
bullied: (*adj*) browbeaten, timid, cowed, hangdog, afraid.
drunk: (*adj*) tipsy, wet, tight, blotto, drunken, inebriated; (*adj, n*) inebriate; (*n*) boozier, dipsomaniac, drunkard,

drinker. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, clearheaded; (*n*) teetotaler.
fist: (*n, v*) hand; (*n*) duke, clenched fist, feist, manus, grip, index; (*v*) finger, paw, neif, neaf.
lamp: (*n*) light, lantern, beacon, headlight, flashbulb, flashgun, table lamp, oil lamp, storm lantern; (*n, v*) look; (*v*) behold.
mimic: (*adj, v*) mock; (*v*) imitate, mime, copy, impersonate, parody, emulate; (*n, v*) counterfeit; (*n*)

imitator, mimicker, ape.
peering: (*adj*) nosy, prying, snoopy.
sleeve: (*n*) arm, liner, cover, cuff, wristband, collar, socket, skin, sheath; (*v*) plexus, skein.
sober: (*adj, v*) grave, sedate; (*adj*) sane, earnest, quiet, solemn, moderate, modest, serene, dull, somber.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intoxicated, unrestrained, drunk, playful, sensational, emotional, cheerful, frivolous, funny, muddled, delirious.

The little boy cried "O, pa!" and ran **whimpering** round the table, but the man followed him and caught him by the **coat**. The little boy looked about him **wildly** but, seeing no way of escape, fell upon his knees.

"Now, you'll let the fire out the next time!" said the man striking at him **vigorously** with the stick. "Take that, you little whelp!"

The boy **uttered** a **squeal** of pain as the stick cut his **thigh**. He clasped his hands together in the air and his voice shook with **fright**.

"O, pa!" he cried. "Don't beat me, pa! And I'll... I'll say a *Hail Mary* for you... I'll say a *Hail Mary* for you, pa, if you don't beat me... I'll say a *Hail Mary*..."

Thesaurus

coat: (*v*) cloak, blanket; (*n, v*) sheath, plaster; (*n*) coating, fur, film, crust, jacket, layer, bark. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reveal, expose.

fright: (*n, v*) dismay, alarm, scare, affright; (*n*) awe, fear, dread, terror, horror, consternation, apprehension. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calm, fearlessness, courage, confidence, security.

squeal: (*n, v*) yell, shout, scream, screech, cry; (*v*) howl, squeak, inform, squall, confess, betray.

thigh: (*n*) portion, limb, second joint, femur, hip, serving, drumstick, crus, helping, flank.

uttered: (*adj*) expressed, express, verbalised, verbalized, vocal, explicit, oral; (*v*) spoke, quoth, said.

vigorously: (*adv*) smartly, strongly, energetically, mightily, forcefully, heartily, actively, robustly, freshly, vehemently, ardently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) lifelessly, wearily, passively, languorously, slowly, submissively,

weakly, impassively, gently, lethargically.

whimpering: (*adj*) whining, puling, childish, querulous; (*n*) sniveling, cry, tear.

wildly: (*adj, adv*) madly, extravagantly; (*adv*) savagely, fiercely, violently, frantically, brutally, furiously, tempestuously, viciously, crazily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) quietly, peacefully, meekly, cautiously, gently.

CLAY

THE **matron** had given her leave to go out as soon as the women's tea was over and Maria looked forward to her evening out. The kitchen was **spick** and **span**: the cook said you could see yourself in the big **copper** boilers. The fire was nice and bright and on one of the side-tables were four very big barmbracks. These barmbracks seemed **uncut**; but if you went closer you would see that they had been cut into long thick even slices and were ready to be handed round at tea. Maria had cut them herself.

Maria was a very, very small person indeed but she had a very long nose and a very long chin. She talked a little through her nose, always **soothingly**: "Yes, my dear," and "No, my dear." She was always sent for when the women quarrelled. Over their tubs and always succeeded in making peace. One day the matron had said to her:

"Maria, you are a **veritable** peace-maker!"

And the sub-matron and two of the Board ladies had heard the compliment. And Ginger Mooney was always saying what she wouldn't do to the **dummy** who had charge of the **irons** if it wasn't for Maria. Everyone was so fond of Maria.

The women would have their tea at six o'clock and she would be able to get away before seven. From Ballsbridge to the Pillar, twenty minutes; from the

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copper: (*n*) brass, bull, cop, Cu, constable, gold, fuzz, pig, cent, bobby, coin.

dummy: (*adj*) sham, spurious, artificial, fictitious; (*adj, n*) model; (*n*) puppet, booby, dope, boob, dumbbell, blank. ANTONYMS: (*n*) scholar, intellectual, genius, original.

irons: (*n*) fetters, iron, chain, shackles, fetter, manacles, gyve, bond, bonds, pinion, handcuffs.

matron: (*n*) lady, head nurse, dame,

housewife, dowager, woman, wife, Donna Belle, matriarch, married woman; (*v*) matronhood.

ANTONYM: (*n*) patron.

soothingly: (*adv*) softly, quietly, calmingly, lullingly, lightly, tenderly, kindly, blandly, calmly, comfortingly, sedatively.

span: (*n*) length, distance, couple, range, period, extent, pair; (*n, v*) bridge, reach, stretch; (*v*) cross.

spick: (*adj*) immaculate, speckless,

spotless, faultless, impeccable; (*n*) cleaner, spik.

uncut: (*adj*) complete, untrimmed, standing, intact, unbroken, unshorn, unsevered; (*n*) unabridged; (*adj, n*) boisterous, harsh, grating.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mown, trimmed.

veritable: (*adj, v*) real, true, actual, very; (*adj*) genuine, authentic, bona fide, unquestionable, factual, truthful, right. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) false, unreal.

Pillar to Drumcondra, twenty minutes; and twenty minutes to buy the things. She would be there before eight. She took out her **purse** with the silver clasps and read again the words *A Present from Belfast*. She was very fond of that purse because Joe had brought it to her five years before when he and Alphy had gone to Belfast on a Whit-Monday trip. In the purse were two half-crowns and some **coppers**. She would have five shillings clear after paying tram fare. What a nice evening they would have, all the children singing! Only she hoped that Joe wouldn't come in drunk. He was so different when he took any drink.

Often he had wanted her to go and live with them; but she would have felt herself in the way (though Joe's wife was ever so nice with her) and she had become **accustomed** to the life of the **laundry**. Joe was a good fellow. She had **nursed** him and Alphy too; and Joe used often say:

"Mamma is **mamma** but Maria is my proper mother."

After the break-up at home the boys had got her that position in the *Dublin by Lamplight* laundry, and she liked it. She used to have such a bad opinion of Protestants but now she thought they were very nice people, a little quiet and serious, but still very nice people to live with. Then she had her plants in the **conservatory** and she liked looking after them. She had lovely ferns and wax-plants and, whenever anyone came to visit her, she always gave the visitor one or two **slips** from her conservatory. There was one thing she didn't like and that was the tracts on the walks; but the matron was such a nice person to deal with, so **genteel**.

When the cook told her everything was ready she went into the women's room and began to pull the big bell. In a few minutes the women began to come in by twos and threes, wiping their steaming hands in their petticoats and pulling down the sleeves of their blouses over their red steaming arms. They settled down before their huge mugs which the cook and the dummy filled up with hot tea, already mixed with milk and sugar in huge tin cans. Maria superintended the distribution of the barmbrack and saw that every woman got her four slices. There was a great deal of laughing and **joking** during the meal. Lizzie Fleming said Maria was sure to get the ring and, though Fleming had said

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accustomed: (*adj, n*) habitual; (*adj*) familiar, normal, wonted, usual, natural, everyday, ordinary, habituated, common, traditional.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unusual, green, unseasoned, unconventional, untrained, abnormal, uncharacteristic, exceptional.
conservatory: (*n*) conservatoire, greenhouse, orangery, glasshouse, nursery, summerhouse, winter garden, seed plot, grotto, porch,

schoolhouse.
coppers: (*n*) small change.
genteel: (*adj*) elegant, polite, cultured, refined, graceful, courtly, courteous, fashionable, nice, civil, ladylike.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncouth, improper, vulgar.
joking: (*n*) banter, fooling, fun; (*adj*) jocose, jocular, humorous, funny, kidding, playful, puckish, comical.
ANTONYM: (*n*) seriousness.
laundry: (*n*) launderette, wash,

washing, dairy, Laundromat, workplace, airstream, backwash, coach house, household linen; (*v*) lavatory.
mamma: (*n*) breast, mother, ma, knocker, boob, mum, mammy, mom, momma, mommy, mummy.
nursed: (*adj*) care, suckled.
purse: (*n*) bag, pouch, money, handbag, sac, currency, pocketbook, pelf; (*v*) wrinkle, pucker, crease.
slips: (*n*) pad.

that for so many Hallow Eves, Maria had to laugh and say she didn't want any ring or man either; and when she laughed her grey-green eyes sparkled with disappointed **shyness** and the tip of her nose nearly met the tip of her chin. Then Ginger Mooney lifted her mug of tea and proposed Maria's health while all the other women clattered with their mugs on the table, and said she was sorry she hadn't a sup of porter to drink it in. And Maria laughed again till the tip of her nose nearly met the tip of her chin and till her minute body nearly shook itself **asunder** because she knew that Mooney meant well though, of course, she had the notions of a common woman.

But wasn't Maria glad when the women had finished their tea and the cook and the dummy had **begun** to clear away the tea- things! She went into her little bedroom and, remembering that the next morning was a mass morning, changed the hand of the alarm from seven to six. Then she took off her working skirt and her house-boots and laid her best skirt out on the bed and her tiny dress-boots beside the foot of the bed. She changed her **blouse** too and, as she stood before the mirror, she thought of how she used to dress for mass on Sunday morning when she was a young girl; and she looked with **quaint** affection at the **diminutive** body which she had so often **adorned**, In **spite** of its years she found it a nice tidy little body.

When she got outside the streets were shining with rain and she was glad of her old brown waterproof. The tram was full and she had to sit on the little stool at the end of the car, facing all the people, with her toes barely touching the floor. She arranged in her mind all she was going to do and thought how much better it was to be independent and to have your own money in your pocket. She hoped they would have a nice evening. She was sure they would but she could not help thinking what a pity it was Alphy and Joe were not speaking. They were always falling out now but when they were boys together they used to be the best of friends: but such was life.

She got out of her tram at the Pillar and ferreted her way quickly among the crowds. She went into Downes's cake-shop but the shop was so full of people that it was a long time before she could get herself attended to. She bought a

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adorned: (*adj*) decorated, ornate, bedecked, decked out, fancy, garnished, ornamented, decked, beautiful, inscribed, festooned.

asunder: (*adj, v*) separate; (*adv*) aside, in two; (*adj, adv*) in Twain; (*adj*) loose, distant, adrift, aloof; (*v*) discrete, far between, free. ANTONYM: (*adv*) together.

begun: (*adj*) present.

blouse: (*n*) shirt, top, jacket, coat, frock, smock, chemise, tunic, overall,

waist, gown.

diminutive: (*adj*) minute, Lilliputian, small, petite, tiny, bantam, baby, exiguous, short, miniature, midget.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) big, huge, gigantic, large, giant, tall.

quaint: (*adj*) odd, funny, picturesque, comical, fanciful, curious, whimsical, strange, queer, peculiar, droll.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) modern, ordinary, dull.

shyness: (*n*) diffidence, modesty,

bashfulness, humility, shame,

timidity, coyness, pudency, timorousness, backwardness, timidness. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

sociability, brashness, confidence, urbanity, arrogance.

spite: (*n*) malice, grudge, hatred, malevolence, rancour, venom, rancor, maliciousness, ill will, animosity; (*n, v*) pique. ANTONYMS: (*v*) please; (*n*) benevolence, goodwill, love, affection, harmony.

dozen of mixed penny cakes, and at last came out of the shop laden with a big bag. Then she thought what else would she buy: she wanted to buy something really nice. They would be sure to have plenty of apples and nuts. It was hard to know what to buy and all she could think of was cake. She decided to buy some plumcake but Downes's plumcake had not enough **almond** icing on top of it so she went over to a shop in Henry Street. Here she was a long time in **suiting** herself and the stylish young lady behind the counter, who was evidently a little annoyed by her, asked her was it wedding-cake she wanted to buy. That made Maria **blush** and smile at the young lady; but the young lady took it all very seriously and finally cut a thick slice of plumcake, parcelled it up and said:

"Two-and-four, please."

She thought she would have to stand in the Drumcondra tram because none of the young men seemed to notice her but an elderly gentleman made room for her. He was a stout gentleman and he wore a brown hard hat; he had a square red face and a **greyish** moustache. Maria thought he was a colonel-looking gentleman and she reflected how much more polite he was than the young men who simply stared straight before them. The gentleman began to chat with her about Hallow Eve and the **rainy** weather. He supposed the bag was full of good things for the little ones and said it was only right that the youngsters should enjoy themselves while they were young. Maria agreed with him and favoured him with **demure** nods and hems. He was very nice with her, and when she was getting out at the Canal Bridge she thanked him and bowed, and he bowed to her and raised his hat and smiled **agreeably**, and while she was going up along the terrace, bending her tiny head under the rain, she thought how easy it was to know a gentleman even when he has a drop taken.

Everybody said: "O, here's Maria!" when she came to Joe's house. Joe was there, having come home from business, and all the children had their Sunday dresses on. There were two big girls in from next door and games were going on. Maria gave the bag of cakes to the eldest boy, Alphy, to divide and Mrs. Donnelly said it was too good of her to bring such a big bag of cakes and made all the children say:

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agreeably: (*adv*) enjoyably, pleasantly, sympathetically, pleasingly, suitably, well, melodically, accordingly, affably, genially; (*adv, v*) happily.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disagreeably, incongruously, uncooperatively, unhelpfully, badly, stubbornly, harshly.
almond: (*n*) Prunus Amygdalus, Prunus Dulcis, Amygdalus communis, almonds, almond tree, sweet almond, almond kernel,

natural almond.
blush: (*n, v*) glow, color; (*v*) redden, crimson; (*n*) red, bloom, rosiness, ruddiness, redness; (*adj*) bashful; (*adv*) blushingly. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) blanch, pale, blench; (*n*) paleness.
demure: (*adj*) humble, modest, coy, reserved, prim, bashful, shy, retiring, timid; (*adj, v*) sober, grave.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bold, outgoing, extroverted, loudmouthed, boisterous, decadent, exciting,

indecorous, brazen.
greyish: (*adj*) grayish, gray, hoar, grizzly, livid, dull, achromatic.
rainy: (*adj*) moist, pluvial, damp, pluvios, stormy, juicy, dirty, soppy, raining, drizzly; (*adj, v*) showery.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) pleasant.
suiting: (*n*) cloth, fabric, fitting, disposition, settlement, regulation, adaptation, adjustment; (*adj*) corresponding, conformable, answering.

"Thanks, Maria."

But Maria said she had brought something special for **papa** and mamma, something they would be sure to like, and she began to look for her plumcake. She tried in Downes's bag and then in the pockets of her **waterproof** and then on the hallstand but nowhere could she find it. Then she asked all the children had any of them **eaten** it--by mistake, of course--but the children all said no and looked as if they did not like to eat cakes if they were to be accused of stealing. Everybody had a solution for the mystery and Mrs. Donnelly said it was plain that Maria had left it behind her in the tram. Maria, remembering how confused the gentleman with the greyish moustache had made her, coloured with shame and vexation and disappointment. At the thought of the failure of her little surprise and of the two and **fourpence** she had thrown away for nothing she nearly cried outright.

But Joe said it didn't matter and made her sit down by the fire. He was very nice with her. He told her all that went on in his office, **repeating** for her a smart answer which he had made to the manager. Maria did not understand why Joe laughed so much over the answer he had made but she said that the manager must have been a very **overbearing** person to deal with. Joe said he wasn't so bad when you knew how to take him, that he was a decent sort so long as you didn't rub him the wrong way. Mrs. Donnelly played the piano for the children and they danced and **sang**. Then the two next-door girls handed round the nuts. Nobody could find the **nutcrackers** and Joe was nearly getting cross over it and asked how did they expect Maria to crack nuts without a nutcracker. But Maria said she didn't like nuts and that they weren't to bother about her. Then Joe asked would she take a bottle of **stout** and Mrs. Donnelly said there was port wine too in the house if she would prefer that. Maria said she would rather they didn't ask her to take anything: but Joe insisted.

So Maria let him have his way and they sat by the fire talking over old times and Maria thought she would put in a good word for Alphy. But Joe cried that God might strike him stone dead if ever he spoke a word to his brother again and Maria said she was sorry she had mentioned the matter. Mrs. Donnelly told

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eat: (*v*) eat.

fourpence: (*n*) coin.

nutcracker: (*n*) cracker, nutbreaker, oscine, torque links, LG scissors, compound lever, common nutcracker, nuthatch, corvine bird.

nutcrackers: (*n*) compound lever.

overbearing: (*adj*) dictatorial, domineering, arrogant, imperious, oppressive, despotic, authoritarian, supercilious, dogmatic, disdainful, lordly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) meek,

straightforward, modest, reasonable, subservient, weak.

papa: (*n*) father, pa, daddy, Dada, sire, pappia, pop, old man, paterfamilias, cardinal, high priest.

repeating: (*n*) repeat, iteration, renewal, repetition, redundancy, copying, reduplication; (*adj*) repetitious, iterating, iterative, repetitive.

sang: (*n*) panax quinquefolius, sing, herb, herbaceous plant.

stout: (*adj, n*) sturdy, stocky, hearty; (*adj*) hardy, strong, robust, obese, husky, bold, corpulent, fleshy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thin, slim, flimsy, cowardly, slight, skinny, fragile, weak.

waterproof: (*n*) raincoat, mac, Macintosh, mack, slicker; (*adj*) rainproof, impermeable, waterproofed, impervious; (*v*) weatherproof, seal. ANTONYM: (*adj*) permeable.

her husband it was a great shame for him to speak that way of his own flesh and blood but Joe said that Alphy was no brother of his and there was nearly being a row on the head of it. But Joe said he would not lose his temper on account of the night it was and asked his wife to open some more stout. The two next-door girls had arranged some Hallow Eve games and soon everything was **merry** again. **Maria** was delighted to see the children so merry and Joe and his wife in such good spirits. The next-door girls put some **saucers** on the table and then led the children up to the table, **blindfold**. One got the prayer-book and the other three got the water; and when one of the next-door girls got the ring Mrs. Donnelly shook her finger at the **blushing** girl as much as to say: *O, I know all about it!* They insisted then on blindfolding Maria and leading her up to the table to see what she would get; and, while they were putting on the **bandage**, Maria laughed and laughed again till the tip of her nose nearly met the tip of her chin.

They led her up to the table amid laughing and joking and she put her hand out in the air as she was told to do. She moved her hand about here and there in the air and **descended** on one of the saucers. She felt a soft wet substance with her fingers and was surprised that nobody spoke or took off her bandage. There was a pause for a few seconds; and then a great deal of scuffling and **whispering**. Somebody said something about the garden, and at last Mrs. Donnelly said something very cross to one of the next-door girls and told her to throw it out at once: that was no play. Maria understood that it was wrong that time and so she had to do it over again: and this time she got the prayer-book.

After that Mrs. Donnelly played Miss McCloud's Reel for the children and Joe made Maria take a glass of wine. Soon they were all quite merry again and Mrs. Donnelly said Maria would enter a **convent** before the year was out because she had got the prayer-book. Maria had never seen Joe so nice to her as he was that night, so full of pleasant talk and **reminiscences**. She said they were all very good to her.

At last the children grew tired and **sleepy** and Joe asked Maria would she not sing some little song before she went, one of the old songs. Mrs. Donnelly said "*Do, please, Maria!*" and so Maria had to get up and stand beside the piano. Mrs.

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bandage: (*v*) bind, wrap, dress, envelop; (*adj, n*) truss, tie; (*n*) swathe, binding, roller, gauze; (*adj*) string. ANTONYM: (*v*) undress.
blindfold: (*adv*) blindly; (*v*) mystify, hoodwink, muffle; (*adj*) reckless, blindfolded, blinded, unsighted; (*n*) blinder.
blushing: (*adj*) rosy, coy, blushful, flushed, red, shy, bashful, overmodest, ruddy; (*adv*) blushingly, ablush. ANTONYM: (*adj*) pale.

convent: (*n, v*) abbey, cloister; (*n*) monastery, friary, priory, nunnery, community, retreat.
descended: (*v*) extraught.
maria: (*n*) Calophyllum longifolium, tree, part, region, female horse.
merry: (*adj*) joyful, lively, cheerful, glad, jolly, facetious, frolicsome, lighthearted, festive; (*adj, n*) convivial, jovial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gloomy, miserable, serious, uptight.
reminiscences: (*n*) memoirs.

saucers: (*n*) tableware, plates, cups, dishware.
sleepy: (*adj*) drowsy, dozy, slow, lazy, hypnotic, inactive, comatose, dull, heavy, dreamy; (*adv*) asleep. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) awake, energetic, vigorous, clear, lively, refreshed.
whispering: (*n*) whisper, murmur, susurration, rustle, report, stage whisper; (*adj, n*) rustling; (*adj*) susurrant, tranquil, hoarse, susurrous.

Donnelly bade the children be quiet and listen to Maria's song. Then she played the **prelude** and said "Now, Maria!" and Maria, blushing very much began to sing in a tiny **quavering** voice. She sang *I Dreamt that I Dwelt*, and when she came to the second verse she sang again:

I dreamt that I **dwelt** in **marble** halls
 With vassals and serfs at my side,
 And of all who **assembled** within those walls
 That I was the hope and the pride.
 I had **riches** too great to count; could **boast**
 Of a high **ancestral** name,
 But I also dreamt, which pleased me most,
 That you loved me still the same.

But no one tried to show her her mistake; and when she had ended her song Joe was very much moved. He said that there was no time like the long ago and no music for him like poor old Balfe, whatever other people might say; and his eyes filled up so much with tears that he could not find what he was looking for and in the end he had to ask his wife to tell him where the **corkscrew** was.

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ancestral: (*adj*) family, patrimonial, heritable, genetic, linear, patriarchal, familial, lineal, inherited, inheritable, ethnic.

assembled: (*adj*) amassed, collected, collective, concentrated, united, gather, assembling, gathered, massed, built, aggregate.

boast: (*v*) bluster, brag, blow, crow, gasconade, show off, rodomontade, exult; (*n, v*) vaunt, pride; (*n*) arrogance. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

deprecation; (*v*) downplay, lack.

corkscrew: (*n, v*) coil; (*v*) curl, helix, buckle, worm, rundle, pliers; (*n*) drill, bottle screw, gimlet; (*adj*) helical.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) straight.

dwelt: (*v*) dwell, inhabit.

marble: (*n*) taw, marver, leopard, heart of stone, granite, cheetah, marbling; (*adj, n*) stone; (*v*) foolscap; (*adj*) flint, quartz.

prelude: (*n*) preliminary, preface, introduction, beginning, overture,

preamble, foreword, inception, opening, proem, proslution.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) postscript, conclusion, ending.

quavering: (*adj*) trembling, tremulous, unsteady, shaky, shivering, shaking, decrepit, dodder, doddering.

riches: (*n, v*) money; (*n*) affluence, abundance, fortune, opulence, plenty, prosperity, exuberance, treasure, resources; (*v*) gold.

A PAINFUL CASE

MR. JAMES DUFFY lived in Chapelizod because he wished to live as far as possible from the city of which he was a citizen and because he found all the other suburbs of Dublin mean, modern and pretentious. He lived in an old sombre house and from his windows he could look into the disused **distillery** or upwards along the shallow river on which Dublin is built. The lofty walls of his uncarpeted room were free from pictures. He had himself bought every article of furniture in the room: a black iron **bedstead**, an iron **washstand**, four cane chairs, a clothes-rack, a coal-scuttle, a fender and irons and a square table on which lay a double desk. A **bookcase** had been made in an **alcove** by means of shelves of white wood. The bed was clothed with white **bedclothes** and a black and scarlet rug covered the foot. A little hand-mirror hung above the washstand and during the day a white-shaded lamp stood as the sole ornament of the mantelpiece. The books on the white wooden shelves were arranged from below upwards **according** to bulk. A complete Wordsworth stood at one end of the lowest shelf and a copy of the *Maynooth Catechism*, **sewn** into the cloth cover of a notebook, stood at one end of the top shelf. Writing materials were always on the desk. In the desk lay a manuscript translation of Hauptmann's *Michael Kramer*, the stage directions of which were written in purple ink, and a little **sheaf** of papers held together by a brass pin. In these sheets a sentence was **inscribed** from time to time and, in an **ironical** moment, the headline of an advertisement for *Bile Beans*

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according: (*adj*) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (*adv*) correspondingly, accordingly.
alcove: (*n*) recess, bay, stall, bower, summerhouse, arbor, niche, compartment, hermitage, cubbyhole, channel.
bedclothes: (*n*) bedspread, cover, linen, bed linen, bed clothing, litter, clothes, throw, spread, quilt, puff.

bedstead: (*n*) bed, berth, cot, bedframe, furniture, shakedown, pallet, stretcher, tester, stead, hatch.
bookcase: (*n*) bookshelf, cupboard, library, closet, furniture, cabinet, secretaire, article of furniture, davenport, till, sideboard.
distillery: (*n*) brewery, winery, works, stillhouse.
inscribed: (*adj*) etched, incised, graven, written, carved, carven.
ironical: (*adj*) sarcastic, satirical, dry,

burlesque, wry, sardonic, satiric, derisive, caustic, quizzical; (*n*) humorous.
sewn: (*adj*) stitched, sew, sewen, seamed.
sheaf: (*n*) fagot, faggot, bunch, bale, package, bundle, truss, stack, parcel, fardel, packet.
washstand: (*n*) basin, sink, washbasin, washbowl, bathroom, toilet, article of furniture, basinful, can, furniture, handbasin.

had been **pasted** on to the first sheet. On lifting the lid of the desk a faint fragrance escaped--the fragrance of new **cedarwood** pencils or of a bottle of gum or of an **overripe** apple which might have been left there and forgotten.

Mr. Duffy **abhorred** anything which betokened physical or mental disorder. A **mediæval** doctor would have called him **saturnine**. His face, which carried the entire tale of his years, was of the brown **tint** of Dublin streets. On his long and rather large head grew dry black hair and a tawny moustache did not quite cover an **unamiable** mouth. His cheekbones also gave his face a harsh character; but there was no harshness in the eyes which, looking at the world from under their tawny eyebrows, gave the impression of a man ever alert to greet a redeeming instinct in others but often disappointed. He lived at a little distance from his body, regarding his own acts with doubtful side-glasses. He had an odd autobiographical habit which led him to compose in his mind from time to time a short sentence about himself containing a subject in the third person and a **predicate** in the past tense. He never gave **alms** to beggars and walked firmly, carrying a stout hazel.

He had been for many years cashier of a private bank in Baggot Street. Every morning he came in from Chapelizod by tram. At midday he went to Dan Burke's and took his lunch--a bottle of lager beer and a small trayful of **arrowroot** biscuits. At four o'clock he was set free. He dined in an eating-house in George's Street where he felt himself safe from the society of Dublin's gilded youth and where there was a certain plain honesty in the bill of fare. His evenings were spent either before his landlady's piano or **roaming** about the outskirts of the city. His liking for Mozart's music brought him sometimes to an opera or a concert: these were the only dissipations of his life.

He had neither companions nor friends, church nor creed. He lived his spiritual life without any communion with others, visiting his relatives at Christmas and escorting them to the cemetery when they died. He performed these two social duties for old dignity's sake but conceded nothing further to the conventions which regulate the civic life. He allowed himself to think that in

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abhorred: (*adj*) disgusted, unpopular.

alms: (*n*) handout, charity, benefaction, gift, donation, contribution, offering, bounty; (*n, v*) sportula, largess; (*v*) relieve.

arrowroot: (*n*) *canna edulis*, *canna* INDICA, achira, starch, maranta, canna, *amylum*, Indian shot, obedience plant.

cedarwood: (*n*) cedar, wood, cedar tree.

medival: (*adj*) medieval, knightly,

chivalric, nonmodern.

overripe: (*adj*) mature, ripe, decadent, effete, maturer, fracid, degenerate, decayed, overmellow.

pasted: (*adj*) affixed.

predicate: (*n, v*) affirm; (*v*) assert, allege, declare, connote, found, imply, base, ground, establish, maintain.

roaming: (*adj*) wandering, roving, errant, itinerant, Peripatetic, traveling, vagabond, astray; (*n*)

ramble, journey, ubiquity.

saturnine: (*adj*) dour, moody, morose, sullen, dark, glum, gloomy, heavy, dismal; (*v*) melancholic, bilious.

tint: (*n, v*) color, tinge, hue, stain, dye, tinct; (*n*) shade, tincture, tone, cast; (*v*) paint. ANTONYMS: (*n*) white, pallor; (*v*) whiten, pale.

unamiable: (*adj*) uncharitable, unfeeling, vinegary, sour, disobliging, resembling vinegar, morose.

certain circumstances he would rob his **hank** but, as these circumstances never arose, his life rolled out evenly--an adventureless tale.

One evening he found himself sitting beside two ladies in the Rotunda. The house, thinly **peopled** and silent, gave distressing prophecy of failure. The lady who sat next him looked round at the deserted house once or twice and then said:

"What a pity there is such a poor house tonight! It's so hard on people to have to sing to empty benches."

He took the remark as an invitation to talk. He was surprised that she seemed so little awkward. While they talked he tried to fix her permanently in his memory. When he learned that the young girl beside her was her daughter he judged her to be a year or so younger than himself. Her face, which must have been handsome, had remained intelligent. It was an oval face with strongly marked features. The eyes were very dark blue and steady. Their gaze began with a defiant note but was confused by what seemed a deliberate **swoon** of the pupil into the iris, revealing for an instant a temperament of great sensibility. The pupil reasserted itself quickly, this half-disclosed nature fell again under the reign of **prudence**, and her **astrakhan** jacket, **moulding** a bosom of a certain fullness, struck the note of defiance more definitely.

He met her again a few weeks afterwards at a concert in Earlsfort Terrace and seized the moments when her daughter's attention was diverted to become intimate. She alluded once or twice to her husband but her tone was not such as to make the allusion a warning. Her name was Mrs. Sinico. Her husband's great-great-grandfather had come from Leghorn. Her husband was captain of a mercantile boat plying between Dublin and Holland; and they had one child.

Meeting her a third time by accident he found courage to make an appointment. She came. This was the first of many meetings; they met always in the evening and chose the most quiet quarters for their walks together. Mr. Duffy, however, had a distaste for **underhand** ways and, finding that they were compelled to meet **stealthily**, he forced her to ask him to her house. Captain Sinico encouraged his visits, thinking that his daughter's hand was in question.

Thesaurus

astrakhan: (*n*) fur, astrakhan cloth.

hank: (*n*) reel, coil, skein, helix, hasp, ball, spiral, volute, whorl, hinge, clasp.

moulding: (*n, v*) molding; (*n*) mold, modeling, mould, cast, modelling, bandelette, clay sculpture, cheoplasty, beadwork, beading.

peopled: (*adj*) multinominal, multiple, manifold, multiplied, multitudinous, populous, inhabited, thick, studded, teeming, crowded. ANTONYM: (*adj*)

uninhabited.

prudence: (*n*) foresight, economy, frugality, caution, care, forethought, providence, circumspection, judgment, deliberation; (*adj, n*) wisdom. ANTONYMS: (*n*) imprudence, profligacy, generosity, hindsight, recklessness, extravagance.

stealthily: (*adv*) furtively, sneakily, surreptitiously, covertly, clandestinely, underhandly,

underhandedly, in secret, privately, sneakingly; (*adj, adv*) noiselessly.

ANTONYM: (*adv*) brazenly.

swoon: (*adj, n, v*) faint; (*adj, n*) collapse; (*n*) fainting, syncope, prostration, deliquium; (*v*) conk, black out, pass out, die; (*adj*) puff.

underhand: (*adj*) stealthy, furtive, clandestine, sly, underhanded, sneaky, shift, covert, crooked, indirect; (*adj, adv*) underarm. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) honest, overhand.

He had dismissed his wife so sincerely from his gallery of **pleasures** that he did not suspect that anyone else would take an interest in her. As the husband was often away and the daughter out giving music lessons Mr. Duffy had many opportunities of enjoying the lady's society. Neither he nor she had had any such adventure before and neither was conscious of any **incongruity**. Little by little he **entangled** his thoughts with hers. He lent her books, provided her with ideas, shared his intellectual life with her. She listened to all.

Sometimes in return for his theories she gave out some fact of her own life. With almost maternal **solicitude** she urged him to let his nature open to the full: she became his confessor. He told her that for some time he had assisted at the meetings of an Irish Socialist Party where he had felt himself a unique figure amidst a score of sober workmen in a **garret** lit by an inefficient oil-lamp. When the party had divided into three sections, each under its own leader and in its own garret, he had discontinued his attendances. The workmen's discussions, he said, were too **timorous**; the interest they took in the question of wages was inordinate. He felt that they were **hard**-featured realists and that they resented an **exactitude** which was the produce of a leisure not within their reach. No social revolution, he told her, would be likely to strike Dublin for some centuries.

She asked him why did he not write out his thoughts. For what, he asked her, with careful scorn. To compete with phrasemongers, incapable of thinking consecutively for sixty seconds? To submit himself to the criticisms of an obtuse middle class which entrusted its morality to policemen and its fine arts to impresarios?

He went often to her little cottage outside Dublin; often they spent their evenings alone. Little by little, as their thoughts entangled, they spoke of subjects less remote. Her companionship was like a warm soil about an exotic. Many times she allowed the dark to fall upon them, **refraining** from lighting the lamp. The dark discreet room, their isolation, the music that still vibrated in their ears united them. This union exalted him, wore away the rough edges of his character, emotionalised his mental life. Sometimes he caught himself listening to the sound of his own voice. He thought that in her eyes he would ascend to an

Thesaurus

entangled: (*adj*) complicated, intricate, embroiled, complex, foul, confused, matted, tangled, inextricable, knotty; (*v*) entangle.

exactitude: (*n*) precision, exactness, correctness, punctuality, fidelity, trueness, truth, veracity, rigor, thoroughness, promptitude.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) vagueness, inaccuracy, inexactness.

garret: (*n*) cockloft, loft, attic, house top, storey, level, upper story, story,

dome, noggin, classical Greek.

hard-featured: (*adj*) ugly.

incongruity: (*n*) disharmony, contradiction, disagreement, incongruence, disparity, discrepancy, discord, unconformity, disproportion, absurdity, paradox.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) congruity, normality, agreement.

pleasures: (*n*) pleasure.

refraining: (*n*) forbearance, abstaining, austerity, denial, mildness,

abstention, no vote, nonparticipation, lenity; (*adj*) austere.

solicitude: (*n*) care, consideration, anxiety, thought, apprehension, regard, attention, fear, disquietude, heed, fret. ANTONYMS: (*n*) negligence, serenity, thoughtlessness.
timorous: (*adj, v*) fearful, shy; (*adj, adv, v*) cowardly; (*adj*) afraid, nervous, diffident, bashful, apprehensive, anxious, craven, coy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) brave, fearless.

angelical stature; and, as he attached the fervent nature of his companion more and more closely to him, he heard the strange impersonal voice which he recognised as his own, insisting on the soul's **incurable** loneliness. We cannot give ourselves, it said: we are our own. The end of these **discourses** was that one night during which she had shown every sign of unusual excitement, Mrs. Sinico caught up his hand passionately and pressed it to her cheek.

Mr. Duffy was very much surprised. Her interpretation of his words disillusioned him. He did not visit her for a week, then he wrote to her asking her to meet him. As he did not wish their last interview to be troubled by the influence of their ruined confessional they meet in a little cakeshop near the Parkgate. It was cold autumn weather but in spite of the cold they wandered up and down the roads of the Park for nearly three hours. They agreed to break off their intercourse: every bond, he said, is a bond to sorrow. When they came out of the Park they walked in silence towards the tram; but here she began to **tremble** so violently that, fearing another collapse on her part, he bade her **good-bye** quickly and left her. A few days later he received a parcel containing his books and music.

Four years passed. Mr. Duffy returned to his even way of life. His room still bore witness of the **orderliness** of his mind. Some new pieces of music **encumbered** the music-stand in the lower room and on his **shelves** stood two volumes by Nietzsche: *Thus Spake Zarathustra* and *The Gay Science*. He wrote seldom in the sheaf of papers which lay in his desk. One of his sentences, written two months after his last interview with Mrs. Sinico, read: Love between man and man is impossible because there must not be sexual intercourse and friendship between man and woman is impossible because there must be sexual intercourse. He kept away from concerts lest he should meet her. His father died; the junior partner of the bank retired. And still every morning he went into the city by tram and every evening walked home from the city after having dined moderately in George's Street and read the evening paper for dessert.

One evening as he was about to put a **morsel** of **corned** beef and cabbage into his mouth his hand stopped. His eyes fixed themselves on a paragraph in the

Thesaurus

angelical: (*adj*) seraphic, cherubic, heavenly, saintly, saintlike, sainted, lovable, good, angelic ether, sweet, beatific.

corned: (*n*) sewed up, obfuscated, nappy, muzzy, muddled, maudlin, lushy, whittled, tight, screwed; (*adj*) salted.

discourses: (*n*) talks.

encumbered: (*adj*) burdened, burdensome, weighed down, heavy, deep, clayey, cloggy. ANTONYM:

(*adj*) unencumbered.

good-bye: (*n*) bye, farewell, goodbye, goodby, vale, adios, cheerio.

incurable: (*adj*) incorrigible, immedicable, cureless, inveterate, irretrievable, irrecoverable, terminal, irremediable, irreparable, remediless, chronic. ANTONYM: (*adj*) mild.

morsel: (*n, v*) bite, mouthful; (*n*) crumb, chew, particle, fragment, taste, piece, nibble; (*adj, v*) gobbet, mite.

orderliness: (*n*) system, tidiness, arrangement, trimness, neatness, method, methodicalness, status, discipline, kilter, regularity.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) disorderliness, rowdiness, chaos, messiness.

shelves: (*n*) shelf, rack, shelving.

tremble: (*adj, n, v*) shiver; (*n, v*) quiver, shudder, thrill, palpitate; (*adj, v*) totter, quake; (*n*) throb; (*v*) flutter, quail, falter. ANTONYMS: (*v*) steady, calm.

evening paper which he had **propped** against the water-carafe. He replaced the morsel of food on his plate and read the paragraph **attentively**. Then he drank a glass of water, pushed his plate to one side, doubled the paper down before him between his elbows and read the paragraph over and over again. The cabbage began to deposit a cold white grease on his plate. The girl came over to him to ask was his dinner not properly cooked. He said it was very good and ate a few mouthfuls of it with difficulty. Then he paid his bill and went out.

He walked along quickly through the November twilight, his stout hazel stick striking the ground regularly, the fringe of the **buff** *Mail* **peeping** out of a side-pocket of his tight **reefer** overcoat. On the lonely road which leads from the Parkgate to Chapelizod he **slackened** his pace. His stick struck the ground less emphatically and his breath, issuing **irregularly**, almost with a sighing sound, condensed in the **wintry** air. When he reached his house he went up at once to his bedroom and, taking the paper from his pocket, read the paragraph again by the failing light of the window. He read it not aloud, but moving his lips as a priest does when he reads the prayers *Secreto*. This was the paragraph:

DEATH OF A LADY AT SYDNEY PARADE A PAINFUL CASE

Today at the City of Dublin Hospital the Deputy Coroner (in the absence of Mr. Leverett) held an inquest on the body of Mrs. Emily Sinico, aged forty-three years, who was killed at Sydney Parade Station yesterday evening. The evidence showed that the deceased lady, while attempting to cross the line, was knocked down by the engine of the ten o'clock slow train from Kingstown, thereby sustaining injuries of the head and right side which led to her death.

James Lennon, driver of the engine, stated that he had been in the employment of the railway company for fifteen years. On hearing the guard's

Thesaurus

attentively: (*adv*) carefully, mindfully, watchfully, observantly, heedfully, vigilantly, cautiously, considerably, diligently, alertly, obligingly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unhelpfully, neglectfully, abruptly, carelessly, hastily, casually.
buff: (*n*) devotee, fan, addict, enthusiast, aficionado, admirer; (*adj*, *n*) tan, beige; (*v*) shine, furbish, polish. ANTONYMS: (*v*) corrode, dull, erode; (*n*) detractor.

irregularly: (*adv*) erratically, occasionally, abnormally, sporadically, crookedly, unequally, randomly, atypically, roughly, eccentrically, fitfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) evenly, systematically, constantly, frequently, honestly, peacefully, recurrently.
peeping: (*n*) cheeping, tweeting, chirping; (*adj*) inquisitive.
propped: (*adj*) fulcrate.
reefer: (*n*) joint, marijuana cigarette,

refrigerated cargo vessel, stick, junction, mechanically refrigerated vehicle, pea jacket, coffin nail, refrigerator car, refrigerator van body; (*adj*) refrigerated.

slackened: (*adj*) leisurely.

wintry: (*adj*, *v*) frosty, glacial, freezing, icy; (*adj*) arctic, frigid, wintry, frozen, chilly, chill, hibernal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mild, summery, hot, vernal, autumnal, balmy, tropical, warm.

whistle he set the train in motion and a second or two afterwards brought it to rest in response to loud cries. The train was going slowly.

P. Dunne, railway porter, stated that as the train was about to start he observed a woman attempting to cross the lines. He ran towards her and shouted, but, before he could reach her, she was caught by the **buffer** of the engine and fell to the ground.

A **juror**. "You saw the lady fall?"

Witness. "Yes."

Police Sergeant Croly deposed that when he arrived he found the deceased lying on the platform apparently dead. He had the body taken to the waiting-room pending the arrival of the ambulance.

Constable 57 **corroborated**.

Dr. Halpin, assistant house surgeon of the City of Dublin Hospital, stated that the deceased had two lower **ribs fractured** and had sustained severe contusions of the right shoulder. The right side of the head had been injured in the fall. The injuries were not sufficient to have caused death in a normal person. Death, in his opinion, had been probably due to shock and sudden failure of the heart's action.

Mr. H. B. Patterson Finlay, on behalf of the railway company, expressed his deep regret at the accident. The company had always taken every **precaution** to prevent people crossing the lines except by the bridges, both by placing notices in every station and by the use of **patent** spring gates at level crossings. The deceased had been in the habit of crossing the lines late at night from platform to platform and, in view of certain other circumstances of the case, he did not think the railway officials were to blame.

Captain Sinico, of Leoville, Sydney Parade, husband of the deceased, also gave evidence. He stated that the deceased was his wife. He was not in Dublin at the time of the accident as he had arrived only that morning from Rotterdam. They had been married for twenty-two years and had lived happily until about two years ago when his wife began to be rather **intemperate** in her **habits**.

Thesaurus

buffer: (*n*) buffer storage, safeguard, pad, protection, fender, bumper, shield, block, buffer material, guard; (*n, v*) cushion.

corroborated: (*adj*) corroborate, substantiated, verified.

fractured: (*v*) cracked, contrite, broken friendship, blighted, apart, disunited, disconnected; (*adj*) torn, fissured.

habits: (*n*) behavior, decorum, pratique.

intemperate: (*adj*) inordinate,

immoderate, dissipated, unbridled, extreme, disorderly, inclement, unruly, wild, undue, violent.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, temperate, moderate.

juror: (*n*) juryman, jurywoman, jurator, panelist, judge, assizer, discussant, foreperson.

patent: (*adj*) overt, evident, apparent, manifest, plain, clear, conspicuous, open, palpable, explicit; (*n*) letters patent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

inconspicuous, obscure, subtle, unobtrusive, veiled, ambiguous, furtive, questionable.

precaution: (*n*) foresight, care, prevention, discretion, anticipation, caution, circumspection, prudence, safeguard, protection; (*adj*) precautionary.

ribs: (*n*) dinner, chest, bosom.

whistle: (*v*) sing, twitter, hiss, warble, tweet, cheep, chirp, wheeze; (*n, v*) cry; (*n*) whistling, tin whistle.

Miss Mary Sinico said that of late her mother had been in the habit of going out at night to buy spirits. She, witness, had often tried to reason with her mother and had induced her to join a League. She was not at home until an hour after the accident. The jury returned a verdict in **accordance** with the medical evidence and **exonerated** Lennon from all blame.

The Deputy Coroner said it was a most painful case, and expressed great sympathy with Captain Sinico and his daughter. He urged on the railway company to take strong measures to prevent the possibility of similar accidents in the future. No blame attached to anyone.

Mr. Duffy raised his eyes from the paper and gazed out of his window on the **cheerless** evening landscape. The river lay quiet beside the empty distillery and from time to time a light appeared in some house on the Lucan road. What an end! The whole narrative of her death revolted him and it revolted him to think that he had ever spoken to her of what he held sacred. The **threadbare** phrases, the **inane** expressions of sympathy, the cautious words of a reporter won over to conceal the details of a commonplace vulgar death **attacked** his stomach. Not merely had she **degraded** herself; she had degraded him. He saw the squalid tract of her vice, miserable and **malodorous**. His soul's companion! He thought of the **hobbling** wretches whom he had seen carrying cans and bottles to be filled by the barman. Just God, what an end! Evidently she had been unfit to live, without any strength of purpose, an easy prey to habits, one of the wrecks on which civilisation has been reared. But that she could have sunk so low! Was it possible he had **deceived** himself so utterly about her? He remembered her outburst of that night and interpreted it in a harsher sense than he had ever done. He had no difficulty now in approving of the course he had taken.

As the light failed and his memory began to wander he thought her hand touched his. The shock which had first attacked his stomach was now attacking his nerves. He put on his overcoat and hat quickly and went out. The cold air

Thesaurus

accordance: (*n*) harmony, agreement, conformity, unison, concordance, coincidence, accordancy, admission, fitness, consensus, consent.

attacked: (*adj*) assaulted, corroded.

cheerless: (*adj*) sad, dismal, dark, drab, dreary, gloomy, dull, murky, dispiriting; (*adj, v*) disconsolate, joyless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bright, happy, uplifting, lighthearted, sunny, smart, cheery, warm.

deceived: (*adj*) mistaken, misguided.

degraded: (*adj*) debased, low, ignoble, debauched, depraved, abject, sordid, dishonored, corrupted, contemptible, base. ANTONYM: (*adj*) good.

exonerated: (*adj*) clear, cleared, absolved, guiltless, easily perceptible, easily deciphered, decipherable, vindicated, clean; (*v*) exempt.

hobbling: (*n*) limping; (*adj*) crippled.

inane: (*adj*) empty, blank, foolish, fatuous, hollow, idiotic, vacuous, void, silly, fool, inanity.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, animated, intelligent, useful, bright, sensitive.

malodorous: (*adj*) foul, fetid, smelly, noisome, stinking, odorous, funky, strong, rank, odoriferous, gamy.

threadbare: (*adj, v*) stale, shabby, dilapidated, bald, frayed, faded; (*adj*) hackneyed, worn, banal, trite, tattered. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) new, unused, reliable, fresh, unworn, pristine, original.

met him on the threshold; it crept into the sleeves of his coat. When he came to the public-house at Chapelizod Bridge he went in and ordered a hot punch.

The proprietor served him **obsequiously** but did not venture to talk. There were five or six workmen in the shop discussing the value of a gentleman's estate in County Kildare. They drank at intervals from their huge pint tumblers and smoked, **spitting** often on the floor and sometimes dragging the sawdust over their spits with their heavy boots. Mr. Duffy sat on his stool and gazed at them, without seeing or hearing them. After a while they went out and he called for another punch. He sat a long time over it. The shop was very quiet. The proprietor **sprawled** on the counter reading the Herald and **yawning**. Now and again a tram was heard swishing along the lonely road outside.

As he sat there, living over his life with her and evoking **alternately** the two images in which he now conceived her, he realised that she was dead, that she had ceased to exist, that she had become a memory. He began to feel ill at ease. He asked himself what else could he have done. He could not have carried on a comedy of deception with her; he could not have lived with her openly. He had done what seemed to him best. How was he to blame? Now that she was gone he understood how lonely her life must have been, sitting night after night alone in that room. His life would be lonely too until he, too, died, ceased to exist, became a memory--if anyone remembered him.

It was after nine o'clock when he left the shop. The night was cold and gloomy. He entered the Park by the first gate and walked along under the gaunt trees. He walked through the bleak alleys where they had walked four years before. She seemed to be near him in the darkness. At moments he seemed to feel her voice touch his ear, her hand touch his. He stood still to listen. Why had he **withheld** life from her? Why had he sentenced her to death? He felt his moral nature falling to pieces.

When he gained the crest of the Magazine Hill he halted and looked along the river towards Dublin, the lights of which burned **redly** and hospitably in the cold night. He looked down the slope and, at the base, in the shadow of the wall of the Park, he saw some human figures lying. Those **venal** and **furtive** loves

Thesaurus

alternately: (*adv*) alternatively, by turns, in turn, secondarily, reciprocally, mutually, off-and-on, rather, anthemwise, secondly; (*adj, adv*) on and off.

furtive: (*adj*) covert, stealthy, surreptitious, secretive, concealed, latent, cryptic, sneaky, backstairs, secret, underhanded. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) blatant, aboveboard, obvious, overt, honest.

obsequiously: (*adv*) subserviently,

submissively, fawningly, slavishly, compliantly, sycophantically, respectfully, cringingly, politely, admiringly, courteously.

redly: (*adv*) rosily, reddishly, pinkly, sanguinely, crimsonly, radically, glowingly, bloodily, inflamedly, blushingly, flamingly.

spitting: (*n*) spiting, expectoration, ejection, sizzle, projection, forcing out, expulsion, saliva.

sprawled: (*adj*) sprawling,

venal: (*adj*) corrupt, purchasable, corruptible, bribable, dishonest, unscrupulous; (*adj, v*) sordid; (*v*) illiberal, hidebound, ungenerous, churlish.

withheld: (*adj*) hidden, uncommitted. ANTONYM: (*adj*) ongoing.

yawning: (*adj, v*) gaping, oscitant; (*n*) yawn, hiation, pandiculation, oscitancy; (*adj*) cavernous, open, drowsy, profound, sleepy.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cramped, narrow.

filled him with despair. He **gnawed** the **rectitude** of his life; he felt that he had been **outcast** from life's feast. One human being had seemed to love him and he had denied her life and happiness: he had sentenced her to **ignominy**, a death of shame. He knew that the **prostrate** creatures down by the wall were watching him and wished him gone. No one wanted him; he was outcast from life's feast. He turned his eyes to the grey gleaming river, winding along towards Dublin. Beyond the river he saw a goods train winding out of Kingsbridge Station, like a **worm** with a fiery head winding through the darkness, **obstinately** and **laboriously**. It passed slowly out of sight; but still he heard in his ears the laborious drone of the engine **reiterating** the syllables of her name.

He turned back the way he had come, the rhythm of the engine pounding in his ears. He began to doubt the reality of what memory told him. He halted under a tree and allowed the rhythm to die away. He could not feel her near him in the darkness nor her voice touch his ear. He waited for some minutes listening. He could hear nothing: the night was perfectly silent. He listened again: perfectly silent. He felt that he was alone.

Thesaurus

gnawed: (*v*) gnaw, eroded.

ignominy: (*n*) disgrace, dishonor, shame, reproach, contempt, disrepute, degradation, discredit, scandal; (*adj, n*) odium; (*adj*) opprobrium. ANTONYMS: (*n*) success, glorification, pride.

laboriously: (*adv*) painstakingly, toilsomely, toughly, onerously, arduously, strenuously, heavily, painfully, stiffly, diligently, hard. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) briskly, easily.

obstinately: (*adv*) obdurately, mulishly, persistently, perversely, doggedly, refractorily, unyieldingly, willfully, pigheadedly, waywardly, firmly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) helpfully.

outcast: (*n*) exile, castaway, leper, expatriate, outlaw, vagabond, lown, loon, refugee; (*adj, n*) derelict; (*adj*) homeless. ANTONYM: (*n*) native.

prostrate: (*adj, v*) prone, exhaust, level, fatigue; (*v*) fell, overwhelm, overcome, floor, overthrow; (*adj*)

deject, knock down. ANTONYM: (*adj*) upright.

rectitude: (*adj, n*) justice, honesty, equity; (*n*) integrity, veracity, virtue, uprightness, morality, purity, propriety; (*adj*) fidelity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) immorality, incorrectness, wickedness.

reiterating: (*adj*) reiterant, redundant.

worm: (*v*) squirm, wriggle, twist, spiral, helix, writhe; (*n*) helminth, maggot; (*adj*) emmet, midge, fly.

IVY DAY IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM

OLD JACK raked the **cinders** together with a piece of cardboard and spread them **judiciously** over the **whitening** dome of coals. When the dome was thinly covered his face lapsed into darkness but, as he set himself to fan the fire again, his crouching shadow ascended the opposite wall and his face slowly reemerged into light. It was an old man's face, very bony and hairy. The moist blue eyes blinked at the fire and the moist mouth fell open at times, **munching** once or twice mechanically when it closed. When the cinders had caught he laid the piece of cardboard against the wall, sighed and said:

"That's better now, Mr. O'Connor."

Mr. O'Connor, a grey-haired young man, whose face was **disfigured** by many blotches and **pimples**, had just brought the tobacco for a cigarette into a shapely cylinder but when spoken to he undid his **handiwork meditatively**. Then he began to roll the tobacco again meditatively and after a moment's thought decided to lick the paper.

"Did Mr. Tierney say when he'd be back?" he asked in a sky **falsetto**.

"He didn't say."

Mr. O'Connor put his cigarette into his mouth and began search his pockets. He took out a pack of thin **pasteboard** cards.

"I'll get you a match," said the old man.

Thesaurus

cinders: (*n*) cinder, dust, ash, flue dust, powder, residue, slag; (*adj*) mother, scoriae, precipitate.

disfigured: (*adj*) crooked, ugly, spoil, damage, deform, shabby, hurt, shapeless, dishonest, stained, blemished.

falsetto: (*adj*) alto, penny trumpet, voce di testa, soprano, tenor.

handiwork: (*n*) handicraft, creation, production, handcraft, product, handwork, work, produce, design,

performance; (*v*) workmanship.

judiciously: (*adv*) prudently, sagaciously, shrewdly, discreetly, discerningly, politically, cautiously, logically, rationally, sensibly, soundly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

foolishly, injudiciously, unwisely, illogically, imprudently.

meditatively: (*adv*) thoughtfully, reflectively, wistfully, musingly, contemplatively, ponderingly, ruminatively, broodingly, thinkingly,

broodily, musefully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unthinkingly, rashly.

munching: (*n*) feeding.

pasteboard: (*n*) card, cardboard, paperboard, board, composition board, entertainment, thin cardboard.

pimples: (*n*) acne vulgaris, hives, rash, skin complaint.

whitening: (*n*) lightening, bleaching, whitening, change of color, dealbation, etiolation, white dyeing, white specks.

"Never mind, this'll do," said Mr. O'Connor.

He selected one of the cards and read what was printed on it:

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

ROYAL EXCHANGE WARD

Mr. Richard J. Tierney, P.L.G., respectfully solicits the favour of your vote and influence at the coming election in the Royal Exchange Ward.

Mr. O'Connor had been engaged by Tierney's agent to **canvass** one part of the ward but, as the weather was **inclement** and his boots let in the wet, he spent a great part of the day sitting by the fire in the Committee Room in Wicklow Street with Jack, the old **caretaker**. They had been sitting thus since e short day had grown dark. It was the sixth of October, **dismal** and cold out of doors.

Mr. O'Connor **tore** a strip off the card and, lighting it, lit his cigarette. As he did so the flame lit up a leaf of dark glossy ivy the **lapel** of his coat. The old man watched him attentively and then, taking up the piece of cardboard again, began to fan the fire slowly while his companion smoked.

"Ah, yes," he said, continuing, "it's hard to know what way to bring up children. Now who'd think he'd turn out like that! I sent him to the Christian Brothers and I done what I could him, and there he goes boosing about. I tried to make him **someway** decent."

He replaced the cardboard **wearily**.

"Only I'm an old man now I'd change his tune for him. I'd take the stick to his back and beat him while I could stand over him--as I done many a time before. The mother, you know, she cocks him up with this and that..."

"That's what ruins children," said Mr. O'Connor.

Thesaurus

canvass: (*n, v*) campaign, discuss; (*n*) review; (*v*) beg, examine, scrutinize, view, agitate, inspect, survey, study. ANTONYM: (*v*) neglect.

caretaker: (*n*) superintendent, concierge, porter, watchman, manager, supervisor, controller, doorkeeper, gatekeeper, steward; (*adj*) interim.

dismal: (*adj*) cheerless, dejected, dreary, gloomy, desolate, disconsolate, depressing, melancholy,

black, dim, dull. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bright, happy, lively, uplifting, sunny, pleasant, light, cheery, strong, soulful, wonderful.

inclement: (*adj, n*) harsh, rugged, boisterous; (*n*) austere; (*adj*) turbulent, grim, bleak, rigorous, bitter, rough, rigid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mild, fine, nice, calm, pleasant.

lapel: (*n*) flap, collar, overlap, cuff, neck, revers, lap, revere, rimple, rivel, ruffle.

o'connor: (*n*) Flannery O'Connor.

someway: (*adv*) someways, in some manner, in some way, one way or another, for some reason.

tore: (*v*) tare; (*n*) moulding, molding.

wearily: (*adv*) sickly, boredly, dully, languidly, jadedly, exhaustedly, sadly, soberly, gravely, heavily, seriously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hopefully, untiringly, energetically, dynamically.

"To be sure it is," said the old man. "And little thanks you get for it, only **impudence**. He takes th'upper hand of me whenever he sees I've a sup taken. What's the world coming to when sons speaks that way to their fathers?"

"What age is he?" said Mr. O'Connor.

"Nineteen," said the old man.

"Why don't you put him to something?"

"Sure, amn't I never done at the **drunken** bowsy ever since he left school? 'I won't keep you,' I says. 'You must get a job for yourself.' But, sure, it's worse whenever he gets a job; he drinks it all."

Mr. O'Connor shook his head in sympathy, and the old man fell silent, gazing into the fire. Someone opened the door of the room and called out:

"Hello! Is this a Freemason's meeting?"

"Who's that?" said the old man.

"What are you doing in the dark?" asked a voice.

"Is that you, Hynes?" asked Mr. O'Connor.

"Yes. What are you doing in the dark?" said Mr. Hynes. **advancing** into the light of the fire.

He was a tall, slender young man with a light brown moustache. **Imminent** little drops of rain hung at the **brim** of his hat and the collar of his jacket-coat was turned up.

"Well, Mat," he said to Mr. O'Connor, "how goes it?"

Mr. O'Connor shook his head. The old man left the **hearth** and after **stumbling** about the room returned with two candlesticks which he thrust one after the other into the fire and carried to the table. A **denuded** room came into view and the fire lost all its cheerful colour. The walls of the room were bare except for a copy of an election address. In the middle of the room was a small table on which papers were **heaped**.

Mr. Hynes leaned against the mantelpiece and asked:

Thesaurus

advancing: (*adj*) progressive, moving forward, increasing, moving, processive, thriving, ongoing, aggressive; (*n*) advancement, progression, proceeding.
brim: (*n*) rim, periphery, verge, edge, lip, hem, rand, margin, perimeter, brink, limit.
denuded: (*adj*) naked, denudate, bald, exposed, stripped, bereft, bereaved, devoid, bleak, barefaced; (*v*) minus.
drunken: (*adj*) boozy, sottish,

intoxicated, tipsy, tight, bibulous, groggy, intemperate, blotto, canned, pissed.
heaped: (*adj*) dense, cumulative, concentrated, collective, coarcuate, thick.
hearth: (*n*) fire, oven, fireside, stove, chimney, focus, furnace, dwelling, kiln, home, abode.
imminent: (*adj*) forthcoming, coming, close, future, near, pending, approaching, at hand, menacing,

threatening, prospective.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) remote, past.
impudence: (*adj, n*) boldness, brass; (*n*) cheek, gall, audacity, impertinence, insolence, face, cheekiness, effrontery, assurance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, reticence.
stumbling: (*adj*) lurching, astounding, hesitant, halting, awkward, astonishing, maladroit, clumsy, weaving; (*adv*) stumblingly; (*n*) hesitation. ANTONYM: (*adj*) firm.

"Has he paid you yet?"

"Not yet," said Mr. O'Connor. "I hope to God he'll not leave us in the **lurch** tonight."

Mr. Hynes laughed.

"O, he'll pay you. Never fear," he said.

"I hope he'll look **smart** about it if he means business," said Mr. O'Connor.

"What do you think, Jack?" said Mr. Hynes **satirically** to the old man.

The old man returned to his seat by the fire, saying:

"It isn't but he has it, anyway. Not like the other tinker."

"What other tinker?" said Mr. Hynes.

"Colgan," said the old man **scornfully**.

"It is because Colgan's a working--man you say that? What's the difference between a good honest **bricklayer** and a publican--eh? Hasn't the working-man as good a right to be in the Corporation as anyone else--ay, and a better right than those shoneens that are always hat in hand before any fellow with a handle to his name? Isn't that so, Mat?" said Mr. Hynes, addressing Mr. O'Connor.

"I think you're right," said Mr. O'Connor.

"One man is a plain honest man with no hunker-sliding about him. He goes in to represent the labour classes. This fellow you're working for only wants to get some job or other."

"Of course, the working-classes should be represented," said the old man.

"The working-man," said Mr. Hynes, "gets all **kicks** and no halfpence. But it's labour produces everything. The workingman is not looking for fat jobs for his sons and nephews and cousins. The working-man is not going to **drag** the honour of Dublin in the mud to please a German monarch."

"How's that?" said the old man.

"Don't you know they want to present an address of welcome to Edward Rex if he comes here next year? What do we want **kowtowing** to a foreign king?"

Thesaurus

bricklayer: (*n*) builder, mason, architect, artificer, artist, craftsman, forger, journeyman, smith, Wright, Vulcan.

drag: (*v*) attract, draw, lug, cart, heave, tow; (*n, v*) pull, puff; (*adv, v*) trail; (*n*) bother; (*adj*) dragging. ANTONYMS: (*n*) pleasure; (*v*) hasten, hurry, shove, speed, rush, propel, fly.

kicks: (*n*) elation, thrill, excitement, fulfillment, gratification, pleasure.

kowtowing: (*adj*) fawning, flattering,

ingratiating, apple polishing; (*n*) indulgence.

lurch: (*n, v*) stumble, pitch, stagger; (*v*) reel, tilt, cant, rock, sway, shake, teeter, wobble. ANTONYM: (*v*) hesitate.

satirically: (*adv*) sardonically, ironically, cuttingly, mockingly, sharply, caustically, mordantly, cynically, keenly, severely, derisively.

scornfully: (*adv*) disdainfully, disparagingly, haughtily,

derogatorily, condescendingly, contumeliously, sneeringly, arrogantly, sarcastically, derisively, mockingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) humbly.

smart: (*adj, n*) sharp, quick, bright; (*n, v*) pain; (*adj*) shrewd, crafty, sly, dapper, prompt, astute, intelligent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stupid, scruffy, unkempt, dim, shabby, slow, naive, unfashionable, unstylish, unintelligent, thick.

"Our man won't vote for the address," said Mr. O'Connor. "He goes in on the Nationalist ticket."

"Won't he?" said Mr. Hynes. "Wait till you see whether he will or not. I know him. Is it Tricky Dicky Tierney?"

"By God! perhaps you're right, Joe," said Mr. O'Connor. "Anyway, I wish he'd turn up with the spondulics."

The three men fell silent. The old man began to **rake** more cinders together. Mr. Hynes took off his hat, shook it and then turned down the collar of his coat, **displaying**, as he did so, an ivy **leaf** in the lapel.

"If this man was alive," he said, pointing to the leaf, "we'd have no talk of an address of welcome."

"That's true," said Mr. O'Connor.

"Musha, God be with them times!" said the old man. "There was some life in it then."

The room was silent again. Then a **bustling** little man with a **snuffling** nose and very cold ears pushed in the door. He walked over quickly to the fire, **rubbing** his hands as if he intended to produce a **spark** from them.

"No money, boys," he said.

"Sit down here, Mr. Henchy," said the old man, offering him his chair.

"O, don't **stir**, Jack, don't stir," said Mr. Henchy

He nodded **curtly** to Mr. Hynes and sat down on the chair which the old man **vacated**.

"Did you serve Aungier Street?" he asked Mr. O'Connor.

"Yes," said Mr. O'Connor, beginning to search his pockets for **memoranda**.

"Did you call on Grimes?"

"I did."

"Well? How does he stand?"

Thesaurus

bustling: (*adj*) lively, busy, boisterous, buzzing, brisk, alive, vibrant, noisy, tumultuous; (*v*) stirring, full of incident. ANTONYM: (*adj*) inactive.

curtly: (*adv*) abruptly, brusquely, briefly, tersely, rudely, gruffly, snappishly, sharply, succinctly, offhandedly, laconically. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) kindly, pleasantly, politely, verbosely, civilly.

displaying: (*n*) advertising.

leaf: (*n*) page, folio, foliage, petal,

frond, leafage, slip, verdure, leaflet; (*n, v*) sheet; (*v*) leave.

memoranda: (*n*) memorandum, note.

rake: (*n, v*) tilt; (*adj, v*) comb; (*v*) hoe, harrow, graze, draw, plow; (*n*) debauchee, roue, slant, blood. ANTONYM: (*v*) glance.

rubbing: (*n*) friction, abrasion, grinding, detrition, rub, grip, resistance, chafe, sweat, travail, massage. ANTONYM: (*n*) smoothness.

snuffling: (*adj*) sniffly, tearful, snuffly. **spark:** (*n, v*) flicker, flash, gleam, glint, glitter; (*n*) light, glimmer, arc, flame, fire; (*v*) activate.

stir: (*adj, n, v*) move, bustle; (*v*) rouse, arouse, affect, agitate, inspire; (*adj, n*) movement; (*n*) commotion, excitement, disturbance.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) dampen, retire, stultify, bore, steady, stifle, suppress; (*n*) quiet, peace; (*n, v*) calm.

vacated: (*adj*) empty, abandoned.

"He wouldn't promise. He said: '*I won't tell anyone what way I'm going to vote.*' But I think he'll be all right."

"Why so?"

"He asked me who the nominators were; and I told him. I mentioned Father Burke's name. I think it'll be all right."

Mr. Henchy began to **snuffle** and to rub his hands over the fire at a **terrific** speed. Then he said:

"For the love of God, Jack, bring us a bit of coal. There must be some left."

The old man went out of the room.

"It's no go," said Mr. Henchy, shaking his head. "I asked the little shoeboy, but he said: '*Oh, now, Mr. Henchy, when I see work going on properly I won't forget you, you may be sure.*' Mean little **tinker**! 'Usha, how could he be anything else?'"

"What did I tell you, Mat?" said Mr. Hynes. "**Tricky** Dicky Tierney."

"O, he's as tricky as they make 'em," said Mr. Henchy. "He hasn't got those little **pigs'** eyes for nothing. Blast his soul! Couldn't he pay up like a man instead of: '*O, now, Mr. Henchy, I must speak to Mr. Fanning... I've spent a lot of money?*' Mean little schoolboy of hell! I suppose he forgets the time his little old father kept the **hand-me-down** shop in Mary's Lane."

"But is that a fact?" asked Mr. O'Connor.

"God, yes," said Mr. Henchy. "Did you never hear that? And the men used to go in on Sunday morning before the houses were open to buy a **waistcoat** or a trousers--moya! But Tricky Dicky's little old father always had a tricky little black bottle up in a corner. Do you mind now? That's that. That's where he first saw the light."

The old man returned with a few **lumps** of coal which he placed here and there on the fire.

"That's a nice how-do-you-do," said Mr. O'Connor. "How does he expect us to work for him if he won't **stump** up?"

Thesaurus

hand-me-down: (*n*) gift.

lumps: (*n*) repulse, deserts, due, grit, punishment.

pigs: (*n*) stock, hogs, Suidae, livestock, litter, family Suidae, domestic animals, cattle, boars, sheep, farm animals.

snuffle: (*n, v*) snivel, snuff, sniffle; (*v*) wheeze, breathe in, blubber, inhale, grumble, sob, whistle; (*n*) cry.

stump: (*n*) stub, end, pulpit; (*v*) confuse, stamp, baffle, perplex,

nonplus, puzzle, bewilder, mystify. ANTONYM: (*v*) explain.

terrific: (*adj*) tremendous, fantastic, great, wonderful, dreadful, formidable, splendid, brilliant, marvellous; (*adj, v*) terrible, shocking. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tiny, abysmal, bad, calm, moderate, nasty, dreadful, insignificant, ordinary, unremarkable.

tinker: (*v*) monkey, fiddle, putter, mess around, toy, tamper, vamp; (*n*)

cobbler, mender, *Scomber japonicus*, chub mackerel.

tricky: (*adj*) crafty, cunning, artful, sly, deceitful, slippery, delicate, foxy, difficult, shifty, wily. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straightforward, honest, simple, uncomplicated, aboveboard, frank, safe, open, naive, amicable, straight. **waistcoat:** (*n*) CHUDDER, barbe, garment, jerkin, jubbah, oilskins, pilot jacket, pajamas, cardigan, singlet, talma jacket.

"I can't help it," said Mr. Henchy. "I expect to find the bailiffs in the hall when I go home."

Mr. Hynes laughed and, **shoving** himself away from the mantelpiece with the aid of his shoulders, made ready to leave.

"It'll be all right when King Eddie comes," he said. "Well boys, I'm off for the present. See you later. 'Bye, 'bye."

He went out of the room slowly. Neither Mr. Henchy nor the old man said anything, but, just as the door was closing, Mr. O'Connor, who had been staring **moodily** into the fire, called out suddenly:

"Bye, Joe."

Mr. Henchy waited a few moments and then nodded in the direction of the door.

"Tell me," he said across the fire, "what brings our friend in here? What does he want?"

"Usha, poor Joe!" said Mr. O'Connor, throwing the end of his cigarette into the fire, "he's hard up, like the rest of us."

Mr. Henchy snuffled vigorously and spat so **copiously** that he nearly put out the fire, which uttered a **hissing** protest.

"To tell you my private and **candid** opinion," he said, "I think he's a man from the other camp. He's a spy of Colgan's, if you ask me. *Just go round and try and find out how they're getting on. They won't suspect you.* Do you twig?"

"Ah, poor Joe is a decent skin," said Mr. O'Connor.

"His father was a decent, respectable man," Mr. Henchy admitted. "Poor old Larry Hynes! Many a good turn he did in his day! But I'm greatly afraid our friend is not nineteen **carat**. Damn it, I can understand a fellow being hard up, but what I can't understand is a fellow **sponging**. Couldn't he have some spark of manhood about him?"

"He doesn't get a warm welcome from me when he comes," said the old man. "Let him work for his own side and not come **spying** around here."

Thesaurus

candid: (*adj*) blunt, outspoken, ingenuous, direct, sincere, open, forthright, artless, equitable, honest, guileless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) scheming, tricky, artful, deceitful, dishonest, guarded, indirect, insincere, inhibited, disingenuous, evasive.
carat: (*n*) unit, siliqua; (*adj*) scruple, quintal, pound, ounce, metric ton, ton, cwt, stone, lb.
copiously: (*adv*) profusely, lavishly,

richly, plentifully, plenteously, generously, exuberantly, liberally, affluently, prolifically, bountifully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meagerly, thinly, scantily.
hissing: (*adj*) sibilant, sibilous, sibilatory; (*n*) whistling, heckling, scoffing, sibilance, taunts, sibilation, white noise; (*v*) fizzle. ANTONYM: (*n*) applause.
moodily: (*adv*) morosely, peevishly, glumly, sulkily, grumpily,

capriciously, temperamentally, petulantly, saturninely, crossly, erratically. ANTONYM: (*adv*) cheerily.
shoving: (*n*) thrusting.
sponging: (*n*) shrinking, bath; (*adj*) scrounging, bloodsucking, freeloading, leechlike.
spying: (*n*) detection, spotting, espial, catching, discovery, maculation, intelligence activity, signal detection, sensing, contracting, intelligence.

"I don't know," said Mr. O'Connor dubiously, as he took out cigarette-papers and tobacco. "I think Joe Hynes is a straight man. He's a clever chap, too, with the pen. Do you remember that thing he wrote...?"

"Some of these hillsiders and fenians are a bit too clever if ask me," said Mr. Henchy. "Do you know what my private and candid opinion is about some of those little jokers? I believe half of them are in the pay of the Castle."

"There's no knowing," said the old man.

"O, but I know it for a fact," said Mr. Henchy. "They're Castle hacks... I don't say Hynes... No, damn it, I think he's a stroke above that... But there's a certain little **nobleman** with a cock-eye --you know the **patriot** I'm alluding to?"

Mr. O'Connor nodded.

"There's a **lineal descendant** of Major Sirr for you if you like! O, the heart's blood of a patriot! That's a fellow now that'd sell his country for fourpence--ay--and go down on his **bended** knees and thank the Almighty Christ he had a country to sell."

There was a knock at the door.

"Come in!" said Mr. Henchy.

A person resembling a poor **clergyman** or a poor actor appeared in the doorway. His black clothes were tightly buttoned on his short body and it was impossible to say whether he wore a clergyman's collar or a layman's, because the collar of his shabby frock-coat, the **uncovered buttons** of which reflected the **candlelight**, was turned up about his neck. He wore a round hat of hard black felt. His face, shining with **raindrops**, had the appearance of damp yellow cheese save where two **rosy** spots indicated the cheekbones. He opened his very long mouth suddenly to express disappointment and at the same time opened wide his very bright blue eyes to express pleasure and surprise.

"O Father Keon!" said Mr. Henchy, jumping up from his chair. "Is that you? Come in!"

Thesaurus

bended: (*adj*) bent, bowed.

buttons: (*n*) bellboy, peyote.

candlelight: (*adj*) rushlight, firelight, starlight; (*n*) candlelighting.

clergyman: (*n*) minister, chaplain, priest, pastor, churchman, preacher, parson, rector, dominie, vicar; (*adj*) divine. ANTONYMS: (*n*) layman, layperson.

descendant: (*adj, n*) descendant; (*n*) offspring, progeny, scion, offshoot, successor, relation, heir, derivative,

follower, sprig. ANTONYMS: (*n*) precursor, progenitor, parent, forebear, ascendant, predecessor.

lineal: (*adj, v*) linear; (*adj*) ancestral, hereditary, straight, directly, racial, extended senses, exact.

nobleman: (*n*) patrician, aristocrat, lord, peer, marquis, nobility, grandee, baron, duke, armiger, burgrave.

patriot: (*n*) jingoist, jingo, subject, patriotic, Garibaldi, loyalist, national,

chauvinist. ANTONYM: (*n*) turncoat.

raindrops: (*n*) rain, raindrop.

rosy: (*adj*) hopeful, blooming, optimistic, auspicious, promising, bright, roseate, ruddy, fortunate, flushed, pink. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

gloomy, depressing, hopeless, unpromising.

uncovered: (*adj*) naked, open, bare, nude, unclothed, bald, unreserved, unprotected, evident, frank, manifest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indoor, concealed.

"O, no, no, no!" said Father Keon quickly, pursing his lips as if he were addressing a child.

"Won't you come in and sit down?"

"No, no, no!" said Father Keon, speaking in a **discreet, indulgent, velvety** voice. "Don't let me **disturb** you now! I'm just looking for Mr. **Fanning**..."

"He's round at the *Black Eagle*," said Mr. Henchy. "But won't you come in and sit down a minute?"

"No, no, thank you. It was just a little business matter," said Father Keon. "Thank you, indeed."

He retreated from the doorway and Mr. Henchy, **seizing** one of the **andlesticks**, went to the door to light him downstairs.

"O, don't trouble, I beg!"

"No, but the stairs is so dark."

"No, no, I can see... Thank you, indeed."

"Are you right now?"

"All right, thanks... Thanks."

Mr. Henchy returned with the candlestick and put it on the table. He sat down again at the fire. There was silence for a few moments.

"Tell me, John," said Mr. O'Connor, lighting his cigarette with another pasteboard card.

"Hm? "

"What he is exactly?"

"Ask me an easier one," said Mr. Henchy.

"Fanning and himself seem to me very thick. They're often in Kavanagh's together. Is he a priest at all?"

"Mmmyes, I believe so... I think he's what you call black sheep. We haven't many of them, thank God! but we have a few... He's an unfortunate man of some kind..."

Thesaurus

candlestick: (*n*) candelabra, sconce, chandelier, candle holder, girandole, candleholder, holder, electrolier, gaselier, girandola, luster.

discreet: (*adj*) circumspect, prudent, careful, cautious, chary, discerning, tactful, diplomatic, sensible, politic; (*adj, v*) wise. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) elaborate, tactless, careless, indiscreet, reckless, bold, incautious, thoughtless, insensitive, loud, obvious.

disturb: (*v*) trouble, disorder, disconcert, distress, perturb, disquiet, distract, discompose, disrupt, upset, concern. ANTONYMS: (*v*) calm, please, soothe, smooth, order, reassure, sort, settle, respect, quiet, organize.

fanning: (*n*) ventilation.

indulgent: (*adj*) forgiving, gentle, clement, lenient, soft, kind, gracious, tolerant, merciful, compassionate; (*adj, v*) permissive. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) intolerant, unsympathetic, severe, restrained, harsh, hardhearted, abstemious, disapproving.

seizing: (*v*) seize; (*n*) seizure, clutches, prehension, taking, apprehension, capture, infection; (*adj*) catching, galling, controlling.

velvety: (*adj*) smooth, soft, velvet, silky, fluffy, woolly, supple, creamy, delicate, furry; (*v*) lanate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) croaky, watery.

"And how does he knock it out?" asked Mr. O'Connor.

"That's another mystery."

"Is he attached to any chapel or church or institution or---"

"No," said Mr. Henchy, "I think he's travelling on his own account... God **forgive** me," he added, "I thought he was the **dozen** of stout."

"Is there any chance of a drink itself?" asked Mr. O'Connor.

"I'm dry too," said the old man.

"I asked that little shoeboy three times," said Mr. Henchy, "would he send up a dozen of stout. I asked him again now, but he was **leaning** on the counter in his shirt-sleeves having a deep goster with Alderman Cowley."

"Why didn't you **remind** him?" said Mr. O'Connor.

"Well, I couldn't go over while he was talking to Alderman Cowley. I just waited till I caught his eye, and said: '*About that little matter I was speaking to you about...*' '*That'll be all right, Mr. H.,*' he said. Yerra, sure the little hop-o'-my-thumb has forgotten all about it."

"There's some deal on in that quarter," said Mr. O'Connor **thoughtfully**. "I saw the three of them hard at it yesterday at Suffolk Street corner."

"I think I know the little game they're at," said Mr. Henchy. "You must owe the City Fathers money nowadays if you want to be made Lord Mayor. Then they'll make you Lord Mayor. By God! I'm thinking seriously of becoming a City Father myself. What do you think? Would I do for the job?"

Mr. O'Connor laughed.

"So far as **owing** money goes..."

"Driving out of the Mansion House," said Mr. Henchy, "in all my **vermin**, with Jack here standing up behind me in a powdered wig --eh?"

"And make me your private secretary, John."

"Yes. And I'll make Father Keon my private **chaplain**. We'll have a family party."

Thesaurus

chaplain: (*n*) clergyman, parson, rector, minister, chaplaincy, chaplainship, vicar, padre, sky pilot, reverend, curate.

dozen: (*adj, n*) XII; (*n*) dozens, boxcars.

forgive: (*v*) absolve, excuse, acquit, remit, pardon, justify, to forgive, exonerate, overlook, clear, to excuse. ANTONYMS: (*v*) condemn, punish, castigate.

leaning: (*adj, n*) bent, disposition, partiality; (*n*) propensity, bias,

tendency, incline, lean; (*adj*) tilted, canted, inclined. ANTONYMS: (*n*) antipathy, dislike; (*adj*) upright.

owing: (*adj*) due, unpaid, unsettled, outstanding, overdue, owed, payable, undischarged, indebted, fulfilling obligation, lawful. ANTONYM: (*adj*) settled.

remind: (*v*) recollect, prompt, recall, commemorate, call up, memorialize, hint, jog, inform, think; (*n, v*) mind.

thoughtfully: (*adv*) considerably,

carefully, kindly, reflectively, meditatively, attentively, solemnly, contemplatively, seriously, prudently, cautiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unsympathetically, unthinkingly, carelessly, contentedly, rashly, inconsiderately, selfishly, meanly, insensitively, tactlessly, cruelly.

vermin: (*n*) bug, varmint, louse, trash, pest, brute, varment, scum, riffraff, ragtag and bobtail, rabble.

"Faith, Mr. Henchy," said the old man, "you'd keep up better style than some of them. I was talking one day to old Keegan, the **porter**. 'And how do you like your new master, Pat?' says I to him. 'You haven't much **entertaining** now,' says I. 'Entertaining!' says he. 'He'd live on the smell of an oil-rag.' And do you know what he told me? Now, I **declare** to God I didn't believe him."

"What?" said Mr. Henchy and Mr. O'Connor.

"He told me: 'What do you think of a Lord Mayor of Dublin sending out for a pound of **chops** for his dinner? How's that for high living?' says he. 'Wisha! wisha,' says I. 'A pound of chops,' says he, 'coming into the Mansion House.' 'Wisha!' says I, 'what kind of people is going at all now?'"

At this point there was a knock at the door, and a boy put in his head.

"What is it?" said the old man.

"From the Black Eagle," said the boy, walking in **sideways** and depositing a **basket** on the floor with a noise of **shaken** bottles.

The old man helped the boy to transfer the bottles from the basket to the table and counted the full **tally**. After the transfer the boy put his basket on his arm and asked:

"Any bottles?"

"What bottles?" said the old man.

"Won't you let us drink them first?" said Mr. Henchy.

"I was told to ask for the bottles."

"Come back tomorrow," said the old man.

"Here, boy!" said Mr. Henchy, "will you run over to O'Farrell's and ask him to lend us a corkscrew--for Mr. Henchy, say. Tell him we won't keep it a minute. Leave the basket there."

The boy went out and Mr. Henchy began to rub his hands cheerfully, saying:

"Ah, well, he's not so bad after all. He's as good as his word, anyhow."

"There's no tumblers," said the old man.

Thesaurus

basket: (*n*) cage, hamper, basketful, creel, Corf, coop, bucket, spinner basket, bassinet, containerful, cradle.
chops: (*n, v*) jaws; (*n*) orifice, chops, jaw, fauces, propylon, portico, porch, door, portal; (*v*) gob.
declare: (*v*) advertise, assert, allege, attest, aver, admit, acknowledge, proclaim, avow; (*n, v*) affirm, say. ANTONYMS: (*v*) conceal, revoke, suppress, retract, repress, disclaim, withhold, request, refute, block.

entertaining: (*adj*) enjoyable, fun, funny, diverting, witty, merry, comical, laughable, convivial, humorous, droll. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, boring, heavy, slow, tiresome, tiring, unentertaining.
porter: (*n*) doorkeeper, carrier, gatekeeper, doorman, caretaker, ostiary, commissioner, redcap, labourer, conveyer, concierge.
shaken: (*adj*) jolted, agitated, dilapidated, frayed; (*v*) passe, lame,

broken, threadbare, wilted, shaky, vibrate.
sideways: (*adj*) side, crabwise, crosswise, indirect; (*adv*) obliquely, laterally, sidelong, sideway, sidewise, sideways; (*adj, adv*) aslant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) level, direct; (*adv*) across.
tally: (*n, v*) count, check, score, sum; (*v*) agree, number, suit, fit, match, accord, jibe. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disagree, conflict, differ.

"O, don't let that trouble you, Jack," said Mr. Henchy. "Many's the good man before now drank out of the bottle."

"Anyway, it's better than nothing," said Mr. O'Connor.

"He's not a bad sort," said Mr. Henchy, "only Fanning has such a loan of him. He means well, you know, in his own tinpot way."

The boy came back with the corkscrew. The old man opened three bottles and was handing back the corkscrew when Mr. Henchy said to the boy:

"Would you like a drink, boy?"

"If you please, sir," said the boy.

The old man opened another bottle **grudgingly**, and handed it to the boy.

"What age are you?" he asked.

"Seventeen," said the boy.

As the old man said nothing further, the boy **took** the bottle. said: "*Here's my best respects, sir*," to Mr. Henchy, "drank the contents, put the bottle back on the table and wiped his mouth with his sleeve. Then he took up the corkscrew and went out of the door sideways, **muttering** some form of **salutation**."

"That's the way it begins," said the old man.

"The thin edge of the wedge," said Mr. Henchy.

The old man **distributed** the three bottles which he had opened and the men drank from them simultaneously. After having drank each placed his bottle on the mantelpiece within hand's reach and drew in a long breath of satisfaction.

"Well, I did a good day's work today," said Mr. Henchy, after a **pause**.

"That so, John?"

"Yes. I got him one or two sure things in Dawson Street, Crofton and myself. Between ourselves, you know, Crofton (he's a decent **chap**, of course), but he's not worth a damn as a **canvasser**. He hasn't a word to throw to a dog. He stands and looks at the people while I do the talking."

Thesaurus

canvasser: (*n*) campaigner, solicitor, salesman, pollster, researcher, scrutineer.

chap: (*n*) fellow, blighter, guy, crevice, cranny, crack, lad, man, scissure, beau, chink.

distributed: (*adj*) divided, spread, thin, strewn, separate, apportioned, scattered, parted, dispensed, disseminated, diversified.

grudgingly: (*adv*) reluctantly, stingily, begrudgingly, enviously, jealously,

involuntarily, sourly, scarcely, hardly, meanly, tightfistedly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) gladly, generously, graciously, ungrudgingly.

muttering: (*n*) grumbling, mutter, murmuring, grumble, murmuration, murmur vowel, complaint, heart murmur, cardiac murmur; (*adj*) mumbling, faint.

pause: (*n, v*) halt, interruption, adjournment, delay, respite, stop;

(*adj, n, v*) rest; (*n*) intermission, gap; (*adj, v*) discontinue; (*v*) hesitate.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) decisiveness, continuation, start; (*v*) proceed.

respects: (*adj*) aboard, welcome; (*n*) compliments, greeting, compliment, baisemains, devoir, duty.

salutation: (*n, v*) salute; (*n*) reception, hail, hello, welcome, address, compliment, hullo, recognition, interpellation, pax.

took: (*adj*) taken; (*v*) receive.

Here two men entered the room. One of them was a very fat man whose blue serge clothes seemed to be in danger of falling from his **sloping** figure. He had a big face which resembled a young ox's face in expression, **staring** blue eyes and a **grizzled** moustache. The other man, who was much younger and frailer, had a thin, clean-shaven face. He wore a very high double **collar** and a wide-brimmed **bowler** hat.

"Hello, Crofton!" said Mr. Henchy to the fat man. "Talk of the devil..."

"Where did the boose come from?" asked the young man. "Did the cow calve?"

"O, of course, Lyons **spots** the drink first thing!" said Mr. O'Connor, laughing.

"Is that the way you **chaps** canvass," said Mr. Lyons, "and Crofton and I out in the cold and rain looking for votes?"

"Why, **blast** your soul," said Mr. Henchy, "I'd get more votes in five minutes than you two'd get in a week."

"Open two bottles of stout, Jack," said Mr. O'Connor.

"How can I?" said the old man, "when there's no corkscrew?"

"Wait now, wait now!" said Mr. Henchy, getting up quickly. "Did you ever see this little trick?"

He took two bottles from the table and, carrying them to the fire, put them on the hob. Then he sat down again by the fire and took another drink from his bottle. Mr. Lyons sat on the edge of the table, pushed his hat towards the **nape** of his neck and began to **swing** his legs.

"Which is my bottle?" he asked.

"This, lad," said Mr. Henchy.

Mr. Crofton sat down on a box and looked fixedly at the other bottle on the hob. He was silent for two **reasons**. The first reason, sufficient in itself, was that he had nothing to say; the second reason was that he considered his **companions** beneath him. He had been a canvasser for Wilkins, the Conservative, but when the Conservatives had withdrawn their man and, **choosing** the lesser of two

Thesaurus

blast: (*adj, n, v*) discharge, explosion, burst; (*n, v*) attack, slam, smash, boom, blight, roar; (*adj, v*) blow up; (*v*) detonate.

bowler: (*n*) bowler hat, boller, player, participant, lid, cricketer, hat, chapeau, batsman, plug hat.

chaps: (*n*) chops, fauces, crack.

choosing: (*n*) picking, pick, selection, option, election, appointment, volition; (*v*) choose.

collar: (*n, v*) arrest, catch, capture,

pinch; (*n*) choker, ruff, lapel; (*v*) apprehend, nail, grab, clutch.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) free, release.

companions: (*n*) circle, entourage, people.

grizzled: (*adj*) grey, gray, old, brunet, grised, grayish, brunette.

nape: (*n*) nucha, scruff, occiput, rear, back end, backside, chine.

reasons: (*n*) proof.

sloping: (*adj, v*) oblique, slope; (*adj*) slanting, inclined, slanted, diagonal,

leaning, sloped; (*adj, adv*) aslope, aslant; (*v*) slant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) horizontal, upright.

spots: (*n*) damp, drifter, floater, floating policy, muscae volitantes, Musca volitans.

staring: (*adj*) conspicuous, garish, agaze, vivid, noisy, showy, fixed, opened, glassy; (*adv*) staringly.

swing: (*n, v*) sway, sweep, turn, change, beat; (*v*) fluctuate, oscillate, dangle, rock, vibrate; (*adj, v*) hang.

evils, given their support to the Nationalist candidate, he had been engaged to work for Mr. Tiemey.

In a few minutes an **apologetic** "Pok!" was heard as the **cork** flew out of Mr. Lyons' bottle. Mr. Lyons jumped off the table, went to the fire, took his bottle and carried it back to the table.

"I was just telling them, Crofton," said Mr. Henchy, that we got a good few votes today."

"Who did you get?" asked Mr. Lyons.

"Well, I got Parkes for one, and I got Atkinson for two, and got Ward of Dawson Street. Fine old chap he is, too--regular old **toff**, old Conservative! 'But isn't your candidate a Nationalist?' said he. 'He's a respectable man,' said I. 'He's in favour of whatever will benefit this country. He's a big ratepayer,' I said. 'He has extensive house property in the city and three places of business and isn't it to his own advantage to keep down the rates? He's a prominent and respected citizen,' said I, 'and a Poor Law Guardian, and he doesn't belong to any party, good, bad, or indifferent.' That's the way to talk to 'em."

"And what about the address to the King?" said Mr. Lyons, after drinking and **smacking** his lips.

"Listen to me," said Mr. Henchy. "What we want in this country, as I said to old Ward, is capital. The King's coming here will mean an **influx** of money into this country. The citizens of Dublin will benefit by it. Look at all the factories down by the quays there, **idle**! Look at all the money there is in the country if we only worked the old industries, the mills, the ship-building yards and factories. It's capital we want."

"But look here, John," said Mr. O'Connor. "Why should we welcome the King of England? Didn't Parnell himself..."

"Parnell," said Mr. Henchy, "is dead. Now, here's the way I look at it. Here's this chap come to the **throne** after his old mother keeping him out of it till the man was grey. He's a man of the world, and he means well by us. He's a **jolly** fine decent fellow, if you ask me, and no damn nonsense about him. He just says

Thesaurus

apologetic: (*adj*) regretful, sorry, contrite, penitent, rueful, alleged, ashamed, compunctious, deprecatory, apologize, regret.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) defensive, defiant, glad, recalcitrant, stubborn, unapologetic, unremorseful.
cork: (*n, v*) plug; (*n*) bung, stopper, phellem, bobber, bob, bobfloat; (*v*) cap, stop, close; (*adj*) cobweb.
evils: (*n*) mala.
idle: (*adj*) lazy, indolent, inactive, free,

unfounded, fruitless, baseless, groundless, frivolous, empty, disengaged. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) active, employed, industrious, energetic, meaningful, productive, worthwhile, diligent; (*v*) change, run, work.
influx: (*n*) afflux, concourse, incursion, invasion, flow, introduction, affluence, inpouring, intrusion, irruption, arrival. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) departure.

jolly: (*adj*) gay, cheerful, happy, festive, genial, bright, cheery, merry, jocund; (*v*) chaff; (*adv*) lively. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) gloomy, miserable, serious.
smacking: (*n*) smack, brisk, shit, scag, savor, beating, h, savour, diacetylmorphine, heroin, horse.
throne: (*v*) enthrone; (*n*) can, stool, place, fecal matter, potty, chair, cathedra, lavatory, crapper, pot.
toff: (*n*) fop, man of means, rich man.

to himself: 'The old one never went to see these wild Irish. By Christ, I'll go myself and see what they're like.' And are we going to **insult** the man when he comes over here on a friendly visit? Eh? Isn't that right, Crofton?"

Mr. Crofton nodded his head.

"But after all now," said Mr. Lyons **argumentatively**, "King Edward's life, you know, is not the very..."

"Let bygones be bygones," said Mr. Henchy. "I **admire** the man personally. He's just an ordinary knockabout like you and me. He's fond of his glass of **grog** and he's a bit of a rake, perhaps, and he's a good **sportsman**. Damn it, can't we Irish play fair?"

"That's all very fine," said Mr. Lyons. "But look at the case of Parnell now."

"In the name of God," said Mr. Henchy, "where's the analogy between the two cases?"

"What I mean," said Mr. Lyons, "is we have our **ideals**. Why, now, would we welcome a man like that? Do you think now after what he did Parnell was a fit man to lead us? And why, then, would we do it for Edward the Seventh?"

"This is Parnell's anniversary," said Mr. O'Connor, "and don't let us stir up any bad blood. We all respect him now that he's dead and gone--even the Conservatives," he added, turning to Mr. Crofton.

Pok! The **tardy** cork flew out of Mr. Crofton's bottle. Mr. Crofton got up from his box and went to the fire. As he returned with his capture he said in a deep voice:

"Our side of the house respects him, because he was a gentleman."

"Right you are, Crofton!" said Mr. Henchy fiercely. "He was the only man that could keep that bag of cats in order. 'Down, ye dogs! Lie down, ye curs!' That's the way he treated them. Come in, Joe! Come in!" he **called** out, catching sight of Mr. Hynes in the doorway.

Mr. Hynes came in slowly.

Thesaurus

admire: (*v*) revere, look up to, idolize, appreciate, adore, wonder, praise, worship, admiring, esteem, honor.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) despise, loathe, scorn, hate, condemn, abhor, disrespect, detest, disregard, disapprove, deprecate.
argumentatively: (*adv*) contentiously, controversially, quarrelsomely, combatively, pugnaciously, belligerently, litigiously, cantankerously, contrarily.

called: (*adj*) named, titled, chosen, known as; (*v*) nempt, ycleped.

grog: (*n*) liquor, grog grain, toddy, bishop, rumbo; (*v*) blue ruin, port wine, purl, wassail, negus.

ideals: (*n*) morality, principle, standard, standards, ethics, principles.

insult: (*n, v*) contumely, affront, abuse, flout, outrage, wound, taunt; (*n*) disgrace, indignity, contempt; (*v*) cut.
ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) compliment,

praise; (*v*) flatter, consecrate; (*n*) privilege.

sportsman: (*n*) athlete, shikari, player, jock, sportswoman, fisherman, huntsman, gamester, play, hunter, reveler.

tardy: (*adj, adv, v*) late; (*adj, v*) slow, remiss; (*adj, adv*) backward, dilatory, behindhand; (*adj*) belated, slack, overdue, delayed, sluggish.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) early, punctual, premature, speedy.

"Open another bottle of stout, Jack," said Mr. Henchy. "O, I forgot there's no corkscrew! Here, show me one here and I'll put it at the fire."

The old man handed him another bottle and he placed it on the hob.

"Sit down, Joe," said Mr. O'Connor, "we're just talking about the Chief."

"Ay, ay!" said Mr. Henchy.

Mr. Hynes sat on the side of the table near Mr. Lyons but said nothing.

"There's one of them, anyhow," said Mr. Henchy, "that didn't **renege** him. By God, I'll say for you, Joe! No, by God, you **stuck** to him like a man!"

"O, Joe," said Mr. O'Connor suddenly. "Give us that thing you wrote--do you remember? Have you got it on you?"

"O, ay!" said Mr. Henchy. "Give us that. Did you ever hear that. Crofton? Listen to this now: **splendid** thing."

"Go on," said Mr. O'Connor. "Fire away, Joe."

Mr. Hynes did not seem to remember at once the piece to which they were alluding, but, after **reflecting** a while, he said:

"O, that thing is it... Sure, that's old now."

"Out with it, man!" said Mr. O'Connor.

"Sh, 'sh," said Mr. Henchy. "Now, Joe!"

Mr. Hynes hesitated a little longer. Then **amid** the silence he took off his hat, laid it on the table and stood up. He seemed to be **rehearsing** the piece in his mind. After a rather long pause he announced:

The Death of Parnell
6th October, 1891

He **cleared** his throat once or **twice** and then began to recite:

He is dead. Our Uncrowned King is dead.

Thesaurus

amid: (*adv, prep*) among, amongst; (*prep*) between, amidst, mid, during, in the midst of, with, surrounded by, stuck between; (*n*) midst.
ANTONYMS: (*prep*) outside, separate.
cleared: (*adj*) absolved, clean, empty, exculpated, bleak, innocent, exempt, vindicated, exonerated, guiltless, let off. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) full, uncleared, guilty.
reflecting: (*adv*) reflectingly; (*adj*)

reflective, thoughtful, calculating, reflected, shiny, shimmering, reflectent; (*n*) mirroring, reflection, reflexion.
rehearsing: (*n*) rehearsal.
renege: (*v*) annul, rescind, go back on, withdraw, abrogate, recant, retract, nullify, back down, deny, vacate.
splendid: (*adj, n, v*) illustrious, glorious; (*adj*) gorgeous, beautiful, royal, gallant, proud; (*adj, n*) magnificent, noble, grand; (*adj, v*)

brilliant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unimpressive, modest, humble, ordinary, undistinguished, meager, awful, dire, lowly, inglorious, shabby.
stuck: (*adj*) stranded, jammed, delayed, fast; (*adj, adv*) aground; (*n*) stuck ware, thrust, sticking; (*v*) stucked, fasten, attach. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unstuck, loose.
twice: (*adv*) doubly, bis, two times, in two ways, once more; (*adj*) twenty.

O, Erin, **mourn** with grief and woe
 For he lies dead whom the fell gang
 Of modern hypocrites laid low.

He lies **slain** by the coward hounds
 He raised to glory from the **mire**;
 And Erin's hopes and Erin's dreams
 Perish upon her monarch's **pyre**.

In palace, cabin or in cot
 The Irish heart where'er it be
 Is bowed with woe--for he is gone
 Who would have wrought her destiny.
 He would have had his Erin famed,
 The green flag **gloriously unfurled**,
 Her statesmen, bards and warriors raised
 Before the nations of the World.

He dreamed (alas, 'twas but a dream!)
 Of Liberty: but as he strove
 To clutch that idol, treachery
 Sundered him from the thing he loved.

Shame on the coward, **caitiff** hands
 That **smote** their Lord or with a kiss
 Betrayed him to the rabble-rout
 Of **fawning** priests--no friends of his.

May everlasting shame consume
 The memory of those who tried
 To **befoul** and smear the exalted name
 Of one who **spurned** them in his pride.

Thesaurus

befoul: (*v*) foul, pollute, soil, contaminate, dirty, violate, maculate, tarnish; (*adj*) besmear, bemire, begrime.

caitiff: (*n*) coward, villain, scoundrel, miscreant, dastard, ruffian, rascal, budmash, brute, barbarian; (*adv*) cowardly.

fawning: (*adj*) obsequious, sycophantic, servile, sniveling, subservient, flattering, ingratiating, soapy; (*adj, n*) toadying; (*n*)

adulation, sycophancy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) authoritative, assertive, domineering, forthright.

gloriously: (*adv*) brilliantly, grandly, magnificently, illustriously, marvelously, superbly, wonderfully, gorgeously, radiantly, greatly, renownedly.

mire: (*n, v*) bog, muck; (*n*) filth, marsh, quagmire, dirt, sludge, clay; (*adj, n, v*) mud; (*v*) involve, bog down.

mourn: (*v*) bewail, grieve, deplore, cry,

bemoan, regret, distress, sad, wail, mourning, weep. ANTONYMS: (*v*) rejoice, celebrate, applaud.

pyre: (*n*) pile, heap, funeral, funeral pyre, stake, wake, mound, hair, fire, funeral pile.

slain: (*v*) slay; (*adj*) overthrown, mat, fallen, dejected, cast down.

smote: (*v*) smite.

spurned: (*adj*) jilted, unloved.

unfurled: (*adj*) extended.

He fell as fall the mighty ones,
Nobly **undaunted** to the last,
And death has now united him
With Erin's heroes of the past.

No sound of **strife** disturb his sleep!
Calmly he rests: no human pain
Or high ambition spurs him now
The peaks of glory to **attain**.

They had their way: they laid him low.
But Erin, list, his spirit may
Rise, like the Phoenix from the flames,
When breaks the **dawning** of the day,

The day that brings us Freedom's reign.
And on that day may Erin well
Pledge in the cup she lifts to Joy
One grief--the memory of Parnell.

Mr. Hynes sat down again on the table. When he had finished his **recitation** there was a silence and then a burst of clapping: even Mr. Lyons clapped. The **applause** continued for a little time. When it had ceased all the auditors drank from their bottles in silence.

Pok! The cork flew out of Mr. Hynes' bottle, but Mr. Hynes remained sitting flushed and bare-headed on the table. He did not seem to have heard the invitation.

"Good man, Joe!" said Mr. O'Connor, taking out his cigarette papers and **pouch** the better to hide his emotion.

Thesaurus

applause: (*n, v*) acclaim, praise; (*n*) admiration, approval, eulogy, compliment, plaudit, commendation, clapping, clap, ovation.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) disapproval, Boos, booing, denigration, hisses, hissing, rejection, condemnation, criticism, jeering.
attain: (*v*) make, reach, achieve, acquire, gain, strike, catch, arrive at, find, obtain, come to. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) lose, fail, abandon, surrender,

differ.
dawning: (*n*) daybreak, sunrise, start, beginning, aurora, cockcrow, dayspring, morning, birth, first light, break of day. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) sunset.
pouch: (*n, v*) bag; (*n*) pocket, poke, mailbag, sac, pod, purse, sack, bladder; (*v*) bulk, bulge.
recitation: (*n*) reading, narration, narrative, description, rehearsal, lesson, account, practice, exercise, oration, explanation.

strife: (*n*) discord, disagreement, dissension, conflict, competition, feud, fight; (*adj, n, v*) dispute, debate; (*n, v*) controversy; (*adj, n*) quarrel. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) accord, cooperation, calm, peace.
undaunted: (*adj, n*) bold; (*adj*) fearless, brave, intrepid, resolute, dauntless, daring, heroic, unabashed, valiant, confident. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) cowardly, timid, afraid, anxious, scared.

"What do you think of that, Crofton?" cried Mr. Henchy. "Isn't that **fine**? What?"

Crofton said that it was a very fine **piece** of **writing**.

Thesaurus

fine: (*adj*) delicate, dainty, agreeable, nice, thin, elegant, capital, excellent, brave; (*n*) penalty; (*v*) punish.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) poor, thick, wide, coarse, unsatisfactory, substantial, wretched, unpleasant, unimpressive, dark, cloudy.

piece: (*n*) fragment, division, part, article, lump, hunk, composition, component, opus; (*n, v*) patch, portion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) whole, chunk; (*v*) disassemble.

writing: (*n*) script, print, composition, lettering, document, autograph, paper, record, inscription, authorship, handwriting.

A M O T H E R

MR HOLOHAN, assistant secretary of the Eire Abu Society, had been walking up and down Dublin for nearly a month, with his hands and pockets full of dirty pieces of paper, arranging about the series of concerts. He had a game leg and for this his friends called him Hoppy Holohan. He walked up and down constantly, stood by the hour at street **corners** arguing the point and made notes; but in the end it was Mrs. Kearney who arranged everything.

Miss Devlin had become Mrs. Kearney out of spite. She had been educated in a **high-class** convent, where she had learned French and music. As she was naturally pale and **unbending** in manner she made few friends at school. When she came to the age of marriage she was sent out to many houses, where her playing and ivory manners were much admired. She sat amid the **chilly** circle of her accomplishments, waiting for some **suitor** to brave it and offer her a brilliant life. But the young men whom she met were ordinary and she gave them no encouragement, trying to **console** her romantic **desires** by eating a great deal of Turkish Delight in secret. However, when she drew near the limit and her friends began to **loosen** their tongues about her, she **silenced** them by **marrying** Mr. Kearney, who was a **bootmaker** on Ormond Quay.

He was much older than she. His conversation, which was serious, took place at intervals in his great brown beard. After the first year of married life, Mrs. Kearney perceived that such a man would wear better than a romantic person,

Thesaurus

bootmaker: (*n*) cobbler, shoemaker.
chilly: (*adj, adv*) unfriendly; (*adv*) coolly, frigidly; (*adj*) cool, bleak, algid, freezing, frozen, icy, frosty; (*adj, n*) cold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hot, tropical, responsive, mild, welcoming, friendly, balmy, torrid.
console: (*v*) cheer, soothe, quiet, relieve, reassure, encourage; (*n, v*) solace; (*n*) cabinet, allay, control console, control panel. ANTONYMS: (*v*) hurt, discourage, grieve, sadden,

distress, dispirit, dishearten, upset.
corners: (*adj*) cornered.
desires: (*n*) requirements, needs.
high-class: (*adj*) high, superior, patrician, posh, rich, cultured.
loosen: (*n, v*) relax, release, ease; (*adj, v*) loose, disengage; (*v*) detach, undo, ravel, discharge, fluff, untie. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fasten, compress, fix, tense, stiffen, bend.
marrying: (*adj*) married.
silenced: (*adj*) mute, muffled,

disabled.
suitor: (*n*) plaintiff, suer, admirer, beau, candidate, complainant, gallant, boyfriend, applicant, petitioner; (*n, v*) wooer.
unbending: (*adj*) inflexible, stiff, firm, adamant, stubborn, obdurate, inexorable, severe, intractable, implacable, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flexible, bending, compliant, pliable, weak, soft, irresolute, floppy, lenient, liberal, accommodating.

but she never put her own romantic ideas away. He was sober, **thrifty** and pious; he went to the altar every first Friday, sometimes with her, oftener by himself. But she never weakened in her religion and was a good wife to him. At some party in a strange house when she lifted her eyebrow ever so slightly he stood up to take his leave and, when his cough troubled him, she put the eider-down **quilt** over his feet and made a strong rum punch. For his part, he was a model father. By paying a small sum every week into a society, he ensured for both his daughters a **dowry** of one hundred pounds each when they came to the age of twenty-four. He sent the older daughter, Kathleen, to a good convent, where she learned French and music, and **afterward** paid her fees at the Academy. Every year in the month of July Mrs. Kearney found occasion to say to some friend:

"My good man is packing us off to Skerries for a few weeks."

If it was not Skerries it was Howth or Greystones.

When the Irish Revival began to be **appreciable** Mrs. Kearney determined to take advantage of her daughter's name and brought an Irish teacher to the house. Kathleen and her sister sent Irish picture postcards to their friends and these friends sent back other Irish picture postcards. On special Sundays, when Mr. Kearney went with his family to the pro-cathedral, a little crowd of people would assemble after mass at the corner of Cathedral Street. They were all friends of the Kearneys--musical friends or Nationalist friends; and, when they had played every little counter of gossip, they shook hands with one another all together, laughing at the crossing of so man hands, and said good-bye to one another in Irish. Soon the name of Miss Kathleen Kearney began to be heard often on people's lips. People said that she was very clever at music and a very nice girl and, moreover, that she was a **believer** in the language movement. Mrs. Kearney was well content at this. Therefore she was not surprised when one day Mr. Holohan came to her and proposed that her daughter should be the **accompanist** at a series of four grand concerts which his Society was going to give in the Antient Concert Rooms. She brought him into the drawing-room, made him sit down and brought out the decanter and the silver biscuit-barrel. She entered heart and soul into the details of the enterprise, advised and dissuaded: and

Thesaurus

accompanist: (*n*) accompanist, flautist, musician, organist, violinist, player, pianist, accordionist, singer.
afterward: (*adv, conj*) then, after that; (*adv*) thereafter, afterwards, later, subsequently, later on, next, soon; (*adj*) following; (*n*) future.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) now, previously, before.
appreciable: (*adj, adv, v*) perceptible, noticeable; (*adj*) considerable, respectable, conspicuous, palpable,

discernible, apparent, manifest; (*adj, adv*) observable; (*v*) measurable.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) insignificant, inconsiderable, negligible, unnoticed.
believer: (*adj, n*) convert; (*n*) apostle, supporter, devotee, worshipper, abiogenist, zealot, religionist, proselyte, layman; (*adj*) pietist.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) skeptic, nonbeliever, guru, God, leader, opponent.
dowry: (*n*) dot, inheritance, gift,

alimony, dowery, portion, jointure, grant, share, endowment, heritage.
quilt: (*n*) blanket, comforter, duvet, bedding, cover, bedspread, counterpane, quilting, eiderdown, sheet; (*adj, v*) embroider.
thrifty: (*adj*) careful, economical, provident, sparing, prudent, stingy, saving, spare, parsimonious, chary, scotch. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wasteful, spendthrift, profligate, extravagant, generous.

finally a contract was drawn up by which Kathleen was to receive eight guineas for her services as accompanist at the four grand concerts.

As Mr. Holohan was a **novice** in such delicate matters as the wording of bills and the **disposing** of items for a programme, Mrs. Kearney helped him. She had tact. She knew what *artistes* should go into capitals and what *artistes* should go into small type. She knew that the first tenor would not like to come on after Mr. Meade's comic turn. To keep the audience continually diverted she slipped the doubtful items in between the old favourites. Mr. Holohan called to see her every day to have her advice on some point. She was invariably friendly and advising--homely, in fact. She pushed the decanter towards him, saying:

"Now, help yourself, Mr. Holohan!"

And while he was helping himself she said:

"Don't be afraid! Don't be afraid of it!"

Everything went on smoothly. Mrs. Kearney bought some lovely blush-pink charmeuse in Brown Thomas's to let into the front of Kathleen's dress. It cost a pretty penny; but there are occasions when a little expense is **justifiable**. She took a dozen of two-shilling tickets for the final concert and sent them to those friends who could not be trusted to come otherwise. She forgot nothing, and, thanks to her, everything that was to be done was done.

The concerts were to be on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. When Mrs. Kearney arrived with her daughter at the Antient Concert Rooms on Wednesday night she did not like the look of things. A few young men, wearing bright blue badges in their coats, stood idle in the **vestibule**; none of them wore evening dress. She passed by with her daughter and a quick glance through the open door of the hall showed her the cause of the **stewards' idleness**. At first she wondered had she mistaken the hour. No, it was twenty minutes to eight.

In the dressing-room behind the stage she was introduced to the secretary of the Society, Mr. Fitzpatrick. She smiled and shook his hand. He was a little man, with a white, vacant face. She noticed that he wore his soft brown hat **carelessly** on the side of his head and that his accent was flat. He held a programme in his

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carelessly: (*adv*) incautiously, hastily, recklessly, heedlessly, casually, sloppily, imprudently, inconsiderately, rashly, negligently, unwarily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) thoroughly, diligently, carefully, warily, laboriously, thoughtfully, attentively, daintily, methodically, discreetly, economically.

disposing: (*adv*) disposingly; (*v*) dispose; (*adj*) decreative, dispositive; (*n*) distribution.

idleness: (*n*) lethargy, laziness, torpor, inactivity, idling, unemployment, sloth, inaction, inertia, faience, idlesse. ANTONYMS: (*n*) energy, activity, bustle, liveliness, responsibility.

justifiable: (*adj*) legitimate, defensible, excusable, lawful, logical, legal, reasonable, admissible, rightful, warrantable, sound. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inexcusable, unreasonable, invalid, gratuitous, unjustifiable,

illogical, unlawful, unworthy, untenable.

novice: (*n*) learner, beginner, apprentice, greenhorn, newcomer, neophyte, amateur, freshman, novice, tyro, initiate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) expert, veteran, teacher, trainer.

stewards: (*n*) administration.

vestibule: (*n*) lobby, hall, foyer, antechamber, entrance hall, hallway, entry, porch, passage, anteroom, threshold.

hand, and, while he was talking to her, he chewed one end of it into a moist **pulp**. He seemed to bear disappointments lightly. Mr. Holohan came into the dressingroom every few minutes with reports from the box-office. The *artistes* talked among themselves nervously, glanced from time to time at the mirror and rolled and unrolled their music. When it was nearly half-past eight, the few people in the hall began to express their desire to be **entertained**. Mr. Fitzpatrick came in, smiled vacantly at the room, and said:

"Well now, ladies and gentlemen. I suppose we'd better open the ball."

Mrs. Kearney rewarded his very flat final syllable with a quick stare of contempt, and then said to her daughter **encouragingly**:

"Are you ready, dear?"

When she had an opportunity, she called Mr. Holohan aside and asked him to tell her what it meant. Mr. Holohan did not know what it meant. He said that the committee had made a mistake in arranging for four concerts: four was too many.

"And the *artistes*!" said Mrs. Kearney. "Of course they are doing their best, but really they are not good."

Mr. Holohan admitted that the *artistes* were no good but the committee, he said, had decided to let the first three concerts go as they pleased and reserve all the talent for Saturday night. Mrs. Kearney said nothing, but, as the **mediocre** items followed one another on the **platform** and the few people in the hall grew fewer and fewer, she began to regret that she had put herself to any expense for such a concert. There was something she didn't like in the look of things and Mr. Fitzpatrick's vacant smile **irritated** her very much. However, she said nothing and waited to see how it would end. The concert **expired** shortly before ten, and everyone went home quickly.

The concert on Thursday night was better attended, but Mrs. Kearney saw at once that the house was filled with paper. The audience behaved **indecorously**, as if the concert were an informal dress rehearsal. Mr. Fitzpatrick seemed to enjoy himself; he was quite unconscious that Mrs. Kearney was taking angry

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encouragingly: (*adv*) promisingly, inspiringly, encourage, hopefully, propitiously, positively, sympathetically, cheerfully, hortatorily, brightly, kindly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) negatively, inauspiciously.
entertained: (*adj*) diverted, pleased.
expired: (*adj*) lapsed, deceased, invalid, dead, overdue, extinct, elapsed, out.
indecorously: (*adv*) unbecomingly,

indecently, improperly, unseemly, discourteously, impolitely, rudely, coarsely, inappropriately, naughtily, loutishly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) politely, correctly.
irritated: (*adj*) annoyed, exasperated, incensed, enraged, aggravated, furious, irate, inflamed, sore, displeased, provoked. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, pleased, patient, contented.
mediocre: (*adj, n*) mean, average; (*adj*)

middling, ordinary, commonplace, fair, passable, indifferent, common, inferior, intermediate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) exceptional, excellent, impressive, talented, unusual, exciting, superior, strong.
platform: (*n*) dais, stand, stage, rostrum, quay, pulpit, plan, landing, ambo; (*adj, n*) floor; (*n, v*) program.
pulp: (*n*) flesh, pith, puree, cellulose, pap, magazine, bagasse, marrow; (*v*) grind, squash; (*adj*) taste.

note of his conduct. He stood at the edge of the screen, from time to time **jutting** out his head and exchanging a laugh with two friends in the corner of the balcony. In the course of the evening, Mrs. Kearney learned that the Friday concert was to be abandoned and that the committee was going to move heaven and earth to secure a **bumper** house on Saturday night. When she heard this, she sought out Mr. Holohan. She buttonholed him as he was **limping** out quickly with a glass of **lemonade** for a young lady and asked him was it true. Yes. it was true.

"But, of course, that doesn't alter the contract," she said. "The contract was for four concerts."

Mr. Holohan seemed to be in a hurry; he advised her to speak to Mr. Fitzpatrick. Mrs. Kearney was now beginning to be **alarmed**. She called Mr. Fitzpatrick away from his screen and told him that her daughter had signed for four concerts and that, of course, according to the terms of the contract, she should receive the sum originally **stipulated** for, whether the society gave the four concerts or not. Mr. Fitzpatrick, who did not catch the point at issue very quickly, seemed unable to resolve the difficulty and said that he would bring the matter before the committee. Mrs. Kearney's anger began to **flutter** in her cheek and she had all she could do to keep from asking:

"And who is the *Cometty* pray?"

But she knew that it would not be ladylike to do that: so she was silent.

Little boys were sent out into the principal **streets** of Dublin early on Friday morning with bundles of handbills. Special puffs appeared in all the evening papers, reminding the music loving public of the treat which was in store for it on the following evening. Mrs. Kearney was somewhat **reassured**, but she thought well to tell her husband part of her **suspensions**. He listened carefully and said that perhaps it would be better if he went with her on Saturday night. She agreed. She respected her husband in the same way as she respected the General Post Office, as something large, secure and fixed; and though she knew the small number of his **talents** she appreciated his abstract value as a male. She was glad that he had suggested coming with her. She thought her plans over.

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alarmed: (*adj*) afraid, scared, frightened, apprehensive, horrified, anxious, uneasy, agitated, shocked, terrified, concerned. ANTONYM: (*adj*) carefree.
bumper: (*n*) buffer, fender, cushion, shock absorber, brimmer, defense, bumper shield, Atlantic bumper; (*v*) fill; (*adj*) abundant, plentiful. ANTONYM: (*adj*) meager.
flutter: (*adj, n, v*) bustle, flurry; (*n, v*) beat, palpitate, flap, wave, waver,

quiver; (*v*) flit, flitter; (*n*) excitement.
jutting: (*adj*) prominent, protruding, protrusive, salient, protuberant, hence; (*n*) protrusion, protuberance, extrusion, hump, gibbosity.
lemonade: (*n*) fruit drink.
limping: (*n*) lameness, gimp, claudication, gimpiness, gameness; (*adj*) hobbling, crippled, halting, inefficient, imperfect, claudicant.
reassured: (*adj*) hopeful, reinsured, secure, confident.

stipulated: (*adj*) fixed, formal, certain, conventional, customary, firm, predetermined, abstracted.
streets: (*n*) street.
suspensions: (*adj*) entertain doubts, have doubts; (*n*) doubts, misgivings, reservations, qualms, worries, fears, uncertainties.
talents: (*adj*) talent, ability, capacity, parts, ingenuity, cleverness, turn; (*n*) faculty, endowment, genius, accomplishment.

The night of the grand concert came. Mrs. Kearney, with her husband and daughter, arrived at the Antient Concert Rooms three-quarters of an hour before the time at which the concert was to begin. By ill luck it was a rainy evening. Mrs. Kearney placed her daughter's clothes and music in charge of her husband and went all over the building looking for Mr. Holohan or Mr. Fitzpatrick. She could find neither. She asked the stewards was any member of the committee in the hall and, after a great deal of trouble, a steward brought out a little woman named Miss Beirne to whom Mrs. Kearney explained that she wanted to see one of the secretaries. Miss Beirne expected them any minute and asked could she do anything. Mrs. Kearney looked **searchingly** at the oldish face which was screwed into an expression of **trustfulness** and enthusiasm and answered:

"No, thank you!"

The little woman hoped they would have a good house. She looked out at the rain until the melancholy of the wet street **effaced** all the trustfulness and enthusiasm from her twisted features. Then she gave a little sigh and said:

"Ah, well! We did our best, the dear knows."

Mrs. Kearney had to go back to the dressing-room.

The *artistes* were arriving. The bass and the second tenor had already come. The bass, Mr. Duggan, was a slender young man with a scattered black moustache. He was the son of a hall porter in an office in the city and, as a boy, he had sung prolonged bass notes in the **resounding** hall. From this humble state he had raised himself until he had become a first-rate *artiste*. He had appeared in grand opera. One night, when an operatic *artiste* had fallen ill, he had undertaken the part of the king in the opera of *Maritana* at the Queen's Theatre. He sang his music with great feeling and volume and was warmly welcomed by the gallery; but, unfortunately, he marred the good impression by wiping his nose in his gloved hand once or twice out of **thoughtlessness**. He was **unassuming** and spoke little. He said *you*s so softly that it passed unnoticed and he never drank anything stronger than milk for his voice's sake. Mr. Bell, the second tenor, was a **fair-haired** little man who competed every year for prizes at the Feis Ceoil. On his fourth trial he had been awarded a bronze medal. He was extremely nervous

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effaced: (*adj*) obliterated.

fair-haired: (*n*) blonde; (*adj*) pet, favorite, beloved, favored, dear, precious.

resounding: (*adj*) booming, ringing, reverberating, loud, rolling, vibrant, emphatic, resonating, reverberant; (*v*) resound; (*adv*) resoundingly.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) qualified, marginal.

searchingly: (*adv*) closely, piercingly, cuttingly, inquisitively,

penetratingly, trenchantly, acutely, exhaustively, curiously, inquiringly, exploratorily.

thoughtlessness: (*n*) inconsideration, rashness, carelessness, impulsiveness, imprudence, indiscretion, heedlessness, bluntness, foolhardiness, neglect, negligence.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) thoughtfulness, care, responsibility, carefulness, caution, wisdom, diplomacy, sensitivity.

trustfulness: (*n*) trust, faith, combine, confidence, artlessness, acceptance, lack of caution, reliance, trait, cartel, trustingness.

unassuming: (*adj*) humble, retiring, unobtrusive, lowly, quiet, diffident, unpretentious, meek, simple, inconspicuous, unaffected.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conspicuous, elaborate, bold, confident, presumptuous, pretentious, brash, wild.

and extremely jealous of other tenors and he covered his nervous jealousy with an **ebullient friendliness**. It was his humour to have people know what an ordeal a concert was to him. Therefore when he saw Mr. Duggan he **went** over to him and asked:

"Are you in it too? "

"Yes," said Mr. Duggan.

Mr. Bell laughed at his fellow-sufferer, held out his hand and said:

"Shake!"

Mrs. Kearney passed by these two young men and went to the edge of the screen to view the house. The seats were being filled up rapidly and a pleasant noise circulated in the **auditorium**. She came back and spoke to her husband privately. Their conversation was evidently about Kathleen for they both glanced at her often as she stood chatting to one of her Nationalist friends, Miss Healy, the **contralto**. An unknown solitary woman with a pale face walked through the room. The women followed with keen eyes the faded blue dress which was stretched upon a meagre body. Someone said that she was Madam Glynn, the **soprano**.

"I wonder where did they dig her up," said Kathleen to Miss Healy. "I'm sure I never heard of her."

Miss Healy had to smile. Mr. Holohan limped into the dressing-room at that moment and the two young ladies asked him who was the unknown woman. Mr. Holohan said that she was Madam Glynn from London. Madam Glynn took her stand in a corner of the room, holding a roll of music stiffly before her and from time to time changing the direction of her startled gaze. The shadow took her faded dress into shelter but fell **revengefully** into the little cup behind her collar-bone. The noise of the hall became more audible. The first tenor and the **baritone** arrived together. They were both well dressed, stout and complacent and they brought a breath of **opulence** among the company.

Mrs. Kearney brought her daughter over to them, and talked to them amiably. She wanted to be on good terms with them but, while she strove to be

Thesaurus

auditorium: (*n*) hall, lecture room, assembly hall, stalls, amphitheater, boxes, gallery, parquet, pit, audience, saloon.

baritone: (*n*) brass, singer, vocalist, baritone voice, baritone horn.

contralto: (*n*) vocalist, singer, contratenor; (*adj, n*) countertenor.

ebullient: (*adj*) effervescent, fervent, effusive, enthusiastic, vivacious, excited, animated; (*v*) fiery, hot, candent, smoking. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

apathetic, disinterested, sad, somber, unenthusiastic, sedate.

friendliness: (*n*) friendship, geniality, amiability, affability, amicability, affection, hospitality, cordiality, brotherhood, amicableness, accessibility. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cruelty, aloofness, nastiness, hostility, aggression, resistance, resentment, frostiness, formality, contention, belligerence.

opulence: (*n*) fortune, wealth, luxury,

exuberance, comfort, luxuriousness, prosperity, wealthiness, plenty; (*adj, n*) riches, affluence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) poverty, paucity, shabbiness, austerity.

revengefully: (*adv*) vindictively, resentfully, unforgivingly.

soprano: (*adj*) high, tenor, voce di testa, penetrating, piercing, sharp, shrill; (*n*) mezzo, lina, high pitch, high frequency.

went: (*v*) walked, proceeded.

polite, her eyes followed Mr. Holohan in his limping and devious **courses**. As soon as she could she **excused** herself and went out after him.

"Mr. Holohan, I want to speak to you for a moment," she said.

They went down to a discreet part of the corridor. Mrs. Kearney asked him when was her daughter going to be paid. Mr. Holohan said that Mr. Fitzpatrick had charge of that. Mrs. Kearney said that she didn't know anything about Mr. Fitzpatrick. Her daughter had signed a contract for eight guineas and she would have to be paid. Mr. Holohan said that it wasn't his business.

"Why isn't it your business?" asked Mrs. Kearney. "Didn't you yourself bring her the contract? Anyway, if it's not your business it's my business and I mean to see to it."

"You'd better speak to Mr. Fitzpatrick," said Mr. Holohan **distantly**.

"I don't know anything about Mr. Fitzpatrick," repeated Mrs. Kearney. "I have my contract, and I intend to see that it is carried out."

When she came back to the dressing-room her cheeks were slightly suffused. The room was lively. Two men in outdoor dress had taken possession of the **fireplace** and were chatting **familiarly** with Miss Healy and the baritone. They were the *Freeman* man and Mr. O'Madden Burke. The *Freeman* man had come in to say that he could not wait for the concert as he had to report the lecture which an American priest was giving in the Mansion House. He said they were to leave the report for him at the *Freeman* office and he would see that it went in. He was a grey-haired man, with a plausible voice and careful manners. He held an **extinguished** cigar in his hand and the aroma of cigar smoke floated near him. He had not intended to stay a moment because concerts and *artistes* bored him considerably but he remained leaning against the mantelpiece. Miss Healy stood in front of him, talking and laughing. He was old enough to suspect one reason for her **politeness** but young enough in spirit to turn the moment to account. The warmth, **fragrance** and colour of her body appealed to his senses. He was pleasantly conscious that the **bosom** which he saw rise and fall slowly beneath him rose and fell at that moment for him, that the laughter and fragrance and

Thesaurus

bosom: (*n*) heart, interior, boob, thorax, chest, bust, tit; (*n, v*) embrace; (*v*) cherish, hug; (*adj*) intimate.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) outside, exteriority.

courses: (*n*) menses, catamenia.

distantly: (*adv*) reservedly, aloofly, coldly, formally, coolly, frigidly, standoffishly, farly, removedly, vaguely, detachedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) intimately, passionately, clearly, warmly, nearby, alertly.

excused: (*adj*) privileged, immune.

extinguished: (*adj*) extinct, out, dead, quenched, allayed, destroyed; (*n*) defunctness, complete annihilation, experimental extinction, extermination, extinction.

familiarly: (*adv*) intimately, usually, ordinarily, nearly, frequently, commonly, regularly, informally, closely, acquaintedly, conventionally. ANTONYM: (*adv*) distantly.

fireplace: (*n*) chimney, fire, hearth, oven, stove, fire place, fireside,

kitchen, niche, recess, furnace.

fragrance: (*n, v*) aroma, perfume, scent, smell; (*n*) bouquet, odor, essence, odour, redolence, sweetness; (*adj*) fragrant. ANTONYMS: (*n*) stink, stench.

politeness: (*n*) civility, courteousness, courtliness, manners, decorum, gentility, good manners, niceness, refinement, gallantry, decency. ANTONYMS: (*n*) vulgarity, rudeness, incivility, neglect.

wilful glances were his tribute. When he could stay no longer he took leave of her regretfully.

"O'Madden Burke will write the notice," he explained to Mr. Holohan, "and I'll see it in."

"Thank you very much, Mr. Hendrick," said Mr. Holohan. you'll see it in, I know. Now, won't you have a little something before you go?"

"I don't mind," said Mr. Hendrick.

The two men went along some **tortuous** passages and up a dark staircase and came to a secluded room where one of the stewards was uncorking bottles for a few gentlemen. One of these gentlemen was Mr. O'Madden Burke, who had found out the room by instinct. He was a **suave**, elderly man who balanced his imposing body, when at rest, upon a large silk umbrella. His **magniloquent** western name was the moral umbrella upon which he balanced the fine problem of his finances. He was widely respected.

While Mr. Holohan was entertaining the *Freeman* man Mrs. Kearney was speaking so **animatedly** to her husband that he had to ask her to lower her voice. The conversation of the others in the dressing-room had become strained. Mr. Bell, the first item, stood ready with his music but the accompanist made no sign. Evidently something was wrong. Mr. Kearney looked straight before him, stroking his beard, while Mrs. Kearney spoke into Kathleen's ear with subdued emphasis. From the hall came sounds of encouragement, clapping and stamping of feet. The first tenor and the baritone and Miss Healy stood together, waiting **tranquilly**, but Mr. Bell's nerves were greatly agitated because he was afraid the audience would think that he had come late.

Mr. Holohan and Mr. O'Madden Burke came into the room In a moment Mr. Holohan **perceived** the hush. He went over to Mrs. Kearney and spoke with her earnestly. While they were speaking the noise in the hall grew louder. Mr. Holohan became very red and excited. He spoke volubly, but Mrs. Kearney said curtly at intervals:

"She won't go on. She must get her eight guineas."

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animatedly: (*adv*) excitedly, energetically, spiritedly, vivaciously, vigorously, cheerfully, fervently, lively, ardently, vitally, perkily.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) inertly, lethargically, numbly, dazedly, calmly, lifelessly.
magniloquent: (*adj*) bombastic, inflated, pompous, overblown, stilted, rhetorical, turgid, tall, pretentious, boastful; (*n*) braggart.
perceived: (*adj*) sensed, apparent,

supposed, professed, ostensible.
suave: (*adj*) bland, mild, courteous, gentle, polite, sophisticated, refined, temperate, politic, smooth, nice.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rude, unsophisticated, graceless, tactless, unkempt, plain.
tortuous: (*adj*) indirect, intricate, circuitous, complex, knotty, winding, convoluted, sinuous, involved, devious, roundabout. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) straightforward, straight,

uncomplicated, untwisted, easy, simple.
tranquilly: (*adv*) serenely, calmly, peacefully, quietly, stilly, undisturbedly, untroubledly, restfully, placidly, coolly, unperturbedly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) anxiously, noisily.
wilful: (*adj*) headstrong, deliberate, intentional, knowing, designed, wayward, obstinate, willful, stubborn, studied, persistent.

Mr. Holohan pointed desperately towards the hall where the audience was clapping and stamping. He appealed to Mr Kearney and to Kathleen. But Mr. Kearney continued to stroke his beard and Kathleen looked down, moving the point of her new shoe: it was not her fault. Mrs. Kearney repeated:

"She won't go on without her money."

After a swift struggle of tongues Mr. Holohan hobbled out in **haste**. The room was **silent**. When the strain of the silence had become somewhat painful Miss Healy said to the baritone:

"Have you seen Mrs. Pat Campbell this week?"

The baritone had not seen her but he had been told that she was very fine. The conversation went no further. The first **tenor** bent his head and began to count the links of the gold chain which was extended across his waist, smiling and humming random notes to observe the effect on the **frontal sinus**. From time to time everyone glanced at Mrs. Kearney.

The noise in the auditorium had risen to a **clamour** when Mr. Fitzpatrick burst into the room, followed by Mr. Holohan who was **panting**. The clapping and stamping in the hall were punctuated by **whistling**. Mr. Fitzpatrick held a few banknotes in his hand. He counted out four into Mrs. Kearney's hand and said she would get the other half at the interval. Mrs. Kearney said:

"This is four shillings short."

But Kathleen gathered in her skirt and said: "*Now. Mr. Bell,*" to the first item, who was shaking like an **aspen**. The singer and the accompanist went out together. The noise in hall died away. There was a pause of a few seconds: and then the piano was heard.

The first part of the concert was very successful except for Madam Glynn's item. The poor lady sang *Killarney* in a **bodiless gasping** voice, with all the old-fashioned mannerisms of intonation and pronunciation which she believed lent elegance to her singing. She looked as if she had been resurrected from an old stage-wardrobe and the cheaper parts of the hall made fun of her high wailing notes. The first tenor and the contralto, however, brought down the house.

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aspen: (*n*) poplar; (*adj*) woody.

bodiless: (*adj*) immaterial, un bodied, disembodied, aeriform, unsubstantial, metaphysical, unembodied, bodiless, disincorporate.

clamour: (*n*) clamoring, hue and cry, clamouring, blare, bedlam, uproar, vociferation, tumult, hubbub, exclamation; (*v*) utter.

frontal: (*adj*) anterior, fore, forward, metopic, discoid, candid; (*n*) facade, frontlet, frontage, face, adornment.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) posterior.

gasping: (*adj*) panting, winded, blown, out of breath, thirsty, pury; (*v*) spavined, touched in the wind.

haste: (*n, v*) hurry, dash, dispatch, rush; (*n*) celerity, expedition, rapidity, speed, bustle, hastiness, quickness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) delay, patience, forethought, caution.

lent: (*n*) Quadragesima, Lententide.

panting: (*adj*) gasping, breathless, blown, winded, puffed; (*v*)

palpitation; (*n*) heaving, gasp, asthma, heave, puff.

sinus: (*n*) pit, fistula, indentation, hole, dent, dimple, lacuna, intaglio, dint, follicle, ampulla.

tenor: (*n*) purport, meaning, substance, tendency, spirit, tone, mood, effect, set, temper; (*adj*) soprano.

whistling: (*n*) whistle, sound, tin whistle, music, pennywhistle, sign, signal, signaling.

Kathleen played a selection of Irish **airs** which was generously applauded. The first part closed with a stirring patriotic recitation delivered by a young lady who arranged amateur **theatricals**. It was **deservedly** applauded; and, when it was ended, the men went out for the interval, content.

All this time the dressing-room was a hive of excitement. In one corner were Mr. Holohan, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Miss Beirne, two of the stewards, the baritone, the bass, and Mr. O'Madden Burke. Mr. O'Madden Burke said it was the most scandalous exhibition he had ever witnessed. Miss Kathleen Kearney's musical career was ended in Dublin after that, he said. The baritone was asked what did he think of Mrs. Kearney's conduct. He did not like to say anything. He had been paid his money and wished to be at peace with men. However, he said that Mrs. Kearney might have taken the *artistes* into consideration. The stewards and the secretaries debated **hotly** as to what should be done when the interval came.

"I agree with Miss Beirne," said Mr. O'Madden Burke. "Pay her nothing."

In another corner of the room were Mrs. Kearney and he: husband, Mr. Bell, Miss Healy and the young lady who had to recite the patriotic piece. Mrs. Kearney said that the Committee had treated her **scandalously**. She had spared neither trouble nor expense and this was how she was repaid.

They thought they had only a girl to deal with and that therefore, they could ride **roughshod** over her. But she would show them their mistake. They wouldn't have dared to have treated her like that if she had been a man. But she would see that her daughter got her rights: she wouldn't be fooled. If they didn't pay her to the last **farthing** she would make Dublin ring. Of course she was sorry for the sake of the *artistes*. But what else could she do? She appealed to the second tenor who said he thought she had not been well treated. Then she appealed to Miss Healy. Miss Healy wanted to join the other group but she did not like to do so because she was a great friend of Kathleen's and the Kearneys had often invited her to their house.

As soon as the first part was ended Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Holohan went over to Mrs. Kearney and told her that the other four guineas would be paid after the committee meeting on the following Tuesday and that, in case her daughter

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airs: (*n, v*) pretension; (*n*) affectation, pride, pose, pretensions, attitude; (*adj, n*) arrogance; (*v*) precisionism, euphuism, purism, pedantry.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) humility, personality, realness, truthfulness, honesty.
deservedly: (*adv*) justly, condignly, worthily, rightfully, rightly, right, justifiably, by merit, correctly, fairly, becomingly.
farthing: (*n*) craps, faro, ante, chuck,

doit, small change; (*adj*) bulrush, pinch of snuff, peppercorn, old son, jot.
hotly: (*adv*) heatedly, passionately, fervidly, fervently, pepperily, sultrily, intensely, sharply, torridly; (*adj, adv*) violently, vehemently.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) impassively, mildly.
roughshod: (*adj*) cruel, fell, barbarous, rigorous, harsh, unkind, deliberately harmful, vicious, barbarian, barbaric,

shoder.
scandalously: (*adv*) shockingly, infamously, shamefully, outrageously, slanderously, defamatorily, notoriously, dreadfully, offensively, wickedly, libelously. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) reputably, virtuously.
theatricals: (*n*) Melpomene and Thalia, sock, Thespis, acting, dramaturgy, buskin, cothurnus.

did not play for the second part, the committee would consider the contract broken and would pay nothing.

"I haven't seen any committee," said Mrs. Kearney **angrily**. "My daughter has her contract. She will get four pounds eight into her hand or a foot she won't put on that platform."

"I'm surprised at you, Mrs. Kearney," said Mr. Holohan. "I never thought you would treat us this way."

"And what way did you treat me?" asked Mrs. Kearney.

Her face was **inundated** with an angry colour and she looked as if she would attack someone with her hands.

"I'm asking for my rights." she said.

You might have some sense of decency," said Mr. Holohan.

"Might I, indeed?... And when I ask when my daughter is going to be paid I can't get a civil answer."

She tossed her head and assumed a **haughty** voice:

"You must speak to the secretary. It's not my business. I'm a great fellow fol-the-diddle-I-do."

"I thought you were a lady," said Mr. Holohan, walking away from her abruptly.

After that Mrs. Kearney's conduct was condemned on all hands: everyone approved of what the committee had done. She stood at the door, **haggard** with rage, arguing with her husband and daughter, gesticulating with them. She waited until it was time for the second part to begin in the hope that the secretaries would approach her. But Miss Healy had **kindly** consented to play one or two accompaniments. Mrs. Kearney had to stand aside to allow the baritone and his accompanist to pass up to the platform. She stood still for an instant like an angry stone image and, when the first notes of the song struck her ear, she caught up her daughter's **cloak** and said to her husband:

"Get a cab!"

Thesaurus

angrily: (*adv*) irately, passionately, fiercely, indignantly, cholericly, resentfully, enragedly, infuriatedly, wrathfully, madly, crossly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) warmly, lightly, calmly, cheerfully, gently, gladly.

cloak: (*n, v*) veil, mask, camouflage, wrap, masquerade, screen, pall; (*n*) cape; (*v*) conceal, dissemble, hide.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) reveal, uncloak, unmask; (*n, v*) uncover.

haggard: (*adj*) emaciated, gaunt,

cadaverous, careworn, tired, worn, lean, thin, wasted, pinched, squalid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, carefree, healthy.

haughty: (*adj*) supercilious, arrogant, assuming, contemptuous, proud, lordly, cavalier, vain, contumelious, grand; (*n*) boastful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) modest, meek, subservient, unassuming, considerate, deferential.

inundated: (*adj*) swamped, awash, overwhelmed, afloat, engulfed,

submerged, fuller, weak, suffused, submersed, soaked. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dry.

kindly: (*adj*) kind, amiable, genial, charitable; (*adv*) sympathetically, benevolently, tenderly; (*adj, n*) benign, gentle, sympathetic, benevolent. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) harshly, nastily, callously, cruelly, sharply, disagreeably, grumpily, malevolently; (*adj*) upsetting, unfeeling, sour.

He went out at once. Mrs. Kearney **wrapped** the cloak round her daughter and followed him. As she passed through the **doorway** she stopped and glared into Mr. Holohan's face.

"I'm not done with you yet," she said.

"But I'm done with you," said Mr. Holohan.

Kathleen followed her mother **meekly**. Mr. Holohan began to **pace** up and down the room, in order to **cool** himself for he his **skin** on fire.

"That's a nice lady!" he said. "O, she's a nice lady!"

You did the proper thing, Holohan," said Mr. O'Madden Burke, **poised** upon his **umbrella** in approval.

Thesaurus

cool: (*adj, v*) chill, assuage, soothe; (*adj*) chilly, cold, collected, composed, fine, aloof; (*v*) quench; (*n*) poise.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) heat; (*adj*) hot, agitated, excited, friendly, feverish, enthusiastic, tepid, temperate, bad, upset.
doorway: (*n*) door, entrance, entry, passage, entryway, way in, access, driveway, gate, gateway, lobby.
meekly: (*adv*) humbly, submissively, tamely, compliantly, obediently,

docilely, peacefully, lowly, modestly, placidly, kindly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) haughtily, harshly, wildly, arrogantly, assertively, brashly.
pace: (*n, v*) walk, gait, rate, march, stride, footstep; (*n*) speed, tempo, rapidity, tread, celerity.
poised: (*adj*) balanced, calm, composed, steady, equanimous, assured, urbane, serene, stable, massed, gathered. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) awkward, unprepared, coarse.

skin: (*n*) hide, fur, rind, coating, shell, hull; (*v*) pare, scrape, excoriate, flay; (*n, v*) bark.
umbrella: (*n*) parasol, sunshade, shelter, canopy, cover, gamp, protection, tent, shield, screen, umbra.
wrapped: (*prep*) covered; (*adj*) clothed, draped, rapt, intent, absorbed, engrossed, mantled, packed, immersed; (*adj, prep*) cloaked.

GRACE

TWO GENTLEMEN who were in the **lavatory** at the time tried to lift him up: but he was quite helpless. He lay **curled** up at the foot of the stairs down which he had fallen. They succeeded in turning him over. His hat had rolled a few yards away and his clothes were **smear**ed with the **filth** and **ooze** of the floor on which he had **lain**, face downwards. His eyes were closed and he breathed with a **grunting** noise. A thin stream of blood trickled from the corner of his mouth.

These two gentlemen and one of the curates **carried** him up the stairs and laid him down again on the floor of the bar. In two minutes he was surrounded by a ring of men. The manager of the bar asked everyone who he was and who was with him. No one knew who he was but one of the curates said he had served the gentleman with a small rum.

"Was he by himself?" asked the manager.

"No, sir. There was two gentlemen with him."

"And where are they?"

No one knew; a voice said:

"Give him air. He's fainted."

The ring of **onlookers** **distended** and closed again **elastically**. A dark medal of blood had formed itself near the man's head on the **tessellated** floor. The manager, alarmed by the grey pallor of the man's face, sent for a policeman.

Thesaurus

carried: (*adj*) conveyed, imported.

curled: (*adj*) coiled, curling, having curls, round, braided, twisted, bowed, wreathy, Crull, curled up, tressed.

distended: (*adj*) inflated, bloated, turgid, puffed, bombastic, distent, expanded, enlarged; (*adj, v*) puffy; (*v*) blowzy, bigswoln.

elastically: (*adv*) springily, flexibly, plially, pliantly, springly, malleably, tensilely, supplely, ductilely,

yieldingly, limberly.

filth: (*n*) grime, garbage, foulness, impurity, soil, blot, stain, nastiness, squalor, uncleanliness; (*adj*) impure. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cleanliness, luxury, loveliness.

grunting: (*n*) inarticulate, grunting respiration, growl, grunt.

lain: (*adj*) artless, unsophisticated, unaffected, naive, untutored, simple, pure, natural, native, inartificial.

lavatory: (*n*) can, toilet, latrine, lav,

commode, John, bath, washbasin, washstand, loo, privy.

onlookers: (*n*) attendance, gallery.

ooze: (*v*) exude, seep, dribble, drain, drop, trickle; (*n*) mire, muck; (*n, v*) leak; (*adj*) mud; (*adj, n*) slime.

ANTONYM: (*v*) flood.

smeared: (*adj*) smudged, unclean, soiled, grubby, smirched, muddy, messy, smudgy, grimy, greasy.

tessellated: (*adj*) tesseraic, decorated, tessellate.

His collar was **unfastened** and his **necktie undone**. He opened eyes for an instant, sighed and closed them again. One of gentlemen who had carried him upstairs held a **dinged** silk hat in his hand. The manager asked repeatedly did no one know who the injured man was or where had his friends gone. The door of the bar opened and an immense constable entered. A crowd which had followed him down the laneway collected outside the door, struggling to look in through the glass panels.

The manager at once began to narrate what he knew. The constable, a young man with thick **immobile** features, listened. He moved his head slowly to right and left and from the manager to the person on the floor, as if he feared to be the victim some **delusion**. Then he drew off his **glove**, produced a small book from his waist, **licked** the lead of his pencil and made ready to **indite**. He asked in a suspicious provincial accent:

"Who is the man? What's his name and address?"

A young man in a **cycling**-suit cleared his way through the ring of bystanders. He knelt down promptly beside the injured man and called for water. The constable knelt down also to help. The young man washed the blood from the injured man's mouth and then called for some **brandy**. The constable repeated the order in an authoritative voice until a curate came running with the glass. The brandy was forced down the man's throat. In a few seconds he opened his eyes and looked about him. He looked at the circle of faces and then, understanding, strove to rise to his feet.

"You're all right now?" asked the young man in the cycling- suit.

"Sha,'s nothing," said the injured man, trying to stand up.

He was helped to his feet. The manager said something about a hospital and some of the bystanders gave advice. The battered silk hat was placed on the man's head. The constable asked:

"Where do you live?"

Thesaurus

brandy: (*n*) applejack, spirits, brandies, liquor, Brandywine, Marc, fruit brandy; (*v*) brandy smash.
cycling: (*n*) sport, wheeling, motorcycling, athletics.
delusion: (*n*) hallucination, deception, cheat, chimera, misunderstanding, mirage, trick, fallacy, error, aberration, falsehood. ANTONYMS: (*n*) comprehension, fact, truth.
dinged: (*adj*) impaired, worn.
glove: (*n*) boxing glove, gloves, mitt,

mitten, baseball mitt, baseball glove, handwear, wristband, sleeve, mittens, batting glove.
immobile: (*adj*) firm, stagnant, stationary, inactive, motionless, inert, fast, static, steadfast, still, unmoving. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mobile, working.
indite: (*v*) pen, draft, draw up, frame, dictate, write, annotate, footnote, formulate, adopt, dramatize.
licked: (*adj*) dumbfounded.
necktie: (*n*) cravat, bolo, neckwear,

linkup, link, affiliation, crosstie, bow tie, bolo tie, bolas, bola tie.
undone: (*adj*) ruined, unfinished, sunk, done for, finished, behindhand, decayed; (*adj, v*) doomed; (*v*) accursed, to be pitied, devoted.
unfastened: (*adj*) open, movable, loose, unbuttoned, overt, opened, opened out, slack, undecided, undetermined, assailable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) buttoned, fixed, shut, tied.

The man, without answering, began to **twirl** the ends of his moustache. He made light of his accident. It was nothing, he said: only a little accident. He spoke very thickly.

"Where do you live" repeated the constable.

The man said they were to get a cab for him. While the point was being debated a tall **agile** gentleman of fair **complexion**, wearing a long yellow ulster, came from the far end of the bar. Seeing the spectacle, he called out:

"Hallo, Tom, old man! What's the trouble?"

"Sha,'s nothing," said the man.

"Why should I be ashamed of myself?" asked Gabriel, blinking his eyes and trying to smile.

"Well, I'm ashamed of you," said Miss Ivors frankly. "To say you'd write for a paper like that. I didn't think you were a West Briton."

A look of **perplexity** appeared on Gabriel's face. It was true that he wrote a literary column every Wednesday in *The Daily Express*, for which he was paid fifteen shillings. But that did not make him a West Briton surely. The books he received for review were almost more welcome than the paltry cheque. He loved to feel the covers and turn over the pages of newly printed books. Nearly every day when his teaching in the college was ended he used to wander down the quays to the second-hand booksellers, to Hickey's on Bachelor's Walk, to Web's or Massey's on Aston's Quay, or to O'Clohissey's in the bystreet. He did not know how to meet her charge. He wanted to say that literature was above politics. But they were friends of many years' standing and their careers had been parallel, first at the University and then as teachers: he could not risk a grandiose phrase with her. He continued blinking his eyes and trying to smile and murmured **lamely** that he saw nothing political in writing reviews of books.

When their turn to cross had come he was still **perplexed** and **inattentive**. Miss Ivors promptly took his hand in a warm grasp and said in a soft friendly tone:

"Of course, I was only joking. Come, we cross now."

Thesaurus

agile: (*adj*) active, nimble, spry, quick, adroit, deft, lively, dapper, supple, lithe, astute. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stiff, ponderous, brittle, logical, oafish, slow, sluggish, unfit, awkward, heavy, inflexible.

complexion: (*n, v*) tint; (*n*) cast, character, appearance, look, hue, aspect, flush, glow, dye, fashion.

inattentive: (*adj*) negligent, neglectful, forgetful, reckless, careless, unaware, regardless, inconsiderate, mindless,

inadvertent; (*adj, v*) remiss.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attentive, alert, observant, carefree, cautious, conscientious, considerate, diligent, prudent.

lamely: (*adv*) crippledly, limpingly, disabledly, weakly, haltingly, poorly, hobblingly, paralytically, infirmly, faintly, unsatisfactorily.

perplexed: (*adj*) confused, puzzled, baffled, confounded, doubtful, distracted, disconcerted; (*adj, v*)

intricate, complicated, lost, involved. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unperplexed, assured, clear, knowing.

perplexity: (*n*) confusion, dilemma, bewilderment, maze, labyrinth, embarrassment, quandary, complication, enigma; (*adj, n*) difficulty, distress. ANTONYM: (*n*) understanding.

twirl: (*n, v*) twist, turn, roll, coil, whirl, curl, wheel, swirl; (*v*) twiddle, pivot; (*n*) rotation.

When they were together again she spoke of the University question and Gabriel felt more at ease. A friend of **hers** had shown her his review of Browning's **poems**. That was how she had found out the secret: but she liked the review **immensely**. Then she said suddenly:

"O, Mr. Conroy, will you come for an **excursion** to the Aran Isles this summer? We're going to stay there a whole month. It will be splendid out in the Atlantic. You ought to come. Mr. Clancy is coming, and Mr. Kilkelly and Kathleen Kearney. It would be splendid for Gretta too if she'd come. She's from Connacht, isn't she?"

"Her people are," said Gabriel shortly.

"But you will come, won't you?" said Miss Ivors, laying her arm hand **eagerly** on his arm.

"The fact is," said Gabriel, "I have just arranged to go----"

"Go where?" asked Miss Ivors.

"Well, you know, every year I go for a cycling tour with some **fellows** and so---"

"But where?" asked Miss Ivors.

"Well, we usually go to France or Belgium or perhaps Germany," said Gabriel **awkwardly**.

"And why do you go to France and Belgium," said Miss Ivors, "instead of visiting your own land?"

"Well," said Gabriel, "it's partly to keep in touch with the languages and partly for a change."

"And haven't you your own language to keep in touch with-- Irish?" asked Miss Ivors.

"Well," said Gabriel, "if it comes to that, you know, Irish is not my language."

Their neighbours had turned to listen to the cross-examination. Gabriel glanced right and left nervously and tried to keep his good humour under the **ordeal** which was making a blush invade his forehead.

Thesaurus

awkwardly: (*adv*) gawkily, ineptly, ungracefully, embarrassingly, maladroitly, stiffly, gracelessly, inopportunistly, bunglingly, inelegantly, unwieldily.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) gracefully, elegantly, usefully, urbanely, contentedly, coherently, calmly, conveniently, agilely, expertly, amenably.
eagerly: (*adv*) zealously, readily, keenly, fervently, avidly, greedily,

enthusiastically, intently, earnestly, impatiently, actively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) apathetically, nonchalantly, grudgingly, patiently, halfheartedly, reluctantly, unenthusiastically.
excursion: (*n*) expedition, jaunt, outing, digression, drive, tour, airing, voyage, deviation, stroll; (*n, v*) journey.
fellows: (*n*) fellow, membership, faculty.
hers: (*pron*) she, his; (*adj*) own.

immensely: (*adv*) highly, infinitely, greatly, enormously, tremendously, extremely, mightily, hugely, massively, immeasurably, monstrously.
ordeal: (*n*) trial, suffering, experience, martyrdom, affliction, test, tribulation, misery, trouble, water-ordeal, distress. ANTONYM: (*n*) pleasure.
poems: (*n*) metrical composition, verse, poesy.

"And haven't you your own land to visit," continued Miss Ivors, "that you know nothing of, your own people, and your own country?"

"O, to tell you the truth," retorted Gabriel suddenly, "I'm sick of my own country, sick of it!"

"Why?" asked Miss Ivors.

Gabriel did not answer for his retort had heated him.

"Why?" repeated Miss Ivors.

They had to go visiting together and, as he had not answered her, Miss Ivors said warmly:

"Of course, you've no answer."

Gabriel tried to cover his agitation by taking part in the dance with great energy. He avoided her eyes for he had seen a sour expression on her face. But when they met in the long chain he was surprised to feel his hand firmly pressed. She looked at him from under her brows for a moment **quizzically** until he smiled. Then, just as the chain was about to start again, she stood on tiptoe and whispered into his ear:

"West Briton!"

When the **lancers** were over Gabriel went away to a remote corner of the room where Freddy Malins' mother was sitting. She was a stout **feeble** old woman with white hair. Her voice had a catch in it like her son's and she stuttered slightly. She had been told that Freddy had come and that he was nearly all right. Gabriel asked her whether she had had a good crossing. She lived with her married daughter in Glasgow and came to Dublin on a visit once a year. She answered **placidly** that she had had a beautiful crossing and that the captain had been most **attentive** to her. She spoke also of the beautiful house her daughter kept in Glasgow, and of all the friends they had there. While her tongue rambled on Gabriel tried to **banish** from his mind all memory of the unpleasant incident with Miss Ivors. Of course the girl or woman, or whatever she was, was an **enthusiast** but there was a time for all things. Perhaps he ought not to have answered her like that. But she had no right to call him a West Briton

Thesaurus

attentive: (*adj*) assiduous, diligent, heedful, watchful, observant, advertent, mindful, careful, aware, alert, respectful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfocused, negligent, neglectful, forgetful, heedless, unobservant, rude, unprepared, unconscious, uncaring, inconsiderate.
banish: (*v*) dispel, expel, displace, relegate, oust, expatriate, eject, dismiss, transport, cast out; (*adj, v*) exile. ANTONYMS: (*v*) keep,

embrace, adopt, invite, include.
enthusiast: (*n*) addict, fanatic, fiend, fan, admirer, freak, aficionado, advocate, fancier, buff; (*adj, n*) zealot. ANTONYMS: (*n*) skeptic, depreciator, disparager, opponent.
feeble: (*adj*) delicate, decrepit, ailing, helpless, powerless, poor, mild, lax, thin; (*adj, v*) faint, debilitated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) strong, vigorous, hearty, tough, effective, powerful, unrelenting, robust, potent,

persuasive, able.
lancers: (*n*) cavalry.
placidly: (*adv*) coolly, calmly, tranquilly, peacefully, stilly, quietly, composedly, silently, meekly, impassively, collectedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) agitatedly, boisterously.
quizzically: (*adv*) oddly, quaintly, mockingly, eccentrically, eccentricly, curiously, teasingly, fancifully, fantastically, fantastically, inquiringly.

before people, even in joke. She had tried to make him ridiculous before people, **heckling** him and staring at him with her rabbit's eyes.

He saw his wife making her way towards him through the waltzing couples. When she reached him she said into his ear:

"Gabriel. Aunt Kate wants to know won't you **carve** the **goose** as usual. Miss Daly will carve the ham and I'll do the pudding."

"All right," said Gabriel.

"She's sending in the younger ones first as soon as this waltz is over so that we'll have the table to ourselves."

"Were you dancing?" asked Gabriel.

"Of course I was. Didn't you see me? What row had you with Molly Ivors?"

"No row. Why? Did she say so?"

"Something like that. I'm trying to get that Mr. D'Arcy to sing. He's full of **conceit**, I think."

"There was no row," said Gabriel moodily, "only she wanted me to go for a trip to the west of Ireland and I said I wouldn't."

His wife clasped her hands **excitedly** and gave a little jump.

"O, do go, Gabriel," she cried. "I'd love to see Galway again."

"You can go if you like," said Gabriel coldly.

She looked at him for a moment, then turned to Mrs. Malins and said:

"There's a nice husband for you, Mrs. Malins."

While she was threading her way back across the room Mrs. Malins, without adverting to the **interruption**, went on to tell Gabriel what beautiful places there were in Scotland and beautiful **scenery**. Her son-in-law brought them every year to the lakes and they used to go fishing. Her son-in-law was a splendid **fisher**. One day he caught a beautiful big fish and the man in the hotel cooked it for their dinner.

Thesaurus

carve: (*v*) cut up, cut, mold, incise, shape, inscribe, engrave, whittle, slash, hew; (*n*) carving.
conceit: (*n*) pretension, vanity, self-esteem, pride, assumption, egotism, fancy, haughtiness, conception, caprice, quip. ANTONYMS: (*n*) humility, timidity, selflessness, humbleness, reserve.
excitedly: (*adv*) passionately, feverishly, wildly, frantically, nervously, ardently, enthusiastically,

eagerly, animatedly, fervently, cheerfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) lifelessly, patiently, peacefully, nonchalantly, indifferently, despondently, unenthusiastically.
fisher: (*n*) angler, black cat, marten, pekan, trawler, fisher cat, troller.
goose: (*n*) goof, fathead, cuckoo, barnacle, fool, jackass, Brent, brant, goosecap; (*n, v*) spur; (*v*) serpent.
heckling: (*n*) interruption, hissing, hacking, scoffs, mocking, gap,

disruption, taunts, jeering, break. ANTONYM: (*n*) applause.
interruption: (*n*) disruption, intermission, halt, pause, suspension, discontinuance, hiatus; (*n, v*) break, hindrance, impediment; (*v*) interrupt. ANTONYMS: (*n*) permanence, help, respect.
scenery: (*n*) scene, prospect, panorama, landscape, outlook, nature, picture, vista, set, backdrop, background.

Gabriel hardly heard what she said. Now that supper was coming near he began to think again about his speech and about the **quotation**. When he saw Freddy Malins coming across the room to visit his mother Gabriel left the chair free for him and retired into the **embrasure** of the window. The room had already cleared and from the back room came the clatter of plates and knives. Those who still remained in the drawing room seemed tired of dancing and were conversing quietly in little groups. Gabriel's warm trembling fingers tapped the cold **pane** of the window. How cool it must be outside! How pleasant it would be to walk out alone, first along by the river and then through the park! The snow would be lying on the branches of the trees and forming a bright cap on the top of the Wellington Monument. How much more pleasant it would be there than at the supper-table!

He ran over the headings of his speech: Irish hospitality, sad memories, the Three Graces, Paris, the quotation from Browning. He repeated to himself a phrase he had written in his review: "*One feels that one is listening to a thought-tormented music.*" Miss Ivors had praised the review. Was she sincere? Had she really any life of her own behind all her **propagandism**? There had never been any ill-feeling between them until that night. It **unnerved** him to think that she would be at the supper-table, looking up at him while he spoke with her critical quizzing eyes. Perhaps she would not be sorry to see him fail in his speech. An idea came into his mind and gave him courage. He would say, alluding to Aunt Kate and Aunt Julia: "*Ladies and Gentlemen, the generation which is now on the wane among us may have had its faults but for my part I think it had certain qualities of hospitality, of humour, of humanity, which the new and very serious and hypereducated generation that is growing up around us seems to me to lack.*" Very good: that was one for Miss Ivors. What did he care that his aunts were only two ignorant old women?

A **murmur** in the room attracted his attention. Mr. **Browne** was advancing from the door, gallantly escorting Aunt Julia, who leaned upon his arm, smiling and hanging her head. An irregular **musketry** of applause escorted her also as far as the piano and then, as Mary Jane seated herself on the stool, and Aunt

Thesaurus

browne: (*n*) phiz, Charles Farrar Browne.

embrasure: (*n*) porthole, crenel, machicolation, recess, window, opening, crenelle, battlement, dent, casement.

murmur: (*n, v*) grumble, mumble, hum, whisper, mutter, whine, babble, drone; (*v*) complain, bubble, breathe.

musketry: (*n*) proficiency, rifle, musket, facility, army unit.

pane: (*n*) window pane, panelling,

pane of glass, panelling, windowpane, window-pane, board, square, sheet of glass, leaf, box.

propagandism: (*n*) propaganda, education; (*v*) persuasion, proselytism.

quotation: (*n*) extract, mention, reference, passage, excerpt, quote, value, example, price, worth, cost.

tormented: (*adj*) worried, tortured, hagridden, troubled, beleaguered, beset, besieged, cruciate, cruciform,

distraught, distressed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) calm.

unnerved: (*v*) relaxed; (*adj*) enervated, afraid, alarmed, anxious, fearful, hysterical, scared, tense, terrified, timid. ANTONYM: (*adj*) confident.

wane: (*n, v*) ebb; (*v*) fade, sink, fall, decrease, recede, diminish, fail, wither, dwindle, shrink. ANTONYMS: (*v*) wax, increase, rise, expand, continue, strengthen, appear, rally.

Julia, no longer smiling, half turned so as to pitch her voice fairly into the room, gradually **ceased**. Gabriel recognised the prelude. It was that of an old song of Aunt Julia's--*Arrayed for the Bridal*. Her voice, strong and clear in tone, attacked with great spirit the runs which **embellish** the air and though she sang very rapidly she did not miss even the smallest of the grace notes. To follow the voice, without looking at the singer's face, was to feel and share the excitement of swift and secure flight. Gabriel **applauded** loudly with all the others at the close of the song and loud applause was borne in from the invisible supper-table. It sounded so genuine that a little colour struggled into Aunt Julia's face as she bent to replace in the music-stand the old leather-bound **songbook** that had her initials on the cover. Freddy Malins, who had listened with his head perched sideways to hear her better, was still **applauding** when everyone else had ceased and talking animatedly to his mother who nodded her head gravely and slowly in **acquiescence**. At last, when he could **clap** no more, he stood up suddenly and hurried across the room to Aunt Julia whose hand he seized and held in both his hands, shaking it when words failed him or the catch in his voice proved too much for him.

"I was just telling my mother," he said, "I never heard you sing so well, never. No, I never heard your voice so good as it is tonight. Now! Would you believe that now? That's the truth. Upon my word and honour that's the truth. I never heard your voice sound so fresh and so... so clear and fresh, never."

Aunt Julia smiled broadly and murmured something about compliments as she released her hand from his grasp. Mr. Browne extended his open hand towards her and said to those who were near him in the manner of a **showman** introducing a **prodigy** to an audience:

"Miss Julia Morkan, my latest discovery!"

He was laughing very **heartily** at this himself when Freddy Malins turned to him and said:

"Well, Browne, if you're serious you might make a worse discovery. All I can say is I never heard her sing half so well as long as I am coming here. And that's the honest truth."

Thesaurus

acquiescence: (*n*) compliance, consent, resignation, permission, sanction, approval, accord, agreement, submission, conformity; (*n, v*) assent.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) disagreement, insubordination, rebellion, defiance, rejection.
applauded: (*adj*) famous, highly praised, commended.
applauding: (*adj*) plauditory.
ceased: (*adj*) finished.
clap: (*n, v*) blast, boom, slam, rumble;

(*n*) applause, clapping, gonorrhoea, smash; (*v*) acclaim, applaud, hit.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) hiss, jeer.
embellish: (*v*) dress, adorn, decorate, deck, beautify, ornament, embroider, trim, bedeck, gild, garnish.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) deface, understate, disfigure, mar, spoil, uglify.
heartily: (*adv*) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) feebly, languorously.
prodigy: (*n*) marvel, miracle, wonder, genius, portent, phenomenon, wonder child, astonishment, wizard, surprise; (*adj, n*) monster.
showman: (*n*) impresario, cicerone, dragoman, exhibitor, courier, shower, exhibitor, pornographer, valet de place, booster, film maker.
songbook: (*n*) hymnal, hymnary, hymnbook.

"Neither did I," said Mr. Browne. "I think her voice has greatly improved."

Aunt Julia shrugged her shoulders and said with **meeek** pride:

"Thirty years ago I hadn't a bad voice as **voices** go."

"I often told Julia," said Aunt Kate **emphatically**, "that she was simply thrown away in that choir. But she never would be said by me."

She turned as if to appeal to the good sense of the others against a **refractory** child while Aunt Julia gazed in front of her, a vague smile of **reminiscence** playing on her face.

"No," continued Aunt Kate, "she wouldn't be said or led by anyone, slaving there in that choir night and day, night and day. Six o'clock on Christmas morning! And all for what?"

"Well, isn't it for the honour of God, Aunt Kate?" asked Mary Jane, **twisting** round on the piano-stool and smiling.

Aunt Kate turned fiercely on her **niece** and said:

"I know all about the honour of God, Mary Jane, but I think it's not at all honourable for the pope to turn out the women out of the choirs that have slaved there all their lives and put little whipper-snappers of boys over their heads. I suppose it is for the good of the Church if the pope does it. But it's not just, Mary Jane, and it's not right."

She had **worked** herself into a passion and would have continued in defence of her sister for it was a sore subject with her but Mary Jane, seeing that all the dancers had come back, intervened **pacifically**:

"Now, Aunt Kate, you're giving scandal to Mr. Browne who is of the other persuasion."

Aunt Kate turned to Mr. Browne, who was grinning at this allusion to his religion, and said hastily:

"O, I don't question the pope's being right. I'm only a stupid old woman and I wouldn't **presume** to do such a thing. But there's such a thing as common

Thesaurus

emphatically: (*adv*) decidedly, definitely, positively, categorically, flatly, distinctly, absolutely, explicitly, forcefully, firmly, expressly.

meeek: (*adj*) lowly, docile, gentle, tame, low, submissive, compliant, mild, modest, quiet, kind. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) assertive, bossy, haughty, arrogant, overbearing, rebellious, disobedient, wild, harsh, brash.

niece: (*n*) grandniece, aunt, brother's

daughter, uncle, kinswoman.

pacifically: (*adv*) peacefully, serenely, stilly, quietly, placidly, moderately, conciliatorily, blandly, softly, meekly, tranquilly.

presume: (*v*) dare, consider, believe, think, infer, guess, expect, esteem, conclude, suppose, conjecture. ANTONYMS: (*v*) appreciate, despair, speculate.

refractory: (*adj*) disobedient, obstinate, perverse, recalcitrant, stubborn,

fractious, contumacious, headstrong, unruly, wayward, restive.

reminiscence: (*n*) memory, recall, recollection, anamnesis, memoir, nostalgia, mind, recollections, retrospect, memorial, memento.

twisting: (*adj*) tortuous, winding, sinuous, crooked, zigzag, meandering; (*n*) distortion, turn, spin, torsion, overrefinement.

voices: (*n*) chorus.

worked: (*adj*) elaborated, beaten.

everyday politeness and **gratitude**. And if I were in Julia's place I'd tell that Father Healey straight up to his face..."

"And besides, Aunt Kate," said Mary Jane, "we really are all hungry and when we are hungry we are all very quarrelsome."

"And when we are thirsty we are also quarrelsome," added Mr. Browne.

"So that we had better go to supper," said Mary Jane, "and finish the discussion afterwards."

On the landing outside the drawing-room Gabriel found his wife and Mary Jane trying to persuade Miss Ivors to stay for supper. But Miss Ivors, who had put on her hat and was buttoning her cloak, would not stay. She did not feel in the least hungry and she had already overstayed her time.

"But only for ten minutes, Molly," said Mrs. Conroy. "That won't delay you."

"To take a pick itself," said Mary Jane, "after all your dancing."

"I really couldn't," said Miss Ivors.

"I am afraid you didn't enjoy yourself at all," said Mary Jane **hopelessly**.

"Ever so much, I **assure** you," said Miss Ivors, "but you really must let me run off now."

"But how can you get home?" asked Mrs. Conroy.

"O, it's only two steps up the quay."

Gabriel hesitated a moment and said:

"If you will allow me, Miss Ivors, I'll see you home if you are really obliged to go."

But Miss Ivors broke away from them.

"I won't hear of it," she cried. "For goodness' sake go in to your **suppers** and don't mind me. I'm quite well able to take care of myself."

"Well, you're the **comical** girl, Molly," said Mrs. Conroy **frankly**.

"*Beannacht libh*," cried Miss Ivors, with a laugh, as she ran down the **staircase**.

Thesaurus

assure: (*n, v*) certify, warrant, vouch; (*v*) secure, persuade, satisfy, reassure, affirm, promise, ascertain; (*adj, v*) ensure. ANTONYMS: (*v*) alarm, disclaim, deny, disbelieve, undermine.

comical: (*adj*) funny, comic, laughable, absurd, humorous, ridiculous, zany, droll, jocose, grotesque, jocular. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tragic, sad, grave, solemn, unfunny, dull, sensible.

frankly: (*adv*) openly, sincerely,

bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (*adj, adv*) freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely.

gratitude: (*n*) appreciation, thanks, thank, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, appreciativeness, feeling, appreciate, grateful, thanksgiving, kindness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) ingratitude,

ungratefulness.

hopelessly: (*adv*) despairingly, forlornly, despondently, uselessly, desolately, futilely, wretchedly, lostly, sadly, dejectedly, dispiritedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, effectively, slightly.

staircase: (*n*) stair, ladder, flight, steps, flight of steps, stairs, backstairs, escalator, companionway, way, entrance.

suppers: (*n*) supper.

Mary Jane gazed after her, a moody puzzled expression on her face, while Mrs. Conroy leaned over the banisters to listen for the hall-door. Gabriel asked himself was he the cause of her abrupt departure. But she did not seem to be in ill humour: she had gone away laughing. He stared blankly down the staircase.

At the moment Aunt Kate came toddling out of the supper-room, almost **wringing** her hands in despair.

"Where is Gabriel?" she cried. "Where on earth is Gabriel? There's everyone waiting in there, stage to let, and nobody to carve the goose!"

"Here I am, Aunt Kate!" cried Gabriel, with sudden animation, "ready to carve a flock of geese, if necessary."

A fat brown goose lay at one end of the table and at the other end, on a bed of **creased** paper strewn with sprigs of parsley, lay a great ham, stripped of its outer skin and peppered over with crust crumbs, a neat paper **frill** round its **shin** and beside this was a round of **spiced** beef. Between these rival ends ran parallel lines of side-dishes: two little minsters of jelly, red and yellow; a shallow dish full of blocks of **blancmange** and red jam, a large green leaf-shaped dish with a stalk-shaped handle, on which lay bunches of purple raisins and peeled almonds, a companion dish on which lay a solid rectangle of Smyrna figs, a dish of **custard** topped with grated **nutmeg**, a small bowl full of chocolates and sweets wrapped in gold and silver papers and a glass vase in which stood some tall celery stalks. In the centre of the table there stood, as sentries to a fruit-stand which upheld a pyramid of oranges and American apples, two squat old-fashioned decanters of cut glass, one containing port and the other dark sherry. On the closed square piano a pudding in a huge yellow dish lay in waiting and behind it were three squads of bottles of stout and ale and minerals, drawn up according to the colours of their uniforms, the first two black, with brown and red labels, the third and smallest squad white, with **transverse** green sashes.

Gabriel took his seat boldly at the head of the table and, having looked to the edge of the **carver**, plunged his fork firmly into the goose. He felt quite at ease now for he was an expert carver and liked nothing better than to find himself at the head of a well-laden table.

Thesaurus

blancmange: (*v*) blackberry, bloater, chop suey, breadfruit, bouilli, bouillon; (*n*) dessert.
carver: (*n*) sculpturer, sculptress, cutter, modeler, figuriste, woodman, woodsman, woodworker, diner, statuary, chaser.
creased: (*adj*) wrinkled, wrinkly, rumped, lined, furrowed, corrugated, wizened, bent.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) straight.
custard: (*n*) cream, creme brulee,

creme caramel, creme anglais, caramel custard, dowset.
frill: (*n*) flounce, adornment, embellishment, frills, luxury, furbelow, fringe, trimming, frame; (*n, v*) ruffle, disturbance.
nutmeg: (*n*) Myristica, muscat, mace, nutmeg tree; (*adj*) meaningless.
shin: (*v*) clamber, shiny, make unintelligible, abrade, bark, beat; (*n*) tibia, shinbone, leg, alphabetic character, body part.

spiced: (*adj*) hot, spicy, flavorful, flavourful, peppery, flavored.
transverse: (*adj, v*) cross; (*adj*) crosswise, oblique, crossing, thwartwise, thwart, diagonal, grumpy, perversely irritable; (*v*) traverse; (*adv*) transversely.
wringing: (*adj*) saturated, soaked, soaked to the skin, soaking wet, sodden, sopping, sopping wet, wet, wet through, wringing wet, soaking.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) dry.

"Miss Furlong, what shall I send you?" he asked. "A wing or a slice of the breast?"

"Just a small slice of the breast."

"Miss Higgins, what for you?"

"O, anything at all, Mr. Conroy."

While Gabriel and Miss Daly **exchanged** plates of goose and plates of ham and spiced beef Lily went from guest to guest with a dish of hot **floury potatoes** wrapped in a white **napkin**. This was Mary Jane's idea and she had also suggested apple sauce for the goose but Aunt Kate had said that plain **roast** goose without any apple sauce had always been good enough for her and she hoped she might never eat worse. Mary Jane waited on her pupils and saw that they got the best slices and Aunt Kate and Aunt Julia opened and carried across from the piano bottles of stout and ale for the gentlemen and bottles of minerals for the ladies. There was a great deal of confusion and laughter and noise, the noise of orders and counter-orders, of knives and forks, of corks and glass-stoppers. Gabriel began to carve second helpings as soon as he had finished the first round without serving himself. Everyone protested loudly so that he compromised by taking a long **draught** of stout for he had found the **carving** hot work. Mary Jane settled down quietly to her supper but Aunt Kate and Aunt Julia were still toddling round the table, walking on each other's heels, getting in each other's way and giving each other **unheeded** orders. Mr. Browne begged of them to sit down and eat their suppers and so did Gabriel but they said there was time enough, so that, at last, Freddy Malins stood up and, capturing Aunt Kate, plumped her down on her chair amid general laughter.

When everyone had been well served Gabriel said, smiling:

"Now, if anyone wants a little more of what **vulgar** people call **stuffing** let him or her speak."

A chorus of voices invited him to begin his own supper and Lily came forward with three potatoes which she had reserved for him.

Thesaurus

carving: (*n*) sculpture, carve, cut, statue, engraving, art, image, figure, etching, woodcut, bust.

draught: (*n, v*) draft, sketch, design, potation, plan; (*n*) dose, air current, wind, gulp, outline; (*v*) blueprint.

exchanged: (*adj*) counterchanged, bartered, substituted.

floury: (*adj*) mealy, farinaceous, sabulous, sandy, furfureous, psammous, granular, pulverulent, fine, finer, dusty.

napkin: (*n*) diaper, cloth, handkerchief, serviette, table napkin, nappy, dinner napkin, duster, malkin, maukin; (*v*) sudary.

potatoes: (*n*) root crop.

roast: (*v*) burn, grill, bake, joke, heat, quiz, fry, cook, scorch; (*n, v*) ridicule; (*n*) joint. ANTONYMS: (*v*) cool, praise.

stuffing: (*n*) pad, filling, forcemeat, farce, dressing, filler, fill, wadding, contents, inside, tompion.

unheeded: (*adj*) unnoticed, neglected, disregarded, ignored; (*v*) unthought of, unseen, unperceived, unobserved, unnoted, unmarked, unmissed.

vulgar: (*adj*) rude, coarse, plebeian, nasty, common, foul, indecent, gross, unrefined; (*adj, n*) low, vile.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) refined, sophisticated, tasteful, polite, aesthetic, muted, fashionable, decent, artistic, pleasant, clean.

"Very well," said Gabriel amiably, as he took another **preparatory** draught, "kindly forget my existence, ladies and gentlemen, for a few minutes."

He set to his **supper** and took no part in the conversation with which the table covered Lily's removal of the plates. The subject of talk was the opera company which was then at the Theatre Royal. Mr. Bartell D'Arcy, the tenor, a dark-complexioned young man with a smart moustache, **praised** very highly the leading contralto of the company but Miss Furlong thought she had a rather vulgar style of production. Freddy Malins said there was a Negro **chieftain** singing in the second part of the Gaiety **pantomime** who had one of the **finest** tenor voices he had ever heard.

"Have you heard him?" he asked Mr. Bartell D'Arcy across the table.

"No," answered Mr. Bartell D'Arcy carelessly.

"Because," Freddy Malins explained, "now I'd be curious to hear your opinion of him. I think he has a grand voice."

"It takes Teddy to find out the really good things," said Mr. Browne familiarly to the table.

"And why couldn't he have a voice too?" asked Freddy Malins sharply. "Is it because he's only a black?"

The new-comer surveyed the **deplorable** figure before him and then turned to the constable, saying:

"It's all right, constable. I'll see him home."

The constable touched his **helmet** and answered:

"All right, Mr. Power!"

"Come now, Tom," said Mr. Power, taking his friend by the arm. "No bones broken. What? Can you walk?"

The young man in the cycling-suit took the man by the other arm and the crowd divided.

"How did you get yourself into this mess?" asked Mr. Power.

"The gentleman fell down the stairs," said the young man.

Thesaurus

chieftain: (*n*) captain, leader, tribal chief, pendragon, master, headman, boss, head, head boss, guide, cacique.

deplorable: (*adj*) sad, wretched, criminal, calamitous, abominable, pitiful, lamentable, miserable, regrettable, sorry; (*adj, v*) woeful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) acceptable, pleasing, laudable, happy, cheerful, admirable, agreeable, excellent, fortunate, praiseworthy.

finest: (*adj, n*) elite; (*adj*) top, select,

excellent, most favorable, most excellent, most advantageous, exclusive, classic, best possible; (*n*) cream.

helmet: (*n, v*) headpiece; (*n*) casque, helm, hood, armet, basinet, heaume, hard hat, Galea, cowl; (*v*) pickelhaube.

pantomime: (*n, v*) gesture; (*n*) dumb show, mummer, acting, playacting, performing, playing, pantomimist; (*v*) mimic, roleplay, playact.

praised: (*adj*) bebuffed, popular, renowned.

preparatory: (*adj, v*) preparative; (*adj*) introductory, preceding, propaedeutic, prefatory, initial, precedent, opening, antecedent; (*n*) preparation, prior. ANTONYM: (*adj*) final.

supper: (*n*) meal, tea, lunch, repast, reception, mealtime, siesta, social affair; (*v*) dejeuner, beber, whet.

"I 'ery 'uch o'liged to you, sir," said the injured man.

"Not at all."

"'ant we have a little...?"

"Not now. Not now."

The three men left the bar and the crowd sifted through the doors in to the laneway. The manager brought the constable to the stairs to **inspect** the scene of the accident. They agreed that the gentleman must have missed his **footing**. The **customers** returned to the counter and a curate set about **removing** the traces of blood from the floor.

When they came out into Grafton Street, Mr. Power whistled for an **outsider**. The injured man said again as well as he could.

"I 'ery 'uch o'liged to you, sir. I hope we'll 'eet again. 'y na'e is Kernan."

The shock and the **incipient** pain had partly sobered him.

"Don't mention it," said the young man.

They shook hands. Mr. Kernan was hoisted on to the car and, while Mr. Power was giving directions to the **carman**, he expressed his gratitude to the young man and regretted that they could not have a little drink together.

"Another time," said the young man.

The car drove off towards Westmoreland Street. As it passed Ballast Office the clock showed half-past nine. A keen east wind hit them, **blowing** from the mouth of the river. Mr. Kernan was **huddled** together with cold. His friend asked him to tell how the accident had happened.

"I'an't 'an," he answered, "'y 'ongue is hurt."

"Show."

The other leaned over the well of the car and peered into Mr. Kernan's mouth but he could not see. He struck a match and, **sheltering** it in the shell of his hands, peered again into the mouth which Mr. Kernan opened **obediently**. The swaying movement of the car brought the match to and from the opened mouth.

Thesaurus

blowing: (*n*) processing, insufflation, bravado; (*v*) fanning, blow out; (*adj*) windy, breezy.

carman: (*n*) coachman, driver.

customers: (*n*) trade.

footing: (*n*) foothold, base, bottom, foundation, status, rank, foot, pedestal, situation, relation, root.
ANTONYM: (*n*) top.

huddled: (*adj*) crouched, crouching, hunkered down, hunkered.

incipient: (*adj*) initial, budding,

nascent, imperfectly formed, commencing, first, undeveloped; (*adj*, *v*) introductory; (*v*) inceptive; (*n*) beginning.

inspect: (*v*) overhaul, overlook, survey, watch, scrutinize, view, explore, look, review, inquire, monitor. ANTONYMS: (*v*) skim, ignore.

obediently: (*adv*) dutifully, yieldingly, compliantly, meekly, acquiescently, respectfully, tamely, subserviently,

passively, loyally, devotedly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) defiantly, assertively, wildly.

outsider: (*n*) foreigner, stranger, layman, outlander, foreign, newcomer, unknown, immigrant, bystander, strangers, guest.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) native, participant.

removing: (*adj*) departing.

sheltering: (*adj*) defensive, affording protection, motherly; (*n*) housing.

The lower teeth and gums were covered with **clotted** blood and a minute piece of the tongue seemed to have been bitten off. The match was blown out.

"That's ugly," said Mr. Power.

"Sha, 's nothing," said Mr. Kernan, closing his mouth and pulling the collar of his filthy coat across his neck.

Mr. Kernan was a commercial traveller of the old school which believed in the dignity of its calling. He had never been seen in the city without a silk hat of some decency and a pair of gaiters. By grace of these two articles of clothing, he said, a man could always pass muster. He carried on the tradition of his Napoleon, the great Blackwhite, whose memory he evoked at times by legend and **mimicry**. Modern business methods had spared him only so far as to allow him a little office in Crowe Street, on the window blind of which was written the name of his firm with the address--London, E. C. On the mantelpiece of this little office a little leaden battalion of canisters was drawn up and on the table before the window stood four or five china bowls which were usually half full of a black liquid. From these bowls Mr. Kernan tasted tea. He took a mouthful, drew it up, saturated his palate with it and then spat it forth into the grate. Then he paused to judge.

Mr. Power, a much younger man, was employed in the Royal Irish Constabulary Office in Dublin Castle. The arc of his social rise **intersected** the arc of his friend's decline, but Mr. Kernan's decline was **mitigated** by the fact that certain of those friends who had known him at his highest point of success still **esteemed** him as a character. Mr. Power was one of these friends. His inexplicable debts were a **byword** in his circle; he was a **debonair** young man.

The car halted before a small house on the Glasnevin road and Mr. Kernan was helped into the house. His wife put him to bed while Mr. Power sat downstairs in the kitchen asking the children where they went to school and what book they were in. The children-- two girls and a boy, conscious of their father helplessness and of their mother's absence, began some **horseplay** with him. He was surprised at their manners and at their accents, and his brow grew thoughtful. After a while Mrs. Kernan entered the kitchen, **exclaiming**:

Thesaurus

byword: (*n*) aphorism, saw, saying, maxim, personification, proverb, sentence, motto, slogan, expression, catchphrase.

clotted: (*n*) clammy, ropy, mastic, glutenous, gelatin; (*adj*) thick, clogged, grumous, bloody, choked, fleamy.

debonair: (*adj*) jaunty, dapper, urbane, suave, buoyant, breezy, refined, elegant, smooth, courteous, smart. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inelegant,

unrefined, unfriendly, plain, crude, coarse, awkward, rude, graceless, unkempt, unsophisticated.

esteemed: (*adj*) dear, reputable, respected, honorable, noble, honored, prestigious, important, distinguished, August, respect. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disreputable.

exclaiming: (*n*) deuce, Dickens, ejaculation, exclaim, devil, interjection, ecphonesis.

horseplay: (*n*) play, fooling, prank,

ridicule, sport, wile, monkey business, high jinks, fun; (*n, v*) joke; (*v*) cavort.

intersected: (*adj*) decussated.

mimicry: (*n*) imitation, emulation, apery, parody, mimesis, impersonation, caricature, mock, personation, burlesque; (*n, v*) mockery.

mitigated: (*adj*) eased, palliate, ease, relieved, disguised, cloaked.

"Such a sight! O, he'll do for himself one day and that's the holy alls of it. He's been drinking since Friday."

Mr. Power was careful to explain to her that he was not responsible, that he had come on the scene by the merest accident. Mrs. Kernan, **remembering** Mr. Power's good offices during domestic quarrels, as well as many small, but **opportune** loans, said:

"O, you needn't tell me that, Mr. Power. I know you're a friend of his, not like some of the others he does be with. They're all right so long as he has money in his pocket to keep him out from his wife and family. Nice friends! Who was he with tonight, I'd like to know?"

Mr. Power shook his head but said nothing.

"I'm so sorry," she continued, "that I've nothing in the house to offer you. But if you wait a minute I'll send round to Fogarty's, at the corner."

Mr. Power stood up.

"We were waiting for him to come home with the money. He never seems to think he has a home at all."

"O, now, Mrs. Kernan," said Mr. Power, "we'll make him turn over a new leaf. I'll talk to Martin. He's the man. We'll come here one of these nights and talk it over."

She saw him to the door. The carman was stamping up and down the footpath, and **swinging** his arms to warm himself.

"It's very kind of you to bring him home," she said.

"Not at all," said Mr. Power.

He got up on the car. As it drove off he raised his hat to her **gaily**.

"We'll make a new man of him," he said. "Good-night, Mrs. Kernan."

Mrs. Kernan's **puzzled** eyes watched the car till it was out of sight. Then she withdrew them, went into the house and **emptied** her husband's pockets.

She was an active, practical woman of middle age. Not long before she had celebrated her silver wedding and renewed her **intimacy** with her husband by

Thesaurus

emptied: (*adj*) empty, void, depleted, emptier, annulled, open, vacuous.
gaily: (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) gladly, jovially, joyfully, cheerfully, mirthfully, joyously, gleefully, sunnily, blithely, lively.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sadly, anxiously, dully, dependently.
intimacy: (*adj, n*) familiarity, acquaintance; (*n*) closeness, fellowship, association, friendship, intercourse, affair, camaraderie,

conversance, confidence.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) distance, formality.
opportune: (*adj, v*) appropriate; (*adj*) favorable, apropos, auspicious, expedient, happy, handy, timely, felicitous, favourable; (*v*) becoming.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untimely, disadvantageous, inappropriate, inconvenient, unfortunate, unlucky.
puzzled: (*adj*) bewildered, confused, baffled, nonplussed, doubtful, bemused, at a loss, curious,

mystified, nonplused, dazed.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) clear.
remembering: (*n*) recollection, recall, memory, identification, recognition, remember, association, connection, connexion, reminiscence, remembrance.
swinging: (*adj*) swaying, excessive, liling, inordinate, hanging, exorbitant, pendulous, outrageous, preposterous, extravagant; (*n*) slewing.

waltzing with him to Mr. Power's accompaniment. In her days of courtship, Mr. Kernan had seemed to her a not **ungallant** figure: and she still hurried to the chapel door whenever a wedding was reported and, seeing the bridal pair, recalled with vivid pleasure how she had passed out of the Star of the Sea Church in Sandymount, leaning on the arm of a jovial well-fed man, who was dressed smartly in a frock-coat and lavender trousers and carried a silk hat gracefully balanced upon his other arm. After three weeks she had found a wife's life **irksome** and, later on, when she was beginning to find it unbearable, she had become a mother. The part of mother presented to her no **insuperable** difficulties and for twenty-five years she had kept house shrewdly for her husband. Her two **eldest** sons were launched. One was in a draper's shop in Glasgow and the other was clerk to a tea-merchant in Belfast. They were good sons, wrote regularly and sometimes sent home money. The other children were still at school.

Mr. Kernan sent a letter to his office next day and remained in bed. She made beef-tea for him and scolded him **roundly**. She accepted his frequent **intemperance** as part of the climate, **healed** him dutifully whenever he was sick and always tried to make him eat a breakfast. There were worse husbands. He had never been violent since the boys had grown up, and she knew that he would walk to the end of Thomas Street and back again to book even a small order.

Two nights after, his friends came to see him. She brought them up to his bedroom, the air of which was **impregnated** with a personal odour, and gave them chairs at the fire. Mr. Kernan's tongue, the occasional stinging pain of which had made him somewhat irritable during the day, became more polite. He sat propped up in the bed by pillows and the little colour in his puffy cheeks made them resemble warm cinders. He apologised to his guests for the disorder of the room, but at the same time looked at them a little proudly, with a veteran's pride.

He was quite unconscious that he was the victim of a plot which his friends, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. M'Coy and Mr. Power had disclosed to Mrs. Kernan in the parlour. The idea been Mr. Power's, but its development was entrusted to Mr.

Thesaurus

eldest: (*adj*) elder, older, oldest, eigne; (*n*) offspring, progeny, doyen.

healed: (*adj*) recovered, heal, recover, whole, corned, well, aged.

impregnated: (*adj*) fertilised, fertilized, full, saturated, made pregnant, sated, fertile, adequate, copious, inseminated, ample.

insuperable: (*adj*) unconquerable, indomitable, impassable, invincible, unsurmountable, unbeatable, impregnable, overwhelming,

formidable, inexasperable, unassailable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) vulnerable.

intemperance: (*n*) dissipation, drunkenness, indulgence, debauchery, crapulence, drinking, drink, immoderateness, overindulgence, intemperateness, insobriety. ANTONYM: (*n*) temperance.

irksome: (*adj, v*) wearisome, tiresome; (*adj*) boring, dull, annoying, tedious,

trying, burdensome, bothersome, irritating, prosaic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) delightful, pleasant, refreshing, soothing.

roundly: (*adv*) bluntly, fully, roundedly, wholly, bluffly, spherically, plumply, entirely, round, completely, globularly.

ungallant: (*adj*) unchivalrous, uncomplaisant, caddish, unneighborly, discourteous, impolite, offensively discourteous.

Cunningham. Mr. Kernan came of Protestant stock and, though he had been converted to the Catholic faith at the time of his marriage, he had not been in the pale of the Church for twenty years. He was fond, moreover, of giving side-thrusts at Catholicism.

Mr. Cunningham was the very man for such a case. He was an elder colleague of Mr. Power. His own domestic life was very happy. People had great sympathy with him, for it was known that he had married an **unpresentable** woman who was an incurable drunkard. He had set up house for her six times; and each time she had pawned the furniture on him.

Everyone had respect for poor Martin Cunningham. He was a thoroughly sensible man, influential and intelligent. His blade of human knowledge, natural **astuteness particularised** by long association with cases in the police courts, had been **tempered** by brief immersions in the waters of general philosophy. He was well informed. His friends bowed to his opinions and considered that his face was like Shakespeare's.

When the plot had been disclosed to her, Mrs. Kernan had said:

"I leave it all in your hands, Mr. Cunningham."

After a quarter of a century of married life, she had very few **illusions** left. Religion for her was a habit, and she suspected that a man of her husband's age would not change greatly before death. She was tempted to see a curious **appropriateness** in his accident and, but that she did not wish to seem bloody-minded, would have told the gentlemen that Mr. Kernan's tongue would not suffer by being **shortened**. However, Mr. Cunningham was a capable man; and religion was religion. The scheme might do good and, at least, it could do no harm. Her beliefs were not extravagant. She believed steadily in the Sacred Heart as the most generally useful of all Catholic devotions and approved of the sacraments. Her faith was **bounded** by her kitchen, but, if she was put to it, she could believe also in the **banshee** and in the Holy Ghost.

The gentlemen began to talk of the accident. Mr. Cunningham said that he had once known a similar case. A man of seventy had bitten off a piece of his

Thesaurus

appropriateness: (*n*) propriety, appositeness, decency, felicitousness, fitness, convenience, correctness, felicity, rightness, suitability, adequacy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) unsuitability, insignificance, incorrectness.

astuteness: (*n*) cleverness, craftiness, cunning, shrewdness, slyness, foxiness, knowingness, wiliness, perspicacity, craft, depth. ANTONYMS: (*n*) foolishness,

frankness.

banshee: (*n*) benshie, lemures, seamaid, ghost, benshee, boggart, dryad, ghoul, Nereid, nymph, peri.

bounded: (*adj*) restricted, limited, delimited, encircled, enclosed, confined, leap, spring, bordered, circumscribed, constrained. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unbounded, unconfined, unlimited, free.

illusions: (*n*) fantasy.

particularised: (*adj*) specific.

shortened: (*adj*) abridged, cut, short, condensed, curtailed, reduced, cut short, scarce, unfinished, truncated, telescoped.

tempered: (*adj*) attempered, temperate, moderated, toughened, subdued, set, enured, proportioned, properly adapted, emotionally hardened, treated. ANTONYM: (*adj*) untempered.

unpresentable: (*adj*) unprepossessing, unseemly.

tongue during an **epileptic** fit and the tongue had filled in again, so that no one could see a trace of the bite.

"Well, I'm not seventy," said the **invalid**.

"God forbid," said Mr. Cunningham.

"It doesn't pain you now?" asked Mr. M'Coy.

Mr. M'Coy had been at one time a tenor of some reputation. His wife, who had been a soprano, still taught young children to play the piano at low terms. His line of life had not been the **shortest** distance between two points and for short **periods** he had been driven to live by his **wits**. He had been a clerk in the Midland Railway, a canvasser for advertisements for *The Irish Times* and for *The Freeman's Journal*, a town traveller for a coal firm on commission, a private inquiry agent, a clerk in the office of the Sub-Sheriff, and he had recently become secretary to the City Coroner. His new office made him **professionally** interested in Mr. Kernan's case.

"Pain? Not much," answered Mr. Kernan. "But it's so **sickening**. I feel as if I wanted to **retch** off."

"That's the boose," said Mr. Cunningham firmly.

"No," said Mr. Kernan. "I think I caught cold on the car. There's something keeps coming into my throat, **phlegm** or----"

"Mucus." said Mr. M'Coy.

"It keeps coming like from down in my throat; sickening."

"Yes, yes," said Mr. M'Coy, "that's the thorax."

He looked at Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Power at the same time with an air of challenge. Mr. Cunningham nodded his head rapidly and Mr. Power said:

"Ah, well, all's well that ends well."

"I'm very much obliged to you, old man," said the invalid.

Mr. Power waved his hand.

"Those other two fellows I was with----"

Thesaurus

epileptic: (*adj*) epileptical; (*n*) diseased person.

invalid: (*adj*) false, illogical, unreasonable, null, weak, void, unhealthy, sick, flawed; (*n*) infirm; (*v*) disable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) valid, legitimate, current, healthy, true, watertight, correct.

periods: (*n*) period.

phlegm: (*n*) indifference, impassivity, impassiveness, lethargy, sluggishness, dullness, stolidity,

sputum, languor, inactivity; (*adj*) mucus.

professionally: (*adv*) expertly, occupationally, proficiently, competently, adeptly, technically, vocationally, resourcefully, skillfully, skilfully, efficiently.

retch: (*v*) gag, throw up, puke, vomit, spew, regurgitate, keck, choke, barf, spue, cat.

shortest: (*adj*) direct, brusque, choleric, curt, directer, hotheaded,

least, irascible, lowest, most direct.

sickening: (*adj*) revolting, nauseous, offensive, repulsive, foul, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, loathsome, repugnant, abominable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attractive, pleasant, delightful, wholesome, light, appealing, wonderful.

wits: (*n*) intellect, mind, wit, brains, common sense, presence, percipience, observation, mother wit, right mind, judgment.

"Who were you with?" asked Mr. Cunningham.

"A chap. I don't know his name. Damn it now, what's his name? Little chap with sandy hair..."

"And who else?"

"Harford."

"Hm," said Mr. Cunningham.

When Mr. Cunningham made that remark, people were silent. It was known that the speaker had secret sources of information. In this case the **monosyllable** had a moral intention. Mr. Harford sometimes formed one of a little detachment which left the city shortly after noon on Sunday with the purpose of arriving as soon as possible at some public-house on the outskirts of the city where its members duly qualified themselves as *bona fide* travellers. But his fellow-travellers had never consented to overlook his origin. He had begun life as an obscure **financier** by lending small sums of money to workmen at **usurious** interest. Later on he had become the partner of a very fat, short gentleman, Mr. **Goldberg**, in the Liffey Loan Bank. Though he had never embraced more than the Jewish ethical code, his fellow-Catholics, whenever they had smarted in person or by **proxy** under his exactions, spoke of him bitterly as an Irish Jew and an **illiterate**, and saw divine **disapproval** of **usury** made manifest through the person of his idiot son. At other times they remembered his good points.

"I wonder where did he go to," said Mr. Kernan.

He wished the details of the incident to remain vague. He wished his friends to think there had been some mistake, that Mr. Harford and he had missed each other. His friends, who knew quite well Mr. Harford's manners in drinking were silent. Mr. Power said again:

"All's well that ends well."

Mr. Kernan changed the subject at once.

"That was a decent young chap, that medical fellow," he said. "Only for him--"

Thesaurus

disapproval: (*n*) condemnation, disapprobation, censure, blame, criticism, dislike, disfavor, dissent, objection, dispraise, denunciation.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) blessing, commendation, favor, respect, pleasure, acceptance, praise, admiration, enthusiasm.
financier: (*n*) capitalist, backer, banker, sponsor, dealer, broker, moneylender, stockbroker, city man, investor; (*v*) operate. **ANTONYM:** (*n*)

supplier.
goldberg: (*n*) Reuben Lucius Goldberg.
illiterate: (*adj*) uneducated, rude, unschooled, unlearned, untaught, empty, green, letterless, uninstructed, unread; (*n*) alphabetic.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) educated, economical.
monosyllable: (*n*) word, polysyllable, dissyllable.
proxy: (*n*) attorney, deputy, agent,

agency, delegate, alternate, surrogate, procurator, authority, vicar; (*adj, n*) replacement.
usurious: (*adj*) unconscionable, exorbitant, steep, outrageous; (*v*) churlish, covetous, ungenerous, sordid, hidebound, mercenary, illiberal.
usury: (*n*) usure, rapacity, rate of interest, vigorish; (*v*) accustom, common occurrence, practice, treat, usage, use, usefulness.

"O, only for him," said Mr. Power, "it might have been a case of seven days, without the option of a fine."

"Yes, yes," said Mr. Kernan, trying to remember. "I remember now there was a policeman. Decent young fellow, he seemed. How did it happen at all?"

"It happened that you were peloothered, Tom," said Mr. Cunningham **gravely**.

"True bill," said Mr. Kernan, equally **gravely**.

"I suppose you squared the constable, Jack," said Mr. M'Coy.

Mr. Power did not relish the use of his Christian name. He was not **straight-laced**, but he could not forget that Mr. M'Coy had recently made a crusade in search of valises and portmanteaus to enable Mrs. M'Coy to fulfil imaginary engagements in the country. More than he resented the fact that he had been **victimised** he resented such low playing of the game. He answered the question, therefore, as if Mr. Kernan had asked it.

The narrative made Mr. Kernan **indignant**. He was keenly conscious of his citizenship, wished to live with his city on terms mutually honourable and resented any **affront** put upon him by those whom he called country bumpkins.

"Is this what we pay rates for?" he asked. "To feed and **clothe** these ignorant bostooms... and they're nothing else."

Mr. Cunningham laughed. He was a Castle official only during office hours.

"How could they be anything else, Tom?" he said.

He assumed a thick, provincial accent and said in a tone of command:

"65, catch your cabbage!"

Everyone laughed. Mr. M'Coy, who wanted to enter the conversation by any door, pretended that he had never heard the story. Mr. Cunningham said:

"It is supposed--they say, you know--to take place in the depot where they get these **thundering** big country fellows, omadhauns, you know, to drill. The sergeant makes them stand in a row against the wall and hold up their plates."

He illustrated the story by **grotesque** gestures.

Thesaurus

affront: (*n, v*) insult, abuse, outrage, slight, snub; (*v*) face, offend; (*n*) disgrace, slur, offense, mortification. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) praise; (*v*) please, placate, mollify, gratify, flatter, assuage, appease, adulate; (*n*) pleasantry, appeasement.

clothe: (*v*) dress, cover, garb, apparel, clad, vest, arrange, deck, invest, wrap; (*n, v*) attire. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reveal, strip, uncover.

gravely: (*adv*) seriously, soberly,

severely, solemnly, badly, staidly, momentarily, heavily, earnestly, weightily, grievously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) lightheartedly, mildly, slightly; (*adj*) soft.

grotesque: (*adj*) fantastic, bizarre, funny, antic, absurd, droll, strange, baroque, weird, ugly, hideous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lovely, normal, commonplace, attractive.

indignant: (*adj*) angry, incensed, furious, enraged, wrathful, hurt,

rage, provoked, hot, anger, irate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cool, content, unaffected.

straight-laced: (*adj*) conventional, austere.

thundering: (*adj*) thumping, whopping, lumpish, gaunt, hulky, lubberly, spanking, big, loud, striking terror; (*n*) thunder.

victimised: (*adj*) exploited, secondhand, used.

"At dinner, you know. Then he has a bloody big bowl of **cabbage** before him on the table and a bloody big **spoon** like a **shovel**. He takes up a wad of cabbage on the spoon and **pegs** it across the room and the poor devils have to try and catch it on their plates: 65, *catch your cabbage*."

Everyone laughed again: but Mr. Kernan was somewhat indignant still. He talked of writing a letter to the papers.

"These yahoos coming up here," he said, "think they can boss the people. I needn't tell you, Martin, what kind of men they are."

Mr. Cunningham gave a qualified **assent**.

"It's like everything else in this world," he said. "You get some bad ones and you get some good ones."

"O yes, you get some good ones, I admit," said Mr. Kernan, satisfied.

"It's better to have nothing to say to them," said Mr. M'Coy. "That's my opinion!"

Mrs. Kernan entered the room and, **placing** a **tray** on the table, said:

"Help **yourselves**, gentlemen."

Mr. Power stood up to **officiate**, offering her his chair. She declined it, saying she was **ironing** downstairs, and, after having exchanged a nod with Mr. Cunningham behind Mr. Power's back, prepared to leave the room. Her husband called out to her:

"And have you nothing for me, duckie?"

"O, you! The back of my hand to you!" said Mrs. Kernan **tartly**.

Her husband called after her:

"Nothing for poor little hubby!"

He assumed such a comical face and voice that the distribution of the bottles of stout took place amid general merriment.

The gentlemen drank from their glasses, set the glasses again on the table and paused. Then Mr. Cunningham turned towards Mr. Power and said casually:

Thesaurus

assent: (*n*) acceptance, acquiescence, approval, agreement, compliance, admission, approbation; (*v*) accede, accord, agree; (*adj*, *v*) acquiesce.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) resist, disagree, disapprove, reject, refuse; (*n*) disagreement, refusal, resistance.
cabbage: (*v*) filch, swipe, prig, crib, nim, purloin, bag; (*n*) kale, Cole, kail, dough.
ironing: (*n*) flatwork, household linen, flat wash.

officiate: (*v*) function, act, manage, minister, serve, run, referee, do duty, marry, conduct, sprinkle.
pegs: (*v*) legs, feet, trotters, pins.
placing: (*n*) placement, arrangement, disposition, installation, allocation, ordering, disposal, borrowing, composition.
shovel: (*v*) dig, rake, broom, delve, mop; (*n*) excavator, digger, shovelful, dipper, power shovel, poker.
spoon: (*n*) spoonful, ladle, shovel,

soup spoon, tablespoon, trowel, teaspoon, dipper; (*v*) smooch, dally, bill and coo.
tartly: (*adv*) sharply, sarcastically, sourly, biting, bitterly, acerbically, harshly, caustically, keenly, cuttingly, vinegarily. **ANTONYM:** (*adv*) kindly.
tray: (*n*) plate, salver, dish, cheeseboard, tray bar, server, waiter, Cran, inkstand, icetray, jardiniere.
yourselves: (*pron*) themselves, myself, herself.

"On Thursday night, you said, Jack "

"Thursday, yes," said Mr. Power.

"Righto!" said Mr. Cunningham **promptly**.

"We can meet in M'Auley's," said Mr. M'Coy. "That'll be the most convenient place."

"But we mustn't be late," said Mr. Power earnestly, "because it is sure to be crammed to the doors."

"We can meet at half-seven," said Mr. M'Coy.

"Righto!" said Mr. Cunningham.

"Half-seven at M'Auley's be it!"

There was a short silence. Mr. Kernan waited to see whether he would be taken into his friends' confidence. Then he asked:

"What's in the wind?"

"O, it's nothing," said Mr. Cunningham. "It's only a little matter that we're arranging about for Thursday."

"The opera, is it?" said Mr. Kernan.

"No, no," said Mr. Cunningham in an **evasive** tone, "it's just a little... spiritual matter."

"O," said Mr. Kernan.

There was silence again. Then Mr. Power said, point **blank**:

"To tell you the truth, Tom, we're going to make a retreat."

"Yes, that's it," said Mr. Cunningham, "Jack and I and M'Coy here --we're all going to wash the pot."

He uttered the **metaphor** with a certain **homely** energy and, encouraged by his own voice, proceeded:

"You see, we may as well all admit we're a nice collection of scoundrels, one and all. I say, one and all," he added with **gruff** charity and turning to Mr. Power. "Own up now!"

Thesaurus

blank: (*adj*) bare, empty, unfilled, pure, vacant, clean; (*n*) space, blankness, form, vacuity; (*v*) addle.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) full, expressive, used, understanding, thoughtful, incomplete, marked, filled, excited, lively, aware.
evasive: (*adj*) shifty, oblique, ambiguous, devious, elusory, shuffling, roundabout, deceitful, equivocal, indefinite, furtive.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) forthright, direct,

unambiguous, straightforward, honest, candid, straight, clear, careless.
gruff: (*adj*) bluff, abrupt, curt, crusty, brusque, brutal, husky; (*adj, v*) coarse, rough, hoarse, harsh. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) courteous, friendly, high, velvety, smooth, mellow, gentle, civil, polite.
homely: (*adj*) plain, common, rustic, artless, home, snug, homelike, domestic; (*adj, adv*) ugly; (*adv*)

plainly, simply. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sophisticated, striking, uncomfortable, bleak.
metaphor: (*n*) figure of speech, analogy, parable, simile, image, trope, figure, fable, comparison, symbol, metonymy.
promptly: (*adv*) instantly, readily, quickly, directly, rapidly, swiftly, speedily, forthwith, punctually, now, at once. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) slowly, late, eventually.

"I own up," said Mr. Power.

"And I own up," said Mr. M'Coy.

"So we're going to wash the pot together," said Mr. Cunningham.

A thought seemed to strike him. He turned suddenly to the invalid and said:

"D'ye know what, Tom, has just occurred to me? You might join in and we'd have a four-handed reel."

"Good idea," said Mr. Power. "The four of us together."

Mr. Kernan was silent. The proposal **conveyed** very little meaning to his mind, but, understanding that some spiritual agencies were about to concern themselves on his **behalf**, he thought he **owed** it to his dignity to show a **stiff** neck. He took no part in the conversation for a long while, but listened, with an air of calm **enmity**, while his friends discussed the Jesuits.

"I haven't such a bad opinion of the Jesuits," he said, **intervening** at length. "They're an educated order. I believe they mean well, too."

"They're the grandest order in the Church, Tom," said Mr. Cunningham, with enthusiasm. "The General of the Jesuits stands next to the Pope."

"There's no mistake about it," said Mr. M'Coy, "if you want a thing well done and no flies about, you go to a Jesuit. They're the boys have influence. I'll tell you a case in point..."

"The Jesuits are a fine body of men," said Mr. Power.

"It's a curious thing," said Mr. Cunningham, "about the Jesuit Order. Every other order of the Church had to be **reformed** at some time or other but the Jesuit Order was never once reformed. It never fell away."

"Is that so?" asked Mr. M'Coy.

"That's a fact," said Mr. Cunningham. "That's history."

"Look at their church, too," said Mr. Power. "Look at the **congregation** they have."

"The Jesuits **cater** for the upper classes," said Mr. M'Coy.

Thesaurus

behalf: (*n*) sake, part, interest, behoof, defense, lieu, good, stead, score, service, side.

cater: (*v*) provide, feed, attend, gratify, indulge, satisfy, accommodate, forage, procure, purvey; (*n*) caterer.

congregation: (*n*) assembly, gathering, meeting, collection, fold, flock, crowd, convocation, congregating, company; (*n, v*) assemblage.

conveyed: (*v*) borne, sent.

enmity: (*n, v*) animosity; (*n*)

antagonism, animus, hostility, aggression, rancor, ill will, antipathy, hatred, war, dislike. ANTONYMS: (*n*) friendship, friendliness, affinity, love, kindness, affection, adoration, amity, cooperation, goodwill.

intervening: (*adj*) middle, interstitial, intervene, interposed, intermediate colors, mediate, mesne; (*adj, v*) intercurrent, interjacent; (*v*) intervenient; (*n*) middler. ANTONYM: (*adj*) permanent.

owed: (*adj*) due, outstanding, unpaid, payable, deserved, fitting; (*v*) ought, behoove, owned, possessed; (*n*) ought. ANTONYM: (*adj*) paid.

reformed: (*adj*) improved, corrected, unorthodox, altered.

stiff: (*adj*) hard, formal, inflexible, difficult, rigorous, numb, firm, sturdy; (*adj, n*) stark, severe; (*n*) corpse. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soft, supple, flexible, floppy, pliable, free, easy, loose, informal, mild, pliant.

"Of course," said Mr. Power.

"Yes," said Mr. Kernan. "That's why I have a feeling for them. It's some of those **secular** priests, **ignorant**, bumptious----"

"They're all good men," said Mr. Cunningham, "each in his own way. The Irish priesthood is **honoured** all the world over."

"O yes," said Mr. Power.

"Not like some of the other priesthoods on the continent," said Mr. M'Coy, "unworthy of the name."

"Perhaps you're right," said Mr. Kernan, **relenting**.

"Of course I'm right," said Mr. Cunningham. "I haven't been in the world all this time and seen most sides of it without being a judge of character."

The gentlemen drank again, one following another's example. Mr. Kernan seemed to be **weighing** something in his mind. He was impressed. He had a high opinion of Mr. Cunningham as a judge of character and as a reader of faces. He asked for **particulars**.

"O, it's just a retreat, you know," said Mr. Cunningham. "Father Purdon is giving it. It's for business men, you know."

"He won't be too hard on us, Tom," said Mr. Power **persuasively**.

"Father Purdon? Father Purdon?" said the invalid.

"O, you must know him, Tom," said Mr. Cunningham stoutly. "Fine, jolly fellow! He's a man of the world like ourselves."

"Ah,... yes. I think I know him. Rather red face; tall."

"That's the man."

"And tell me, Martin... Is he a good preacher?"

"Munno... It's not exactly a **sermon**, you know. It's just kind of a friendly talk, you know, in a common-sense way."

Mr. Kernan deliberated. Mr. M'Coy said:

"Father Tom Burke, that was the boy!"

Thesaurus

honoured: (*adj*) esteemed, respected, worthy.

ignorant: (*adj*) unconscious, unwitting, rude, illiterate, uneducated, blind, dull, unaware, uninformed, unlearned, innocent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conscious, versed, cultured, educated, informed, wary, literate, aware, polite.

particulars: (*n*) specification, data, nicety, minutiae, terms, consideration, workings, fine points,

ins and outs.

persuasively: (*adv*) compellingly, potently, strongly, forcefully, powerfully, eloquently, effectively, soundly, cogently, movingly, slickly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) ineffectively, hesitantly, weakly.

relenting: (*n*) capitulation, surrender.

secular: (*adj*) profane, lay, worldly, earthly, laic, temporal, terrestrial, mundane, unconsecrated; (*n*) layman; (*v*) centennial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

spiritual, religious, church, heavenly.

sermon: (*n*) discourse, oration, speech, address, homily, preachment, harangue, preaching, exhortation, predication; (*n, v*) lecture.

weighing: (*n*) deliberation, consideration, think, advisement, speculation, quantify, weigh, unhurriedness, study, slowness, ponderation.

"O, Father Tom Burke," said Mr. Cunningham, "that was a born **orator**. Did you ever hear him, Tom?"

"Did I ever hear him!" said the invalid, **nettled**. "Rather! I heard him..."

"And yet they say he wasn't much of a theologian," said Mr Cunningham.

"Is that so?" said Mr. M'Coy.

"O, of course, nothing wrong, you know. Only sometimes, they say, he didn't **preach** what was quite orthodox."

"Ah!... he was a splendid man," said Mr. M'Coy.

"I heard him once," Mr. Kernan continued. "I forget the subject of his discourse now. Crofton and I were in the back of the... pit, you know... the----"

"The body," said Mr. Cunningham.

"Yes, in the back near the door. I forget now what... O yes, it was on the Pope, the late Pope. I remember it well. Upon my word it was magnificent, the style of the **oratory**. And his voice! God! hadn't he a voice! *The Prisoner of the Vatican*, he called him. I remember Crofton saying to me when we came out----"

"But he's an Orangeman, Crofton, isn't he?" said Mr. Power.

"Course he is," said Mr. Kernan, "and a **damned** decent Orangeman too. We went into Butler's in Moore Street--faith, was **genuinely** moved, tell you the God's truth--and I remember well his very words. *Kernan*, he said, *we worship at different altars, he said, but our belief is the same*. Struck me as very well put."

"There's a good deal in that," said Mr. Power. "There used always be crowds of Protestants in the chapel where Father Tom was preaching."

"There's not much difference between us," said Mr. M'Coy.

"We both believe in----"

He hesitated for a moment.

"... in the Redeemer. Only they don't believe in the Pope and in the mother of God."

Thesaurus

damned: (*adj*) accursed, doomed, blasted, condemned, damn, cursed, wretched, infernal, hateful, goddamned; (*adv*) damnably.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) saved.
genuinely: (*adj, adv*) sincerely, actually; (*adv*) authentically, honestly, naturally, truly, truely, legitimately, truthfully, purely, faithfully.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) insincerely, affectedly, pretentiously, mildly.
nettled: (*adj*) annoyed, harried, stung,

steamed, roiled, riled, pissed, peeved, miffed, loaded, huffy. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) unconcerned.
orator: (*n*) elocutionist, speechmaker, speaker, lecturer, Cicero, speechifier, demagog, demagogue, eulogist; (*v*) oratrix, oratress.
oratory: (*n*) elocution, rhetoric, declamation, speech, oration, church, chapel, tabernacle, valediction, cathedral, public speaking.
preach: (*v*) lecture, exhort, moralize,

advocate, sermonize, urge, hold forth, admonish, evangelize, prophesy, moralise.
worship: (*n*) adoration, veneration, adulation, cult, homage; (*n, v*) reverence, respect, honor, revere, adore, glorify. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) disrespect, dishonor, despise, deprecate, scorn; (*n*) disdain, disparagement, contempt, detestation.

"But, of course," said Mr. Cunningham quietly and effectively, "our religion is *the* religion, the old, original faith."

"Not a doubt of it," said Mr. Kernan warmly.

Mrs. Kernan came to the door of the bedroom and announced:

"Here's a visitor for you!"

"Who is it?"

"Mr. Fogarty."

"O, come in! come in!"

A pale, **oval** face came forward into the light. The arch of its fair trailing moustache was repeated in the fair eyebrows **looped** above pleasantly astonished eyes. Mr. Fogarty was a modest **grocer**. He had failed in business in a licensed house in the city because his financial condition had constrained him to tie himself to second-class distillers and brewers. He had opened a small shop on Glasnevin Road where, he **flattered** himself, his manners would **ingratiate** him with the housewives of the district. He bore himself with a certain grace, complimented little children and spoke with a neat **enunciation**. He was not without culture.

Mr. Fogarty brought a gift with him, a **half-pint** of special whisky. He inquired politely for Mr. Kernan, placed his gift on the table and sat down with the company on equal terms. Mr. Kernan appreciated the gift all the more since he was aware that there was a small account for **groceries unsettled** between him and Mr. Fogarty. He said:

"I wouldn't doubt you, old man. Open that, Jack, will you?"

Mr. Power again officiated. Glasses were rinsed and five small measures of whisky were poured out. This new influence **enlivened** the conversation. Mr. Fogarty, sitting on a small area of the chair, was specially interested.

"Pope Leo XIII," said Mr. Cunningham, "was one of the lights of the age. His great idea, you know, was the union of the Latin and Greek Churches. That was the aim of his life."

Thesaurus

enlivened: (*adj*) bouncy, active, spirited, alive, bouncing.

enunciation: (*n*) delivery, elocution, articulation, pronunciation, speech, declaration, announcement, accent, assertion, inflection, expression.

flattered: (*adj*) pleased.

grocer: (*v*) purveyor, feeder, batman, caterer, commissary, restaurateur, victualer, quartermaster; (*n*) merchandiser, grocery store, merchant.

groceries: (*n*) foodstuff, provisions, chow, victuals, grocery, compensation, earnings, essential, fare, fundamental, heart.

half-pint: (*adj*) puny, stunted; (*n*) lad, boy.

ingratiate: (*v*) fawn, hint, cozy up, cotton up, control.

looped: (*adj*) coiled, coiling, curly, intoxicated, curved, helical, continuous, interminable, round, whorled.

oval: (*adj*) elliptical, elliptic, ovate, oviform, ovoid, oblong, egg-shaped, rounded, prolate, round; (*n*) ovule.

unsettled: (*adj*) changeable, undecided, doubtful, uneasy, outstanding, variable, unpaid, unresolved; (*adj, v*) unfixated, indefinite, undetermined.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) confident, definite, decided, well, sure, happy, constant, conclusive, certain, calmed, calm.

"I often heard he was one of the most intellectual men in Europe," said Mr. Power. "I mean, apart from his being Pope."

"So he was," said Mr. Cunningham, "if not the most so. His **motto**, you know, as Pope, was *Lux upon Lux--Light upon Light*."

"No, no," said Mr. Fogarty eagerly. "I think you're wrong there. It was *Lux in Tenebris*, I think--*Light in Darkness*."

"O yes," said Mr. M'Coy, "*Tenebrae*."

"Allow me," said Mr. Cunningham positively, "it was *Lux upon Lux*. And Pius IX his predecessor's motto was *Crux upon Crux*-- that is, *Cross upon Cross*--to show the difference between their two pontificates."

The **inference** was allowed. Mr. Cunningham continued.

"Pope Leo, you know, was a great **scholar** and a poet."

"He had a strong face," said Mr. Kernan.

"Yes," said Mr. Cunningham. "He wrote Latin poetry."

"Is that so?" said Mr. Fogarty.

Mr. M'Coy tasted his whisky **contentedly** and shook his head with a double **intention**, saying:

"That's no **joke**, I can tell you."

"We didn't learn that, Tom," said Mr. Power, following Mr. M'Coy's example, "when we went to the penny-a-week school."

"There was many a good man went to the penny-a-week school with a sod of **turf** under his oxters," said Mr. Kernan **sententiously**. "The old system was the best: plain honest education. None of your modern trumpery..."

"Quite right," said Mr. Power.

"No superfluties," said Mr. Fogarty.

He enunciated the word and then drank gravely.

"I remember reading," said Mr. Cunningham, "that one of Pope Leo's poems was on the **invention** of the photograph--in Latin, of course."

Thesaurus

contentedly: (*adv*) gladly, satisfiedly, contently, gratifiedly, pleasedly, cheerfully, joyfully, smugly, easily, complacently, placidly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) crossly, awkwardly, unhappily, discontentedly, sadly.
inference: (*n*) corollary, implication, illation, conclusion, assumption, judgment, surmise, derivation, analogy, guess, result. **ANTONYM**: (*n*) fact.

intention: (*n*) idea, intent, goal, purpose, cause, motive, mind; (*n, v*) aim, end, design, drift.
invention: (*n*) fabrication, conception, fiction, imagination, creation, discovery, device, innovation, excogitation, artifice; (*n, v*) forgery. **ANTONYM**: (*n*) truth.
joke: (*n, v*) banter; (*n*) hoax, fun, quip, gag, caper, game, antic, prank, humor; (*v*) tease.
motto: (*n*) catchword, adage, epigraph,

maxim, slogan, device, proverb, saw, saying, shibboleth, aphorism.
scholar: (*n*) learner, academic, student, pundit, apprentice, intellectual, brain, exhibitor, academician, professor, disciple. **ANTONYM**: (*n*) teacher.
sententiously: (*adv*) concisely, succinctly, laconically, pithily, briefly, aphoristically, shortly, tersely.
turf: (*n*) sward, greensward, ground, grass, field, peat, lawn, green, divot, Corso, race course.

"On the photograph!" exclaimed Mr. Kernan.

"Yes," said Mr. Cunningham.

He also drank from his glass.

"Well, you know," said Mr. M'Coy, "isn't the photograph wonderful when you come to think of it?"

"O, of course," said Mr. Power, "great minds can see things."

"As the poet says: *Great minds are very near to madness*," said Mr. Fogarty.

Mr. Kernan seemed to be troubled in mind. He made an effort to recall the Protestant theology on some **thorny** points and in the end addressed Mr. Cunningham.

"Tell me, Martin," he said. "Weren't some of the popes--of course, not our present man, or his predecessor, but some of the old popes--not exactly... you know... up to the knocker?"

There was a silence. Mr. Cunningham said

"O, of course, there were some bad lots... But the **astonishing** thing is this. Not one of them, not the biggest drunkard, not the most... **out-and-out** ruffian, not one of them ever preached *ex cathedra* a word of false doctrine. Now isn't that an astonishing thing?"

"That is," said Mr. Kernan.

"Yes, because when the Pope **speaks** *ex cathedra*," Mr. Fogarty explained, "he is infallible."

"Yes," said Mr. Cunningham.

"O, I know about the **infallibility** of the Pope. I remember I was younger then... Or was it that----?"

Mr. Fogarty interrupted. He took up the bottle and helped the others to a little more. Mr. M'Coy, seeing that there was not enough to go round, pleaded that he had not finished his first measure. The others accepted under protest. The light music of whisky falling into glasses made an **agreeable interlude**.

Thesaurus

agreeable: (*adj*) accordant, nice, sweet, consistent, suitable, amusing, enjoyable, affable; (*adj, v*) pleasant, desirable; (*adj, n*) acceptable.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disagreeable, discordant, unpleasant, nasty, unwilling, resistant, aggressive, repugnant, averse, stubborn, unacceptable.
astonishing: (*adj*) amazing, wonderful, stupendous, prodigious, strange, surprising, astounding, incredible,

brehtaking; (*v*) astonish; (*adj, n*) marvelous. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) ordinary, humdrum, boring, mundane, dull, expected, predictable, usual, comforting.
infallibility: (*n*) inerrability, inerrancy, dependability, reliability, inerrableness, dependableness, infallibleness, truth.
interlude: (*n*) intermission, interval, intermezzo, entr'acte, pause, episode, interact, adjournment, interim, recess,

rest.
out-and-out: (*adj*) perfect, positive, sheer, stark, downright, outright, consummate, thorough, total, unmitigated, unqualified.
speaks: (*n*) talks.
thorny: (*adj*) prickly, difficult, spiny, briery, hard, sharp, burry, awkward, barbed, knotty, tricky. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) simple, smooth, easy, straightforward, unpointed, solvable, dull.

"What's that you were saying, Tom?" asked Mr. M'Coy.

"Papal infallibility," said Mr. Cunningham, "that was the greatest scene in the whole history of the Church."

"How was that, Martin?" asked Mr. Power.

Mr. Cunningham held up two thick fingers.

"In the **sacred** college, you know, of **cardinals** and archbishops and bishops there were two men who held out against it while the others were all for it. The whole **conclave** except these two was **unanimous**. No! They wouldn't have it!"

"Ha!" said Mr. M'Coy.

"And they were a German cardinal by the name of Dolling... or Dowling... or---"

"Dowling was no German, and that's a sure five," said Mr. Power, laughing.

"Well, this great German cardinal, whatever his name was, was one; and the other was John MacHale."

"What?" cried Mr. Kernan. "Is it John of Tuam?"

"Are you sure of that now?" asked Mr. Fogarty dubiously. "I thought it was some Italian or American."

"John of Tuam," repeated Mr. Cunningham, "was the man."

He drank and the other gentlemen followed his lead. Then he resumed:

"There they were at it, all the cardinals and bishops and archbishops from all the ends of the earth and these two fighting dog and **devil** until at last the Pope himself stood up and declared infallibility a **dogma** of the Church *ex cathedra*. On the very moment John MacHale, who had been arguing and arguing against it, stood up and shouted out with the voice of a **lion**: '*Credo!*'"

"*I believe!*" said Mr. Fogarty.

"*Credo!*" said Mr. Cunningham "That showed the faith he had. He submitted the moment the Pope spoke."

"And what about Dowling?" asked Mr. M'Coy.

Thesaurus

cardinal: (*adj*) capital, fundamental, central, main, key, chief, primal; (*adj, n*) paramount, essential, vital, radical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) secondary, inessential, insignificant, minor, ordinal, unimportant.

cardinals: (*n*) buntings, canaries, family Fringillidae, Fringillidae, genus Richmondena, Richmondena.

conclave: (*n*) congress, caucus, convocation, meeting, vestry, consistory, conventicle, convention,

synod, gathering, conference.

devil: (*n*) fiend, demon, ghost, monster, Lucifer, Satan, Beelzebub, deuce, daemon; (*v*) torment, rag. ANTONYM: (*n*) angel.

dogma: (*n*) tenet, creed, belief, doctrine, principle, faith, gospel, theory, canon, way of thinking, opinion.

lion: (*adj, n*) celebrity, hero; (*adj*) worthy, great card, tiger; (*n*) Leo, cat, king of beasts, curiosity, luminary,

spectacle.

sacred: (*adj*) holy, hallowed, dedicated, consecrated, divine, religious, pious, spiritual, inviolable, blessed; (*adj, v*) solemn. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) profane, unconsecrated, cursed, breakable.

unanimous: (*adj*) consentaneous, harmonious, consentient, strong, firm, of one mind, concordant, accordant, compact, collective, cubic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) narrow, individual.

"The German cardinal wouldn't submit. He left the church."

Mr. Cunningham's words had built up the vast image of the church in the minds of his hearers. His deep, **raucous** voice had thrilled them as it uttered the word of belief and submission. When Mrs. Kernan came into the room, drying her hands she came into a solemn company. She did not disturb the silence, but leaned over the rail at the foot of the bed.

"I once saw John MacHale," said Mr. Kernan, "and I'll never forget it as long as I live."

He turned towards his wife to be confirmed.

"I often told you that?"

Mrs. Kernan nodded.

"It was at the **unveiling** of Sir John Gray's statue. Edmund Dwyer Gray was speaking, **blathering** away, and here was this old fellow, crabbed-looking old chap, looking at him from under his **bushy** eyebrows."

Mr. Kernan knitted his brows and, lowering his head like an angry bull, glared at his wife.

"God!" he exclaimed, resuming his natural face, "I never saw such an eye in a man's head. It was as much as to say: *I have you properly taped, my lad.* He had an eye like a hawk."

"None of the Grays was any good," said Mr. Power.

There was a pause again. Mr. Power turned to Mrs. Kernan and said with abrupt **joviality**:

"Well, Mrs. Kernan, we're going to make your man here a good holy **pious** and God-fearing Roman Catholic."

He **swept** his arm round the company **inclusively**.

"We're all going to make a retreat together and confess our sins-- and God knows we want it badly."

"I don't mind," said Mr. Kernan, smiling a little nervously.

Thesaurus

blathering: (*adj*) loquacious, blithering, gabbling, jabbering, voluble.
bushy: (*adj*) dense, shagged, shaggy, hairy, bearded, brushy, gross, bushes, pilous, pappous, hispid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bald, neat, unhealthy, tidy, thin, sparse, sleek.
inclusively: (*adv*) broadly, overally, sweepingly, globally, wholly, fully.
joviality: (*n*) glee, cheerfulness, happiness, mirth, merriment, gaiety,

festivity, conviviality, hilarity, geniality; (*adj*) jocundity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) misery, sadness.
pious: (*adj, n, v*) devout; (*adj, n*) godly; (*adj*) religious, holy, saintly, devotional, pure, hypocritical, devoted, sanctimonious; (*adj, v*) earnest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) impious, sinful, profane, blasphemous, irreligious, uncommitted, secular, irreverent.
raucous: (*adj*) husky, hoarse, harsh,

loud, strident, grating, rowdy, boisterous, rough, disorderly, cacophonous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soft, quiet, restrained, peaceful, smooth, tranquil, orderly, gentle, pleasant.
swept: (*adj*) clean.
unveiling: (*n*) first appearance, presentation, introduction, revelation, debut, entrance, entry, launching, exposure, incoming, start. ANTONYM: (*n*) retirement.

Mrs. Kernan thought it would be wiser to conceal her satisfaction. So she said:

"I pity the poor priest that has to listen to your tale."

Mr. Kernan's expression changed.

"If he doesn't like it," he said **bluntly**, "he can... do the other thing. I'll just tell him my little tale of woe. I'm not such a bad fellow----"

Mr. Cunningham intervened promptly.

"We'll all **renounce** the devil," he said, "together, not forgetting his works and pomps."

"Get behind me, Satan!" said Mr. Fogarty, laughing and looking at the others.

Mr. Power said nothing. He felt completely out-generalled. But a pleased expression flickered across his face.

"All we have to do," said Mr. Cunningham, "is to stand up with lighted candles in our hands and **renew** our **baptismal** vows."

"O, don't forget the candle, Tom," said Mr. M'Coy, "whatever you do."

"What?" said Mr. Kernan. "Must I have a candle?"

"O yes," said Mr. Cunningham.

"No, damn it all," said Mr. Kernan **sensibly**, "I draw the line there. I'll do the job right enough. I'll do the retreat business and confession, and... all that business. But... no candles! No, damn it all, I bar the candles!"

He shook his head with **farical** gravity.

"Listen to that!" said his wife.

"I bar the candles," said Mr. Kernan, conscious of having created an effect on his audience and continuing to shake his head to and fro. "I bar the magic-lantern business."

Everyone laughed heartily.

"There's a nice Catholic for you!" said his wife.

"No candles!" repeated Mr. Kernan **obdurately**. "That's off!"

Thesaurus

baptismal: (*adj*) eucharistical,

Baptistic; (*n*) baptism.

bluntly: (*adv*) frankly, directly, rudely, bluffly, coarsely, forthrightly, candidly, curtly, brusquely, gruffly, openly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

deceitfully, hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, politely.

farical: (*adj*) ridiculous, comical, droll, absurd, comic, ludicrous, laughable, funny, humorous, odd, stupid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tragic,

serious, deep, sensible.

obdurately: (*adv*) stubbornly, mulishly, unyieldingly, perversely, cussedly, relentlessly, unbendingly, doggedly, firmly, callously, pitilessly.

renew: (*v*) renovate, rejuvenate, restore, refresh, refurbish, modernize, revive, overhaul, reinstate, reiterate, mend. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reduce, kill.

renounce: (*v*) abandon, abdicate, abjure, relinquish, desert, reject, give up, disown, deny, quit, forgo.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) acknowledge, reassert, assert, continue, retain, persist.

sensibly: (*adv*) sanely, intelligently, rationally, pragmatically, realistically, cleverly, politically, perceptibly, soundly, noticeably, wisely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) foolishly, ludicrously, ridiculously, unreasonably, illogically, madly, irrationally, hastily, stupidly, irresponsibly, immaturity.

The **transept** of the Jesuit Church in Gardiner Street was almost full; and still at every moment gentlemen entered from the side door and, directed by the lay-brother, walked on tiptoe along the aisles until they found seating accommodation. The gentlemen were all well dressed and orderly. The light of the lamps of the church fell upon an assembly of black clothes and white collars, relieved here and there by tweeds, on dark **mottled** pillars of green marble and on **lugubrious** canvases. The gentlemen sat in the benches, having hitched their trousers slightly above their **knees** and laid their hats in security. They sat well back and gazed formally at the distant **speck** of red light which was suspended before the high altar.

In one of the benches near the **pulpit** sat Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Kernan. In the bench behind sat Mr. M'Coy alone: and in the bench behind him sat Mr. Power and Mr. Fogarty. Mr. M'Coy had tried unsuccessfully to find a place in the bench with the others, and, when the party had settled down in the form of a quincunx, he had tried unsuccessfully to make comic remarks. As these had not been well received, he had desisted. Even he was sensible of the **decorous** atmosphere and even he began to respond to the religious stimulus. In a whisper, Mr. Cunningham drew Mr. Kernan's attention to Mr. Harford, the **moneylender**, who sat some distance off, and to Mr. Fanning, the registration agent and mayor maker of the city, who was sitting immediately under the pulpit beside one of the newly elected councillors of the ward. To the right sat old Michael Grimes, the owner of three pawnbroker's shops, and Dan Hogan's nephew, who was up for the job in the Town Clerk's office. Farther in front sat Mr. Hendrick, the chief reporter of *The Freeman's Journal*, and poor O'Carroll, an old friend of Mr. Kernan's, who had been at one time a considerable commercial figure. Gradually, as he recognised familiar faces, Mr. Kernan began to feel more at home. His hat, which had been rehabilitated by his wife, rested upon his knees. Once or twice he pulled down his **cuffs** with one hand while he held the brim of his hat lightly, but firmly, with the other hand.

A powerful-looking figure, the upper part of which was draped with a white **surplice**, was observed to be struggling into the pulpit. Simultaneously the

Thesaurus

cuffs: (*n*) handcuffs, manacles, manacle, handcuff, shackles, fetters, bond, bonds, handlock, chains.
decorous: (*adj*) decent, appropriate, conventional, sedate, correct, modest, prim, proper; (*adj, v*) becoming, seemly, comely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) impolite, improper, misbehaving, unsuitable, unrefined, relaxed, inappropriate, rowdy, undignified, defiant, unseemly.
knees: (*n*) knee.

lugubrious: (*adj*) dismal, gloomy, doleful, dark, funereal, melancholy, grievous, somber, dolorous, plaintive, miserable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) cheerful.
moneylender: (*n*) lender, financier, loan shark, loaner, backer, financial backer, Shylock.
mottled: (*adj*) motley, speckled, multicolored, spotted, variegated, piebald, marbled, mixed, pinto, blotchy, flecked. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

monochrome, unblemished, limited.
pulpit: (*n*) platform, dais, ambo, lectern, hustings, stump, rostrum, forum, desk, stand, state.
speck: (*adj, n*) point, atom, particle; (*n*) blot, flaw, smudge, blotch, blemish, grain, mote, dot. ANTONYM: (*n*) lot.
surplice: (*n*) robe, Geneva gown frock, gown, pallium.
transept: (*n*) choir, chancel, nave, quire, aisle, vestry, structure, Easter sepulcher, calvary, Golgotha, crypt.

congregation unsettled, produced handkerchiefs and knelt upon them with care. Mr. Kernan followed the general example. The priest's figure now stood upright in the pulpit, two-thirds of its bulk, **crowned** by a massive red face, appearing above the balustrade.

Father Purdon knelt down, turned towards the red speck of light and, covering his face with his hands, prayed. After an interval, he uncovered his face and rose. The congregation rose also and settled again on its benches. Mr. Kernan restored his hat to its original position on his knee and presented an attentive face to the preacher. The preacher turned back each wide sleeve of his surplice with an elaborate large gesture and slowly surveyed the array of faces. Then he said:

For the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. **Wherefore** make unto yourselves friends out of the **mammon** of **iniquity** so that when you die they may receive you into **everlasting** dwellings.

Father Purdon developed the text with **resonant** assurance. It was one of the most difficult texts in all the Scriptures, he said, to interpret properly. It was a text which might seem to the casual observer at variance with the lofty morality elsewhere preached by Jesus Christ. But, he told his hearers, the text had seemed to him specially adapted for the guidance of those whose lot it was to lead the life of the world and who yet wished to lead that life not in the manner of worldlings. It was a text for business men and professional men. Jesus Christ with His divine understanding of every **cranny** of our human nature, understood that all men were not called to the religious life, that by far the vast majority were forced to live in the world, and, to a certain extent, for the world: and in this sentence He designed to give them a word of counsel, setting before them as exemplars in the religious life those very worshippers of Mammon who were of all men the least **solicitous** in matters religious.

Thesaurus

cranny: (*n*) crack, chink, crevice, fissure, gap, chap, opening, hole, recess, fracture, interstice.
crowned: (*adj*) laureled, fulfilled, browbound, incoronate, successful.
everlasting: (*adj*) eternal, ceaseless, endless, constant, continual, perpetual, immortal, deathless, ageless, aeonian; (*adj, n*) lasting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) finite, ephemeral, fleeting, mortal, ending, terminating, inconstant, fragile, perishable.

iniquity: (*adj, n*) depravity; (*n*) inequity, wickedness, immorality, injustice, crime, sin, vice, darkness, villainy, sinfulness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) goodness, good.
mammon: (*n*) filthy lucre, wealthiness, wealth, lucre, riches, imaginary creature, imaginary being.
resonant: (*adj*) vibrant, sonorous, deep, full, melodious, rich, distinct, reverberative, reverberant, resounding, reverberating.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thin, faint, reedy, shrill.
solicitous: (*adj*) eager, attentive, apprehensive, careful, anxious, jealous, considerate, avid, thoughtful, fervent; (*n*) desirous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncaring, serene, thoughtless.
wherefore: (*adv, conj*) therefore; (*adv, n*) why; (*n*) reason, proof; (*adv*) accordingly, consequently, so, wherefor, hence, whence; (*conj*) then.

He told his hearers that he was there that evening for no terrifying, no **extravagant** purpose; but as a man of the world speaking to his fellow-men. He came to speak to business men and he would speak to them in a **businesslike** way. If he might use the metaphor, he said, he was their spiritual accountant; and he wished each and every one of his hearers to open his **books**, the books of his spiritual life, and see if they tallied accurately with conscience.

Jesus Christ was not a hard **taskmaster**. He understood our little failings, understood the weakness of our poor fallen nature, understood the temptations of this life. We might have had, we all had from time to time, our temptations: we might have, we all had, our failings. But one thing only, he said, he would ask of his hearers. And that was: to be straight and **manly** with God. If their **accounts** tallied in every point to say:

"Well, I have **verified** my accounts. I find all well."

But if, as might happen, there were some discrepancies, to admit the truth, to be frank and say like a man:

"Well, I have looked into my accounts. I find this wrong and this wrong. But, with God's grace, I will **rectify** this and this. I will set right my accounts."

Thesaurus

accounts: (*n*) financial statement.

books: (*n*) notebook, account, ledger, literature, accountancy.

businesslike: (*adj*) tidy, efficient, neat, orderly, practical, pragmatic, systematic, matter-of-fact, purposeful, workaday, realistic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unbusinesslike, slipshod, inefficient, disorganized, amateur.

extravagant: (*adj*) wasteful, luxurious, prodigal, exaggerated, profligate,

costly, expensive, lavish, immoderate, profuse, undue.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) restrained, frugal, parsimonious, plain, stingy, understated, thrifty, reasonable, moderate, cautious, tasteful.

manly: (*adj*) manlike, masculine, manful, virile, brave, gallant; (*adv*) manfully, boldly, hardily, virilely; (*adj, adv*) stately. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) weak, unmanly, cowardly; (*adv*) unmanfully.

rectify: (*v*) amend, improve, better, adjust, refine, reform, mend, emend, remedy, redress; (*adj, v*) straighten.

taskmaster: (*n*) moderator, overseer, employer, boss, coach, dictator, disciplinarian, foreman, principal, slave driver, supervisor.

verified: (*adj*) substantiated, confirmed, hard, proven, demonstrated, authoritative, actual, established. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unproven.

THE DEAD

LILY, the caretaker's daughter, was literally run off her feet. Hardly had she brought one gentleman into the little **pantry** behind the office on the ground floor and helped him off with his **overcoat** than the **wheezy** hall-door bell clanged again and she had to **scamper** along the bare **hallway** to let in another guest. It was well for her she had not to attend to the ladies also. But Miss Kate and Miss Julia had thought of that and had converted the bathroom upstairs into a ladies' dressing-room. Miss Kate and Miss Julia were there, **gossiping** and laughing and fussing, walking after each other to the head of the stairs, peering down over the banisters and calling down to Lily to ask her who had come.

It was always a great affair, the Misses Morkan's annual dance. Everybody who knew them came to it, **members** of the family, old friends of the family, the members of Julia's **choir**, any of Kate's pupils that were grown up enough, and even some of Mary Jane's pupils too. Never once had it fallen flat. For years and years it had gone off in splendid style, as long as anyone could remember; ever since Kate and Julia, after the death of their brother Pat, had left the house in Stoney Batter and taken Mary Jane, their only niece, to live with them in the dark, **gaunt** house on Usher's Island, the upper part of which they had **rented** from Mr. Fulham, the corn-factor on the ground floor. That was a good thirty years ago if it was a day. Mary Jane, who was then a little girl in short clothes, was now the main **prop** of the household, for she had the organ in Haddington

Thesaurus

choir: (*n*) quire, chancel, choral society, choral group, crypt, Golgotha, nave, transept, vestry, chorister, ensemble.

gaunt: (*adj*) lean, thin, cadaverous, desolate, bleak, dreary, meager, bony, angular, lanky, sullen. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, rounded, obese.

gossiping: (*adj*) gabby, garrulous, scandalous; (*n*) gossipmongering.

hallway: (*n*) entrance hall, porch,

foyer, corridor, lobby, passage, antechamber, aisle, vestibule, passageway, concourse. ANTONYM: (*n*) room.

members: (*n*) convention, personnel.

overcoat: (*n*) greatcoat, coat, cloak, robe, topcoat, surcoat, coating, overcoating, capote, chesterfield, gown.

pantry: (*n*) buttery, store, basement, kitchen, stowage, scullery, store cupboard, covey, storeroom,

stomach, stillroom.

prop: (*n, v*) support, buttress, brace, shore, rest; (*n*) post, fulcrum, property, mainstay; (*v*) bolster, hold.

rented: (*adj*) on loan, borrowed.

scamper: (*v*) dash, sprint, dart, scuttle, skitter, skip, bustle, hasten, bolt; (*n, v*) run; (*n*) haste.

wheezy: (*adj*) asthmatic, wheezing, reedy, panting, noisy, gasping, puffing, reedlike, short of breath, winded, breathless.

Road. She had been through the Academy and gave a pupils' concert every year in the upper room of the Antient Concert Rooms. Many of her pupils belonged to the better-class families on the Kingstown and Dalkey line. Old as they were, her aunts also did their share. Julia, though she was quite grey, was still the leading soprano in Adam and Eve's, and Kate, being too feeble to go about much, gave music lessons to beginners on the old square piano in the back room. Lily, the caretaker's daughter, did housemaid's work for them. Though their life was modest, they **believed** in eating well; the best of everything: diamond-bone sirloins, three-shilling tea and the best bottled stout. But Lily seldom made a mistake in the orders, so that she got on well with her three mistresses. They were **fussy**, that was all. But the only thing they would not stand was back answers.

Of course, they had good reason to be fussy on such a night. And then it was long after ten o'clock and yet there was no sign of Gabriel and his wife. Besides they were **dreadfully** afraid that Freddy Malins might turn up **screwed**. They would not wish for worlds that any of Mary Jane's pupils should see him under the influence; and when he was like that it was sometimes very hard to manage him. Freddy Malins always came late, but they wondered what could be keeping Gabriel: and that was what brought them every two minutes to the banisters to ask Lily had Gabriel or Freddy come.

"O, Mr. Conroy," said Lily to Gabriel when she opened the door for him, "Miss Kate and Miss Julia thought you were never coming. Good-night, Mrs. Conroy."

"I'll **engage** they did," said Gabriel, "but they forget that my wife here takes three **mortal** hours to dress herself."

He stood on the mat, **scraping** the snow from his goloshes, while Lily led his wife to the foot of the stairs and called out:

"Miss Kate, here's Mrs. Conroy."

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believed: (*adj*) whispered, alleged, thought, held.

dreadfully: (*adj, adv*) frightfully, shockingly; (*adv*) fearfully, appallingly, hideously, horrendously, horribly, atrociously, ghastly, tremendously, horridly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly, wonderfully, happily, hardly, superbly, well.

engage: (*v*) contract, book, employ, retain, absorb, charter, draw, rent; (*n*,

v) attract, enlist, betroth.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) disengage, release, evade, bore, can, discharge, disconnect, dismiss, eject, terminate, escape.

fussy: (*adj*) fastidious, busy, particular, choosy, crabbed, crabby, fidgety, picky, difficult, finical, meticulous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) easy, plain, easygoing, indiscriminate, shy, understated, consistent, lax, careless, relaxed, sloppy.

mortal: (*adj*) deadly, fatal, lethal, deathly, earthly; (*n*) man, individual, creature, person, human being, body. ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) immortal; (*adj*) eternal, heavenly, mild, perfect, spiritual.

scraping: (*n*) scrape, scratching, scratch, rub, sizing, rament, incision, mark, prick; (*v*) rubbing; (*adj*) grating. **screwed:** (*adj*) threaded, firm, maudlin, muddled, muzzy, raddled, corned; (*n*) whittled.

Kate and Julia came toddling down the dark stairs at once. Both of them kissed Gabriel's wife, said she must be **perished** alive, and asked was Gabriel with her.

"Here I am as right as the mail, Aunt Kate! Go on up. I'll follow," called out Gabriel from the dark.

He continued scraping his feet vigorously while the three women went upstairs, laughing, to the ladies' dressing-room. A light fringe of snow lay like a cape on the shoulders of his overcoat and like toecaps on the toes of his goloshes; and, as the buttons of his overcoat slipped with a **squeaking** noise through the snow-stiffened **frieze**, a cold, **fragrant** air from **out-of-doors** escaped from crevices and **folds**.

"Is it snowing again, Mr. Conroy?" asked Lily.

She had preceded him into the pantry to help him off with his overcoat. Gabriel smiled at the three syllables she had given his **surname** and glanced at her. She was a slim; growing girl, pale in complexion and with hay-coloured hair. The gas in the pantry made her look still paler. Gabriel had known her when she was a child and used to sit on the lowest step nursing a rag doll.

"Yes, Lily," he answered, "and I think we're in for a night of it."

He looked up at the pantry ceiling, which was shaking with the stamping and **shuffling** of feet on the floor above, listened for a moment to the piano and then glanced at the girl, who was **folding** his overcoat carefully at the end of a shelf.

"Tell me. Lily," he said in a friendly tone, "do you still go to school?"

"O no, sir," she answered. "I'm done schooling this year and more."

"O, then," said Gabriel gaily, "I suppose we'll be going to your wedding one of these fine days with your young man, eh? "

The girl glanced back at him over her shoulder and said with great bitterness:

"The men that is now is only all **palaver** and what they can get out of you."

Thesaurus

folding: (*n*) foldaway, plication, foldable, bend, crease, bending, flexure, pleating, collapsable, collapsible, doubling.

folds: (*n*) laps.

fragrant: (*adj*) spicy, odorous, balmy, sweet, odorant, scented, redolent, savory, fragrance, odoriferous, scent.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) smelly, putrid, malodorous, odorless.

frieze: (*n*) architrave, textile, sconce, pediment, material, zoophorus,

freeze, architectural ornament, capital, coping stone, entablature.

out-of-doors: (*n*) outdoors, outside; (*adj*) airy; (*adv*) without.

palaver: (*v*) chatter, babble, coax, gabble, clack; (*n, v*) talk; (*n*) gab, negotiation, cajolery, flattery; (*adj, v*) prate.

perished: (*adj*) decayed, emperished, rotting, annihilated, fallen, lost, moldy, nonexistent, putrefied, dead, decomposed.

shuffling: (*n*) shuffle, evasion, shambling, make, shamble; (*adj*) evasive, moral turpitude, milling, laxity, abjection; (*n, v*) prevarication.

squeaking: (*adj*) creaking, screechy, screechy, squeaky, squealing, creaky; (*n*) squeak.

surname: (*n*) cognomen, name, sobriquet, family name, soubriquet, last name, nickname, maiden name, moniker, first name, agnomen.

Gabriel coloured, as if he felt he had made a mistake and, without looking at her, kicked off his goloshes and flicked actively with his **muffler** at his patent-leather shoes.

He was a stout, tallish young man. The high colour of his cheeks pushed upwards even to his forehead, where it scattered itself in a few **formless** patches of pale red; and on his hairless face there scintillated **restlessly** the polished lenses and the bright gilt rims of the glasses which screened his delicate and restless eyes. His glossy black hair was parted in the middle and brushed in a long curve behind his **ears** where it curled slightly beneath the groove left by his hat.

When he had flicked **lustre** into his shoes he stood up and pulled his waistcoat down more tightly on his plump body. Then he took a coin rapidly from his pocket.

"O Lily," he said, thrusting it into her hands, "it's Christmastime, isn't it? Just... here's a little..."

He walked rapidly towards the door.

"O no, sir!" cried the girl, following him. "Really, sir, I wouldn't take it."

"Christmas-time! Christmas-time!" said Gabriel, almost trotting to the stairs and waving his hand to her in **deprecation**.

The girl, seeing that he had gained the stairs, called out after him:

"Well, thank you, sir."

He waited outside the drawing-room door until the waltz should finish, listening to the skirts that swept against it and to the shuffling of feet. He was still **discomposed** by the girl's bitter and sudden retort. It had cast a gloom over him which he tried to dispel by arranging his cuffs and the bows of his tie. He then took from his waistcoat pocket a little paper and glanced at the headings he had made for his speech. He was undecided about the lines from Robert Browning, for he feared they would be above the heads of his hearers. Some quotation that they would recognise from Shakespeare or from the Melodies would be better. The **indelicate** clacking of the men's heels and the shuffling of

Thesaurus

deprecation: (*n*) defamation, condemnation, disparagement, denigration, calumny, aspersion, censure, disfavour, denunciation, blame, criticism. ANTONYMS: (*n*) approval, commendation.
discomposed: (*adj*) disturbed, perturbed, doubtful, excited, distraught, uncomfortable, fearful.
ears: (*n*) antenna.
formless: (*adj*) shapeless, unformed, indistinct, unstructured, unbodyed,

nebulous, vague, indistinguishable, soft, fuzzy, rude. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) organized, clear, distinct.
indelicate: (*adj*) indecent, immodest, crude, gross, improper, coarse, crass, bawdy, unbecoming, broad, scurrilous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) decorous, tasteful, sensitive, discreet, decent, correct.
lustre: (*n*) brilliance, gloss, brilliancy, grandeur, splendour, effulgence, splendor, shininess, shine, sheen,

brightness.
muffler: (*n*) kerchief, damper, neckerchief, shawl, comforter, scarf, acoustic device, cape, kirtle, tippet, plaid.
restlessly: (*adv*) fidgetily, apprehensively, agitatedly, fretfully, unquietly, sleeplessly, nervously, restively, edgily, anxiously, disturbedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) peacefully, unconcernedly.

their **soles** reminded him that their grade of culture differed from his. He would only make himself ridiculous by **quoting** poetry to them which they could not understand. They would think that he was **airing** his superior education. He would fail with them just as he had failed with the girl in the pantry. He had taken up a wrong tone. His whole speech was a mistake from first to last, an utter failure.

Just then his aunts and his wife came out of the ladies' dressing-room. His aunts were two small, plainly dressed old women. Aunt Julia was an inch or so the taller. Her hair, drawn low over the tops of her ears, was grey; and grey also, with darker shadows, was her large **flaccid** face. Though she was stout in build and stood **erect**, her slow eyes and parted lips gave her the appearance of a woman who did not know where she was or where she was going. Aunt Kate was more **vivacious**. Her face, **healthier** than her sister's, was all puckers and creases, like a **shrivelled** red apple, and her hair, **braided** in the same old-fashioned way, had not lost its ripe nut colour.

They both kissed Gabriel frankly. He was their favourite nephew the son of their dead elder sister, Ellen, who had married T. J. Conroy of the Port and Docks.

"Gretta tells me you're not going to take a cab back to Monkstown **tonight**, Gabriel," said Aunt Kate.

"No," said Gabriel, turning to his wife, "we had quite enough of that last year, hadn't we? Don't you remember, Aunt Kate, what a cold Gretta got out of it? Cab windows **rattling** all the way, and the east wind blowing in after we passed Merrion. Very jolly it was. Gretta caught a dreadful cold."

Aunt Kate frowned severely and nodded her head at every word.

"Quite right, Gabriel, quite right," she said. "You can't be too careful."

"But as for Gretta there," said Gabriel, "she'd walk home in the snow if she were let."

Mrs. Conroy laughed.

Thesaurus

airing: (*n, v*) drive, ride, outing; (*n*) aeration, stroll, saunter, walk, expedition, improvement, turn, journey.

braided: (*adj*) curled, decorated, artful, tressed, breaded.

erect: (*adj*) upright, vertical, straightforward; (*v*) build, raise, rear, construct, assemble, lift, put up, put together. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dismantle, wreck, topple, level, demolish, destroy; (*adj*) prostrate, drooping,

prone, flaccid, flat.

flaccid: (*adj*) limp, soft, loose, lax, weak, slack, languid, baggy, downy, drooping; (*v*) weakly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stiff, taut, upright, proactive.

healthier: (*adj*) fitter. ANTONYM: (*adj*) worse.

quoting: (*n*) citation.

rattling: (*adj*) lively, brisk, racy, marvelous, fantastic, zippy, snappy, spanking, merry; (*adv*) very, real.

shrivelled: (*adj*) shriveled, withered,

wizened, shrunken, sere, sear, thin, lean, dry, shrunk, dryer.

soles: (*n*) family Soleidae.

tonight: (*adv*) this night.

vivacious: (*adj*) lively, animated, sprightly, vibrant, spry, effervescent, gay; (*adj, v*) cheerful, active, buoyant, brisk. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, lethargic, listless, compliment, inactive, praise, languid, lifeless, serious, sluggish.

"Don't mind him, Aunt Kate," she said. "He's really an awful bother, what with green **shades** for Tom's eyes at night and making him do the dumb-bells, and forcing Eva to eat the stirabout. The poor child! And she simply hates the sight of it!... O, but you'll never guess what he makes me wear now!"

She broke out into a **peal** of laughter and glanced at her husband, whose **admiring** and happy eyes had been wandering from her dress to her face and hair. The two aunts laughed heartily, too, for Gabriel's solicitude was a standing joke with them.

"Goloshes!" said Mrs. Conroy. "That's the latest. Whenever it's wet **underfoot** I must put on my **galoshes**. Tonight even, he wanted me to put them on, but I wouldn't. The next thing he'll buy me will be a **diving** suit."

Gabriel laughed nervously and patted his tie **reassuringly**, while Aunt Kate nearly doubled herself, so heartily did she enjoy the joke. The smile soon faded from Aunt Julia's face and her **mirthless** eyes were directed towards her nephew's face. After a pause she asked:

"And what are goloshes, Gabriel?"

"Goloshes, Julia!" exclaimed her sister "Goodness me, don't you know what goloshes are? You wear them over your... over your boots, Gretta, isn't it?"

"Yes," said Mrs. Conroy. "Guttapercha things. We both have a pair now. Gabriel says everyone wears them on the Continent."

"O, on the Continent," murmured Aunt Julia, nodding her head slowly.

Gabriel knitted his brows and said, as if he were slightly **angered**:

"It's nothing very wonderful, but Gretta thinks it very funny because she says the word reminds her of Christy Minstrels."

"But tell me, Gabriel," said Aunt Kate, with **brisk** tact. "Of course, you've seen about the room. Gretta was saying..."

"O, the room is all right," replied Gabriel. "I've taken one in the Gresham."

"To be sure," said Aunt Kate, "by far the best thing to do. And the children, Gretta, you're not anxious about them?"

Thesaurus

admiring: (*adj*) admire, admiringly, loving, respectful, glowing, affectionate, amatory, appreciative, enthusiastic, flattering, approving.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) defamatory, critical, disdainful, disapproving, disrespectful, uncomplimentary.
angered: (*adj*) enraged, annoyed, angry, furious, incensed, anger, vexed, irritated, raging, exasperated, huffy.
brisk: (*adj*) bracing, agile, alive, bright,

lively, acute, alert, energetic, sprightly; (*adj, v*) quick, smart.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soporific, sluggish, hesitant, tedious, temperate, inactive, civil, torpid, slack, serious, lethargic.
diving: (*n*) immersion, dives, belly whopper, skin diving, belly flopper, belly whop, diving event, gainer; (*adv*) headlong, headfirst; (*v*) submerge.
galoshes: (*n*) pump, sandal, shoe,

slipper, galoche.
mirthless: (*adj*) cheerless, melancholy, gloomy, lacking mirth, unhappy, unamused.
peal: (*n*) ding, noise, clang, dingdong, blast; (*v*) chime, knell, toll, echo; (*adj, n*) swell; (*n, v*) bang.
reassuringly: (*adv*) encouragingly.
shades: (*n*) shade, sunglasses, dark glasses, shadow, glasses, blind, awning, roller blind, eyeglasses.
underfoot: (*adj*) abject, downtrodden.

"O, for one night," said Mrs. Conroy. "Besides, Bessie will look after them."

"To be sure," said Aunt Kate again. "What a comfort it is to have a girl like that, one you can depend on! There's that Lily, I'm sure I don't know what has come over her lately. She's not the girl she was at all."

Gabriel was about to ask his aunt some questions on this point, but she broke off suddenly to gaze after her sister, who had wandered down the stairs and was craning her neck over the banisters.

"Now, I ask you," she said almost **testily**, "where is Julia going? Julia! Julia! Where are you going?"

Julia, who had gone half way down one flight, came back and announced **blandly**:

"Here's Freddy."

At the same moment a clapping of hands and a final **flourish** of the **pianist** told that the waltz had ended. The drawing-room door was opened from within and some couples came out. Aunt Kate drew Gabriel aside **hurriedly** and whispered into his ear:

"Slip down, Gabriel, like a good fellow and see if he's all right, and don't let him up if he's screwed. I'm sure he's screwed. I'm sure he is."

Gabriel went to the stairs and listened over the banisters. He could hear two persons talking in the pantry. Then he recognised Freddy Malins' laugh. He went down the stairs **noisily**.

"It's such a relief," said Aunt Kate to Mrs. Conroy, "that Gabriel is here. I always feel easier in my mind when he's here... Julia, there's Miss Daly and Miss Power will take some **refreshment**. Thanks for your beautiful waltz, Miss Daly. It made lovely time."

A tall wizen-faced man, with a stiff grizzled moustache and swarthy skin, who was passing out with his partner, said:

"And may we have some refreshment, too, Miss Morkan?"

Thesaurus

blandly: (*adv*) dully, insipidly, mildly, suavely, flatly, uninterestingly, tamely, weakly, boringly, flavorlessly, oily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meaningfully, interestingly, admirably.

flourish: (*n, v*) display; (*v*) thrive, prosper, boast, wave, brag, wield, boom, grow; (*adj, v*) bloom; (*adv, v*) shake. ANTONYMS: (*v*) decline, struggle, deteriorate, wilt, pine, fade, flounder, decrease, dwindle.

hurriedly: (*adv*) rapidly, quickly, swiftly, abruptly, promptly, fast, in haste, suddenly, speedily, rashly, precipitately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, unhurriedly, patiently, carefully, gradually, thoroughly.

noisily: (*adv*) clamorously, boisterously, vociferously, riotously, raucously, uproariously, loudly, blatantly, rowdily, stridently, vocally. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) noiselessly, silently, calmly, peacefully, softly.

pianist: (*n*) organist, accordionist, accompanist, player, violinist, piano player, musician, flautist, Chopin, Lewis.

refreshment: (*n*) bite, drink, recreation, collation, repose, relief, rest, entertainment, treat; (*v*) invigoration; (*n, v*) regalement.

testily: (*adv*) irritably, pettishly, peevishly, grumpily, fretfully, waspishly, tetchily, crankily, touchily, snappishly, cantankerously.

"Julia," said Aunt Kate summarily, "and here's Mr. Browne and Miss Furlong. Take them in, Julia, with Miss Daly and Miss Power."

"I'm the man for the ladies," said Mr. Browne, pursing his lips until his moustache **bristled** and smiling in all his **wrinkles**. "You know, Miss Morkan, the reason they are so fond of me is----"

He did not finish his sentence, but, seeing that Aunt Kate was out of earshot, at once led the three young ladies into the back room. The middle of the room was occupied by two square tables placed end to end, and on these Aunt Julia and the caretaker were **straightening** and smoothing a large cloth. On the sideboard were **arrayed** dishes and plates, and glasses and bundles of knives and forks and spoons. The top of the closed square piano served also as a sideboard for **viands** and sweets. At a smaller sideboard in one corner two young men were standing, drinking hop-bitters.

Mr. Browne led his **charges thither** and invited them all, in jest, to some ladies' punch, hot, strong and sweet. As they said they never took anything strong, he opened three bottles of lemonade for them. Then he asked one of the young men to move aside, and, taking hold of the decanter, filled out for himself a **goodly** measure of whisky. The young men eyed him respectfully while he took a trial sip.

"God help me," he said, smiling, "it's the doctor's orders."

His **wizened** face broke into a broader smile, and the three young ladies laughed in musical echo to his **pleasantry**, swaying their bodies to and fro, with nervous jerks of their shoulders. The boldest said:

"O, now, Mr. Browne, I'm sure the doctor never ordered anything of the kind."

Mr. Browne took another sip of his whisky and said, with sidling mimicry:

"Well, you see, I'm like the famous Mrs. Cassidy, who is reported to have said: '*Now, Mary Grimes, if I don't take it, make me take it, for I feel I want it.*'"

His hot face had leaned forward a little too **confidentially** and he had assumed a very low Dublin accent so that the young ladies, with one instinct,

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arrayed: (*adj*) armored, panoplied, clothed, clad, armed; (*v*) habited, accustomed.

bristled: (*adj*) briary, briery, barbed, bristling, burry, biting, burred, echinated, horrent, prickly, spiny.

charges: (*n*) expenditure, dues.

confidentially: (*adv*) privately, closely, privily, intimately, familiarly, personally, clandestinely, in secret, in private, surreptitiously, occultly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) publicly, openly,

familiarly, commonly.

goodly: (*adv*) benignly, kindly, strongly, rightly, graciously, virtuously, soundly, uprightly; (*adj*) sizable, handsome, respectable.

pleasantry: (*n*) joke, wit, jocularly, jest, fancy, waggery, drollery, esprit, banter, sport, jocosity.

straightening: (*n*) tapping, straightening of a water course.

thither: (*adv*) hither, whither, on that point, in that respect, at that place, in

that location; (*adj*) further, ulterior, remoter, succeeding, more distant.

viands: (*n*) provender, victuals, provisions, food, sustenance, commissariat, larder, cates, diet, nourishment, edible.

wizened: (*adj*) wizened, shrunken, thin, lean, shriveled, shrivelled, sear, wrinkled, sere; (*v*) tabid, strangulated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) moist, unwrinkled.

wrinkles: (*n*) crow's feet.

received his speech in silence. Miss Furlong, who was one of Mary Jane's pupils, asked Miss Daly what was the name of the pretty waltz she had played; and Mr. Browne, seeing that he was **ignored**, turned promptly to the two young men who were more appreciative.

A **red**-faced young woman, dressed in **pansy**, came into the room, excitedly clapping her hands and **crying**:

"Quadrilles! Quadrilles!"

Close on her heels came Aunt Kate, crying:

"Two gentlemen and three ladies, Mary Jane!"

"O, here's Mr. Bergin and Mr. Kerrigan," said Mary Jane. "Mr. Kerrigan, will you take Miss Power? Miss Furlong, may I get you a partner, Mr. Bergin. O, that'll just do now."

"Three ladies, Mary Jane," said Aunt Kate.

The two young gentlemen asked the ladies if they might have the pleasure, and Mary Jane turned to Miss Daly.

"O, Miss Daly, you're really awfully good, after playing for the last two dances, but really we're so short of ladies tonight."

"I don't mind in the least, Miss Morkan."

"But I've a nice partner for you, Mr. Bartell D'Arcy, the tenor. I'll get him to **sing** later on. All Dublin is **raving** about him."

"Lovely voice, lovely voice!" said Aunt Kate.

As the **piano** had twice begun the prelude to the first figure Mary Jane led her **recruits** quickly from the room. They had hardly gone when Aunt Julia wandered slowly into the room, looking behind her at something.

"What is the matter, Julia?" asked Aunt Kate **anxiously**. "Who is it?"

Julia, who was carrying in a column of table-napkins, turned to her sister and said, simply, as if the question had surprised her:

"It's only Freddy, Kate, and Gabriel with him."

Thesaurus

anxiously: (*adv*) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly.

crying: (*adj, v*) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (*adj*) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (*n*) weeping; (*v*) weep; (*adj, n*) sniveling.

ignored: (*adj*) disregarded, unheeded, unnoticed, unattended, overlooked, unpopular, mistreated, undeveloped, forsaken, disliked, companionless.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) popular.

pansy: (*n*) fag, fairy, fagot, faggot, queer, pouf, queen, poof, poove, pantywaist, milquetoast.

piano: (*adj*) soft, gentle, indulgent, lax; (*n*) grand piano, pianissimo, softness, upright piano, mechanical piano; (*adv*) quietly, gently.

raving: (*adj, v*) wild; (*adj*) frantic, delirious, furious, mad, insane; (*adj, n*) madness, distraction, rage; (*n*) rabid, delirium.

recruits: (*n*) human resources, employees, people, reinforcements, staff, workers, personnel, supplies, succors, reenforcements.

red-faced: (*adj*) abashed.

sing: (*v*) hymn, hum, chirp, drone, intone, vocalize, pipe, carol, snitch; (*n, v*) twitter, squeak.

In fact right behind her Gabriel could be seen **piloting** Freddy Malins across the landing. The latter, a young man of about forty, was of Gabriel's size and build, with very round shoulders. His face was **fleshy** and **pallid**, touched with colour only at the thick hanging lobes of his ears and at the wide wings of his nose. He had coarse features, a blunt nose, a convex and receding brow, **tumid** and **protruded** lips. His heavy-lidded eyes and the disorder of his scanty hair made him look sleepy. He was laughing heartily in a high key at a story which he had been telling Gabriel on the stairs and at the same time rubbing the knuckles of his left fist backwards and forwards into his left eye.

"Good-evening, Freddy," said Aunt Julia.

Freddy Malins bade the Misses Morkan good-evening in what seemed an **offhand** fashion by reason of the habitual catch in his voice and then, seeing that Mr. Browne was grinning at him from the sideboard, crossed the room on rather shaky legs and began to repeat in an **undertone** the story he had just told to Gabriel.

"He's not so bad, is he?" said Aunt Kate to Gabriel.

Gabriel's brows were dark but he raised them quickly and answered:

"O, no, hardly noticeable."

"Now, isn't he a terrible fellow!" she said. "And his poor mother made him take the pledge on New Year's Eve. But come on, Gabriel, into the drawing-room."

Before leaving the room with Gabriel she signalled to Mr. Browne by frowning and shaking her **forefinger** in warning to and fro. Mr. Browne nodded in answer and, when she had gone, said to Freddy Malins:

"Now, then, Teddy, I'm going to fill you out a good glass of lemonade just to buck you up."

Freddy Malins, who was nearing the climax of his story, waved the offer aside impatiently but Mr. Browne, having first called Freddy Malins' attention to a disarray in his dress, filled out and handed him a full glass of lemonade. Freddy Malins' left hand accepted the glass mechanically, his right hand being

Thesaurus

fleshy: (*adj*) corpulent, brawny, chubby, overweight, obese, heavy, stout, round, succulent; (*adj, adv*) plump; (*adv*) portly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) slim, slender.

forefinger: (*n*) index finger, index, forefingers, paw, thumb, hand, exponent, antenna, feeler.

offhand: (*adj, adv*) impromptu, extemporaneous, extempore; (*adj*) casual, extemporary, careless, cavalier, nonchalant, brusque,

abrupt, improvised. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) careful, considerate, warm, serious, civil, cautious, conscientious, concerned, caring, intended, prepared.

pallid: (*adj*) ghastly, wan, bloodless, lurid, cadaverous, sickly, ashen, white, pasty, livid, watery. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, rosy, vivid.

piloting: (*n*) navigation, pilot working, astronavigation, direction, guidance,

steering, aviation, celestial navigation, dead reckoning, instrument flying.

protruded: (*adj*) extant, outstanding.

tumid: (*adj, v*) inflated, turgid, swelling; (*adj*) swollen, bombastic, orotund, large, puffy, tumescent, declamatory, rhetorical.

undertone: (*n*) undercurrent, murmur, tinge, nuance, whisper, suggestion, implication, connotation, overtone, association, hint.

engaged in the mechanical **readjustment** of his dress. Mr. Browne, whose face was once more wrinkling with mirth, poured out for himself a glass of whisky while Freddy Malins exploded, before he had well reached the climax of his story, in a **kink** of high-pitched bronchitic laughter and, setting down his **untasted** and **overflowing** glass, began to rub the **knuckles** of his left fist backwards and forwards into his left eye, repeating words of his last phrase as well as his fit of laughter would allow him.

Gabriel could not listen while Mary Jane was playing her Academy piece, full of runs and difficult passages, to the hushed drawing-room. He liked music but the piece she was playing had no melody for him and he doubted whether it had any melody for the other listeners, though they had begged Mary Jane to play something. Four young men, who had come from the refreshment-room to stand in the doorway at the sound of the piano, had gone away quietly in couples after a few minutes. The only persons who seemed to follow the music were Mary Jane herself, her hands racing along the key-board or lifted from it at the pauses like those of a **priestess** in momentary **imprecation**, and Aunt Kate standing at her elbow to turn the page.

Gabriel's eyes, irritated by the floor, which glittered with **beeswax** under the heavy **chandelier**, wandered to the wall above the piano. A picture of the balcony scene in *Romeo and Juliet* hung there and beside it was a picture of the two murdered princes in the Tower which Aunt Julia had worked in red, blue and brown wools when she was a girl. Probably in the school they had gone to as girls that kind of work had been taught for one year. His mother had worked for him as a birthday present a waistcoat of purple tabinet, with little foxes' heads upon it, lined with brown satin and having round **mulberry** buttons. It was strange that his mother had had no musical talent though Aunt Kate used to call her the brains carrier of the Morkan family. Both she and Julia had always seemed a little proud of their serious and **matronly** sister. Her photograph stood before the pierglass. She held an open book on her knees and was pointing out something in it to Constantine who, dressed in a man-o-war suit, lay at her feet. It was she who had chosen the name of her sons for she was very sensible of the

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beeswax: (*adj.*, *n.*) wax; (*n.*) pursuit, occupation, animal product, trade, livelihood, employment, business.
chandelier: (*n.*) candlestick, pendant, candelabrum, sconce, lustre, luster, girandole, candelabra, gaselier.
imprecation: (*n.*) curse, anathema, execration, cuss, blasphemy, bane, ban, oath, prayer, malison, denunciation.
kink: (*n.*, *v.*) twist, knot, curve; (*n.*) defect, bend, eccentricity, cramp,

peculiarity, oddity; (*v.*) crimp, frizz.
 ANTONYM: (*v.*) undo.
knuckles: (*n.*) brass knuckles, knuckle duster, weapon, arm, knucks, hand.
matronly: (*adj.*) grave, womanly, ladylike, wifely, sedate, matronlike, maidenly, anile, female.
mulberry: (*n.*) leaves are used to feed silkworms, blackberry, mulberry harbour, berry, black mulberry, bramble, fruit tree, multiple fruit.
overflowing: (*adj.*) full, copious,

exuberant, flooding, bountiful, generous, brimming, profuse; (*n.*, *v.*) flood, inundation, deluge.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj.*) sparse, scarce.
priestess: (*n.*) priest.
readjustment: (*n.*) adjustment, accommodation, equilibration, alignment, alteration, adaptation, standardization, standardisation, modification, fitting, reset.
untasted: (*adj.*) fuller, full, still full, untouched, unswayed.

dignity of family life. Thanks to her, Constantine was now senior curate in Balbrigan and, thanks to her, Gabriel himself had taken his degree in the Royal University. A shadow passed over his face as he remembered her sullen opposition to his marriage. Some **slighting** phrases she had used still rankled in his memory; she had once spoken of Gretta as being country cute and that was not true of Gretta at all. It was Gretta who had nursed her during all her last long illness in their house at Monkstown.

He knew that Mary Jane must be near the end of her piece for she was playing again the opening **melody** with runs of scales after every bar and while he waited for the end the resentment died down in his heart. The piece ended with a **trill** of **octaves** in the treble and a final deep octave in the bass. Great applause greeted Mary Jane as, blushing and rolling up her music nervously, she escaped from the room. The most vigorous clapping came from the four young men in the doorway who had gone away to the refreshment-room at the beginning of the piece but had come back when the piano had stopped.

Lancers were arranged. Gabriel found himself **partnered** with Miss Ivors. She was a frank-mannered **talkative** young lady, with a **freckled** face and prominent brown eyes. She did not wear a low-cut **bodice** and the large **brooch** which was fixed in the front of her collar bore on it an Irish device and motto.

When they had taken their places she said abruptly:

"I have a crow to **pluck** with you."

"With me?" said Gabriel.

She nodded her head gravely.

"What is it?" asked Gabriel, smiling at her solemn manner.

"Who is G. C.?" answered Miss Ivors, turning her eyes upon him.

Gabriel coloured and was about to knit his brows, as if he did not understand, when she said bluntly:

"O, innocent Amy! I have found out that you write for *The Daily Express*. Now, aren't you ashamed of yourself?"

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bodice: (*n*) corsage, stays, corset, brassiere, top, slip, waist, corselet.

brooch: (*n*) broach, jewelry; (*n, v*) clasp; (*v*) fasten.

freckled: (*adj*) speckled, mottled, discolored, freckly, flecked, lentiginose, lentiginous, marked, blemished, pitted; (*v*) studded. ANTONYM: (*adj*) plain.

melody: (*n*) air, tune, music, measure, harmony, aria, song, strain, line, melodic phrase; (*n, v*) chant.

octave: (*n*) tetrachord, stanza, church festival, interval, musical interval.

partnered: (*adj*) aligned, united, combined, joined.

pluck: (*adj, n*) nerve; (*v*) cull, jerk, gather, pick, fleece, grab; (*n*) grit, courage, boldness; (*n, v*) pull. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, gutlessness; (*v*) undercharge.

slighting: (*adj*) belittling, deprecating, deprecative, deprecatory, depreciatory, pejorative, derogatory,

offensive, invidious, abusive; (*n*) disregard. ANTONYM: (*adj*) polite.

talkative: (*adj, v*) loquacious; (*adj*) garrulous, chatty, gabby, verbose, gossipy, glib, communicative, voluble, talky, wordy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reserved, mute, silent, shy, quiet, uncommunicative, restrained, reticent.

trill: (*v*) warble, quaver, sing, hum, drip, drop, dribble, chirp, cheep, spirtle; (*n, v*) shake.

Nobody answered this question and Mary Jane led the table back to the legitimate opera. One of her pupils had given her a pass for Mignon. Of course it was very fine, she said, but it made her think of poor Georgina Burns. Mr. Browne could go back **farther** still, to the old Italian companies that used to come to Dublin--Tietjens, Ilma de Murzka, Campanini, the great Trebelli, Giuglini, Ravelli, Aramburo. Those were the days, he said, when there was something like singing to be heard in Dublin. He told too of how the top gallery of the old Royal used to be packed night after night, of how one night an Italian tenor had **sung** five encores to *Let me like a Soldier fall*, **introducing** a high C every time, and of how the gallery boys would sometimes in their enthusiasm **unyoke** the horses from the carriage of some great *prima donna* and pull her themselves through the streets to her hotel. Why did they never play the grand old operas now, he asked, *Dinorah*, *Lucrezia Borgia*? Because they could not get the voices to sing them: that was why.

"Oh, well," said Mr. Bartell D'Arcy, "I presume there are as good **singers** today as there were then."

"Where are they?" asked Mr. Browne **defiantly**.

"In London, Paris, Milan," said Mr. Bartell D'Arcy **warmly**. "I suppose Caruso, for example, is quite as good, if not better than any of the men you have mentioned."

"Maybe so," said Mr. Browne. "But I may tell you I doubt it strongly."

"O, I'd give anything to hear Caruso sing," said Mary Jane.

"For me," said Aunt Kate, who had been picking a bone, "there was only one tenor. To please me, I mean. But I suppose none of you ever heard of him."

"Who was he, Miss Morkan?" asked Mr. Bartell D'Arcy politely.

"His name," said Aunt Kate, "was Parkinson. I heard him when he was in his prime and I think he had then the purest tenor voice that was ever put into a man's throat."

"Strange," said Mr. Bartell D'Arcy. "I never even heard of him."

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defiantly: (*adv*) insubordinately, insolently, rebelliously, disobediently, boldly, obstinately, recalcitrantly, brazenly, mutinously, audaciously, stubbornly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) passively, submissively, respectfully, loyally, discreetly, amenably, meekly.
donna: (*n*) woman, lady, madam, mistress, adult female.
farther: (*adj, adv, prep*) beyond; (*adj*) additional, more, distant; (*adv*)

furthermore, besides, abroad, in addition, too; (*adj, prep*) outside; (*pron*) another. ANTONYMS: (*prep*) within; (*adv*) nearer, closer.
introducing: (*n*) introduction.
singers: (*n*) gospel choir, church choir, choral group, singing group, school choir.
sung: (*v*) sing; (*n*) call, sung dynasty, strain, song dynasty, song, birdsong, birdcall; (*adj*) spoken, outspoken, choral.

unyoke: (*v*) disjoin, outspan, disengage, separate, disconnect, unfasten, undo, disyoke, detach, abjugate. ANTONYM: (*v*) yoke.
warmly: (*adv*) cordially, ardently, hotly, genially, affectionately, vigorously, fervently, zealously, eagerly, strongly, pleasantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) coolly, inhospitably, sourly, disagreeably, indifferently, frostily, roughly, rudely, apathetically.

"Yes, yes, Miss Morkan is right," said Mr. Browne. "I remember hearing of old Parkinson but he's too far back for me."

"A beautiful, pure, sweet, mellow English tenor," said Aunt Kate with enthusiasm.

Gabriel having finished, the huge pudding was transferred to the table. The clatter of forks and spoons began again. Gabriel's wife served out spoonfuls of the pudding and passed the plates down the table. Midway down they were held up by Mary Jane, who replenished them with **raspberry** or orange jelly or with blanchmange and jam. The pudding was of Aunt Julia's making and she received praises for it from all quarters. She herself said that it was not quite brown enough.

"Well, I hope, Miss Morkan," said Mr. Browne, "that I'm brown enough for you because, you know, I'm all brown."

All the gentlemen, except Gabriel, ate some of the pudding out of compliment to Aunt Julia. As Gabriel never ate sweets the **celery** had been left for him. Freddy Malins also took a stalk of celery and ate it with his pudding. He had been told that celery was a capital thing for the blood and he was just then under doctor's care. Mrs. Malins, who had been silent all through the supper, said that her son was going down to Mount Melleray in a week or so. The table then spoke of Mount Melleray, how **bracing** the air was down there, how **hospitable** the monks were and how they never asked for a penny-piece from their **guests**.

"And do you mean to say," asked Mr. Browne **incredulously**, "that a chap can go down there and put up there as if it were a hotel and live on the fat of the land and then come away without paying anything?"

"O, most people give some donation to the monastery when they leave." said Mary Jane.

"I wish we had an institution like that in our Church," said Mr. Browne **candidly**.

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bracing: (*n*) brace, backing; (*adj*) invigorating, brisk, exhilarating, refreshing, tonic, enlivening, cool, benign, energizing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soporific, tiring, debilitating, draining, exhausting, soothing, warm, balmy, still.
candidly: (*adv*) openly, ingenuously, sincerely, outspokenly, honestly, forthrightly, straightforwardly, plainly, bluntly, directly; (*adj, adv*) freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

deceitfully, hesitantly, dishonestly, untruthfully, guardedly, ambiguously, shyly.
celery: (*n*) *Apium graveolens* Dulce, veggie, herb, vegetable, family Apiaceae, family Umbelliferae, Umbelliferae, cultivated celery, caraway, genus *Apium*, carrot.
guests: (*n*) guest, visitors.
hospitable: (*adj*) affable, receptive, gracious, cordial, generous, amiable, convivial, genial, pleasant, warm, to

enjoy having guests. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwelcoming, inhospitable, sinister, hostile.
incredulously: (*adv*) skeptically, disbelievingly, distrustfully, suspiciously, dubiously, doubtfully, questioningly, uncertainly, mistrustfully, doubtingly, cynically.
raspberry: (*n*) raspberry bush, razzing, boo, bird, blackcap, hoot, Bronx cheer, cloudberry, chick, bramble bush, dame.

He was **astonished** to hear that the monks never spoke, got up at two in the morning and slept in their coffins. He asked what they did it for.

"That's the rule of the order," said Aunt Kate firmly.

"Yes, but why?" asked Mr. Browne.

Aunt Kate repeated that it was the rule, that was all. Mr. Browne still seemed not to understand. Freddy Malins explained to him, as best he could, that the monks were trying to make up for the sins committed by all the sinners in the outside world. The explanation was not very clear for Mr. Browne grinned and said:

"I like that idea very much but wouldn't a comfortable spring bed do them as well as a coffin?"

"The coffin," said Mary Jane, "is to remind them of their last end."

As the subject had grown lugubrious it was buried in a silence of the table during which Mrs. Malins could be heard saying to her neighbour in an indistinct undertone:

"They are very good men, the monks, very pious men."

The raisins and almonds and figs and apples and oranges and chocolates and **sweets** were now passed about the table and Aunt Julia invited all the guests to have either port or sherry. At first Mr. Bartell D'Arcy refused to take either but one of his **neighbours** nudged him and whispered something to him upon which he allowed his glass to be filled. Gradually as the last glasses were being filled the conversation ceased. A pause followed, broken only by the noise of the wine and by unsettlings of **chairs**. The Misses Morkan, all three, looked down at the **tablecloth**. Someone coughed once or twice and then a few gentlemen patted the table gently as a signal for silence. The silence came and Gabriel pushed back his chair.

The patting at once grew louder in **encouragement** and then ceased altogether. Gabriel leaned his ten **trembling** fingers on the tablecloth and smiled **nervously** at the company. Meeting a row of **upturned** faces he raised his eyes to the chandelier. The piano was playing a waltz tune and he could hear the skirts

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astonished: (*adj*) astonish, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, stunned, aghast, bewildered, astounded, taken aback, thunderstruck, astonished; (*v*) amaze.
chairs: (*n*) seats.
encouragement: (*n*) aid, support, promotion, backing, incentive, cheer, consolation, boost, advocacy, fosterage, assistance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) neglect, deflation, disheartening, disincentive, dissuasion, opposition,

deterrent.
neighbours: (*n*) neighborhood.
nervously: (*adv*) edgily, anxiously, timidly, worriedly, uneasily, restlessly, timorously, skittishly, excitedly, neurotically, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) confidently, boldly, fearlessly, unconcernedly, nonchalantly, trustingly.
sweets: (*n*) confectionery, julep, grocery, confiture, instantaneous

sweet.
tablecloth: (*n*) duster, napery, rag, table linen.
trembling: (*adj, n*) shaking; (*adj, n, v*) tremor; (*adj*) shaky, quaking, shivering, flutter; (*n*) palpitation, quiver, vibration, shiver, quake. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stable, steady.
upturned: (*adj*) retousse, overturned, upside-down, broken, disordered, disquieted, distressed, disturbed, confused, topsy-turvy, shapely.

sweeping against the drawing-room door. People, perhaps, were standing in the snow on the quay outside, gazing up at the lighted windows and listening to the waltz music. The air was pure there. In the distance lay the park where the trees were **weighted** with snow. The Wellington Monument wore a **gleaming** cap of snow that flashed **westward** over the white field of Fifteen Acres.

He began:

"Ladies and Gentlemen,

"It has fallen to my lot this evening, as in years past, to perform a very pleasing task but a task for which I am afraid my poor powers as a speaker are all too inadequate."

"No, no!" said Mr. Browne.

"But, however that may be, I can only ask you tonight to take the will for the deed and to lend me your attention for a few moments while I **endeavour** to express to you in words what my feelings are on this occasion.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, it is not the first time that we have gathered together under this hospitable roof, around this hospitable board. It is not the first time that we have been the recipients--or perhaps, I had better say, the victims--of the hospitality of certain good ladies."

He made a circle in the air with his arm and paused. Everyone laughed or smiled at Aunt Kate and Aunt Julia and Mary Jane who all turned **crimson** with pleasure. Gabriel went on more boldly:

"I feel more strongly with every **recurring** year that our country has no tradition which does it so much honour and which it should guard so **jealously** as that of its hospitality. It is a tradition that is unique as far as my experience goes (and I have visited not a few places abroad) among the modern nations. Some would say, perhaps, that with us it is rather a failing than anything to be boasted of. But granted even that, it is, to my mind, a **princely** failing, and one that I trust will long be cultivated among us. Of one thing, at least, I am sure. As long as this one roof shelters the good ladies aforesaid--and I wish from my heart it may do so for many and many a long year to come--the tradition of genuine

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crimson: (*adj, n*) carmine, ruby, scarlet, maroon; (*v*) blush, flush, redden; (*adj*) bloody, ruddy, cherry; (*n*) deep red.

endeavour: (*n*) attempt, effort, pains, trial, try, enterprise, striving, contribution, braving; (*v*) exert, strive.

gleaming: (*adj*) brilliant, shiny, radiant, glossy, lustrous, glowing, beaming, resplendent; (*n*) gleam, glimmer; (*adj, adv*) agleam.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, dirty, rough.

jealously: (*adv*) covetously, resentfully, greenly, suspiciously, solicitously, vigilantly, greedily, grudgingly, spitefully, avariciously, zealously.

princely: (*adj, v*) August, grand, great, lordly, dignified, stately; (*adj*) generous, munificent, majestic, magnificent, gorgeous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) ungenerous.

recurring: (*adj*) frequent, intermittent, cyclic, periodic, periodical, repeated,

repetitive, customary, accustomed, memorable, chronic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) irregular, intermittent, spasmodic, unusual, rare, occasional. **weighted:** (*adj*) laden, leaden, adjusted, plodding, impure, unfair, prejudiced, gray, loaded, opinionated, grey. ANTONYM: (*adj*) impartial.

westward: (*adv*) west, westwards; (*adj, adv*) westerly; (*adj*) westbound, western; (*v*) to the west.

warm-hearted courteous Irish hospitality, which our **forefathers** have handed down to us and which we in turn must hand down to our descendants, is still alive among us."

A **hearty** murmur of assent ran round the table. It shot through Gabriel's mind that Miss Ivors was not there and that she had gone away **discourteously**: and he said with confidence in himself:

"Ladies and Gentlemen,

"A new generation is growing up in our midst, a generation **actuated** by new ideas and new principles. It is serious and enthusiastic for these new ideas and its enthusiasm, even when it is **misdirected**, is, I believe, in the main sincere. But we are living in a sceptical and, if I may use the phrase, a thought-tormented age: and sometimes I fear that this new generation, educated or hypereducated as it is, will lack those qualities of humanity, of hospitality, of kindly humour which belonged to an older day. Listening tonight to the names of all those great singers of the past it seemed to me, I must confess, that we were living in a less spacious age. Those days might, without exaggeration, be called spacious days: and if they are gone beyond recall let us hope, at least, that in gatherings such as this we shall still speak of them with pride and affection, still **cherish** in our hearts the memory of those dead and gone great ones whose fame the world will not willingly let die."

"Hear, hear!" said Mr. Browne loudly.

"But yet," continued Gabriel, his voice falling into a softer **inflection**, "there are always in gatherings such as this **sadder** thoughts that will **recur** to our minds: thoughts of the past, of youth, of changes, of absent faces that we miss here tonight. Our path through life is strewn with many such sad memories: and were we to brood upon them always we could not find the heart to go on bravely with our work among the living. We have all of us living duties and living **affections** which claim, and rightly claim, our strenuous endeavours.

"Therefore, I will not linger on the past. I will not let any gloomy moralising intrude upon us here tonight. Here we are gathered together for a brief moment

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actuated: (*adj*) motivated, actuate.

affections: (*n*) bosom.

cherish: (*v*) care for, nurture, treasure, entertain, cultivate, bosom, prize, esteem, harbor; (*n, v*) hug, foster.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) hate, scorn, reject, denounce, despise, neglect.

discourteously: (*adv*) impolitely, disrespectfully, uncivilly, insolently, impertinently, brusquely, ungraciously, abruptly, boorishly, curtly, discourteously.

forefathers: (*n*) patriarchs, forefather, ancestor, colony, lineage, family.

hearty: (*adj*) heartfelt, healthy, genial, sturdy, cheering, fervent, wholehearted, lusty, enthusiastic, convivial; (*adj, n*) well. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhealthy, frail, old, weak, sluggish, unwholesome, meager.

inflection: (*n*) accent, inflexion, flection, modulation, flexion, intonation, declension, bending, conjugation, accentuation, emphasis.

misdirected: (*adj*) led astray, undirected, wry.

recur: (*v*) resort, repeat, go back, reappear, duplicate, revert, return, persist, fall back, cycle, circulate. ANTONYM: (*v*) cease.

sadder: (*adj*) doleful.

warm-hearted: (*adj*) warm, affectionate, cordial, amiable, benevolent, compassionate, demonstrative, genial, good-natured, kind-hearted, loving.

from the bustle and rush of our everyday routine. We are met here as friends, in the spirit of **good-fellowship**, as colleagues, also to a certain extent, in the true spirit of *camaraderie*, and as the guests of--what shall I call them? --the Three Graces of the Dublin musical world."

The table burst into applause and laughter at this allusion. Aunt Julia **vainly** asked each of her neighbours in turn to tell her what Gabriel had said.

"He says we are the Three Graces, Aunt Julia," said Mary Jane.

Aunt Julia did not understand but she looked up, smiling, at Gabriel, who continued in the same vein:

"Ladies and Gentlemen,

"I will not attempt to play tonight the part that Paris played on another occasion. I will not attempt to choose between them. The task would be an **invidious** one and one beyond my poor powers. For when I view them in turn, whether it be our chief **hostess** herself, whose good heart, whose too good heart, has become a byword with all who know her, or her sister, who seems to be gifted with perennial youth and whose singing must have been a surprise and a revelation to us all tonight, or, last but not least, when I consider our youngest hostess, talented, cheerful, **hard-working** and the best of nieces, I confess, Ladies and Gentlemen, that I do not know to which of them I should award the prize."

Gabriel glanced down at his aunts and, seeing the large smile on Aunt Julia's face and the tears which had risen to Aunt Kate's eyes, **hastened** to his close. He raised his glass of port gallantly, while every member of the company fingered a glass **expectantly**, and said loudly:

"Let us toast them all three together. Let us drink to their health, wealth, long life, happiness and prosperity and may they long continue to hold the proud and self-won position which they hold in their profession and the position of honour and affection which they hold in our hearts."

All the guests stood up, glass in hand, and turning towards the three **seated** ladies, sang in unison, with Mr. Browne as leader:

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camaraderie: (*n*) companionship, fellowship, friendship, friendliness, closeness, familiarity, sociability, association, brotherhood, fraternity, amity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) hostility, dislike, antagonism, coldness, enmity, animosity.
expectantly: (*adv*) optimistically, expectingly, pregnantly, anticipatively, hopefully, confidently, bigly, watchfully, heavily, largely.
good-fellowship: (*n*) close, friendly to

each other, harmonious, intimate, on good terms with, camaraderie, the feeling of friendship, friendly feelings.
hard-working: (*adj*) studious, industrious, painstaking, active, dedicated, tireless.
hastened: (*adj*) careless.
hostess: (*n*) mistress, air hostess, flight attendant, housewife, steward, innkeeper, landlady, prostitute, host.
invidious: (*adj*) obnoxious, hateful,

discriminatory, offensive, outrageous, jealous, abominable, odious, loathsome, covetous; (*adj, v*) spiteful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleasant, desirable.
seated: (*adj*) sat, sedentary.
vainly: (*adv*) uselessly, futilely, fruitlessly, conceitedly, in vain, worthlessly, abortively, bootlessly, arrogantly, unproductively; (*adj, adv*) foolishly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) fruitfully, successfully, effectively.

For they are jolly gay fellows,
 For they are jolly gay fellows,
 For they are jolly gay fellows,
 Which nobody can **deny**.

Aunt Kate was making frank use of her **handkerchief** and even Aunt Julia seemed moved. Freddy Malins beat time with his pudding-fork and the singers turned towards one another, as if in **melodious** conference, while they sang with emphasis:

Unless he tells a lie,
 Unless he tells a lie,

Then, turning once more towards their hostesses, they sang:

For they are jolly gay fellows,
 For they are jolly gay fellows,
 For they are jolly gay fellows,
 Which nobody can deny.

The **acclamation** which followed was taken up beyond the door of the supper-room by many of the other guests and **renewed** time after time, Freddy Malins **acting** as officer with his fork on high.

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The **piercing** morning air came into the hall where they were standing so that Aunt Kate said:

"Close the door, somebody. Mrs. Malins will get her death of cold."

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acclamation: (*n*) applause, ovation, plaudit, praise, cheer, eclat, approval, commendation, vox populi, adulation, hand. ANTONYMS: (*n*) razzing, jeers, hisses, heckles, catcalls, vituperation, disapproval.
acting: (*adj*) interim, active, temporary, pro Tem, provisional, agent, substitute; (*n*) drama, business, portrayal, playing.
deny: (*v*) controvert, rebuff, contradict, disavow, gainsay, reject, oppose,

refuse, disown, abnegate, renounce. ANTONYMS: (*v*) affirm, claim, acknowledge, declare, maintain, agree, spoil, accept, accede, allow, argue.
handkerchief: (*n*) hankie, kerchief, bandanna, cravat, hanky, wipe, bandana, collar, shawl; (*n, v*) napkin; (*v*) sudary.
melodious: (*adj*) harmonious, musical, sweet, tuneful, mellow, dulcet, soft, gentle, full, canorous, mellifluous.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) harsh, unmelodious, inharmonious, tuneless, grating, loud.
piercing: (*adj, n*) sharp, cutting; (*adj, v*) keen, penetrating, biting, bitter, harsh, shrill; (*adj*) high, raw, loud. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) quiet, dull, soft, hot.
renewed: (*adj*) changed, born again, new, fresh, reintegrate, rehabilitated, transformed, regenerate, reformed, Renate.

"Browne is out there, Aunt Kate," said Mary Jane.

"Browne is everywhere," said Aunt Kate, **lowering** her voice.

Mary Jane laughed at her tone.

"Really," she said **archly**, "he is very attentive."

"He has been **laid** on here like the gas," said Aunt Kate in the same tone, "all during the Christmas."

She laughed herself this time good-humouredly and then added quickly:

"But tell him to come in, Mary Jane, and close the door. I hope to goodness he didn't hear me."

At that moment the hall-door was opened and Mr. Browne came in from the **doorstep**, laughing as if his heart would break. He was dressed in a long green overcoat with **mock** astrakhan cuffs and collar and wore on his head an oval fur cap. He pointed down the snow-covered quay from where the sound of shrill prolonged whistling was **borne** in.

"**Teddy** will have all the cabs in Dublin out," he said.

Gabriel advanced from the little pantry behind the office, struggling into his overcoat and, looking round the hall, said:

"Gretta not down yet?"

"She's getting on her things, Gabriel," said Aunt Kate.

"Who's playing up there?" asked Gabriel.

"Nobody. They're all gone."

"O no, Aunt Kate," said Mary Jane. "Bartell D'Arcy and Miss O'Callaghan aren't gone yet."

"Someone is **fooling** at the piano anyhow," said Gabriel.

Mary Jane glanced at Gabriel and Mr. Browne and said with a **shiver**:

"It makes me feel cold to look at you two gentlemen **muffled** up like that. I wouldn't like to face your journey home at this hour."

Thesaurus

archly: (*adv*) mischievously, sly, wickedly, playfully, waggishly, roguishly, shrewdly, wily, consummately, roundly, craftily.

borne: (*adj*) weak, wanting, spoony, soft, sappy, shallow, little, limited.

doorstep: (*n*) threshold, sill, brink, door, curbside.

fooling: (*n*) farce, tomfoolery, horseplay, joking, prank; (*adj*) casual, accidental, everyday, effortless, cursory.

laid: (*adj*) layed, lay, place, placed, put, situated, arranged, determined, dictated, hardened, ordered.

lowering: (*adj*) heavy, dismal, gloomy, threatening, dark, glum, murky; (*n*) fall, drop, cut, decline.

mock: (*adj, v*) counterfeit; (*n, v*) ridicule, jeer, gibe, laugh at, flout; (*adj, n, v*) burlesque, sham; (*v*) mimic, ape, taunt. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) real, natural; (*v*) praise, applaud, respect, approve.

muffled: (*adj*) hushed, muted, hollow, inarticulate, faint, soft, subdued, low, quiet; (*v*) allusive, covert.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clear, distinct, audible, slight.

shiver: (*n, v*) shake, tremble, shudder, fragment, thrill, splinter, tingle; (*v*) quake, shatter, palpitate; (*adj, v*) break.

teddy: (*n*) teddies, shift, shimmy, chemise, slip, toy, cutting, miscue, duty period, pillow slip, parapraxis.

"I'd like nothing better this minute," said Mr. Browne stoutly, "than a rattling fine walk in the country or a fast drive with a good **spanking goer** between the shafts."

"We used to have a very good horse and trap at home," said Aunt Julia sadly.

"The never-to-be-forgotten Johnny," said Mary Jane, laughing.
Aunt Kate and Gabriel laughed too.

"Why, what was wonderful about Johnny?" asked Mr. Browne.

"The late **lamented** Patrick Morkan, our grandfather, that is," explained Gabriel, "commonly known in his later years as the old gentleman, was a **glue-boiler**."

"O, now, Gabriel," said Aunt Kate, laughing, "he had a **starch mill**."

"Well, glue or starch," said Gabriel, "the old gentleman had a horse by the name of Johnny. And Johnny used to work in the old gentleman's mill, walking round and round in order to drive the mill. That was all very well; but now comes the tragic part about Johnny. One fine day the old gentleman thought he'd like to drive out with the quality to a military review in the park."

"The Lord have mercy on his soul," said Aunt Kate **compassionately**.

"Amen," said Gabriel. "So the old gentleman, as I said, harnessed Johnny and put on his very best tall hat and his very best stock collar and drove out in grand style from his ancestral **mansion** somewhere near Back Lane, I think."

Everyone laughed, even Mrs. Malins, at Gabriel's manner and Aunt Kate said:

"O, now, Gabriel, he didn't live in Back Lane, really. Only the mill was there."

"Out from the mansion of his forefathers," continued Gabriel, "he drove with Johnny. And everything went on beautifully until Johnny came in sight of King Billy's **statue**: and **whether** he fell in love with the horse King Billy **sits** on or whether he thought he was back again in the mill, **anyhow** he began to walk round the statue."

Thesaurus

anyhow: (*adv*) somehow, at any rate, in any case, whatever, in any event, regardless, however, though, besides, nonetheless, one way or another.

compassionately: (*adv*) kindly, humanely, mercifully, pityingly, benevolently, graciously, tenderly, clemently, caringly, humanitarianly, indulgently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) severely, unkindly, malevolently, meanly, roughly, inhumanely.

glue: (*n*) adhesive, gum; (*v*) adhere,

fasten, fix, affix, bond, attach, stick, to stick; (*n, v*) plaster.

goer: (*n*) migrant, punch, racer, pony, palfrey, pad, leaver, nag, beast, filly, Galloway.

lamented: (*adj*) mourned, bewailed.

mansion: (*n*) house, manor, residence, castle, home, manor house, hall, building, palace, villa, abode.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) hovel, shack, hut.

sits: (*n*) sat.

spanking: (*adj*) snappy, lively, brisk,

vigorous, potent, fresh, smart, dashing, zippy; (*n*) beating, smack.

starch: (*v*) stiffen; (*adj*) stiff, glair; (*n*) cornstarch, arrowroot, arum, cornflour, sago, manioc, cassava, vitality.

statue: (*n*) figure, monument, statuette, effigy, idol, sculpture, carving, bust, sphinx, icon, representation.

whether: (*pron*) where.

Gabriel paced in a circle round the hall in his goloshes amid the laughter of the others.

"Round and round he went," said Gabriel, "and the old gentleman, who was a very **pompous** old gentleman, was highly indignant. 'Go on, sir! What do you mean, sir? Johnny! Johnny! Most extraordinary conduct! Can't understand the horse!'"

The peal of laughter which followed Gabriel's imitation of the incident was interrupted by a resounding knock at the hall door. Mary Jane ran to open it and let in Freddy Malins. Freddy Malins, with his hat well back on his head and his shoulders **humped** with cold, was puffing and steaming after his exertions.

"I could only get one cab," he said.

"O, we'll find another along the quay," said Gabriel.

"Yes," said Aunt Kate. "Better not keep Mrs. Malins standing in the draught."

Mrs. Malins was helped down the front steps by her son and Mr. Browne and, after many manœuvres, hoisted into the cab. Freddy Malins clambered in after her and spent a long time **settling** her on the seat, Mr. Browne helping him with advice. At last she was settled comfortably and Freddy Malins invited Mr. Browne into the cab. There was a good deal of confused talk, and then Mr. Browne got into the cab. The **cabman** settled his rug over his knees, and bent down for the address. The confusion grew greater and the cabman was directed differently by Freddy Malins and Mr. Browne, each of whom had his head out through a window of the cab. The difficulty was to know where to drop Mr. Browne along the route, and Aunt Kate, Aunt Julia and Mary Jane helped the discussion from the doorstep with cross-directions and contradictions and abundance of laughter. As for Freddy Malins he was **speechless** with laughter. He popped his head in and out of the window every moment to the great danger of his hat, and told his mother how the discussion was **progressing**, till at last Mr. Browne shouted to the **bewildered** cabman above the din of everybody's laughter:

"Do you know Trinity College?"

"Yes, sir," said the cabman.

Thesaurus

bewildered: (*adj*) bemused, confused, confounded, perplexed, befuddled, puzzled, dumbfounded, taken aback, addled, disoriented; (*adj, v*) lost. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unimpressed, clear, oriented, precise, understanding, alert.

cabman: (*n*) cabdriver, cabby, taximan, carman, coachman, driver, taxi driver, hackdriver, taxidriver.

humped: (*adj*) gibbous, hunchbacked, gibbose, crookback, crookbacked,

humpy, bent, curved, hunchback, kyphotic, unfit.

pompous: (*adj*) grand, arrogant, ostentatious, affected, pretentious, overblown, showy, inflated, majestic, lordly; (*adj, prep*) bloated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) modest, straightforward, unceremonious, quiet, unassuming, natural, deferential, relaxed, meek.

progressing: (*n*) expediting; (*adj*) thriving, ongoing, moving, coming,

forward, better; (*adv*) succeeding, making headway, ahead, moving ahead.

settling: (*n*) settlement, subsidence, defecation, dregs, clearing, sinking, dreg, remission, cave in; (*adj*) determining, definitive.

speechless: (*adj*) silent, mute, dumb, dumbfounded, voiceless, quiet, tongueless, tacit, noiseless, mum, wordless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) loquacious, eloquent, talkative.

"Well, drive bang up against Trinity College gates," said Mr. Browne, "and then we'll tell you where to go. You understand now?"

"Yes, sir," said the cabman.

"Make like a bird for Trinity College."

"Right, sir," said the cabman.

The horse was whipped up and the cab **rattled** off along the quay amid a chorus of laughter and adieus.

Gabriel had not gone to the door with the others. He was in a dark part of the hall gazing up the staircase. A woman was standing near the top of the first flight, in the shadow also. He could not see her face but he could see the terra-cotta and salmon-pink panels of her **skirt** which the shadow made appear black and white. It was his wife. She was leaning on the banisters, listening to something. Gabriel was surprised at her **stillness** and **strained** his ear to listen also. But he could hear little save the noise of laughter and dispute on the front steps, a few **chords** struck on the piano and a few notes of a man's voice singing.

He stood still in the **gloom** of the hall, trying to catch the air that the voice was singing and gazing up at his wife. There was grace and mystery in her attitude as if she were a symbol of something. He asked himself what is a woman standing on the stairs in the shadow, listening to distant music, a symbol of. If he were a painter he would paint her in that attitude. Her blue felt hat would show off the **bronze** of her hair against the darkness and the dark panels of her skirt would show off the light ones. Distant Music he would call the picture if he were a painter.

The hall-door was closed; and Aunt Kate, Aunt Julia and Mary Jane came down the hall, still laughing.

"Well, isn't Freddy terrible?" said Mary Jane. "He's really terrible."

Gabriel said nothing but pointed up the stairs towards where his wife was standing. Now that the hall-door was closed the voice and the piano could be heard more clearly. Gabriel held up his hand for them to be silent. The song seemed to be in the old Irish **tonality** and the singer seemed uncertain both of his

Thesaurus

bronze: (*adj, n, v*) tan; (*n*) brown, brass, sculpture, statuette; (*v*) terra cotta, discolour, discolor, marble, plate;

(*adj*) bronzed.

chords: (*n*) key, clef.

gloom: (*n*) desolation, dark, darkness, blackness, depression, dimness, dusk, dreariness, despair, dejection; (*n, v*) cloud. ANTONYMS: (*n*) brightness, happiness, cheerfulness, glee, ecstasy, joy, optimism, cheer.

rattled: (*adj*) hot and bothered,

perturbed, upset, unsettled, puzzled, disconcerted, discomposed, bewildered, beside oneself, abashed, addled. ANTONYM: (*adj*) calm.

skirt: (*n, v*) border, edge, fringe, hem, flap, verge; (*n*) brim, kilt, apron; (*v*) evade, circumvent.

stillness: (*n*) hush, calmness, immobility, serenity, silence, quietness, peacefulness; (*adj, n*) calm, quiet, peace, still. ANTONYMS: (*n*) bustle, movement, uproar, motion,

turbulence, turmoil, vigor, disturbance, chaos, agitation.

strained: (*adj*) tense, labored, intense, constrained, laboured, unnatural, nervous, affected, taut, artificial, tight. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) natural, calm.

tonality: (*adj*) clear obscure, black and white, light and shade, breadth, chiaroscuro; (*n*) tone, accent, paint, Francis Scott key, sound, tone character.

words and of his voice. The voice, made **plaintive** by distance and by the singer's **hoarseness**, faintly illuminated the **cadence** of the air with words expressing grief:

O, the rain falls on my heavy locks
And the dew wets my skin,
My **babe** lies cold...

"O," exclaimed Mary Jane. "It's Bartell D'Arcy singing and he wouldn't sing all the night. O, I'll get him to sing a song before he goes."

"O, do, Mary Jane," said Aunt Kate.

Mary Jane brushed past the others and ran to the staircase, but before she reached it the singing stopped and the piano was closed abruptly.

"O, what a pity!" she cried. "Is he coming down, Gretta?"

Gabriel heard his wife answer yes and saw her come down towards them. A few steps behind her were Mr. Bartell D'Arcy and Miss O'Callaghan.

"O, Mr. D'Arcy," cried Mary Jane, "it's **downright** mean of you to break off like that when we were all in raptures listening to you."

"I have been at him all the evening," said Miss O'Callaghan, "and Mrs. Conroy, too, and he told us he had a dreadful cold and couldn't sing."

"O, Mr. D'Arcy," said Aunt Kate, "now that was a great fib to tell."

"Can't you see that I'm as hoarse as a crow?" said Mr. D'Arcy roughly.

He went into the pantry hastily and put on his overcoat. The others, taken **aback** by his rude speech, could find nothing to say. Aunt Kate **wrinkled** her brows and made signs to the others to drop the subject. Mr. D'Arcy stood **swathing** his neck carefully and frowning.

"It's the weather," said Aunt Julia, after a pause.

"Yes, everybody has colds," said Aunt Kate readily, "everybody."

Thesaurus

aback: (*adv*) aft, astern, backward, abaft, backwards, short, sternmost, unawares, suddenly; (*adj*) back.
babe: (*n*) infant, baby, chick, sweetie, suckling, nursling, child, newborn, chit, girl, darling. ANTONYMS: (*n*) grownup, adult, adolescent.
cadence: (*n*) beat, tempo, measure, rhythm, cadency, descent, time; (*n, v*) pace; (*v*) gait, step, rate.
downright: (*adj, n*) absolute; (*adj, v*) sheer, clear; (*adj*) dead, blunt, candid,

plain; (*adv*) absolutely, thoroughly, wholly, decidedly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) semi, limited, incomplete, questionable, slight; (*adv*) hardly.
hoarse: (*adj*) gruff, husky, raucous, grating, strident, guttural, rough, throaty; (*v*) coarse; (*adj, v*) hollow, sepulchral. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) smooth, mellow, velvety, high.
hoarseness: (*n*) huskiness, roughness, gruffness, throatiness, raucosity, curtness, stridency, abruptness,

brusqueness. ANTONYM: (*n*) smoothness.
plaintive: (*adj*) pathetic, piteous, lugubrious, doleful, sad, wistful, sorrowful, woeful, elegiac, dolorous, lamentable.
swathing: (*n*) side raking, covering.
wrinkled: (*adj, n*) rough, rugged; (*adj*) puckered, creased, wrinkly, wizened, crumpled, lined, gnarled, unironed, crinkled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwrinkled, ironed, straight.

"They say," said Mary Jane, "we haven't had snow like it for thirty years; and I read this morning in the **newspapers** that the snow is general all over Ireland."

"I love the look of snow," said Aunt Julia sadly.

"So do I," said Miss O'Callaghan. "I think Christmas is never really Christmas unless we have the snow on the ground."

"But poor Mr. D'Arcy doesn't like the snow," said Aunt Kate, smiling.

Mr. D'Arcy came from the pantry, fully swathed and buttoned, and in a **repentant** tone told them the history of his cold. Everyone gave him advice and said it was a great pity and urged him to be very careful of his throat in the night air. Gabriel watched his wife, who did not join in the conversation. She was standing right under the dusty **fanlight** and the **flame** of the gas lit up the rich bronze of her hair, which he had seen her **drying** at the fire a few days before. She was in the same attitude and seemed **unaware** of the talk about her. At last she turned towards them and Gabriel saw that there was colour on her cheeks and that her eyes were shining. A sudden tide of joy went **leaping** out of his heart.

"Mr. D'Arcy," she said, "what is the name of that song you were singing?"

"It's called *The Lass of Aughrim*," said Mr. D'Arcy, "but I couldn't remember it properly. Why? Do you know it?"

"*The Lass of Aughrim*," she repeated. "I couldn't think of the name."

"It's a very nice air," said Mary Jane. "I'm sorry you were not in voice tonight."

"Now, Mary Jane," said Aunt Kate, "don't **annoy** Mr. D'Arcy. I won't have him annoyed."

Seeing that all were ready to start she shepherded them to the door, where good-night was said:

"Well, good-night, Aunt Kate, and thanks for the pleasant evening."

"Good-night, Gabriel. Good-night, Gretta!"

"Good-night, Aunt Kate, and thanks ever so much. Goodnight, Aunt Julia."

"O, good-night, Gretta, I didn't see you."

Thesaurus

annoy: (*v*) pester, displease, anger, harass, bother, vex, aggravate, grate, molest; (*n*) annoyance; (*n, v*) afflict. ANTONYMS: (*v*) pacify, soothe, gratify, placate, comfort, encourage, delight.

drying: (*n*) curing, desiccation, seasoning, dryness, ventilation, drying up, aeration, airing; (*adj*) desiccative, siccative, parching.

fanlight: (*n*) skylight, light, transom window, transom.

flame: (*adj, n*) fire, sweetheart; (*adj, v*) burn, glow; (*n, v*) flash; (*n*) ardour, burning, fervor, enthusiasm, combustion, sheen.

leaping: (*n*) jump, bounce, bound, leap, spring, saltation, bouncing; (*v*) jumping; (*adj, v*) bounding; (*adj*) springing; (*adv*) leapingly.

newspapers: (*n*) press, papers, the media, journalists, reporters.

repentant: (*adj*) contrite, remorseful, regretful, sorry, apologetic, ashamed,

compunctious, penitential, rueful, humble, doing penance. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) impenitent, unremorseful, glad.

unaware: (*adj*) ignorant, incognizant, unwitting, unknowing, unconscious, oblivious, blind, unmindful, unweeding, unknowledgeable, uninformed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cognizant, conscious, informed, witting, knowledgeable, mindful, wary.

"Good-night, Mr. D'Arcy. Good-night, Miss O'Callaghan."

"Good-night, Miss Morkan."

"Good-night, again."

"Good-night, all. Safe home."

"Good-night. Good night."

The morning was still dark. A dull, yellow light brooded over the houses and the river; and the sky seemed to be descending. It was **slushy** underfoot; and only streaks and patches of snow lay on the roofs, on the parapets of the quay and on the area railings. The lamps were still burning redly in the murky air and, across the river, the palace of the Four Courts stood out **menacingly** against the heavy sky.

She was walking on before him with Mr. Bartell D'Arcy, her shoes in a brown parcel tucked under one arm and her hands holding her skirt up from the slush. She had no longer any grace of attitude, but Gabriel's eyes were still bright with happiness. The blood went **bounding** along his veins; and the thoughts went rioting through his brain, proud, joyful, tender, **valorous**.

She was walking on before him so lightly and so erect that he longed to run after her noiselessly, catch her by the shoulders and say something foolish and affectionate into her ear. She seemed to him so frail that he longed to defend her against something and then to be alone with her. Moments of their secret life together burst like stars upon his memory. A **heliotrope** envelope was lying beside his breakfast-cup and he was **caressing** it with his hand. Birds were **twittering** in the ivy and the sunny web of the curtain was **shimmering** along the floor: he could not eat for happiness. They were standing on the crowded platform and he was placing a ticket inside the warm palm of her glove. He was standing with her in the cold, looking in through a **grated** window at a man making bottles in a roaring furnace. It was very cold. Her face, fragrant in the cold air, was quite close to his; and suddenly he called out to the man at the furnace:

"Is the fire hot, sir?"

Thesaurus

bounding: (*n*) jumping, confinement; (*v*) confine, salient; (*adj*) terminal, moving, subsultory.

caressing: (*adj*) caressive, soft; (*n*) petting, foreplay, stimulation, dalliance, smooching, snuggling, arousal, hugging, cuddling.

grated: (*v*) areolar, streaked; (*adj*) barred.

heliotrope: (*n*) bloodstone, chalcedony, agate, emerald, beryl, thermal heliotrope, mirror; (*adj*)

mauve, lilac, turnsole, purple.

menacingly: (*adv*) sinisterly, minaciously, ominously, minorly, frighteningly, forebodingly, seriously, menacing, threatening, warningly, intimidatingly.

shimmering: (*adj*) glittering, sparkling, gleaming, dazzling, lustrous, bright, iridescent, shimmer, flashing, glittery, glowing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, dim.

slush: (*adj, n*) sludge, mire, squash; (*v*)

slosh, slop, splash, plash; (*adj*) slime, silt, quagmire, alluvium.

slushy: (*adj*) mushy, sentimental, muddy, sloppy, maudlin, sludgy, sloshy, schmalzy, schmaltzy, sappy, bathetic. ANTONYM: (*adj*) cool.

twittering: (*n*) chirping, peeping, tweeting.

valorous: (*adj*) valiant, courageous, brave, fearless, intrepid, gallant, bold, stout, heroic, undaunted, game. ANTONYM: (*adj*) cowardly.

But the man could not hear with the noise of the **furnace**. It was just as well. He might have answered rudely.

A wave of yet more tender joy **escaped** from his heart and went **coursing** in warm flood along his **arteries**. Like the tender fire of **stars** moments of their life together, that no one knew of or would ever know of, broke upon and illumined his memory. He longed to recall to her those moments, to make her forget the years of their dull existence together and remember only their moments of **ecstasy**. For the years, he felt, had not **quenched** his soul or hers. Their children, his writing, her household cares had not quenched all their souls' tender fire. In one letter that he had written to her then he had said: "*Why is it that words like these seem to me so dull and cold? Is it because there is no word tender enough to be your name?*"

Like distant music these words that he had written years before were borne towards him from the past. He longed to be alone with her. When the others had gone away, when he and she were in the room in the hotel, then they would be alone together. He would call her softly:

"Gretta!"

Perhaps she would not hear at once: she would be undressing. Then something in his voice would strike her. She would turn and look at him...

At the corner of Winetavern Street they met a cab. He was glad of its rattling noise as it saved him from conversation. She was looking out of the window and seemed tired. The others spoke only a few words, pointing out some building or street. The horse galloped along wearily under the **murky** morning sky, **dragging** his old rattling box after his heels, and Gabriel was again in a cab with her, **galloping** to catch the boat, galloping to their **honeymoon**.

As the cab drove across O'Connell Bridge Miss O'Callaghan said:

"They say you never cross O'Connell Bridge without seeing a white horse."

"I see a white man this time," said Gabriel.

"Where?" asked Mr. Bartell D'Arcy.

Thesaurus

arteries: (*adj*) arterial.

coursing: (*v*) chase, shooting, fishing, hunting, steeple chase, race; (*n, v*) hunt.

dragging: (*n*) pulled wire, stemming, haulage; (*adj*) slow, sickly, slack, unfit, sluggish, tardy, tedious; (*v*) involve. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) energetic, energizing, exciting, prompt, short.

ecstasy: (*n*) delight, rapture, joy, bliss, delirium, happiness, trance, enthusiasm, exaltation, elation; (*n, v*)

transport. ANTONYMS: (*n*) desolation, gloom, downheartedness, melancholy, depression, dejection, anguish, sadness, despair, agony, bore.

escaped: (*adj*) at large, at liberty, loose, on the loose, runaway, easy, wild; (*n*) freer; (*v*) escaping.

furnace: (*n*) forge, heater, blast furnace, fireplace, hearth, stove, oven, kiln, electric furnace, cupola, crematorium.

galloping: (*v*) flying.

honeymoon: (*n*) period, pleasure; (*adj*) wedding, nuptial, marriage.

murky: (*adj*) dark, gloomy, cloudy, dusky, dingy, misty, dim, muddy, opaque, dirty, black. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bright, light, obvious, sunny.

quenched: (*adj*) extinct, quelled, out, slaked, squelched, dead, kayoed, permanently inactive, prohibited, proscribed, put out.

stars: (*n*) heavenly bodies, fate.

Gabriel pointed to the statue, on which lay patches of snow. Then he nodded familiarly to it and waved his hand.

"Good-night, Dan," he said gaily.

When the cab drew up before the hotel, Gabriel jumped out and, in spite of Mr. Bartell D'Arcy's protest, paid the driver. He gave the man a shilling over his fare. The man saluted and said:

"A prosperous New Year to you, sir."

"The same to you," said Gabriel **cordially**.

She leaned for a moment on his arm in getting out of the cab and while standing at the curbstone, bidding the others good-night. She leaned lightly on his arm, as lightly as when she had danced with him a few hours before. He had felt proud and happy then, happy that she was his, proud of her grace and **wifely** carriage. But now, after the kindling again of so many memories, the first touch of her body, musical and strange and perfumed, sent through him a keen **pang** of **lust**. Under cover of her silence he pressed her arm closely to his side; and, as they stood at the hotel door, he felt that they had escaped from their lives and duties, escaped from home and friends and run away together with wild and **radiant** hearts to a new adventure.

An old man was **dozing** in a great **hooded** chair in the hall. He lit a candle in the office and went before them to the stairs. They followed him in silence, their feet falling in soft thuds on the thickly carpeted stairs. She mounted the stairs behind the porter, her head bowed in the ascent, her frail shoulders curved as with a burden, her skirt **girt** tightly about her. He could have flung his arms about her hips and held her still, for his arms were trembling with desire to seize her and only the stress of his nails against the palms of his hands held the wild impulse of his body in check. The porter halted on the stairs to settle his **guttering** candle. They halted, too, on the steps below him. In the silence Gabriel could hear the falling of the **molten** wax into the tray and the **thumping** of his own heart against his ribs.

Thesaurus

cordially: (*adv*) warmly, genially, kindly, sincerely, heartfully, ardently, friendly, jovially, earnestly, affectionately, harmoniously.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disagreeably, frostily.
dozing: (*adj*) drowsy, dozy, nodding, napping, asleep, sleepy, tired.
girt: (*n, v*) girth, girdle; (*v*) gird, begird, encircle, environ; (*n*) band, belt, zone, cingle; (*adj*) braced.
guttering: (*adj*) guttering out.

hooded: (*v*) cucullate, encuirassed, dermatoid, squamiferous, tectiform; (*adj*) covered, capistrate, cucullated, draped, enclosed, kerchieft.
lust: (*n, v*) desire, hunger, itch; (*n*) craving, greed, libido, lecherousness, cupidity, lewdness; (*v*) covet, crave.
molten: (*adj*) liquified, melted, liquefied, fluid; (*v*) sodden.
pang: (*n*) pain, torture, ache, agony, twinge, affliction, sting, stab, distress, ailment, cramp.

radiant: (*adj, v*) bright, glittering, lustrous, beamy, glorious; (*adj*) beaming, luminous, effulgent, lucid, glowing, beautiful. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) gloomy, dark, pale, unhappy.
thumping: (*adj*) spanking, whacking, roaring, thudding, lubberly, walloping, lumpish, gaunt; (*n*) thud, thump, clump.
wifely: (*adj*) womanly, ladylike, uxorial, matronly, feminine, maidenly, domestic.

The porter led them along a corridor and opened a door. Then he set his unstable candle down on a toilet-table and asked at what hour they were to be called in the morning.

"Eight," said Gabriel.

The porter pointed to the tap of the electric-light and began a muttered **apology**, but Gabriel cut him short.

"We don't want any light. We have light enough from the street. And I say," he added, pointing to the candle, "you might remove that handsome article, like a good man."

The porter took up his candle again, but slowly, for he was surprised by such a novel idea. Then he **mumbled** good-night and went out. Gabriel shot the lock to.

A **ghastly** light from the street lamp lay in a long **shaft** from one window to the door. Gabriel threw his overcoat and hat on a **couch** and crossed the room towards the window. He looked down into the street in order that his emotion might calm a little. Then he turned and leaned against a chest of **drawers** with his back to the light. She had taken off her hat and cloak and was standing before a large swinging mirror, unhooking her waist. Gabriel paused for a few moments, watching her, and then said:

"Gretta!"

She turned away from the mirror slowly and walked along the shaft of light towards him. Her face looked so serious and **weary** that the words would not pass Gabriel's lips. No, it was not the moment yet.

"You looked tired," he said.

"I am a little," she answered.

"You don't feel ill or weak?"

"No, tired: that's all."

Thesaurus

apology: (*n, v*) excuse; (*n*) amends, regret, defense, justification, reason, explanation, vindication, alibi, acknowledgment; (*v*) apologize.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) blame, reprehension, accusation, shamelessness, epitome.
couch: (*n*) bed, sofa, settee, divan; (*adj, v*) lie; (*v*) express, put, frame, lower, repose; (*adj*) recline.
drawers: (*n*) knickers, pants, tights, shorts, bloomers, briefs, underwear,

breeches, underpants, underdrawers, trousers.
ghastly: (*adj*) awful, fearful, cadaverous, dreadful, grisly, gruesome, macabre, hideous, appalling, atrocious; (*adv*) gruesomely. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) wonderful, lovely, attractive, delightful.
mumbled: (*adj*) inaudible, faint, broken, slurred, thick, garbled, unintelligible, muffled, low,

incomprehensible. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) clear, distinct.
shaft: (*n*) arrow, beam, axis, pole, arbor, dart, pillar, lance, well, axle; (*adj, n*) pit.
weary: (*adj, n, v*) fatigue; (*v*) exhaust, tire out; (*adj*) tired, exhausted, fatigued, weary, beat, languid; (*n, v*) jade, bore. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) energetic, fresh, lively, untiring, hopeful, refreshed; (*v*) refresh, enliven, energize, activate, rally.

She went on to the window and stood there, looking out. Gabriel waited again and then, fearing that **diffidence** was about to **conquer** him, he said abruptly:

"By the way, Gretta!"

"What is it?"

"You know that poor fellow Malins?" he said quickly.

"Yes. What about him?"

"Well, poor fellow, he's a decent sort of chap, after all," continued Gabriel in a false voice. "He gave me back that sovereign I lent him, and I didn't expect it, really. It's a pity he wouldn't keep away from that Browne, because he's not a bad fellow, really."

He was trembling now with annoyance. Why did she seem so abstracted? He did not know how he could begin. Was she annoyed, too, about something? If she would only turn to him or come to him of her own accord! To take her as she was would be brutal. No, he must see some **ardour** in her eyes first. He longed to be master of her strange mood.

"When did you lend him the pound?" she asked, after a pause.

Gabriel strove to **restrain** himself from breaking out into brutal language about the **sottish** Malins and his pound. He longed to cry to her from his soul, to crush her body against his, to overmaster her. But he said:

"O, at Christmas, when he opened that little Christmas-card shop in Henry Street."

He was in such a **fever** of rage and desire that he did not hear her come from the window. She stood before him for an instant, looking at him strangely. Then, suddenly raising herself on tiptoe and resting her hands lightly on his shoulders, she kissed him.

"You are a very generous person, Gabriel," she said.

Gabriel, trembling with delight at her sudden kiss and at the **quaintness** of her phrase, put his hands on her hair and began smoothing it back, scarcely

Thesaurus

ardour: (*n*) fervency, fervidness, fervor, fervour, fire, elan, zeal, violence, ardency, assiduity, application.

conquer: (*n, v*) capture; (*v*) subdue, vanquish, surmount, suppress, subjugate, overcome, overpower, quell, prevail; (*adj, v*) defeat. ANTONYMS: (*v*) lose, yield, succumb, retreat, forfeit, fall, bow, resist, fail, submit, incite.

diffidence: (*n*) reserve, modesty,

shyness, pudency, coyness, timorousness, doubt, humility, timidity, uncertainty, constraint. ANTONYMS: (*n*) approachability, arrogance, security, brashness.

fever: (*n*) malaria, delirium, pyrexia, heat, frenzy, feverishness, febricity, Biliotic typhoid fever, Levant fever, Hectic infantile fever, Typhoid fever.

quaintness: (*n*) strangeness, unfamiliarity, oddity, abnormality, mysteriousness, incongruity,

weirdness. ANTONYM: (*n*) normality.

restrain: (*adj, v*) confine; (*v*) control, rein, hold, curb, bind, contain, prevent, limit, repress; (*n, v*) check. ANTONYMS: (*v*) encourage, promote, unleash, impel, release, intensify, increase, free, extend, express, support.

sottish: (*adj*) foolish, stupid, doltish, boozy, bibulous, heavy, sot, sluggish, simple, clodpated; (*n*) bibacious.

touching it with his fingers. The washing had made it fine and brilliant. His heart was **brimming** over with happiness. Just when he was wishing for it she had come to him of her own accord. Perhaps her thoughts had been running with his. Perhaps she had felt the **impetuous** desire that was in him, and then the **yielding** mood had come upon her. Now that she had fallen to him so easily, he wondered why he had been so diffident.

He stood, holding her head between his hands. Then, **slipping** one arm swiftly about her body and drawing her towards him, he said softly:

"Gretta, dear, what are you thinking about?"

She did not answer nor yield wholly to his arm. He said again, softly:

"Tell me what it is, Gretta. I think I know what is the matter. Do I know?"

She did not answer at once. Then she said in an **outburst** of tears:

"O, I am thinking about that song, *The Lass of Aughrim*."

She broke loose from him and ran to the bed and, throwing her arms across the bed-rail, hid her face. Gabriel stood stockstill for a moment in **astonishment** and then followed her. As he passed in the way of the cheval-glass he caught sight of himself in full length, his broad, well-filled shirt-front, the face whose expression always puzzled him when he saw it in a mirror, and his **glimmering** gilt-rimmed **eyeglasses**. He halted a few paces from her and said:

"What about the song? Why does that make you cry?"

She raised her head from her arms and dried her eyes with the back of her hand like a child. A kinder note than he had intended went into his voice.

"Why, Gretta?" he asked.

"I am thinking about a person long ago who used to sing that song."

"And who was the person long ago?" asked Gabriel, smiling.

"It was a person I used to know in Galway when I was living with my grandmother," she said.

Thesaurus

astonishment: (*n*) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, belief, contempt.

brimming: (*adj*) teeming, brimful, brimful of, full, brimfull, brimfull of, replete, overflowing, chock-full, spilling over, packed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) empty, unfilled.

eyeglasses: (*n*) spectacles, glasses,

goggles, lorgnette, dark glasses.

glimmering: (*n*) inkling, ghost, luminosity, light, hint, apparition, radiance; (*adj*) glittering, glimmery, crepuscular, sciolism.

impetuous: (*adj*) boisterous, hasty, fiery, headlong, heady, hot, brash, foolhardy, dashing, fierce; (*adj, v*) impulsive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) considered, careful, slow, sensible, patient.

outburst: (*n*) explosion, spurt,

eruption, fit, burst, flash, effusion, gush, ebullition, blast, rage.

slipping: (*n*) skidding, slippage; (*adj*) slithering, gliding, down, labent.

yielding: (*adj, v*) flexible, pliable, supple, tractable, pliant; (*adj*) compliant, submissive, soft, obedient, docile; (*n*) submission. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hard, firm, inflexible, solid, rigid, obstinate, stiff, stubborn, unyielding, rebellious.

The smile passed away from Gabriel's face. A dull anger began to gather again at the back of his mind and the dull fires of his lust began to **glow** angrily in his veins.

"Someone you were in love with?" he asked **ironically**.

"It was a young boy I used to know," she answered, "named Michael Furey. He used to sing that **song**, *The Lass of Aughrim*. He was very delicate."

Gabriel was silent. He did not wish her to think that he was interested in this delicate boy.

"I can see him so plainly," she said, after a moment. "Such eyes as he had: big, dark eyes! And such an expression in them--an expression!"

"O, then, you are in love with him?" said Gabriel.

"I used to go out walking with him," she said, "when I was in Galway."

A thought flew across Gabriel's mind.

"Perhaps that was why you wanted to go to Galway with that Ivors girl?" he said **coldly**.

She looked at him and asked in surprise:

"What for?"

Her eyes made Gabriel feel awkward. He shrugged his shoulders and said:

"How do I know? To see him, perhaps."

She looked away from him along the shaft of light towards the window in silence.

"He is dead," she said at length. "He died when he was only seventeen. Isn't it a terrible thing to die so young as that?"

"What was he?" asked Gabriel, still ironically.

"He was in the gasworks," she said.

Gabriel felt humiliated by the failure of his **irony** and by the **evocation** of this figure from the dead, a boy in the gasworks. While he had been full of memories of their secret life together, full of **tenderness** and joy and desire, she had been

Thesaurus

coldly: (*adv*) frigidly, icily, coolly, indifferently, frostily, distantly, gelidly, reservedly, bleakly, wintrily, frozenly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) warmly, affectionately, sympathetically, sensitively, kindly, cheerfully, emotionally.

evocation: (*n*) elicitation, imagery, imagination, imaging, input, stimulant, stimulation, stimulus, evoke, induction, conjury.

glow: (*n, v*) flush, gleam, shine,

glimmer, glare, color, sparkle, beam; (*v*) burn, flare, kindle. ANTONYMS: (*n*) wanness, darkness, paleness; (*v*) pale, struggle.

ironically: (*adv*) sardonically, sarcastically, derisively, wryly, mordantly, satirically, bitingly, caustically, illogically, understatedly, deprecatingly.

irony: (*n*) sarcasm, ridicule, raillery, banter, derision, quiz, mockery, figure of speech; (*adj, n*) satire,

humor, burlesque. ANTONYM: (*n*) sincerity.

song: (*adj, v*) lay; (*n, v*) ditty, chant; (*n*) air, strain, cry, warble, canto, poem; (*v*) sing; (*adj*) ballad.

tenderness: (*n*) fondness, soreness, love, affection, sympathy; (*adj, n*) clemency, mildness, compassion, gentleness, softness, delicacy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) pleasure, dryness, hatred, strength, detachment.

comparing him in her mind with another. A shameful consciousness of his own person assailed him. He saw himself as a ludicrous figure, acting as a pennyboy for his aunts, a nervous, well-meaning **sentimentalist**, orating to vulgarians and idealising his own **clownish** lusts, the **pitiable fatuous** fellow he had caught a glimpse of in the mirror. Instinctively he turned his back more to the light lest she might see the shame that burned upon his forehead.

He tried to keep up his tone of cold interrogation, but his voice when he spoke was humble and indifferent.

"I suppose you were in love with this Michael Furey, Gretta," he said.

"I was great with him at that time," she said.

Her voice was veiled and sad. Gabriel, feeling now how vain it would be to try to lead her **whither** he had **purposed**, caressed one of her hands and said, also sadly:

"And what did he die of so young, Gretta? Consumption, was it?"

"I think he died for me," she answered.

A vague terror seized Gabriel at this answer, as if, at that hour when he had hoped to triumph, some **impalpable** and **vindictive** being was coming against him, gathering forces against him in its vague world. But he shook himself free of it with an effort of reason and continued to caress her hand. He did not question her again, for he felt that she would tell him of herself. Her hand was warm and moist: it did not respond to his touch, but he continued to caress it just as he had caressed her first letter to him that spring morning.

"It was in the winter," she said, "about the beginning of the winter when I was going to leave my grandmother's and come up here to the convent. And he was ill at the time in his lodgings in Galway and wouldn't be let out, and his people in Oughterard were written to. He was in decline, they said, or something like that. I never knew rightly."

She paused for a moment and sighed.

Thesaurus

clownish: (*adj*) loutish, zany, awkward, churlish, rude, rustic, uncouth, clumsy, gawky, buffoonish, clownlike.

fatuous: (*adj*) asinine, foolish, goofy, footling, insensate, empty, simple, silly, senseless, mindless, imbecile. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) brilliant, intelligent, smart, wise, sensible.

impalpable: (*adj*) imperceptible, shadowy, invisible, efflorescent, gritty, insubstantial, incorporeal,

inscrutable, ethereal, inapprehensible, elusive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tangible, definite.

pitiable: (*adj*) forlorn, abject, pathetic, miserable, pitiful, wretched, lamentable, poor, squalid; (*adj, v*) deplorable, mournful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) privileged, strong.

purposed: (*adj, v*) intended; (*adj*) deliberate, designed, forcible, betrothed, made tense, extended, undesigned; (*v*) free, not accidental,

voluntary.

sentimentalist: (*n*) soul, somebody, someone, human, individual, mortal, person, romantic.

vindictive: (*adj*) vengeful, malicious, revengeful, unforgiving, punitive, malevolent, remorseless, implacable, spiteful, vindictive, virulent.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nice, charitable, forgiving, helpful, merciful, tolerant.

whither: (*adv*) hither, thither, whereunto, whereto, for.

"Poor fellow," she said. "He was very **fond** of me and he was such a gentle boy. We used to go out together, walking, you know, Gabriel, like the way they do in the country. He was going to study singing only for his health. He had a very good voice, poor Michael Furey."

"Well; and then?" asked Gabriel.

"And then when it came to the time for me to leave Galway and come up to the convent he was much worse and I wouldn't be let see him so I wrote him a letter saying I was going up to Dublin and would be back in the summer, and hoping he would be better then."

She paused for a moment to get her voice under control, and then went on:

"Then the night before I left, I was in my grandmother's house in Nuns' Island, **packing** up, and I heard **gravel** thrown up against the window. The window was so wet I couldn't see, so I ran downstairs as I was and slipped out the back into the garden and there was the poor fellow at the end of the garden, shivering."

"And did you not tell him to go back?" asked Gabriel.

"I implored of him to go home at once and told him he would get his death in the rain. But he said he did not want to live. I can see his eyes as well as well! He was standing at the end of the wall where there was a tree."

"And did he go home?" asked Gabriel.

"Yes, he went home. And when I was only a week in the convent he died and he was buried in Oughterard, where his people came from. O, the day I heard that, that he was dead!"

She stopped, **choking** with sobs, and, overcome by emotion, flung herself face **downward** on the bed, sobbing in the quilt. Gabriel held her hand for a moment longer, **irresolutely**, and then, shy of **intruding** on her **grief**, let it fall gently and walked quietly to the window.

She was fast asleep.

Thesaurus

choking: (*n*) strangulation, throttling, slugging, asphyxiation; (*adj*) suffocative, suffocating, smothering, breathless, clogging, bitter, blinding.
downward: (*adv*) underneath, under, below, downwards, downwardly, beneath, down below; (*adj*) downcast, sloping, depressed, downright.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) up; (*adj*) rising.
fond: (*adj*) affectionate, caring, devoted, tender, loving, amorous, delicate, adoring, doting, ardent,

attached. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) aversion, cold, rough.
gravel: (*adj, v*) nonplus, bother; (*v*) bedevil, rag, chevy, flummox, bewilder, puzzle; (*adj*) grating; (*adj, n*) dirt; (*n*) grit.
grief: (*adj, n, v*) affliction; (*n*) dolor, anguish, distress, agony, pain, wound, chagrin, concern; (*n, v*) regret; (*adj*) sore. ANTONYMS: (*n*) joy, happiness, comfort, content, peace.

intruding: (*adj*) aggressive, interfering, intrusive.
irresolutely: (*adv*) waveringly, undecidedly, indecisively, hesitantly, uncertainly, hesitatingly, weakly, infirmly, spinelessly, unsteadily, unsettledly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) decisively, firmly.
packing: (*n*) boxing, package, gasket, bundling, fill, pad, pack, envelopment, wadding, wrap, backpacking.

Gabriel, leaning on his elbow, looked for a few moments unresentfully on her **tangled** hair and half-open mouth, listening to her deep-drawn breath. So she had had that romance in her life: a man had died for her sake. It hardly pained him now to think how poor a part he, her husband, had played in her life. He watched her while she slept, as though he and she had never lived together as man and wife. His curious eyes rested long upon her face and on her hair: and, as he thought of what she must have been then, in that time of her first **girlish** beauty, a strange, friendly pity for her entered his soul. He did not like to say even to himself that her face was no longer beautiful, but he knew that it was no longer the face for which Michael Furey had braved death.

Perhaps she had not told him all the story. His eyes moved to the chair over which she had thrown some of her clothes. A petticoat string dangled to the floor. One boot stood upright, its **limp** upper fallen down: the fellow of it lay upon its side. He wondered at his riot of emotions of an hour before. From what had it proceeded? From his aunt's supper, from his own foolish speech, from the wine and dancing, the merry-making when saying good-night in the hall, the pleasure of the walk along the river in the snow. Poor Aunt Julia! She, too, would soon be a shade with the shade of Patrick Morkan and his horse. He had caught that haggard look upon her face for a moment when she was singing *Arrayed for the Bridal*. Soon, perhaps, he would be sitting in that same drawing-room, dressed in black, his silk hat on his knees. The blinds would be drawn down and Aunt Kate would be sitting beside him, crying and blowing her nose and telling him how Julia had died. He would cast about in his mind for some words that might console her, and would find only **lame** and useless ones. Yes, yes: that would happen very soon.

The air of the room **chilled** his shoulders. He stretched himself cautiously along under the **sheets** and lay down beside his wife. One by one, they were all becoming shades. Better pass boldly into that other world, in the full glory of some passion, than fade and **wither** **dismally** with age. He thought of how she who lay beside him had locked in her heart for so many years that image of her lover's eyes when he had told her that he did not wish to live.

Thesaurus

chilled: (*adj*) frozen, freezing, cool, refrigerated, icy, inhibited, restrained, confined, shivering, iced, stiff.

dismally: (*adv*) gloomily, sadly, unhappily, murkily, dolefully, forbiddingly, darkly, somberly, depressingly, cheerlessly, grimly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) brightly, smartly.

girlish: (*adj*) boyish, childish, kittenish, juvenile, adolescent, innocent, schoolgirlish, babyish, immature,

youthful, female.

lame: (*adj*) crippled, disabled, halting, feeble, halt, weak, paralytic; (*adj, n*) game; (*adj, v*) paralyze, maim, cripple.

limp: (*adv, n, v*) hobble; (*adj, v*) flabby; (*n, v*) hitch; (*adj*) flaccid, slack, flexible, drooping, flimsy, weak, loose; (*v*) hop. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) taut, firm, hard, rigid, upright, alive, strong, stiff, tight.

sheets: (*n*) rain, bed linen.

tangled: (*adj*) involved, complex, knotted, intricate, complicated, entangled, knotty, convoluted, disheveled, tousled, matted.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, straightforward, untangled, neat, simple.

wither: (*v*) shrink, wilt, contract, shrivel, languish, droop, dry, waste, wane, atrophy, decay. ANTONYMS: (*v*) swell, strengthen, grow, blossom, flourish.

Generous tears filled Gabriel's eyes. He had never felt like that himself towards any woman, but he knew that such a feeling must be love. The tears gathered more thickly in his eyes and in the partial darkness he imagined he saw the form of a young man standing under a dripping tree. Other forms were near. His soul had approached that region where dwell the vast **hosts** of the dead. He was conscious of, but could not **apprehend**, their **wayward** and **flickering** existence. His own identity was fading out into a grey impalpable world: the solid world itself, which these dead had one time reared and lived in, was **dissolving** and dwindling.

A few light **taps** upon the pane made him turn to the window. It had begun to snow again. He watched **sleepily** the **flakes**, silver and dark, falling obliquely against the lamplight. The time had come for him to set out on his journey westward. Yes, the newspapers were right: snow was general all over Ireland. It was falling on every part of the dark central plain, on the **treeless** hills, falling softly upon the Bog of Allen and, farther westward, softly falling into the dark **mutinous** Shannon waves. It was falling, too, upon every part of the lonely churchyard on the hill where Michael Furey lay buried. It lay thickly drifted on the crooked crosses and headstones, on the spears of the little gate, on the barren thorns. His soul swooned slowly as he heard the snow falling faintly through the universe and faintly falling, like the descent of their last end, upon all the living and the dead.

Thesaurus

apprehend: (*v*) arrest, comprehend, grasp, catch, understand, fathom, realize, sense, follow, nail; (*adj, v*) conceive. ANTONYMS: (*v*) misunderstand, discharge, free, liberate.

dissolving: (*n*) dissolution, breakup, dissipation, disintegration, destruction, cancellation, adjournment; (*adj*) solvent, diffluent, deliquescent.

flakes: (*n*) dust.

flickering: (*adj*) sparkling, aflicker, desultory, capricious, glistening, shimmering, glittering; (*n*) twinkling, flicker, fluttering; (*adv*) flickeringly.

hosts: (*n*) armies, Sabaoth.

mutinous: (*adj*) defiant, insurgent, lawless, unruly, rebellious, contumacious, factious, disobedient, riotous, rebel, radical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) loyal, obedient.

sleepily: (*adv*) drowsily, slowly, somnolently, lethargically, lazily,

sluggishly, dreamily, tiredly, indolently, torpidly, languorously. ANTONYM: (*adv*) vigorously.

taps: (*n*) demise, bugle call.

treeless: (*adj*) bald, not wooded, unwooded.

wayward: (*adj*) contrary, disobedient, obstinate, stubborn, intractable, unruly, capricious; (*adj, n*) freakish, crotchety, wanton, fanciful.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) controllable, good, manageable, biddable.

GLOSSARY

- aback:** (adv) aft, astern, backward, abaft, backwards, short, sternmost, unawares, suddenly; (adj) back
- abandoned:** (adj) immoral, profligate, deserted, stranded, empty, shameless, wicked, lonely, depraved, corrupt, licentious. ANTONYMS: (adj) inhabited, orderly, overcrowded, used, pure, virtuous, upright, seemly, reserved, principled, moral
- abbot:** (n) abbatica, pilgrim, palmer, mendicant, lay brother, beadsman, friar, abbe, superior, prior, angel shark
- abhorred:** (adj) disgusted, unpopular
- abject:** (adj) contemptible, pitiful, low, wretched, despicable, sordid, base, mean, vile; (n) ignominious, dirty. ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, hopeful, magnificent, esteemed, proud, dignified, commendable, noble, exalted, worthy, happy
- abrupt:** (adj) sudden, brusque, sharp, precipitous, steep, instantaneous, unexpected, swift, instant, hasty; (n) bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, gradual, rambling, gracious, courteous, polite, anticipated, kind, calm, protracted, deliberate
- abruptly:** (adv) precipitously, rudely, brusquely, curtly, gruffly, shortly, sharply, bluntly, hastily, unexpectedly, steeply. ANTONYMS: (adv) gradually, civilly, attentively, kindly, politely, verbosely, eventually, pleasantly, slowly, indirectly
- absent:** (adj) wanting, inattentive, not present, preoccupied, lost, missing, faraway, nonexistent, absentminded, out; (adj, adv) off. ANTONYMS: (adj) alert, attendant, attending, existing, here, real, attentive; (adv) in, visible
- absentmindedness:** (n) ignorant, absence of mind, wistfulness, pensiveness, vagueness
- absolve:** (adj, v) justify; (v) forgive, exculpate, exonerate, acquit, free, pardon, remit, clear, redeem, discharge. ANTONYMS: (v) convict, blame, condemn, sentence, punish, obligate, incriminate, impeach, hold, charge, bind
- abstinent:** (adj) abstemious, abstentious, sober, continent, moderate, temperate, teetotal, austere, frugal, serious; (n) abstainer
- abstract:** (adj) theoretical; (n) abridgement, epitome, summary, abridgment, precis; (v) abridge, filch, purloin; (n, v) digest, extract. ANTONYMS: (adj) concrete, real, literal, material, physical, specific, objective; (v) expand, lengthen, strengthen, insert
- abstracted:** (adj) absentminded, separate, absent-minded, abstract, distrait, inattentive, pensive, preoccupied, remote, lost, vacant. ANTONYM: (adj) alert
- abundance:** (adj) plenty; (n) plenitude, store, richness, profusion, amplitude, exuberance, affluence, treasure, enough; (adj, n) riches. ANTONYMS: (n) scarcity, shortage, insufficiency, lack, aridity, scarceness, paucity, emptiness, fruitlessness, bareness
- abused:** (adj) maltreated, physically abused, downtrodden, perverted, dull
- academy:** (n) school, academe, college, university, institution, Acadmie des Beaux Arts, academia, lycee, secondary school, establishment, campus
- accent:** (v) emphasize, emphasise, punctuate, accentuate; (n) dialect, emphasis, idiom, importance, speech, articulation, pronunciation. ANTONYMS: (v) attenuate, downplay, hide, ignore, lessen, minimize, slight
- acclamation:** (n) applause, ovation, plaudit, praise, cheer, eclat, approval, commendation, vox populi, adulation, hand. ANTONYMS: (n) razzing, jeers, hisses, heckles, catcalls, vituperation, disapproval
- accompaniment:** (n) concomitant, part, backing, escort, support, occurrence, protection, companionship, addition; (adv) second, bass
- accompaniments:** (n) equipment, trimmings, fixing
- accompanist:** (n) accompanist, flautist, musician, organist, violinist, player, pianist, accordionist, singer
- accomplishments:** (n) benefit, actions, background, Comings and Goings, deeds, events, happenings, activities
- accord:** (n) agreement, consensus, harmony; (n, v) consent, concord, assent; (adj, v) agree; (v) give, bestow, suit, grant. ANTONYMS: (n) discord, strife, antagonism, hostility, friction, dissidence, dissension; (n, v) conflict; (v) withhold, question, oppose
- accordance:** (n) harmony, agreement, conformity, unison, concordance, coincidence, accordancy, admission, fitness, consensus, concord
- according:** (adj) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (adv) correspondingly, accordingly
- accordingly:** (adv) therefore, thus, so, then, ergo, as a result, correspondingly, according, appropriately, as a consequence, properly. ANTONYM: (adv) unsuitable
- accountant:** (n) auditor, teller, controller, bookkeeper, cashier,

almoner, businessperson, liquidator, public accountant, clerk, actuary

accurately: (adv) precisely, correctly, carefully, closely, faithfully, strictly, truly, rigorously, rightly, meticulously; (adj, adv) justly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) falsely, wrongly, imprecisely, figuratively, approximately, incorrectly, randomly, vaguely, wrong

accustomed: (adj, n) habitual; (adj) familiar, normal, wanted, usual, natural, everyday, ordinary, habituated, common, traditional.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, green, unseasoned, unconventional, untrained, abnormal, uncharacteristic, exceptional

aching: (adj) sore, achy, hurt, uncomfortable, tender, hurtful, agonizing; (n) ache, pain, hurting; (v) gripped

acknowledged: (adj) accepted, renowned, recognized, avowed, known, customary, confirmed, admitted, affirmed, recognised; (v) received.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unconventional, unacknowledged, questionable

acquaintance: (n) connection, friend, acquaintanceship, mate, awareness, associate, buddy, friendship, intercourse, companion; (n, v) knowledge.

ANTONYMS: (n) ignorance, inexperience, unfamiliarity, animosity, enemy

acquaintances: (n) associates

acquiescence: (n) compliance, consent, resignation, permission, sanction, approval, accord, agreement, submission, conformity; (n, v) assent.

ANTONYMS: (n) disagreement, insubordination, rebellion, defiance, rejection

acres: (n) land, acres and perches, roods and perches, landed estate, leasehold, homestead, glebe, manor, freehold, fief, feoff

acrobat: (n) clown, contortionist, jock, mountebank, Pulcinella, punch, harlequin, charlatan, scaramouch, balancer; (adj) athlete

actively: (adv) briskly, energetically, animatedly, diligently, lively, quickly, vigorously, agilely, vivaciously, alertly, industriously

actor: (n, v) doer, performer; (n) player, agent, thespian, comedian, entertainer, mimic, hysteron, artiste, impersonator.

ANTONYMS: (n) fan, spectator

actuated: (adj) motivated, actuate

acute: (adj, n, v) sharp; (adj) incisive, intense, penetrating, keen, severe, critical; (adj, v) high, shrewd; (adj, n) strong, smart.

ANTONYMS: (adj) obtuse, insignificant, stupid, unimportant, moderate, blunt, slow, slight, mild, minor, imperceptive

acutely: (adv) sharply, keenly, severely, astutely, piercingly, shrilly, cleverly; (adj, adv) intensely, extremely, gravely, critically.

ANTONYMS: (adv) chronically, mildly, slightly, faintly, vaguely, unexceptionally

adapted: (adj) altered, fit, agreeable, conformable, fitted, appropriate, prepared, tailored, modified; (adj, v) convenient, proper.

ANTONYM: (adj) unaccustomed

admire: (v) revere, look up to, idolize, appreciate, adore, wonder, praise, worship, admiring, esteem, honor.

ANTONYMS: (v) despise, loathe, scorn, hate, condemn, abhor, disrespect, detest, disregard, disapprove, deprecate

admired: (adj) respected, admirable, estimable, favorite, pet, beloved, honored, August, loved, accepted, popular.

ANTONYM: (adj) disreputable

admiring: (adj) admire, admiringly, loving, respectful, glowing, affectionate, amatory, appreciative, enthusiastic, flattering, approving.

ANTONYMS: (adj) defamatory, critical, disdainful, disapproving, disrespectful, uncomplimentary

admiringly: (adv) admire, lovingly, respectfully, reverently, approvingly, enthusiastically, affectionately, indulgently, kindly, dotingly, tenderly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) disrespectfully, ill

adoration: (n) admiration, adulation, cult, appreciation, reverence, glorification, idolization, homage, praise; (adj, n) devotion, passion.

ANTONYMS: (n) hatred, detestation, despising, disparagement, revulsion, repulsion, disgust, disdain

adorned: (adj) decorated, ornate, bedecked, decked out, fancy, garnished, ornamented, decked, beautiful, inscribed, festooned

adroitness: (n) cleverness, ability, skill, deftness, facility, nimbleness, skillfulness, knack, finesse, art; (n, v) address.

ANTONYMS: (n) uselessness, inaccuracy

advancing: (adj) progressive, moving

forward, increasing, moving, processive, thriving, ongoing, aggressive; (n) advancement, progression, proceeding

adventure: (n, v) venture, chance; (n) accident, escapade, incident, event, undertaking, consequence, essay; (v) risk, jeopardize.

ANTONYMS: (n) stillness, passiveness, inactivity, inaction, avoidance, inertia, bore

adventures: (n) experiences, fortunes, confessions, journal, life, biography, autobiography, personal narrative

advertisement: (n) declaration, advert, bill, circular, proclamation, notice, advertising, ad, publication, placard, propaganda

advise: (v) recommend, propose, warn, inform, acquaint, suggest, notify, announce, tell, offer, forewarn.

ANTONYMS: (v) betray, deceive, delude, fool, trick

advised: (adj) studied, considered, premeditated, deliberate, calculated, intended; (v) determinate, express, designed

affection: (n) charity, attachment, fondness, heart, love, disease, nature, feeling, affectionateness, tenderness, kindness.

ANTONYMS: (n) disgust, neglect, malice, loathing, dislike, detachment, coldness, roughness

affectionate: (adj) fond, tender, kind, mild, devoted, ardent, warm, cordial, caring, brotherly; (adj, adv) fatherly.

ANTONYMS: (adj) uncaring, callous, undemonstrative, aloof, cool, disapproving, reserved, antagonistic, paternal, rough

affections: (n) bosom

affirmed: (adj) acknowledged, avowed, guaranteed

affront: (n, v) insult, abuse, outrage, slight, snub; (v) face, offend; (n) disgrace, slur, offense, mortification.

ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise; (v) please, placate, mollify, gratify, flatter, assuage, appease, adulate; (n) pleasantry, appeasement

afterward: (adv, conj) then, after that; (adv) thereafter, afterwards, later, subsequently, later on, next, soon; (adj) following; (n) future.

ANTONYMS: (adv) now, previously, before

agile: (adj) active, nimble, spry, quick, adroit, deft, lively, dapper, supple, lithe, astute.

ANTONYMS: (adj) stiff, ponderous, brittle, logical, oafish, slow, sluggish, unfit, awkward, heavy, inflexible

- aging:** (adj, n) ageing; (n) senescence, agedness, ripening; (adj) elderly, senescent, long in the tooth
- agitated:** (adj) upset, excited, nervous, restive, tumultuous, distressed, tense, jumpy, overwrought, anxious, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, lethargic, tranquil, relaxed, assured, cool, still
- agitation:** (n) disturbance, excitement, tumult, stirring, convulsion, stir, commotion, emotion, unrest, shake, turmoil. ANTONYMS: (n) serenity, calm, equanimity, rest, peace, deterrent
- agony:** (n) torture, suffering, torment, distress, misery, passion, pain, grief, pang, sorrow, throe. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, joy, euphoria, bliss, happiness, ecstasy, peace, content
- agreeable:** (adj) accordant, nice, sweet, consistent, suitable, amusing, enjoyable, affable; (adj, v) pleasing, desirable; (adj, n) acceptable. ANTONYMS: (adj) disagreeable, discordant, unpleasant, nasty, unwilling, resistant, aggressive, repugnant, averse, stubborn, unacceptable
- agreeably:** (adv) enjoyably, pleasantly, sympathetically, pleasingly, suitably, well, melodically, accordingly, affably, genially; (adv, v) happily. ANTONYMS: (adv) disagreeably, incongruously, uncooperatively, unhelpfully, badly, stubbornly, harshly
- aimlessly:** (adv) indiscriminately, pointlessly, without aim, randomly, haphazardly, driftingly, blindly, erratically, objectlessly, desultorily, vagrantly
- airing:** (n, v) drive, ride, outing; (n) aeration, stroll, saunter, walk, expedition, improvement, turn, journey
- airs:** (n, v) pretension; (n) affectation, pride, pose, pretensions, attitude; (adj, n) arrogance; (v) precisianism, euphuism, purism, pedantry. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, personality, realness, truthfulness, honesty
- alarm:** (n, v) alert, scare, awe, panic; (n) consternation, alarm clock, fright, alarm, terror; (v) agitate, horrify. ANTONYMS: (n, v) comfort; (v) reassure, soothe, assure; (n) reassurance, composure, nonchalance, assurance, bravery, confidence, order
- alarmed:** (adj) afraid, scared, frightened, apprehensive, horrified, anxious, uneasy, agitated, shocked, terrified, concerned. ANTONYM: (adj) carefree
- alas:** (adv) unluckily, regrettably, sadly, unhappily, sorry to say; (n) oh; (int) lackaday. ANTONYM: (adv) luckily
- alcove:** (n) recess, bay, stall, bower, summerhouse, arbor, niche, compartment, hermitage, cubbyhole, channel
- alderman:** (n) councilman, constable, portreeve, warden, ealdorman, deputy mayor, seneschal, councilwoman, burgomaster, Corregidor
- alert:** (adj) active, agile, quick, lively, intelligent, aware, vigilant, clever, animated, ready; (adj, v) awake. ANTONYMS: (adj) drowsy, absentminded, dazed, tired, sleepy, unconscious, slow, asleep, unobservant, forgetful, dim
- alight:** (v) light, land, perch, dismount, get down, settle, get off, descend; (adj) ablaze, burning, blazing. ANTONYM: (v) mount
- alike:** (adj) corresponding, equal, equivalent, cognate, analogical, parallel, analogous, identical, similar, the same, duplicate. ANTONYMS: (adj) different, dissimilar, contrasting, unlike, disparate, unlike, opposite; (adv) differently, unequally, unevenly
- allan:** (n) Allen
- allen:** (n) Allen Stewart Konigsberg, Ethan Allen, woody Allen
- alley:** (n) track, road, passage, lane, alleyway, aisle, path, runway, pathway, street, back street
- allusion:** (n) innuendo, reference, cue, suggestion, mention, intimation, pointer, insinuation, implication, indication, clue
- almighty:** (adj) omnipotent, powerful, potent, great, supreme; (adj, n) divine; (n) lord, Jehovah, deity, God, godhead. ANTONYMS: (adj) ineffectual, insignificant, lay, powerless, lowly
- almond:** (n) Prunus Amygdalus, Prunus Dulcis, Amygdalus communis, almonds, almond tree, sweet almond, almond kernel, natural almond
- alms:** (n) handout, charity, benefaction, gift, donation, contribution, offering, bounty; (n, v) sportula, largess; (v) relieve
- aloud:** (adv) loud, out loud, strong, out, audibly, hard, forte. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, inaudibly, quietly
- altar:** (n) shrine, Communion table, sanctuary, table, structure, sanctum sanctorum, sacristy, construction, examination hall, holy of Holies
- alter:** (v) change, adapt, move, convert, adjust, amend, affect, transform, correct, vary, shift. ANTONYMS: (v) continue, keep, leave, preserve, worsen, retain, standardize, straighten, clarify
- alternately:** (adv) alternatively, by turns, in turn, secondarily, reciprocally, mutually, off-and-on, rather, anthemwise, secondly; (adj, adv) on and off
- amateur:** (adj) unskilled, amateurish, inexperienced; (n) novice, beginner, fan, apprentice, aspirant, dabbler, devotee, lover. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) expert; (adj) practiced, trained; (n) genius, virtuoso, specialist, master; (adv) paid
- ambition:** (n) aim, hope, goal, drive, ambitiousness, wish, dream, purpose, target, objective, intention. ANTONYMS: (n) satisfaction, contentment, sloth, laziness, lethargy
- ambulance:** (n) field hospital, automobile, auto, machine, motorcar, car, brancard, stretcher, hurdle, litter, crate
- amiability:** (n) geniality, affableness, kindness, friendliness, courtesy, cordiality, amiableness, affability, kindness, joviality, hospitality. ANTONYMS: (n) unfriendliness, hostility, unkindness
- amiable:** (adj) friendly, genial, agreeable, benign, complaisant, sweet, cordial, pleasant, likable, nice, lovely. ANTONYMS: (adj) disagreeable, argumentative, aggressive, antisocial, unkind, hateful, mean, quarrelsome, rude, surly, cold
- amiably:** (adv) kindly, affably, graciously, decently, courteously, thoughtfully, cordially, lovelily, in a friendly way, favorably, pleasantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unkindly, disagreeably
- amid:** (adv, prep) among, amongst; (prep) between, amidst, mid, during, in the midst of, with, surrounded by, stuck between; (n) midst. ANTONYMS: (prep) outside, separate

- amidst:** (adv, prep) among; (adv) amongst; (prep) between, midst, into
- amuse:** (v) please, beguile, absorb, entertain, enjoy, disport, distract, delight, occupy, recreate, rejoice. ANTONYMS: (v) bore, dull, tire, annoy, anger, cloy, depress, weary, disappoint
- amused:** (adj) amusing, smiling, tickled pink, pleased, diverted
- analogy:** (n) agreement, analog, parity, similarity, correspondence, resemblance, analogue, affinity, likeness, parallel, comparison. ANTONYMS: (n) dissimilarity, difference, contrast
- ancestral:** (adj) family, patrimonial, heritable, genetic, linear, patriarchal, familial, lineal, inherited, inheritable, ethnic
- anew:** (adv) again, newly, lately, recently, over again, once more, once again, new; (adj) only yesterday, the other day, just now
- angelical:** (adj) seraphic, cherubic, heavenly, saintly, saintlike, sainted, lovable, good, angelic ether, sweet, beatific
- angered:** (adj) enraged, annoyed, angry, furious, incensed, anger, vexed, irritated, raging, exasperated, huffy
- angle:** (n, v) hook, incline, tilt; (v) lean; (n) view, viewpoint, aspect, position, point of view, pitch, perspective
- angrily:** (adv) irately, passionately, fiercely, indignantly, cholericly, resentfully, enragedly, infuriatedly, wrathfully, madly, crossly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, lightly, calmly, cheerfully, gently, gladly
- anguish:** (n, v) pain, ache; (n) torment, agony, torture, distress, misery, suffering, despair, grief, sorrow. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, happiness, calm, euphoria, joyfulness, ecstasy, content, peace, hopefulness
- animatedly:** (adv) excitedly, energetically, spiritedly, vivaciously, vigorously, cheerfully, fervently, lively, ardently, vitally, perkily. ANTONYMS: (adv) inertly, lethargically, numbly, dazedly, calmly, lifelessly
- animation:** (adj, n) life, vivacity; (n) liveliness, vitality, activity, spirit, exhilaration, dash, energy, buoyancy; (adj) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (n) lethargy, lifelessness, inertness, inertia, sluggishness, boredom
- annihilate:** (v) eradicate, exterminate, eliminate, wipe out, extinguish, destroy, quash, crush, demolish, quench, extirpate. ANTONYMS: (v) build, help, save, protect, surrender
- annoy:** (v) pester, displease, anger, harass, bother, vex, aggravate, grate, molest; (n) annoyance; (n, v) afflict. ANTONYMS: (v) pacify, soothe, gratify, placate, comfort, encourage, delight
- annoyance:** (n) anger, harassment, aggravation, disturbance, inconvenience, pain, bother, botheration, temper, displeasure, vexation. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, satisfaction, patience, calmness, delight, equanimity, advantage, balm
- annoyed:** (adj) irritated, vexed, irate, aggravated, angered, cross, disgruntled, exasperated, infuriated, displeased, resentful. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, unprovoked, smiling, patient, unconcerned, contented
- anointed:** (adj) hallowed, divine, greasy; (v) anoint
- answering:** (adj) respondent, responsive, according, agreeing, responsive; (n) responsency
- anticipation:** (n) forecast, hope, foresight, prevention, augury, expectance, hopefulness, prefiguration, presentiment; (n, v) outlook, prospect. ANTONYMS: (n) despair, boredom
- antique:** (adj) old, antiquated, obsolete, aged, antiquarian, musty, quaint, outmoded, antediluvian, outdated; (n) relic. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) modern; (adj) recent, fresh, current, contemporary
- anxiously:** (adv) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly
- anyhow:** (adv) somehow, at any rate, in any case, whatever, in any event, regardless, however, though, besides, nonetheless, one way or another
- apache:** (n) hoodlum, highbinder, assassin
- apologetic:** (adj) regretful, sorry, contrite, penitent, rueful, alleged, ashamed, compunctious, deprecatory, apologize, regret. ANTONYMS: (adj) defensive, defiant, glad, recalcitrant, stubborn, unapologetic, unremorseful
- apologise:** (v) excuse, defend, support, pardon, palliate, mitigating, colour, rationalize, rationalise, plead, pled
- apology:** (n, v) excuse; (n) amends, regret, defense, justification, reason, explanation, vindication, alibi, acknowledgment; (v) apologize. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, reprehension, accusation, shamelessness, epitome
- appearing:** (adj) seeming, beseen, emergent, accomplished; (n) coming into court; (prep) liking; (adj, adv) prima facie
- applauded:** (adj) famous, highly praised, commended
- applauding:** (adj) plauditory
- applause:** (n, v) acclaim, praise; (n) admiration, approval, eulogy, compliment, plaudit, commendation, clapping, clap, ovation. ANTONYMS: (n) disapproval, Boos, booing, denigration, hisses, hissing, rejection, condemnation, criticism, jeering
- apple:** (n) Malus pumila, pome, earth, city, world, orchard apple tree; (v) apple slump, ball; (adj) green
- applying:** (adj) applicatory, applicative
- appreciable:** (adj, adv, v) perceptible, noticeable; (adj) considerable, respectable, conspicuous, palpable, discernible, apparent, manifest; (adj, adv) observable; (v) measurable. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, inconsiderable, negligible, unnoticed
- appreciated:** (adj) respected, prized, valued, comprehended, welcome, treasured, valuable, aesthetic, apprehended, esteemed, gratifying
- appreciation:** (n) admiration, acknowledgment, recognition, approval, taste, understanding, awareness, conception, grasp, feeling; (n, v) sense. ANTONYMS: (n) depreciation, loss, ungratefulness, ignorance, disrespect, disregard, disapproval, deflation, dislike, discomfort, condemnation
- appreciative:** (adj) grateful, supportive, indebted, appreciatory, complimentary, sympathetic, understanding, sensitive,

- discriminating, pleased, obliged.
ANTONYMS: (adj) unkind, derogatory, uncomplimentary, disapproving, unsympathetic, negative
- apprehend:** (v) arrest, comprehend, grasp, catch, understand, fathom, realize, sense, follow, nail; (adj, v) conceive. ANTONYMS: (v) misunderstand, discharge, free, liberate
- apprehensively:** (adv) uneasily, fearfully, worriedly, solicitously, timidly, restlessly, nervously, timorously, suspiciously, uncertainly, hesitantly.
ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, fearlessly, trustingly, unconcernedly
- approaching:** (adj) future, forthcoming, impending, imminent, oncoming, near; (adj, n) coming; (n, v) approach; (adv) nearly, almost; (prep) toward
- appropriateness:** (n) propriety, appositeness, decency, felicitousness, fitness, convenience, correctness, felicity, rightness, suitability, adequacy. ANTONYMS: (n) unsuitability, insignificance, incorrectness
- approving:** (n) adoption, appreciation, admiration, acceptance; (adj) good, approbative, approbatory, sympathetic, favourable; (adv) approvingly; (v) approve. ANTONYMS: (adj) against, mocking, scornful, critical, negative, uncomplimentary; (n) disapproval
- approvingly:** (adv) approving, approve, sympathetically, kindly, positively, constructively, admiringly, deferentially, enthusiastically, flatteringly, encouragingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) censoriously, negatively
- arch:** (n, v) curve, bow, bend; (n) dome, curvature, acute; (adj) wily, shrewd, sly; (v) vault; (adj, n, v) round. ANTONYMS: (adj) smallest, petty, modest, minor, frank, least, lesser, inferior, forthright, guileless, humble
- archly:** (adv) mischievously, sly, wickedly, playfully, waggishly, roguishly, shrewdly, wily, consummately, roundly, craftily
- ardently:** (adv) fervently, warmly, eagerly, intensely, fiercely, avidly, enthusiastically, burningly, zealously, fervidly; (adj, adv) hotly. ANTONYMS: (adv) indifferently,
- apathetically, unenthusiastically, halfheartedly, calmly
- ardour:** (n) fervency, fervidness, fervor, fervour, fire, elan, zeal, violence, ardency, assiduity, application
- arguing:** (n) controversy, contention, disputation, contestation, polemics, tilt; (v) argue; (adj) quarrelsome, argumentative
- argumentatively:** (adv) contentiously, controversially, quarrelsomely, combatively, pugnaciously, belligerently, litigiously, cantankerously, contrarily
- aroma:** (n) fragrance, smell, odor, bouquet, scent, incense, taste, breath, tang, flavor; (n, v) perfume. ANTONYMS: (n) stink, stench
- aromatic:** (adj) spicy, scented, sweet, savory, balmy, redolent, odorous, perfumed, pungent, tasty, piquant. ANTONYMS: (adj) smelly, odorless, stinky, acrid, mild, sweet, insipid
- arose:** (v) happen, occur
- aroused:** (adj) ablaze, aflame, passionate, hot, agitated, inflamed, susceptible, tense, fascinated, emotional, elated
- arranging:** (n) arrange, arrangements, disposition, composing, composition, order, position, set, orchestration, organization, agreement
- array:** (adj, n) arrangement; (n, v) line, attire, garb, range, apparel, display; (v) dress, adorn, deck, clothe. ANTONYMS: (v) undress, disarrange; (n) disorder, mess, rags, individual, likeness, dearth
- arrayed:** (adj) armored, panoplied, clothed, clad, armed; (v) habited, accustomed
- arriving:** (n) arrival; (adj) incoming, inbound, received, external, homeward bound, inward, new, inward bound. ANTONYM: (adj) outgoing
- arrowroot:** (n) *canna edulis*, canna INDICA, achira, starch, maranta, canna, amyllum, Indian shot, obedience plant
- arteries:** (adj) arterial
- artiste:** (n) musician, performer, actor, minstrel, performing artist, master, player, professional, singer, instrumentalist, conductor
- ascend:** (n, v) mount; (v) arise, scale, uprise, climb, go up, come up, increase, elevate; (n) ascending, ascent. ANTONYMS: (v) descend,
- drop, decline, fall, lower, set, sink
- ascend:** (n) ascension, climb, ascending, elevation, hill, incline, advance, grade; (n, v) rise; (v) ascend, uprise. ANTONYMS: (n) fall, drop, declivity
- ashamed:** (adj) hangdog, guilty, embarrassed, sheepish, remorseful, regretful, bashful, disconcerted, contrite, chagrined; (v) dashed. ANTONYMS: (adj) proud, arrogant, unremorseful, unashamed, pleased, blatant, bold, happy, unabashed, unrepentant
- asleep:** (adj) sleeping, deceased, sleepy, dormant, numb, dead, sound asleep, snoozing, slumbering, napping, gone. ANTONYMS: (adj) up, attentive, alert, conscious
- aspen:** (n) poplar; (adj) woody
- aspirated:** (adj) ardent, acute, abrupt, surd, sharp
- assemble:** (v) accumulate, aggregate, meet, gather, convene, call, set up, collect, group, make, get together. ANTONYMS: (v) dismantle, disband, disassemble, scatter, part, separate, disintegrate, disconnect, dismiss, distribute, demobilize
- assailed:** (adj) amassed, collected, collective, concentrated, united, gather, assembling, gathered, massed, built, aggregate
- assent:** (n) acceptance, acquiescence, approval, agreement, compliance, admission, approbation; (v) accede, accord, agree; (adj, v) acquiesce. ANTONYMS: (v) resist, disagree, disapprove, reject, refuse; (n) disagreement, refusal, resistance
- assert:** (v) allege, affirm, say, claim, declare, swear, show, avow, aver, maintain, argue. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, controvert, repress, refute
- assisted:** (adj) aided
- assuming:** (adj) arrogant, uppish, forward, bloated, contumelious, pretentious, bold, pompous; (conj) if; (n) assumption; (v) assume. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, modest
- assurance:** (n) confidence, guarantee, belief, pledge, security, promise, sureness, poise, conviction, nerve, warrant. ANTONYMS: (n) doubt, uncertainty, mistrust, lie, fiction, awkwardness, timidity, clumsiness
- assure:** (n, v) certify, warrant, vouch; (v) secure, persuade, satisfy, reassure, affirm, promise, ascertain; (adj, v) ensure. ANTONYMS: (v) alarm, disclaim, deny, disbelieve,

- undermine
astonished: (adj) astonish, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, stunned, aghast, bewildered, astounded, taken aback, thunderstruck, astonished; (v) amaze
astonishing: (adj) amazing, wonderful, stupendous, prodigious, strange, surprising, astounding, incredible, breathtaking; (v) astonish; (adj, n) marvelous.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, humdrum, boring, mundane, dull, expected, predictable, usual, comforting
astonishment: (n) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle.
 ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, belief, contempt
astounded: (adj) amazed, stunned, flabbergasted, bewildered, dumbfounded, surprised, staggered, astonished, dazed, astound, aghast
astrakhan: (n) fur, astrakhan cloth
astuteness: (n) cleverness, craftiness, cunning, shrewdness, slyness, foxiness, knowingness, williness, perspicacity, craft, depth.
 ANTONYMS: (n) foolishness, frankness
asunder: (adj, v) separate; (adv) aside, in two; (adj, adv) in Twain; (adj) loose, distant, adrift, aloof; (v) discrete, far between, free.
 ANTONYM: (adv) together
atom: (n) grain, speck, molecule, particle, mite, bit, mote, monad, crumb, corpuscle, iota
attached: (adj) affectionate, committed, affiliated, associated, devoted, fond, loving, loyal, near, added; (n) attachment.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) separate, unmarried, unattached, vagile, free, distant
attacking: (adj) aggressive, assailing, invading, abusive, abhorrent, warlike, rebellious, assailant
attain: (v) make, reach, achieve, acquire, gain, strike, catch, arrive at, find, obtain, come to. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, fail, abandon, surrender, differ
attentive: (adj) assiduous, diligent, heedful, watchful, observant, advertent, mindful, careful, aware, alert, respectful. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfocused, negligent, neglectful, forgetful, heedless, unobservant, rude, unprepared, unconscious, uncaring, inconsiderate
attentively: (adv) carefully, mindfully, watchfully, observantly, heedfully, vigilantly, cautiously, considerately, diligently, alertly, obligingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unhelpfully, neglectfully, abruptly, carelessly, hastily, casually
attracted: (adj) paying attention, concerned, enamored, enthusiastic, interested, involved, amatory
audible: (adj) plain, hearable, distinct, detectable, sounding, sharp, sonic, definite, discernible, perceptible, sensory. ANTONYMS: (adj) inaudible, unintelligible, undetectable, silent, faint
auditorium: (n) hall, lecture room, assembly hall, stalls, amphitheater, boxes, gallery, parquet, pit, audience, saloon
authoritative: (adj) official, imperious, reliable, dependable, magistral, authoritarian, influential, commanding, absolute, authorized, powerful. ANTONYMS: (adj) informal, polite, questionable, democratic, doubtful, illegitimate, illicit, unverified, unofficial, unsubstantiated, invalid
autobiographical: (adj) autobiographic, autobiographical
avenue: (n) road, route, sort, path, passage, approach, way, means, boulevard, course, lane
avoided: (adj) unpopular
awake: (v) wake, awaken, realize, waken; (adj) alive, alert, attentive, conscious, keen, intelligent; (adj, v) broad awake. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconscious, sleeping, comatose, sleepy, relaxed; (v) deaden, lull, sleep
awakened: (adj) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested
awfully: (adv) atrociously, hideously, appallingly, frightfully, fearfully, ghastly, terribly, horrifically, horrendously, badly; (adj, adv) amazingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, hardly, little, mildly, satisfactorily, slightly, well, adequately, superbly, somewhat
awkward: (adj) inconvenient, clumsy, embarrassing, uncomfortable, ungainly, untoward, crude, inept, sticky, left-handed, heavy.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) graceful, easy, adroit, manageable, straightforward, simple, dexterous, rotund, convenient, helpful, skillful
awkwardly: (adv) gawkily, ineptly, ungracefully, embarrassingly, maladroitly, stiffly, gracelessly, inopportunistly, bunglingly, inelegantly, unwieldily.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) gracefully, elegantly, usefully, urbanely, contentedly, coherently, calmly, conveniently, agilely, expertly, amenably
awoke: (adj) awakened
babe: (n) infant, baby, child, sweetie, suckling, nursing, chick, newborn, chit, girl, darling. ANTONYMS: (n) grownup, adult, adolescent
bachelor: (adj) single, unmarried, unattached; (n) unmarried man, graduate, knight bachelor, widower, old bachelor, spinster, adult male, agamist. ANTONYMS: (adj) married; (n) husband
backwards: (adv) back, rearward, rearwards, vice versa, conversely, aback, abaft; (adj) upside down, adverse; (adj, adv) topsy-turvy; (v) fall back
bade: (v) bid, command, bad
badge: (n) sign, emblem, insignia, medal, token, plaque, symbol, logo, indication, identification, characteristic
baffled: (adj) bewildered, puzzled, perplexed, confounded, at sea, frustrated, befuddled, beaten, bemused, preoccupied, helpless.
 ANTONYM: (adj) clear
balanced: (adj) equal, firm, well-balanced, steady, stable, staid, regular, suitable, harmonious, uniform, symmetrical.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) unfair, unbalanced, unsettled, unsymmetrical, uncertified, asymmetrical, disproportionate, imbalanced, unequal, uneven, irrational
balcony: (n) verandah, veranda, loggia, gallery, porch, arch, terrace, construction, eaves, portico, structure
ballad: (n) song, folk song, carol, poem, ballade, recitative, solfeggio, pastoral, recitativo, ditty, bravura
ballast: (n) weight, ballasting, counterbalance, substance, freight; (adj) aplomb, unperturbed; (v) stabilize, load, pose, stabilise
ballooned: (adj) stuffed, swollen, puffy, overstuffed, full, blown up, overfed
balls: (n) guts, family jewels, intestinal fortitude, nerve, spirit, tenacity, valor, audacity, prowess

- balustrade:** (n) fence, banisters, banister, bannister, barrier, handrail, pale, balusters, guardrail, circumvallation, ring fence
- bandage:** (v) bind, wrap, dress, envelop; (adj, n) truss, tie; (n) swathe, binding, roller, gauze; (adj) string. ANTONYM: (v) undress
- banded:** (adj) connected, striped, agouti, with stripes, stripy, belted
- bang:** (n, v) slam, hit, beat, strike, knock, smash, boom, thud, bump; (adv, n, v) smack, slap. ANTONYMS: (n) silence; (v) tiptoe
- banish:** (v) dispel, expel, displace, relegate, oust, expatriate, eject, dismiss, transport, cast out; (adj, v) exile. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, embrace, adopt, invite, include
- banisters:** (n) railing, balustrade
- banshee:** (n) benshie, lemures, seamaid, ghost, benshee, boggart, dryad, ghoul, Nereid, nymph, peri
- bantam:** (adj) petite, little, diminutive, tiny, small, midget, Lilliputian, piddling, petty, stunted; (n) dwarf. ANTONYMS: (adj) giant, huge, large
- baptismal:** (adj) eucharistical, Baptist; (n) baptism
- bare:** (adj) naked, austere, bald, stark, bleak, exposed, desolate, plain; (adj, v) empty, vacant; (v) show. ANTONYMS: (adj) cultivated, ornate, concealed, elaborate, adorned, decorated, dressed, clothed, embellished; (v) cover, conceal
- barely:** (adv) merely, just, nakedly, scantily, simply, nudely, baldly, purely, narrowly; (adj, adv) scarcely, only. ANTONYMS: (adj) enough, amply, sufficiently, abundantly; (adv) much, thoroughly, well, easily, obviously, clearly, strongly
- bargaining:** (n) haggle, chaffer, negotiation, business, parley, negotiations, deal, dealing, traffic, talks, haggling
- baritone:** (n) brass, singer, vocalist, baritone voice, baritone horn
- barman:** (n) bartender, barkeeper, barkeep, publican, tapster, mixologist
- barometer:** (n) baroscope, aeroscope, barograph, aneroid barometer, standard, aerometer, gauge, norm, trial balloon, weather station; (v) glass
- barracks:** (n) billet, quarters, encampment, casern
- barren:** (adj, n) sterile; (adj) infertile, deserted, arid, void, dry, stark, meagre, fruitless, abortive; (n) waste. ANTONYMS: (adj) productive, lush, fruitful, developing, growing, profitable, rewarding, rich, sheltered, humid, populous
- barrier:** (n) bar, bulwark, dam, rampart, hurdle, restraint, obstruction, handicap, partition, frontier, constraint. ANTONYMS: (n) advantage, opening, passage, aid
- bars:** (n) grinding media, gymnastics, parallel bars
- basket:** (n) cage, hamper, basketful, creel, Corf, coop, bucket, spinner basket, bassinet, containerful, cradle
- bass:** (adj) deep, resonant, rich, sonorous, abstruse; (n) bass voice, basso, sea bass, bass clef, bast; (adv) accompaniment. ANTONYM: (adj) shrill
- bathroom:** (n) lavatory, can, cloakroom, closet, convenience, John, lav, loo, privy, toilet, bathrooms
- battalion:** (n) host, regiment, squadron, company, unit, throng, garrison, detachment, corps, brigade; (n, v) battalia
- batter:** (v) hammer, baste, break, club, slam, beat, mangle, buffet, smite, pound; (n) batsman
- battered:** (adj) worn, damaged, hurt, maltreated, tattered, ragged, shabby, injured; (v) seedy, pulled down, shattered
- bazaar:** (n) fair, market, exchange, bazar, emporium, marketplace, store, guildhall, change, carnival, bourse
- beady:** (adj) beaded, bejewelled, gemmed, spangly, spangled, sequined, jewelled, jeweled, buttony, buttonlike, bespangled
- beans:** (adj) unimportant; (n) money
- beard:** (v) defy, dare; (adj, v) brave; (adj, n) hair; (n) whiskers, moustache, sloven, facial hair; (n, v) camouflage, disguise, mask. ANTONYM: (n) shaven
- beating:** (n) reverse, defeat, whipping, thrashing, battery, flogging, pounding, pulsation, pulse, rout; (adj) pulsing. ANTONYMS: (n) victory, win
- beats:** (n) beat, beatniks, Beat Generation
- beautifully:** (adv) exquisitely, nicely, gorgeously, splendidly, handsomely, attractively, superbly, charmingly, divinely, grandly, elegantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unappealingly, tastelessly, abysmally, harshly, horribly, badly
- beckon:** (n, v) attract; (v) signal, summon, call, motion, sign, invite, gesture, nod, brandish, lure. ANTONYM: (v) repel
- bedclothes:** (n) bedspread, cover, linen, bed linen, bed clothing, litter, clothes, throw, spread, quilt, puff
- bedstead:** (n) bed, berth, cot, bedframe, furniture, shakedown, pallet, stretcher, tester, stead, hatch
- beef:** (n, v) grumble, moan, grouse, squawk, groan; (n) complaint, ox, fuss, beebes; (v) grouch, complain. ANTONYMS: (n) impotence, praise; (v) rejoice
- beeswax:** (adj, n) wax; (n) pursuit, occupation, animal product, trade, livelihood, employment, business
- befoul:** (v) foul, pollute, soil, contaminate, dirty, violate, maculate, tarnish; (adj) besmear, bemire, begrieme
- begone:** (int) shoo, scat, out, off, avaunt; (v) take off, get out, clear out; (adv) aside, absent
- behalf:** (n) sake, part, interest, behoof, defense, lieu, good, stead, score, service, side
- beheld:** (adj) visual
- belfry:** (n) apse, room, bell tower, head, pinnacle, belltower
- belgium:** (n) Belgique
- belie:** (v) falsify, contradict, negate, misrepresent, betray, calumniate, defame, dissembel, color, distort, garble. ANTONYMS: (v) indicate, verify, prove, affirm, attest, reveal
- beliefs:** (n) philosophy, persuasion, creed, thinking, values, principles, way of life, morals, viewpoint, attitude, ideas
- believer:** (adj, n) convert; (n) apostle, supporter, devotee, worshipper, abiogenist, zealot, religionist, proselyte, layman; (adj) pietist. ANTONYMS: (n) skeptic, nonbeliever, guru, God, leader, opponent
- belle:** (n) beauty, fille, girl, miss, missy
- bells:** (n) addition, approval, matrimony, marriage, approbation, wedding
- belong:** (v) appertain, pertain, lie, go, belong to, attach, dwell, consist, come, rank, stand. ANTONYMS: (v) separate, disagree, disassociate, leave, quit, differ
- belt:** (n, v) band, hit, whack, wallop;

- (n) area, strap, strip, zone, fascia, baldric; (v) beat
- bench:** (n) banquette, chair, workbench, court, terrace, bank, bar, judicatory, Ottoman, board, form
- benches:** (n) bleachers
- bended:** (adj) bent, bowed
- bending:** (n) bow, bend, deflection, deflexion, refraction, flexure, crook; (adj) flexible, supple, winding, pliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) stiff
- bent:** (adj) curved, arched, deformed, crooked; (n) propensity, inclination, fancy, leaning, flair, gift, curvature. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, inability, aversion; (adj) undetermined, undecided, uncurved, uncaring, rigid, unbent
- bequeathed:** (adj) hereditary
- bernard:** (n) Claude Bernard
- betray:** (v) deceive, bewray, sell, grass, dupe, reveal, mislead, disclose, accuse, befool, bamboozle. ANTONYMS: (v) protect, undeceive, hide, defend, withhold
- bewildered:** (adj) bemused, confused, confounded, perplexed, befuddled, puzzled, dumbfounded, taken aback, addled, disoriented; (adj, v) lost. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, clear, oriented, precise, understanding, alert
- biceps:** (n) musculus biceps brachii
- bidding:** (n) behest, order, dictate, charge, bid, request, call, dictation, direction, fiat; (adj) imperative
- bile:** (n) gall, anger, spleen, ebullition, pucker, ferment, fume, rage, indignation, fury, biliousness. ANTONYMS: (n) composure, pleasure
- billiard:** (n) pool, one thousand billions
- billy:** (n) cudgel, club, truncheon, bail, beaker, bludgeon, canakin, goat, sandbag, blackjack, baton
- biscuit:** (n) rusk, hardtack, cooky, cookie, bisque, tea biscuit, almond cookie, wafer, tan, sea bread, oreo
- biscuits:** (n) biscuit, cracker; (adj) crackers
- bite:** (n, v) nip, cut, taste, hurt, pain; (v) pinch, chew, erode, gnaw, eat; (n) morsel. ANTONYMS: (n) lot, whole, mildness
- bitten:** (adj) stung, rabid, annoyed; (v) smitten
- bitter:** (adj, v) acrimonious, acid; (adj) sharp, acid, malicious, caustic, virulent, sour, resentful, keen, acerbic. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, charitable, hot, sugary, kind, wonderful, warm, pleasant, nice, agreeable, gentle
- bitterly:** (adv) biting, sourly, fiercely, cruelly, caustically, harshly, poignantly, piercingly, cuttingly, rancorously, acrimoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) harmoniously, sweetly, warmly, gladly, agreeably, kindly, friendly
- bitterness:** (n) acerbity, animosity, gall, malice, resentment, enmity, acridity, acidity, bitter, rancor, sharpness. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, happiness, harmony, kindness, blandness, friendliness, goodwill, idealism, affection
- blackened:** (adj) sulphured, blackening, colored, coloured, filthy, achromatic, colorful
- blackthorn:** (n) *Crataegus tomentosa*, *Prunus Spinosa*, bush, shrub, haw, hawthorn, Allegheny plum, Alleghany plum, pear haw, pear hawthorn
- blade:** (n) knife, beau, foil, falchion, cutlass, sword, leaf, shaft, razor, brand, steel
- blancmange:** (v) blackberry, bloater, chop suey, breadfruit, bouilli, bouillon; (n) dessert
- blandly:** (adv) dully, insipidly, mildly, suavely, flatly, uninterestingly, tamely, weakly, boringly, flavorlessly, oily. ANTONYMS: (adv) meaningfully, interestingly, admirably
- blank:** (adj) bare, empty, unfilled, pure, vacant, clean; (n) space, blankness, form, vacuity; (v) addle. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, expressive, used, understanding, thoughtful, incomplete, marked, filled, excited, lively, aware
- blankly:** (adj, adv) inanely, vacuously, expressionlessly; (adv) emptily, hollowly, voidly, cleanly, impassively, stupidly, whitely, inexpressively. ANTONYM: (adv) brightly
- blast:** (adj, n, v) discharge, explosion, burst; (n, v) attack, slam, smash, boom, blight, roar; (adj, v) blow up; (v) detonate
- blathering:** (adj) loquacious, blithering, gabbling, jabbering, voluble
- bleaching:** (v) to bleach, whiten; (n) fading, decolorization; (adj) acid
- bleak:** (adj) austere, bare, barren, cold, dreary, murky, black, desolate, raw, bald, bitter. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, lush, sunny, hopeful, encouraging, cheery, bright, sheltered, soulful, cozy, populated
- blended:** (adj) mixed, miscellaneous, composite, assorted, alloyed, amalgamated, beaten, adulterate, conglomerate; (n) medley; (v) mingle
- blesed:** (adj) happy, holy, cursed, sacred, damned, hallowed, blasted, fortunate, saintly, lucky, divine. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlucky, condemned, damned, disapproved, unhappy, unholy, secular
- blindfold:** (adv) blindly; (v) mystify, hoodwink, muffle; (adj) reckless, blindfolded, blinded, unsighted; (n) blinder
- blinking:** (adj) flickering, bally, blooming; (adj, n) winking; (n) shimmer, blink, wink, twinkling, nictation, blink of an eye, nictitation
- bliss:** (n) happiness, joy, ecstasy, pleasure, paradise, blessedness, felicity, elation, beatitude, heaven, blessing. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, sorrow, agony, grief, anguish, sadness, suffering, gloom, hell, dissatisfaction
- blond:** (adj, v) fair; (adj, n) blonde; (adj) light, flaxen, pale, creamy; (n) someone, soul, somebody, person; (v) to stick together. ANTONYM: (adj) brunet
- blooming:** (adj) rosy, thriving, flourishing, healthy, prosperous, ruddy, booming, blossoming, cherry, verdant, green. ANTONYMS: (adj) arid, pale
- blouse:** (n) shirt, top, jacket, coat, frock, smock, chemise, tunic, overall, waist, gown
- blowing:** (n) processing, insufflation, bravado; (v) fanning, blow out; (adj) windy, breezy
- blown:** (adj) puffy, panting, swollen, winded, inflated, moving, high, haughty lofty, late; (v) puffing and blowing; (n) blown
- bluish:** (adj) bluish, blasphemous, powder blue, coloured, colorful, colored, chromatic, bluey, aristocratic, aristocratical
- blunt:** (adj, v) dull, deaden; (adj) bluff, plain, direct, forthright, frank, candid, outspoken, round, abrupt. ANTONYMS: (v) hone, sharpen, point, accentuate, needle; (adj) devious, pointed, thoughtful, polite, guarded, gentle
- bluntly:** (adv) frankly, directly, rudely, bluffly, coarsely, forthrightly, candidly, curtly,

- brusquely, gruffly, openly.
ANTONYMS: (adv) deceitfully, hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, politely
- blush:** (n, v) glow, color; (v) redden, crimson; (n) red, bloom, rosiness, ruddiness, redness; (adj) bashful; (adv) blushing. **ANTONYMS:** (v) blanch, pale, blench; (n) paleness
- blushing:** (adj) rosy, coy, blushful, flushed, red, shy, bashful, overmodest, ruddy; (adv) blushingly, ablush. **ANTONYM:** (adj) pale
- boarding:** (n) embarkation, embarkment, boards, construction, departure, going, leaving, escalade, structure, lodging, board fence. **ANTONYM:** (n) debarkation
- boast:** (v) bluster, brag, blow, crow, gasconade, show off, rodomontade, exult; (n, v) vaunt, pride; (n) arrogance. **ANTONYMS:** (n) deprecation; (v) downplay, lack
- boasting:** (n) bluster, bravado, rodomontade, swagger, braggadocio, ostentation, show; (v) brag; (adj) swaggering, vaporing, strutting
- bo dice:** (n) corsage, stays, corset, brassiere, top, slip, waist, corselet
- bo diless:** (adj) immaterial, un bodied, disembodied, aeriform, unsubstantial, metaphysical, unembodied, bodiless, dis corporate
- bo hemian:** (n) Gypsy, Romany, palmer, hadji, pilgrim, unconventional, vagabond, maverick, nomad; (adj, n) nonconformist; (adj) raffish
- bold:** (adj) adventurous, audacious, manly, arrogant, intrepid, fearless, spirited, heroic, daring, courageous, stalwart. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) timid, modest, afraid, meek, shy, light, courteous, discreet, faint, fearful, abashed
- boldly:** (adj, adv) courageously, valiantly, heroically; (adv) fearlessly, daringly, bravely, intrepidly, impudently, audaciously, shamelessly, brashly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) discreetly, modestly, nervously, hesitantly, shyly, fearfully, meekly, submissively, secretly, respectfully, diffidently
- bonaparte:** (n) Napoleon Bonaparte, Napoleon, Napoleon I, the little corporal
- bone:** (n) framework, os, skeleton, anatomy, ivory, astragal, true middlings; (adj, n, v) cartilage; (v) swot, gristle, prepare
- bones:** (n) bone, frame, corpse, dry bones, framework, maraca, physician, finger cymbals, tymbal, wreck, timbrel
- bonnet:** (n) cap, protection, chapeau, tile, wimple, beret, lid, cowl ing, castor, poke bonnet, sunbonnet
- bony:** (adj) osseous, gaunt, lean, thin, emaciated, scrawny, skinny, angular, lanky, meager, boney. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) plump, boneless, fat, stout
- bookcase:** (n) bookshelf, cupboard, library, closet, furniture, cabinet, secretaire, article of furniture, davenport, till, sideboard
- booked:** (adj) reserved, registered, affianced, bespoken, betrothed, destined, future, engaged; (v) bespeak, given over
- bookshelf:** (n) bookcase, ledge, bookshelves, shelf, sill
- bookworm:** (n) reader, learner, booklover, pedant, scholastic, scholar, purist, pupil, pundit, person who reads; (adj) studious
- boot:** (n, v) kick; (n) boots, Wellingtons, bang, gain, jackboot, buskin, kicking, charge, shoe, bootikin
- bootees:** (n) bootie, booties
- bootmaker:** (n) cobbler, shoemaker
- borders:** (n) confines, boundaries, limitations
- bore:** (v) dig, tire, pierce, tap, annoy, perforate; (n, v) bother, plague; (n) auger, well, gimlet. **ANTONYMS:** (v) fascinate, excite, hypnotize, engage, entertain, stimulate; (n) charmer, exciter, excitement, pleasure
- bored:** (adj) weary, boring, blase, uninterested, bore, listless, jaded, sick, fed up, annoyed, indifferent. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) energetic, fresh
- borgia:** (n) Calixtus III, pope Alexander VI, duchess of Ferrara, Cesare Borgia, Alexander VI, Alfonso Borgia, Rodrigo Borgia
- borne:** (adj) weak, wanting, spoony, soft, sappy, shallow, little, limited
- borrowed:** (adj) foreign, rubato, secondary
- bosom:** (n) heart, interior, boob, thorax, chest, bust, tit; (n, v) embrace; (v) cherish, hug; (adj) intimate. **ANTONYMS:** (n) outside, exteriority
- bother:** (n, v) trouble, torment, worry, hassle, pain; (adj, n, v) fuss, bore; (v) vex, annoy, irritate; (n) nuisance. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) delight; (v) soothe, please, help, aid, comfort, placate, encourage, defend; (n) accord, satisfaction
- bounded:** (adj) restricted, limited, delimited, encircled, enclosed, confined, leap, spring, bordered, circumscribed, constrained. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unbounded, unconfined, unlimited, free
- bounding:** (n) jumping, confinement; (v) confine, salient; (adj) terminal, moving, subsultory
- bouquet:** (n) aroma, nosegay, perfume, smell, scent, bunch, odor, redolence, posy, flavour, spray
- bowed:** (adj) arched, curved, inclined, crooked, arciform, arching, arced, bandy, arcuate, twisted, bended. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) straight, concave, plucked
- bowing:** (n) obeisance, playing, gesticulation, capitulation, genuflection, scraping, submission; (adj) bowed, bent, fawning, submissive
- bowl:** (n) basin, plate, hollow, stadium, container, arena, depression, porringer; (v) hurl, toss, troll
- bowler:** (n) bowler hat, boller, player, participant, lid, cricketer, hat, chapeau, batsman, plug hat
- bowls:** (n) kaim, ninepins, skittles, dishes, dinner service, boules, plates, tableware, American bowls
- bracelet:** (n) annulus, armllet, circlet, wristband, necklace, ring, hoop, areola, circle, anklet, annulet
- bracing:** (n) brace, backing; (adj) invigorating, brisk, exhilarating, refreshing, tonic, enlivening, cool, benign, energizing. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) soporific, tiring, debilitating, draining, exhausting, soothing, warm, balmy, still
- braided:** (adj) curled, decorated, artful, tressed, braeded
- brains:** (n) cleverness, intellect, intelligence, sense, mind, wisdom, pate, wit, wits, reason; (adj, n) head. **ANTONYM:** (n) stupidity
- brandishing:** (n) flourish
- brandy:** (n) applejack, spirits, brandies, liquor, Brandywine, Marc, fruit brandy; (v) brandy smash
- brass:** (n, v) face; (adj, n) boldness; (n) nerve, cheek, administration, audaciousness, insolence, arrogance; (adj) bronze; (v) assurance, impudence
- brave:** (adj, n) bold, hardy; (adj)

- audacious, fearless, courageous, virile, intrepid, valiant; (adj, v) endure; (v) defy, face. ANTONYMS: (adj) cowardly, frightened, pathetic, gutless, afraid, cautious, fainthearted, meek, mousy, nervous; (v) skip
- bravely:** (adv) courageously, fearlessly, valiantly, boldly, intrepidly, dauntlessly, gallantly, audaciously, undauntedly, heroically, doughtily. ANTONYMS: (adv) timidly, fearfully, execrably, nervously
- bravery:** (n) courage, fortitude, audacity, valor, boldness, mettle, nerve, manhood, valiancy, heart, heroism. ANTONYMS: (n) fear, anxiety, fearfulness, timidity
- brazen:** (adj) audacious, impudent, brassy, insolent, bold, brash, impertinent, blatant, flagrant, forward, saucy. ANTONYMS: (adj) shy, abashed, prudish, reserved, quiet, discreet, respectful, ashamed, veiled, modest
- breaks:** (n) lot, destiny, opportunity, chance
- break-up:** (n) split, estrangement
- breast:** (n) boob, udder, tit, titty, chest, knocker, mammilla, bust, pap, heart; (n, v) front
- breathed:** (adj) unvoiced, inaudible, breathing, aphonic
- breathing:** (adj) animate, live, living, respiratory, alive, above ground; (v) breathe, respire; (n) respiration, instant, moment. ANTONYMS: (adj) inanimate, breathless, dead
- breches:** (n) knickers, inexpressibles, knickerbockers, brogues, shorts, smalls, overalls, small clothes, pants, trousers, pantaloons
- breeze:** (n) breath, air, gust, gale, flurry, zephyr, rumor, wind, blow, bise; (v) move
- breviary:** (n) epitome, portass, portuary, condensation, synopsis
- brick:** (n) adobe, block, rough diamond, ugly duckling, lump, unit, red; (adj) trump, concrete; (v) pot, terra cotta
- bricklayer:** (n) builder, mason, architect, artificer, artist, craftsman, forger, journeyman, smith, Wright, Vulcan
- bridal:** (adj, v) spousal; (adj, n) wedding; (n) nuptials, matrimony, espousal, hymen, marriage ceremony, adoption, betrothal; (v) hymeneal; (adj) marriage. ANTONYM: (adj) unmarried
- brim:** (n) rim, periphery, verge, edge, lip, hem, rand, margin, perimeter, brink, limit
- brimming:** (adj) teeming, brimful, brimful of, full, brimfull, brimfull of, replete, overflowing, chock-full, spilling over, packed. ANTONYMS: (adj) empty, unfilled
- brisk:** (adj) bracing, agile, alive, bright, lively, acute, alert, energetic, sprightly; (adj, v) quick, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) soporific, sluggish, hesitant, tedious, temperate, inactive, civil, torpid, slack, serious, lethargic
- briskly:** (adv) busily, energetically, vigorously, quickly, freshly, actively, sharply, rapidly, vividly, brightly, merrily. ANTONYMS: (adv) seriously, laboriously, civilly, pleasantly, languorously
- bristled:** (adj) briary, briery, barbed, bristling, burry, biting, burred, echinated, horrent, prickly, spiny
- briton:** (n) Breton, Englishman, brit, patrial
- broadly:** (adv) widely, extensively, largely, comprehensively, fully, spaciously, thickly, expansively, freely, extendedly, roomily. ANTONYMS: (adv) narrowly, slightly, specifically
- bronze:** (adj, n, v) tan; (n) brown, brass, sculpture, statuette; (v) terra cotta, discolour, discolor, marble, plate; (adj) bronzed
- brooch:** (n) broach, jewelry; (n, v) clasp; (v) fasten
- brood:** (n, v) breed; (v) sulk, think, incubate; (n) offspring, issue, progeny, young, posterity, family; (adj, n) herd. ANTONYMS: (v) reassure, delight, console
- brow:** (n) peak, brink, brows, height, summit, forehead, eyebrow, edge, crown, brim, border. ANTONYM: (n) trough
- browne:** (n) phiz, Charles Farrar Browne
- browning:** (n) cooking, John Moses Browning, Robert Browning, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, toasting, burnishing
- brows:** (n) brow
- brunt:** (n) jolt, onset, push, shock, thrust, throw, impact, strain, blow, bang; (adj) stress
- brush:** (n, v) broom, touch, kiss; (v) sweep, polish, graze, clean; (n) brushwood, conflict, copse, encounter
- brushed:** (adj) napped, fleecy
- brutal:** (adj) barbaric, barbarous, bestial, hard, cruel, unkind, vicious, savage, harsh, truculent, barbarian. ANTONYMS: (adj) merciful, kind, liberal, humane, generous, caring, friendly, nice, pleasant
- buck:** (n) dollar, stag, beau, boar, greenback, exquisite, fop, clam, hart; (v) charge; (n, v) buck jump. ANTONYMS: (v) conform, surrender; (n) female, girl
- buckle:** (n, v) clasp, warp; (v) curve, crumple, distort, fasten; (adj, n) button; (n) screw, hook, fastener; (adj) strap. ANTONYMS: (v) unbuckle, flatten, smooth, straighten
- buckled:** (v) wreathy, frizzly, crepe; (adj) warped, misshapen, malformed, distorted, askew, deformed
- buff:** (n) devotee, fan, addict, enthusiast, aficionado, admirer; (adj, n) tan, beige; (v) shine, furbish, polish. ANTONYMS: (v) corrode, dull, erode; (n) detractor
- buffer:** (n) buffer storage, safeguard, pad, protection, fender, bumper, shield, block, buffer material, guard; (n, v) cushion
- bulb:** (n) light bulb, knob, incandescent lamp, onion, lightbulb, Olfactory bulb, corm, nodule, pear, valve; (adj) globe
- bulged:** (adj) bulgy, convex
- bulk:** (n) size, mass, volume, majority, amount, capacity, quantity, dimension, magnitude, thickness; (adj, n) lump. ANTONYMS: (n) minority, lightness
- bull:** (n) rot, ox, hogwash, absurdity, bear, buck, guff, shit, male; (n, v) bullshit; (adj, n) blunder. ANTONYMS: (n) truth, bear
- bulldog:** (n) English bulldog, newspaper; (v) subdue, surmount; (adj) pertinacious, tiger, panther, tenacious, lion, dour, dogged
- bullied:** (adj) browbeaten, timid, cowed, hangdog, afraid
- buffer:** (n) buffer, fender, cushion, shock absorber, brimmer, defense, bumper shield, Atlantic bumper; (v) fill; (adj) abundant, plentiful. ANTONYM: (adj) meager
- bunch:** (n, v) crowd, clump, pack, bundle, group, huddle; (n) batch, lot, band, troop, gang. ANTONYMS: (v) spread, separate, scatter; (n) individual
- bundled:** (adj) wrapped
- buns:** (n) tush, rear, tail end, derriere,

- fanny, fundament, hind end, hindquarters, keister, buttocks, prat
- buried:** (adj) hidden, covert, interred, underground, inhumed, profound, covered, ulterior; (v) perdu, imbed, embed. ANTONYMS: (adj) explicit, overt
- burke:** (v) do for, subdue, inhibit, settle, conquer, slay, hush up, suppress, skirt; (n) Martha Jane burke, Martha Jane burk
- burly:** (adj) rugged, beefy, brawny, strapping, hefty, muscular, husky, stout, strong; (adv) beefily, sturdily. ANTONYMS: (adj) slight, skinny, thin, slim, small, anorexic, feeble, delicate, weak
- burned:** (adj) baked, scorched, tempered, sore, hurt, heated, hardened, destroyed, bleak, parched, adust
- burning:** (adj) blazing, ablaze, boiling, afire, flaming, hot; (n) combustion, firing; (adj, n) passionate, zealous, glowing. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, trivial, cool, out, painless, quenched, soothing, unimportant, apathetic, insignificant, unconcerned
- burns:** (n) George Burns, Nathan Birnbaum, Robert Burns
- burst:** (adj, n, v) crack; (adj, v) split, blow up, explode, splinter, detonate; (n, v) rupture, blast; (adj, n) flash; (v) break out, belch. ANTONYMS: (v) attach, join, connect, fasten, trickle
- bursting:** (adj) explosive, teeming, chock-full, full, complete, paroxysmal, exploding, disruptive, detonating, crowded; (n) outbreak. ANTONYM: (adj) hungry
- bushes:** (n) underbrush, thicket, undergrowth, minor league
- bushy:** (adj) dense, shagged, shaggy, hairy, bearded, brushy, gross, bushies, pilous, pappous, hispid. ANTONYMS: (adj) bald, neat, unhealthy, tidy, thin, sparse, sleek
- businesslike:** (adj) tidy, efficient, neat, orderly, practical, pragmatic, systematic, matter-of-fact, purposeful, workaday, realistic. ANTONYMS: (adj) unbusinesslike, slipshod, inefficient, disorganized, amateur
- bustle:** (adj, n, v) hurry; (n, v) flurry, ado, fuss, hustle; (adj, n) stir, movement; (n) bother, commotion, disorder; (adj, v) hasten. ANTONYMS: (n) inactivity, stillness, idleness; (v) laziness, relaxation
- bustling:** (adj) lively, busy, boisterous, buzzing, brisk, alive, vibrant, noisy, tumultuous; (v) stirring, full of incident. ANTONYM: (adj) inactive
- butcher:** (v) slaughter, kill, murder, slay; (n, v) massacre, botch; (n) assassin, bungler, slaughterer, meatman, murderer. ANTONYMS: (v) develop, create, grow, build
- butler:** (n) waiter, pantryman, attendant, valet de chambre, livery servant, steward, flunkey, footman, lackey, manservant, valet
- butter:** (v) gloze, slaver, flatter; (adj) butyraceous, dough, pudding; (n) fat, scrapper, fighter, oil, tallow
- buttons:** (n) bellboy, peyote
- bystander:** (n) spectator, witness, eyewitness, observer, beholder, looker-on, viewer, watcher, passer by, outsider, looker
- byword:** (n) aphorism, saw, saying, maxim, personification, proverb, sentence, motto, slogan, expression, catchphrase
- cabbage:** (v) filch, swipe, prig, crib, nim, purloin, bag; (n) kale, Cole, kail, dough
- cab:** (n) booth, cabana, cot, lodge, stall, shed, chamber, bothy, room, apartment, cell. ANTONYMS: (n) chateau, mansion, palace
- cabman:** (n) cabdriver, cabby, taximan, carman, coachman, driver, taxi driver, hackdriver, taxidriver
- cadence:** (n) beat, tempo, measure, rhythm, cadency, descent, time; (n, v) pace; (v) gait, step, rate
- cadet:** (n) boy, recruit, cadee, raw levies, trainee, plebe, staff officer, second lieutenant, officer, soldier, midshipman
- caitiff:** (n) coward, villain, scoundrel, miscreant, dastard, ruffian, rascal, budmash, brute, barbarian; (adv) cowardly
- calculate:** (v) estimate, compute, add, account, appraise, gauge, cipher, reckon, enumerate, forecast, guess. ANTONYMS: (v) suppose, doubt, estimate
- calm:** (adj, n, v) assuage, appease, lull; (adj, v) cool, pacify, peaceful, easy, steady; (adj, adv, n, v) still; (n, v) allay; (v) mollify. ANTONYMS: (adj) agitated, wild, stormy, nervous, angry, scared, terrified, tense; (v) agitate, provoke; (adj, v) upset
- calmed:** (adj) composed, thankful. ANTONYM: (adj) worried
- calmer:** (n) placid, quiet
- calmly:** (adv) stilly, tranquilly, coolly, serenely, placidly, sedately, smoothly, peacefully, easily, undisturbedly, steadily. ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, hysterically, nervously, agitatedly, uncontrollably, histrionically, restlessly, frantically, irritably, emotionally, tensely
- camaraderie:** (n) companionship, fellowship, friendship, friendliness, closeness, familiarity, sociability, association, brotherhood, fraternity, amity. ANTONYMS: (n) hostility, dislike, antagonism, coldness, enmity, animosity
- campbell:** (n) mayo
- canadian:** (n) Canuck, aboriginal, Canadian River, Cambrian, American, Caledonian
- canal:** (n) channel, conduit, duct, sound, culvert, adit, trench, sewer, passage, watercourse, pipe
- candid:** (adj) blunt, outspoken, ingenuous, direct, sincere, open, forthright, artless, equitable, honest, guileless. ANTONYMS: (adj) scheming, tricky, artful, deceitful, dishonest, guarded, indirect, insincere, inhibited, disingenuous, evasive
- candidly:** (adv) openly, ingenuously, sincerely, outspokenly, honestly, forthrightly, straightforwardly, plainly, bluntly, directly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) deceitfully, hesitantly, dishonestly, untruthfully, guardedly, ambiguously, shyly
- candle:** (n) candela, light, taper, bougie, CD, candlepower, lamp, wax light, Standard candle; (v) examine, illuminate
- candlelight:** (adj) rushlight, firelight, starlight; (n) candlelighting
- candlestick:** (n) candelabra, sconce, chandelier, candle holder, girandole, candleholder, holder, electrolier, gaselier, girandola, luster
- cane:** (n, v) scourge, whip; (v) flog, beat, birch, thrash, lash; (n) stick, bat, rattan, twig
- canvas:** (n) duck, sail, sheet, tarpaulin, cloth, tarp, burlap; (n, v) canvass; (v) painting, tableau, solicit
- canvass:** (n, v) campaign, discuss; (n) review; (v) beg, examine, scrutinize, view, agitate, inspect, survey, study. ANTONYM: (v) neglect
- canvasser:** (n) campaigner, solicitor, salesman, pollster, researcher,

- scrutineer
- cape:** (n) headland, ness, shawl, tippet, coat, point, mantelet, promontory, mantle, capellet, capeskin
- capel:** (n) caple
- capitals:** (n) brevier, caps, pica boldface
- caps:** (n) brevier, bourgeois, pica boldface
- capture:** (v) bag, catch, carry, ensnare, captivate, seize, get, apprehend; (n) seizure, apprehension; (n, v) take. ANTONYMS: (n, v) release, surrender; (v) liberate, disperse, free, lose, give; (n) return, liberation
- carat:** (n) unit, siliqua; (adj) scruple, quintal, pound, ounce, metric ton, ton, cwt, stone, lb
- caraway:** (n) Carum Carvi, herb, caraway seed, Carum, anise, Apiaceae, carrot family, Caraway, family Apiaceae, family Umbelliferae, genus Carum
- cardboard:** (n) card, carton, pasteboard, packing, wadding, paperboard, binder board, composition board; (adj) unreal, unlife-like, artificial
- cardinal:** (adj) capital, fundamental, central, main, key, chief, primal; (adj, n) paramount, essential, vital, radical. ANTONYMS: (adj) secondary, inessential, insignificant, minor, ordinal, unimportant
- cardinals:** (n) buntings, canaries, family Fringillidae, Fringillidae, genus Richmondena, Richmondena
- carelessly:** (adv) incautiously, hastily, recklessly, heedlessly, casually, sloppily, imprudently, inconsiderately, rashly, negligently, unwarily. ANTONYMS: (adv) thoroughly, diligently, carefully, warily, laboriously, thoughtfully, attentively, daintily, methodically, discreetly, economically
- caress:** (v) stroke, fondle, tickle, pat, pet, kiss, nuzzle, cuddle, coddle; (n, v) touch; (n) endearment. ANTONYM: (n) hit
- caressing:** (adj) caressive, soft; (n) petting, foreplay, stimulation, dalliance, smooching, snuggling, arousal, hugging, cuddling
- caretaker:** (n) superintendent, concierge, porter, watchman, manager, supervisor, controller, doorkeeper, gatekeeper, steward; (adj) interim
- cargo:** (n) burden, freight, wares, goods, merchandise, payload, shipment, weight, lading, haul; (adj, n) load
- carman:** (n) coachman, driver
- carriage:** (n) attitude, conveyance, cab, air, walk, position, mien, shipping; (n, v) transport, behavior, port
- carriages:** (n) carriage
- carrier:** (n) carrier wave, bearer, messenger, carter, postman, common carrier, vehicle, courier, mailman, porter, charged particle
- caruso:** (n) Enrico Caruso
- carve:** (v) cut up, cut, mold, incise, shape, inscribe, engrave, whittle, slash, hew; (n) carving
- carver:** (n) sculpturer, sculptress, cutter, modeler, figuriste, woodman, woodsman, woodworker, diner, statuary, chaser
- carving:** (n) sculpture, carve, cut, statue, engraving, art, image, figure, etching, woodcut, bust
- cashier:** (n) accountant, receiver, teller, paymaster, almoner; (v) discard, reject, discharge, shed, dismiss, displace. ANTONYMS: (v) designate, hire, name
- caste:** (n) rank, class, sort, variety, estate, tribe, race, genus; (adj) degree, baccalaureate, condition
- casual:** (adj) adventitious, careless, chance, occasional, nonchalant, irregular, easy, cursory, coincidental, passing, random. ANTONYMS: (adj) deliberate, formal, thorough, careful, rushed, premeditated, predetermined, planned, serious, permanent, intense
- casually:** (adv) incidentally, haphazardly, fortuitously, carelessly, occasionally, by chance, cursorily, nonchalantly, adventitiously, contingently, indifferently. ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, formally, politely, seriously, distantly, considerately, attentively
- catapult:** (n, v) sling; (n) launcher, slingshot, balister, bow, ordnance, slaying; (v) shoot, fling, launch, propel
- catching:** (adj) communicable, infectious, epidemic, gripping, transferable, zymotic; (n) discovery, take, playing, uncovering, getting. ANTONYM: (adj) noncommunicable
- catechism:** (n) interrogation, creed, education, question, test; (v) challenge
- cater:** (v) provide, feed, attend, gratify, indulge, satisfy, accommodate, forage, procure, purvey; (n) caterer
- cathedral:** (n) church, temple, place of worship, house of worship; (adj) authoritative, parochial, official, cathedralic
- catholic:** (adj) liberal, general, universal, Christian, prevailing, broad-minded, tolerant, scriptural, schismless, divine; (n) Roman. ANTONYMS: (adj) sectarian, limited, parochial, provincial, conservative
- catholicism:** (n) universality, Catholic, Romanist, Anglicanism, ROMANISM, Romish, Roman
- cats:** (n) Felidae, cates, public, people, order Carnivora, fissiped mammal, fissiped, Carnivora, bears, badgers, family Felidae
- cautious:** (adj) guarded, conservative, prudent, watchful, attentive, reserved, shy, provident, judicious, circumspect, chary. ANTONYMS: (adj) rash, open, impulsive, impetuous, careless, irresponsible, wasteful, incautious, thoughtless, imprudent, unwary
- cautiously:** (adv) guardedly, prudently, warily, circumspectly, charily, discreetly, vigilantly, timidly, attentively, watchfully, sparingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) openly, irresponsibly, imprudently, bravely, recklessly, incautiously, thoughtlessly, wastefully, tactlessly, rashly, liberally
- cavalier:** (adj) overbearing, arrogant, haughty, offhand, supercilious, domineering, bumptious, adventurous, flippant; (n) escort, equestrian. ANTONYMS: (adj) humble, conscientious, obliging, careful, polite, considerate
- cavernous:** (adj) profound, concave, echoing, resonant, sepulchral, yawning, huge, deep, depressed, sunken, vast. ANTONYMS: (adj) cramped, claustrophobic, convex, crowded, shallow, small, tiny, confined, narrow
- ceased:** (adj) finished
- cedarwood:** (n) cedar, wood, cedar tree
- ceiling:** (n) cap, limit, maximum, overhead, upper limit, top, roof, limitation, confine, tile, thatch. ANTONYMS: (n) minimum, floor
- celebrated:** (adj) renowned, famous, distinguished, notable, noted,

- splendid, well-known, known, famed, eminent; (adj, n) glorious. ANTONYMS: (adj) minor, unexalted, ordinary, obscure, undistinguished, inglorious, insignificant
- celery:** (n) *Apium graveolens* Dulce, veggie, herb, vegetable, family Apiaceae, family Umbelliferae, Umbelliferae, cultivated celery, caraway, genus *Apium*, carrot
- celibate:** (adj) continent, unmarried, single, chaste, maiden, virgin, virtuous, pure; (n) religionist, celibacy. ANTONYMS: (adj) promiscuous, sexual
- celtic:** (n) Celt, Celtic language, ERSE
- cemetery:** (n) graveyard, tomb, burial ground, burying ground, churchyard, necropolis, burial site, resting place, site, burial place, grave
- chafed:** (adj) uncomfortable, sore, painful, galled, angry; (v) fretted, agitated
- chains:** (n) fetters, bond, chain, bonds, handcuffs, irons, manacles, shackles, iron, confine, trammel
- chairs:** (n) seats
- chalice:** (n) grail, goblet, bowl, glass, trophy, calyx, jar, tumbler, rummer, basin, flask
- chandelier:** (n) candlestick, pendant, candelabrum, sconce, lustre, luster, girandole, candelabra, gaselier
- chandler:** (n) dealer, merchant, trader, maker, shaper, salesman, retailer, candlemaker, monger, Raymond Thornton chandler, Raymond chandler
- chanting:** (n) cantillation, vocalizing, sing, singing, intonation
- chap:** (n) fellow, blighter, guy, crevice, cranny, crack, lad, man, scissure, beau, chink
- chapel:** (n) chantry, worship, shrine, kirk, temple, house of God, house of worship, meetinghouse, oratory, place of worship, tabernacle
- chaplain:** (n) clergyman, parson, rector, minister, chaplaincy, chaplainship, vicar, padre, sky pilot, reverend, curate
- chaps:** (n) chops, fauces, crack
- charitable:** (adj) kind, clement, gentle, benevolent, liberal, bountiful, philanthropic, generous, humane, kindly, lenient. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncharitable, mean, nasty, tightfisted, inhumane, selfish, miserly, hard, cruel, commercial, cheap
- charm:** (n, v) allure, captivate, appeal, spell, fascinate, bewitch, conjure; (adj, v) attract; (n) amulet; (v) enchant, entrance. ANTONYMS: (n) ugliness, repulsion, repulsiveness, awkwardness, hatefulness, unpleasantness; (v) repulse, offend, irritate, disgust, bore
- charming:** (adj) beautiful, lovely, captivating, winning, attractive, enchanting, delightful, pleasing, nice, magic, cute. ANTONYMS: (adj) repellent, unpleasant, unappealing, repulsive, charmless, disgusting, gross, irritating, offensive, uninteresting, annoying
- chase:** (v) pursue, trail, follow, track, stalk, expel, banish, go after; (n, v) hunt, search; (n) game. ANTONYMS: (v) escape, lead, find, precede
- chastising:** (n) disciplining, penalizing, imprisoning, fining
- chat:** (n, v) converse, talk, chatter, chitchat, confab, prattle; (n) conversation, causerie, gab; (v) confabulate, chaffer
- cheek:** (n) audacity, nerve, brass, boldness, impertinence, face, lip, mouth, gall, insolence, impudence. ANTONYMS: (n) respect, cowardice, timidity, humbleness, meekness, reticence, seriousness; (v) praise
- cheeks:** (n) Gemini, twins, couple, posterior, pair, deuce, two, duet
- cheer:** (v) animate, applaud, amuse, hearten, inspire, lighten; (n, v) comfort, delight, cry; (adj, v) embolden; (n) consolation. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, boo, uncheerfulness, hiss, pessimism, raspberry; (v) depress, discourage, dissuade, complain, jeer
- cheerful:** (adj, v) buoyant; (adj) breezy, merry, optimistic, pleasant, glad, blithe, carefree, bright, lively, happy. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressed, gloomy, sad, depressing, grim, hopeless, miserable, morose, somber, dejected, unwelcoming
- cheerfully:** (adj, adv) gladly; (adv, v) happily; (adv) merrily, readily, brightly, jovially, cheerily, genially, chirpily, lively, blithely. ANTONYMS: (adv) bleakly, dismally, grimly, sullenly, unhappily, somberly, sadly, grudgingly, gloomily, dourly, forlornly
- cheerfulness:** (n) glee, happiness, exhilaration, hilarity, mirth,
- merriment, gladness, cheer, good spirits, pleasure, joviality. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, grimness, seriousness, misery, resentment, uncheerfulness, solemnity, lethargy, bleakness, gravity, gloominess
- cheering:** (adj, n) encouraging, inspiring; (adj) comforting, hearty, exhilarating, heartening, amusing; (n) applause, acclaim, ovation, cheers. ANTONYMS: (adj) disheartening, heartbreaking, discouraging, depressing, dejecting, disturbing
- cheerless:** (adj) sad, dismal, dark, drab, dreary, gloomy, dull, murky, dispiriting; (adj, v) disconsolate, joyless. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, happy, uplifting, lighthearted, sunny, smart, cheery, warm
- cheque:** (n) draft, bank check, bridge, checkout, check mark, bad check, arrest; (v) check out, check up on, check over, check into
- cherish:** (v) care for, nurture, treasure, entertain, cultivate, bosom, prize, esteem, harbor; (n, v) hug, foster. ANTONYMS: (v) hate, scorn, reject, denounce, despise, neglect
- chieftain:** (n) captain, leader, tribal chief, pendragon, master, headman, boss, head, head boss, guide, cacique
- childish:** (adj) childlike, naive, babyish, immature, simple, puerile, infantile, juvenile, silly, frivolous, young. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, old, wise, adult, jaded
- childishly:** (adv) foolishly, babyishly, silly, infantilely, stupidly, immaturely, simply, juvenilely, absurdly, ridiculously, frivolously
- chill:** (adj, v) cool; (adj, n) cold; (adj) bleak, icy, chilly, frosty, depressing; (v) freeze, dispirit, damp; (n) coolness. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) warm; (n) warmth, warmness; (v) encourage, hearten, inspirit, thaw; (adj) hot, gregarious, friendly, sociable
- chilled:** (adj) frozen, freezing, cool, refrigerated, icy, inhibited, restrained, confined, shivering, iced, stiff
- chilly:** (adj, adv) unfriendly; (adv) coolly, frigidly; (adj) cool, bleak, algid, freezing, frozen, icy, frosty; (adj, n) cold. ANTONYMS: (adj) hot, tropical, responsive, mild, welcoming, friendly, balmy, torrid
- chin:** (n) jaw, Kuki, jawbone, lineament, rap, jowl; (v) elevate,

- speak, chin up, confer, bring up
chivalry: (n) gallantry, knighthood, generosity, courtesy, knight service, courtliness, knight errantry, principle, valiance; (adj, n) heroism; (adj) prowess. ANTONYMS: (n) impoliteness, dishonor, discourtesy, cowardice
chocolate: (n) bonbon, hot chocolate, cocoa, burnt umber, sweet, candy; (n, v) coffee; (adj) brunette, tan, tawny; (v) tea
choir: (n) quire, chancel, choral society, choral group, crypt, Golgotha, nave, transept, vestry, chorister, ensemble
choked: (adj) clogged, smothered, congested, annoyed, high-strung, strained, neurotic, tense, angry, anxious, insecure
choking: (n) strangulation, throttling, slugging, asphyxiation; (adj) suffocative, suffocating, smothering, breathless, clogging, bitter, blinding
choosing: (n) picking, pick, selection, option, election, appointment, volition; (v) choose
chops: (n, v) jaws; (n) orifice, chaps, jaw, fauces, propylon, portico, porch, door, portal; (v) gob
chords: (n) key, clef
chorus: (n, v) choir; (v) chant; (n) ensemble, coir, refrain, chorale, acclamation, Greek chorus; (adv) descant, glee, madrigal. ANTONYMS: (n) disagreement, discord
christmastime: (n) Yuletide, Christmas, Yule, Christmastide, noel
chronicles: (n) archives, history, archive, records
chummy: (adj) thick, familiar, intimate, close, pally, pleasant, matey, sociable, companionable, gregarious, kind. ANTONYMS: (adj) hostile, unsociable, unfriendly, estranged, alienated, cool, frosty
churchyard: (n) graveyard, burial ground, yard, necropolis, cloisters, kirkyard
cigar: (n) cheroot, cigars, smoke, cigarette, corona, panatela, panetella, segar, cigarillo
cigarette: (adj) cigar; (n) tobacco, fog, butt, can, coffin nail, cubeb, scroll, buttocks, reefer, butt joint
cigarettes: (n) tobacco, cigaret
cigars: (n) cigar
cinder: (n) clinker, scoria, charcoal, scum, ashes, ember, dross, slag, chark, bastard
cinders: (n) cinder, dust, ash, flue dust, powder, residue, slag; (adj) mother, scoriae, precipitate
circling: (v) snaky, serpentine; (adj) rotating, spinning, circular, spiral, moving; (n) circulation, circuit, cycling; (adv) around
circular: (adj) round, rounded, rotund, orbicular, circinate, globular, annular, spherical; (n) handbill, advertisement, bill. ANTONYMS: (adj) linear, rectangular, straight
circulated: (adj) disseminated, diffuse, dispersed, distributed
circus: (n) arena, hippodrome, circle, ring, square, pygargus, Flavian amphitheater, amphitheater, cockpit, turf, troupe
citizen: (n) national, inhabitant, denizen, resident, burgher, the people, subject, freeman, native, nationality, voter. ANTONYMS: (n) foreigner, immigrant, tourist, alien, stranger
citizenship: (n) demeanor, demeanour, position, status, conduct, deportment, rights, freedom, behavior, behaviour
civic: (adj) city, urban, public, national, communal, local, civil, metropolitan, town, personal, universal. ANTONYM: (adj) rural
civilisation: (n) civilization, culture, development, acculturation, breeding, refinement
clamour: (n) clamoring, hue and cry, clamouring, blare, bedlam, uproar, vociferation, tumult, hubbub, exclamation; (v) utter
clap: (n, v) blast, boom, slam, rumble; (n) applause, clapping, gonorrhoea, smash; (v) acclaim, applaud, hit. ANTONYMS: (v) hiss, jeer
clapping: (n) clap, acclaim, hand, clapping of hands, cheering, handclap, ovation, slapping, plaudit, round, approval
clasp: (adj) tendlit
classroom: (n) schoolroom, category, classrooms, form, room
clatter: (n, v) rattle, jingle, bang, clank, clang, roll, clink; (v) clash, chatter; (n) noise, racket. ANTONYM: (n) quiet
clay: (n) soil, remains, adobe, loam, dust, dirt, mud, bentonite, ashes; (adj, n) pottery; (adj) earthen
cleared: (adj) absolved, clean, empty, exculpated, bleak, innocent, exempt, vindicated, exonerated, guiltless, let off. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, uncleared, guilty
cleaver: (n) riving knife, bramble, hatchet, cleaver knife, chop, meat cleaver, ax; (adj) billhook, cutter
clergyman: (n) minister, chaplain, priest, pastor, churchman, preacher, parson, rector, dominie, vicar; (adj) divine. ANTONYMS: (n) layman, layperson
clerk: (n, v) writer, secretary, transcriber; (n) servant, shop assistant, salesclerk, employee, accountant, recorder; (v) scrivener, scribe
clever: (adj) capable, acute, intelligent, able, apt, expert, skillful, cunning, sharp; (adj, v) brilliant, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) clumsy, unintelligent, dim, dull, inept, thick, naive, idiotic, moronic, incompetent, open
clicking: (n) tick
climax: (n, v) peak, crown; (n) top, zenith, culmination, acme, height, summit, pinnacle, meridian; (adj, n) orgasm. ANTONYMS: (v) dip, drop, delve; (n) low, nadir, bathos, anticlimax, comedown, base, trough, prelude
climbing: (n) climb, ascension, mounting, mountain climbing, mountaineering, rock climbing, acclivity; (v) ascending, uprise, arise; (adj) scandent
clinch: (n, v) clutch, clench, grip, hold, embrace, clasp, grasp, gripe, squeeze; (adj, v) fasten; (v) clamp. ANTONYM: (v) unfasten
clip: (n, v) clasp, snip, hit, pin; (v) nip, trim, shear, shave, crop, prune; (n) buckle. ANTONYMS: (v) detach, elongate, extend, increase, unclip, undo, unfasten
cloak: (n, v) veil, mask, camouflage, wrap, masquerade, screen, pall; (n) cape; (v) conceal, dissemble, hide. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, uncloak, unmask; (n, v) uncover
closing: (n) end, finish, conclusion, close, ending, shutting, finishing; (adj) ultimate, last, final, terminal. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) opening; (adj) first
cloth: (n) drapery, fabric, clothes, clothing, rag, stuff, linen, tapestry, silk, flannel; (v) napkin
clothe: (v) dress, cover, garb, apparel, clad, vest, arrange, deck, invest, wrap; (n, v) attire. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, strip, uncover
clothed: (adj) dressed, wrapped, cloaked, robed, covered, attired, vested, absorbed, decent; (v)

- accustomed, arrayed. ANTONYM: (adj) unclotted
- clothing:** (n) attire, threads, outfit, gear, dress, cloth, duds, habit, wear; (n, v) apparel, vesture
- clotted:** (n) clammy, ropy, mastic, glutinous, gelatin; (adj) thick, clogged, grumous, bloody, choked, fleamy
- cloud:** (n, v) mist, blur; (v) becloud, obscure, eclipse, blacken, taint, befog, overshadow; (adj, n) swarm; (n) haze. ANTONYMS: (v) clear, refine, accentuate, illuminate, explain, clarify, unveil
- clouds:** (n) exhaust, fumes, gas, smoke, vapors
- clownish:** (adj) loutish, zany, awkward, churlish, rude, rustic, uncouth, clumsy, gawky, buffoonish, clownlike
- clumsily:** (adv) awkwardly, ineptly, crudely, ungracefully, maladroitly, gawkily, inelegantly, gauchely, inexpertly, unwieldily, roughly. ANTONYMS: (adv) skillfully, cleverly, coherently, deftly, elegantly, gracefully, carefully, expertly, competently, tactfully, urbanely
- clumsy:** (adj) bumbling, bungling, cumbersome, unwieldy, rude, inept, inapt, maladroit, gawky, unskilled, wooden. ANTONYMS: (adj) graceful, dexterous, clever, skillful, deft, adroit, elegant, coordinated, expert, athletic, agile
- clutch:** (n, v) clasp, grip, clench, grasp, hold, clinch, gripe; (v) grab, grapple, embrace; (adj, v) catch. ANTONYMS: (n) loose; (v) release, unfasten
- clutched:** (adj) tense, worried, anxious, neurotic
- coachman:** (n) teamster, cabman, charioteer, carter, carman, Jehu, postboy, drayman, wagoner, postilion; (v) whip
- coals:** (n) ashes, fire, residue, embers
- coarse:** (adj) vulgar, boorish, rough, brutal, crude, gross, common, earthy, blunt, bawdy; (adj, v) harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) sophisticated, refined, smooth, polite, soft, civil, cultured, delicate, fine, genteel, gentlemanly
- coffin:** (n) casket, sarcophagus, chest, cask, hearse, urn, carriage, automobile, catafalque; (v) to drive a nail in one's coffin, bury
- coin:** (v) invent, mint, originate, create, strike, cast; (n, v) forge; (n) specie, money, penny, piece
- coins:** (v) coinage; (n) hard cash, money, loose change, small change, legal tender, ready money
- coldly:** (adv) frigidly, icily, coolly, indifferently, frostily, distantly, gelidly, reservedly, bleakly, wintrily, frozenly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, affectionately, sympathetically, sensitively, kindly, cheerfully, emotionally
- collapse:** (n, v) slump, fall, flop, subsidence; (n) breakdown; (v) break, break down, buckle, crumple, crack, crumble. ANTONYMS: (n, v) rise; (v) build, grow, invigorate, withstand, improve, hold; (n) growth, success, triumph, making
- collar:** (n, v) arrest, catch, capture, pinch; (n) choker, ruff, lapel; (v) apprehend, nail, grab, clutch. ANTONYMS: (v) free, release
- colleague:** (n) associate, buddy, collaborator, partner, friend, assistant, brother, acquaintance, companion, fellow, mate. ANTONYMS: (n) opponent, antagonist, detractor, superior, rival, foe, stranger
- collecting:** (n) compilation, accumulation, collection, collation, assemblage, aggregation, pickup, philately, numismatics; (adj) gathering, philatelic
- coloured:** (adj) colorful, biased, black, partial, painted, dyed, unfair, blue, hued, color, artificial
- colourless:** (adj) colorless, drab, pale, neutral, wan, pallid, ashen, clear, white, washy, bloodless. ANTONYM: (adj) colorful
- combing:** (n) hairdressing, search, combing waste, cockscomb
- comedy:** (n) play, humor, drollery, show, clowning, drama, wittiness, slapstick, jesting, interlude, hilarity. ANTONYMS: (n) melodrama, seriousness, solemnity
- comer:** (n) newcomer, arriver, traveler, traveller, contender, competitor, competition, visitor, whiz kid, Young Turk; (adj) fresh
- comfortably:** (adv) easily, pleasantly, cosily, conveniently, easy, snugly, richly, advantageously, leisurely, well, wealthily. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncomfortably, awkwardly, unpleasantly
- comforted:** (adj) thankful, pleased, comfortable, calmed
- comic:** (n) clown, joker, buffoon, zany; (adj) comical, amusing, laughable, humorous, burlesque, funny, absurd. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, serious
- comical:** (adj) funny, comic, laughable, absurd, humorous, ridiculous, zany, droll, jocose, grotesque, jocular. ANTONYMS: (adj) tragic, sad, grave, solemn, unfunny, dull, sensible
- commercially:** (adv) mercantilely, tradingly, economically, mercenarily, merchantly, industrially, businessly, materialistically, monetarily, pecuniarily, financially
- commonplace:** (adj, v) trite, hackneyed; (adj) banal, ordinary, humdrum, common, average, plain, mundane, dull; (n) platitude. ANTONYMS: (adj) extraordinary, unusual, exceptional, infrequent, rare, romantic, uncommon, weird; (n) deepness, profundity, profoundness
- communing:** (n) communion
- communio:** (n) communication, denomination, intercourse, alliance, Eucharist, faction, sacrament, traffic, sharing, fellowship, Holy Communion. ANTONYMS: (n) hostility, disunity, distance, disagreement, alienation, contention
- companion:** (adj, n) associate; (n) colleague, buddy, mate, peer, chum, partner, fellow, comrade, assistant, brother. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, stranger, adversary
- companions:** (n) circle, entourage, people
- companionship:** (n) company, society, fellowship, camaraderie, partnership, friendship, fraternity, amity, coexistence, brotherhood, communion. ANTONYMS: (n) animosity, enmity, solitude
- comparing:** (n) collation, contrast, comparison, analogy, collating, comparability
- compassionately:** (adv) kindly, humanely, mercifully, pityingly, benevolently, graciously, tenderly, clemently, caringly, humanitarianly, indulgently. ANTONYMS: (adv) severely, unkindly, malevolently, meanly, roughly, inhumanely
- compelled:** (adj) forced, obligate, enforced, constrained, responsible, answerable, unwilling, destined
- competete:** (v) rival, race, emulate, participate, oppose, vie, struggle, match, equal, contend, competing. ANTONYM: (v) cooperate

- complacent:** (adj) self-satisfied, contented, smug, satisfied, gracious, accommodating, comfortable, placid, proud, arrogant, self-righteous. ANTONYMS: (adj) dissatisfied, discontented, insecure, modest, troubled, uneasy, unsatisfied, concerned, anxious
- complain:** (v) bemoan, protest, whine, squawk, bewail, beef, grudge, accuse, carp, plain, complaint. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, applaud, cheer, recommend, rejoice, laud, approve, agree, accept
- complexion:** (n, v) tint; (n) cast, character, appearance, look, hue, aspect, flush, glow, dye, fashion
- complicity:** (n) collusion, guilt, guiltiness, conspiracy, agreement, connivance, participation, involvement, implication, accomplice, plot
- compliment:** (n, v) praise, honor; (v) laud, flattery, applaud, greet, adulation, congratulate, belaud; (n) eulogy, tribute. ANTONYMS: (n) criticism, reproach, disparagement; (n, v) slander, libel; (v) criticize, denounce, disparage, denigrate, complain, belittle
- compliments:** (n) respects, commendation, wish, greetings, salutation, respect, applause, flattery, acclamation, regards, approbation
- compose:** (v) build, compile, write, weave; (adj, v) appease, tranquilize, allay, lull; (n, v) calm, constitute, settle. ANTONYMS: (v) destroy, ruin, unsettle, annihilate, discompose, demolish, disturb, fluster
- composed:** (adj) calm, dispassionate, cool, peaceable, pacific, staid, imperturbable, temperate, level, impassive, unflappable. ANTONYMS: (adj) distressed, trembling, nervous, excited, tense, ruffled, jumpy, intemperate, discomposed, upset, worried
- composure:** (n) calmness, serenity, poise, calm, equanimity, temper, aplomb, tranquillity, peace, temperament, disposition. ANTONYMS: (n) panic, discomposure, anger, nervousness, perturbation, anxiety, agitation, turbulence, awkwardness
- conceal:** (v) hide, disguise, bury, screen, cloak, smother, shield, suppress, mask, obscure; (n, v) veil. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, show, expose, divulge, clarify, uncover, disclose, tell, admit, spotlight, flaunt
- conceded:** (adj) approved, accepted, agreed
- conceit:** (n) pretension, vanity, self-esteem, pride, assumption, egotism, fancy, haughtiness, conception, caprice, quip. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, timidity, selflessness, humbleness, reserve
- conceived:** (adj) formed
- concert:** (n) agreement, tune, consonance, performance, recital, concordance, harmony, concord, unison; (v) contrive, arrange. ANTONYMS: (n) discord, disharmony, disunity
- conclave:** (n) congress, caucus, convocation, meeting, vestry, consistory, conventicle, convention, synod, gathering, conference
- concrete:** (adj) actual, positive, physical, tangible, real, fixed, palpable, definite, firm; (v) coagulate, congeal. ANTONYMS: (adj) intangible, hypothetical, incidental, abstract, insubstantial, ideal, flexible, bending, pliable, soft, questionable
- condemned:** (adj) censured, convicted, doomed, destined, appropriated, taken, taken over, fated, seized, predestined; (adj, v) guilty
- condensed:** (adj) concise, compressed, concentrated, succinct, compact, summary, compendious, short, shortened; (adj, v) condense; (n) tabloid. ANTONYMS: (adj) loose, uncondensed, diluted, expanded, convoluted, long
- confess:** (adj, v) own, allow, admit, avow; (v) concede, profess, recognize, divulge, disclose, reveal, receive. ANTONYMS: (v) suppress, hide, dispute, conceal, repress, harbor
- confessed:** (adj) known
- confession:** (n) admission, acknowledgment, recognition, acknowledgement, concession, divulgence, disclosure, shrift, penance, profession, admission of guilt. ANTONYMS: (n) disavowal, refutation
- confessional:** (n) ambo, kiosk, cubicle, credence, prothesis, reading desk, baldachin, pulpit, confessional, lectern, booth
- confessor:** (n) priest, penitentiary, communicator, shriver, minister, Holy Father, father
- confidentially:** (adv) privately, closely, privily, intimately, familiarly, personally, clandestinely, in secret, in private, surreptitiously, occultly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, openly, familiarly, commonly
- confuse:** (v) baffle, confound, muddle, jumble, agitate, disconcert, derange, obscure, blur, disturb; (adj, v) perplex. ANTONYMS: (v) enlighten, elucidate, explain, simplify, distinguish, organize, soothe, sharpen, order, straighten, encourage
- confused:** (adj) abashed, baffled, befuddled, bemused, dizzy, chaotic, confounded, deranged, incoherent, disoriented, indistinct. ANTONYMS: (adj) enlightened, orderly, alert, clearheaded, organized, oriented, precise, systematic, ordered, unimpressed, methodical
- confusedly:** (adv) obscurely, disorderedly, perplexedly, cloudily, dazedly, befuddledly, muddily, bemusedly, dizzily, bewilderedly, puzzledly
- congenial:** (adj, v) concordant, consonant, accordant; (adj) compatible, affable, kindred, genial, kind, pleasant, pleasing, delightful. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncongenial, unfriendly, disagreeable, hostile, incompatible, despicable, abominable, unsavory, reserved
- congregation:** (n) assembly, gathering, meeting, collection, fold, flock, crowd, convocation, congregating, company; (n, v) assemblage
- connubial:** (adj, v) matrimonial, marital; (adj) nuptial, wedded, married, spousal, bridal; (adv) conjugally. ANTONYMS: (adj) unmarried, unwedded, divorced
- conquer:** (n, v) capture; (v) subdue, vanquish, surmount, suppress, subjugate, overcome, overpower, quell, prevail; (adj, v) defeat. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, yield, succumb, retreat, forfeit, fall, bow, resist, fail, submit, incite
- conqueror:** (n) champion, winner, subjugator, vanquisher, hero, superior, defeater, subduer, invader, colonist, Alexander. ANTONYM: (n) loser
- conscience:** (n) moral sense, Conscience money, sense of right and wrong, scruple, intention, tender conscience, small voice,

- principles, morals, morality, inward monitor. ANTONYM: (n) indifference
- consecutively:** (adj, adv) sequentially, in sequence; (adv) serially, continuously, uninterruptedly, in succession, together, succeedingly, straightly, sequentially, followingly
- conservatives:** (n) confederates
- conservatory:** (n) conservatoire, greenhouse, orangery, glasshouse, nursery, summerhouse, winter garden, seed plot, grotto, porch, schoolhouse
- considerately:** (adv) thoughtfully, attentively, politely, obligingly, discreetly, solicitously, humanely, circumspectly, courteously, graciously, sympathetically.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) unkindly, rudely, thoughtlessly, tactlessly, inconsiderately, uncooperatively, cruelly, harshly, insensitively
- consignor:** (n) consigner, sender
- console:** (v) cheer, soothe, quiet, relieve, reassure, encourage; (n, v) solace; (n) cabinet, allay, control console, control panel.
- ANTONYMS: (v) hurt, discourage, grieve, sadden, distress, dispirit, dishearten, upset
- constable:** (n) police officer, policeman, alderman, burgomaster, Petty constable, portreeve, alguazil, gendarme, tipstaff, peon, patrolman
- constabulary:** (n) police, posse, personnel, force, gendarmery, law, gendarmerie, Bumbledom
- constantine:** (n) Constantine the great, Constantine I
- constrained:** (adj) forced, bound, stiff, strained, awkward, compelled, limited, affected, stilted, rigid, unnatural. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrestricted, liberated, natural, open
- consume:** (v) exhaust, absorb, dissipate, use, squander, fritter, expend, eat, swallow, burn; (adj, v) waste. ANTONYMS: (v) save, abstain, conserve, make, store, accumulate, produce, manufacture, hoard, gather, fast
- contained:** (adj) implicit, unspoken, unexpressed, latent, understood, numbered, inside, confined to a small area, being within, limited to a small area. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrestrained, generalized, pervasive
- contempt:** (n, v) scorn; (v) despise; (n) disrespect, derision, mockery, disregard, ridicule, shame, slight, reproach, discourtesy. ANTONYMS:
- (n) approval, admiration, regard, honor, esteem
- contented:** (adj) content, happy, comfortable, quiet, cheerful, smug, complacent, satisfied, easy, proud, delighted. ANTONYMS: (adj) discontented, unhappy, depressed, unsatisfied, sad, anxious
- contentedly:** (adv) gladly, satisfiedly, contently, gratifiedly, pleasedly, cheerfully, joyfully, smugly, easily, complacently, placidly.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) crossly, awkwardly, unhappily, discontentedly, sadly
- continent:** (adj) chaste, celibate, abstemious, pure, temperate, abstinent, sober, austere; (n) land, peninsula, delta. ANTONYMS: (adj) impure, unchaste
- continentals:** (adj) continental
- continually:** (adv) perpetually, ceaselessly, incessantly, endlessly, unceasingly, continuously, persistently, eternally, steadily, frequently; (adj, adv) always.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) acutely, infrequently, spasmodically, sporadically
- contracted:** (adj) insular, contract, constricted, tight, bound, close, narrow-minded, confined, brief; (v) shrunk; (adj, v) selfish. ANTONYM: (adj) expanded
- contralto:** (n) vocalist, singer, contratenor; (adj, n) countertenor
- convenient:** (adj) comfortable, commodious, handy, appropriate, expedient, timely, fit, useful, nearby, opportune; (adj, n) advantageous.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) unwieldy, fixed, useless, distant, troublesome, unsuited, remote, unsuitable, unadaptable, unuseful, inappropriate
- convent:** (n, v) abbey, cloister; (n) monastery, friary, priory, nunnery, community, retreat
- conventions:** (n) protocol
- converse:** (n, v) chat, discourse, argue; (v) confer, confabulate, speak; (n) conversation, colloquy, contrast; (adj, n) opposite; (adj) counter.
- ANTONYMS: (adj, n) equal; (adj) similar, complementary; (n) similarity
- converted:** (adj) consecrated, unearthly, changed, altered, justified, invert, persuaded, inspired, reborn, reformed, regenerate
- convex:** (adj) gibbous, biconvex,
- hunched, bulgy, protuberant, prominent; (adj, n) crescent; (v) protrude, bulge out, stick out, projecting. ANTONYMS: (adj) concave, sunken
- conveyed:** (v) borne, sent
- conviction:** (n) belief, confidence, certainty, condemnation, persuasion, faith, trust, certitude, firmness, doctrine, determination.
- ANTONYMS: (n) acquittal, doubt, release, absolution, disbelief, justification, insecurity, distrust
- convincing:** (adj) cogent, forceful, persuasive, compelling, believable, probable, impressive, likely, credible, valid, plausible.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, unrealistic, unpersuasive, questionable, dubious, doubtful, unbelievable, disputable, inaccurate, hesitant, unreliable
- convulsively:** (adv) spasmodically, paroxysmally, spastically, with convulsions
- cooked:** (adj) well done, overcooked, cook, done, wanting, damaged, defiled, heated, suitable for eating, done for, fit for human consumption. ANTONYMS: (adj) poisonous, raw, underdone
- copied:** (adj) counterfeit, derivative, sham, false, phony, mock, imitative, forged, fake, ersatz, bogus.
- ANTONYM: (adj) real
- coping:** (n) roof, capstone, header, layer, gable, brick
- copious:** (adj) bountiful, ample, affluent, plentiful, rich, plenteous, much, many, generous, large; (adj, n) luxuriant. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, meager, sparse, lacking, rare, scant, scanty, thin, few; (adv) partially
- copiously:** (adv) profusely, lavishly, richly, plentifully, plenteously, generously, exuberantly, liberally, affluently, prolifically, bountifully.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) meagerly, thinly, scantily
- copper:** (n) brass, bull, cop, Cu, constable, gold, fuzz, pig, cent, bobby, coin
- coppers:** (n) small change
- cordially:** (adv) warmly, genially, kindly, sincerely, heartfelly, ardently, friendly, jovially, earnestly, affectionately, harmoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) disagreeably, frostily
- cork:** (n, v) plug; (n) bung, stopper, phellem, bobber, bob, bobfloat; (v)

- cap, stop, close; (adj) cobweb
- corkscrew:** (n, v) coil; (v) curl, helix, buckle, worm, rundle, pliers; (n) drill, bottle screw, gimlet; (adj) helical. ANTONYM: (adj) straight
- corned:** (n) sewed up, obfuscated, nappy, muzzy, muddled, maudlin, lushy, whittled, tight, screwed; (adj) salted
- corners:** (adj) cornered
- coroner:** (n) Coroner of the royal household, medical examiner, edile, investigator, portreeve, paritor, aedile, crowner
- corpse:** (n) carcass, body, carcase, dead person, stiff, dead body, remains, corse, clay, dry bones; (adj) lich
- correspondence:** (n) accord, connection, agreement, communication, coincidence, concord, affinity, parallelism, parallel, similarity, symmetry. ANTONYMS: (n) dissimilarity, asymmetry, disagreement, incongruity, divergence, imbalance, contrast, clash
- corridor:** (n) aisle, lobby, hall, lane, hallway, vestibule, artery, alley, gallery, way; (n, v) passage
- corroborated:** (adj) corroborate, substantiated, verified
- corruption:** (n) depravity, pollution, adulteration, filth, infection, vitiation, taint, bribery, canker, blight, foulness. ANTONYMS: (n) purification, incorruptness, decency, honesty, morality, pureness, incorruption, purity, righteousness, scruples, virtue
- cotter:** (n) cottier, cottager, wedge, cottar, chock, holdfast, fastening, helot, serf, provincial, fastener
- couch:** (n) bed, sofa, settee, divan; (adj, v) lie; (v) express, put, frame, lower, repose; (adj) recline
- cough:** (v) clear the throat, to cough, spit up, cough up, expectorate; (n) expiration, exhalation, symptom, sneeze, breathing out
- counsel:** (v) advise, consult, admonish, confer, warn; (n, v) caution, advocate; (n) barrister, advisement, consultation, admonition. ANTONYMS: (v) betray, trick, deceive, conceal, oppose; (n) warning
- counter:** (adj, n) converse; (n, v) reply; (n) bench, reverse, numerator; (v) contradict, resist, react, retort, respond; (adj) antagonistic. ANTONYMS: (v) yield, surrender;
- (adv) similarly, same, equally; (adj) corroborating, corresponding, consistent, concurring, analogous, agreeing
- counting:** (n) calculation, count, reckoning, computation, enumeration, numbering, numeration, tally, nosecount; (adj) calculating, including. ANTONYM: (prep) excluding
- courage:** (n) audacity, fortitude, boldness, nerve, spirit, backbone, valor, heroism, gallantry, mettle, chivalry. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, faintheartedness, weakness, wimpiness, yellowness
- coursing:** (v) chase, shooting, fishing, hunting, steeple chase, race; (n, v) hunt
- courteous:** (adj, v) civil; (adj) affable, attentive, gracious, decorous, chivalrous, bland, thoughtful, urbane, mannerly, gentlemanly. ANTONYMS: (adj) rude, impolite, boorish, insulting, unmannerly, gruff, improper, vulgar, unhelpful, neglectful, graceless
- courting:** (n) wooing, courtship, bundling, appeal, attraction, case, causa, cause, flirtation, suit
- courtship:** (n) courting, wooing, love, bundling, the soft impeachment, prayer, entreaty, gallantry, addresses, cause, affection
- covertly:** (adv) surreptitiously, furtively, privately, clandestinely, stealthily, privily, underhandedly, undercoverly, mysteriously, obscurely, quietly. ANTONYMS: (adv) blatantly, overtly, publicly, brazenly
- coward:** (n) cur, pantywaist, sneak, dastard, milksop, weakling, milquetoast; (adj) gutless, chickenhearted, pusillanimous, chicken-hearted. ANTONYMS: (n) daredevil, stalwart; (adj) brave
- crack:** (n, v) chink, fracture, split, fissure, crevice, burst, snap, breach, clap, check; (n) cleft. ANTONYMS: (n, v) mend; (v) set, misunderstand, misinterpret, fix, compose; (adj) mediocre, lowly, inferior, deficient
- crackers:** (adj) nuts, mad, kooky, nutty, loony, bats, barmy, haywire, crazy, dotty, bonkers
- crammed:** (adj) packed, full, overcrowded, chock-full, stuffed, jammed, brimming, congested, overflowing, saturated, teeming
- cranes:** (n) Gruiformes, Gruidae, family Gruidae
- cranny:** (n) crack, chink, crevice, fissure, gap, chap, opening, hole, recess, fracture, interstice
- crape:** (n, v) curl; (n) French pancake, hotcake, flapcake, flapjack, griddlecake, pancake, battercake; (adj, v) crimp; (adj) deep mourning, weeds
- craziness:** (n) foolishness, folly, insanity, lunacy, mania, idiocy, distraction, frenzy, derangement; (adj, n) madness; (adj) aberration
- cream:** (n, v) best, top, ream; (v) skim; (adj, n) prime, flower, milk; (n) ointment, balm, liniment, elite. ANTONYMS: (n) trash, dregs, worst; (v) lose
- creased:** (adj) wrinkled, wrinkly, rumpled, lined, furrowed, corrugated, wizened, bent. ANTONYM: (adj) straight
- creature:** (n) being, brute, animal, tool, individual, person, body, entity, human, puppet, somebody
- creed:** (n) conviction, gospel, religion, credo, faith, tenet, dogma, doctrine, denomination, persuasion, church doctrine
- crest:** (n, v) crown, top, peak, climax; (n) summit, brow, cockscomb, acme, pinnacle, zenith; (v) cap. ANTONYMS: (n) base, bottom, nadir, trough
- cretonne:** (n) fabric, material, textile, cloth
- crimson:** (adj, n) carmine, ruby, scarlet, maroon; (v) blush, flush, redden; (adj) bloody, ruddy, cherry; (n) deep red
- cripple:** (adj, v) maim, prostrate; (v) mutilate, enfeeble, injure, incapacitate, weaken, cripple; (n, v) damage; (n) invalid; (adj) paralyze. ANTONYMS: (v) support, strengthen, invigorate, help, fortify, enable, aid
- crooked:** (adj) bent, corrupt, dishonest, curved, unfair, deformed; (adj, n, v) awry; (adj, v) irregular, askew, wry, indirect. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, honest, principled, even, aboveboard, lawful, level, moral, flat, aligned, honorable
- cropped:** (adj) close
- crossing:** (n) transit, ford, intersection, hybridization, crossbreeding, passage, voyage, mating, crossway, crosswalk, cruise
- crouching:** (adj) sneaking, huddled, obsequious, squat, hunkered, cowering, hunkered down; (v) submissive, resigned

crow: (n, v) brag, cry, snigger; (v) exult, triumph, cackle, chuckle, talk big; (n) gasconade, crowing; (adj) raven

crowded: (adj) compact, congested, full, packed, busy, dense, populous, jammed, cramped, tight; (adj, n) thronged. ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, deserted, uncrowded, loose

crowned: (adj) laureled, fulfilled, browbound, incoronate, successful

crumpled: (adj) rumpled, crinkly, wrinkled, bent, corrugated, crinkled, disheveled, lined, furrowed, dented, damaged

crusade: (n) battle, movement, cause, drive, effort, struggle, quest, expedition, candidacy; (v) fight, agitate

crush: (n, v) squeeze, crunch, press; (v) beat, break, compress, conquer, stamp, overpower, squash, bruise. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, congratulate, stretch, praise, inspire, encourage, compliment, expand, resist, submit, smooth

crust: (n) skin, peel, bark, cheekiness, gall, impertinence, covering, shell, cortex, coating, encrustation

crux: (n) core, difficulty, heart, essence, nucleus, pivot, turning point, gist, substance, hinge, Southern Cross. ANTONYMS: (n) extra, periphery

crying: (adj, v) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (adj) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (n) weeping; (v) weep; (adj, n) sniveling

cuffs: (n) handcuffs, manacles, manacle, handcuff, shackles, fetters, bond, bonds, handlock, chains

cultivated: (adj) cultured, refined, tame, educated, sophisticated, elegant, urbane, polished, accomplished, civil, polite. ANTONYMS: (adj) wild, untamed, uncouth, coarse, graceless

cunning: (adj) crafty, canny, adroit, wily, sly, shrewd, tricky, artful; (n) craftiness, craft, cleverness. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, honest, stupid, unimaginative, gullible, ingenuous, straightforward, candid, sincere; (n) frankness, straightforwardness

cunningly: (adv) craftily, artfully, cleverly, ingeniously, trickily, shrewdly, astutely, insidiously, smartly, foxily, slipperily. ANTONYMS: (adv) ineptly, openly

curate: (n) rector, clergyman, minister, chaplain, pastor,

Stipendiary curate, priest, vicar, incumbent, reverend, canon

curbstone: (n) kerbstone, kerb, bourn, bounds, boundary, confine, pale, enclave, but, verge, term

curious: (adj) odd, unusual, abnormal, strange, peculiar, interested, quizzical, quaint, queer, inquiring, inquisitive. ANTONYMS: (adj) incurious, ordinary, apathetic, uninterested, unconcerned, typical, indifferent, everyday, disinterested, conventional, common

curiously: (adv) inquisitively, peculiarly, unusually, strangely, nosily, pryingly, queerly, funnily, weirdly; (adj, adv) singularly, particularly. ANTONYMS: (adv) ordinarily, typically

curled: (adj) coiled, curling, having curls, round, braided, twisted, bowed, wreathy, Crull, curled up, tressed

curling: (adj) curled, curly, moving, curled up; (adv) curlingly; (n) croquet, pallone, polo, tipcat, golf, curling edge

curls: (n) hair, tresses, ringlets

currant: (n) currant bush, shrub, black currant, red currant, raisin, Corinth, dried currant, bush, grape, berry

curse: (n, v) blight, plague; (n) anathema, blasphemy, malediction, denunciation; (adj, v) beshrew; (v) swear, ban, damn, vituperate. ANTONYMS: (n) blessing, benediction, making; (v) communicate

curse: (adj) damned, doomed, execrable, cursed, wretched, unlucky, accursed, blamed, blasted, confounded; (v) accurst. ANTONYMS: (adj) commendable, honorable, nice, sweet, kine

curse: (n) abuse

curtain: (n, v) cover; (n) barrier, drapery, blind, screen, mantle, mask, shade, pall, shroud; (v) hide

curtains: (n) passing, demise, finish, decease, tragedy, termination, calamity, cataclysm; (adj) last, ultimate, terminal

curtly: (adv) abruptly, brusquely, briefly, tersely, rudely, gruffly, snappishly, sharply, succinctly, offhandedly, laconically. ANTONYMS: (adv) kindly, pleasantly, politely, verbosely, civilly

curve: (n, v) crook, bow, turn, curl, arc, hook, kink, round; (n)

curvature; (v) arch, wind. ANTONYMS: (v) untwisting, straighten

curved: (adj) crooked, arched, curve, round, deformed, curvy, curving, rounded, hooked, tortuous; (v) bowed. ANTONYMS: (adj) concave, flat, sharp, square, unbent

custard: (n) cream, creme brulee, creme caramel, creme anglaise, caramel custard, dowset

customs: (n) custom house, impost, customs duty, duty, civilization, mores, duties, manners, morals, toll, tariff

cute: (adj) charming, clever, smart, beautiful, amiable, pretty, cunning, adorable, bright, adroit, intelligent. ANTONYMS: (adj) unattractive, unappealing, homely, detestable, despicable

cycling: (n) sport, wheeling, motorcycling, athletics

cylinder: (n) barrel, roll, pipe, tube, roller, column, spool, container, bottle, cask; (adj) cylindroid

dairy: (n) farm, dairy farm, milk, laundry, greengrocer, dairy processing plant, delicatessen, fish store, supermarket, confectionery, grocery

dame: (n) lady, female, queen, girl, gentlewoman, wench, skirt, matron, madam, ma'am, woman

damn: (adj, adv, v) bloody; (v) curse, imprecate, beshrew, blaspheme, cuss, slam, convict; (adj) blasted, cursed; (n) damnation. ANTONYMS: (v) bless, laud, glorify, exalt, commend, praise

damned: (adj) accursed, doomed, blasted, condemned, damn, cursed, wretched, infernal, hateful, goddamned; (adv) damnably. ANTONYMS: (adj) saved

damp: (adj) moist, muggy, clammy, cool, dank; (v) check, chill, deaden, break; (n) moisture, dampness. ANTONYMS: (n) dryness; (adj) parched, arid, dried, fresh, hard

dancing: (n) choreography, Terpsichore, saltation, break dancing, ceremonial dance, galloping, hoofing, Pavan; (adj) morrice; (adv) adance; (v) saltant

dark-complexioned: (adj) dark

darkened: (adj) darkens, obscured, old, obfuscate, murky, cloudy, opaque, overcast

dart: (n, v) dash, run, flit; (v) bound, flash, shoot, rush, race, gallop; (adj, n) arrow, rocket. ANTONYMS: (v)

- plod, trudge, slog, linger, dawdle, dally, delay, amble; (n) tonic
- davy:** (n) Humphrey Davy
- dawning:** (n) daybreak, sunrise, start, beginning, aurora, cockcrow, dayspring, morning, birth, first light, break of day. ANTONYMS: (n) sunset
- daybreak:** (adj, n) break of day; (n) sunrise, prime, morning, light, dawning, cockcrow, dayspring, aurora, sunup, daylight. ANTONYMS: (n) sunset, sundown, darkness, eventide, nightfall
- deadly:** (adj, adv) deathly; (adj) baneful, lethal, fatal, destructive, mortal, pernicious, virulent, toxic; (adv) lifelessly, lethally. ANTONYMS: (adj) interesting, uplifting, readable, mild, healthy, healthful, benign, innocuous, exciting
- debonair:** (adj) jaunty, dapper, urbane, suave, buoyant, breezy, refined, elegant, smooth, courteous, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) inelegant, unrefined, unfriendly, plain, crude, coarse, awkward, rude, graceless, unkempt, unsophisticated
- debts:** (n) amount overdue, amount outstanding. ANTONYM: (n) credit
- decanter:** (n) carafe, jar, flask, jug, flagon, amphora, cag, drum, firkin, cask, butt
- deceased:** (adj, n) departed; (n) dead person, cadaver, decedent; (adj) defunct, asleep, passed away, passed on, extinct, lifeless, late. ANTONYMS: (adj) living, awake, animated
- deceived:** (adj) mistaken, misguided
- decency:** (n) dignity, modesty, decorum, kindness, morality, courtesy, correctness, goodness, virtue, respectability, propriety. ANTONYMS: (n) indecency, offensiveness, corruption, immorality, wickedness, unsuitability, unkindness, rudeness, impropriety, badness, nastiness
- decent:** (adj) adequate, appropriate, becoming, decorous, sufficient, honest, acceptable, modest, seemly, comely; (adj, adv) right. ANTONYMS: (adj) immoral, inappropriate, disreputable, indecent, unsuitable, inadequate, filthy, undressed, unkind, smutty, selfish
- deception:** (n, v) cheat; (n) illusion, trick, pretense, delusion, betrayal, fake, flam, bluff, gammon, cheating. ANTONYMS: (n) honesty, candidness, sincerity, openness, correction, integrity, genuine, truthfulness
- decidedly:** (adv) clearly, positively, definitely, absolutely, emphatically, decisively, resolutely, firmly, markedly, surely, determinedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncertainly, equivocally, slightly, vaguely
- decipher:** (v) interpret, explain, solve, decode, translate, disentangle, resolve, construe, read, decrypt, discover. ANTONYMS: (v) encode, code, encipher, scramble, confuse
- decisive:** (adj) conclusive, crucial, critical, decided, important, final, authoritative; (adj, v) positive, definite, categorical, unqualified. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, weak, unsure, roundabout, questionable, indefinite, unconvincing, inconsequential, inconclusive, hesitant, insignificant
- decisively:** (adv) resolutely, conclusively, firmly, finally, fatefully, crucially, definitively, positively, absolutely, definitely, flatly. ANTONYMS: (adv) irresolutely, unconvincingly, indecisively, aimlessly, insignificantly, halfheartedly, hesitantly
- deck:** (v) clothe, embellish, beautify, bedeck, ornament, array, attire, dress, decorate, grace; (n, v) floor. ANTONYMS: (v) strip, unclothe
- declare:** (v) advertise, assert, allege, attest, aver, admit, acknowledge, proclaim, avow; (n, v) affirm, say. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, revoke, suppress, retract, repress, disclaim, withhold, request, refute, block
- declined:** (adj) less
- decorating:** (adj) ornamental; (n) decoration
- decorous:** (adj) decent, appropriate, conventional, sedate, correct, modest, prim, proper; (adj, v) becoming, seemly, comely. ANTONYMS: (adj) impolite, improper, misbehaving, unsuitable, unrefined, relaxed, inappropriate, rowdy, undignified, defiant, unseemly
- decrepit:** (adj) infirm, senile, feeble, effete, seedy, worn, dilapidated, shabby, old, rickety, frail. ANTONYMS: (adj) fit, strong, sound, robust, powerful, healthy, hearty, sturdy
- deed:** (n) accomplishment, act, feat, behavior, action, exploit, covenant, doing, document, title, fact. ANTONYM: (n) failure
- deepened:** (adj) concentrated, gathered
- defeated:** (n) loser; (adj) frustrated, beaten, broken, overcome, balked, baffled, bested, thwarted, unsuccessful; (adj, n) discomfited. ANTONYM: (adj) victorious
- defend:** (n, v) guard, shield, advocate; (v) justify, protect, assert, support, maintain, champion, apologize, shelter. ANTONYMS: (v) prosecute, abandon, endanger, surrender, renounce, oppose, forsake, assault, contradict, destroy, expose
- deferred:** (adj) put off, delayed, belated, late, later than usual. ANTONYMS: (adj) hurried, hastened, expedited, advanced, early
- defiance:** (n) challenge, opposition, rebellion, insubordination, rebelliousness, disobedience, resistance, contempt, intractableness, mutiny, contradiction. ANTONYMS: (n) acceptance, surrender, deference, conformance, submission, acquiescence, cooperation, loyalty, meekness, support, agreement
- defiant:** (adj) bold, rebellious, audacious, resistant, brazen, stubborn, unruly, mutinous, rude, recalcitrant, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) submissive, respectful, accepting, acquiescent, compliant, conforming, cooperative, loyal, meek, amenable
- defiantly:** (adv) insubordinately, insolently, rebelliously, disobediently, boldly, obstinately, recalcitrantly, brazenly, mutinously, audaciously, stubbornly. ANTONYMS: (adv) passively, submissively, respectfully, loyally, discreetly, amenably, meekly
- definite:** (adj) certain, clear, distinct, concrete, plain, conclusive, specific, precise, categorical, decisive; (adj, v) absolute. ANTONYMS: (adj) imprecise, unclear, vague, undefined, doubtful, indeterminate, qualified, evasive, indefinite, indescribable, dubious
- deft:** (adj) dexterous, cunning, neat, handy, expert, quick, apt, adept, able, artful, nimble. ANTONYMS: (adj) unskilled, bumbling, inept, awkward, inelegant, rough

- deftly:** (adv) adroitly, skillfully, dextrously, agilely, expertly, neatly, delicately, proficiently, adeptly, aptly, readily. ANTONYMS: (adv) inelegantly, incompetently, roughly, awkwardly
- degraded:** (adj) debased, low, ignoble, debauched, deprived, abject, sordid, dishonored, corrupted, contemptible, base. ANTONYM: (adj) good
- delayed:** (adj) belated, tardy, protracted, deferred, slow, retarded, held up, backward, back, prolonged; (adv) behind. ANTONYMS: (adj) early, expedited, prompt
- deliberate:** (v) cogitate, consult, debate, think, confer, contemplate; (adj) careful, circumspect, slow, thoughtful, calculated. ANTONYMS: (adj) unintentional, accidental, hasty, ingenuous, involuntary, spontaneous, rushed, automatic, unwitting, unstudied, subliminal
- delicate:** (adj) accurate, tender, dainty, refined, breakable, fragile, beautiful, brittle, soft, nice, frail. ANTONYMS: (adj) inelegant, robust, heavy, sturdy, tough, careless, inaccurate, rough, well, substantial, unscrupulous
- delight:** (n) joy, pleasure, amusement, rejoicing, gladness; (v) ravish, amuse, please, captivate, transport, enrapture. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, dismay, dissatisfaction, sadness, nuisance, discontent; (v) depress, displease, sadden, irk; (n, v) bore
- delighted:** (adj) glad, cheerful, blissful, jubilant, happy, overjoyed, joyful, captivated, pleasant; (adj, v) pleased, elated. ANTONYMS: (adj) shocked, unhappy, sorrowful, depressed, melancholy, miserable, desolate, sorry, sad, down
- delirium:** (n) craze, insanity, mania, disturbance, fever, ecstasy, derangement; (adj, n) fury; (adj) furor, rage, distraction. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, dejection
- delivering:** (adv) deliverly; (n) childbirth, presentation; (adj) unailing
- delusion:** (n) hallucination, deception, cheat, chimera, misunderstanding, mirage, trick, fallacy, error, aberration, falsehood. ANTONYMS: (n) comprehension, fact, truth
- demeanour:** (n) behavior, behaviour, conduct, demeanor, comportment, deportment, manner, citizenship, correctitude, carriage, attitude
- demure:** (adj) humble, modest, coy, reserved, prim, bashful, shy, retiring, timid; (adj, v) sober, grave. ANTONYMS: (adj) bold, outgoing, extroverted, loudmouthed, boisterous, decadent, exciting, indecorous, brazen
- denial:** (adv, n) negation; (n) abnegation, repulse, renunciation, no, contradiction, abjuration, rejection, negative, refusal; (v) deny. ANTONYMS: (n) acceptance, declaration, affirmation, confession, admission, agreement, provision, prosecution, approval, permission, affirmative
- denuded:** (adj) naked, denude, bald, exposed, stripped, bereft, bereaved, devoid, bleak, barefaced; (v) minus
- deny:** (v) controvert, rebuff, contradict, disavow, gainsay, reject, oppose, refuse, disown, abnegate, renounce. ANTONYMS: (v) affirm, claim, acknowledge, declare, maintain, agree, spoil, accept, accede, allow, argue
- departure:** (n, v) decease, demise; (n) exit, leave, deviation, divergence, depart, parting, aberration, passing, takeoff. ANTONYMS: (n) appearance, conformity, greeting, ingress, influx, homecoming, regularity, entrance, birth, coming, advance
- deplorable:** (adj) sad, wretched, criminal, calamitous, abominable, pitiful, lamentable, miserable, regrettable, sorry; (adj, v) woeful. ANTONYMS: (adj) acceptable, pleasing, laudable, happy, cheerful, admirable, agreeable, excellent, fortunate, praiseworthy
- deploring:** (n) woe, grief; (adj) plaintive
- deposit:** (v) commit, lay, consign, repose; (n, v) store, charge; (n) bank deposit, bailment, residue, storage; (adj, v) fix. ANTONYMS: (n) withdrawal, giving; (v) disburse, dislodge, spend, lift, remove
- depot:** (n) store, depository, arsenal, warehouse, station, storehouse, godown, storeroom, stop, cache, entrepot
- deprecation:** (n) defamation, condemnation, disparagement, denigration, calumny, aspersion, censure, disfavour, denunciation, blame, criticism. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, commendation
- depress:** (v) push, dishearten, discourage, cast down, dampen, deject, chill, bring down, quell, dispirit; (adj, v) degrade. ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, cheer, comfort, uplift, raise, increase, hearten, exhilarate, delight, heighten, appreciate
- descendant:** (adj, n) descendent; (n) offspring, progeny, scion, offshoot, successor, relation, heir, derivative, follower, sprig. ANTONYMS: (n) precursor, progenitor, parent, forebear, ascendant, predecessor
- descendants:** (n) children, progeny, descent, offspring, issue, seed, lineage, family, brood, race, young
- descended:** (v) extraught
- descending:** (v) descend; (adj) downhill, down, descendent, decreasing, dropping, falling, sloping, degressive, occasive; (adv) downward. ANTONYM: (adj) upward
- descent:** (adj, n) ancestry; (n) decline, birth, fall, declivity, declination, declension, drop, pedigree, blood, derivation. ANTONYMS: (n) improvement, rise, hike, upgrade, elevation, boost, ascension, gradient
- deserted:** (adj) desert, solitary, empty, lonely, isolated, forsaken, lonesome, desolate, bleak, vacant; (adj, v) forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) occupied, packed, crowded, mobbed, populated, populous, overcrowded
- deserved:** (v) merited, richly deserved; (adj) appropriate, due, fitting, just, earned, suitable, rightful, adequate, required
- deservedly:** (adv) justly, condignly, worthily, rightfully, rightly, right, justifiably, by merit, correctly, fairly, becomingly
- desired:** (adj) coveted, desirable, favorite, wanted, welcome, needed, beloved, required, most wanted; (adj, v) chosen; (v) consenting
- desires:** (n) requirements, needs
- desist:** (v) abstain, discontinue, refrain, avoid, leave, knock off, halt, forbear, end, stop, quit. ANTONYMS: (v) continue, consume, persevere, go
- despair:** (n) disappointment, desolation, dejection, melancholy, gloom, desperation, depression, dismay, discouragement, pessimism, sorrow. ANTONYMS:

- (n) happiness, hopefulness, expectation, joy, cheer, cheerfulness, resilience, elation, joyfulness
- desperately:** (adv) forlornly, despairingly, hopelessly, terribly, extremely, despondently, recklessly, seriously, wretchedly; (adj, adv) severely, madly. ANTONYMS: (adv) hopefully, easily, optimistically, trivially, cheerfully, slightly, sluggishly, hardly
- despise:** (v) disdain, loathe, depreciate, abhor, dislike, detest, slight, hate; (n, v) contemn; (n) contempt, deride. ANTONYMS: (v) respect, love, adore, appreciate, cherish, like, praise, accept
- despised:** (adj) scorned, despicable, hated, abject, disparaged, mean, attaching disgrace, unpopular, unloved, reviled, opprobrious
- dessert:** (n) sweet, afters, pudding, ambrosia, blancmange, compote, confectionery, confection; (v) bait, bever, dejeuner
- destiny:** (n) fate, chance, fortune, kismet, luck, lot, destination, portion, weird, life; (n, v) doom. ANTONYMS: (n) chance, design
- detached:** (adj) separate, cool, aloof, distinct, impartial, neutral, dispassionate, objective, unconnected, remote, unconcerned. ANTONYMS: (adj) involved, warm, engrossed, partial, connected, biased, linked, united, impassioned, interested, personal
- detachment:** (n) division, dissociation, indifference, corps, rupture, contingent, disjunction, aloofness, seclusion, rift; (n, v) party. ANTONYMS: (n) involvement, attachment, interest, bias, bond, friendliness, union, affection, approachability, connection, warmth
- detective:** (v) informer, delator; (n) tec, gumshoe, scout, pi, officer, police officer, spy, secret agent, private investigator
- deuced:** (adj) cursed, infernal, damn, damned, darned, blessed, goddamn, goddam, demonic, unholy, satanic
- devil:** (n) fiend, demon, ghost, monster, Lucifer, Satan, Beelzebub, deuce, daemon; (v) torment, rag. ANTONYM: (n) angel
- devils:** (n) unclean spirits
- devious:** (adj) shifty, circuitous, indirect, roundabout, fraudulent, insincere, crafty, oblique, sly, untrustworthy, errant.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) open, straight, aboveboard, straightforward, trustworthy, direct, candid, principled, unbent, unbowed, truthful
- devising:** (n) cartography, devisal, mapmaking, making; (adj) cartographical, original, cartographic
- devout:** (adj) pious, devoted, saintly, heartfelt, holy, dear, devotional, hearty, earnest; (adj, v) pure; (adj, n) godly. ANTONYMS: (adj) irreligious, agnostic, impious, irreverent, unbelieving, undevout, unholy, atheistic, secular, uncommitted
- dexterity:** (n) agility, cleverness, ability, aptitude, skill, deftness, expertise; (adj, n) art, cunning; (n, v) adroitness, address. ANTONYMS: (n) clumsiness, awkwardness, ineptitude, inability, uselessness, inexperience, ineptness, inaccuracy
- dial:** (n) face, disc, control, selector, gnomon, pendulum, hourglass, clock, gauge; (v) telephone, operate
- dialogues:** (n) dialog
- diamonds:** (n) hearts, ice, spades, sparkler, clubs
- dicky:** (n) donkey, dickie, ass, apron, shirtfront, backseat
- differently:** (adv) variously, otherwise, divergently, dissimilarly, disparately, distinctly, unlikely, contrarily, individually, unusually, oppositely. ANTONYMS: (adv) alike, correspondingly
- diffidence:** (n) reserve, modesty, shyness, pudency, coyness, timorousness, doubt, humility, timidity, uncertainty, constraint. ANTONYMS: (n) approachability, arrogance, security, brashness
- diffident:** (adj) coy, modest, reserved, shy, timid, tentative, unassuming, retiring, hesitant, backward, self-conscious. ANTONYMS: (adj) outgoing, confident, brash, assertive, unrepentant, brave, arrogant, approachable
- diffused:** (adj) spread, dispersed, dim, distributed, softened
- dignity:** (n) degree, prestige, glory, decorum, face, distinction, honor, majesty, eminence, solemnity; (adj, n) decency. ANTONYMS: (n) lowliness, indecency, impropriety, simplicity, cheerfulness, austerity
- diligence:** (n) assiduity, industry, attention, application, assiduousness, concentration, activity, perseverance, carefulness, sedulity, industriousness.
- ANTONYMS: (n) carelessness, indolence, feebleness, slackness, negligence, sloth
- diligently:** (adv) busily, assiduously, sedulously, attentively, industriously, earnestly, actively, laboriously, tirelessly, carefully, studiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) wearily, hastily
- diluted:** (adj) thin, watery, weak, insipid, tasteless, bland, sparse, rare, cut, washy, tame. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, concentrated, undiluted, thickened, strengthened, enriched, thick
- diminutive:** (adj) minute, Lilliputian, small, petite, tiny, bantam, baby, exiguous, short, miniature, midget. ANTONYMS: (adj) big, huge, gigantic, large, giant, tall
- dimmed:** (adj) wan, soft, blurred, vague, faint, dull, bleak, black, dense
- dine:** (v) feed, lunch, breakfast, dining, meal, give, have supper, take tea, grub, consume, entertain. ANTONYM: (v) abstain
- dinged:** (adj) impaired, worn
- dipped:** (adj) immersed, unfit, swaybacked, lordotic, curved in, swayback
- directed:** (adj) oriented, manageable, destined, concentrating, intent, formal, absorbed, prescript, focussed; (v) instruct; (adv) under
- directions:** (n) advice, instruction, guidance, instructions, briefing, commands, orders, will
- directory:** (n) file, record, list, handbook, roll, catalog, guide, listing, reference book, register, Chamber of Deputies
- disappointed:** (adj) despondent, disgruntled, regretful, dissatisfied, depressed, sad, unhappy, frustrated, disenchanting, dejected, disappoint. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, satisfied, composed, happy, triumphant, fulfilled, cheerful, idealistic
- disappointment:** (n) anticlimax, failure, letdown, comedown, frustration, shame, disillusionment, annoyance, dismay, setback, misfortune. ANTONYMS: (n) satisfaction, boost, happiness, pleasure, hopefulness, fulfillment, comfort, idealism, climax, bonus, gratification
- disapproval:** (n) condemnation,

- disapprobation, censure, blame, criticism, dislike, disfavor, dissent, objection, dispraise, denunciation. ANTONYMS: (n) blessing, commendation, favor, respect, pleasure, acceptance, praise, admiration, enthusiasm
- disarray:** (n) confusion, chaos, mess, clutter, disorderliness; (n, v) disorder, jumble, litter; (v) derange, tumble, disarrange. ANTONYMS: (n, v) order; (n) neatness, orderliness, arrangement, agreement, harmony
- disbelieve:** (v) distrust, doubt, mistrust, suspect, question, disgrace, deny, wonder, reject; (adj) lack faith, suspected. ANTONYMS: (v) believe, trust, accept
- disc:** (n) disk, discuss, record, dial, phonograph record, round, LP, diskette, platter, magnetic disk, floppy
- discharged:** (adj) released, exempt, clear, freer, free, fired, finished, drained, dismissed, defunct, deadened
- discharging:** (n) unloading, discharge, fulfillment, acquittal; (v) unload
- disciple:** (n) adherent, follower, devotee, scholar, pupil, believer, proselyte, cohort, learner, partisan, votary. ANTONYMS: (n) leader, teacher, God, instructor
- disclosed:** (adj) exposed, open, unconcealed, out of the closet, naked, manifest, discovered, ascertained, detailed
- discoloured:** (adj) faded
- discomfiture:** (n) embarrassment, confusion, perturbation, discomfort, discomfit, disconcertion, discomposure, humiliation, consternation; (adj) rebuff, rout. ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, honor
- discomposed:** (adj) disturbed, perturbed, doubtful, excited, distraught, uncomfortable, fearful
- discontented:** (adj, v) querulous, complaining; (adj) disaffected, disgruntled, malcontent, unsatisfied, dissatisfied, displeased, miserable, put out, ungratified. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, satisfied, happy, content
- discourse:** (n, v) address, lecture, sermon, converse, harangue, chat; (n) talk, colloquy, conversation, discussion, homily
- discourses:** (n) talks
- discourteously:** (adv) impolitely, disrespectfully, uncivilly, insolently, impertinently, brusquely, ungraciously, abruptly, boorishly, curtly, uncourtously
- discourtesy:** (n) indignity, rudeness, incivility, affront, contempt, contumely, insult, abruptness, brusqueness, impudence, bad manners. ANTONYMS: (n) politeness, civility
- discovering:** (adj) observant, oracular
- discreet:** (adj) circumspect, prudent, careful, cautious, chary, discerning, tactful, diplomatic, sensible, politic; (adj, v) wise. ANTONYMS: (adj) elaborate, tactless, careless, indiscreet, reckless, bold, incautious, thoughtless, insensitive, loud, obvious
- discreetly:** (adv) carefully, judiciously, cautiously, unobtrusively, wisely, quietly, thoughtfully, considerably, modestly, tactfully, warily. ANTONYMS: (adv) brazenly, shamelessly, indiscreetly, tactlessly, carelessly, flagrantly, arrogantly, recklessly, obviously
- disfigured:** (adj) crooked, ugly, spoil, damage, deform, shabby, hurt, shapeless, dishonest, stained, blemished
- dish:** (n) basin, disk, plate, meal, platter, food, saucer, beauty, meat, repast; (n, v) hollow
- dishes:** (n) food, meal, crockery, dinner service, dishware, menu, plates
- disillusioned:** (adj) disappointed, bittered, knowing, sarcastic, let down, dissatisfied, enlightened, sophisticated. ANTONYMS: (adj) enthusiastic, satisfied, idealistic, enthralled, enchanted, deceived, misled
- disliked:** (adj) hated, detested, averse, lousy, loath, undesirable, companionless. ANTONYMS: (adj) popular, liked
- dismal:** (adj) cheerless, dejected, dreary, gloomy, desolate, disconsolate, depressing, melancholy, black, dim, dull. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, happy, lively, uplifting, sunny, pleasant, light, cheery, strong, soulful, wonderful
- dismally:** (adv) gloomily, sadly, unhappily, murkily, dolefully, forbiddingly, darkly, somberly, depressing, cheerlessly, grimly.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) brightly, smartly
- dismissed:** (adj) discharged, unemployed, clear, convalescent
- disorder:** (n, v) ailment, disarray, disease, jumble, muddle; (n) clutter, disturbance, disarrangement; (v) derange, confuse, perturb. ANTONYMS: (n, v) order; (n) orderliness, calm, peace, tranquility, health; (v) organize, align, arrange, systematize, neat
- disordered:** (adj) chaotic, upset, sick, disorganized, broken, incoherent, deranged, messy, disjointed, disconnected, ill. ANTONYMS: (adj) neat, ordered, organized, arranged, quiet, regulated, systematic, systematized, straightforward, tidy
- dispel:** (v) dissipate, disperse, break up, scatter, chase away, dissolve, diffuse, disband, chase, dismiss, resolve. ANTONYMS: (v) garner, gather, appear, attract
- displayed:** (adj) extant, expanded, splay
- displaying:** (n) advertising
- disposing:** (adv) disposingly; (v) dispose; (adj) decreative, dispositive; (n) distribution
- disreputable:** (adj, n, v) discreditable; (adj) base, dishonorable, doubtful, sordid, infamous, shameful, dishonourable, dishonest, despicable, notorious. ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, respected, ethical, noble, decent, respectable, sporting, pleasant, admirable, famous, honest
- dissolving:** (n) dissolution, breakup, dissipation, disintegration, destruction, cancellation, adjournment; (adj) solvent, diffuent, deliquescent
- distantly:** (adv) reservedly, aloofly, coldly, formally, coolly, frigidly, standoffishly, farly, removedly, vaguely, detachedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) intimately, passionately, clearly, warmly, nearby, alertly
- distaste:** (n, v) disgust, aversion, disinclination; (n) antipathy, dissatisfaction, repulsion, hatred, disrelish, revulsion, displeasure, disfavor. ANTONYMS: (n) attraction, liking, taste, desire, love
- distended:** (adj) inflated, bloated, turgid, puffed, bombastic, distent, expanded, enlarged; (adj, v) puffy; (v) blowzy, bigswoln
- distillery:** (n) brewery, winery, works, stillhouse
- distracted:** (adj) demented,

- inattentive, abstracted, crazy, frenzied, distraught, preoccupied, distressed, confused; (adj, v) mad, disconcerted. ANTONYMS: (adj) attentive, alert, assured, calm, mellow
- distress:** (n, v) pain, torment, trouble, concern, torture, upset, worry; (n) anguish, agony; (adj, n) difficulty, grief. ANTONYMS: (n, v) comfort; (v) please, soothe, relieve; (n) peace, encouragement, straightforwardness, solace, relieving, relief, prosperity
- distressing:** (adj) sorrowful, deplorable, pitiful, painful, bad, depressing, disturbing, sore, lamentable, hurtful, worrying. ANTONYMS: (adj) reassuring, heartwarming, pleasing, unemotional, soothing, comforting, comfortable, cheerful, appealing, happy
- distributed:** (adj) divided, spread, thin, strewn, separate, apportioned, scattered, parted, dispensed, disseminated, diversified
- disturb:** (v) trouble, disorder, disconcert, distress, perturb, disquiet, distract, discompose, disrupt, upset, concern. ANTONYMS: (v) calm, please, soothe, smooth, order, reassure, sort, settle, respect, quiet, organize
- disturbed:** (adj, v) concerned; (adj) anxious, disquieted, upset, confused, worried, restless, disordered, unsettled, distressed, turbulent. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, relaxed, calm, sane, unaffected, unbroken, peaceful, stable, carefree, unconcerned, untroubled
- disused:** (adj) antiquated, old, outmoded, deserted, ancient, antique, neglected, derelict, unoccupied, old-fashioned, abandoned
- ditto:** (adj) same, alike; (n, v) duplicate; (v) repeat, reiterate, restate; (adj, n) equivalent; (n) replica, reproduction, counterpart, facsimile
- diverted:** (adj) abstracted, entertained, pleased, inattentive, sidetracked, unfocused, preoccupied
- divide:** (n, v) cut, part, distribute, share, split; (v) dissociate, dismember, separate, disperse, disconnect, detach. ANTONYMS: (v) unite, join, connect, combine, multiply, lump, link, keep, hold, gather, disarrange
- divine:** (adj) sacred, wonderful, blessed, holy, exquisite; (n) clergyman; (v) guess, conjecture, augur, anticipate; (adj, n) almighty. ANTONYMS: (adj) imperfect, profane, earthly, dreadful, physical, ugly, secular
- diving:** (n) immersion, dives, belly whopper, skin diving, belly flopper, belly whop, diving event, gainer; (adv) headlong, headfirst; (v) submerge
- docile:** (adj) dutiful, compliant, meek, submissive, tame, teachable, humble, obedient, acquiescent, conformable; (adj, v) tractable. ANTONYMS: (adj) stubborn, assertive, unruly, willful, defiant, vicious, determined, uncooperative, obstinate, disobedient, intractable
- doctrine:** (n) creed, philosophy, belief, dogma, credo, conviction, lesson, canon, faith, gospel, school
- dotter:** (v) shake, totter, palpitate, paddle, waddle, wobble, hobble, coggle, vibrate; (adj) decline; (n) Cuscuta
- dodge:** (n, v) stratagem, maneuver; (v) avoid, evade, escape, elude, duck, fudge; (n) contrivance, cheat, scheme. ANTONYMS: (v) confront, encounter, meet, accept
- dogma:** (n) tenet, creed, belief, doctrine, principle, faith, gospel, theory, canon, way of thinking, opinion
- doll:** (n) baby, chick, figurine, girl, dolly, dummy, marionette, toy, blockhead-board, bird, dame
- dollar:** (n) greenback, note, coin, cartwheel, clam, bill, dollars, silver dollar, sterling coin, symbol, currency
- dome:** (n) arch, roof, cover, noggin, bean, covered stadium, arena, hood, eaves; (adj) column, campanile
- donation:** (n, v) gift, benefaction, bounty; (n) present, endowment, grant, award, charity, dole; (v) boon, bestowal
- donna:** (n) woman, lady, madam, mistress, adult female
- donnybrook:** (adj) Babel, Saturnalia, most admired disorder; (n) brawl, fray, fracas, riot, argument, wrangle, struggle; (adj, v) Donnybrook fair
- don't:** (adv) not; (n) taboo, prohibition
- doorknocker:** (n) rapper, boob, breast, detractor, bosom, device, disparager, depreciator
- doorstep:** (n) threshold, sill, brink, door, curbside
- doorway:** (n) door, entrance, entry, passage, entryway, way in, access, driveway, gate, gateway, lobby
- doubled:** (adj) twofold, multiple, doubles, folded, repeated, dual, bivalent, reduplicate
- doubly:** (adv) twice, twofold, two times, in two ways, dualistically
- doubted:** (adj) distrusted, suspected
- doubtful:** (adj) dubious, debatable, distrustful, questionable, queer, suspicious, tentative, disputable, diffident, unsettled, unsure. ANTONYMS: (adj) trusting, convinced, reliable, confident, persuaded, provable, sure, hopeful, promising, likely, indubitable
- downtight:** (adj, n) absolute; (adj, v) sheer, clear; (adj) dead, blunt, candid, plain; (adv) absolutely, thoroughly, wholly, decidedly. ANTONYMS: (adj) semi, limited, incomplete, questionable, slight; (adv) hardly
- downtairs:** (adv) beneath, below, underneath, down the stairs, downward, infra, at a lower place, downhill, on a lower floor; (adj) downstairs; (n) floor. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) upstairs
- downward:** (adv) underneath, under, below, downwards, downwardly, beneath, down below; (adj) downcast, sloping, depressed, downright. ANTONYMS: (adv) up; (adj) rising
- downwards:** (adv) down, downhill, downwardly. ANTONYM: (adv) up
- dowry:** (n) dot, inheritance, gift, alimony, dowery, portion, jointure, grant, share, endowment, heritage
- doze:** (n, v) snooze, sleep, slumber, drowse, siesta, forty winks, rest; (v) catnap, nod, coma, nod off. ANTONYM: (v) wake
- dozing:** (adj) drowsy, dozy, nodding, napping, asleep, sleepy, tired
- drag:** (v) attract, draw, lug, cart, heave, tow; (n, v) pull, puff; (adv, v) trail; (n) bother; (adj) dragging. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure; (v) hasten, hurry, shove, speed, rush, propel, fly
- dragging:** (n) pulled wire, stemming, haulage; (adj) slow, sickly, slack, unfit, sluggish, tardy, tedious; (v) involve. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, energizing, exciting, prompt, short
- drank:** (v) absorb

- draped:** (adj) mantled, covered, cloaked, clothed, curtained, disguised, absorbed, clad
- drapery:** (n) drape, clothing, dress, blind, raiment, costume, toilette, furnishings, trim, guise, toilet
- draught:** (n, v) draft, sketch, design, potation, plan; (n) dose, air current, wind, gulp, outline; (v) blueprint
- drawers:** (n) knickers, pants, tights, shorts, bloomers, briefs, underwear, breeches, underpants, underdrawers, trousers
- dreadful:** (adj) bad, awful, alarming, atrocious, fearful, terrible, abominable, appalling, direful, grisly; (adj, v) dread. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, great, lovely, fantastic, marvelous, admirable, successful, nice, joyous, honorable, fair
- dreadfully:** (adj, adv) frightfully, shockingly; (adv) fearfully, appallingly, hideously, horrendously, horribly, atrociously, ghastly, tremendously, horridly. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, wonderfully, happily, hardly, superbly, well
- dried:** (adj) arid, desiccated, dehydrated, shriveled, shrunken, drained, torrid, parched, withered; (n) drier, dryer
- drill:** (n, v) practice, discipline; (v) bore, coach, pierce, train, tap, educate; (n) auger, rehearsal, borer
- drinking:** (n) consumption, ingestion, intake, potation, drunkenness, crapulence, boozing, drinkable, uptake, intemperateness, booze
- drinks:** (n) refreshments, food and drink
- dripping:** (adj) wet, damp, drenched, sodden, soaked, soggy; (adj, adv) sopping, soaking; (adj, v) reeking; (n) dribble, a drop. ANTONYM: (adj) lacking
- drizzling:** (adj) drizzle, sprinkle, pouring, disgusting, drizzly, nasty, disagreeable, rainy, showery, raining, descending
- drone:** (n, v) hum, murmur; (v) whine, idler, purr; (n) dawdler, droning, laggard, sluggard, roll; (adv, n) bourdon
- drops:** (n) tear
- drown:** (v) drench, submerge, overwhelm, choke, engulf, flood, swamp, inundate, suffocate, asphyxiate; (adj, n, v) sink. ANTONYMS: (v) float, swim, amplify, dry
- drum:** (adj, n) barrel; (n) cask, tympan, cylinder, timbrel, tambour, tambourine; (v) beat, roll, bone up, ram
- drunk:** (adj) tipsy, wet, tight, blotto, drunken, inebriated; (adj, n) inebriate; (n) boozee, dipsomaniac, drunkard, drinker. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, clearheaded; (n) teetotaler
- drunkard:** (n) alcoholic, drinker, boozee, dipsomaniac, rummy, inebriate, toper, sot, bibber, lush, imbibee
- drunken:** (adj) boozy, sottish, intoxicated, tipsy, tight, bibulous, groggy, intemperate, blotto, canned, pissed
- drying:** (n) curing, desiccation, seasoning, dryness, ventilation, drying up, aeration, airing; (adj) desiccative, siccative, parching
- dubiously:** (adv) suspiciously, uncertainly, problematically, fishily, vaguely, incredulously, skeptically, equivocally, distrustfully, questionably, undecidedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, certainly
- dublin:** (n) Irish capital, capital of Ireland
- dull:** (adj) dreary, dense, sluggish, dismal, slack, torpid; (adj, v) blunt, stupid; (v) deaden, dampen; (adj, n) cold. ANTONYMS: (adj) lively, sharp, stimulating, exciting, lustrous, interesting, exhilarating, varied, glossy, glittery, luminous
- duly:** (adv) rightfully, correctly, punctually, proper, precisely, well, ex officio, accordingly, fairly, appropriately, properly. ANTONYMS: (adv) improperly, unsuitable, unlawfully
- dummy:** (adj) sham, spurious, artificial, fictitious; (adj, n) model; (n) puppet, booby, dope, boob, dumbbell, blank. ANTONYMS: (n) scholar, intellectual, genius, original
- dusk:** (n) nightfall, twilight, darkness, gloaming, sunset, gloom, night, shade, shadow, sundown; (adj) dusky. ANTONYMS: (n) dawn, light, daybreak, morning, afternoon
- dusky:** (adj) dark, cloudy, gloomy, black, swarthy, dull, murky, obscure, dingy, sooty, somber. ANTONYMS: (adj) light, bright, sunny, radiant, clear
- dusty:** (adj) dirty, sandy, mealy, dry, unclean, pulverulent, branny, uninteresting, vague, psammous; (adj, v) sooty. ANTONYMS: (adj) dusted, clean
- dutifully:** (adv) submissively, obediently, deferentially, compliantly, conscientiously, devotedly, duteously, docilely, loyally, respectfully, meekly. ANTONYMS: (adv) carelessly, irresponsibly, unfaithfully, assertively
- dwarf:** (adj, n) midget, miniature; (n) gnome, fairy, brownie, manikin, pygmy; (v) overshadow; (adj) little, runt, baby. ANTONYMS: (adj) large, big, huge; (v) maximize
- dwell:** (adj, v) inhabit; (v) reside, bide, live, stay, lodge, delay, occupy, continue, be, settle. ANTONYM: (v) wander
- dwelt:** (v) dwell, inhabit
- dwindling:** (adj) decreasing, declining, abating, diminishing, waning; (n) lessening, narrowing, dwindlement, shrinking; (v) dwindle; (adv) diminishingly. ANTONYMS: (n) growth; (adj) burgeoning, high
- eagerly:** (adv) zealously, readily, keenly, fervently, avidly, greedily, enthusiastically, intently, earnestly, impatiently, actively. ANTONYMS: (adv) apathetically, nonchalantly, grudgingly, patiently, halfheartedly, reluctantly, unenthusiastically
- eagerness:** (n, v) desire, aspiration; (n) enthusiasm, avidity, cupidity, readiness, passion, keenness, ambition, fervor, avidness. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, unwillingness, aloofness, disinterest, lethargy, listlessness, patience, gloom, reluctance
- earl:** (n) baron, jarl, peer, thane, viscount, banneret, chief, lord
- earnestly:** (adj, adv) seriously; (adv) eagerly, intently, zealously, solemnly, ardently, fervently, heartily, gravely, warmly, passionately. ANTONYMS: (adv) indifferently, insincerely, unconcernedly, jokingly
- earshot:** (n) earreach, audience, auditory modality, stone's throw, audition, auditory sense, range; (n, v) sound
- eaten:** (v) eat
- ebullient:** (adj) effervescent, fervent, effusive, enthusiastic, vivacious, excited, animated; (v) fiery, hot, candent, smoking. ANTONYMS: (adj) apathetic, disinterested, sad, somber, unenthusiastic, sedate

echo: (n, v) answer, repeat, resound, rebound, reply; (v) reproduce, reverberate, imitate; (n) repercussion, reaction, replication

ecstasy: (n) delight, rapture, joy, bliss, delirium, happiness, trance, enthusiasm, exaltation, elation; (n, v) transport. ANTONYMS: (n) desolation, gloom, downheartedness, melancholy, depression, dejection, anguish, sadness, despair, agony, bore

edges: (n) boundaries

educated: (adj, v) erudite, lettered; (adj) learned, enlightened, trained, refined, informed, taught, cultivated, intellectual; (v) instructed. ANTONYMS: (adj) uneducated, ignorant, naive, illiterate, uncouth, uninformed, unlearned, wild

effaced: (adj) obliterated

egg-shaped: (adj) oval, round, elliptical

aire: (n) Ireland, eyre, Hibernia, Irish Free State, cork

elaborate: (v) develop, specify, amplify, work out, expand, expound, detail; (adj) careful, complicated, complex, involved. ANTONYMS: (adj) plain, simple, modest, common, stark, straightforward, uncomplicated, uninvolved; (v) simplify, condense, contract

elastically: (adv) springily, flexibly, pliantly, springly, malleably, tensilely, supplely, ductilely, yieldingly, limberly

elated: (adj) joyful, delighted, jubilant, exultant, gleeful, happy, triumphant, overjoyed, proud, ecstatic; (n) buoyant. ANTONYMS: (adj) dejected, disappointed, sad, unhappy, miserable, down, depressed, despairing, blue, sorrowful, desolate

elbow: (n, v) poke, nudge, jolt; (n) cubitus, elbow joint, angle, articulation; (v) jostle, push, shove, crowd

elder: (adj) older, big, adult; (n) dean, doyen, patriarch, ancient, boss, elderberry, superior, presbyter. ANTONYMS: (n) youngest, minor, child, inferior; (adj) youngest, younger, little

eldest: (adj) elder, older, oldest, eigne; (n) offspring, progeny, doyen

electrician: (n) lineman, gaffer

elegance: (adj, n) daintiness; (n) refinement, beauty, chic, grace,

style, flair, courtliness, courtesy, polish, panache. ANTONYMS: (n) awkwardness, ugliness, inelegance, bareness, roughness, scruffiness, untidiness, rudeness, vulgarity, tackiness, tastelessness

elegantly: (adv) exquisitely, tastefully, genteelly, neatly, delicately, handsomely, finely, stylishly, refinedly, polishedly, beautifully. ANTONYMS: (adv) coarsely, clumsily, tastelessly, untidily, awkwardly, vigorously

eloquence: (n) style, fluency, oratory, rhetoric, articulateness, expression, volubility, persuasiveness, articulacy, facundity, way with words. ANTONYM: (n) inarticulateness

embellish: (v) dress, adorn, decorate, deck, beautify, ornament, embroider, trim, bedeck, gild, garnish. ANTONYMS: (v) deface, understate, disfigure, mar, spoil, uglify

embittered: (adj) bitter, disillusioned, sour, indignant, disappointed, crestfallen, dissatisfied, frustrated, disenchanting; (v) resent. ANTONYM: (adj) idealistic

embraced: (adj) popular

embrasure: (n) porthole, crenel, machicolation, recess, window, opening, crenelle, battlement, dent, casement

emerging: (adj) nascent, rising, acclivitous, promising, embryonic, budding; (n) emanation

emotion: (n) love, feeling, passion, heart, commotion, mood, pathos, excitement, sensibility; (n, v) sensation; (v) impression. ANTONYMS: (n) detachment, coldness, unfeelingness, calmness

emotions: (n) reputation, emotion, feeling, temperament, personality, character, disposition, breast, bosom

emphasised: (adj) accented, emphatic

emphatically: (adv) decidedly, definitely, positively, categorically, flatly, distinctly, absolutely, explicitly, forcefully, firmly, expressly

emptied: (adj) empty, void, depleted, emptier, annulled, open, vacuous

enchantment: (n) attraction, captivation, charm, conjuration, sorcery, spell, bewitchment, incantation, delight, bewitchery; (adj, n) rapture. ANTONYMS: (n) displeasure, discomfort

enclosed: (adj) surrounded, bounded,

covered, limited, encircled, enveloped, besieged, closed, controlled; (v) contain; (adv) herewith. ANTONYMS: (adj) exposed, open, pervasive, outdoor

encounter: (n) collision, conflict, battle, action, confrontation, brush; (n, v) combat, contest, encounter; (v) confront, face. ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, surrender, evade, avoid, yield; (n) shunning, avoidance, withdrawal

encouragement: (n) aid, support, promotion, backing, incentive, cheer, consolation, boost, advocacy, fosterage, assistance. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect, deflation, disheartening, disincentive, dissuasion, opposition, deterrent

encouraging: (adj) cheering, bright, promising, auspicious, comforting, rosy, reassuring, favourable, hortatory, hopeful, heartening. ANTONYMS: (adj) upsetting, warning, disappointing, discouraging, negative, disturbing, hopeless, unhelpful, depressing

encouragingly: (adv) promisingly, inspiringly, encourage, hopefully, propitiously, positively, sympathetically, cheeringly, hortatorily, brightly, kindly. ANTONYMS: (adv) negatively, inauspiciously

encumbered: (adj) burdened, burdensome, weighed down, heavy, deep, clayey, cloggy. ANTONYM: (adj) unencumbered

endeavour: (n) attempt, effort, pains, trial, try, enterprise, striving, contribution, braving; (v) exert, strive

ended: (adj) concluded, finished, over, done, completed, closed, through, terminated, consummate, all over; (adj, v) past

endless: (adj) constant, perpetual, interminable, continuous, ceaseless, eternal, uninterrupted, everlasting, incessant, vast, unrelenting. ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, restricted, limited, intermittent, ending, finishing, sporadic, mortal, inconstant, few, slight

endure: (adj, n, v) continue, support; (n, v) bear, suffer, stand, be; (v) accept, undergo, allow, stay, tolerate. ANTONYMS: (v) perish, die, break, fall, discontinue, crumble, end, enjoy, resign, quit, collapse

energetic: (adj) animated, brisk, busy,

- driving, dynamic, powerful, strong, effective, agile, emphatic, forcible. ANTONYMS: (adj) sluggish, lazy, weary, languid, inactive, exhausted, indolent, apathetic, dull, indifferent, listless
- energetically:** (adv) vigorously, strongly, actively, briskly, lustily, forcefully, lively, forcibly, powerfully, spiritedly, strenuously. ANTONYMS: (adv) idly, quietly, lifelessly, resignedly, indifferently, feebly, wearily, languorously, lazily, sluggishly, passively
- enforce:** (v) compel, constrain, carry out, implement, impose, execute, apply, drive, dispense, effect; (n, v) force. ANTONYMS: (v) surrender, relax, neglect, forget, exempt, disregard, abandon
- engage:** (v) contract, book, employ, retain, absorb, charter, draw, rent; (n, v) attract, enlist, betroth. ANTONYMS: (v) disengage, release, evade, bore, can, discharge, disconnect, dismiss, eject, terminate, escape
- engaged:** (adj) occupied, betrothed, employed, affianced, engrossed, reserved, absorbed, working, pledged, involved, committed. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, unengaged, unemployed, uncommitted, unattached, single, detached, idle
- engagements:** (n) arrangements, actions, activities, schedule, travels, movements
- englishman:** (n) Sassenach, British, Briton, Britisher, Englander, English, Saxon, limey, burgher, Jacobean, burgess
- enjoying:** (n) relish, enjoyment; (adj) comfortable, fruitive
- enjoyment:** (n) delight, appreciation, gratification, comfort, relish, satisfaction, happiness, delectation, gusto, amusement, diversion. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, abhorrence, antipathy, apathy, aversion, discomfort, displeasure, dissatisfaction, misery, repulsion, sorrow
- enlist:** (v) engage, recruit, employ, enroll, gain, get, join up, hire, acquire, join, enter. ANTONYMS: (v) discharge, resign, quit, dodge, avoid, leave, fire
- enlivened:** (adj) bouncy, active, spirited, alive, bouncing
- enmity:** (n, v) animosity; (n) antagonism, animus, hostility, aggression, rancor, ill will, antipathy, hatred, war, dislike. ANTONYMS: (n) friendship, friendliness, affinity, love, kindness, affection, adoration, amity, cooperation, goodwill
- enraged:** (adj) angered, furious, infuriated, irate, mad, livid, incensed, exasperated, raging, irritated, boiling
- ensured:** (adj) certain, constitutional
- entangled:** (adj) complicated, intricate, embroiled, complex, foul, confused, matted, tangled, inextricable, knotty; (v) entangle
- entertained:** (adj) diverted, pleased
- entertaining:** (adj) enjoyable, fun, funny, diverting, witty, merry, comical, laughable, convivial, humorous, droll. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, boring, heavy, slow, tiresome, tiring, unentertaining
- enthusiast:** (n) addict, fanatic, fiend, fan, admirer, freak, aficionado, advocate, fancier, buff; (adj, n) zealot. ANTONYMS: (n) skeptic, depreciator, disparager, opponent
- enthusiastic:** (adj, n) hearty, cordial, passionate, buoyant; (adj) eager, active, anxious, excited, avid, fiery, devoted. ANTONYMS: (adj) apathetic, indifferent, lukewarm, lethargic, halfhearted, disinterested, unexcited, passive, disheartened, reluctant, weak
- enunciation:** (n) delivery, elocution, articulation, pronunciation, speech, declaration, announcement, accent, assertion, inflection, expression
- envelope:** (n, v) covering, cloak, blanket; (n) casing, container, pack, case, coating, jacket, integument, vesicle
- enviously:** (adv) jealously, invidiously, grudgingly, resentfully, greedily, jaundicedly, maliciously, greenly, avariciously, bitterly, sourly
- epileptic:** (adj) epileptical; (n) diseased person
- equation:** (n) formula, compensation, quadratic, equality, Equation of the eccentric, equating, biquadratic, leveling, balance, parity, par
- equipoise:** (v) poise, offset; (n, v) balance, counterweight; (n) equilibration, counterbalance, symmetry, counterpoise, balancing, equiponderance, equalizer
- erect:** (adj) upright, vertical, straightforward; (v) build, raise, rear, construct, assemble, lift, put up, put together. ANTONYMS: (v) dismantle, wreck, topple, level, demolish, destroy; (adj) prostrate, drooping, prone, flaccid, flat
- errand:** (n) chore, mission, job, task, assignment, embassy, duty, charge, messenger, communication, work
- escaped:** (adj) at large, at liberty, loose, on the loose, runaway, easy, wild; (n) freer; (v) escaping
- establishing:** (adj) established; (v) create
- establishments:** (n) establishment
- esteemed:** (adj) dear, reputable, respected, honorable, noble, honored, prestigious, important, distinguished, August, respect. ANTONYM: (adj) disreputable
- eternal:** (adj) constant, perpetual, ceaseless, everlasting, lasting, continual, aeonian, immortal, boundless, deathless, enduring. ANTONYMS: (adj) mortal, finite, brief, ephemeral, fleeting, terminable, ending, fragile, inconstant
- ethical:** (adj) right, decent, just, upright, conscientious, virtuous, good, honest, righteous; (adj, v) moral; (n) ethics. ANTONYMS: (adj) immoral, dishonest, dishonorable, corrupt, unrighteous, unprincipled
- eucharist:** (n) sacrament, communion, sacrament of the Eucharist, liturgy, Last Supper, Eucharistic liturgy, Holy Communion, Holy Sacrament, holy Eucharist
- evasive:** (adj) shifty, oblique, ambiguous, devious, elusory, shuffling, roundabout, deceitful, equivocal, indefinite, furtive. ANTONYMS: (adj) forthright, direct, unambiguous, straightforward, honest, candid, straight, clear, careless
- evenly:** (adv) flatly, levelly, uniformly, regularly, smoothly, steadily, planely, horizontally, plainly, truly, rightly. ANTONYMS: (adv) inconsistently, unequally, agitatedly, indirectly
- everlasting:** (adj) eternal, ceaseless, endless, constant, continual, perpetual, immortal, deathless, ageless, aeonian; (adj, n) lasting. ANTONYMS: (adj) finite, ephemeral, fleeting, mortal, ending, terminating, inconstant, fragile, perishable
- everyday:** (adj, v) ordinary, usual; (adj) familiar, customary, routine, accustomed, average, regular, casual, prosaic, commonplace.

- ANTONYMS: (adj) extraordinary, exquisite, special, rare, exciting, different, exceptional, occasional, uncommon, formal, imaginative
- evidently:** (adv) clearly, patently, plainly, obviously, manifestly, openly, certainly, overtly, markedly, conspicuously, palpably.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, imperceptibly, obscurely, questionably, actually, ambiguously, inconspicuously
- evils:** (n) mala
- evocation:** (n) elicitation, imagery, imagination, imaging, input, stimulant, stimulation, stimulus, evoke, induction, conjury
- exactitude:** (n) precision, exactness, correctness, punctuality, fidelity, trueness, truth, veracity, rigor, thoroughness, promptitude.
- ANTONYMS: (n) vagueness, inaccuracy, inexactness
- exaggeration:** (n) distortion, magnification, enlargement, overstatement, hyperbole, misrepresentation, caricatura, embellishment, elaboration, trope, romance. ANTONYMS: (n) irony, minimizing, reduction
- exalted:** (adj) elevated, eminent, noble, high, August, elated, dignified, great, sublime, grand, big.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) belittled, condemned, criticized, debased, humble, humiliated, low, lowly, minor, ridiculed, base
- examining:** (v) examine, investigate; (adj) investigative, curious, disquisitive, exploratory, inquiring
- excess:** (n) extravagance, dissipation, plethora, abundance, exaggeration, overindulgence, surfeit, overabundance, overplus; (adj) extra, unnecessary. ANTONYMS: (n) lack, restraint, moderation, shortfall, dearth, temperance, deficit, insufficiency, justice, scarcity, abstinence
- exchanged:** (adj) counterchanged, bartered, substituted
- excited:** (adj, v) animated, ardent; (adj) ablaze, enthusiastic, emotional, frantic, warm, heated, delirious, fervent, passionate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cool, unexcited, bored, tranquil, easygoing, disappointed, despairing, comatose, apathetic, sedate, composed
- excitedly:** (adv) passionately, feverishly, wildly, frantically, nervously, ardently,
- enthusiastically, eagerly, animatedly, fervently, cheerfully.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) lifelessly, patiently, peacefully, nonchalantly, indifferently, despondently, unenthusiastically
- exclaim:** (v) call out, call, shout, cry out, ejaculate, clamor, outcry, scream, shout out, speak, vociferate
- exclaiming:** (n) deuce, Dickens, ejaculation, exclaim, devil, interjection, ecpohnesis
- excursion:** (n) expedition, jaunt, outing, digression, drive, tour, airing, voyage, deviation, stroll; (n, v) journey
- excused:** (adj) privileged, immune
- excrate:** (v) abominate, detest, anathematize, curse, loathe, beshrew, dislike, swear, damn, despise, hate. ANTONYMS: (v) applaud, eulogize, like, praise, love
- execute:** (v) do, achieve, complete, perform, accomplish, act, effect, carry out, enforce, make, fulfill.
- ANTONYMS: (v) abandon, ignore, disregard, Miss, forget, shirk, revive
- executed:** (adj) finished, fulfilled, complete
- exhilarating:** (adj) exciting, stimulating, invigorating, thrilling, elating, moving, exhilarative, gladdening, brisk, glad, delighted.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) boring, dull, depressing, discouraging, dispiriting
- exonerated:** (adj) clear, cleared, absolved, guiltless, easily perceptible, easily deciphered, decipherable, vindicated, clean; (v) exempt
- exotic:** (adj) alien, foreign, strange, outlandish, unusual, extraneous, different, odd, curious, extrinsic, unknown. ANTONYMS: (adj) familiar, ordinary, usual, native
- expectantly:** (adv) optimistically, expectingly, pregnantly, anticipatively, hopefully, confidently, bigly, watchfully, heavily, largely
- expired:** (adj) lapsed, deceased, invalid, dead, overdue, extinct, elapsed, out
- exploded:** (adj) antebellum, antediluvian, blown over, expired, unconnected, elapsed, that has been, run out, no more, never to return; (v) at a discount
- explore:** (v) search, delve, research, enquire, discover, prospect, scrutinize, investigate, plumb,
- probe, view
- exposed:** (adj) open, defenseless, uncovered, unprotected, nude, subject, obvious, naked, bald; (adj, v) vulnerable, liable. ANTONYMS: (adj) covered, hidden, safe, guarded, armed, secluded, sheltered, sheathed, enclosed, safeguarded, protected
- expressing:** (adj) significant; (n) speech
- expressions:** (n) vocabulary, terms, language
- expressively:** (adv) meaningfully, eloquently, indicatively, poignantly, movingly, vividly, suggestively, emphatically, evocatively, mobilely, tellingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unemotionally, inexpressively, innocently, blandly
- exquisite:** (adj) beautiful, delicate, excellent, dainty, gorgeous, admirable, acute, heavenly, choice, wonderful; (adj, v) delightful.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, inferior, ugly, subdued, rough, poor, coarse, mild, imperfect, horrible, flawed
- extinguished:** (adj) extinct, out, dead, quenched, allayed, destroyed; (n) defunctness, complete annihilation, experimental extinction, extermination, extinction
- extract:** (v) draw, derive, elicit, educe, abstract, distill, draw out; (n) essence, juice, quotation; (n, v) quote. ANTONYMS: (v) insert, add; (n) whole
- extraordinary:** (adj) odd, exceptional, curious, rare, special, phenomenal, amazing, astonishing, unusual, strange, abnormal. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, everyday, usual, common, mundane, regular, undistinguished, unremarkable, insignificant, natural
- extravagant:** (adj) wasteful, luxurious, prodigal, exaggerated, profligate, costly, expensive, lavish, immoderate, profuse, undue.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) restrained, frugal, parsimonious, plain, stingy, understated, thrifty, reasonable, moderate, cautious, tasteful
- eyebrow:** (n) supercilium, eyebrows, forehead, strap line, hair
- eyeglasses:** (n) spectacles, glasses, goggles, lorgnette, dark glasses
- fade:** (adj, v) vanish, drop; (v) dissolve, decline, evaporate, discolor, droop, die, languish, expire; (n, v) wither. ANTONYMS: (v) increase, grow, flourish, enhance,

- surge, sharpen, brighten, color, wax, stay, rally
- faded:** (adj) pale, bleached, dull, exhausted, faint, washy, withered, colorless, discoloured, attenuate; (adj, v) dilapidated. ANTONYMS: (adj) vivid, Colored, colorful, fresh, vigorous, strong, bright
- fading:** (n) attenuation, bleaching, discoloration, disappearance, evaporation, colour fading, decay; (adj) disappearing, paling, weakening, decaying. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, increasing, growing
- failing:** (adj, n) deficiency, blemish, imperfection; (n) fault, shortcoming, failure, weakness, flaw, inadequacy, foible; (adj) declining. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, flourishing, well, strong, growing, healthy; (n) strength, virtue, specialty, capability, passing
- faint:** (adj, n, v) swoon; (adj) dim, feeble, dizzy, indistinct, vague, soft, dull; (adj, v) weak; (v) languish, pass out. ANTONYMS: (adj) distinct, clear, obvious, loud, considerable, pungent, invigorated, hearty, energetic, defined; (v) revive
- faintly:** (adv) dimly, vaguely, indistinctly, lightly, weakly, hazily, slightly, softly, shadowily, infirmly, palely. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, intensely, distinctly, overpoweringly, harshly, considerably, powerfully, strongly, brightly, obviously, audibly
- fair-haired:** (n) blonde; (adj) pet, favorite, beloved, favored, dear, precious
- faithful:** (adj, n) accurate, correct, exact, true; (adj) close, unfailing, dependable, devoted, sound, devout; (adj, v) constant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unreliable, false, inaccurate, unfaithful, unrealistic, faithless, perfidious, backstabbing, cheating, inexact, loose
- falls:** (n) cataract, waterfall, chute, angel, torrent, Victoria, twin, force, body of water, Guaira, Niagara
- falsezzo:** (adj) alto, penny trumpet, voce di testa, soprano, tenor
- fame:** (n, v) credit, celebrity, report, reputation, renown, cry; (n) distinction, bruit, honor, prestige, buzz. ANTONYMS: (n) infamy, obscurity, anonymity, ignominy, dishonor, commonness, oblivion, criticism
- famed:** (adj) notable, illustrious, eminent, renowned, distinguished, noted, prominent, great, proverbial, glorious; (adj, v) famous. ANTONYMS: (adj) undistinguished
- familiarity:** (adj, n) acquaintance; (n) intimacy, closeness, experience, casualness, conversancy, knowledge, converseance, naturalness, nearness, friendship. ANTONYMS: (n) unfamiliarity, formality, abnormality, distance, animosity
- familiarly:** (adv) intimately, usually, ordinarily, nearly, frequently, commonly, regularly, informally, closely, acquaintedly, conventionally. ANTONYM: (adv) distantly
- fancy:** (n, v) desire, fantasy, caprice, dream, wish, daydream; (v) imagine, consider; (adj, v) conceive; (n) conception, conceit. ANTONYMS: (n) reality, certainty, actuality, conviction; (adj) unadorned, common; (v) hate, demonstrate, detest, disapprove, test
- fanlight:** (n) skylight, light, transom window, transom
- fanning:** (n) ventilation
- farical:** (adj) ridiculous, comical, droll, absurd, comic, ludicrous, laughable, funny, humorous, odd, stupid. ANTONYMS: (adj) tragic, serious, deep, sensible
- fare:** (n, v) do; (n) food, aliment, board, table, charge, chow, menu, traveller; (v) come, eat. ANTONYM: (v) stop
- farewell:** (int, n) adieu; (n) bye, leave, valediction, adios, parting, goodbye, separation, departure, aloha; (int) bon voyage. ANTONYMS: (n) hello, salutation, welcome
- farther:** (adj, adv, prep) beyond; (adj) additional, more, distant; (adv) furthermore, besides, abroad, in addition, too; (adj, prep) outside; (pron) another. ANTONYMS: (prep) within; (adv) nearer, closer
- farthing:** (n) craps, faro, ante, chuck, doit, small change; (adj) bulrush, pinch of snuff, peppercorn, old son, jot
- fascinated:** (adj) captivated, absorbed, gripped, engrossed, interested, attentive, preoccupied, entranced, attracted, enchanted, enthralled. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, disinterested, disenchanting, detached
- fashionable:** (adj) popular, current, classy, trendy, chic, up to date, stylish, dressy, modern, swanky, swell. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpopular, styleless, dated, out, outmoded, tacky, inclusive, old, plain
- fatuous:** (adj) asinine, foolish, goofy, footling, insensate, empty, simple, silly, senseless, mindless, imbecile. ANTONYMS: (adj) brilliant, intelligent, smart, wise, sensible
- favoured:** (adj) preferred, preferential
- fawning:** (adj) obsequious, sycophantic, servile, sniveling, subservient, flattering, ingratiating, soapy; (adj, n) toadying; (n) adulation, sycophancy. ANTONYMS: (adj) authoritative, assertive, domineering, forthright
- fearless:** (adj, n) daring; (adj) brave, dauntless, courageous, undaunted, intrepid, heroic, audacious, gallant, confident, valiant. ANTONYMS: (adj) afraid, frightened, scared, apprehensive, terrified, timid
- feast:** (n, v) junket, fete; (n) entertainment, dinner, binge, spread, celebration, jamboree, carousal; (v) feed, eat. ANTONYMS: (v) abstain, starve; (n) snack
- feather:** (n) pen, feathering, pinion, nib, plumage, quill, kind, spline; (n, v) plume; (adj, n, v) fringe; (v) fledge
- feeble:** (adj) delicate, decrepit, ailing, helpless, powerless, poor, mild, lax, thin; (adj, v) faint, debilitated. ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, vigorous, hearty, tough, effective, powerful, unrelenting, robust, potent, persuasive, able
- feebly:** (adv) faintly, unenthusiastically, dimly, hopelessly, unproductively, unpersuasively, unconvincingly, uncertainly, reluctantly, powerlessly, insipidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) robustly, confidently, domineeringly, vehemently, stubbornly, strongly, effectively, convincingly, competently, admirably, wholeheartedly
- felicitous:** (adj) apt, suitable, appropriate, proper, applicable, fortunate, apposite, clever, cute, lucky; (adj, n) happy. ANTONYMS: (adj) inappropriate, infelicitous, inopportune, unfitting, unhappy
- fellows:** (n) fellow, membership, faculty
- fender:** (n) wing, cushion, barrier, mudguard, dashboard, guard, mudguard seat, cowcatcher, framework, sheer log, framing

- ferryboat:** (n) wherry, commuter boat, ship
- fervent:** (adj) ardent, eager, earnest, enthusiastic, intense, cordial, passionate, hot, emotional, torrid, strong. ANTONYMS: (adj) apathetic, unenthusiastic, cool, weak, unexcited, dispirited, dispassionate, flippant, impassive, lukewarm, mild
- feudal:** (adj) feudatory, medieval, feudal
- fever:** (n) malaria, delirium, pyrexia, heat, frenzy, feverishness, febricity, Bilious typhoid fever, Levant fever, Hectic infantile fever, Typhoid fever
- fierce:** (adj) bitter, acute, cruel, ferocious, brutal, grim, nasty, intense, ardent; (adj, v) savage, furious. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, mild, calm, quiet, tame, docile, weak, peaceful, pleasant
- fiercely:** (adv) violently, bitterly, strongly, savagely, brutally, intensely, wildly, cruelly, vehemently, grimly, furiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, dully, tame, docilely, tamely, calmly, feebly
- fiery:** (adj, n) burning, passionate, glowing; (adj) fervent, ablaze, hot, fervid, impassioned, peppery; (adj, v) fierce, violent. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, passionless, dispassionate, indifferent, placid, gentle, cool; (adv) easygoing
- filling:** (n) filler, weft, contents, loading, plug, packing, pad, replenishment, padding, impletion, stuffing. ANTONYMS: (adj) light, insufficient
- filth:** (n) grime, garbage, foulness, impurity, soil, blot, stain, nastiness, squalor, uncleanness; (adj) impure. ANTONYMS: (n) cleanliness, luxury, loveliness
- filthy:** (adj) unclean, dingy, nasty, foul, disgusting, squalid, bawdy, muddy, grimy, grubby, vile. ANTONYMS: (adj) decent, pleasant, attractive
- finances:** (n) exchequer, assets, money, finance, funds, resources, treasury, cash in hand, bankroll, means, capital
- financier:** (n) capitalist, backer, banker, sponsor, dealer, broker, moneylender, stockbroker, city man, investor; (v) operate. ANTONYM: (n) supplier
- finery:** (n) regalia, clothing, attire, decoration, dress, pinchbeck, spangle, trimmings, gimcrack; (adj, n) tinsel, gewgaw. ANTONYM: (n) rags
- finest:** (adj, n) elite; (adj) top, select, excellent, most favorable, most excellent, most advantageous, exclusive, classic, best possible; (n) cream
- fingering:** (n) location, placement, feeling, emplacement
- finishing:** (n) completion, close, accomplishment, conclusion, end, coating; (adj, n) ending; (adj) closing, last, final, ultimate. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning; (adj) first
- fireplace:** (n) chimney, fire, hearth, oven, stove, fire place, fireside, kitchen, niche, recess, furnace
- first-rate:** (adj) excellent, stunning, capital, posh, tiptop, dandy, ace, superior, classic, fine, clinking
- fisher:** (n) angler, black cat, marten, pekan, trawler, fisher cat, troller
- fishing:** (n) fishery, casting, fishing job, piscary, piscation, rodding, halieutics, sport fishing; (v) coursing, hawking; (adj) halieutic
- fist:** (n, v) hand; (n) duke, clenched fist, feist, manus, grip, index; (v) finger, paw, neif, neaf
- fixedly:** (adv) steadily, steadfastly, regularly, intently, stably, setly, permanently, rigidly, unwaveringly, surely, resolutely
- flaccid:** (adj) limp, soft, loose, lax, weak, slack, languid, baggy, downy, drooping; (v) weakly. ANTONYMS: (adj) stiff, taut, upright, proactive
- flag:** (adj, v) decline, fade, drop, fail; (n) banner, ensign, colors, colours; (v) sag; (n, v) sign; (adj, n, v) languish. ANTONYMS: (v) increase, rise, rally, strengthen
- flakes:** (n) dust
- flame:** (adj, n) fire, sweetheart; (adj, v) burn, glow; (n, v) flash; (n) ardour, burning, fervor, enthusiasm, combustion, sheen
- flames:** (n) fire, blaze, firestorm, hellhole
- flannel:** (n) washcloth, cloth, face cloth, pants, trousers, flannelette, white, tweed, gabardine; (v) blanket, fur
- flaring:** (adj) flared, flaming, burning, blazing, tawdry, ablaze, garish, fiery; (v) glaring; (n) flare; (adv) flaringly
- flashing:** (adj) bright, sparkling, blinking, meteoric, scintillating, light, brilliant, dazzling, gleaming; (n) flare, flashes
- flattered:** (adj) pleased
- flattery:** (n, v) cajolery; (n) blarney, compliment, adulation, taffy, palaver, praise, gloze, sweet talk, sycophancy, soft soap. ANTONYMS: (n) insult, offense
- flavour:** (n) aroma, savor, smell, palate, essence, sapor, feeling, feel, sapidity, relish; (n, v) flavor
- fleet:** (adj) fast, expeditious, quick, agile, brisk, rapid, speedy; (n) armada, float, navy; (v) flit
- fleming:** (n) Flemish, Ian Lancaster Fleming, Ian Fleming, Alexander Fleming, sir Alexander Fleming
- fleshy:** (adj) corpulent, brawny, chubby, overweight, obese, heavy, stout, round, succulent; (adj, adv) plump; (adv) portly. ANTONYMS: (adj) slim, slender
- flickering:** (adj) sparkling, afflicker, desultory, capricious, glistening, shimmering, glittering; (n) twinkling, flicker, fluttering; (adv) flickeringly
- flinch:** (v) cower, quail, recoil, recede, blench, shrink; (n, v) cringe, start, retreat, jump, jerk
- fling:** (n, v) toss, throw, pitch, slam, hurl; (v) chuck, shoot, dash, rush, discard; (n) crack. ANTONYM: (v) collect
- floating:** (n) casting, cast
- floating:** (adv) afloat; (adj, v) buoyant; (adj, adv) aimless; (adj) current, loose, moving, fluid, in circulation, going about, flying, light
- flock:** (n, v) crowd, cluster, pack, mass; (adj, n) bevy; (adj, n, v) swarm; (n) band, horde, congregation, herd; (v) assemble. ANTONYM: (v) disperse
- food:** (n, v) flow, torrent, pour, stream, glut, rush, gush; (v) drench, inundate, drown; (n, prep) tide. ANTONYMS: (n) drought, shortage, slump, deficit; (v) disperse, dry
- florid:** (adj) flamboyant, fancy, flowery, aureate, flashy, fresh, figurative, gorgeous; (adj, v) ornate, gaudy; (adj, n) ruddy. ANTONYMS: (adj) pale, plain
- florin:** (n) guilder, Dutch florin
- flourish:** (n, v) display; (v) thrive, prosper, boast, wave, brag, wield, boom, grow; (adj, v) bloom; (adv, v) shake. ANTONYMS: (v) decline, struggle, deteriorate, wilt, pine, fade, flounder, decrease, dwindle
- floury:** (adj) mealy, farinaceous, sabulous, sandy, furfureaceous,

- psammous, granular, pulverulent, fine, finer, dusty
- flowered:** (adj) flowering, flowery
- flush:** (adj, n, v) blush, glow; (adj) flat, affluent, rich; (adj, v) even, smooth, level; (n) bloom; (n, v) color; (v) redden. ANTONYMS: (n) pallor; (v) blanch, blench; (adj) empty, low, poor
- flushed:** (adj, n) red, sanguine; (adj) feverish, glowing, aroused, aflame, burning, exultant, exulting; (n) flush, elated. ANTONYM: (adj) cool
- flutter:** (adj, n, v) bustle, flurry; (n, v) beat, palpitate, flap, wave, waver, quiver; (v) flit, flutter; (n) excitement
- fold:** (n, v) crease, pucker, wrinkle, lap, double, roll, bend; (v) crumple, collapse, wrap; (n) flock. ANTONYMS: (v) flatness, expose, open, create, thrive, smooth; (n) unfolding
- folding:** (n) foldaway, plication, foldable, bend, crease, bending, flexure, pleating, collapsible, collapsible, doubling
- folds:** (n) laps
- folly:** (n) fatuity, foolishness, silliness, tomfoolery, nonsense, stupidity, craziness, density, freak; (adj, n) irrationality, trifling. ANTONYM: (n) sense
- fond:** (adj) affectionate, caring, devoted, tender, loving, amorous, delicate, adoring, doting, ardent, attached. ANTONYMS: (adj) aversion, cold, rough
- fool:** (n) blockhead, dunce, clown, idiot, ass, booby, buffoon; (v) deceive, bamboozle; (n, v) joke, gull. ANTONYM: (n) savant
- fooling:** (n) farce, tomfoolery, horseplay, joking, prank; (adj) casual, accidental, everyday, effortless, cursory
- foolish:** (adj) childish, fool, crazy, dumb, daft, fatuous, stupid, unwise, preposterous, dopey; (adj, n) silly. ANTONYMS: (adj) wise, sensible, shrewd, prudent, visionary, diplomatic, levelheaded, sane, rational, mature, judicious
- footing:** (n) foothold, base, bottom, foundation, status, rank, foot, pedestal, situation, relation, root. ANTONYM: (n) top
- footpath:** (n) track, walk, path, trail, sidewalk, footway, walkway, trottoir, way, lane, pavement
- footsteps:** (n) road, footprints, way, trail, path, track, footpath
- forbidden:** (adj) banned, taboo,
- illegal, prohibited, contraband, illicit, verboten, proscribed, outlawed, illegitimate; (adj, adv) off-limits. ANTONYMS: (adj) allowed, permitted, permissible, legal, open
- forcing:** (adj) pressing, constraining, penetrating, compulsory; (n) push
- forefathers:** (n) patriarchs, forefather, ancestor, colony, lineage, family
- forefinger:** (n) index finger, index, forefingers, paw, thumb, hand, exponent, antenna, feeler
- forehead:** (n) brow, front, foreland, lineament, mut, phiz, physiognomy, visage, eyebrow, skull; (adv) foremost
- foreman:** (n) boss, master, overseer, gaffer, supervisor, ganger, craftsman, straw boss, foreperson, leader, foremen. ANTONYM: (n) worker
- forgetting:** (v) forget; (adj) oblivious; (n) disregard
- forgive:** (v) absolve, excuse, acquit, remit, pardon, justify, to forgive, exonerate, overlook, clear, to excuse. ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, punish, castigate
- fork:** (n) crotch, bifurcation, turn, branching; (n, v) branch, bend; (v) diverge, split, branch off, separate, divide. ANTONYM: (v) converge
- formally:** (adv) ceremoniously, officially, stiffly, solemnly, regularly, ceremonially, distantly, primly, precisely, stately, conventionally. ANTONYMS: (adv) casually, warmly
- formerly:** (adv) already, previously, earlier, lately, originally, anciently, aforesaid, first, erstwhile, at one time, once. ANTONYMS: (adv) afterward, lastly, later, now
- forming:** (n) shaping, form, form turning, organization, construction, molding, conformation, synthesis; (v) create, constitute; (adj) constituent
- formless:** (adj) shapeless, unformed, indistinct, unstructured, un bodied, nebulous, vague, indistinguishable, soft, fuzzy, rude. ANTONYMS: (adj) organized, clear, distinct
- forsake:** (v) abandon, ditch, relinquish, abdicate, fail, leave, forgo, chuck, disclaim; (n, v) drop; (adj, v) quit. ANTONYM: (v) support
- forth:** (adv) away, along, onward, ahead, before, on, off, on the high road, on the road, on the way, under way
- fortunate:** (adj) favorable, lucky, auspicious, advantageous, favored, happy, prosperous, fortuitous, well, successful; (adj, n) blessed. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlucky, disadvantaged, disastrous, unfavorable, underprivileged, inauspicious, unenviable, unsatisfactory
- fortune:** (n) estate, fate, fluke, destiny, luck, accident, means, assets, riches, abundance, doom. ANTONYM: (n) design
- fortunes:** (n) adventures, fortune, personal narrative, life, journal
- forwards:** (adv) ahead, forth, onwards, onward, before, fore, forrader, forrad, forrard, on, in advance. ANTONYMS: (adv) back, behind
- fourpence:** (n) coin
- foxes:** (n) dogs, Canidae, family Canidae, Vulpes, genus Vulpes
- fractured:** (v) cracked, contrite, broken friendship, blighted, apart, disunited, disconnected; (adj) torn, fissured
- fragile:** (adj, v) frail; (adj) delicate, dainty, breakable, flimsy, brittle, weak, faint, slim, fine, feeble. ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, substantial, sturdy, permanent, robust, indestructible, stable
- fragility:** (n) brittleness, weakness, feebleness, flimsiness, daintiness, breakability, fineness, finesse, vulnerability; (adj, n) frailty; (adj) failing. ANTONYMS: (n) sturdiness, solidity
- fragrant:** (n, v) aroma, perfume, scent, smell; (n) bouquet, odor, essence, odour, redolence, sweetness; (adj) fragrant. ANTONYMS: (n) stink, stench
- fragrant:** (adj) spicy, odorous, balmy, sweet, odorant, scented, redolent, savory, fragrance, odoriferous, scent. ANTONYMS: (adj) smelly, putrid, malodorous, odorless
- frail:** (adj, v) weak, feeble; (adj) fragile, flimsy, delicate, breakable, rickety, slender, light, slim; (v) faint. ANTONYMS: (adj) substantial, robust, tough, fit, healthy, hearty, perfect, weighty, well, capable, sturdy
- frankly:** (adv) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) hesitantly,

- indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely
- freak**: (n, v) crotchet, caprice; (adj, n) eccentric; (n) oddity, crank, fanatic, nut, monster, fit, whim, fad
- freckled**: (adj) speckled, mottled, discolored, freckly, flecked, lentiginose, lentiginous, marked, blemished, pitted; (v) studded.
ANTONYM: (adj) plain
- freed**: (adj) disentangled, emancipated, disengaged, liberated, extricated, freer, unchained, untied, loosened, disillusioned, not tied up
- freely**: (adv) loosely, frankly, openly, generously, independently, gratuitously, voluntarily, liberally, free, sparely; (adj, adv) spontaneously. ANTONYMS: (adv) reluctantly, deceitfully, accurately, meagerly, parsimoniously, secretly, stingily, unwillingly; (adj) restricted
- freeman**: (n) freedman, freedwoman, freewoman
- freemason**: (n) mason, conservatives, Alfred Edward Woodley mason, federals, federalists, democrats, confederates
- frenzy**: (n) fury, anger, insanity, mania, hysteria; (adj, n) distraction, aberration, alienation, phrensy, derangement; (n, v) craze.
ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, calm, order
- frequent**: (adj, v) customary, usual, ordinary, incessant; (adj) everyday, many, familiar, continual, habitual; (v) patronize, haunt. ANTONYMS: (adj) infrequent, occasional, intermittent, spasmodic, unusual, few; (v) shun, boycott, avoid
- friendliness**: (n) friendship, geniality, amiability, affability, amicability, affection, hospitality, cordiality, brotherhood, amicableness, accessibility. ANTONYMS: (n) cruelty, aloofness, nastiness, hostility, aggression, resistance, resentment, frostiness, formality, contention, belligerence
- friendship**: (n) association, familiarity, affection, companionship, friendliness, intimacy, company, attachment, relationship; (n, v) amity, concord. ANTONYMS: (n) hostility, animosity, antagonism, conflict, formality, rivalry, hatred, detachment, distance, isolation
- frieze**: (n) architrave, textile, sconce, pediment, material, zoophorus, freeze, architectural ornament, capital, coping stone, entablature
- fright**: (n, v) dismay, alarm, scare, affright; (n) awe, fear, dread, terror, horror, consternation, apprehension. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, fearlessness, courage, confidence, security
- frightened**: (adj) fearful, timid, startled, terrified, scared, alarmed, anxious, apprehensive, horrified, intimidated, restless. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, confident, brave, fearless, reassured
- frill**: (n) flounce, adornment, embellishment, frills, luxury, furbelow, fringe, trimming, frame; (n, v) ruffle, disturbance
- fringe**: (n) brim, brink, boundary, periphery, rim, lip, bound; (n, v) edge, hem, skirt; (adj, n, v) feather. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) mainstream; (n) center
- fringed**: (adj) fibrillated, bounded, feathered, bushy, decorated, fimbriate, fimbriate, lacinate, befringed, rough, lacinated
- frontal**: (adj) anterior, fore, forward, metopic, discoid, candid; (n) facade, frontlet, frontage, face, adornment. ANTONYM: (adj) posterior
- frowning**: (adj) dismal, dark, gloomy, lowering, scowling, frowny, clouded; (adv) frowningly; (n) austere, boisterous, coarse
- fugitive**: (adj) ephemeral, fleeting, momentary, elusive, caducous; (n) escapee, absconder, deserter, emigrant, criminal; (v) fugacious
- fulfil**: (v) complete, finish, accomplish, do, appease, carry out, execute, carry through, satisfy, perform, fill
- fullness**: (n) completeness, breadth, entirety, abundance, comprehensiveness, ampleness, largeness, repletion, wholeness, totality, richness. ANTONYMS: (n) narrowness, incompleteness, thinness, weakness
- fumes**: (n) gas, exhaust, exhaust fumes, smokes, smog, vapor, exhalation, steam, smoke, toxic waste, contamination
- funk**: (n) coward, horror, fear, dread, depression; (v) cringe, flinch, cower, quail, recoil, shrink
- furious**: (adj, v) fierce, violent, vehement, wild, rampant; (adj) frantic, enraged, ferocious, boisterous, raging, frenzied. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, mild, gentle, pleased, mellow, quiet, slow
- furiouly**: (adv) irately, angrily, fiercely, wildly, violently, ragingly, wrathfully, infuriatedly, rabidly, impetuously, frantically. ANTONYM: (adv) sluggishly
- furlong**: (v) yard, rood, pole, palm, nail, line, inch, hand, fathom, cubit, foot
- furnace**: (n) forge, heater, blast furnace, fireplace, hearth, stove, oven, kiln, electric furnace, cupola, crematorium
- furry**: (adj) furred, hirsute, soft, velvety, downy, shaggy, bushy, fuzzy, smooth, like velvet, covered with hair. ANTONYM: (adj) rough
- furtive**: (adj) covert, stealthy, surreptitious, secretive, concealed, latent, cryptic, sneaky, backstairs, secret, underhanded. ANTONYMS: (adj) blatant, aboveboard, obvious, overt, honest
- furtively**: (adv) stealthily, covertly, surreptitiously, sneakily, clandestinely, secretly, sly, sneakily, underhandedly, undercoverly, craftily. ANTONYMS: (adv) deliberately, brazenly
- fury**: (n) anger, exasperation, force, resentment, delirium, furor, frenzy, indignation, craze; (adj, n) wrath, ferocity. ANTONYMS: (n) composure, calmness, mildness, calm, pleasure, serenity
- fussy**: (adj) fastidious, busy, particular, choosy, crabbed, crabby, fidgety, picky, difficult, finical, meticulous. ANTONYMS: (adj) easy, plain, easygoing, indiscriminate, shy, understated, inconsistent, lax, careless, relaxed, sloppy
- gaiety**: (n) fun, cheerfulness, exhilaration, mirth, glee, merriment, hilarity, happiness, joy, joviality, jollity. ANTONYMS: (n) seriousness, misery, sadness
- gaily**: (adv, v) happily; (adv) gladly, jovially, joyfully, cheerfully, mirthfully, joyously, gleefully, sunnily, blithely, lively. ANTONYMS: (adv) sadly, anxiously, dully, despondently
- gaining**: (n) acceptance, acquisition, attainment, capture; (adj) ahead, fortunate. ANTONYM: (n) loss
- gallantly**: (adv) courageously, intrepidly, chivalrously, splendidly, valiantly, heroically, fearlessly, finely, doughtily, pluckily, courteously. ANTONYMS: (adv) unchivalrously, poorly, timidly

- gallicism:** (n) Anglicism, BRITICISM
- galloping:** (v) flying
- galoshes:** (n) pump, sandal, shoe, slipper, galoche
- gang:** (n) band, company, crowd, circle, pack, faction, mob, team, bunch, association, clique
- gaping:** (adj, n) agape; (adj) vast, yawning, cavernous, discontinuous, wide, ajar, drowsy, hollow, wide open; (adj, v) oscitant. ANTONYMS: (adj) cramped, narrow
- gardiner:** (n) Samuel Rawson Gardiner
- garments:** (n) attire, clothing, dress, apparel, raiment, outfit, costume, garb, array, gear, anything worthless
- garret:** (n) cockloft, loft, attic, house top, storey, level, upper story, story, dome, noggin, classical Greek
- garrulous:** (adj) talkative, chatty, gabby, verbose, wordy, conversational, glib, talky, windy, voluble, effusive. ANTONYMS: (adj) taciturn, concise, reticent
- gasping:** (adj) panting, winded, blown, out of breath, thirsty, pursy; (v) spavined, touched in the wind
- gates:** (n) bill Gates
- gather:** (n, v) fold, tuck; (v) convene, garner, congregate, compile, assemble, accumulate, collect, meet, flock. ANTONYMS: (v) disperse, scatter, spread, distribute, disband, decrease, part, smooth
- gathered:** (adj) deepened, congregated, accumulated, amassed, assembled, concentrated, equanimous, congregate, collective
- gathering:** (n) collection, accumulation, concourse, congregation, assemblage, crowd, compilation, meeting, crew, gather, throng. ANTONYMS: (n) dismantling, scattering
- gaudy:** (adj) flashy, loud, showy, garish, flamboyant, tasteless, colorful, tacky, brassy, tawdry, florid. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful, restrained, muted, drab, modest, dull, quality
- gauging:** (n) measurement, estimate, discharge measurement
- gaunt:** (adj) lean, thin, cadaverous, desolate, bleak, dreary, meager, bony, angular, lanky, sullen. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, rounded, obese
- gantlet:** (n) mitt, sleeve, wristband, gantlet, mitten, gloves; (v) corner stone, armored vest, buffer, mask, call to arms
- gaze:** (n, v) stare, regard, look, behold; (v) gape, see, contemplate, face, pry, view, glance. ANTONYMS: (v) glance, peek
- gazing:** (adj) fixed
- geese:** (n) ducks, goose, game birds, order Anseriformes, wildfowl, birds, Anatidae, Anseriformes, family Anatidae
- generous:** (adj) ample, abundant, copious, benevolent, bountiful, kind, charitable, flush, fair, liberal; (adj, n) free. ANTONYMS: (adj) meager, tightfisted, miserly, measly, mean, small, ungenerous, avaricious, greedy, petty, pitiful
- generously:** (adv) profusely, copiously, bountifully, abundantly, largely, magnanimously, munificently, kindly, handsomely, freely, benevolently. ANTONYMS: (adv) acquisitively, selfishly, prudently, grudgingly, malevolently, parsimoniously, harshly, scantily, stingily, thinly, ungenerously
- genteel:** (adj) elegant, polite, cultured, refined, graceful, courtly, courteous, fashionable, nice, civil, ladylike. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncouth, improper, vulgar
- gentility:** (n) elegance, cultivation, politeness, decorum, genteelness, breeding, courtesy, nobility, aristocracy, propriety; (adj) urbanity. ANTONYMS: (n) vulgarity, rudeness
- gentlemen:** (n) sirs, messieurs
- genuinely:** (adj, adv) sincerely, actually; (adv) authentically, honestly, naturally, truly, truly, legitimately, truthfully, purely, faithfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) insincerely, affectedly, pretentiously, mildly
- geography:** (n) geographics, Biblical geography, terrain, economic geography, backcloth, backdrop, background, topographical, chorography, view, topographic
- gesticulating:** (adj) communicative
- gesture:** (n, v) sign, signal, motion; (n) beck, gesticulation, indication, movement; (v) gesticulate, beckon, wave, bless
- ghastly:** (adj) awful, fearful, cadaverous, dreadful, grisly, gruesome, macabre, hideous, appalling, atrocious; (adv) gruesomely. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, lovely, attractive, delightful
- ghost:** (n, v) apparition, specter; (n) shade, spirit, demon, soul, spook, spectre, goblin, appearance, monster
- gifted:** (adj) capable, accomplished, talented, able, apt, proficient, brilliant, ingenious, expert, intelligent, adept. ANTONYMS: (adj) inept, dim, incompetent, mediocre, slow, clumsy
- gilt:** (adj, v) gilt; (adj) rich, gold, golden, deluxe, gilden, fortunate, garish, advantageous, aurated, luxurious
- gilt:** (n) gilding, plating, money, decoration; (adj) aureate, golden, gold, florid; (v) tessellated, ornate, rich
- ginger:** (n) fire, pep, galangal, vim, zest, zing, courage; (adj) gingery, auburn, carrot, red
- girlish:** (adj) boyish, childish, kittenish, juvenile, adolescent, innocent, schoolgirlish, babyish, immature, youthful, female
- girt:** (n, v) girth, girdle; (v) gird, begird, encircle, environ; (n) band, belt, zone, cingle; (adj) braced
- glance:** (n, v) look, peek, flash, peep; (n) gaze, glimpse, coup d'oeil, gander; (v) bounce, glint, ricochet. ANTONYMS: (n, v) study; (n) examination, perusal; (v) stick, stare
- glancing:** (adj) passing
- glare:** (n) glance, brilliance, radiance, brightness; (n, v) glower, flash, shine, scowl, beam, frown; (v) flame. ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, dimness
- glaring:** (adj) conspicuous, bright, blatant, egregious, obvious, plain, flaming, garish, crying, gross, glary. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, inconspicuous, dull, minor
- glasses:** (n) spectacles, eyeglasses, glass, specs, spectacle, eyeglass, barnacles, lens, pair of glasses, mirror, goggles
- gleaming:** (adj) brilliant, shiny, radiant, glossy, lustrous, glowing, beaming, resplendent; (n) gleam, glimmer; (adj, adv) agleam. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, dirty, rough
- glimmering:** (n) inkling, ghost, luminosity, light, hint, apparition, radiance; (adj) glittering, glimmery, crepuscular, sciolism
- glimpse:** (n, v) look, peek; (v) blink, see, notice, spy, spot, espy; (n) coup d'oeil, view, peep. ANTONYMS: (n) scrutiny, observation, perusal; (v) scrutinize, survey, Miss, study

- globular:** (adj) circular, spherical, spheric, global, globose, rotund, globous, rounded, orbicular, bulging, orbed
- gloom:** (n) desolation, dark, darkness, blackness, depression, dimness, dusk, dreariness, despair, dejection; (n, v) cloud. ANTONYMS: (n) brightness, happiness, cheerfulness, glee, ecstasy, joy, optimism, cheer
- gloomy:** (adj) black, desolate, dejected, cheerless, depressing, dismal, downcast, disconsolate, melancholy, funereal, downhearted. ANTONYMS: (adj) encouraging, cheery, cheerful, bright, hopeful, light, promising, uplifting, joyful, sunny, clear
- gloriously:** (adv) brilliantly, grandly, magnificently, illustriously, marvelously, superbly, wonderfully, gorgeously, radiantly, greatly, renownedly
- glory:** (n) celebrity, brightness, honor, distinction, glorification, eclat, dignity; (n, v) halo, pride; (v) exult, boast. ANTONYMS: (v) blasphemy, lament, profanity; (n) dishonor, disrepute, ugliness, blame, criticism
- glossy:** (adj, v) sleek; (adj) smooth, bright, glazed, brilliant, flat, glistening, burnished, resplendent, lustrous, glassy. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, rough, coarse, shoddy
- glove:** (n) boxing glove, gloves, mitt, mitten, baseball mitt, baseball glove, handwear, wristband, sleeve, mittens, batting glove
- gloves:** (n) gauntlet, mitten, mittens, gauntlets, scarf, ornament, handbag, belt, batting glove, boxing glove, baseball mitt
- glow:** (n, v) flush, gleam, shine, glimmer, glare, color, sparkle, beam; (v) burn, flare, kindle. ANTONYMS: (n) wanness, darkness, paleness; (v) pale, struggle
- glue:** (n) adhesive, gum; (v) adhere, fasten, fix, affix, bond, attach, stick, to stick; (n, v) plaster
- gnawed:** (v) gnaw, eroded
- gnomon:** (n) dial, horologe, pendulum, hourglass, indicator, sundial, clepsydra
- god-fearing:** (adj) godly, religious, saintly, holy
- godspeed:** (n) goodbye, good day, success; (int) bon voyage
- goer:** (n) migrant, punch, racer, pony, palfrey, pad, leaver, nag, beast, filly, Galloway
- goldberg:** (n) Reuben Lucius Goldberg
- good-bye:** (n) bye, farewell, goodbye, goodby, vale, adios, cheerio
- good-fellowship:** (n) close, friendly to each other, harmonious, intimate, on good terms with, camaraderie, the feeling of friendship, friendly feelings
- goodly:** (adv) benignly, kindly, strongly, rightly, graciously, virtuously, soundly, uprightly; (adj) sizable, handsome, respectable
- goodness:** (adj, n) generosity, kindness, gentleness; (n) good, excellence, benefit, virtue, worth, morality; (adj) favor, beneficence. ANTONYMS: (n) evil, wickedness, badness, corruptness, bad, immorality, corruption
- goose:** (n) goof, fathead, cuckoo, barnacle, fool, jackass, Brent, brant, goosecap; (n, v) spur; (v) serpent
- gossip:** (n, v) chatter, rumor, chit-chat, gab, talk, babble, natter, tattle; (n) chatterbox, conversation, small talk. ANTONYM: (n) truth
- gossiping:** (adj) gabby, garrulous, scandalous; (n) gossipmongering
- governed:** (adj) subject; (n) citizenry; (adv) under
- grace:** (adj, v) adorn; (v) garnish, deck, embellish, beautify, decorate, embroider; (adj, n, v) favor; (n) elegance, beauty; (adj, n) clemency. ANTONYMS: (n) unseemliness, awkwardness, disfavor, inelegance, heaviness, unkindness; (v) deface, demean
- graceful:** (adj) beautiful, delicate, amiable, easy, fine, charming, fair, airy, becoming, lovely, lithe. ANTONYMS: (adj) inelegant, stocky, awkward, vigorous, jerky, ugly, stilted, heavy, coarse, strenuous
- gracefully:** (adv) prettily, graciously, neatly, delicately, smoothly, charmingly, refinedly, lithely, easily, daintily, nicely. ANTONYMS: (adv) awkwardly, ungraciously, clumsily, gracelessly, vigorously, unpleasantly, unkindly, heavily
- grade:** (n, v) rank, place, order, level, score, brand, range; (n) degree, gradient, category, quality
- grammar:** (n) rudiments, syntax, grammarist, elements, vade mecum, praxis, punctuation, diction, wording; (v) initiation; (adj) grammatical
- grandfather:** (n) gramps, grandad, grandpapa, grandpa, grandsire, granddaddy, ancestor, father's father, paternal grandfather, father, forefather
- grandiose:** (adj) majestic, pretentious, bombastic, imposing, ostentatious, pompous, stately, royal, ambitious, flamboyant, highfalutin. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, modest
- granite:** (n) firmness, pluton, steadiness, batholite, limestone, stonework, batholith; (adj) flint, crystal, fossil, crag
- grasp:** (adj, n, v) catch; (n, v) clutch, clasp, hold, clinch; (v) comprehend, embrace, grapple, apprehend, conceive, cling. ANTONYMS: (n, v) Miss; (v) overlook, lose, give; (n) ignorance
- grate:** (v) grind, creak, scrape, abrade, gall, gnash, fret, rub, aggravate, provoke; (n) lattice
- grated:** (v) areolar, streaked; (adj) barred
- gratefully:** (adv) appreciatively, indebtedly, obligedly, gratifyingly, delightfully, beholdenly, pleasingly, pleasantly, welcomingly, goodly, deliciously
- gratitude:** (n) appreciation, thanks, thank, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, appreciativeness, feeling, appreciate, grateful, thanksgiving, kindness. ANTONYMS: (n) ingratitude, ungratefulness
- grave:** (adj) solemn, serious, critical, earnest, dangerous, sedate, sad, grand; (adj, v) severe, acute; (v) engrave. ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, funny, cheerful, carefree, slight, nonchalant, trivial, stable, minor, insignificant, favorable
- gravel:** (adj, v) nonplus, bother; (v) bedevil, rag, chevy, flummox, bewilder, puzzle; (adj) grating; (adj, n) dirt; (n) grit
- gravely:** (adv) seriously, soberly, severely, solemnly, badly, staidly, momentarily, heavily, earnestly, weightily, grievously. ANTONYMS: (adv) lightheartedly, mildly, slightly; (adj) soft
- gravity:** (n) solemnity, earnestness, gravitation, graveness, gravitational attraction, weight, seriousness, significance, severity, sedateness; (n, v) poise. ANTONYMS: (n) insignificance, lightheartedness, triviality, cheerfulness, levity
- gray:** (adj) dull, dim, bleak, gloomy, pale, grizzled, hoary, leaden, old,

- overcast; (n) grizzle. ANTONYMS: (adj) sunny, cheerful, clear, youthful
- grease:** (n, v) oil, lubricating oil; (n) bribe, butter, ointment, soil, stain; (v) boodle, anoint, graft, lubricate
- greatness:** (n) excellence, dimension, dignity, bulk, size, enormity, grandness, magnitude, fame. ANTONYMS: (n) obscurity, austerity, commonness, mildness, moderation, simplicity
- greedily:** (adv) covetously, avidly, voraciously, ravenously, rapaciously, acquisitively, gluttonously, hungrily, graspingly, eagerly, enviously. ANTONYM: (adv) sparingly
- greek:** (adj, n) Grecian; (n) Hellene, Greece, Achaian, blackleg, welsher, leg, eolian, drivel; (adj) Hebrew, incomprehensible
- greet:** (n, v) receive; (v) address, acknowledge, hail, welcome, cry, salute, bid, weep, meet, recognize
- greyish:** (adj) grayish, gray, hoar, grizzly, livid, dull, achromatic
- grief:** (adj, n, v) affliction; (n) dolor, anguish, distress, agony, pain, wound, chagrin, concern; (n, v) regret; (adj) sore. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, happiness, comfort, content, peace
- grimly:** (adv) severely, harshly, morosely, fiercely, drearily, sourly, gloomily, dreadfully, hardly, horridly, sullenly. ANTONYMS: (adv) brightly, pleasantly, warmly
- grimy:** (adj) dirty, filthy, grubby, dingy, unclean, impure, nasty, begrimed, squalid, messy, muddy. ANTONYMS: (adj) pure, pleasant
- grin:** (n, v) beam; (v) laugh, sneer, leer, quib, quip, satire, skit; (n) smirk, grinning, simper. ANTONYM: (v) frown
- grinning:** (n) grin, smile, facial expression, facial gesture, smiling; (adj) beaming
- gripped:** (adj) obsessed, engrossed, held, seized, captivated, fanatical, absorbed, occupied, preoccupied, rapt, spellbound. ANTONYM: (adj) uninterested
- grizzled:** (adj) grey, gray, old, brunet, grised, grayish, brunette
- groaning:** (adj) moaning, groaningly, inarticulate
- grocer:** (v) purveyor, feeder, batman, caterer, commissary, restaurateur, victualer, quartermaster; (n) merchandiser, grocery store, merchant
- groceries:** (n) foodstuff, provisions, chow, victuals, grocery, compensation, earnings, essential, fare, fundamental, heart
- grog:** (n) liquor, grog grain, toddy, bishop, rumbo; (v) blue ruin, port wine, purl, wassail, negus
- groove:** (n, v) channel, rut, chamfer, score, crease; (v) flute; (n) ditch, cut, track, custom, notch. ANTONYMS: (n) bump, ridge
- grope:** (v) fumble, finger, grabble, search, handle, scrabble, paw, mishandle; (n, v) touch; (adj) groping; (adv) gropingly
- grotesque:** (adj) fantastic, bizarre, funny, antic, absurd, droll, strange, baroque, weird, ugly, hideous. ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, normal, commonplace, attractive
- grove:** (n) forest, orchard, thicket, coppice, wood, gardens, residences, Holt, bosquet, park, Hurst
- grudging:** (adj) envious, niggardly, unwilling, begrudging, sparing, cheap, scanty, parsimonious, tightfisted, miserly, mean. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, expansive, willing
- grudgingly:** (adv) reluctantly, stingily, begrudgingly, enviously, jealously, involuntarily, sourly, scarcely, hardly, meanly, tightfistedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gladly, generously, graciously, ungrudgingly
- gruff:** (adj) bluff, abrupt, curt, crusty, brusque, brutal, husky; (adj, v) coarse, rough, hoarse, harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) courteous, friendly, high, velvety, smooth, mellow, gentle, civil, polite
- grunting:** (n) inarticulate, grunting respiration, growl, grunt
- guardian:** (n) guard, defender, champion, curator, warden, conservator, bodyguard, keeper; (adj, n) protector; (adj) protective, custodial. ANTONYMS: (n) attacker, detractor
- guessing:** (adv) guessingly; (n) dead reckoning, guesswork, approximation, supposition, gibe, shot, blastoff, barb, estimation, dig
- guest:** (n) caller, visitor, customer, alien, foreigner, client, invite, foreign, company, guests, houseguest
- guise:** (n) form, dress, aspect, costume, disguise, fashion, pretense, camouflage, attire, figure, color
- gulp:** (v) gobble, devour, bolt, gorge, sip, quaff, swallow, down; (n, v) swig, gasp; (n) draft. ANTONYMS: (v) nibble, regurgitate, exhale
- gust:** (n) eruption, flurry, blow, blast, puff, flare, explosion, gale, storm, breeze; (adj, n) whiff
- guttering:** (adj) guttering out
- habit:** (n) clothing, practice, dress, garb, attire, convention, character, ritual, addiction, clothes; (n, v) use. ANTONYM: (n) innovation
- habits:** (n) behavior, decorum, pratique
- habitual:** (adj, n) common, frequent, usual; (adj) chronic, conventional, confirmed, accustomed, natural, commonplace, everyday, ordinary. ANTONYMS: (adj) occasional, infrequent, mild, irregular, exceptional, erratic, abnormal, innovative
- haggard:** (adj) emaciated, gaunt, cadaverous, careworn, tired, worn, lean, thin, wasted, pinched, squalid. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, carefree, healthy
- hail:** (v) address, cry, acclaim, applaud, summon, accost, fall, cheer, salute; (n, v) call; (n) greeting. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, criticize
- hairless:** (adj) tonsured, glabrous, shorn, balding, smooth, beardless, depilous, depilated
- hairpin:** (n) bobby pin, pin, curve, grip
- hairy:** (adj) hirsute, bushy, dangerous, downy, woolly, bristly, fleecy, rough, fuzzy, shaggy, fluffy. ANTONYMS: (adj) hairless, safe, tidy, sleek
- halfpenny:** (adj) feather, bulrush, old son, jot, pinch of snuff, peppercorn, rap; (n) bawbee, doit, farthing
- half-pint:** (adj) puny, stunted; (n) lad, boy
- hallo:** (n) hi, hullo
- hallow:** (v) bless, sanctify, dedicate, venerate, celebrate keep, do honor to, honor, commemorate, celebrate, enshrine, devote. ANTONYM: (v) desecrate
- hallstand:** (n) furniture
- hallway:** (n) entrance hall, porch, foyer, corridor, lobby, passage, antechamber, aisle, vestibule, passageway, concourse. ANTONYM: (n) room
- halo:** (n) halation, aura, glory, ring, circle, corona, nimbus, hoop, aureola, band, anchor ring
- halted:** (adj) motionless, nonmoving, unmoving

- halting:** (adj) halt, hesitant, broken, crude, grotesque, barbarous; (adj, v) lame, crippled; (adv) haltingly; (v) drooping, flagging. ANTONYMS: (adj) easy, firm
- halves:** (n) semi, share
- handiwork:** (n) handicraft, creation, production, handcraft, product, handwork, work, produce, design, performance; (v) workmanship
- handkerchief:** (n) hankie, kerchief, bandanna, cravat, hanky, wipe, bandana, collar, shawl; (n, v) napkin; (v) sudary
- hand-me-down:** (n) gift
- handsome:** (adj) fair, beautiful, fine, generous, charming, comely, attractive, bountiful, considerable, bonny, prepossessing. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, unattractive, meager, ungenerous, measly, plain
- handy:** (adj) convenient, adroit, apt, expert, clever, deft, dexterous, good, accessible; (adj, n) available; (adj, n, v) ready. ANTONYMS: (adj) clumsy, fixed, inept, unwieldy, inconvenient, faraway, far, difficult, distant, cumbersome, worthless
- hanging:** (n) execution, curtain, arras, wall hanging; (adj) suspended, pendent, pendant, pendulous, hung, pending; (n, v) suspension
- hank:** (n) reel, coil, skein, helix, hasp, ball, spiral, volute, whorl, hinge, clasp
- happily:** (adv) fortunately, joyously, joyfully, merrily, luckily, gladly, blissfully, cheerfully, felicitously, providentially, successfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) miserably, unhappily, sadly, unfortunately, unsuccessfully, reluctantly, gloomily, discontentedly, despondently, negatively, grudgingly
- happiness:** (n) delight, merriment, ecstasy, welfare, gladness, luck, cheerfulness, blessedness, bliss, felicity, contentment. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, despair, grief, misery, dissatisfaction, seriousness, dullness, discontent, dejection, gloominess, displeasure
- harbour:** (n, v) harbor; (v) conceal, entertain, cherish, contain, bear, shield; (n) anchorage, pier, sanctuary, haven
- harder:** (adj) serious
- hard-featured:** (adj) ugly
- hard-working:** (adj) studious, industrious, painstaking, active, dedicated, tireless
- harmonium:** (n) organ, electronic organ, reed organ, Hammond organ, electric organ, harmoniphon
- harness:** (adj, n) strap, tether; (n, v) yoke, rein, couple, check; (adj, v) hitch; (v) wear, equip, limit, use. ANTONYM: (v) undo
- harp:** (n) lyre, harmonica, harper, lute, mouth harp; (v) dwell, ingeminate, iterate, restate, reiterate, retell
- harpist:** (n) instrumentalist, musician, player
- harsh:** (adj, v) sharp, bitter; (adj, n) grating, coarse, austere, discordant; (adj) grim, cruel, crude, unkind, stern. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, soft, harmonious, pleasant, lenient, kind, melodious, sweet, mild, lush, friendly
- harshness:** (n) austerity, asperity, severity, acrimony, brutality, hardness, roughness, rigor, inclemency, hoarseness; (adj, n) strictness. ANTONYMS: (n) softness, leniency, quietness, flexibility, kindness, mercy, sweetness, melodiousness, brightness, smoothness, lenience
- haste:** (n, v) hurry, dash, dispatch, rush; (n) celerity, expedition, rapidity, speed, bustle, hastiness, quickness. ANTONYMS: (n) delay, patience, forethought, caution
- hastened:** (adj) careless
- hastily:** (adv) hurriedly, rapidly, quickly, rashly, promptly, suddenly, thoughtlessly, impetuously, swiftly, imprudently, speedily. ANTONYMS: (adv) carefully, unhurriedly, industriously, sensibly, prudently, late, calmly, thoroughly, patiently, gradually, cautiously
- hated:** (adj) despised, disliked, not liked, reviled, scorned, unloved, unpopular. ANTONYM: (adj) precious
- hatred:** (n, v) detestation, enmity, animosity; (n) aversion, antipathy, disgust, abhorrence, grudge, anger, abomination, hostility. ANTONYMS: (n) liking, adoration, affection, attraction, goodwill, kindness, delight, friendliness, admiration
- haughty:** (adj) supercilious, arrogant, assuming, contemptuous, proud, lordly, cavalier, vain, contumelious, grand; (n) boastful. ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, meek, subservient, unassuming, considerate, deferential
- hawk:** (v) peddle, cough, expectorate, sell, vend, hunt, huckster; (n) eagle, goshawk, harrier, buzzard
- haze:** (n) fog, cloud, confusion, vapor, blur, daze, film, cloudiness, turbidity; (n, v) mist; (v) dim. ANTONYMS: (n) clarity, brightness
- hazel:** (n) cobnut, hazelnut, hazel tree, wood, brown, hazelnut tree, filbert bush, cob, beaked hazelnut, auburn; (adj) chromatic
- headed:** (n) title, heading, caption, header, topic, superscription, dropline; (v) emphasize, advertize, advertise, feature
- headlong:** (adj, adv) headfirst; (adj) directly, hastily, precipitately; (adj) rash, hurried, desperate, precipitous, impetuous, sudden, precipitate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautiously, considered; (adv) carefully
- healed:** (adj) recovered, heal, recover, whole, corned, well, aged
- healthier:** (adj) fitter. ANTONYM: (adj) worse
- heaped:** (adj) dense, cumulative, concentrated, collective, coacervate, thick
- hearth:** (n) fire, oven, fireside, stove, chimney, focus, furnace, dwelling, kiln, home, abode
- heartily:** (adv) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly. ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, languorously
- hearts:** (n) Black Maria, spades
- hearty:** (adj) heartfelt, healthy, genial, sturdy, cheering, fervent, wholehearted, lusty, enthusiastic, convivial; (adj, n) well. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhealthy, frail, old, weak, sluggish, unwholesome, meager
- heated:** (adj) fierce, burning, excited, ardent, fevered, passionate, hot, furious, fiery, fervent; (v) heat. ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, cooled, mild, apathetic, quiet, impassive
- heaven:** (n) Eden, firmament, bliss, Elysium, sky, nirvana, glory, Elysian Fields, Garden of Eden, utopia; (adj) celestial. ANTONYM: (n) misery
- heckling:** (n) interruption, hissing, hackling, scoffs, mocking, gap, disruption, taunts, jeering, break. ANTONYM: (n) applause
- heed:** (n, v) consideration, concern, regard, mind, attention, notice; (v) caution, advertence, advertency; (v)

- attend, hear. ANTONYMS: (n, v) disregard; (n) inattentiveness
- heedless:** (adj) careless, reckless, inattentive, neglectful, negligent, thoughtless, rash, regardless, unwary, indifferent; (adj, v) wanton. ANTONYMS: (adj) heedful, attentive, mindful, conscientious, prudent, careful, cautious
- heedlessly:** (adv) inattentively, thoughtlessly, negligently, recklessly, neglectfully, unthinkingly, hastily, rashly, inadvertently, incautiously, imprudently. ANTONYM: (adv) carefully
- heightened:** (adj) excited, intense, irritate, keen, resonant, sensitive
- heliotrope:** (n) bloodstone, chalcedony, agate, emerald, beryl, thermal heliotrope, mirror; (adj) mauve, lilac, turnsole, purple
- helmet:** (n, v) headpiece; (n) casque, helm, hood, armet, basinet, heaume, hard hat, Galea, cowl; (v) pickelhaube
- helpless:** (adj, v) forlorn, destitute, abandoned; (adj) powerless, weak, defenseless, disabled, impotent, feeble, hopeless, unable. ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, independent, capable, invulnerable, armed, powerful, impervious
- helplessly:** (adv) weakly, powerlessly, lostly, destitutely, shiftlessly, defenselessly, unprotectedly, ineffectively, wretchedly, incompetently, disabledly. ANTONYM: (adv) powerfully
- helplessness:** (n) powerlessness, defenselessness, dependence, impotency, impotence, inability, impuissance, incapability, incapacity, defencelessness, failing. ANTONYMS: (n) resistance, capacity, strength
- herald:** (n) forerunner, courier, messenger; (v) declare, foretell, announce, bode, proclaim, introduce, foreshadow; (n, v) augur. ANTONYMS: (v) follow; (n) successor
- hero:** (n) character, protector, leader, demigod, warrior, protagonist, combatant, fighter, defender, bomber; (adj, n) worthy. ANTONYMS: (n) coward, loser, villain
- hide:** (n, v) cover, disguise, shelter, veil; (adj, v) obscure; (n) fur, fell, coat; (v) bury, mask; (adj, n, v) darken. ANTONYMS: (v) show, expose, express, divulge, unearth, amplify, advertise, clarify
- high-class:** (adj) high, superior, patrician, posh, rich, cultured
- high-pitched:** (adj) piercing, shrill
- hilarious:** (adj) gay, convivial, humorous, funny, happy, jovial, blithe, merry, jaunty, festive, laughable. ANTONYMS: (adj) sad, tragic
- hire:** (v) employ, charter, enlist, take, rent, take on, retain; (n, v) wage; (n) employment, salary, engagement. ANTONYM: (v) fire
- hissing:** (adj) sibilant, sibilous, sibilatory; (n) whistling, heckling, scoffing, sibilance, taunts, sibilation, white noise; (v) fizzle. ANTONYM: (n) applause
- hive:** (adj) swarm, herd; (v) store, SE nicher; (n) concourse, hiding place, cave, cell, den, aerie, eyry
- hoarse:** (adj) gruff, husky, raucous, grating, strident, guttural, rough, throaty; (v) coarse; (adj, v) hollow, sepulchral. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, mellow, velvety, high
- hoarseness:** (n) huskiness, roughness, gruffness, throatiness, raucity, coarseness, stridency, abruptness, brusqueness. ANTONYM: (n) smoothness
- hobbling:** (n) limping; (adj) crippled
- hogan:** (n) William Benjamin Hogan
- holland:** (n) Netherlands, Dutch, hollands, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- homage:** (n) allegiance, obeisance, fealty, accolade, honor, loyalty, worship, veneration, deference, devotion, compliment
- homely:** (adj) plain, common, rustic, artless, home, snug, homelike, domestic; (adj, adv) ugly; (adv) plainly, simply. ANTONYMS: (adj) sophisticated, striking, uncomfortable, bleak
- homeward:** (adj) oriented, orientated
- honesty:** (adj, n) candor, justice, fidelity, equity; (n) integrity, fairness, candidness, probity, frankness, rectitude, faith. ANTONYMS: (n) dishonesty, wickedness, treachery, deceit, deception, deviousness, decadence, affectation, caution, evasiveness, injustice
- honeymoon:** (n) period, pleasure; (adj) wedding, nuptial, marriage
- honour:** (n) fame, award, dignity, homage, celebrity, accolade, reputation; (n, v) honor; (v) respect, celebrate, dignify. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dishonor; (v) disrespect
- honorable:** (adj) estimable, reverend, venerable, glorious, honorable, distinguished, above-board, good, worthy, right, noble
- honoured:** (adj) esteemed, respected, worthy
- hooded:** (v) cucullate, encuirassed, dermatoid, squamiferous, tectiform; (adj) covered, capistrate, cucullated, draped, enclosed, kerchief
- hooked:** (adj) bent, curved, aquiline, addicted, infatuated, obsessed, enamored, dependent, dependant, engrossed, uncinat. ANTONYM: (adj) unenthusiastic
- hopeless:** (adj) incurable, despondent, forlorn, disconsolate, desperate, impossible, useless, abject, despair, dismal, irreparable. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, competent, promising, optimistic, encouraging, helpful, useful, successful, practical, laudable, effective
- hopelessly:** (adv) despairingly, forlornly, despondently, uselessly, desolately, futilely, wretchedly, lostly, sadly, dejectedly, dispiritedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, effectively, slightly
- horde:** (n) gang, crowd, crush, swarm, mob, drove, crew, cloud, shoal, throng, herd. ANTONYM: (n) few
- horizon:** (n) ambit, reach, purview, vista, view, perspective, prospect, skyline, arena, celestial horizon, amphitheater
- horn:** (n) car horn, antler, klaxon, cornet, French horn, ivory, foghorn, cornu, alarm, trumpet, arm
- horseplay:** (n) play, fooling, prank, ridicule, sport, wile, monkey business, high jinks, fun; (n, v) joke; (v) cavort
- hospitable:** (adj) affable, receptive, gracious, cordial, generous, amiable, convivial, genial, pleasant, warm, to enjoy having guests. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwelcoming, inhospitable, sinister, hostile
- hospitality:** (n) entertainment, generosity, friendliness, cordiality, welcome, cordial reception, kindness, amiability, warmth, solicitously, politely. ANTONYMS: (n) frostiness, inhospitality
- hostess:** (n) mistress, air hostess, flight attendant, housewife, steward,

innkeeper, landlady, prostitute, host
hostile: (adj) aggressive, contrary, adverse, warlike, belligerent, unfavorable, averse, opposed, antagonistic, inimical, irreconcilable. ANTONYMS: (adj) soothing, warm, allied, open, amicable, favorable, sympathetic, gentle, harmonious, hospitable, lush
hosts: (n) armies, Sabaoth
hotly: (adv) heatedly, passionately, fervidly, fervently, pepperily, sultrily, intensely, sharply, torridly; (adj, adv) violently, vehemently. ANTONYMS: (adv) impassively, mildly
housework: (n) housekeeping, chore, work
huddled: (adj) crouched, crouching, hunkered down, hunkered
humanity: (n) benevolence, mankind, flesh, human race, human, humankind; (adj, n) compassion, charity, kindness, benignity, gentleness. ANTONYMS: (n) severity, inhumanity, nastiness, selfishness
humble: (v) demean, humiliate, mortify; (n, v) disgrace, debase; (adj, n, v) abase; (adj) base, lowly, unassuming, docile, low. ANTONYMS: (adj) impressive, arrogant, haughty, imposing, conceited, pompous, snooty, overbearing, presumptuous, proud, exalted
humblly: (adv) lowly, meanly, modestly, submissively, low, shyly, lowlily, naturally, regretfully, remorsefully, repentantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) conceitedly, haughtily, pompously, ostentatiously, unrepentantly, affluently, brashly, pretentiously
humiliated: (adj) humbled, mortified, embarrassed, humble, broken, abashed, crushed, miserable, shamefaced, abject, feeling guilty
humiliation: (n) degradation, disgrace, chagrin, abjection, comedown, indignity, embarrassment, mortification, dishonor, discredit; (adj, n) shame. ANTONYMS: (n) glorification, aggrandizement, pride, success, making
humming: (adj) droning, zippy, reeking, bustling, grunting, stinking; (n) buzzing, vocalizing, sound, murmur, growling
humour: (n) fun, wit, witticism, body fluid, temper, mood, amiability,

drollery, disposition; (adj) humorous; (v) gratify
humped: (adj) gibbous, hunchbacked, gibbose, crookback, crookbacked, humpy, bent, curved, hunchback, kyphotic, unfit
hung: (n) hanging; (v) Heng; (adj) fatigued, puzzled, decorated
hungarian: (n) Hungary
hungary: (n) Republic of Hungary, Magyarország
hunger: (n, v) thirst, want, wish, itch; (n) craving, appetite, eagerness, famine; (v) crave, ache; (adj) hungry. ANTONYMS: (n) moderation, aversion, dislike, apathy
hungry: (adj) eager, avid, famished, starving, esurient, greedy, ravenous, desirous, meager, starveling; (v) starve. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, satiated, sated, thirsty, unconcerned, moderate, healthy, disinterested
hunt: (n, v) search; (v) course, follow, hound, rummage, forage, prey, dog, go after, persecute; (n) battue. ANTONYMS: (v) find, precede
hurried: (adj) fast, sudden, speedy, rapid, quick, swift, headlong, abrupt, cursory, precipitate, prompt. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurried, leisurely, considered, patient, meticulous, thorough
hurriedly: (adv) rapidly, quickly, swiftly, abruptly, promptly, fast, in haste, suddenly, speedily, rashly, precipitately. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, unhurriedly, patiently, carefully, gradually, thoroughly
hurry: (n) haste; (n, v) bustle, hasten, dispatch, flurry, rush; (v) scurry, dash, accelerate, expedite, run. ANTONYMS: (n) slowness, calmness, patience, unimportance; (v) dawdle, delay, linger, crawl, amble; (intj) wait
hurrying: (n) hastening, speed, quickening, rushing, early, speeding, speeding up, stepping up, amphetamine, forward, eager
hush: (adj, n, v) calm, silence, quiet, still, lull; (n) peace; (v) shut up, gag, quieten, muffle; (adj, v) soothe. ANTONYMS: (n) noise, turmoil; (v) Louden
hushed: (adj) calm, silent, still, subdued, placid, muffled, noiseless, soft, soundless, tranquil, gentle. ANTONYMS: (adj) noisy
icing: (n) frost, frosting, freeze, freezing, maneuver, play, manoeuvre, ice accretion, topping, ice rink, ice formation

ideals: (n) morality, principle, standard, standards, ethics, principles
idiot: (n) dolt, blockhead, dunce, dimwit, moron, cretin, ass, imbecile, oaf, changeling, idiocy. ANTONYM: (n) intellectual
idle: (adj) lazy, indolent, inactive, free, unfounded, fruitless, baseless, groundless, frivolous, empty, disengaged. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, employed, industrious, energetic, meaningful, productive, worthwhile, diligent; (v) change, run, work
idleness: (n) lethargy, laziness, torpor, inactivity, idling, unemployment, sloth, inaction, inertia, faimeance, idlesse. ANTONYMS: (n) energy, activity, bustle, liveliness, responsibility
idler: (n) lazybones, laggard, bum, loafer, loiterer, loon, shirker, layabout, lounger, vagabond; (v) dawdle
idly: (adj, adv) foolishly; (adv) vainly, vaguely, listlessly, forgetfully, distractedly; (adj) thoughtlessly. ANTONYM: (adv) energetically
idol: (n) fetish, deity, effigy, divinity, graven image, image, hero, favorite, star, simulacrum, beloved
ignatius: (n) St Ignatius, saint Ignatius
ignominy: (n) disgrace, dishonor, shame, reproach, contempt, disrepute, degradation, discredit, scandal; (adj, n) odium; (adj) opprobrium. ANTONYMS: (n) success, glorification, pride
ignorance: (n) illiteracy, nescience, folly, unwisdom, innocence, denseness, ignorancy, stupidity, obtuseness, tabula rasa, unawareness. ANTONYMS: (n) intelligence, acquaintance, education
ignorant: (adj) unconscious, unwitting, rude, illiterate, uneducated, blind, dull, unaware, uninformed, unlearned, innocent. ANTONYMS: (adj) conscious, versed, cultured, educated, informed, wary, literate, aware, polite
illiterate: (adj) uneducated, rude, unschooled, unlearned, untaught, empty, green, letterless, uninstruced, unread; (n) analphabetic. ANTONYMS: (adj) educated, economical
illuminated: (adj) lit, lighted, luminous, enlightened, clear, light,

- shining, irradiated, lighter, Lighty, irradiate
- illusions:** (n) fantasy
- illustrated:** (adj) embellished, decorated, distinguished, graphic
- imaginary:** (adj) fictitious, unreal, false, mythical, illusory, ideal, hypothetical, visionary, fictional, notional, chimerical. ANTONYMS: (adj) real, palpable, actual, concrete, prosaic, normal, true
- imagined:** (adj) fanciful, notional, unreal, fancied, fictitious, nonexistent, unseen, hypothetical, feigned, dubious, doubtful
- imbecile:** (adj) foolish, idiotic, fatuous, dumb, imbecilic, simple; (n) idiot, moron, cretin, ass, oaf. ANTONYM: (adj) genius
- imitated:** (adj) mimical
- imitation:** (adj, n) fake, sham, reproduction; (n) dummy, forgery, mockery, copy, emulation; (n, v) parody; (adj) false, bogus. ANTONYMS: (adj) genuine, real, natural; (n) original, formalism
- immense:** (adj) vast, enormous, great, gigantic, immeasurable, colossal, boundless, big, large, giant, infinite. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, small, insignificant, miniature, slight, negligible, compact, narrow, short, minor
- immensely:** (adv) highly, infinitely, greatly, enormously, tremendously, extremely, mightily, hugely, massively, immeasurably, monstrously
- imminent:** (adj) forthcoming, coming, close, future, near, pending, approaching, at hand, menacing, threatening, prospective. ANTONYMS: (adj) remote, past
- immobile:** (adj) firm, stagnant, stationary, inactive, motionless, inert, fast, static, steadfast, still, unmoving. ANTONYMS: (adj) mobile, working
- immobility:** (adj, n) fixity; (n) fixedness, stillness, stationariness, motionlessness, immovability, immovableness; (adj) vitality, stiffness, stabiliment, solidity. ANTONYMS: (n) bustle, movement
- immoral:** (adj) evil, bad, depraved, indecent, dissolute, corrupt, criminal, unprincipled, dirty, unfair, lewd. ANTONYMS: (adj) moral, decent, honest, ethical, principled, good, restrained, amoral, right, righteous, pure
- immorality:** (n) iniquity, degeneracy, corruption, evil, vice, sin, evilness, wickedness, debauchery, devilry, wrong. ANTONYMS: (n) righteousness, decency, piety, morality, restraint, honesty, good
- impalpable:** (adj) imperceptible, shadowy, invisible, efflorescent, gritty, insubstantial, incorporeal, inscrutable, ethereal, inapprehensible, elusive. ANTONYMS: (adj) tangible, definite
- impatient:** (adj) eager, anxious, petulant, fidgety, vexed, keen, edgy, quick, avid, irritable, fretful. ANTONYMS: (adj) patient, enduring, unenthusiastic, calm, happy, relaxed, slow
- impatently:** (adv) petulantly, restlessly, keenly, intolerantly, hastily, avidly, uneasily, enthusiastically, edgily, fidgetily, restively. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncomplainingly, calmly, unenthusiastically, lightly
- impersonal:** (adj) neutral, objective, detached, cold, impartial, indifferent, aloof, personal, equitable, remote, clinical. ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, friend, involved
- impertinence:** (n) audacity, gall, impudence, insolence, disrespect, effrontery, brass, boldness, impertinency, sauciness, freshness. ANTONYMS: (n) politeness, seriousness, reticence
- impertinent:** (adj) fresh, pert, saucy, forward, audacious, brash, brazen, extraneous, discourteous, disrespectful, flippant. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, polite, courteous
- imperturbable:** (adj) dispassionate, impassive, composed, placid, unflappable, cool, quiet, peaceful, still, equable, steady. ANTONYMS: (adj) edgy, concerned, agitated, excited, nervous
- impetuous:** (adj) boisterous, hasty, fiery, headlong, heady, hot, brash, foolhardy, dashing, fierce; (adj, v) impulsive. ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, careful, slow, sensible, patient
- impinge:** (v) entrench, bump, clash, collide, impact, to strike, trench, intrude, infringe, hit, contravene
- implacable:** (adj) cruel, remorseless, irreconcilable, pitiless, merciless, grim, unappeasable, deadly, mortal, relentless, unforgiving. ANTONYMS: (adj) placable,
- unrelenting
- imposing:** (adj, n, v) impressive; (adj, n) noble, commanding, solemn; (adj) dignified, grandiose, stately, distinguished, regal, lofty, baronial. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, modest, unimposing, weak, undignified, lowly
- imprecation:** (n) curse, anathema, execration, cuss, blasphemy, bane, ban, oath, prayer, malison, denunciation
- impregnated:** (adj) fertilised, fertilized, full, saturated, made pregnant, sated, fertile, adequate, copious, inseminated, ample
- impressed:** (adj) touched, bewildered, amazed, susceptible, stupefied, stunned, confused, bemused; (v) imprinted, stamped, carved. ANTONYM: (adj) unimpressed
- impressionable:** (adj) susceptible, responsive, thin-skinned, susceptible, receptive, tender, touchy, sensible, sentimental, vulnerable, sensitive. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressionable, rebellious, invulnerable
- impressions:** (n) impersonation, imitation
- impromptu:** (adj, adv) off the cuff, ad lib, offhand, ad libitum; (adj) extempore, extemporaneous, unprepared, improvised, extemporary, makeshift; (adj, adv, v) ad-lib. ANTONYMS: (adj) planned, rehearsed
- improvised:** (adj, adv) off the cuff, informal, unplanned; (adj) extemporaneous, improvisatory, offhand, makeshift, spontaneous, unrehearsed, temporary, extemporized. ANTONYMS: (adj) prepared, permanent
- impudence:** (adj, n) boldness, brass; (n) cheek, gall, audacity, impertinence, insolence, face, cheekiness, effrontery, assurance. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, reticence
- impulse:** (n) pulse, urge, impulsion, force, motive, whim, drive, goad, motivation, momentum, incentive. ANTONYMS: (n) aversion, disincentive, disinclination
- inaction:** (n) idleness, inactivity, abeyance, apathy, standstill, dormancy, stagnancy, quiescence, quiescence, stagnation; (adj) latency. ANTONYM: (n) activity
- inadequate:** (adj) faulty, flimsy, poor,

- deficient, defective, incompetent, feeble, imperfect, inappropriate, short, ineffective. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) ample, passable, enough, strong, competent, reasonable, acceptable, generous, plentiful, useful, suitable
- inane:** (adj) empty, blank, foolish, fatuous, hollow, idiotic, vacuous, void, silly, fool, inanity. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) sensible, animated, intelligent, useful, bright, sensitive
- inartistic:** (adj) artless, inartificial, guileless, ordinary, rude, unornamental, ignorant, honest
- inattentive:** (adj) negligent, neglectful, forgetful, reckless, careless, unaware, regardless, inconsiderate, mindless, inadvertent; (adj, v) remiss. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) attentive, alert, observant, carefree, cautious, conscientious, considerate, diligent, prudent
- incapable:** (adj) impotent, inadequate, unable, helpless, powerless, unqualified, inept, insufficient, inapt, ineffectual, unfit. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) able, competent, strong, powerful, effective
- incessant:** (adj) endless, continual, everlasting, eternal, constant, continuous, perpetual, unremitting, interminable, persistent; (adj, v) frequent. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) intermittent, occasional, sporadic, broken, finite
- inch:** (n) in, bit, column inch, morsel; (v) crawl, creep, ease; (adj) tatter, mite, seed, shive
- incipient:** (adj) initial, budding, nascent, imperfectly formed, commencing, first, undeveloped; (adj, v) introductory; (v) inceptive; (n) beginning
- inclement:** (adj, n) harsh, rugged, boisterous; (n) austere; (adj) turbulent, grim, bleak, rigorous, bitter, rough, rigid. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) mild, fine, nice, calm, pleasant
- inclined:** (adj, v) given; (adj) prone, willing, oblique, apt, predisposed, ready, minded, likely, liable, bowed. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, horizontal, unbiased, vertical, impervious
- inclusively:** (adv) broadly, overall, sweepingly, globally, wholly, fully
- incomplete:** (adj) faulty, deficient, inadequate, imperfect, short, lacking, unfinished, half,
- insufficient, sketchy; (adj, adv) halfway. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) finished, whole, entire, comprehensive, boundless, adequate
- incongruity:** (n) disharmony, contradiction, disagreement, incongruence, disparity, discrepancy, discord, unconformity, disproportion, absurdity, paradox. **ANTONYMS:** (n) congruity, normality, agreement
- incredulous:** (adj) dubious, doubtful, suspicious, unbelieving, faithless, skeptical, doubting, lacking faith, questioning, cynical, mistrustful. **ANTONYM:** (adj) convinced
- incredulously:** (adv) skeptically, disbelievingly, distrustfully, suspiciously, dubiously, doubtfully, questioningly, uncertainly, mistrustfully, doubtfully, cynically
- incurable:** (adj) incorrigible, immedicable, cureless, inveterate, irretrievable, irrecoverable, terminal, irremediable, irreparable, remediless, chronic. **ANTONYM:** (adj) mild
- indecision:** (n) hesitation, irresolution, uncertainty, indecisiveness, hesitance, qualm, vacillation, hesitancy, dubiety, infirmity of purpose; (adj, n) suspense. **ANTONYMS:** (n) determination, resolve, resolution, confidence
- indecorously:** (adv) unbecomingly, indecently, improperly, unseemly, discourteously, impolitely, rudely, coarsely, inappropriately, naughtily, loutishly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) politely, correctly
- indelicate:** (adj) indecent, immodest, crude, gross, improper, coarse, crass, bawdy, unbecoming, broad, scurrilous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) decorous, tasteful, sensitive, discreet, decent, correct
- indifferent:** (adj) apathetic, impassive, cold, cool, callous, fair, insensible, unconcerned, careless, dull, average. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) enthusiastic, fervent, keen, obsessive, energetic, eager, involved, surprised, exceptional, concerned, shocked
- indignant:** (adj) angry, incensed, furious, enraged, wrathful, hurt, rage, provoked, hot, anger, irate. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) cool, content, unaffected
- indignantly:** (adv) irately, angrily,
- wrathfully, enragedly, sorely, acrimoniously, cynically, sulkily, hotly, exasperatedly, furiously
- indistinct:** (adj) indefinite, inarticulate, faint, dull, fuzzy, indeterminate, hazy, neutral; (adj, n) confused, cloudy, dark. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) clear, slight, separate, certain, precise, audible, strong, definite
- indite:** (v) pen, draft, draw up, frame, dictate, write, annotate, footnote, formulate, adopt, dramatize
- indulgent:** (adj) forgiving, gentle, clement, lenient, soft, kind, gracious, tolerant, merciful, compassionate; (adj, v) permissive. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) intolerant, unsympathetic, severe, restrained, harsh, hardhearted, abstemious, disapproving
- inefficacious:** (adj) ineffective, futile, inefficient, bootless, useless, inoperative, inutile, null, feckless, nugatory, fruitless
- inefficient:** (adj) inadequate, ineffective, ineffectual, incapable, inefficacious, shiftless, feeble, impotent, unfit, useless, unable. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) economical, competent, diligent, productive
- inelegance:** (n) awkwardness, grossness, coarseness, gracelessness, vulgarity, vulgarity, inelegancy, commonness, crudeness, homeliness; (adj) deformity. **ANTONYMS:** (n) elegance, delicacy, tastefulness, grace
- inexperience:** (adj) inexperienced, inexperience, incomprehension, inability; (adj, n) simplicity; (n) freshness, innocence, ignorance, newness, callowness, unfamiliarity. **ANTONYMS:** (n) skillfulness, sophistication, wisdom
- inexplicable:** (adj) incomprehensible, mysterious, unaccountable, inscrutable, unfathomable, enigmatic, baffling, indecipherable, unexplained, incognizable, preternatural. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) understandable, explicable, mundane, apparent, explainable, straightforward, natural, legible
- infallibility:** (n) inerrability, inerrancy, dependability, reliability, inerrableness, dependableness, infallibleness, truth
- infallible:** (adj) sure, inevitable, positive, inerrable, unailing, absolute, confident, definite, dependable; (adj, v) unerring; (n)

- sterling. ANTONYMS: (adj) fallible, faulty
- infant:** (n) child, babe, minor, nursing, youngster, chick, toddler, suckling, kid, pappoose; (adj, n) juvenile
- inference:** (n) corollary, implication, illation, conclusion, assumption, judgment, surmise, derivation, analogy, guess, result. ANTONYM: (n) fact
- inferior:** (adj) secondary, bad, humble, poor, junior, petty, lesser, cheap, base, feeble, vulgar. ANTONYMS: (adj) better, choice, excellent, premium, adscript, perfect, higher, quality, senior; (adj, n) superscript; (n) boss
- inflamed:** (adj) impassioned, excited, angry, hot, flaming, ablaze, irritated, passionate, painful, burning; (n) red
- inflexion:** (n) accent, inflexion, flection, modulation, flexion, intonation, declension, bending, conjugation, accentuation, emphasis
- influential:** (adj) potent, dominant, cogent, forcible, powerful, predominant, prevailing, effective, strong, impressive, efficacious. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconvincing, minor, unimportant, weak, uninfluential, ineffective, frivolous
- influx:** (n) afflux, concourse, incursion, invasion, flow, introduction, affluence, inpouring, intrusion, irruption, arrival. ANTONYM: (n) departure
- informal:** (adj) familiar, easy, casual, free, cozy, unofficial, chatty, cosy, homely, wanton, everyday. ANTONYMS: (adj) official, authorized, impersonal, uncomfortable
- ingenuously:** (adv) artlessly, sincerely, innocently, candidly, naively, frankly, outspokenly, plainly, naturally, unsophisticatedly, straightforwardly. ANTONYMS: (adv) artfully, dishonestly, pretentiously
- ingratiating:** (v) fawn, hint, cozy up, cotton up, control
- inhaling:** (adj) inhale, breathing, inhalant
- inherited:** (adj) inborn, genetic, familial, ancestral, transmissible, congenital, inherent, incarnate, transmitted, instinctive, intuitive
- inheritor:** (n) beneficiary, heritor, heir, successor, recipient, progeny, offspring, legatee, inheritress, inheritrix, heir
- presumptive. ANTONYMS: (n) predecessor, ancestor
- iniquity:** (adj, n) depravity; (n) inequity, wickedness, immorality, injustice, crime, sin, vice, darkness, villainy, sinfulness. ANTONYMS: (n) goodness, good
- injured:** (adj) hurt, broken, wounded, affected, damaged, pained, offended, insulted, defective, prejudiced; (n) casualty. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninjured, unaffected, well
- innocence:** (n) blamelessness, chastity, ignorance, ingenuousness, purity, gullibility, artlessness, innocent, simplicity, harmlessness, guiltlessness. ANTONYMS: (n) sophistication, experience, fault, dirtiness, wariness, dishonesty
- innocent:** (adj) chaste, artless, clear, ingenuous, innocuous, guileless, guiltless, ignorant, unsophisticated, spotless, naive. ANTONYMS: (adj) culpable, responsible, wicked, wary, experienced, corrupt, worldly, unfair, meaningful, offensive, jaded
- innumerable:** (adj) countless, numberless, incalculable, multitudinous, infinite, innumerable, unnumbered, uncounted, myriad, immeasurable, untold. ANTONYM: (adj) finite
- inordinate:** (adj) immoderate, extravagant, exorbitant, undue, exuberant, unconscionable, unreasonable, fulsome, irregular, extreme, preposterous. ANTONYMS: (adj) moderate, small
- inquest:** (n) inquiry, investigation, quest, probe, inquisition, inspection, search, interrogation, survey, trial, research
- inquiringly:** (adv) enquiringly, inquisitively, nosily, curiously, pryingly, interestedly, searchingly, inquiring, quizzically, intrusively
- inscribed:** (adj) etched, incised, graven, written, carved, carven
- inscription:** (n) epigraph, entry, dedication, autograph, epitaph, registration, lettering, writing, record, superscription, title
- insect:** (n) worm, flea, hymenopteran, hymenopteron, earwig, dirt ball, homopteran, hemipteran, gallfly, fish, biting louse
- insensitive:** (adj) numb, thick-skinned, heartless, unconcerned, unfeeling, insensible, senseless, dead, hardhearted, obtuse, pitiless. ANTONYMS: (adj) intelligent,
- compassionate, considerate, tasteful, sympathetic, kind, ignorant, caring, altruistic, tactful, altruism
- insert:** (v) enter, put, introduce, enclose, interject, inject, implant, graft, plant, inclose, put in. ANTONYMS: (v) erase, eject, delete
- insistence:** (n) stubbornness, adherence, pressure, steadfastness, press, insistency, urgency, insisting, instancy, persistence, imperativeness. ANTONYMS: (n) flexibility, weakness
- insistent:** (adj) exigent, pressing, emphatic, persistent, crying, importunate, instant, clamant, imperative, adamant, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) satisfied, irresolute, gentle
- insisting:** (v) insist; (adj) persistent, insistent, incumbent; (n) insistency, imperativeness
- inspect:** (v) overhaul, overlook, survey, watch, scrutinize, view, explore, look, review, inquire, monitor. ANTONYMS: (v) skim, ignore
- instance:** (n) exemplar, case, time, illustration, sample, affair, pattern, chance, cause; (v) exemplify, illustrate
- instant:** (adj, n) present; (adj) immediate, prompt; (n) flash, minute, jiffy, point, second; (adj, v) exigent; (adj, n, v) pressing, urgent. ANTONYMS: (n) age, eternity; (adj) considered, delayed, slow
- instantly:** (adv) immediately, now, directly, right, straightway, at once, straight; (adj) suddenly, like a shot, subito, presto
- instep:** (n) covering
- instinct:** (n) impulse, urge, aptitude, gift, feeling, sixth sense, inherent aptitude, knack, inspiration, talent, genius
- instinctively:** (adv) involuntarily, mechanically, spontaneously, automatically, intuitively, inherently, automatically, unconsciously, impulsively, unthinkingly, instinctually. ANTONYMS: (adv) consciously, objectively
- insult:** (n, v) contumely, affront, abuse, flout, outrage, wound, taunt; (n) disgrace, indignity, contempt; (v) cut. ANTONYMS: (n, v) flatter, compliment, praise; (v) flatter, consecrate; (n) privilege
- insuperable:** (adj) unconquerable, indomitable, impassable, invincible,

- unsurmountable, unbeatable, impregnable, overwhelming, formidable, inexpressible, unassailable. ANTONYM: (adj) vulnerable
- intellectual:** (n) intellect, brain, thinker, scholar; (adj) rational, mental, cerebral, learned, spiritual; (adj, n) mind, academic. ANTONYMS: (adj) nonintellectual, intuitive, emotional, dim, ignorant, physical, thick, lowbrow; (n) dunce
- intelligent:** (adj) intellectual, astute, sensible, alert, rational, quick-witted, bright, cunning, gifted, knowledgeable, brilliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) dim, thick, slow, stupid, dull, foolish
- intemperance:** (n) dissipation, drunkenness, indulgence, debauchery, crapulence, drinking, drink, immoderation, overindulgence, intemperateness, insobriety. ANTONYM: (n) temperance
- imperate:** (adj) inordinate, immoderate, dissipated, unbridled, extreme, disorderly, inclement, unruly, wild, undue, violent. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, temperate, moderate
- intend:** (v) destine, design, mean, aim, determine, denote, contemplate, plan, purpose, consider, believe. ANTONYM: (v) improvise
- intently:** (adv) fixedly, attentively, seriously, rapidly, intently, closely, steadily, eagerly, absorbedly, hard, steadfastly. ANTONYM: (adv) absently
- intercourse:** (n) contact, coition, conversation, communication, coitus, dealings, converse, commerce, liaison, congress; (adj, n) acquaintance
- interlude:** (n) intermission, interval, intermezzo, entr'acte, pause, episode, interact, adjournment, interim, recess, rest
- interpret:** (v) clarify, understand, elucidate, illustrate, read, construe, comment, gloss, render, explain, explicate
- interpreted:** (adj) exactly limited, exact, drawn close, accurate, taken, strict, confined
- interrogation:** (n) inquiry, question, query, doubt, enquiry, hearing, quiz, problem, demand, interview, interrogative
- interrogatively:** (adv) inquisitively, curiously
- interrupted:** (adj) discontinuous, fitful, intermittent, discontinued, disconnected, unsuccessful, intervallic, episodic, gaping, periodic; (prep) interrupt
- interruption:** (n) disruption, intermission, halt, pause, suspension, discontinuance, hiatus; (n, v) break, hindrance, impediment; (v) interrupt. ANTONYMS: (n) permanence, help, respect
- intersected:** (adj) decussated
- interval:** (n) intermission, interruption, distance, break, interlude, hiatus, interim, pause, period, respite, gap. ANTONYM: (n) intensification
- intervene:** (v) intercede, interpose, meddle, arbitrate, step in, interject, interlope, pass; (adj, v) mediate, intermediate; (n) interference. ANTONYMS: (v) disregard, provoke
- intervening:** (adj) middle, interstitial, intervene, interposed, intermediate colors, mediate, mesne; (adj, v) intercurrent, interjacent; (v) intervenient; (n) middler. ANTONYM: (adj) permanent
- intimacy:** (adj, n) familiarity, acquaintance; (n) closeness, fellowship, association, friendship, intercourse, affair, camaraderie, conversance, confidence. ANTONYMS: (n) distance, formality
- intimate:** (adj, adv, v) close; (n, v) express, imply; (v) hint, indicate, allude, suggest; (adj) informal, inner, internal; (adj, v) confidential. ANTONYMS: (adj) formal, cold, unfriendly, external, outermost, public, superficial
- intimation:** (n) hint, inkling, implication, insinuation, suggestion, clue, allusion, indication, cue, notice, innuendo
- intolerable:** (adj) unbearable, insupportable, painful, obnoxious, detestable, inexcusable, deplorable, undesirable, hard, excruciating, difficult. ANTONYMS: (adj) bearable, tolerable, acceptable, reasonable, nice, understandable, lovable, excusable, inoffensive, manageable
- intonation:** (n) inflection, tone, expression, cadence, timbre, chanting, drone, prosody, vocalizing, singing, sound
- intricate:** (adj, n) complicated; (adj) difficult, knotty, hard, tricky, convoluted, tortuous, inextricable, elaborate, obscure; (adj, v) involved. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, easy, plain
- introducing:** (n) introduction
- intrude:** (v) interfere, trespass, encroach, infringe, impose, obtrude, disturb, interrupt, impinge, barge in, butt in. ANTONYM: (v) disregard
- intruding:** (adj) aggressive, interfering, intrusive
- inundated:** (adj) swamped, awash, overwhelmed, afloat, engulfed, submerged, fuller, weak, suffused, submerged, soaked. ANTONYM: (adj) dry
- invade:** (v) infringe, intrude, occupy, overrun, impinge, encroach upon, raid, infest; (n, v) assault, attack, assault. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, surrender
- invalid:** (adj) false, illogical, unreasonable, null, weak, void, unhealthy, sick, flawed; (n) infirm; (v) disable. ANTONYMS: (adj) valid, legitimate, current, healthy, true, watertight, correct
- invariable:** (adj) fixed, consistent, even, immutable, steady, unchanging, stable, uniform, set, undeviating, unchanged. ANTONYMS: (adj) changing, dynamic, erratic, irregular, varied
- invariably:** (adv) constantly, ever, forever, permanently, continually, incessantly; (adj) never otherwise, unfailingly, without exception, without fail; (adj, adv) uniformly
- invent:** (v) devise, form, create, excogitate, concoct, imagine, contrive; (n, v) forge, fabricate, design, coin
- invented:** (adj) fictional, fabricated, imaginary, unreal, fake, mythical, legendary, fictive, fancied, fabulous, ben trovato. ANTONYMS: (adj) genuine, factual, true, actual
- invention:** (n) fabrication, conception, fiction, imagination, creation, discovery, device, innovation, excogitation, artifice; (n, v) forgery. ANTONYM: (n) truth
- invidious:** (adj) obnoxious, hateful, discriminatory, offensive, outrageous, jealous, abominable, odious, loathsome, covetous; (adj, v) spiteful. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasant, desirable
- invisible:** (adj) obscure, hidden, inconspicuous, intangible, sightless, concealed, impalpable, occult, indiscernible, inappreciable, unseen.

ANTONYMS: (adj) obvious, conspicuous, noticeable, palpable

invitation: (n) call, bidding,

temptation, lure, asking, request, attraction, enticement; (v) invite, solicitation; (n, v) supplication

involuntarily: (adv) unconsciously, unintentionally, inadvertently, automatically, forcedly, mechanically, unthinkingly, reluctantly, accidentally, automatically, unwillingly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) voluntarily, consciously, willingly, purposely

iris: (n) diaphragm, flag, pupil, rainbow, gladdon, blue flag, white, tulip, comet, tortoise shell, peacock

irksome: (adj, v) wearisome, tiresome; (adj) boring, dull, annoying, tedious, trying, burdensome, bothersome, irritating, prosaic. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, pleasant, refreshing, soothing

ironical: (adj) sarcastic, satirical, dry, burlesque, wry, sardonic, satiric, derisive, caustic, quizzical; (n) humorous

ironically: (adv) sardonically, sarcastically, derisively, wryly, mordantly, satirically, bitingly, caustically, illogically, understatedly, deprecatingly

ironing: (n) flatwork, household linen, flat wash

irons: (n) fetters, iron, chain, shackles, fetter, manacles, gyve, bond, bonds, pinion, handcuffs

irony: (n) sarcasm, ridicule, raillery, banter, derision, quiz, mockery, figure of speech; (adj, n) satire, humor, burlesque. ANTONYM: (n) sincerity

irregular: (adj) atypical, abnormal, erratic, anomalous, eccentric, broken, sporadic, disorderly, strange, changeable; (adj, n) guerilla. ANTONYMS: (adj) symmetrical, normal, smooth, constant, even, steady, compact, cyclic, equal, frequent, permanent

irregularly: (adv) erratically, occasionally, abnormally, sporadically, crookedly, unequally, randomly, atypically, roughly, eccentrically, fitfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) evenly, systematically, constantly, frequently, honestly, peacefully, recurrently

irresolutely: (adv) waveringly, undecidedly, indecisively, hesitantly, uncertainly, hesitatingly,

weakly, infirmly, spinelessly, unsteadily, unsettledly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) decisively, firmly

irritable: (adj) fractious, irascible, edgy, cantankerous, touchy, petulant, excitable, cross, sensitive, grumpy, disagreeable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, happy, cheerful, amiable, patient, pleasant, stable, courteous; (n) cheeriness

irritate: (adj, v) incense; (v) gall, fret, chafe, harass, grate, displease, vex, goad, aggravate, anger.

ANTONYMS: (v) soothe, pacify, please, help, calm, encourage, placate

irritated: (adj) annoyed, exasperated, incensed, enraged, aggravated, furious, irate, inflamed, sore, displeased, provoked. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, pleased, patient, contented

isle: (n) islet, ait, reef, eyot, wight, aisle, ile, coral reef, coral Island, breaker, atoll

isolation: (n) estrangement, privacy, alienation, insulation, dissociation, secrecy, loneliness, solitude, seclusion, insularity, desolation. ANTONYMS: (n) companionship, inclusion, unity, kinship, company, cheerfulness, integration

issuing: (n) issuance, supplying, emanation, consequence, publication, effect, egress, emergence, exit; (adj) flowing, emergent

ivory: (n) tusk, dentin, whiteness, elephant, teeth, yellow, dentine; (adj) chalk, lily, milk, paper

jaded: (adj) tired, fatigued, worn, weary, wearied, fed up, satiate, worn-out, bored, satiated, sick.

ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, innocent, brilliant

jauntily: (adv) cheerfully, airily, brightly, sprucely, smartly, merrily, dashingly, nattily, buoyantly, breezily, lightly

jaws: (n) jaw, chops, fauces, chaps, mandible, maw, lips, holding device; (v) mazard

jealous: (adj) distrustful, envious, covetous, suspicious, jealous, resentful, invidious, green, grudging, jaundiced, attentive.

ANTONYM: (adj) trusting

jealously: (adv) covetously, resentfully, greenly, suspiciously, solicitously, vigilantly, greedily, grudgingly, spitefully, avariciously,

zealously

jealousy: (n) suspicion, jealous, jealousy, envy, envious, alertness, distrust, contention, competition, scruple, qualm

jelly: (n) conserve, jam, gelatin, aspic, preserves, gelatine, kickshaw; (v) jellify, jell, congeal; (adj) mucilage

jerry: (n) kraut, Hun, German, Krauthead, Boche

jest: (n) gag, gibe, quip, game; (n, v) jape; (v) banter, jeer, deride, gird, sneer, clown

jesuit: (n) Pharisee, Society of Jesus, Pecksniff, Mawworm, revivalist, field preacher, intriguer, Janus, sophist, propagandist, missionary

jets: (n) blue jets, atmospheric electricity

jewish: (adj) Judaic, Hebrew, Judaical, Jew

jammy: (v) pry, lever, force, prize, appreciate, be nose; (n) crowbar, handspike, gavelock, limb, wing

johnny: (n) Johnnie, reb, Johnny Reb, freedom fighter, grayback, insurgent, rebel, insurrectionist, can

joke: (n, v) banter; (n) hoax, fun, quip, gag, caper, game, antic, prank, humor; (v) tease

joking: (n) banter, fooling, fun; (adj) jocose, jocular, humorous, funny, kidding, playful, puckish, comical.

ANTONYM: (n) seriousness

jolly: (adj) gay, cheerful, happy, festive, genial, bright, cheery, merry, jocund; (v) chaff; (adv) lively.

ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, miserable, serious

journal: (adj, n) daybook; (n) book, periodical, newspaper, magazine, ephemeric, log, chronicle, record, annals; (adj) daily

journalism: (n) press, essayist, author, fourth estate, profession, correspondent, news media, litterateur, literature, tabloid, text

joyal: (adj, n) gay; (adj) jolly, genial, glad, festive, joyful, gleeful, merry, jocund, cheerful, blithe.

ANTONYMS: (adj) miserable, gloomy, frosty, serious, hostile

joyality: (n) glee, cheerfulness, happiness, mirth, merriment, gaiety, festivity, conviviality, hilarity, geniality; (adj) jocundity.

ANTONYMS: (n) misery, sadness

joyful: (adj) gay, glad, elated, cheerful, gleeful, cheery, delighted, joyous, jolly, blissful, blithe.

ANTONYMS: (adj) miserable, sorrowful, unhappy, despairing,

unpleasant, staid, sorry, disappointed, depressed, heavy

joyfully: (adv) joyously, merrily, gaily, gleefully, buoyantly, cheerily, jubilantly, pleasantly, mirthfully; (adv, v) happily; (adj, adv) cheerfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) joylessly, miserably, despondently

judged: (n) judging; (adj) guilty, deliberate, legal, lawful

judiciously: (adv) prudently, sagaciously, shrewdly, discreetly, discerningly, politically, cautiously, logically, rationally, sensibly, soundly. ANTONYMS: (adv) foolishly, injudiciously, unwisely, illogically, imprudently

juilet: (n) lover

jump: (n, v) bound, start, bounce, hop, caper, startle, dive, rise; (v) spring, hurdle; (adj, v) skip. ANTONYMS: (n, v) decrease; (v) surface, drop, hesitate

jumping: (n) saltation, leaping, header, start, propulsion; (adj) moving, festive; (v) bounding, salient, dancing; (adv) leapingly

juror: (n) jurymen, jurywoman, jurator, panelist, judge, assizor, discussant, foreperson

jury: (n) committee, panel, jurator, juration, jurat, jurant, assize, juries, control board, control panel, instrument panel

justifiable: (adj) legitimate, defensible, excusable, lawful, logical, legal, reasonable, admissible, rightful, warrantable, sound. ANTONYMS: (adj) inexcusable, unreasonable, invalid, gratuitous, unjustifiable, illogical, unlawful, unworthy, untenable

jutting: (adj) prominent, protruding, protrusive, salient, protuberant, hence; (n) protrusion, protuberance, extrusion, hump, gibbosity

keener: (v) Indian giver, floater, repeater

keenly: (adv) eagerly, zealously, piercingly, acutely, cuttingly, ardently, strongly, lively, penetratingly, fervently, avidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unenthusiastically, apathetically, faintly, reluctantly, patiently, passively, halfheartedly, vaguely

kicks: (n) elation, thrill, excitement, fulfillment, gratification, pleasure

kindling: (n) combustion, firing, ignition, lighting, tinder, fire, firewood, dismissal; (v) ignite, agitate, kindle

kindly: (adj) kind, amiable, genial, charitable; (adv) sympathetically, benevolently, tenderly; (adj, n) benign, gentle, sympathetic, benevolent. ANTONYMS: (adv) harshly, nastily, callously, cruelly, sharply, disagreeably, grumpily, malevolently; (adj) upsetting, unfeeling, sour

kindness: (n) generosity, clemency, compassion, grace, good will, graciousness, humanity, goodness, affection; (adj, n) courtesy, gentleness. ANTONYMS: (n) miserliness, spite, nastiness, callousness, cruelty, unfriendliness, maliciousness, thoughtlessness, sourness, severity, disservice

kindred: (adj) cognate, akin, similar, allied, related; (n) kin, consanguinity, relation, folk, folks, kin group

kink: (n, v) twist, knot, curve; (n) defect, bend, eccentricity, cramp, peculiarity, oddity; (v) crimp, frizz. ANTONYM: (v) undo

kiss: (n, v) caress, brush, embrace, touch; (n) osculation, salute, lip, Kiss of peace, kiss hands; (v) osculate, love

knee: (n) bracket, articulation, joint, kneel, knee joint, genu, articulation, genu, scythe, zigzag, sickle, bend

knit: (adj, v) tie, lace; (v) plait, intertwine, bind, join, pucker, fasten, interlace; (adj) stitch, knitted

knob: (n) button, swelling, hump, knob, protuberance, grip, nub, lump, node, bump; (adj, n) bulb

knock: (n, v) hit, blow, bang, bump, tap, strike, whack, bash, punch, cuff; (n) crash. ANTONYMS: (n) improvement, boost; (v) encourage, bolster, approve

knockabout: (n) sloop; (adj) fierce, rumbustious, rambunctious, spirited, rugged

knocking: (n) sound, bang, beating, hit, rap, strike, belt, criticism, bash

knot: (n) bow, cluster, lump, gang, joint; (v) entangle, knit, bind; (n, v) tie, loop, tangle. ANTONYMS: (v) unravel, undo, unknot, disentangle

knotted: (adj) knotty, gnarled, gnarly, involved, entangled, complicated, tangled, matted, knobbed, fastened; (adj, v) kinky. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, tidy, relaxed

knuckles: (n) brass knuckles, knuckle duster, weapon, arm, knucks, hand

kowtowing: (adj) fawning, flattering, ingratiating, apple polishing; (n)

indulgence

laborious: (adj) hard, arduous, backbreaking, heavy, industrious, diligent, grueling, assiduous, exhausting, formidable, tough. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, effortless, undemanding, light, brisk

laboriously: (adv) painstakingly, toilsomely, toughly, onerously, arduously, strenuously, heavily, painfully, stiffly, diligently, hard. ANTONYMS: (adv) briskly, easily

lace: (v) entwine, interlace, braid, bind; (adj, v) tie, string; (n) lacing, ribbon, edging; (n, v) net, rope. ANTONYMS: (v) untie, untwine, unpick

lacking: (adj) incomplete, inadequate, defective, absent, short, wanting, destitute, empty, devoid, insufficient; (adj, prep) without. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, plentiful, burdened, capable, adequate, perfect, present, complete, privileged; (prep) with, including

laden: (adj) burdened, full, loaded, ladened, filled, hampered, heavy, charged, encumbered; (v) lade, load. ANTONYMS: (adj) empty, lacking

ladylike: (adj) feminine, refined, gentle, womanly, genteel, maidenly, matronly, wifely, dainty, well-bred, mannerly. ANTONYM: (adj) coarse

lager: (n) beer, lager-beer, suds, lager beer, cantonment, encampment, bivouac, camp

lain: (adj) artless, unsophisticated, unaffected, naive, untutored, simple, pure, natural, native, inartificial

lamb: (n) sheep, lambkin, dear, hogget, kid, mutton, inexperienced person, honey, white meat, pork; (adj) naive

lame: (adj) crippled, disabled, halting, feeble, halt, weak, paralytic; (adj, n) game; (adj, v) paralyze, maim, cripple

lamely: (adv) crippledly, limpingly, disabledly, weakly, haltingly, poorly, hobblingly, paralytically, infirmly, faintly, unsatisfactorily

lamented: (adj) mourned, bewailed

lamp: (n) light, lantern, beacon, headlight, flashbulb, flashgun, table lamp, oil lamp, storm lantern; (n, v) look; (v) behold

lancers: (n) cavalry

landed: (adj) land, territorial, allodial, predial

landing: (n) disembarkation, land, dock, touchdown, debarkation,

- disembarkment, floor, platform, landing place, bank, banking-ground
- lapel:** (n) flap, collar, overlap, cuff, neck, revers, lap, reverse, ruffle, rivel, ruffle
- lapsed:** (adj) fallen, elapsed, slip, defunct, forgotten, invalid, irreligious, lost, nonchurchgoing, finished
- lass:** (n) girl, lassie, damsel, young woman, young girl, fille, miss, Jeune fille, bobbysocker, bobbysoxer, woman
- latchkey:** (n) house key, master key, passkey
- lately:** (adv) tardily, newly, freshly, belatedly, slowly, latterly, deadly; (adj, adv) anew, late, afresh; (adj) recent
- latent:** (adj) covert, secret, potential, occult, inactive, cryptic, dormant, hidden, possible, smoldering, concealed. ANTONYMS: (adj) manifest, obvious, unlikely, overt
- latin:** (n) romancer, romance language; (adj) classical, emotional
- latterly:** (adv) lately, lastly, late, subsequently, finally, of late, newly, ultimately, secondly, freshly, afterward. ANTONYM: (adv) initially
- laughing:** (adj) merry, smiling, laughable, jolly, gay, lighthearted, frolicsome, playful, pleased, dizzy; (adv) laughingly. ANTONYM: (adj) serious
- laugher:** (n) amusement, fun, guffaw, merriment, chortle, chuckle, mirth, hilarity, giggle, derision, happiness. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, gloom, despair, boredom, misery, despondency
- laundry:** (n) launderette, wash, washing, dairy, Laundromat, workplace, airstream, backwash, coach house, household linen; (v) lavatory
- lavatory:** (n) can, toilet, latrine, lav, commode, John, bath, washbasin, washstand, loo, privy
- lavender:** (adj) lilac, purple, puce, light purple, pale purple, indigo, chromatic; (adj, n) violet, amethyst; (n) shrub, genus *Lavandula*
- lawn:** (n) grassplot, field, green, park, meadow, grassplat, plot,lea, turfs, turves, turf
- laying:** (n) egg laying, placing, parturition, place, repose, setting, put, position, lay, oyster park, oviposition
- lazily:** (adv) indolently, idly, slothfully, languidly, slowly, torpidly, supinely, lethargically, sleepily, drowsily, apathetically. ANTONYMS: (adv) dynamically, vigorously
- leaden:** (adj) heavy, gray, sluggish, grey, inert, torpid, grave, languid, drab, burdensome, livid. ANTONYM: (adj) bright
- leads:** (n) slating, pieced leads, slates, pile driving leads, tiling
- leaf:** (n) page, folio, foliage, petal, frond, leafage, slip, verdure, leaflet; (n, v) sheet; (v) leave
- leaned:** (v) erudite, lettered; (adj) tilted, inclined, educated
- leaning:** (adj, n) bent, disposition, partiality; (n) propensity, bias, tendency, incline, lean; (adj) tilted, canted, inclined. ANTONYMS: (n) antipathy, dislike; (adj) upright
- leap:** (n, v) bound, spring, bounce, caper, dive, vault, lunge; (v) dance, hop, start; (n) curvet. ANTONYMS: (n, v) plummet; (v) surface, drop, hesitate; (n) slump
- leaping:** (n) jump, bounce, bound, leap, spring, saltation, bouncing; (v) jumping; (adj, v) bounding; (adj) springing; (adv) leapingly
- lecture:** (n, v) discourse, harangue, reprimand, sermon, rebuke, talk, censure; (n) speech, oration; (v) chide, preach. ANTONYMS: (v) praise; (n) compliment
- leech:** (n) parasite, bloodsucker, physician, doctor, sponger, hirudinean, freeloader, sycophant, vampire; (v) bleed, phlebotomize
- leer:** (n, v) glance; (n) grin, wink, smirk, look, gaze, nudge, shrug, tip the wink; (v) simper, ogle
- legend:** (n) caption, fable, fiction, inscription, tale, folk tale, account, tradition, title, story, myth
- leghorn:** (n) Panama, lid, skimmer, straw hat, sailor, hat, chapeau, boatman, bluejacket, crewman
- legitimate:** (adj) authentic, genuine, just, justified, valid, orthodox, true, justifiable; (adj, v) lawful; (v) legalize, legitimize. ANTONYMS: (adj) illegal, banned, informal, unlawful, bogus, invalid, illegitimate, unconstitutional, imitation, unreasonable; (v) outlaw
- lemonade:** (n) fruit drink
- lend:** (v) grant, give, advance, impart, bestow, contribute, borrow, bring, add, confer; (n) lending
- lending:** (n) lend, loaning, borrowing, usury, disposal, disposition
- lent:** (n) Quadragesima, Lententide
- leonard:** (n) Dutch Leonard, Elmore John Leonard
- lesser:** (adj) less, inferior, junior, insignificant, petty, subordinate, smaller, secondary, lower, slighter, small. ANTONYMS: (adj) major, primary, senior, superior, higher, main
- lessons:** (n) classes, coaching, tuition, schoolwork, revision, learning, education, training
- liberalism:** (adj) liberality; (n) autonomy, tolerance, economic theory, neoliberalism, ideology, free enterprise, free trade
- liberated:** (adj) freed, emancipated, loose, released, exempt, liberal, independent, clear, disengaged, open, unattached. ANTONYMS: (adj) constrained, conventional
- liberty:** (adj, n) freedom, franchise; (n) license, leave, independence, autonomy, emancipation, latitude, permission, scope, release. ANTONYMS: (n) slavery, domination, constraint, suppression, dependence
- licensed:** (adj) authorized, qualified, eligible, licenced, commissioned, certified, authorised, practiced, official, experienced, expert. ANTONYM: (adj) unqualified
- lick:** (n, v) lap; (v) clobber, thrash, drub, beat, bat, defeat; (n) biff, jab, speed, dash
- licked:** (adj) dumbfounded
- lifting:** (n) rising, hoisting, plagiarism, restyling, copying, jacking; (adj) elating, enlivening, exciting, invigorating, thrilling
- lighted:** (adj) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning, ignite, kindled, lighten
- lighting:** (n) light, kindling, ignition, firing, inflammation, burning, combustion, setup, the illumination supplied by lights, illumine, illuminate
- lightly:** (adv) slightly, airily, thinly, easily, gently, light, fairly, weakly, flimsily, delicately, wantonly. ANTONYMS: (adv) seriously, heavily, thickly, sturdily, angrily, hard, harshly, densely, brightly, awkwardly
- liking:** (n, v) inclination; (n) fancy, appetite, taste, fondness, predilection, affection, partiality, admiration, approval, appreciation.

- ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, aversion, hatred, indifference, detachment, dissatisfaction, antipathy
- lily:** (adj) chalk, tiger lily, snow, paper, effeminate, milk; (n) daffodil, kentan, martagon, leopard lily, ivory
- limp:** (adv, n, v) hobble; (adj, v) flabby; (n, v) hitch; (adj) flaccid, slack, flexible, drooping, flimsy, weak, loose; (v) hop. ANTONYMS: (adj) taut, firm, hard, rigid, upright, alive, strong, stiff, tight
- limping:** (n) lameness, gimp, claudication, gimpiness, gameness; (adj) hobbling, crippled, halting, inefficient, imperfect, claudicant
- lineal:** (adj, v) linear; (adj) ancestral, hereditary, straight, directly, racial, extended senses, exact
- lined:** (adj) wrinkled, creased, wrinkly, striped, streaked, ruled, banded, paved, worn, with stripes, windswept. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, plain, unlined, straight
- linger:** (v) loiter, delay, dally, hover, stay, hesitate, hang around, procrastinate, dawdle, tarry, saunter. ANTONYMS: (v) hurry, end, rush, depart, lead
- lion:** (adj, n) celebrity, hero; (adj) worthy, great card, tiger; (n) Leo, cat, king of beasts, curiosity, luminary, spectacle
- liquid:** (adj) flowing, fluid, juicy, limpid, watery, succulent, sappy; (n) liquor, drink, beverage, juice. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) gaseous; (adj) firm, set, unavailable, unmelting
- liquor:** (n) fluid, broth, alcohol, booze, brew, brandy, arrack, spirits, schnapps; (n, v) drink; (adj, n) liquid
- listeners:** (n) listener, viewers, spectators, addressees
- listlessly:** (adv) sluggishly, spiritlessly, indifferently, languidly, slowly, weakly, indolently, supinely, lazily, inanimately, slackly. ANTONYMS: (adv) brightly, nimbly
- literally:** (adv) precisely, plainly, faithfully, strictly, accurately, rightly, verbally; (adj, adv) word for word, really, sic, actually. ANTONYMS: (adv) metaphorically, loosely
- littered:** (adj) untidy, under attack, beleaguered, beset, besieged, messy, plagued, topsy-turvy, tormented
- lively:** (adj, adv) jolly, sprightly; (adj, v) active, cheerful; (adj) energetic, agile, keen, busy, gay, fresh, jovial. ANTONYMS: (adj) lethargic,
- listless, inactive, unexciting, lifeless, awkward, sad, gentle, tired, insipid, subdued
- loathed:** (adj) unpopular, hated, reviled, undesirable
- lock:** (n, v) bar, hug; (v) close, latch, fasten, engage, hold; (adj, n) hair; (n) curl, padlock, hook. ANTONYMS: (v) open, undo, disengage, flex; (n) key; (adv) partially, partly
- locked:** (adj) bolted, closed, fast, barred, blocked, fixed, guaranteed, barricaded, safe, protected, fastened
- locks:** (n) hair, tresses, head of hair
- lodging:** (n) abode, apartment, accommodation, housing, hostel, residence, quarter, home, lodgement, address, hospice
- lodgings:** (n) digs, accommodation, domiciliation, lodging, billet, housing, quarters, residence, pad, living quarters, launchpad
- loft:** (n) garret, cockloft, hayloft, upper story, story, storey, farmhouse, igloo, cottage; (v) propel, impel
- lofty:** (adj, v) high, elevated; (adj) exalted, eminent, arrogant, grand, tall, haughty, great, distinguished, majestic. ANTONYMS: (adj) short, lowly, base, modest, deferential, humble
- loneliness:** (n) desolation, aloneness, isolation, solitariness, lonesomeness, bleakness, forlornness, desolateness, temperament, unhappiness; (adj, n) solitude. ANTONYMS: (n) inclusion, cheerfulness, hopefulness
- lonely:** (adj) deserted, lone, dreary, solitary, forsaken, desert; (adj, n) isolated, alone; (adv) lonesomely, solely, solitarily. ANTONYMS: (adj) sheltered, populous, cheerful, nearby; (n) foe
- loped:** (adj) coiled, coiling, curly, intoxicated, curved, helical, continuous, interminable, round, whorled
- loophole:** (n) crevice, gazebo, alternative, keyhole, balustraria, aperture, eyelet, watchtower, pigeonhole, mousehole; (v) machicolation
- loose:** (adj, v) lax, dissolute; (adj, n) limp, liberal, licentious; (adj) light, vague; (v) disengage, relax, release, liberate. ANTONYMS: (adj) dense, close, taut, compressed, strict, compact, wedged, secure, strong, similar; (v) confine
- loosely:** (adv) freely, vaguely, wantonly, broadly, softly,
- desultorily, laxly, relaxedly, lasciviously, baggily, flabbily. ANTONYMS: (adv) closely, firmly, tight, strictly, narrowly, efficiently, densely, accurately, precisely, clearly
- loosen:** (n, v) relax, release, ease; (adj, v) loose, disengage; (v) detach, undo, ravel, discharge, fluff, untie. ANTONYMS: (v) fasten, compress, fix, tense, stiffen, bend
- loosened:** (adj) disentangled, loose, freed, disengaged, extricated, unsnarled
- lordly:** (adj, v) dignified, proud, noble; (adj) haughty, grand, August, domineering, disdainful, arrogant, imperious, lofty. ANTONYM: (adj) humble
- losers:** (n) scum
- lothario:** (n) rake, whoremonger, sweetheart, seducer, satyr, Bluebeard; (adj) captive, cicisbeo, paramour, cavaliere servente, amoroso
- loud:** (adj) flashy, garish, gaudy, blatant, brassy, boisterous, high, jazzy, brazen, piercing; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful, gentle, quiet, subtle, subdued, low, muted, weak, tranquil, thin; (adv) softly
- loudly:** (adv) vociferously, noisily, loud, clamorously, showily, strongly, flamboyantly, obstreperously, luridly, boisterously; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, thinly, silently, piano, pleasantly
- lover:** (n) dear, darling, fan, devotee, beau, buff, love, admirer, beloved, amorist, man
- loving:** (adj) fond, devoted, amorous, kind, friendly, ardent, attached, admiring, gentle, fatherly; (adj, v) tender. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, uncaring, malicious, cruel, unloving, rough, paternal, indifferent, distant, disapproving, callous
- lowered:** (adj) lower, reduced, cheap, bated, humbled. ANTONYM: (adj) raised
- lowering:** (adj) heavy, dismal, gloomy, threatening, dark, glum, murky; (n) fall, drop, cut, decline
- lowest:** (adj) least, bottom, smallest, last, minimal, nethermost, under, lowermost, undermost, poorest; (adj, n) minimum
- ludicrous:** (adj) absurd, ridiculous, farcical, foolish, laughable, comical, grotesque, derisory, droll,

- preposterous, jocular. ANTONYMS: (adj) sane, impressive
- lugubrious:** (adj) dismal, gloomy, doleful, dark, funereal, melancholy, grievous, somber, dolorous, plaintive, miserable. ANTONYM: (adj) cheerful
- lumps:** (n) repulse, deserts, due, grit, punishment
- luncheon:** (n) meal, tiffin, dejeuner, dinner, repast, party; (v) nunchion
- lurch:** (n, v) stumble, pitch, stagger; (v) reel, tilt, cant, rock, sway, shake, teeter, wobble. ANTONYM: (v) hesitate
- lust:** (n, v) desire, hunger, itch; (n) craving, greed, libido, lecherousness, cupidity, lewdness; (v) covet, crave
- lustre:** (n) brilliance, gloss, brilliancy, grandeur, splendour, effulgence, splendor, shininess, shine, sheen, brightness
- lytton:** (n) Edward George Earle Lytton Bulwer, first baron Lytton
- ma'am:** (n) lady, madam, gentlewoman, milady, woman, madame, Grande dame, doll, chick, brothel keeper, bird
- machinery:** (n) machine, apparatus, engine, equipment, plant, system, gear, tackle, mechanism, work, installation
- madam:** (n) dame, lady, ma'am, gentlewoman, missis, Mrs, brothel keeper, madames, signora, female, bawd
- madonna:** (adj, n) saint; (n) Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, patron saint, bloody shame, good woman, the Virgin, Madonna Louise Ciccone, holy mother, perfect lady; (adj) Our Lady
- madrigal:** (adv) glee, descant, round, part song; (n) partsong, roundelay, pastoral, ode, rondo, dithyramb; (v) sing
- magical:** (adj) charming, supernatural, mystic, wizard, occult, sorcerous, mysterious, witching, wizardly, enchanting, miraculous. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, prosaic, everyday, boring
- magnetised:** (adj) charismatic, attractive, magnetic. ANTONYM: (adj) antimagnetic
- magnificent:** (adj) imposing, brilliant, splendid, grandiose, superb, elegant; (adj, n) grand, excellent, gorgeous, illustrious, glorious. ANTONYMS: (adj) awful, ridiculous, unimpressive, humble, inglorious, modest, meager, unattractive, boring, unexceptional, humdrum
- magnified:** (adj) enlarged, inflated, enlarge, hyperbolic, hypertrophied, increased, overblown, overstated, puffed up, made larger
- magniloquent:** (adj) bombastic, inflated, pompous, overblown, stilted, rhetorical, turgid, tall, pretentious, boastful; (n) braggart
- maker:** (n) creator, manufacturer, author, architect, builder, producer, inventor, constructor, father, generator, designer
- maleficent:** (adj) malign, pernicious, venomous, mischievous, malevolent, malefic, baneful, baleful, harmful, ominous, galling. ANTONYM: (adj) beneficent
- mall:** (n) center, esplanade, hammer, plaza, promenade, walk, shopping mall, square, sledge hammer, crescent, circus
- malodorous:** (adj) foul, fetid, smelly, noisome, stinking, odorous, funky, strong, rank, odoriferous, gamy
- malone:** (n) Edmond Malone
- malt:** (n) milkshake, grist, beer, malted milk, wort, alcohol, malt liquor, inebriant, alcoholic beverage, food grain
- mamma:** (n) breast, mother, ma, knocker, boob, mum, mammy, mom, mamma, mommy, mummy
- mammon:** (n) filthy lucre, wealthiness, wealth, lucre, riches, imaginary creature, imaginary being
- manhood:** (n) majority, maturity, valor, resolution, personality, humanity, integrity, bravery; (adj) manliness, ripe age, maturity full age
- manifest:** (adj) evident, distinct, conspicuous, clear, patent, plain; (v) display, demonstrate, exhibit, evidence; (n, v) declare. ANTONYMS: (v) hide; (adj) hidden, obscure, secret, inconspicuous, veiled, furtive, avoidable, ambiguous; (adv) absent
- manikin:** (n) model, homunculus, dummy, mannikin, mannequin, Manacus, phantom, manakin, figurine, form, fashion model
- manly:** (adj) manlike, masculine, manful, virile, brave, gallant; (adv) manfully, boldly, hardily, virilely; (adj, adv) stately. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, unmanly, cowardly; (adv) unmanfully
- manners:** (n) conduct, etiquette, propriety, behavior, deportment, manner, courtesy, custom, decorum, good manners, usage. ANTONYM: (n) vulgarity
- mansion:** (n) house, manor, residence, castle, home, manor house, hall, building, palace, villa, abode. ANTONYMS: (n) hovel, shack, hut
- mantelpiece:** (n) chimneypiece, mantelpiece, shelf, chimneybreast, blanket, cape, sill, clavy, curtain, drape, drapery
- manuscript:** (n, v) writing; (n) book, handwriting, record, copy, text, document, Ms, holograph, transcript, palimpsest
- marble:** (n) taw, marver, leopard, heart of stone, granite, cheetah, marbling; (adj, n) stone; (v) foolscap; (adj) flint, quartz
- maria:** (n) Calophyllum longifolium, tree, part, region, female horse
- marred:** (adj) damaged, defaced, dilapidated, crippled, deformed, faulty, flawed, hurt, impaired, imperfect, scarred. ANTONYMS: (adj) pure, unspoiled
- marrying:** (adj) married
- marvel:** (n, v) wonder; (n) prodigy, curiosity, phenomenon, amazement, miracle, portent, marl, surprise, admiration; (v) admire. ANTONYMS: (v) disregard; (n) nightmare
- mask:** (n, v) cover, veil, hide, conceal, disguise, screen, camouflage; (v) dissemble; (n) guise, blind, curtain. ANTONYMS: (v) unmask, enhance, reinforce, reveal, expose, amplify
- masterfully:** (adv) masterly, consummately, domineeringly, overbearingly, arrogantly, arbitrarily, skilledly, adroitly, authoritatively, dictatorially, magisterially
- master's:** (n) postgraduate degree
- maternal:** (adj) parental, paternal, parent, motherlike, mother, loving, enatic, agnatic, ancestral, enate, fraternal. ANTONYMS: (adj) paternal, filial
- matron:** (n) lady, head nurse, dame, housewife, dowager, woman, wife, Donna Belle, matriarch, married woman; (v) matronhood. ANTONYM: (n) patron
- matronly:** (adj) grave, womanly, ladylike, wifely, sedate, matronlike, maidenly, anile, female
- maturity:** (n) matureness, adulthood, perfection, due date, majority,

- development, age, readiness, prime, state, culture. ANTONYMS: (n) childhood, youth, immaturity, childishness, infancy, coarseness, decrease, inexperience
- mayor:** (n) provost, mayoress, city manager, politician, mayoralty, official, civil authority, administrator; (adj) major
- maze:** (n) tangle, snarl, web, jungle, muddle, confusion, complication; (v) eel; (adj) delicacy, knot, awkwardness
- meade:** (n) mead, James Edward Meade, hydromel
- meagre:** (adj) exiguous, paltry, necessitous, miserable, marginal, meagerly, gaunt, emaciated, inadequate, deficient, beggarly. ANTONYM: (adj) ample
- meals:** (n) nourishment, fare, food, meal, the food we eat, provisions
- mechanic:** (n) craftsman, mechanical, machinist, artisan, artificer, journeyman, grease monkey, automobile mechanic, Wright, worker, artist
- mechanical:** (adj, v) instinctive; (v) involuntary, blind; (adj) unthinking, automated, habitual, mechanic, perfunctory, routine, mechanized, industrial. ANTONYMS: (adj) nonmechanical, deliberate, thoughtful, unusual, enthralling, stilted
- mechanically:** (adv) mechanistically, instinctively, routinely, involuntarily, industrially, unconsciously, automatically, intuitively, impulsively, technically, technologically. ANTONYMS: (adv) manually, consciously
- medal:** (n) decoration, award, prize, honour, medallion, title, honor, laurel wreath, laurels, palm, insignia
- medival:** (adj) medieval, knightly, chivalric, nonmodern
- mediocre:** (adj, n) mean, average; (adj) middling, ordinary, commonplace, fair, passable, indifferent, common, inferior, intermediate. ANTONYMS: (adj) exceptional, excellent, impressive, talented, unusual, exciting, superior, strong
- meditate:** (n, v) muse; (v) contemplate, consider, cogitate, reflect, speculate, wonder, ruminate, ponder, think, bethink
- meditatively:** (adv) thoughtfully, reflectively, wistfully, musingly, contemplatively, ponderingly,
- ruminatively, broodingly, thoughtfully, broodily, musefully. ANTONYMS: (adv) unthinkingly, rashly
- meek:** (adj) lowly, docile, gentle, tame, low, submissive, compliant, mild, modest, quiet, kind. ANTONYMS: (adj) assertive, bossy, haughty, arrogant, overbearing, rebellious, disobedient, wild, harsh, brash
- meekly:** (adv) humbly, submissively, tamely, compliantly, obediently, docilely, peacefully, lowly, modestly, placidly, kindly. ANTONYMS: (adv) haughtily, harshly, wildly, arrogantly, assertively, brashly
- melancholy:** (adj, v) dreary; (adj, n) gloom, melancholic; (adj) depressed, dejected, dismal, gloomy, doleful; (n, v) low spirits; (n) gloominess, depression. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, cheerfulness, hopefulness, optimism; (adj) happy, bright, cheery, satisfied
- mellow:** (adj, v) ripe, mollify, smooth, soften; (adj) gentle, luscious, mild, soft, juicy; (v) melt, ripen. ANTONYMS: (adj) harsh, frantic, fresh, bright, strict, young, frenetic
- melodious:** (adj) harmonious, musical, sweet, tuneful, mellow, dulcet, soft, gentle, full, canorous, mellifluous. ANTONYMS: (adj) harsh, unmelodious, inharmonious, tuneless, grating, loud
- melody:** (n) air, tune, music, measure, harmony, aria, song, strain, line, melodic phrase; (n, v) chant
- memoirs:** (n) reminiscences, memoir, autobiography, essay, biography, annals, chronicle, account, diary, life story, memento Mori
- memoranda:** (n) memorandum, note
- menace:** (n) threat, danger; (n, v) hazard, risk, peril; (v) endanger, imperil, intimidate, jeopardize, threaten, bully. ANTONYMS: (v) help, protect, guard; (n) pleasure
- menacingly:** (adv) sinisterly, minaciously, ominously, minatorily, frighteningly, forebodingly, seriously, menacing, threatening, warningly, intimidatingly
- mentally:** (adv) spiritually, psychologically, rationally, ideally, innerly, psychically, lunatically, subjectively, madly, spiritual, inwardly. ANTONYMS: (adv) emotionally, physically
- mercantile:** (adj) commercial,
- business, trade, mercenary, economic, merchant, trading, moneymaking, commercial relations, for profit, industrial
- merc:** (n) haberdasher, linen draper, trader, monger, John mercer, bargainer, dealer
- merchant:** (n) trader, seller, businessman, shopkeeper, vendor, retailer, merchandiser, storekeeper, broker, grocer; (n, v) chapman. ANTONYM: (n) buyer
- merciful:** (adj) humane, gracious, lenient, compassionate, kind, clement, benign, kindly, gentle, beneficent, forgiving. ANTONYMS: (adj) pitiless, merciless, unforgiving, spiteful, harsh, impatient, severe, hardhearted
- mercy:** (n) kindness, compassion, pity, favor, leniency, pardon, forgiveness, grace, charity, humanity; (n, v) quarter. ANTONYMS: (n) cruelty, harshness, unkindness, severity, mercilessness, ruthlessness, impatience, inhumanity
- merrily:** (adv) gaily, cheerfully, blithely, cheerily, gladly, gleefully, mirthfully, brightly, jovially, joyfully, gayly. ANTONYMS: (adv) sadly, anxiously, miserably, un happily, carefully, despondently
- merriment:** (n) fun, amusement, cheerfulness, hilarity, glee, jollity, frolic, gaiety, happiness, festivity; (adj, n) mirth. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, gloom, seriousness, despondency, boredom
- merry:** (adj) joyful, lively, cheerful, glad, jolly, facetious, frolicsome, lighthearted, festive; (adj, n) convivial, jovial. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, miserable, serious, uptight
- metaphor:** (n) figure of speech, analogy, parable, simile, image, trope, figure, fable, comparison, symbol, metonymy
- mice:** (n) rats, agoutis, guinea pigs, beavers, gophers, order Rodentia, marmots, hamsters, pests, Rodentia, vermin
- midday:** (n) noon, noontide, noontide, afternoon, twelve noon, hour; (adj) meridian, meridional; (adj, n) culmination
- midland:** (adj) upcountry, continental, earthy, riparian, internal, inner, coastal, located inward
- midst:** (adj, n) middle; (adv) mid, between; (prep) among, amid; (n)

- core, center, thick, interior, heart, waist
- midway:** (adj) middle, center, intermediate, central, median; (n) tract, middle of the road, intermediary, battle of midway; (adv) in the middle; (prep) between. ANTONYM: (adj) extreme
- mighty:** (adj) immense, huge, grand, intense, high, big, forcible, strong, large, great; (adj, adv) powerful. ANTONYMS: (adj) puny, tiny, weak, insignificant
- mild:** (adj, n) kindly, gracious; (adj) easy, lenient, benign, docile, humble, clement, sweet, balmy, delicate. ANTONYMS: (adj) extreme, pungent, spicy, sharp, severe, scathing, incisive, hot, powerful, great, passionate
- mildly:** (adv) moderately, placidly, gently, tenderly, graciously, softly, lightly, kindly, calmly, sweetly, suavely. ANTONYMS: (adv) passionately, intensely, extremely, enormously, pithily, powerfully, harshly, severely, considerably
- mills:** (n) Milles
- mimic:** (adj, v) mock; (v) imitate, mime, copy, impersonate, parody, emulate; (n, v) counterfeit; (n) imitator, mimicker, ape
- mimicking:** (v) apish, aping; (adj) derivative, mocking
- mimicry:** (n) imitation, emulation, apery, parody, mimesis, impersonation, caricature, mock, personation, burlesque; (n, v) mockery
- mineral:** (n) ore, apatite, arsenopyrite, augite, argentite, amphibole, millerite, mica, manganite, cobaltite, malachite. ANTONYM: (adj) vegetable
- mingled:** (adj) miscellaneous, complex, indiscriminate, heterogeneous, medley, confused, eclectic, motley, different; (v) blended, blent
- mire:** (n, v) bog, muck; (n) filth, marsh, quagmire, dirt, sludge, clay; (adj, n, v) mud; (v) involve, bog down
- mirth:** (adj, n) merriment, jollity; (n) amusement, happiness, delight, joy, hilarity, cheerfulness, festivity, gladness, exhilaration. ANTONYMS: (n) gloom, sadness, misery
- mirthless:** (adj) cheerless, melancholy, gloomy, lacking mirth, unhappy, unamused
- misdirected:** (adj) led astray, undirected, wry
- miserable:** (adj, v) forlorn, wretched, unhappy; (adj) mean, low, abject, deplorable, downcast, bad, desolate; (adj, adv) meager. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, generous, cheerful, cheery, bright, fortunate, hopeful, jubilant, luxurious, overjoyed, heavenly
- missus:** (n) lady, wife, matron, married woman
- mist:** (n, v) cloud; (v) blur, cover, obscure, befog, drizzle, bedim; (n) haze, vapor, brume; (adj) misty
- mistaken:** (adj) wrong, erroneous, false, misguided, inaccurate, fallacious, untrue, misleading, confused, improper, error. ANTONYMS: (adj) accurate, wise, right
- misunderstood:** (adj) mistreated, confused
- mite:** (n, v) bit; (n) atom, jot, hint, pinch, crumb, acarus, dole, grain, acarid, iota
- mitigated:** (adj) eased, palliate, ease, relieved, disguised, cloaked
- moaning:** (n, v) lamentation; (adj) groaning, whining, funereal, inarticulate, dirgeful; (n) complaining, mourning
- mock:** (adj, v) counterfeit; (n, v) ridicule, jeer, gibe, laugh at, flout; (adj, n, v) burlesque, sham; (v) mimic, ape, taunt. ANTONYMS: (adj) real, natural; (v) praise, applaud, respect, approve
- mockery:** (n) gibe, jeer, irony, farce, charade, derision, parody, mock, scorn, imitation, burlesque. ANTONYM: (n) approval
- moderately:** (adv) abstemiously, quietly, modestly, pretty, temperately, soberly, slightly, calmly, mildly, reasonably, restrainedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) very, unreasonably, massively, immoderately, absolutely, excessively, completely, hugely, severely, wholly
- modest:** (adj) humble, lowly, moderate, gentle, low, meek, chaste, decent, unassuming; (adj, n) bashful, diffident. ANTONYMS: (adj) pretentious, arrogant, spectacular, conceited, showy, proud, pompous, elaborate, grand, conspicuous, ostentatious
- modestly:** (adv) unassumingly, demurely, humbly, reservedly, retiringly, unpretentiously,
- diffidently, soberly, timidly, meekly, moderately. ANTONYMS: (adv) ostentatiously, arrogantly, immodestly, elaborately, boldly, radically, proudly, brashly, boastfully, brazenly, excessively
- modified:** (adj) limited, qualified, altered, adapted, mediocre, conditional, circumscribed, variant; (v) varied. ANTONYM: (adj) unmodified
- moist:** (adj) damp, wet, muggy, clammy, dank, damp, dampish, soggy, soppy, wettish, moisture. ANTONYMS: (adj) dry, limp, fresh
- moisture:** (n) damp, dampness, wet, humid, moist, moistness, vapor, moisture content, moisten, dank, dampen
- molly:** (n) mollie
- molten:** (adj) liquified, melted, liquefied, fluid; (v) sodden
- momentary:** (adj) brief, fugitive, transient, short, instantaneous, ephemeral, passing, momentaneous, temporary, impermanent, temporal. ANTONYMS: (adj) lasting, lengthy, long
- monarch:** (n) sovereign, lord, emperor, ruler, czar, despot, autocrat, tsar, tzar, Danaus Plexippus; (adj) prince
- monastery:** (n, v) abbey, cloister, convent; (n) friary, temple, lamasery, nunnery, priory; (adj) abbatial
- moneylender:** (n) lender, financier, loan shark, loaner, backer, financial backer, Shylock
- monologue:** (n) soliloquy, speech, words, apostrophe, discourse, language
- monosyllable:** (n) word, polysyllable, dissyllable
- monotonous:** (adj) dull, flat, boring, dreary, tedious, insipid, monotone, monotonic; (adj, v) dry, uninteresting, stupid. ANTONYMS: (adj) exciting, varied, stimulating, lively, exotic, enthralling, brilliant, flexible
- monotonously:** (adv) uninterestingly, boringly, drearily, tiresomely, tediously, wearisomely, flatly, humdrumly, prosaically, tonelessly, routinely. ANTONYM: (adv) brightly
- monument:** (n) headstone, cenotaph, tombstone, tablet, shrine, slab, gravestone, landmark, statue; (adj, n) column; (n, v) record
- moodyly:** (adv) morosely, peevishly,

- glumly, sulkily, grumpily, capriciously, temperamentally, petulantly, saturninely, crossly, erratically. ANTONYM: (adv) cheerily
- moody:** (adj) gloomy, dark, irritable, morose, capricious, glum, grumpy, fickle, petulant, dour, sullen.
- ANTONYMS:** (adj) equable, happy, reliable, stable, calm
- moon:** (adj) lunar; (n) month, moonshine, satellite, moonlight, luck, lunar month, GHURRY, epoch, orb of night; (v) daydream
- mooning:** (adj) unaware, preoccupied, forgetful, absent-minded, mindless
- moore:** (n) Dudley Stuart John Moore, George Edward Moore, Henry Moore, Henry Spencer Moore, Marianne Craig Moore, Marianne Moore, Thomas Moore
- mope:** (v) sulk, fret, moon around, moon about, moon, despond, amble, saunter; (n) dillydallier, dallier, lounge. ANTONYMS: (v) grin, smile, delight
- morality:** (n) ethics, goodness, virtue, honesty, decency, integrity, righteousness, chastity, behavior, moral philosophy, rectitude. ANTONYMS: (n) immorality, decadence, wickedness, indecency
- morosely:** (adv) grumpily, sourly, peevishly, sulkily, glumly, dourly, moodily, gloomily, petulantly, dismally, gruffly. ANTONYM: (adv) cheerily
- morsel:** (n, v) bite, mouthful; (n) crumb, chew, particle, fragment, taste, piece, nibble; (adj, v) gobbet, mite
- mortal:** (adj) deadly, fatal, lethal, deathly, earthly; (n) man, individual, creature, person, human being, body. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) immortal; (adj) eternal, heavenly, mild, perfect, spiritual
- motoring:** (n) guidance
- mottled:** (adj) motley, speckled, multicolored, spotted, variegated, piebald, marbled, mixed, pinto, blotchy, flecked. ANTONYMS: (adj) monochrome, unblemished, limited
- motto:** (n) catchword, adage, epigraph, maxim, slogan, device, proverb, saw, saying, shibboleth, aphorism
- molding:** (n, v) molding; (n) mold, modeling, mould, cast, modelling, bandelette, clay sculpture, cheoplasty, beadwork, beading
- mount:** (n, v) rise, climb, frame; (v) board, arise, advance, jump, increase; (n) hill, mountain; (adj, v) ride. ANTONYMS: (v) drop, decrease, wane, dismount; (n) valley, hollow
- mounted:** (adj) equestrian, mounting, mounts, set, firm, affixed, decorated.
- ANTONYM:** (adj) unmounted
- mourn:** (v) bewail, grieve, deplore, cry, bemoan, regret, distress, sad, wail, mourning, weep. ANTONYMS: (v) rejoice, celebrate, applaud
- mournful:** (adj) sad, miserable, melancholy, funereal, dolorous, dark, pensive, gloomy, lugubrious, lamentable; (adj, n) plaintive. ANTONYMS: (adj) joyful, happy, emotionless
- mourning:** (n) lament, lamentation, bereavement, gloom, woe, memorial, sorrowfulness, sadness, sorrow; (adj) grieving; (v) lamenting
- moustache:** (adj, n) hair; (n) mustache, mustachio, mastax, whiskers; (adj) whisker, mane, brush, tress, ringlet, shag
- mouthful:** (n) gulp, morsel, swallow, gobbet, nip, bit, sip, piece, drink; (adj, n) handful; (adj) thimbleful
- mucus:** (n) phlegm, mucous secretion, mucilage, secretion, sputum, snot, booger, leucorrhea, leukorrhea; (adj) mucous
- muddy:** (adj) turbid, filthy, boggy, cloudy, dark, unclean, dingy, grimy, miry; (adj, v) foul, sloppy. ANTONYMS: (adj) clean, dry; (v) clarify, cleanse
- muffled:** (adj) hushed, muted, hollow, inarticulate, faint, soft, subdued, low, quiet; (v) allusive, covert. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct, audible, slight
- muffler:** (n) kerchief, damper, neckerchief, shawl, comforter, scarf, acoustic device, cape, kirtle, tippet, paucist
- mulberry:** (n) leaves are used to feed silkworms, blackberry, mulberry harbour, berry, black mulberry, bramble, fruit tree, multiple fruit
- mumbled:** (adj) inaudible, faint, broken, slurred, thick, garbled, unintelligible, muffled, low, incomprehensible. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct
- munching:** (n) feeding
- municipal:** (adj) city, civic, urban, public, civil, national, town, metropolitan, domestic, executive, community. ANTONYM: (adj) private
- murky:** (adj) dark, gloomy, cloudy, dusky, dingy, misty, dim, muddy, opaque, dirty, black. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, light, obvious, sunny
- murmur:** (n, v) grumble, mumble, hum, whisper, mutter, whine, babble, drone; (v) complain, bubble, breathe
- murmuring:** (n) murmuration, murmur, complaint, grumble, muttering, mutter, murmur vowel; (adj) whispering, humming, droning, murmurous
- murphy:** (n) tater, spud, potato, French fries, white potato, fries; (v) deceive, hoax
- muscle:** (n) potency, sinew, might, power, strength, force, energy, flesh, beef; (adj, n) physique; (adj) nerve
- muscular:** (adj) athletic, strong, brawny, hefty, burly, powerful, robust, husky, stout, stalwart, sturdy. ANTONYMS: (adj) puny, slight, weak, ectomorphic, endomorphic, skinny, unfit, feeble, frail, delicate
- musketry:** (n) proficiency, rifle, musket, facility, army unit
- muster:** (v) linen, cloth; (n) mousseline, organdy, cambric, crash, fabric, nainsook, organdie
- muster:** (v) assemble, gather, congregate, collect, convene, rally, marshal, accumulate; (n) levy, gathering; (n, v) draft. ANTONYM: (v) demobilize
- musty:** (adj) fusty, rancid, stale, mouldy, rank, bad, obsolete, antiquated, stuffy, threadbare, trite. ANTONYMS: (adj) airy, modern
- mutinous:** (adj) defiant, insurgent, lawless, unruly, rebellious, contumacious, factious, disobedient, riotous, rebel, radical. ANTONYMS: (adj) loyal, obedient
- muttered:** (adj) garbled, incoherent, broken, inarticulate
- muttering:** (n) grumbling, mutter, murmuring, grumble, murmuration, murmur vowel, complaint, heart murmur, cardiac murmur; (adj) mumbling, faint
- mutually:** (adv) jointly, commonly, together, mutual, collectively, publically, unitedly, publicly, bilaterally, communally, sharedly. ANTONYM: (adv) alone
- mysterious:** (adj) inscrutable, incomprehensible, deep, eerie, inexplicable, obscure, abstruse, dark,

- cryptic, secret, arcane. ANTONYMS: (adj) known, apparent, normal, open, explicable, facile, obvious, simple, legible, familiar, transparent
- mysteriously:** (adv) enigmatically, strangely, obscurely, secretly, uncannily, mystically, darkly, puzzlingly, weirdly, abstrusely, occultly. ANTONYM: (adv) normally
- mystery:** (n) arcanum, enigma, mysteriousness, secrecy, puzzle, craft, perplexity, poser, inscrutability, whodunit; (adj, n) secret. ANTONYMS: (n) explanation, openness
- naming:** (n) appointment, identification, denomination, appellation, nomination, indication, delegacy, assignment, mention; (adj, n) appellative; (adj) designating
- nape:** (n) nucha, scruff, occiput, rear, back end, backside, chine
- napkin:** (n) diaper, cloth, handkerchief, serviette, table napkin, nappy, dinner napkin, duster, malkin, maukin; (v) sudary
- napoleon:** (n) Polish bank, Napoleon I, Napoleon Bonaparte, lottery, lift mscope, connections, put, cassino, the little corporal, Bonaparte, blind hookey
- narrate:** (v) tell, relate, recount, recite, describe, report, express, rehearse, inform, state, detail
- narrative:** (n, v) history, tale; (n) account, story, chronicle, legend, yarn, recital, relation, report, anecdote
- narrowest:** (n) minimum
- nasal:** (n) Nasalis, os, continuant, continuant consonant; (adj) adenoidal, cadaverous, haggard, emaciated, gaunt; (v) inarticulate, guttural
- nationalist:** (adj) nationalistic, fanatically patriotic, separatist, jingoistic, chauvinistic; (n) jingo, jingoist, loyalist, chauvinist, Garibaldi. ANTONYM: (n) turnout
- native:** (adj, n) aboriginal, natural; (adj) inherent, inborn, innate, congenital, inbred, indigenous, domestic; (n) autochthon, aborigine. ANTONYMS: (n) stranger, migrant, foreigner; (adj) foreign, learned, acquired, nonnative, overseas, adopted; (adj, n) immigrant, imported
- naughty:** (adj) mischievous, impish, blue, improper, disobedient, insubordinate, wicked, evil, lewd, dark, unruly. ANTONYMS: (adj) decent, behaved, obedient, clean
- nausea:** (n) sickness, queasiness, squeamishness, revulsion, repugnance, qualm, illness; (v) loathing, aversion, dislike, distaste
- nearer:** (adj) adjacent, narre, hither; (adv) more rapidly, sooner, quicker, nigher, NER, faster, earlier, Neer
- nearest:** (adj) proximate, immediate, close, near, next, adjoining, intimate, direct, adjacent; (adj, adv) nighest; (adv) fore. ANTONYM: (adj) distant
- nearing:** (n) approach; (adj) impending, forthcoming, oncoming, coming, imminent, looming; (prep) on the verge of, toward
- neat:** (adj) elegant, tidy, clear, natty, graceful, dainty, pretty, clever, pure, straight, nifty. ANTONYMS: (adj) messy, scruffy, unkempt, clumsy, disordered, disorderly, diluted, large, lax, impulsive, loose
- neatly:** (adv) sprucely, tidily, cleanly, adroitly, precisely, smartly, tastefully, gracefully, properly, nattily; (adj, adv) dexterously. ANTONYMS: (adv) messily, shabbily, untidily, clumsily, loosely, inelegantly, awkwardly
- neCESSitous:** (adj) indigent, destitute, necessary, poor, impoverished, penniless, meagre, indispensable, poverty-stricken; (adj, n) pinched; (n) straitened
- necktie:** (n) cravat, bolo, neckwear, linkup, link, affiliation, crosstie, bow tie, bolo tie, bolas, bola tie
- needles:** (adj) gratuitous, wanton, unwarranted, unprovoked, senseless; (n) nervousness, anxiety
- negro:** (n) black, darky, blackamoor, nigger, Negroid, black person, darkie, coon, moke, lightlessness; (adj) dark
- neighbour:** (adj) neighboring, neighbouring, neighborly, adjacent, contiguous; (v) abut, populate, adjoin, butt on, butt against; (n) neighbourhood
- nephew:** (n) aunt, grandnephew, brother's son, niece, cousin, uncle, kinsman
- nerves:** (n) nervousness, jitters, jumpiness, jitteriness, restlessness, tension, strain, screaming meemies, apprehension, edginess, extreme nervousness. ANTONYM: (n) calm
- nervously:** (adv) edgily, anxiously, timidly, worriedly, uneasily, restlessly, timorously, skittishly, excitedly, neurotically, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (adv) confidently, boldly, fearlessly, unconcernedly, nonchalantly, trustingly
- nervousness:** (n) nerves, trepidation, disquiet, tension, jumpiness, restlessness, jitters, agitation, worry, fearfulness, edginess. ANTONYMS: (n) boldness, confidence, reassurance, calm, relief, peace, equanimity
- nest:** (n) den, lair, hole, burrow, home, beehive; (adj) brood, hive, litter; (adj, n) herd; (v) embed
- nettled:** (adj) annoyed, harried, stung, steamed, roiled, riled, pissed, peeved, miffed, loaded, huffy. ANTONYM: (adj) unconcerned
- niece:** (n) grandniece, aunt, brother's daughter, uncle, kinswoman
- nimbly:** (adv) adroitly, alertly, lightly, energetically, cleverly, hastily, deftly, rapidly, readily; (adj) dexterously; (adj, adv) neatly. ANTONYMS: (adv) lethargically, heavily, awkwardly
- nipper:** (n) kid, clamp, kiddy, chela, nippers, child, youngster, shaver, tot, urchin, waif
- nobility:** (n) aristocracy, greatness, dignity, lord, noblesse, magnanimousness, baronage, gentry, nobleman; (adj) generosity; (adj, n) magnanimity. ANTONYM: (n) baseness
- nobleman:** (n) patrician, aristocrat, lord, peer, marquis, nobility, grandee, baron, duke, armiger, burgrave
- nobly:** (adv) generously, magnificently, grandly, greatly, splendidly, honorably, heroically, aristocratically, bravely, magnanimously, courageously. ANTONYMS: (adv) immorally, poorly, timidly
- nodding:** (adj) cernuous, drooping, dozy, dozing, somnolent, drugged, pendulous, drowsing, droopy, annuent, flagging. ANTONYM: (adj) awake
- noiselessly:** (adv) silently, soundlessly, stilly, softly, mutely, delicately, wordlessly, gently, speechlessly; (adj, adv) stealthily; (adj) noiseless. ANTONYMS: (adv) heavily, audibly
- noisily:** (adv) clamorously, boisterously, vociferously, riotously, raucously, uproariously, loudly, blatantly, rowdily, stridently, vocally. ANTONYMS: (adv)

- noiselessly, silently, calmly, peacefully, softly
- noisy:** (adj) boisterous, loud, vociferous, clamorous, turbulent, tumultuous, strident, blatant, shrill, rowdy, vocal. ANTONYMS: (adj) silent, peaceful, tranquil, calm, noiseless, soft, restrained, placid, orderly, gentle
- nonsense:** (n) bosh, absurdity, humbug, balderdash, foolishness, drivel, folderol, baloney, falderal, jargon, claptrap. ANTONYMS: (n) sense, wisdom, substance, fact
- noon:** (n) high noon, noonday, noontide, afternoon, hour, dinnertime, crest, twelve noon; (adj) meridian, meridional; (adj, n) culmination
- northward:** (adj, adv) north; (adj) northbound; (adv) northerly, northwards, in the north, to the north
- norwegian:** (adj, n) Scandinavian; (n) Norseman, North Germanic, north Germanic language, Northman, Nordic; (adj) norwegian
- nosey:** (adj) prying, nosy, meddling, snoop, curious, pungent
- nostril:** (n) flue, chimney, funnel, weasand, nozzle, port, throat, trachea, naris, anterior naris, nare
- nostrils:** (n) naris, nose
- notebook:** (n) book, exercise book, exercise-book, jotter, books, laptop, pad, notebook computer, folder, agenda, note pad
- noticeable:** (adj) notable, evident, noteworthy, discernible, apparent, marked, visible, remarkable, appreciable, considerable; (adj, v) perceptible. ANTONYMS: (adj) obscure, inconspicuous, hidden, unobtrusive, unclear, unnoticeable, unremarkable, uninteresting, inward, invisible, indistinguishable
- notions:** (n) belief, thinking, thought, sundries, opinion, concept, ideas, ribbon, philosophy, odds and ends; (adj) irrational
- notoriety:** (n) publicity, reputation, fame, infamy, disrepute, note, notability, prominence, flagrancy, distinction; (adj, n) renown. ANTONYM: (n) obscurity
- novice:** (n) learner, beginner, apprentice, greenhorn, newcomer, neophyte, amateur, freshman, novice, tyro, initiate. ANTONYMS: (n) expert, veteran, teacher, trainer
- nowadays:** (adv) currently, presently, at present, at the moment, immediately; (adv, n) today; (adj, n) present; (n) moment, modern times, these days, nonce. ANTONYMS: (adv) formerly, then
- nowhere:** (n) obscurity, limbo; (adv) not anywhere, nowhere, without, not anyhow; (adj) tiresome, vapid, uninteresting, tasteless, prosaic
- nursed:** (adj) care, suckled
- nursing:** (n) attention, tending, care, breast feeding, treatment, nurture, suckling, nurse, feeding, treat, rearing
- nutcracker:** (n) cracker, nutbreaker, oscine, torque links, LG scissors, compound lever, common nutcracker, nuthatch, corvine bird
- nutcrackers:** (n) compound lever
- nutmeg:** (n) Myristica, muscat, mace, nutmeg tree; (adj) meaningless
- nuts:** (adj) crazy, insane, balmy, nutty, crackers, loopy, batty, barmy, loony, dotty, daft. ANTONYM: (adj) sensible
- oats:** (n) Avena, grain, millet, cereal, cereal grass, common oats, genus Avena, Haver, holder, maize, buckwheat
- obdurately:** (adv) stubbornly, mulishly, unyieldingly, perversely, cussedly, relentlessly, unbendingly, doggedly, firmly, callously, pitilessly
- obediently:** (adv) dutifully, yieldingly, compliantly, meekly, acquiescently, respectfully, tamely, subserviently, passively, loyally, devotedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) defiantly, assertively, wildly
- oblige:** (v) coerce, force, drive, constrain, make, bind, accommodate, obligate, necessitate, enforce, impel. ANTONYMS: (v) displease, request, hinder
- obliged:** (adj) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable, compelled; (adj, v) bound, under obligation; (adj, prep) indebted; (v) oblige, binding. ANTONYM: (adj) ungrateful
- oblique:** (adj) circuitous, devious, lateral, side, roundabout, slanting, evasive, collateral, sloping, inclined, tortuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) direct, level, perpendicular, parallel, overt, explicit, straight, clear, upright; (n) nominative
- obliquely:** (adj, adv) athwart, transversely, askew; (adv) aslant, indirectly, slopingly, slantingly, sideways, sidelong, skewly, askance. ANTONYM: (adv) straight
- obscure:** (adj, n) cloudy, dark; (adj) gloomy, mysterious, incomprehensible, hidden, ambiguous, concealed; (adj, v) darken, muddy; (v) hide. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, noticeable, simple, obvious, distinct, mainstream, famous, definite, overt, plain; (v) reveal
- obscurely:** (adv) cloudily, darkly, vaguely, secretly, hazily, abstrusely, foggily, mysteriously, indistinctly, occultly, unclearly. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, comprehensibly, intelligibly
- obsequiously:** (adv) subserviently, submissively, fawningly, slavishly, compliantly, sycophantically, respectfully, cringingly, politely, admiringly, courteously
- observe:** (n, v) comment, notice, note; (v) commemorate, mind, guard, mention, mark, see, discover; (int, v) look. ANTONYMS: (v) feel, disregard, break, overlook, disobey, disrespect, Miss, violate
- observer:** (n) bystander, spectator, witness, viewer, watcher, eyewitness, onlooker, commentator, student, spotter, finder. ANTONYM: (n) participant
- observing:** (adj) observant, mindful, watchful, commemorative, conscious, observative, perceptive, thoughtful; (n) investigation
- obstinately:** (adv) obdurately, mulishly, persistently, perversely, doggedly, refractorily, unyieldingly, willfully, pigheadedly, waywardly, firmly. ANTONYM: (adv) helpfully
- obtuse:** (adj) dim, stupid, dense, blunt, heavy, slow, insensitive, doltish, thick, dumb, simple. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, clever, perceptive, sensitive, intelligent, astute, acute, shrewd
- o'connor:** (n) Flannery O'Connor
- octave:** (n) tetrachord, stanza, church festival, interval, musical interval
- odororous:** (adj) fragrant, odoriferous, aromatic, balmy, scented, sweet, redolent, perfumed, odorant, malodorous, fragrance. ANTONYM: (adj) smelly
- odour:** (n) flavour, smell, odor, aroma, scent, bouquet, savour, nose, flavor, smack, redolence
- offhand:** (adj, adv) impromptu, extemporaneous, extempore; (adj)

- casual, extemporaneous, careless, cavalier, nonchalant, brusque, abrupt, improvised. ANTONYMS: (adj) careful, considerate, warm, serious, civil, cautious, conscientious, concerned, caring, intended, prepared
- officiate:** (v) function, act, manage, minister, serve, run, referee, do duty, marry, conduct, sprinkle
- oily:** (adj, v) bland, soapy; (adj) fatty, fat, oleaginous, unctuous, slick, buttery; (adv) unctuously, smoothly, oleaginously. ANTONYM: (adj) lean
- old-fashioned:** (adj) obsolete, antiquated, archaic, outmoded, outdated, ancient, old, musty, corny, behind the times, superannuated
- onlookers:** (n) attendance, gallery
- onward:** (adv) ahead, forwards, before, forth, onwards, along, in advance, frontward, forrader; (adv, prep) on; (adj) progressive. ANTONYM: (adv) backward
- ooze:** (v) exude, seep, dribble, drain, drop, trickle; (n) mire, muck; (n, v) leak; (adj) mud; (adj, n) slime. ANTONYM: (v) flood
- open-hearted:** (adj) open, sincere, liberal
- openly:** (adv) frankly, publicly, clearly, candidly, directly, straightforwardly, evidently, publically, plainly, outspokenly; (adj, adv) manifestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) furtively, secretly, clandestinely, mysteriously, ambiguously, reticently, covertly, discreetly, affectedly, craftily, deceitfully
- opera:** (n) opera house, bouffe, drama, or movie script, opera bouffe, operetta, theater, script, dramatic work, dramatic composition, theatre
- operatic:** (adj) lyric, instrumental, histrionic, comic, vocal, buskined, choral, farcical, theatrical, tragicomic, scenic
- opportune:** (adj, v) appropriate; (adj) favorable, apropos, auspicious, expedient, happy, handy, timely, felicitous, favourable; (v) becoming. ANTONYMS: (adj) untimely, disadvantageous, inappropriate, inconvenient, unfortunate, unlucky
- oppressed:** (adj) laden, persecuted, broken, burdened, drawn, gloomy, aggrieved, downcast, heavy, ladened, loaded
- optimist:** (n) millenarian, optimistic, utopist, whitewasher, encomiast, enthusiast, intellectual, laudator, millenarist, utopian, utopianist. ANTONYM: (n) realist
- opulence:** (n) fortune, wealth, luxury, exuberance, comfort, luxuriousness, prosperity, wealthiness, plenty; (adj, n) riches, affluence. ANTONYMS: (n) poverty, paucity, shabbiness, austerity
- orange:** (n) orangeness, orange tree, Methyl orange, bergamot, red and yellow, lemon, marmalade orange, orange river; (adj, n) reddish yellow; (adj) amber, ocher
- orator:** (n) elocutionist, speechmaker, speaker, lecturer, Cicero, speechifier, demagog, demagogue, eulogist; (v) oratrix, oratress
- oratory:** (n) elocution, rhetoric, declamation, speech, oration, church, chapel, tabernacle, valediction, cathedral, public speaking
- orbit:** (n, v) circle, turn; (n) cycle, field, orb, area, domain, compass, expanse, course; (v) revolve
- ordeal:** (n) trial, suffering, experience, martyrdom, affliction, test, tribulation, misery, trouble, water-ordeal, distress. ANTONYM: (n) pleasure
- orderliness:** (n) system, tidiness, arrangement, trimness, neatness, method, methodicalness, status, discipline, kilter, regularity. ANTONYMS: (n) disorderliness, rowdiness, chaos, messiness
- orderly:** (adj) neat, tidy, exact, regular, ordered, systematic, logical, coherent, businesslike; (adv) systematically; (n) attendant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unmanageable, rowdy, wild, disorganized, untidy, disorderly, confused, lawless, messy, defiant, haphazard
- organ:** (n) instrument, member, limb, apparatus, harmonium, agency, part, mechanism, medium, means, journal
- oriental:** (adj) eastern, Asiatic, Asian, bright, eastern countries, pellucid, mongoloid; (n) easterner, mongols, oriental person, orientalist
- ornament:** (n) decoration, adornment, embellishment, decor; (v) beautify, decorate, deck, embellish, adorn; (n, v) garnish, dress. ANTONYM: (v) strip
- orthodox:** (adj) canonical, conventional, sound, accepted, faithful, conservative, customary, devout, legitimate, standard, regular. ANTONYMS: (adj) unorthodox, unusual, disloyal, new, rebellious, original
- out-and-out:** (adj) perfect, positive, sheer, stark, downright, outright, consummate, thorough, total, unmitigated, unqualified
- outburst:** (n) explosion, spurt, eruption, fit, burst, flash, effusion, gush, ebullition, blast, rage
- outcast:** (n) exile, castaway, leper, expatriate, outlaw, vagabond, lown, loon, refugee; (adj, n) derelict; (adj) homeless. ANTONYM: (n) native
- outdoor:** (adj) outside, outdoors, out, outward, outlying, outer, external, overseas, abroad, out of doors, without. ANTONYMS: (adj) inside, interior, internal
- outer:** (adj) exterior, outward, outside, extrinsic, outdoor, outlying, peripheral, surface, utter, extraneous, outmost. ANTONYMS: (adj) internal, inner, interior, inward, inside
- out-of-doors:** (n) outdoors, outside; (adj) airy; (adv) without
- outraged:** (adj) angry, incensed, livid, enraged, mad, cross, annoyed, perverted, umbrageous, beside yourself, scandalized. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, indifferent
- outright:** (adj) straight, absolute, entire, perfect, altogether, total, downright; (adv) wholly, instantaneously, instantly, fully. ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, indirectly; (adj) partial, qualified
- outsider:** (n) foreigner, stranger, layman, outlander, foreign, newcomer, unknown, immigrant, bystander, strangers, guest. ANTONYMS: (n) native, participant
- outskirts:** (n) edge, periphery, margin, environs, border, fringe, boundary, rim, skirt, precincts, frontier. ANTONYM: (n) middle
- oval:** (adj) elliptical, elliptic, ovate, oviform, ovoid, oblong, egg-shaped, rounded, prolate, round; (n) ovule
- overbearing:** (adj) dictatorial, domineering, arrogant, imperious, oppressive, despotic, authoritarian, supercilious, dogmatic, disdainful, lordly. ANTONYMS: (adj) meek, straightforward, modest, reasonable, subservient, weak
- overcoat:** (n) greatcoat, coat, cloak, robe, topcoat, surcoat, coating, overcoating, capote, chesterfield, gown
- overflowing:** (adj) full, copious,

- exuberant, flooding, bountiful, generous, brimming, profuse; (n, v) flood, inundation, deluge.
- ANTONYMS:** (adj) sparse, scarce
- overhear:** (v) catch, eavesdrop, listen, overheard, understand, fold up, befool, fascinate, entrance, enchant, enamour
- overlook:** (v) disregard, excuse, omit, ignore, forget, fail, command, dominate, oversee, control, miss.
- ANTONYMS:** (v) remember, notice, spot, acknowledge, see, accept, punish
- overmaster:** (adj, v) overpower; (v) overwhelm, conquer, trounce, overwhelm, vanquish, subdue, overbear; (adj) overthrow, override, overreach
- overnight:** (n, v) travel; (adj) nocturnal, temporary, meteoric; (n) voyage, trip, tour. **ANTONYM:** (adv) gradually
- overripe:** (adj) mature, ripe, decadent, effete, maturer, frigid, degenerate, decayed, overmellow
- owed:** (adj) due, outstanding, unpaid, payable, deserved, fitting; (v) ought, behoove, owned, possessed; (n) aught. **ANTONYM:** (adj) paid
- owing:** (adj) due, unpaid, unsettled, outstanding, overdue, owed, payable, undischarged, indebted, fulfilling obligation, lawful.
- ANTONYM:** (adj) settled
- oysters:** (n) class Pelecypoda, family Ostreidae, Lamellibranchia, Ostreidae, class Lamellibranchia, Bivalvia, clams, class Bivalvia
- pacifically:** (adv) peacefully, serenely, stilly, quietly, placidly, moderately, conciliatorily, blandly, softly, meekly, tranquilly
- packed:** (adj) full, compact, filled, jammed, overcrowded, crammed, dense, thick, congested, teeming, cramped. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) deserted, loose, open
- packet:** (n) bundle, bale, container, parcel, pack, wad, carton, mail boat, wrap, deck, envelope
- packing:** (n) boxing, package, gasket, bundling, fill, pad, pack, envelopment, wadding, wrap, backpacking
- padding:** (adj) cushioned, cushiony, fill, corrupt, faint, lengthy, redundant, full
- paddy:** (adj) rice, flour, bran, farina, meal, spore, sporule; (n) paddy field, Irishman, Mickey, rice paddy
- pained:** (adj) offended, aggrieved, distressed, displeased, sore, grieved,
- miserable, injured, wounded, worried, upset. **ANTONYM:** (adj) unaffected
- painful:** (adj) hard, difficult, sharp, harrowing, grievous, afflictive, bad, irritating; (adj, v) distressing, harsh, bitter. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) content, heartwarming, soothing, comfortable, bearable, agreeable, effortless, dull, slight, wonderful, happy
- painter:** (n) artist, colorist, landscapist, impressionist, miniaturist, dauber, halser, Felis concolor, guy, cable, hawser
- painters:** (n) painter
- palate:** (n) gusto, savour, flavour, gustation, liking, tooth, taste, relish, guster of the mouth, smack, fancy
- palaver:** (v) chatter, babble, coax, gabble, clack; (n, v) talk; (n) gab, negotiation, cajolery, flattery; (adj, v) prate
- pallid:** (adj) ghastly, wan, bloodless, lurid, cadaverous, sickly, ashen, white, pasty, livid, watery.
- ANTONYMS:** (adj) healthy, rosy, vivid
- pallor:** (n) pallidness, wanness, complexion, achromasia, lividity, lividness, luridness, pale, skin color, whiteness, sallowness.
- ANTONYMS:** (n) rosiness, coloration, bloom
- palm:** (n) medal, decoration, prize, palm tree, victory, thenar, laurel wreath; (v) filch, cabbage, rob; (adj) totipalmate
- paltry:** (adj, n) mean; (adj) contemptible, measly, trifling, abject, insignificant, inconsiderable, puny, little, trivial, low. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) generous, substantial, plentiful, enormous, important, profound
- pane:** (n) window pane, paneling, pane of glass, panelling, windowpane, window-pane, board, square, sheet of glass, leaf, box
- panes:** (n) Fauni
- pang:** (n) pain, torture, ache, agony, twinge, affliction, sting, stab, distress, ailment, cramp
- pangs:** (n) anguish, compunction, contrition, distress
- panorama:** (n) view, aspect, prospect, landscape, scene, vista, countryside, background, exposure, perspective, sight
- pansy:** (n) fag, fairy, fagot, faggot, queer, pouf, queen, poof, poove, pantywaist, milquetoast
- pant:** (n, v) heave, wheeze; (v) puff,
- blow, huff, long, desire, sigh; (n) trouser, tingle, thrill
- panting:** (adj) gasping, breathless, blown, winded, puffed; (v) palpitation; (n) heaving, gasp, asthma, heave, puff
- pantomime:** (n, v) gesture; (n) dumb show, mummery, acting, playacting, performing, playing, pantomimist; (v) mimic, roleplay, playact
- pantry:** (n) buttery, store, basement, kitchen, stowage, scullery, store cupboard, covey, storeroom, stomach, stillroom
- papa:** (n) father, pa, daddy, Dada, sire, pappa, pop, old man, paterfamilias, cardinal, high priest
- papal:** (adj) apostolic, pontifical, apostolical, popish, pontific, pontifical, clerical
- parade:** (v) flaunt, exhibit, demonstrate, strut, swagger; (n, v) march, show, array; (n) ostentation, pageant, ceremony
- parallel:** (v) compare; (n, v) match, duplicate; (adj, n) equivalent; (adj) even, like, comparable, alike; (n) analogy, likeness; (adj, adv) level. **ANTONYMS:** (adj, n) skew; (adj) dissimilar, conflicting, different, independent, separate, oblique, uneven; (n) dissimilarity, contrast, difference
- paralysis:** (n) anaesthesia, numbness, apoplexy, akinesia, alalia, paralyzation, disability; (adj) consumption, decline, syncope, sideration
- paralytic:** (adj) paralytical, paralyzed, torpid, comatose; (n) paretic, handicapped person, invalid; (v) withered
- parcel:** (n) bale, pack, bundle, package, packet, section, division, batch; (n, v) portion; (v) distribute, apportion
- parcels:** (n) post, correspondence, baggage, appurtenances, letters
- pardon:** (v) excuse, condone, forgive, acquit, spare; (n) amnesty, forgiveness, grace; (adj, v) justify, exonerate, exculpate. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) blame; (v) punish, castigate, condemn, convict; (n) intolerance
- parker:** (n) yardbird Parker, bird Parker, Charles Christopher Parker, Charlie Parker, Dorothy Rothschild Parker, Dorothy Parker
- parkinson:** (n) James Parkinson
- parlour:** (n) living room, parlor, sitting room, front room, livingroom, room to meet guests,

- parlours, parlors, salon, reception room, room
- parole:** (n) countersign, password, word, watchword, pledge, plight, locution, oral communication, parance, prattle; (v) free
- paroxysm:** (adj, n) fit, burst; (n) convulsion, outburst, explosion, attack, seizure, spasm, gust, agony; (adj) breaking out
- parsley:** (n) *Petroselinum crispum*, herb, pot herbs, aromatic plant, basil, genus *Petroselinum*, herbaceous plant, rosemary, *Petroselinum*, thyme, sage
- parted:** (adj) divided, separate, distributed, separated, divisible, disunited, compounder, compound, dividable
- partial:** (adj) imperfect, fragmentary, unfair, sectional, inequitable, biased, part, one-sided, unequal, fractional, halfway. ANTONYMS: (adj) complete, impartial, total, absolute, comprehensive, unbiased, fair, finished, just, whole, balanced
- particularised:** (adj) specific
- particulars:** (n) specification, data, nicety, minutiae, terms, consideration, workings, fine points, ins and outs
- partnered:** (adj) aligned, united, combined, joined
- passion:** (n) affection, fire, fervor, love, feeling, anger, enthusiasm, heat, craving, desire; (n, v) ardor. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, hate, serenity, meekness, hatred, doubt, dislike, calmness, moderation
- passionately:** (adv) fervently, vehemently, violently, fiercely, eagerly, zealously, fervidly, fierily, enthusiastically, heatedly, stormily. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, apathetically, calmly, halfheartedly, impassively, jokingly, gently
- passive:** (adj) apathetic, inert, submissive, indifferent, lifeless, nonviolent, resigned, dormant, slow, unresisting, impassive. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, working, spirited, assertive, violent, wild, practical, proactive
- pasteboard:** (n) card, cardboard, paperboard, board, composition board, entertainment, thin cardboard
- pasted:** (adj) affixed
- patch:** (n) piece; (n) plot, fleck, darn, blot, freckle, bed, maculation, field; (n, v) botch, repair
- patent:** (adj) overt, evident, apparent, manifest, plain, clear, conspicuous, open, palpable, explicit; (n) letters patent. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconspicuous, obscure, subtle, unobtrusive, veiled, ambiguous, furtive, questionable
- paths:** (n) path
- patience:** (n) endurance, fortitude, longanimity, equanimity, tolerance, resignation, restraint, composure, sufferance; (n, v) moderation, calmness. ANTONYMS: (n) impatience, eagerness, intolerance, annoyance
- patiently:** (adv) perseveringly, invalidly, quietly, uncomplainingly, persistently, forbearingly, resignedly, steadily, doggedly, calmly, meekly. ANTONYM: (adv) eagerly
- patriot:** (n) jingoist, jingo, subject, patriotic, Garibaldi, loyalist, national, chauvinist. ANTONYM: (n) turncoat
- patriotic:** (adj) nationalistic, faithful, patriot, patriotic, philanthropic, xenophobic, chauvinistic, firm, jingoistic. ANTONYM: (adj) disloyal
- patronising:** (adj) patronizing, condescending, arch, superior
- pause:** (n, v) halt, interruption, adjournment, delay, respite, stop; (adj, n, v) rest; (n) intermission, gap; (adj, v) discontinue; (v) hesitate. ANTONYMS: (n) decisiveness, continuation, start; (v) proceed
- pavement:** (n) walk, paving, path, pathway, road surface, pave, sidewalk, floor, curbside, trottoir, earth
- peaceful:** (adj) peaceable, quiet, gentle, even, silent, meek, peace, staid, placid, tranquil, imperturbable. ANTONYMS: (adj) aggressive, tense, noisy, turbulent, disturbed, hostile, disruptive, bothered, warlike, unpeaceful, compulsory
- peacefully:** (adv) tranquilly, placidly, stilly, serenely, Pacifically, quietly, meekly, restfully, undisturbedly, evenly, coolly. ANTONYMS: (adv) wildly, hysterically, agitatedly, restlessly, noisily, manically
- peaked:** (adj) pointed, sharp, spiky, ensiform, peaky, poorly, salient, unwell, gaunt, wan, emaciated
- peal:** (n) ding, noise, clang, dingdong, blast; (v) chime, knell, toll, echo; (adj, n) swell; (n, v) bang
- pearls:** (n) beads, jewelry, jewellery
- peas:** (n) beans, bean, bills
- peculiar:** (adj) particular, odd, exceptional, different, extraordinary, curious, eccentric, characteristic, anomalous, abnormal, distinctive. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, typical, common, universal, explicable, conventional
- peeled:** (adj) naked, in the altogether, in the raw, naked as a jaybird, in the buff, bare, exposed, bleak, crude, cutting, natural
- peeping:** (n) cheeping, tweeting, chirping; (adj) inquisitive
- peer:** (n, v) peep; (n) noble, mate, equal, equivalent, compeer, nobleman, fellow, associate; (v) peek, gaze. ANTONYMS: (v) glance, stare
- peering:** (adj) nosy, prying, snoopery
- pegs:** (v) legs, feet, trotters, pins
- pellets:** (n) grapeshot; (v) granulate
- pencil:** (n) beam, Pleiades, gleam, light, group, cluster; (v) brush, draw, design, paint, limn draw
- pencilled:** (adj) penciled
- pending:** (n) abeyance; (adj) forthcoming, undecided, unresolved, imminent, impending, unsettled, outstanding, hanging; (adv) while; (prep) awaiting. ANTONYMS: (adj) resolved, ongoing
- penitent:** (adj) contrite, apologetic, sorry, remorseful, regretful, guilty, sorrowful, rueful, penitential; (n) flagellant, religionist. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrepentant, impenitent, unashamed, unremorseful
- pennies:** (n) change
- penny:** (n) change, coin, centime, copper, groat, subunit, money, mite, doit, small change, denomination
- pensively:** (adv) thoughtfully, reflectively, wistfully, contemplatively, sadly, ponderingly, musingly, mournfully, abstractedly, dreamily, broodingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) rashly, unthinkingly, alertly
- peony:** (n) paeony, flower, piony
- peopled:** (adj) multinomial, multiple, manifold, multiplied, multitudinous, populous, inhabited, thick, studded, teeming, crowded. ANTONYM: (adj) uninhabited
- pepper:** (n) cayenne, capsicum, paprika, pimento, peppercorn, black pepper; (v) bombard, sprinkle; (adj) spice, season, salt
- perceived:** (adj) sensed, apparent, supposed, professed, ostensible
- perched:** (adj) perked, alert, on the edge, balanced, poised, on the brink,

- suspended, perked up
perennial: (adj) lasting, eternal, continual, constant, abiding, durable, perpetual, permanent, enduring, ceaseless; (adj, v) evergreen. ANTONYMS: (adj) biennial, occasional
performing: (n) impersonation, byplay, enactment, hamming, business, implementation, executing, performance, activity; (v) perform, execute
perfume: (n, v) scent, essence, odor, smell; (n) aroma, bouquet, cologne, incense, odour; (v) balsam, aromatize. ANTONYMS: (n) stink, stench
perfumed: (adj) fragrant, odoriferous, odorous, scented, sweet, honeyed, mellifluous, angelic, angelical, fresh, gratifying. ANTONYM: (adj) odorless
perish: (v) expire, pass away, de cease, go, fade, decay, depart, fall, pass, ruin, annihilate. ANTONYMS: (v) survive, live, appear
perished: (adj) decayed, emperished, rotting, annihilated, fallen, lost, moldy, nonexistent, putrefied, dead, decomposed
permanently: (adv) lastingly, continuously, constantly, stably, steadfastly, everlastingly, for good, abidingly, enduringly, persistently; (adj, adv) forever. ANTONYMS: (adv) briefly, flimsily
perplexed: (adj) confused, puzzled, baffled, confounded, doubtful, distracted, disconcerted; (adj, v) intricate, complicated, lost, involved. ANTONYMS: (adj) unperplexed, assured, clear, knowing
perplexity: (n) confusion, dilemma, bewilderment, maze, labyrinth, embarrassment, quandary, complication, enigma; (adj, n) difficulty, distress. ANTONYM: (n) understanding
persia: (n) Islamic Republic of Iran, Persian Empire
persistent: (adj) lasting, obstinate, constant, continual, insistent, permanent, continuous, incessant, unrelenting, stubborn, chronic. ANTONYMS: (adj) contained, irresolute, temporary, gentle, intermittent, compliant, caducous, fickle, fleeting, feeble, inconstant
persuade: (v) convince, coax, assure, allure, entice, influence, induce, cajole, argue, exhort, lure.
 ANTONYMS: (v) discourage, dissuade, deter, restrain, force
persuaded: (adj) sure, satisfied, easily affected, impressive, positive, delicate, sensible, intelligent, certain, in no doubt, definite. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsure, uncertain
persuasion: (n) belief, opinion, faith, inducement, creed, idea, exhortation, enticement, view, sentiment; (adj, n) conviction.
 ANTONYMS: (n) force, punishment, dissuasion
persuasively: (adv) compellingly, potently, strongly, forcefully, powerfully, eloquently, effectively, soundly, cogently, movingly, slickly. ANTONYMS: (adv) ineffectively, hesitantly, weakly
pertly: (adv) impudently, impertinently, freshly, rudely, perkily, smartly, brashly, immodestly, forwardly, briskly, sassily
perturbation: (n) commotion, agitation, fuss, emotion, excitement, confusion, dislocation, discomposure, interruption; (adj, n, v) trepidation; (adj, n) flutter
perturbed: (adj) disturbed, agitated, hot and bothered, confused, uneasy, concerned, worried, unsettled, troubled, upset, distraught.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) untroubled, relaxed
perverse: (adj) fractious, obstinate, obdurate, bad, corrupt, headstrong, disobedient, intractable, willful, sinister, wayward. ANTONYMS: (adj) wholesome, obliging, agreeable, accommodating, malleable, good
petticoat: (adj, n) female; (n) underskirt, skirt, she, woman, her, crinoline, wife, undergarment, apron; (adj) petty
philosophically: (adv) calmly, rationally, reflectively, thoughtfully, wisely
phlegm: (n) indifference, impassivity, impassiveness, lethargy, sluggishness, dullness, stolidity, sputum, languor, inactivity; (adj) mucus
phoenix: (n) perfection, capital of Arizona, chimera, genus phoenix, hydra, ideal, jewel, Minotaur, monster
pianist: (n) organist, accordionist, accompanist, player, violinist, piano player, musician, flautist, Chopin, lewis
piano: (adj) soft, gentle, indulgent, lax; (n) grand piano, pianissimo, softness, upright piano, mechanical piano; (adv) quietly, gently
picking: (n) option, selection, alternative, gathering, collection, choice, harvesting, leavings, collecting, indefinite quantity; (v) choose
picnic: (n) junket, outing, pushover, snap, cinch, duck soup, jaunt, expedition, feast, piece of cake, coportion
pierced: (adj) punctured, perforate, penetrated, cut, cleft
piercing: (adj, n) sharp, cutting; (adj, v) keen, penetrating, biting, bitter, harsh, shrill; (adj) high, raw, loud. ANTONYMS: (adj) quiet, dull, soft, hot
pigeon: (n) dove, gull, gudgeon, cully, ringdove, victim, cushat, gobemouche, cull; (v) bilk, mulct
pigs: (n) stock, hogs, Suidae, livestock, litter, family Suidae, domestic animals, cattle, boars, sheep, farm animals
pile: (n, v) heap, stack, mass, pack, jam; (n) congeries, mound, bunch, accumulation; (v) amass; (adj, n) nap. ANTONYM: (v) unload
piled: (adj) heaped, dense, aggregate, collective, concentrated, cumulous
pillar: (n) brace, mainstay, post, obelisk, foundation, pier, monument, stanchion, backbone, buttress; (adj, n) tower
piloting: (n) navigation, pilot working, astronavigation, direction, guidance, steering, aviation, celestial navigation, dead reckoning, instrument flying
pimples: (n) acne vulgaris, hives, rash, skin complaint
pinned: (adj) fastened, engaged, helpless, stapled, intended; (adv) under
paint: (n) dry pint
pious: (adj, n, v) devout; (adj, n) godly; (adj) religious, holy, saintly, devotional, pure, hypocritical, devoted, sanctimonious; (adj, v) earnest. ANTONYMS: (adj) impious, sinful, profane, blasphemous, irreligious, uncommitted, secular, irreverent
piously: (adv) religiously, reverently, godly, spiritually, devotedly, righteously, sacredly, earnestly, saintly, purely, devotionally
pipe: (n) conduit, duct, flue, passage, pipage; (n, v) channel, cry; (v)

- squeak, sing, peep, screech
pip: (n) pipe, pipeage, conduit, line, chimneypot, drainpipe, main, edging; (adj) high, shrill, reedy
pitched: (adj) oblique, thrown, slanting, at an angle, leaning; (v) fixed, pight, determined. ANTONYM: (adj) level
piteously: (adj, adv) sadly; (adv) pitifully, wretchedly, ruefully, woefully, poorly, plaintively, sorrily, grievously, sorrowfully, dolefully
pitiable: (adj) forlorn, abject, pathetic, miserable, pitiful, wretched, lamentable, poor, squalid; (adj, v) deplorable, mournful. ANTONYMS: (adj) privileged, strong
pitiful: (adj, n) abject; (adj) pathetic, lamentable, piteous, contemptible, miserable, distressing, mean, wretched, poor, sad. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, unbelievably, admirable, cheerful, fine, happy, impressive
pitilessly: (adv) remorselessly, ruthlessly, unmercifully, unfeelingly, heartlessly, harshly, cruelly, un sympathetically, brutally, relentlessly, unkindly. ANTONYMS: (adv) mercifully, sensitively, sympathetically
pity: (n, v) compassion, ruth; (n) mercy, commiseration, condolence, sympathy, clemency, remorse; (v) sympathize, compassionate, feel sorry for. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, cruelty, indifference, harshness, joy
pivot: (n) axle, axis, fulcrum, pin, hub, nucleus, pintle; (v) revolve; (n, v) swivel, wheel, turn
placidly: (adv) coolly, calmly, tranquilly, peacefully, stilly, quietly, composedly, silently, meekly, impassively, collectedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) agitatedly, boisterously
placing: (n) placement, arrangement, disposition, installation, allocation, ordering, disposal, borrowing, composition
plaid: (n) check, tartan, patchwork, kirtle, fabric, cloth, cape, tippet; (v) mosaic, tessellated; (adj) checked
plain: (adj) ordinary, comprehensible, intelligible, apparent, manifest, obvious, clear, simple; (adj, n) flat, homely, humble. ANTONYMS: (adj) elaborate, unclear, multicolored, mottled, ornate, concealed, attractive, confused, fussy, obscure, patterned
plainly: (adv) evidently, manifestly, clearly, distinctly, openly, obviously, patently, overtly, definitely; (adj, adv) frankly, honestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) imperceptibly, vaguely, obscurely, figuratively, unclearly, politely, incoherently, implicitly, finely, ambiguously, covertly
plaintive: (adj) pathetic, piteous, lugubrious, doleful, sad, wistful, sorrowful, woeful, elegiac, dolorous, lamentable
planted: (adj) ingrained, established, set, concealed
plates: (n) dishes, tableware, flake powder, dishware, dinner service
plausible: (adj) credible, likely, convincing, acceptable, feasible, probable, reasonable, ostensible, imaginable, oily; (adj, v) specious. ANTONYMS: (adj) implausible, unlikely, unbelievable, improbable, improbably, untenable
plead: (v) entreat, implore, beg, adjure, petition, ask, appeal, defend, invoke, sue; (n, v) allege. ANTONYMS: (v) answer, demand
pleasantly: (adv) pleasingly, nicely, cheerily, enjoyably, agreeably, delightfully, sunnily, genially, gratifyingly, kindly; (adv, v) happily. ANTONYMS: (adv) disagreeably, offensively, awfully, discordantly, dreadfully, shockingly, unkindly, irritably, harshly, curtly, nastily
pleasantry: (n) joke, wit, jocularity, jest, fancy, waggery, drollery, esprit, banter, sport, jocosity
pleasing: (adj, n) acceptable; (adj) amiable, lovable, amusing, attractive, gratifying, lovely, pleasant, charming, delightful, inviting. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, unwelcome, infuriating, disappointing, straight, hurtful, maddening, displeasing, discordant, harsh, frustrating
pleasures: (n) pleasure
pledge: (n, v) bond, gage, wager, engage, promise, plight, guarantee, bet, contract; (n) assurance; (v) covenant. ANTONYM: (v) redeem
plot: (n, v) plan, intrigue, cabal, plat, scheme, design, chart; (n) lot, patch, graph; (v) conspire
pluck: (adj, n) nerve; (v) cull, jerk, gather, pick, fleece, grab; (n) grit, courage, boldness; (n, v) pull. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, gutlessness; (v) undercharge
plucked: (v) ploughed; (adj) pulled, unfeathered, featherless, moulting, pilled
plump: (adj) chubby, corpulent, stout, round, obese, overweight, gross, buxom, pudgy; (adj, n) fleshy; (v) fatten. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, emaciated, skinny, slim, slender
plundered: (adj) pillaged, despoiled, raped, robbed, emptier, empty, fleeced, ransacked
pocket-handkerchief: (n) handkerchief
poem: (n) lay, lyric, verse, rhyme, ballad, chant, epic, ode, ballade, elegy, epos
poems: (n) metrical composition, verse, poesey
poet: (n) singer, songster, elegist, author, Gilbert, maker, lyricist, muse, versifier; (adj) poet laureate, Shakespearean
poetic: (adj) poetical, artistic, rhetorical, lyrical, imaginative, beauteous, elegiac, graphic, fanciful, metrical, figurative. ANTONYM: (adj) prosaic
pointing: (n) punctuation, indication, scoring
poised: (adj) balanced, calm, composed, steady, equanimous, assured, urbane, serene, stable, massed, gathered. ANTONYMS: (adj) awkward, unprepared, coarse
policeman: (adj) patrolman; (n) officer, police officer, cop, fuzz, constable, police constable, trooper, detective, inspector; (adj, n) watchman
polish: (v) furbish, civilize; (n, v) glaze, gloss, rub, shine; (adj, n, v) burnish; (adj, n) gentility; (n) refinement, elegance, cultivation. ANTONYMS: (n) vulgarity, uncouthness, dullness, awkwardness; (v) dirty
polished: (adj) glossy, cultured, finished, refined, smooth, lustrous, genteel, courtly; (adj, v) courteous, civil, polite. ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, coarse, shoddy, unpolished, amateur, awkward, unsophisticated
polite: (adj) cultured, gentle, courtly, civil, refined, proper, genteel, kind, attentive, friendly, complaisant. ANTONYMS: (adj) rude, discourteous, boorish, improper, abusive, common, authoritative, disobedient, uncivilized, uncivil, curt
politely: (adv) kindly, civilly, respectfully, properly, graciously,

- urbanely, elegantly, gallantly, genteelly, refinedly, considerately.
ANTONYMS: (adv) rudely, brusquely, discourteously, disrespectfully, uncooperatively, disagreeably
- politeness:** (n) civility, courteousness, courtliness, manners, decorum, gentility, good manners, niceness, refinement, gallantry, decency.
ANTONYMS: (n) vulgarity, rudeness, incivility, neglect
- pompous:** (adj) grand, arrogant, ostentatious, affected, pretentious, overblown, showy, inflated, majestic, lordly; (adj, prep) bloated.
ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, straightforward, unceremonious, quiet, unassuming, natural, deferential, relaxed, meek
- pony:** (n) crib, nag, trot, mustang, clavis, cayuse, jigger, rendering, racehorse, translation, version
- pope:** (n) Holy Father, priest, Vicar of Christ, cardinal, high priest, ruffe, papa, Gregory; (adj) church, gospel, Gregorian
- populated:** (adj) populous, thick.
ANTONYM: (adj) uninhabited
- porcelain:** (v) ceramics, crockery, pottery, ceramic ware; (n) earthenware, magnetism, figurines, purslane, collectibles, bone China
- porch:** (n) lobby, hall, vestibule, veranda, door, entrance, deck, gallery, portico, balcony, inlet
- porter:** (n) doorkeeper, carrier, gatekeeper, doorman, caretaker, ostiary, commissioner, redcap, labourer, conveyer, concierge
- positively:** (adv) absolutely, definitely, decidedly, unequivocally, expressly, emphatically, categorically, clearly, confidently; (adv, int) surely; (adj, adv) really.
ANTONYMS: (adv) disapprovingly, pessimistically, uncertainly, doubtfully, inauspiciously, ill
- potatoes:** (n) root crop
- pouch:** (n, v) bag; (n) pocket, poke, mailbag, sac, pod, purse, sack, bladder; (v) bulk, bulge
- pounding:** (n) beat, throb, pound, hammering, pulsation, beating, throbbing, buffeting, hammer, thrashing, whipping
- pour:** (v) gush, shed, decant, scatter, stream, flow, pelt, discharge, teem, infuse; (n, v) overflow.
ANTONYMS: (v) drizzle, trickle
- poured:** (adj) concrete
- powdered:** (adj) powdery, fine, crushed, milled, ground, broken up, finer, minced, pulverised; (n) punctated, milk
- praised:** (adj) beupuffed, popular, renowned
- pray:** (v) beg, implore, entreat, crave, invite, plead, beseech, appeal, importune, adjure, invoke.
ANTONYM: (v) reject
- prayer:** (n) invocation, plea, entreaty, appeal, orison, request, suit, litany, devotion, supplication, asking
- preach:** (v) lecture, exhort, moralize, advocate, sermonize, urge, hold forth, admonish, evangelize, prophesy, moralise
- preacher:** (n) missionary, parson, lecturer, clergyman, evangelist, pastor, priest, sermonizer, revivalist, gospeler, preachers
- preaching:** (n) sermon, lecture, homily, preachment, baccalaureate, speech, pulpit, exhortation, kerygma; (v) preach; (adj) hence
- precaution:** (n) foresight, care, prevention, discretion, anticipation, caution, circumspection, prudence, safeguard, protection; (adj) precautionary
- predecessor:** (n) forefather, forerunner, ancestor, antecedent, father, antecessor, precedent, forebear, former, primogenitor; (adj, n) elder. **ANTONYMS:** (n) successor, descendant
- predicate:** (n, v) affirm; (v) assert, allege, declare, connote, found, imply, base, ground, establish, maintain
- prelude:** (n) preliminary, preface, introduction, beginning, overture, preamble, foreword, inception, opening, proem, prolusion.
ANTONYMS: (n) postscript, conclusion, ending
- preparatory:** (adj, v) preparative; (adj) introductory, preceding, propaedeutic, prefatory, initial, precedent, opening, antecedent; (n) preparation, prior. **ANTONYM:** (adj) final
- presently:** (adv) instantly, directly, currently, before long, shortly, soon, now, at present, readily, just, actually. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) later, now, formerly
- pressed:** (adj) compact, urgent, printed, pressing, press, stamped, pushed, impelled, incited, bound, driven
- presume:** (v) dare, consider, believe, think, infer, guess, expect, esteem, conclude, suppose, conjecture.
ANTONYMS: (v) appreciate, despair, speculate
- pretended:** (adj, v) sham, mock, counterfeit, pseudo, spurious; (adj) assumed, fake, feigned, fictitious, bogus, affected
- pretending:** (n, v) pretense; (n) affectation, appearance, acting, pretence, mannerism, dissembling, pretension, deception, deceit; (adv) pretendingly
- pretentious:** (adj) showy, pompous, affected, presumptuous, arrogant, snobbish, grandiose, ambitious; (adj, v) boastful, stilted, conceited.
ANTONYMS: (adj) natural, unostentatious, unpretentious, humble, ordinary, unaffected, straightforward, restrained
- prevail:** (n, v) triumph, control, govern; (v) dominate, overcome, outweigh, obtain, persist, carry, vanquish; (adj) preponderate.
ANTONYM: (v) lose
- prevailing:** (adj, v) prevailing; (adj) predominant, general, common, popular, preponderant, rife, extensive, dominant, epidemic; (adj, n) current. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) rare, uncommon, sparse, limited
- prevented:** (adj) disallowed, barred, banned. **ANTONYM:** (adj) legitimate
- prey:** (n) chase, game, victim, immolation, quarry, target, mark, capture; (n, v) plunder, raven; (v) eat. **ANTONYMS:** (n) hunter, predator
- priest:** (adj, n) clergyman, divine; (n) minister, ecclesiastic, churchman, pastor, celebrant, parson, cleric, presbyter, chaplain
- priestess:** (n) priest
- priesthood:** (n) ministry, apostleship, clericals, profession, the desk, the cloth, church government, clerical, community, hierarchy, presbytery
- priestly:** (adj) ministerial, hieratic, sacerdotal, priestlike, hieratical, religious, theocratic, ecclesiastical; (adv) divinely, hieratically, theocratically. **ANTONYM:** (adj) secular
- prim:** (adj) stiff, prudish, precise, priggish, neat, ceremonious, mincing, squeamish, prissy, decorous, demure. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) relaxed, brash, uninhibited, informal, improper, lax
- princely:** (adj, v) August, grand, great, lordly, dignified, stately; (adj)

- generous, munificent, majestic, magnificent, gorgeous. ANTONYM: (adj) ungenerous
- printed:** (adj) written, imprinted, stamped, pressed, embossed, on paper
- prisoner:** (n) captive, hostage, jailbird, accused, con, gaolbird, criminal, detainee, inmate, defendant, unfortunate
- privately:** (adv) covertly, privily, confidentially, personally, closely, stealthily, secludedly, domestically, informally, retiredly; (adj, adv) quietly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, officially
- proceeded:** (v) proceed, yode
- prodigy:** (n) marvel, miracle, wonder, genius, portent, phenomenon, wonder child, astonishment, wizard, surprise; (adj, n) monster
- profane:** (v) desecrate, abuse, violate, defile, outrage, debauch; (adj) irreverent, impious, sacrilegious, unholy; (adj, v) foul. ANTONYMS: (adj) devout, sacred, moral, religious, reverent
- professionally:** (adv) expertly, occupationally, proficiently, competently, adeptly, technically, vocationally, resourcefully, skillfully, skilledly, efficiently
- profile:** (n) contour, outline, form, shape, silhouette, figure, soil profile, line, section, cast of countenance, ambit
- progressing:** (n) expediting; (adj) thriving, ongoing, moving, coming, forward, better; (adv) succeeding, making headway, ahead, moving ahead
- projecting:** (adj) projected, protruding, jutting, protrusive, pendent; (adj, v) overhanging, jutting over, salient; (v) beetling, protuberant, convex
- prolonged:** (adj) lengthy, chronic, extended, elongated, lengthened, continuous, continued, expanded, sustained; (adj, v) protracted, lingering. ANTONYMS: (adj) quick, short, temporary
- prominent:** (adj, n) notable; (adj) noted, great, illustrious, famous, obvious, distinguished, striking, celebrated; (adj, v) eminent, noticeable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unknown, minor, unimportant, low, obscure, insignificant, undistinguished
- promising:** (adj) auspicious, bright, favorable, propitious, encouraging, favourable, hopeful, promise, budding, optimistic, probable. ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeless, inauspicious, threatening, unfavorable, unlikely, depressing
- promptly:** (adv) instantly, readily, quickly, directly, rapidly, swiftly, speedily, forthwith, punctually, now, at once. ANTONYMS: (adv) slowly, late, eventually
- pronounce:** (v) articulate, declare, affirm, say, assert, express, vocalize, proclaim; (n, v) allege; (adj, v) deliver, utter. ANTONYM: (v) mumble
- pronounced:** (adj) clear, emphatic, distinct, prominent, notable, obvious, salient, evident, definite, bold, palpable. ANTONYMS: (adj) faint, inconspicuous, indefinite, loose, slight, small
- pronunciation:** (n) accent, articulation, enunciation, elocution, delivery, pronouncing, speech, inflection, homophony, mispronunciation, pronounce
- prop:** (n, v) support, buttress, brace, shore, rest; (n) post, fulcrum, property, mainstay; (v) bolster, hold
- propagandism:** (n) propaganda, education; (v) persuasion, proselytism
- prophecy:** (n) oracle, augury, prognostication, forecast, vaticination, prevision, prediction, prognosis, omen, revelation, foreboding
- propped:** (adj) fulcrate
- proprietor:** (n) possessor, manager, landlord, holder, host, keeper, master, employer, patron, proprietress, proprietary
- prosperity:** (n) affluence, wealth, success, flourish, good fortune, fortune, welfare, opulence, abundance, good, prosperousness. ANTONYMS: (n) failure, fruitlessness, hardship, insufficiency
- prosperous:** (adj, n) lucky, auspicious, fortunate; (adj) flourishing, favorable, opulent, easy, comfortable, affluent, advantageous, successful. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressed, unsuccessful, failing, underprivileged, impoverished
- prostrate:** (adj, v) prone, exhaust, level, fatigue; (v) fell, overwhelm, overcome, floor, overthrow; (adj) deject, knock down. ANTONYM: (adj) upright
- protestant:** (n) wasp, separatist, sectary, schismatic, Romish, presbyterian, pentecostals, heretic, dissenter, Anabaptist, recusant
- protesting:** (adj) disinclined, opposed; (n) clamor
- protruded:** (adj) extant, outstanding
- proudly:** (adv) haughtily, arrogantly, superciliously, boastfully, vainly, splendidly, stately, loftily, snootily, disdainfully, conceitedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) humbly, modestly
- provincial:** (adj) country, insular, parochial, unsophisticated, countrified, rural, narrow; (n) bucolic, peasant, churl; (adj, n) rustic. ANTONYMS: (adj) metropolitan, broadminded, central, national
- proxy:** (n) attorney, deputy, agent, agency, delegate, alternate, surrogate, procurator, authority, vicar; (adj, n) replacement
- prudence:** (n) foresight, economy, frugality, caution, care, forethought, providence, circumspection, judgment, deliberation; (adj, n) wisdom. ANTONYMS: (n) imprudence, profligacy, generosity, hindsight, recklessness, extravagance
- publicity:** (n) promotion, advertising, propaganda, notoriety, exposure, buildup, cry, blurb, disclosure, promotional material, hype
- pudding:** (n) dessert, sweet, duff, flummery, custard; (adj) pap, jam, curd, clay, butter, dough
- puff:** (adj, n, v) gasp; (n, v) blow, whiff, gust, drag; (v) boast, inflate, huff, heave, brag, distend
- puffed:** (adj) puff, bloated, distended, puffy, tumid, purgid, swell, breathless, be-puffed, overflowing, out of breath
- puffing:** (adj) gasping, breathless, panting, bloated, bouffant, breathing heavily, out of breath, distended, puffed; (n) expansion, snorting
- puffy:** (adj) pompous, swollen, bloated, inflated, bombastic, tumid, puffed, distended, rotund, puff; (v) obese
- pulling:** (n) pull, drawing, traction, haulage, actuation, clout, deracination, draughts, extirpation; (adj) attracting, tractive
- pulp:** (n) flesh, pith, puree, cellulose, pap, magazine, bagasse, marrow; (v) grind, squash; (adj) taste
- pulpit:** (n) platform, dais, ambo, lectern, hustings, stump, rostrum, forum, desk, stand, state

pulse: (n, v) throb; (n) pulsation, impulse, heartbeat, legume, rhythm, pounding, cadence; (v) pulsate, palpitate, pound

punch: (n, v) jab, hit, drill, stab, thrust, cuff, wallop, beat; (v) prick, perforate; (n) die. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, lethargy, sluggishness

punctiliously: (adv) accurately, precisely, scrupulously, exactly, pedantically, punctually, fastidiously, meticulously, stiffly, starchy, primly

pungent: (adj, n) bitter; (adj) hot, peppery, acid, acrid, biting, penetrating, caustic; (adj, v) poignant, keen, brisk. ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, sweet, faint, odorless

pupil: (n) learner, student, scholar, disciple, apprentice, trainee, schoolchild, novice, adherent, tyro, collegian. ANTONYM: (n) expert

purple: (adj) violet, lilac, imperial, regal, royal; (adj, n) empurpled; (v) empurple; (n) magenta, purpleness, ermine, pall

purposed: (adj, v) intended; (adj) deliberate, designed, forcible, betrothed, made tense, extended, undesigned; (v) free, not accidental, voluntary

purse: (n) bag, pouch, money, handbag, sac, currency, pocketbook, pelf; (v) wrinkle, pucker, crease

pursued: (n) hunted person

pushing: (adj) enterprising, pushy, pushful, ambitious, officious, adventurous; (n) push, propulsion, thrusting, actuation; (v) meddlesome

puzzled: (adj) bewildered, confused, baffled, nonplussed, doubtful, bemused, at a loss, curious, mystified, nonplused, dazed.

ANTONYM: (adj) clear

pyramid: (n) pile, mass, heap, lump, prism, congeries, stack, pyramis; (adj) spire, steeple; (v) raise

pyre: (n) pile, heap, funeral, funeral pyre, stake, wake, mound, hair, fire, funeral pile

quaint: (adj) odd, funny, picturesque, comical, fanciful, curious, whimsical, strange, queer, peculiar, droll. ANTONYMS: (adj) modern, ordinary, dull

quaintness: (n) strangeness, unfamiliarity, oddity, abnormality, mysteriousness, incongruity, weirdness. ANTONYM: (n) normality

qualified: (adj) competent, capable,

eligible, efficient, proficient, fit, conditional, able, clever, expert, certified. ANTONYMS: (adj)

unofficial, total, definite, unreserved, immature, amateur, inept, inexperienced, unrestricted, absolute, ineligible

qualities: (n) character, disposition, nature, spirit, tone, quality, role, self, part, traits, individuality

quarrelsome: (adj) argumentative, belligerent, combative, cantankerous, aggressive, disputatious, ugly, currish, termagant; (adj, n) contentious; (adj, v) fretful. ANTONYMS: (adj)

agreeable, peaceful, amiable

quarters: (n) abode, domicile, lodging, residence, quarter, diggings, pad, digs, lodgings, accommodation, barracks

quavering: (adj) trembling, tremulous, unsteady, shaky, shivering, shaking, decrepit, dodder, doddering

quay: (n) dock, jetty, pier, embankment, platform, port, berth, harbour, harbor, basin, waterfront

queer: (adj) fantastic, odd, eccentric, funny, curious, gay, peculiar, strange, quaint, fishy, outlandish. ANTONYMS: (adj) conventional, normal, well

quenched: (adj) extinct, quelled, out, slaked, squelched, dead, kayoed, permanently inactive, prohibited, proscribed, put out

quicken: (adj) hasty, rapid, passionate, intoxicated

quilt: (n) blanket, comforter, duvet, bedding, cover, bedspread, counterpane, quilting, eiderdown, sheet; (adj, v) embroider

quit: (adj, n, v) leave; (v) go, drop, break, cease, give up, depart, end, discontinue; (adj, v) discharge; (n, v) part. ANTONYMS: (v) stay, occupy, enter, maintain, start, come, arrive

quivering: (adj, n) trembling, tremor, quaking, trepidation; (n) palpitation, quiver, vibration; (adj) flutter, quavering, shivering, tremulous. ANTONYM: (adj) steady

quizzically: (adv) oddly, quaintly, mockingly, eccentrically, eccentricly, curiously, teasingly, fancifully, fantastically, fantasticaly, inquiringly

quotation: (n) extract, mention, reference, passage, excerpt, quote, value, example, price, worth, cost

quoting: (n) citation

racing: (n) overspeed, horse racing,

boat racing, athletics, camel racing, greyhound racing; (v) contend; (adj) fast

rack: (n, v) torment, wrack, Scud; (n) manger, grid, cage, bracket, stand; (v) excruciate, afflict, agonize

radiant: (adj, v) bright, glittering, lustrous, beamy, glorious; (adj) beaming, luminous, effulgent, lucid, glowing, beautiful. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, dark, pale, unhappy

rage: (adj, n, v) fume, bluster; (adj, n) wrath, indignation, frenzy, mania; (n) passion, anger, craze, exasperation; (n, v) storm.

ANTONYMS: (n) gentleness, composure, calm, equanimity, pleasure, serenity

ragged: (adj, n) shabby; (adj) seedy, worn, hoarse, jagged, scruffy, torn, untidy, unkempt; (adj, v) threadbare; (n) harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) smart, elegant, smooth, new, even

railing: (n) balustrade, rail, barrier, guardrail, banister, fence, pale, paling, breastwork, handrail; (adj, n) invective

railings: (n) railing, fencing, paling, inclosure, lattice, enclosure

railery: (n) mockery, joke, irony, quiz, persiflage, derision, ridicule, pleasantry, tease, jest, badinage

raindrops: (n) rain, raindrop

rainy: (adj) moist, pluvial, damp, pluvios, stormy, juicy, dirty, soppy, raining, drizzly; (adj, v) showery. ANTONYM: (adj) pleasant

raising: (n) bringing up, nurture, elevation, lift, raise, culture, heave, ascent, ascension, upbringing, rearing

rake: (n, v) tilt; (adj, v) comb; (v) hoe, harrow, graze, draw, plow; (n) debauchee, roue, slant, blood. ANTONYM: (v) glance

rakish: (adj) dissolute, debauched, raffish, dapper, profligate, licentious, dashing, gallant, stylish, dissipated, fast. ANTONYM: (adj) upright

random: (adj) accidental, aimless, patchy, irregular, fortuitous, arbitrary, casual, indiscriminate, incidental; (n) chance, accident. ANTONYMS: (adj) systematic, nonrandom, regular, predictable, ordered, logical, exact, discerning, methodical, organized, deliberate

rank: (n, v) range, order, place, position, grade, class, line, file; (v) arrange, classify; (n) gradation.

- ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, pleasant, clean
- rapture:** (n) joy, bliss, delight, happiness, exaltation, elation, exultation, enchantment; (adj, n) enthusiasm; (n, v) transport; (adj, n, v) passion. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, boredom, misery, gloom, agony, hell, despair
- raspberry:** (n) raspberry bush, razzing, boo, bird, blackcap, hoot, Bronx cheer, cloudberry, chick, bramble bush, dame
- rasping:** (adj) harsh, rough, raspy, strident, gravelly, hoarse, raucous, husky, guttural; (n) rasp, friction. ANTONYMS: (n) smoothness; (adj) velvety, smooth, harmonious
- rattle:** (n, v) jingle, jangle, clatter; (n) click, clang, clack; (v) bang, confuse, shake, patter, disconcert
- rattled:** (adj) hot and bothered, perturbed, upset, unsettled, puzzled, disconcerted, discomposed, bewildered, beside oneself, abashed, addled. ANTONYM: (adj) calm
- rattling:** (adj) lively, brisk, racy, marvelous, fantastic, zippy, snappy, spanking, merry; (adv) very, real
- raucous:** (adj) husky, hoarse, harsh, loud, strident, grating, rowdy, boisterous, rough, disorderly, cacophonous. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, quiet, restrained, peaceful, smooth, tranquil, orderly, gentle, pleasant
- ravaged:** (adj) desolate, devastated, destroyed, ruined, pillaged, blasted, raped, despoiled, everlasting, goddamn, bleak
- raving:** (adj, v) wild; (adj) frantic, delirious, furious, mad, insane; (adj, n) madness, distraction, rage; (n) rabid, delirium
- readjustment:** (n) adjustment, accommodation, equilibration, alignment, alteration, adaptation, standardization, standardisation, modification, fitting, reset
- reassurance:** (n) encouragement, support, comfort, assuagement, ease, assertion, cheer, relief, solace, guarantee, alleviation. ANTONYMS: (n) anxiety, distress
- reassured:** (adj) hopeful, reinsured, secure, confident
- reassuringly:** (adv) encouragingly
- rebuke:** (n, v) reprimand, rebuff, reproach, chide, blame, reproof, lecture, check; (v) castigate, berate; (n) admonition. ANTONYMS: (n, v)
- praise, compliment; (v) commend, acknowledge, approve; (n) approval
- recede:** (v) decline, withdraw, retire, fall back, diminish, retreat, abate, give, draw back, decrease, lose. ANTONYMS: (v) approach, gain, proceed, surge, stay, increase, appear, level
- receding:** (n) disappearance, fadeout, recession, niche; (adj) moving back, low, hairless, balding, going out, recessive, retiring
- reciprocated:** (adj) joint, mutual, shared, communal
- recitation:** (n) reading, narration, narrative, description, rehearsal, lesson, account, practice, exercise, oration, explanation
- recite:** (v) relate, enumerate, describe, narrate, recount, repeat, say, rehearse, detail, lecture; (n, v) declaim
- recklessness:** (n, v) imprudence; (n) rashness, carelessness, desperation, extravagance, heedlessness, negligence, temerity, adventurism, audacity, neglect. ANTONYMS: (n) care, carefulness, consideration, forethought, parsimony, deliberation, discretion, regard, restraint, thoughtfulness
- recollection:** (n, v) mind; (n) reminiscence, recall, anamnesis, remembrance, recognition, memento, memorial, commemoration, memoir, retrospect
- reconstruct:** (v) alter, restore, build, mend, rehabilitate, repair, reconstitute, reconstructing, rebuilding, redo, retrace
- recruits:** (n) human resources, employees, people, reinforcements, staff, workers, personnel, supplies, succors, reenforcements
- rectangle:** (n) quadrangle, tetragon, square, foursquare, oblong, rectangle, quadrilateral, parallelogram, lozenge, diamond, quadratic
- rectify:** (v) amend, improve, better, adjust, refine, reform, mend, emend, remedy, redress; (adj, v) straighten
- rectitude:** (adj, n) justice, honesty, equity; (n) integrity, veracity, virtue, uprightness, morality, purity, propriety; (adj) fidelity. ANTONYMS: (n) immorality, incorrectness, wickedness
- recur:** (v) resort, repeat, go back, reappear, duplicate, revert, return, persist, fall back, cycle, circulate. ANTONYM: (v) cease
- recurring:** (adj) frequent, intermittent, cyclic, periodic, periodical, repeated, repetitive, customary, accustomed, memorable, chronic. ANTONYMS: (adj) irregular, intermittent, spasmodic, unusual, rare, occasional
- reddish:** (adj) ruddy, rosy, crimson, cherry, rufescent, rufous, rubicund, scarlet, rubedinous, ruby, colorful
- redeemer:** (n) deliverer, saviour, Jesus Christ, Messiah, salvation, rescuer, delivery boy, Christ, champion, son of God, Jesus
- red-faced:** (adj) abashed
- redly:** (adv) rosily, reddishly, pinkly, sanguinely, crimsonly, radically, glowingly, bloodily, inflamedly, blushingly, flamingly
- reefer:** (n) joint, marijuana cigarette, refrigerated cargo vessel, stick, junction, mechanically refrigerated vehicle, pea jacket, coffin nail, refrigerator car, refrigerator van body; (adj) refrigerated
- reeking:** (adj) dripping, overly diluted, odorous, noisome, high, fetid, stale; (v) sloppy, soft, soaking, sodden
- reel:** (n, v) coil, roll; (v) waver, rock, stagger, totter, spin, teeter, falter; (n) bobbin, spool
- refined:** (adj) delicate, cultured, graceful, polite, gentle, urbane, courteous, courtly, cultivated; (adj, n) polished, pure. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrefined, raw, uncouth, rough, careless, crude, brute, boorish, plain, lowly, inelegant
- reflecting:** (adv) reflectingly; (adj) reflective, thoughtful, calculating, reflected, shiny, shimmering, reflectent; (n) mirroring, reflection, reflexion
- reflection:** (n) contemplation, thought, deliberation, meditation, musing, cogitation, idea, notion, introspection; (n, v) observation, reflexion. ANTONYMS: (n) impulsiveness, confirmation
- reformed:** (adj) improved, corrected, unorthodox, altered
- refractory:** (adj) disobedient, obstinate, perverse, recalcitrant, stubborn, fractious, contumacious, headstrong, unruly, wayward, restive
- refraining:** (n) forbearance, abstaining, austerity, denial, mildness, abstinence, no vote, nonparticipation, lenity; (adj) austere
- refreshed:** (adj) invigorated,

- rejuvenated, reinvigorated, new, novel, revived, impudent, energizing, overbold, energising, clean. ANTONYMS: (adj) tired
- refreshment:** (n) bite, drink, recreation, collation, repose, relief, rest, entertainment, treat; (v) invigoration; (n, v) regalement
- refuge:** (n) sanctuary, asylum, safety, retreat, cover, harborage, haven, shelter, harbor; (n, v) recourse, resort
- refusal:** (n) denial, declination, negative, rebuff, rejection, no, prohibition, ban, repulse, negation, exclusion. ANTONYMS: (n) permission, acceptance, compliance, approval, disposition, inclination, affirmative, affirmation
- regarding:** (prep) about, as regards, for, on, towards, apropos; (adj, prep) with regard to, with reference to; (adj) as to, in regard to, in relation to
- registration:** (n) registering, register, entry, enrolment, entering, record, alignment, notification, registry, adjustment, knife register
- regret:** (n, v) grieve, sorrow; (v) bewail, lament, mourn, bemoan, deplore; (n) remorse, penitence, compunction, contrition. ANTONYMS: (v) welcome, praise; (n) idealism, shamelessness, joy, satisfaction
- regretfully:** (adv) remorsefully, repentantly, sadly, contritely, apologetically, penitently, unhappily, sorrowily, mournfully, sorrowfully, ashamedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unrepentantly, joyfully
- regulate:** (adj, n, v) adjust; (v) manage, control, determine, fix, influence, govern, modulate, regularize; (n, v) direct, order. ANTONYMS: (v) destabilize, intensify
- rehearsal:** (n) narration, dry run, practice, preparation, repetition, dress rehearsal, repeat, description, drill, exercise, narrative
- rehearsing:** (n) rehearsal
- reign:** (v) govern, command, predominate, dominate, prevail; (n) dominance, dominion, control, government, administration, kingdom
- reiterating:** (adj) reiterant, redundant
- relaxation:** (n) diversion, amusement, pastime, entertainment, past, recreation, leisure, comfort, quiet, remission, respite. ANTONYMS: (n) anxiety, rigidity, work, increase, agitation
- relenting:** (n) capitulation, surrender
- relieved:** (adj) alleviated, thankful, mitigated, prominent, pleased, joyful, fresh, delighted, comfortable, cheerful, happy. ANTONYMS: (adj) worried
- relight:** (v) regenerate, renew, revive
- relish:** (n, v) enjoy, fancy, love; (n) gusto, liking, palate, enthusiasm, enjoyment; (adj, n) flavor; (v) bask, like. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy
- reluctant:** (adj) loath, unwilling, averse, loth, indisposed, hesitant, involuntary, backward, diffident, shy, slow. ANTONYMS: (adj) inclined, eager, enthusiastic, happy, disposed, wholehearted, keen
- remark:** (n, v) comment, notice, note, mention, regard, mind; (adj, n, v) observe; (v) perceive, mark, discern; (n) observation
- remarks:** (n) commentary, explanation
- remembering:** (n) recollection, recall, memory, identification, recognition, remember, association, connection, connexion, reminiscence, remembrance
- remembrance:** (n, v) recollection, mind; (n) commemoration, memorial, recall, relic, monument, keepsake, reminiscence, recognition; (adj, n) memento
- remind:** (v) recollect, prompt, recall, commemorate, call up, memorialize, hint, jog, inform, think; (n, v) mind
- reminiscence:** (n) memory, recall, recollection, anamnesis, memoir, nostalgia, mind, recollections, retrospect, memorial, memento
- reminiscences:** (n) memoirs
- remorse:** (n) penitence, contrition, repentance, regret, guilt, penance, sorrow, grief, qualm, ruefulness, compassion. ANTONYMS: (n) shamelessness
- removal:** (n) transfer, expulsion, elimination, dismissal, exclusion, shift, remove, ablation, move, withdrawal, abatement. ANTONYMS: (n) insertion, addition, provision, arrival, return, inclusion
- removing:** (adj) departing
- renege:** (v) annul, rescind, go back on, withdraw, abrogate, recant, retract, nullify, back down, deny, vacate
- renew:** (v) renovate, rejuvenate, restore, refresh, refurbish, modernize, revive, overhaul, reinstate, reiterate, mend. ANTONYMS: (v) reduce, kill
- renewed:** (adj) changed, born again, new, fresh, redintegrate, rehabilitated, transformed, regenerate, reformed, Renate
- renounce:** (v) abandon, abdicate, abjure, relinquish, desert, reject, give up, disown, deny, quit, forgo. ANTONYMS: (v) acknowledge, reassert, assert, continue, retain, persist
- rented:** (adj) on loan, borrowed
- reparation:** (n) redress, recompense, atonement, indemnity, correction, restoration; (n, v) indemnification, compensation, repair, remuneration, restitution
- repeatedly:** (adv) often, recurrently, again, time and again, commonly, again and again, successively, regularly, repetitively, habitually, continually. ANTONYMS: (adv) intermittently, never, simultaneously, spasmodically, rarely, manually, infrequently
- repeating:** (n) repeat, iteration, renewal, repetition, redundancy, copying, reduplication; (adj) repetitious, iterating, iterative, repetitive
- repentant:** (adj) contrite, remorseful, regretful, sorry, apologetic, ashamed, compunctious, penitential, rueful, humble, doing penance. ANTONYMS: (adj) impenitent, unremorseful, glad
- reporter:** (n) journalist, correspondent, commentator, pressman, columnist, reviewer, newswoman, newsman; (v) informant, intelligencer, authority
- repose:** (n, v) recline, peace, lie, calm; (n) composure, ease, quiet, leisure, recreation, relaxation; (v) lay. ANTONYMS: (n, v) work; (n) activity, panic, agitation
- reposing:** (adj) calm, asleep
- reputed:** (adj) supposed, renowned, famous, conjectural, assumed, famed, eminent, prominent, alleged, well-known, distinguished. ANTONYMS: (adj) known
- resemble:** (v) seem, imitate, compare, correspond, to resemble, agree, look, simulate; (adj) look like; (n) resemblance; (adv) alike
- resembling:** (adj, prep) like; (adj) analogous, parallel, similar, conformable, approximate, semblative, other, probable; (prep)

- similar to, reminiscent of.
ANTONYM: (prep) unlike
- resentment:** (n) grudge, displeasure, indignation, anger, ill will, rancor, umbrage, rage, envy, grievance, passion. **ANTONYMS:** (n) friendliness, happiness, contentment, calm
- reserve:** (adj, v) save; (n) reservation, backup, modesty, bank; (adj, n) substitute; (v) keep back, maintain, book, withhold, appropriate. **ANTONYMS:** (n) warmth, friendliness, informality, approachability, arrogance, boldness, brashness; (v) show, use; (adj) active
- reserved:** (adj, n) cold, distant, frigid; (adj) coy, reticent, diffident, bashful, aloof, retiring, quiet, shy. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) open, forthcoming, uninhibited, relaxed, warm, communicative, talkative, free, definite, cordial, forward
- resident:** (n) occupant, dweller, tenant, occupier, lodger, denizen, citizen, house physician; (adj, n) native; (adj, n, v) resiant; (adj) inmate. **ANTONYMS:** (n) drifter, tramp, stranger, visitor, foreigner; (adj) migratory, nonresident
- resignation:** (n) endurance, surrender, patience, renunciation, abdication, submission, acquiescence, compliance, renouncement, demission, cession. **ANTONYM:** (n) defiance
- resigned:** (adj) patient, acquiescent, yielding, pessimistic, abject, passive, forbearing, obedient; (adj, v) subdued; (v) bowed down, content. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) resentful, optimistic, intolerant
- resignedly:** (adv) abjectly, submissively, patiently, subduedly, passively, uncomplainingly, despairingly, yieldingly, tolerantly, unhopefully
- resolve:** (n, v) purpose; (v) determine, solve, decide, dissolve, decompose, settle; (n) determination, firmness, decision, resolution. **ANTONYMS:** (n) weakness, irresoluteness, vacillation, cowardice, flexibility, indecisiveness, indifference; (v) aggravate, complicate, exacerbate, waver
- resonant:** (adj) vibrant, sonorous, deep, full, melodious, rich, distinct, reverberative, reverberant, resounding, reverberating. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) thin, faint, reedy, shrill
- resounding:** (adj) booming, ringing, reverberating, loud, rolling, vibrant, emphatic, resonating, reverberant; (v) resound; (adv) resoundingly. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) qualified, marginal
- respectable:** (adj) considerable, decorous, fair, estimable, decent, honorable, good, proper, creditable, passable, honest. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) bad, small, sordid, scruffy, inadequate, unrespectable, paltry, discourteous, inappropriate, sinful, unacceptable
- respectad:** (adj) illustrious, respectable, honored, appreciated, dear, revered, valued, redoubtable, celebrated, glorious, famous. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) ordinary, unreliable, weak
- respectfully:** (adv) reverentially, reverently, politely, courteously, civilly, attentively, graciously, submissively, obsequiously, admiringly, regardfully. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) impudently, contemptuously, disdainfully, rudely, insolently, audaciously, sneeringly, nastily, irreverently, disobediently, arrogantly
- respects:** (adj) aboard, welcome; (n) compliments, greeting, compliment, baisesains, devoir, duty
- rested:** (adj) comfortable
- resting:** (adj) idle, quiescent, inactive, dormant, quiet, sleeping, reclining, obligatory, unemployed, asleep; (n) repose
- restless:** (adj) fidgety, uneasy, impatient, restive, agitated, fretful, turbulent, feverish; (adj, n) nervous, apprehensive; (adj, v) unquiet. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) relaxed, peaceful, lethargic, unbroken, still, contented
- restlessly:** (adv) fidgetily, apprehensively, agitatedly, fretfully, unquietly, sleeplessly, nervously, restively, edgily, anxiously, disturbedly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) peacefully, unconcernedly
- restored:** (adj) new, healthy, comfortable, convalescent
- restrain:** (adj, v) confine; (v) control, rein, hold, curb, bind, contain, prevent, limit, repress; (n, v) check. **ANTONYMS:** (v) encourage, promote, unleash, impel, release, intensify, increase, free, extend, express, support
- restraining:** (adj) binding, astringent, warning, abstemious, continuous, moderate, not interrupted, obligatory, opposing; (n) arrest, penning
- retaining:** (adj) retentive; (n) employment, reservation
- retch:** (v) gag, throw up, puke, vomit, spew, regurgitate, keck, choke, barf, spue, cat
- retired:** (adj) obscure, secluded, sequestered, solitary, emeritus, secret, lonely, withdrawn, superannuated, close; (adj, v) covert
- retort:** (n, v) answer, return, riposte; (n) response, rejoinder, repartee, comeback; (v) respond, repay, rejoin, alembic
- retrace:** (v) recollect, recall, trace, etymologize, recognize, construct, call up, bethink oneself, speculate; (n, v) reconsider; (n) flyback
- retreat:** (v) retire, withdraw, depart; (n) refuge, departure, asylum, den, lair, retirement; (n, v) resort, return. **ANTONYMS:** (n) raid, development, extension, arrival, company; (v) progress, remain
- retreated:** (adj) withdrawn, people
- reunion:** (n) reconciliation, convention, assembly, homecoming, unification, reunification, appeasement, pacification, levee, gathering, uniting. **ANTONYMS:** (n) departure, segregation, incitement
- revealing:** (adj) telling, telltale, significant, powerfully persuasive; (n) discovery, exposure, revelation, rattling, uncovering, reveal, apocalypse. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) confusing, secretive, concealing; (n) concealment
- revel:** (n, v) frolic; (v) drink, celebrate, exult, wallow, rejoice, bask, riot; (n) carousal, orgy; (adj) luxuriate. **ANTONYMS:** (v) mourn; (n) mourning
- revelation:** (n) discovery, exposure, display, revealing, manifestation, betrayal, apocalypse, expose, inspiration, publication; (v) reveal. **ANTONYM:** (n) concealment
- vengeful:** (adj) vengeful, vindictive, punitive, unforgiving, vindictive, resentful, spiteful, spiteful, implacable, rancorous, vengeable. **ANTONYM:** (adj) charitable
- vengefully:** (adv) vindictively, resentfully, unforgivingly
- verie:** (n) dream, fantasy, air castle, brown study, reverie, trance, abstraction, castle in Spain, castle in the air; (adj) preoccupation,

distraction. ANTONYMS: (n) reality
revery: (n) dream, daydream, castle in Spain, air castle, castle in the air, imagine, dreaming; (v) low spirits, melancholy, ill humor, despondency
revival: (n, v) restoration; (n) resurgence, renewal, resurrection, recovery, renaissance, rally, regeneration, revitalization, rebirth, renaissance. ANTONYMS: (n) disappearance, deterioration, downturn, slump
revolted: (adj) sickened, sick, shocked, horrified, disgusted, appalled
revolving: (adj) turning, rotating, vertiginous, rotary, gyratory, wheeling, rotative, rotatory, rotational; (n) revolution; (v) revolve
reward: (n, v) recompense, return, compensation, guerdon, wage, meed, prize, bribe; (v) repay, requite; (n) payment. ANTONYMS: (n) penalty, sentence; (v) dishonor, penalize
rewarded: (v) crowned, honored, excessive, consummated; (adj) salaried, pleased, paid, happy, satisfied, remunerated, content. ANTONYM: (adj) frustrated
rheumatic: (adj) rheumatoid, creaky, arthrodynic, creaking, decrepit, palsied, stiff; (n) sufferer, rheumatism, diseased person
rhythm: (n) cadence, pulse, beat, cycle, tempo, rhyme, musical rhythm, calendar method, calendar method of birth control, metre; (adj, n) meter
ribbon: (n) band, riband, tape, strip, shred, decoration, medal, ribband, thread, fascia, belt
ribs: (n) dinner, chest, bosom
riches: (n, v) money; (n) affluence, abundance, fortune, opulence, plenty, prosperity, exuberance, treasure, resources; (v) gold
richly: (adv) wealthily, copiously, opulently, lavishly, abundantly, sumptuously, affluently, profusely, amply, plentifully, fully. ANTONYMS: (adv) meagerly, poorly, simply, barely
rickety: (adj) unstable, wobbly, decrepit, dilapidated, insecure, ramshackle, rachitic, flimsy, precarious, cranky, wonky. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, sturdy, firm, secure
ridge: (n) ledge, bank, hill, shelf, dune, swelling, projection, ridgetop, peak, ghat; (n, v) crease.

ANTONYMS: (n) channel, depression, base
ridicule: (n, v) laugh at, deride, banter, insult, taunt, scorn, scoff; (n) derision, mockery; (adj, n) irony; (v) jeer. ANTONYMS: (n, v) praise, respect; (v) approve; (n) approval, admiration
ridiculous: (adj) foolish, preposterous, funny, laughable, ludicrous, inane, nonsensical, comical, farcical, amusing, comic. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, inspiring, ordinary, sensitive, acceptable, generous, normal, possible, impressive, sane, worthwhile
rife: (adj) prevailing, current, rampant, plentiful, predominant, epidemic, copious, numerous, common, regnant, abundant. ANTONYMS: (adj) scarce, limited, rare, sparse
rightly: (adv) correctly, rightfully, properly, accurately, appropriately, exactly, fitly, straightly, fairly, really; (adv, v) adequately. ANTONYMS: (adv) wrongly, inappropriately, incorrectly, immorally, unjustly, partially, sinfully, unfairly, falsely
ringing: (n) buzz, peal, resonance, ring, sound; (adj) reverberant, jingling, loud, resounding, tinkling, hollow
riot: (n, v) revolt, mutiny; (adj, n) disturbance, tumult, hubbub; (n) insurrection, sedition, commotion, disorder, rebellion; (v) rebel
rioting: (n) disorder, tumult, howler, insubordination, orgy, public violence, reveling, grassation, agitation, drunken revelry; (adj) rebellious
ripe: (adj) adult, ready, advanced, prepared, good, grown, perfect, matured, finished, consummate; (adj, v) mellow. ANTONYMS: (adj) green, unripe, immature, dry, poisonous, young, unsuitable, sweet
risen: (v) uprise
rival: (n) competitor, enemy, foe, contestant; (adj, n, v) emulate; (n, v) match, contest, corral; (adj, v) competitive; (v) compete, contend. ANTONYMS: (adj) allied; (n) partner, friend, supporter
roadway: (n) carriageway, track, pathway, path, highway, pavement, roadbed, way, stairway, runway, trail
roaming: (adj) wandering, roving, errant, itinerant, Peripatetic,

traveling, vagabond, astray; (n) ramble, journey, ubiquity
roaring: (n) bellowing, roar, bellow, thunder; (adj) booming, prosperous, thriving, flourishing, deafening, noisy, boisterous
roast: (v) burn, grill, bake, joke, heat, quiz, fry, cook, scorch; (n, v) ridicule; (n) joint. ANTONYMS: (v) cool, praise
robustness: (n) hardness, health, lustiness, fitness, toughness, vigor, sturdiness, brawniness, stamina, power, hardness. ANTONYMS: (n) frailty, weakness, illness, flimsiness
rocking: (adj) vivacious, merry, spirited, spry, festive; (n) metalling, convulsion
rolled: (adj) rolling, furred, involute, scroll, coiled, resonant, trilled, reverberative, reverberating, resounding, spiral
rolling: (n) peal, curling, wheeling, rolling movement, finish rolling, pealing, crimping; (adj) resounding, rolled, tumbling, resonating
romance: (n) love affair, fiction, story, figment, intrigue, affair, tale, vagary; (v) flirt, court, exaggerate
romantic: (adj) amorous, impractical, fanciful, quixotic, unrealistic, utopian, loving, amatory, fictitious; (adj, n) visionary, romanticist. ANTONYMS: (n) realist, classicist; (adj) commonplace, graphic, unromantic, unsentimental, unhappy, prosaic, disapproving, cool, realistic
romeo: (n) lover, love, Don Juan
rope: (n, v) lasso, leash, tie, tape; (n) lariat, noose, hawser, line, string, cord, thread
rosicrucian: (n) Gypsy, empiric, saltimbanque, saltimbanco, quacksalver, quack, mountebank, Mesmer, medicaster, magi, gymnosophist
rosy: (adj) hopeful, blooming, optimistic, auspicious, promising, bright, roseate, ruddy, fortunate, flushed, pink. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, depressing, hopeless, unpromising
rotten: (adj, v) decayed, musty; (adj) foul, poor, fetid, lousy, putrid, off, ill, shabby, wretched. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, superior, unrotten, good, incorruptible, honest, lovely, fair, great, respectful
rotunda: (n) building, house, casino, cottage, edifice, folly, hall, box, villa, mansion, place

- rotundity:** (n) corpulence, rondure, globularness, globosity, roundness, circularity, obesity, embonpoint, plumpness, fullness, corpulency
- roughly:** (adv) coarsely, harshly, violently, rudely, unevenly, hardly, severely, crudely; (adj, adv) nearly; (adv, prep) about; (adj, adv, prep) just about. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, gently, smoothly, exactly, finely, lovingly, precisely, well, evenly
- roughshod:** (adj) cruel, fell, barbarous, rigorous, harsh, unkind, deliberately harmful, vicious, barbarian, barbaric, shodder
- roundly:** (adv) bluntly, fully, roundedly, wholly, bluffly, spherically, plumply, entirely, round, completely, globularly
- rounds:** (n) patrol, beat, route, patient rounds
- roused:** (adj) excited, awake, susceptible, emotional, elated, interested
- routine:** (adj) ordinary, everyday, common, customary, normal, habitual; (n) round, process, procedure, method, habit. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, exciting, extraordinary, exotic, exceptional, interesting, irregular, abnormal; (n) abnormality, excitement
- rowboat:** (n) rowing boat, dory, wherry
- rubber:** (n) overshoe, galosh, prophylactic, gum elastic, caoutchouc, eraser, condom, latex, ebonite, golph; (v) rubberize
- rubbing:** (n) friction, abrasion, grinding, detrition, rub, grip, resistance, chafe, sweat, travail, massage. ANTONYM: (n) smoothness
- ruddy:** (adj) cherry, rubicund, rosy, flushed, florid, sanguine, reddish, glowing, blooming, crimson; (adj, adv) blushing
- rude:** (adj, n) rough, impudent, coarse, abrupt, bold; (adj) blunt, discourteous, impolite, brutal, crude, mean. ANTONYMS: (adj) polite, refined, courteous, chivalrous, civil, proper, decent, exact, clean, gentle, inoffensive
- rudely:** (adv) crudely, coarsely, uncivilly, indelicately, impolitely, roughly, harshly, vulgarly, brutally, meanly, wildly. ANTONYMS: (adv) respectfully, graciously, decently, civilly, properly, attentively,
- agreeably, tactfully, thoughtfully, acceptably, gently
- rudeness:** (n) disrespect, audacity, insolence, impudence, discourtesy, incivility, effrontery, bad manners, impoliteness, impropriety, primitiveness. ANTONYMS: (n) civility, refinement, propriety, courteousness, courtesy, decency, respect, diplomacy, praise, thoughtfulness, gentleness
- ruffian:** (n) rowdy, rascal, hoodlum, bully, brute, hoodlum, tough, miscreant, villain, rogue, roughneck
- ruffle:** (n, v) crinkle, ruff, crumple, wrinkle, fold; (v) agitate, discompose, fret; (adj, n) perturbation; (n) flounce, frill. ANTONYMS: (v) smooth, calm
- ruined:** (adj, v) lost; (adj) dilapidated, desolate, broke, broken, bankrupt, finished, devastated, desolated, insolvent, spoiled. ANTONYMS: (adj) solvent, pure, rich, whole
- ruinous:** (adj) harmful, baleful, disastrous, calamitous, injurious, deleterious, dilapidated, blasting, baneful, pernicious; (adj, n) subversive. ANTONYMS: (adj) beneficial, fortunate, harmless
- ruins:** (n) debris, wreck, remains, remainder, carcass, wreckage, relics, rubbish, shell, remnants, hulk
- rush:** (n, v) charge, flood, dash, flow, gush, race, run, speed, attack; (adj, n, v) burst; (n) onrush. ANTONYMS: (v) delay, dawdle, linger, wander, amble, hesitate, crawl, trickle; (n) shortage, slowness, unimportance
- rushed:** (adj) hurried, rush, precipitate, rapid, unexpected, hassled, immediate, instant, instantaneous, quick, speedy. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurried, slow, considered, gradual
- rusty:** (adj) ancient, out of practice, intractable, old, corroded, deaf to reason, exceptious, cantankerous; (v) moldy, raw, mildewed
- sack:** (v) plunder, dismiss, ransack, despoil, rob; (n, v) bag, discharge, fire; (n) pocket, sac, pouch. ANTONYMS: (v) hire, detain
- sacred:** (adj) holy, hallowed, dedicated, consecrated, divine, religious, pious, spiritual, inviolable, blessed; (adj, v) solemn. ANTONYMS: (adj) profane, unconsecrated, cursed, breakable
- sacrifices:** (n) holocaust
- sadder:** (adj) doleful
- sadly:** (adv) pitifully, dolefully, unfortunately, mournfully, sorrowfully, woefully, dejectedly, pathetically, wretchedly, forlornly; (adj, adv) seriously. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, contentedly, gladly, joyfully, fortunately, luckily, enthusiastically
- sadness:** (n, v) melancholy, despondency; (adj, n) grief, distress; (n) misery, sorrow, desolation, regret, gloom, mourning, affliction. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, amusement, cheerfulness, laughter, contentment, comfort, cheer, hopefulness
- safely:** (adv) surely, safe, certainly, cautiously, soundly, strongly, sure, steadily, harmlessly, unharmedly, unhurtly. ANTONYMS: (adv) harmfully, hazardously, loosely
- sailor:** (n) seaman, seafarer, tar, bluejacket, gob, boatman, navigator, navy man, lascar, Panama, leghorn
- salutation:** (n, v) salute; (n) reception, hail, hello, welcome, address, compliment, hullo, recognition, interpellation, pax
- salute:** (v) greet, hail, kiss, accost, acknowledge, buss; (n) salutation, bow, salaam; (n, v) address, compliment
- salver:** (n) waiter, server, epergne, tazza, platter, plate, serving dish, patella, urn, attendant, patera
- sandy:** (adj) gritty, granular, sabulous, arenaceous, powdery, mealy, loose, farinaceous, dusty, sandy laverock, nimble. ANTONYM: (adj) argillaceous
- sang:** (n) panax quinquefolius, sing, herb, herbaceous plant
- sash:** (n) girdle, cincture, band, cummerbund, baldric, framing, waistband, framework, frame, fillet, fascia
- sat in:** (adj) glossy, sleek, velvet, down, silky, silklike, silken, satiny, velure; (n) cloth, fabric
- satirically:** (adv) sardonically, ironically, cuttingly, mockingly, sharply, caustically, mordantly, cynically, keenly, severely, derisively
- satisfactory:** (adj) adequate, competent, sufficient, good, acceptable, ample, fair, tolerable, decent, presentable, plenty. ANTONYMS: (adj) inadequate, unacceptable, poor, appalling, disagreeable, bad, intolerable
- satisfied:** (adj) happy, content, full, pleased, confident, complacent,

- persuaded, fulfilled; (adj, v) certain, sure; (v) convinced. ANTONYMS: (adj) frustrated, anxious, disgruntled, hungry, insistent, persuasive, unsure, dissatisfied, ashamed
- satisfy**: (v) please, persuade, meet, satiate, indulge, sate, appease; (adj, v) content, fill, suffice, do. ANTONYMS: (v) intensify, displease, disappoint, disgruntle, frustrate
- saturated**: (adj, v) sodden; (adj) drenched, concentrated, sopping, soaked, full, soggy, soppy, wet through, pure; (v) impregnate. ANTONYM: (adj) unsaturated
- saturnine**: (adj) dour, moody, morose, sullen, dark, glum, gloomy, heavy, dismal; (v) melancholic, bilious
- sauce**: (n) gravy, condiment, impudence, seasoning, garnish, impertinence, mole, bechamel, salad, billingsgate, aioli
- sauces**: (n) tableware, plates, cups, dishware
- savage**: (adj, v) fierce, wild, furious; (adj) ferocious, brutal, cruel, bloodthirsty, rough, pitiless; (adj, n) brute; (n) vandal. ANTONYMS: (adj) civilized, gentle, nice
- saved**: (adj) protected, economized, rescued, blessed
- scales**: (adj) balance, weighbridge; (n) steelyard, mill Scales
- scamper**: (v) dash, sprint, dart, scuttle, skitter, skip, bustle, hasten, bolt; (n, v) run; (n) haste
- scandal**: (n) disgrace, dishonor, gossip, outrage, discredit, rumor, infamy, disrepute, ignominy, detraction, shame
- scandalous**: (adj) infamous, disgraceful, ignominious, outrageous, opprobrious, shocking, disreputable, disgusting, dishonorable; (adj, v) base, foul. ANTONYMS: (adj) proper, seemingly, honorable, appealing, complimentary, reputable, admirable
- scandalously**: (adv) shockingly, infamously, shamefully, outrageously, slanderously, defamatorily, notoriously, dreadfully, offensively, wickedly, libelously. ANTONYMS: (adv) reputably, virtuously
- scant**: (adj) insufficient, scanty, skimpy, poor, few, inadequate, narrow, little; (adj, v) meager, bare; (v) skimp. ANTONYMS: (adj) plentiful, extensive
- scantily**: (adv) sparingly, scarcely, poorly, sparsely, insufficiently, skimpily, meagerly, scantily, slenderly, sparsely; (adj, adv) thinly. ANTONYMS: (adv) plentifully, profusely, fully
- scanty**: (adj) insufficient, few, inadequate, bare, deficient, poor, narrow, scant, light; (adj, v) spare, lean. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, abundant, ample, strong
- scarcely**: (adv) narrowly, rarely, hardly, just, scarce, uncommonly, insufficiently, scantily, scanty, only just, seldom. ANTONYMS: (adv) easily, liberally
- scarf**: (n) neckerchief, handkerchief, stole, necktie, cravat, kerchief, mantilla, shawl, wrap, tie, stock
- scarlet**: (adj) crimson, ruddy, carmine, ruby, sanguine, rubicund, reddish, cerise; (n) vermilion, orange red, redness
- scatter**: (n, v) spread, spray; (v) disperse, dispel, disseminate, distribute, break up, dissipate, sprinkle, circulate, diffuse. ANTONYMS: (v) collect, reform, attract, concentrate
- scattered**: (adj) dissipated, thin, disordered, disconnected, confused, sparse, sporadic, distributed, rare, diffuse; (v) disperse
- scenery**: (n) scene, prospect, panorama, landscape, outlook, nature, picture, vista, set, backdrop, background
- scented**: (adj) fragrant, perfumed, aromatic, balmy, sweet, redolent, odoriferous, spicy, savory, smelling, angelical. ANTONYMS: (adj) scentless, smelly
- sceptical**: (adj) distrustful, questioning, doubting, skeptical, sceptic, unbelieving, disbelieving, doubtful, dubious, suspicious, skeptic
- scholar**: (n) learner, academic, student, pundit, apprentice, intellectual, brain, exhibitor, academician, professor, disciple. ANTONYM: (n) teacher
- schoolboy**: (n) lad, scholar, pupil, student, disciple, learner, schoolchild, youngun, younker, youth, school child
- schooling**: (n, v) training; (n) learning, instruction, school, drilling, teaching, pedagogy, edification, coaching, preparation,
- doctrine
- scorn**: (v) despise, contemn, reject; (n, v) ridicule, neglect, disregard, deride, slight; (n) contempt, derision, mockery. ANTONYMS: (n, v) respect, praise; (v) appreciate, revere, value, approve, admire, accept; (n) admiration, commendation, humility
- scornfully**: (adv) disdainfully, disparagingly, haughtily, derogatorily, condescendingly, contemptuously, sneeringly, arrogantly, sarcastically, derisively, mockingly. ANTONYM: (adv) humbly
- scotch**: (v) queer, balk, thwart, chock, cross, foil, frustrate, notch, nick; (adj) Scots, economical
- scraping**: (n) scrape, scratching, scratch, rub, sizing, rament, incision, mark, prick; (v) rubbing; (adj) grating
- scream**: (n, v) shout, call, howl, yell, screech, shriek, wail; (v) cry out, roar, bellow, holler. ANTONYM: (n) bore
- screaming**: (adv) screamingly; (n) shrieking, shriek, screeching, screech, vociferous; (adj) garish, loud, uproarious, showy, noisy
- screened**: (adj) covered, shielded, sheltered, concealed, isolated, select, invisible, shady, hazy, secluded, not exposed
- screw**: (adj, n) bolt; (adj, v) nail, pin; (v) cheat, fasten, wind; (n) propeller, jailer, gaoler; (n, v) turn, bonk. ANTONYM: (v) detach
- screwed**: (adj) threaded, firm, maulin, muddled, muzzy, raddled, corned; (n) whittled
- scriptures**: (n) scripture, Holy Bible
- scrupulous**: (adj) careful, punctilious, exact, conscientious, particular, painstaking, accurate, prudent, meticulous, rigorous, cautious. ANTONYMS: (adj) sloppy, unscrupulous, slapdash, relaxed, guilty, deceitful
- scrutiny**: (n) examination, review, inspection, search, investigation, check, inquiry, research, analysis, study, surveillance. ANTONYM: (n) glance
- scudding**: (n) hastening, hurrying
- scurry**: (n, v) scamper, scramble, race; (v) hasten, dash, rush, run, scuttle, sprint, dart; (n) haste. ANTONYMS: (v) amble, stroll
- searching**: (adj) piercing, inquisitive, probing, acute, exhaustive, curious,

- inquiring, profound, exploratory; (adj, v) cutting; (v) excruciating
- searchingly:** (adv) closely, piercingly, cuttingly, inquisitively, penetratingly, trenchantly, acutely, exhaustively, curiously, inquiringly, exploratorily
- seasoned:** (adj) veteran, flavoured, flavored, mature, ripe, versed, hardened, confirmed, practised, accustomed, sophisticated.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) green, unseasoned, inexperienced, mild
- seated:** (adj) sat, sedentary
- seating:** (n) room, circle, parterre, parquet, orchestra, service, way, base, footing, housing, stand
- secluded:** (adj) remote, secret, reclusive, privy, cloistered, isolated, lonely, retired, sequestered, solitary; (adj, v) hidden. ANTONYMS: (adj) nearby, near, exposed, busy, accessible
- second-class:** (adj) inferior, minor, common, mean, lower
- second-hand:** (adj) hand-me-down, derivative, imitative, secondary
- secrecy:** (adj, n, v) privacy; (n) concealment, silence, confidentiality, darkness, seclusion, retirement, mystery, secretiveness, privateness, mum
- secretly:** (adv) privately, confidentially, quietly, stealthily, surreptitiously, furtively, in secret, darkly, secretly, clandestinely, occultly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, deliberately, brazenly
- secrets:** (n) secrecy
- secular:** (adj) profane, lay, worldly, earthly, laic, temporal, terrestrial, mundane, unconsecrated; (n) layman; (v) centennial. ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritual, religious, church, heavenly
- secured:** (adj) secure, protected, firm, locked, fast, bonded, bolted, barred, latched, securer, obtained
- securely:** (adv) surely, safely, closely, solidly, steadily, assuredly, strongly, tightly, fixly, setly, stably. ANTONYM: (adv) insecurely
- sedulously:** (adv) industriously, assiduously, studiously, earnestly, attentively, intently, painstakingly, perseveringly, laboriously, fixedly, eagerly
- seed:** (n) issue, posterity, root, progeny, offspring, origin, nucleus, brood, embryo; (v) inseminate, plant
- segment:** (n, v) part, paragraph, slice, bit; (n) division, share, portion, piece, proportion; (v) partition, divide
- seize:** (v) catch, capture, grab, arrest, clutch, get, apprehend, receive, annex, clasp; (n, v) grapple. ANTONYMS: (v) baulk, relinquish, restore, surrender, give, remove
- seized:** (adj) confiscate, appropriated, condemned, apprehended, grasped, taken, held, seised, detained, obtained, arraught
- seizing:** (v) seize; (n) seizure, clutches, prehension, taking, apprehension, capture, infection; (adj) catching, galling, controlling
- seldom:** (adj) scarce, rare, few, infrequent; (adv) occasionally, infrequently, uncommonly, hardly, scarcely, not often, once in a blue moon. ANTONYMS: (adv) often, seldom
- self-contained:** (adj) reserved, closed, uncommunicative, reticent, taciturn, impassive
- sending:** (n) forwarding, dispatch, transmission, transmittal, send, despatch, mailing, transport, dispatching, dispatchment, conveyance
- sensation:** (n, v) feeling, impression, sense; (v) affection; (n) emotion, feel, perception, wonder, sensibility, sensitivity, thrill. ANTONYMS: (n) deadness, flop, dud, calm, failure
- sensations:** (n) feelings, vibrations, ambiance
- senses:** (adj) sober senses, sound mind; (n) reason, mind, conception, consciousness, judgment, faculties, mother wit, right mind, sanity
- sensibility:** (adj, n, v) feeling, notion; (n, v) sensation, appreciation, sense; (n) emotion, sensitivity, consciousness, perceptivity, awareness; (adj, n) sentiment. ANTONYM: (n) insensitivity
- sensibly:** (adv) sanely, intelligently, rationally, pragmatically, realistically, cleverly, politically, perceptibly, soundly, noticeably, wisely. ANTONYMS: (adv) foolishly, ludicrously, ridiculously, unreasonably, illogically, madly, irrationally, hastily, stupidly, irresponsibly, immaturely
- sentenced:** (adj) doomed, guilty
- sententious:** (adv) concisely, succinctly, laconically, pithily, briefly, aphoristically, shortly, tersely
- sentiment:** (n) emotion, mind, notion, feeling, persuasion, opinion, judgment, sense, judgement, attitude, impression
- sentimentalist:** (n) soul, somebody, someone, human, individual, mortal, person, romantic
- sentiments:** (n) breast
- separation:** (n) disjunction, detachment, disunion, seclusion, disconnection, rift, isolation, divorce, parting, departure; (n, v) division. ANTONYMS: (n) unification, closeness, marriage, union, unity, connection, bond, integration, synthesis, inclusion, meeting
- serene:** (adj) peaceful, calm, quiet, placid, composed, impassive, clear, pacific, gentle, cool; (adj, v) tranquil. ANTONYMS: (adj) agitated, anxious, noisy, nervous, impatient, excitable, scatterbrained, harsh, boisterous, excited, disturbed
- serge:** (n) cloth, fabric, material
- sergeant:** (n) police sergeant, noncom, serjeant, sergeant major, staff sergeant, technical sergeant, corporal, master sergeant, officer, deskman, gunnery sergeant
- sermon:** (n) discourse, oration, speech, address, homily, preaching, harangue, preaching, exhortation, predication; (n, v) lecture
- servant:** (n) manservant, domestic, lackey, maid, employee, flunkey, retainer, boy, footman, flunky, menial. ANTONYMS: (n) master, mistress
- servility:** (n) sycophancy, obsequiousness, subservience, meanness, abjectness, flattery, obedience, humility, submissiveness, servilence, yoke
- servicing:** (n) helping, share, service, piece, attendance, help, serve, drumstick, plate, libation, service of process
- settling:** (n) settlement, subsidence, defecation, dregs, clearing, sinking, dreg, remission, cave in; (adj) determining, definitive
- seventeen:** (n) large integer
- severely:** (adv) seriously, gravely, badly, sternly, harshly, hardly, strictly, rigidly, violently, sharply, strongly. ANTONYMS: (adv) leniently, gently, elaborately, lightheartedly, slightly, mildly, compassionately, tenderly, warmly, superficially, modestly
- sewn:** (adj) stitched, sew, sewen, seamed

- shabbily:** (adv) grubbily, abjectly, scruffily, raggedly, shoddily, meanly, threadbarely, tattily, sordidly, tackily; (adj, adv) paltrily. ANTONYMS: (adv) brightly, respectfully, smartly
- shabby:** (adj) poor, abject, mean, mangy, low, sorry, decrepit, worn, sordid, ragged; (adj, v) frayed. ANTONYMS: (adj) pristine, elegant, opulent, honorable, decent, new, neat, comfortable, tasteful, strong, respectful
- shade:** (n, v) screen, tinge, shadow, tint, color, cloud; (n) ghost, hue, blind, conceal, tone. ANTONYMS: (n) brightness, glare; (v) brighten, clarify, expose
- shades:** (n) shade, sunglasses, dark glasses, shadow, glasses, blind, awning, roller blind, eyeglasses
- shadows:** (n) dark, darkness, night, dimness, dusk, foginess, mistiness, gloom, cloudiness. ANTONYM: (n) brightness
- shady:** (adj) questionable, dark, fishy, doubtful, queer, suspicious, dim, uncertain, obscure, disreputable, dishonest. ANTONYMS: (adj) sunny, trustworthy, bright, reputable, aboveboard
- shaft:** (n) arrow, beam, axis, pole, arbor, dart, pillar, lance, well, axle; (adj, n) pit
- shake:** (n, v) jolt, beat, jar, quiver, wave; (v) agitate, excite, disturb; (adv, v) brandish; (adj, v) quake, totter. ANTONYMS: (v) soothe, steady
- shaken:** (adj) jolted, agitated, dilapidated, frayed; (v) passe, lame, broken, threadbare, wilted, shaky, vibrate
- shakespeare:** (n) the bard, William Shakspeare, William Shakespeare
- shaking:** (adj, n) quivering, tremor, jarring; (n) quiver, palpitation, quake; (adj) quaking, shaky, flutter, unsteady, shivering
- shaky:** (adj) precarious, ramshackle, insecure, unsafe, unstable, unsteady, wobbly, tottery, trembling; (adj, v) crazy, broken. ANTONYMS: (adj) steady, stable, strong, watertight, sound, hard, composed, alert, safe, secure, promising
- shallow:** (adj) superficial, low, cursory, petty, little, sketchy, flimsy, frivolous, simple, surface, perfunctory. ANTONYMS: (adj) bottomless, profound, intense, pensive, serious, inner, weighty
- sham:** (adj, adv, n, v) counterfeit; (adj, n, v) fake; (adj, v) pretend, put on; (adj, n) imitation, phony; (v) feign; (adj) false; (n) fraud, impostor, falsehood. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) real; (n) original, truth, truthfulness, honesty; (adj) valid
- shame:** (n, v) disgrace, dishonor, discredit, humiliate, degrade, chagrin; (n) humiliation, modesty, scandal, insult; (v) abash. ANTONYMS: (n) pride, glorification, making, worthiness; (v) acknowledge, glorify, respect, dignify
- shameful:** (adj) scandalous, dishonorable, opprobrious, shocking, ignominious, disreputable, despicable; (adj, v) foul, base, gross, black. ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, noble, dignified, admirable, faultless, reputable, glorious, compassionate, praiseworthy, commendable, excellent
- shannon:** (n) binary unit of information content, Claude Shannon, Claude Elwood Shannon
- shapeless:** (adj) amorphous, misshapen, unformed, unstructured, nebulous, inchoate, unshapely, indistinct, uncrystallized, embryonic, vague. ANTONYMS: (adj) distinct, defined, tailored
- shapely:** (adj) symmetrical, comely, graceful, neat, fit, curvaceous, slim, pleasing, busty, seemly, beautiful. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, misshapen, unshapely
- sharing:** (n) communion, dispensation, allotment, generosity, apportionment, pooling, allocation, division, show and tell, sharing out; (adj) sexual
- sharply:** (adj, adv) piercingly, harshly, penetratingly; (adv) keenly, severely, abruptly, trenchantly, shrewdly, biting, cuttingly, bitterly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, kindly, sweetly, politely, gradually, pleasantly
- shave:** (v) scrape, reduce, pare, cut, brush, chip, whittle, crop; (adj, v) clip, shear, lop. ANTONYMS: (v) augment, expand, lengthen
- sheaf:** (n) fagot, faggot, bunch, bale, package, bundle, truss, stack, parcel, fardel, packet
- sheets:** (n) rain, bed linen
- shelf:** (n) ledge, rack, bank, flat, projection, bookshelf, shelves, board, frame, shallows; (adj, n)
- shallow
- shell:** (n) rind, sheath, case, casing, bullet, bark, shot, crust; (n, v) bomb, pod; (v) bombard. ANTONYM: (n) middle
- shelley:** (adj) shelly; (n) Mary Shelley, Percy Bysshe Shelley
- shelter:** (n, v) guard, refuge, harbor, protect, shield; (adj, n, v) screen; (n) protection, asylum, sanctuary, security, hut. ANTONYMS: (n) danger, exposure; (v) endanger
- sheltering:** (adj) defensive, affording protection, motherly; (n) housing
- shelves:** (n) shelf, rack, shelving
- sherry:** (v) rye, schnapps, highball, peg, rum, whisky, xeres, sling, usquebaugh; (n) sherris, manzanilla
- shilling:** (n) York shilling, Tanzanian shilling, British shilling, Kenyan shilling, Ugandan shilling, Somalian shilling, dock, cork, farthing, coin, cheat
- shimmering:** (adj) glittering, sparkling, gleaming, dazzling, lustrous, bright, iridescent, shimmery, flashing, glittery, glowing. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, dim
- shin:** (v) clamber, shinny, make unintelligible, abrade, bark, beat; (n) tibia, shinbone, leg, alphabetic character, body part
- shining:** (adj, v) brilliant; (adj) lustrous, radiant, glossy, luminous, glorious, glowing; (adj, n) lucid, resplendent, clear; (v) shine. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, pale, blemished
- shirking:** (n) avoidance, goofing off, goldbricking, dodging, escape, elusion, soldiering, skirting, slacking, fudging
- shiver:** (n, v) shake, tremble, shudder, fragment, thrill, splinter, tingle; (v) quake, shatter, palpitate; (adj, v) break
- shivering:** (adj) quivering, shaking, trembling, shaky, quaking, tremulous, shuddering, chilled; (n) chill, cold, shiver. ANTONYM: (adj) composed
- shoe:** (n) horseshoe, sandal, shoes, moccasin, footgear, footwear, skid, flippers, anklet, flipper, track shoe
- shoot:** (v) discharge, flash, drive, dart, dash, send, photograph; (n) scion, branch; (n, v) sprout, hunt. ANTONYM: (v) trickle
- shortened:** (adj) abridged, cut, short, condensed, curtailed, reduced, cut short, scarce, unfinished, truncated,

- telescoped
- shortest:** (adj) direct, brusque, brusque, choleric, curt, directer, hotheaded, least, irascible, lowest, most direct
- shout:** (n, v) cry, clamor, scream, yell, roar, call, bellow, screech; (v) bawl, hollar; (n) cheer
- shouting:** (adj, n) yelling; (adj) crying, howling, vociferous; (n) clamor, calling, noise, cheering, vociferation, tumult; (v) bawl
- shouts:** (n) cries
- shovel:** (v) dig, rake, broom, delve, mop; (n) excavator, digger, shovelful, dipper, power shovel, poker
- shoving:** (n) thrusting
- shower:** (n, v) wash, rain, hail, drizzle, bath; (v) sprinkle, bathe, shed, scatter; (n) rain shower, rainfall. ANTONYM: (n) trickle
- showers:** (n) rain
- showman:** (n) impresario, cicerone, dragoman, exhibitioner, courier, shower, exhibitor, pornographer, valet de place, booster, film maker
- shrewd:** (adj) sharp, astute, keen, piercing, clever, cunning, bright; (adj, v) sagacious, knowing, crafty, prudent. ANTONYMS: (adj) foolish, gullible, naive, soft, candid, dim, innocent, guileless, obtuse, indiscriminate
- shrewdly:** (adv) sagaciously, smartly, brightly, sharply, craftily, cunningly, perceptively, cleverly, artfully, cannily, wisely. ANTONYMS: (adv) foolishly, innocently, ineptly, naively
- shrewdness:** (n) craftiness, perspicacity, astuteness, gumption, ingenuity, foxiness, craft, cunning, cleverness, sharpness, sagacity. ANTONYMS: (n) stupidity, ingenuousness, ineptness
- shrill:** (adj) piercing, penetrating, strident, keen, shrewd; (v) shriek, screech, scream, yell; (adj, v) high, sharp. ANTONYMS: (adj) low, quiet, resonant
- shrivelled:** (adj) shriveled, withered, wizened, shrunken, sere, sear, thin, lean, dry, shrunk, dryer
- shuffling:** (n) shuffle, evasion, shambling, make, shamble; (adj) evasive, shrunken, sere, sear, thin, laxity, abjection; (n, v) prevarication
- shyness:** (n) diffidence, modesty, bashfulness, humility, shame, timidity, coyness, pudency, timorousness, backwardness, timidness. ANTONYMS: (n) sociability, brashness, confidence, urbanity, arrogance
- sickening:** (adj) revolting, nauseous, offensive, repulsive, foul, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, loathsome, repugnant, abominable. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, pleasant, delightful, wholesome, light, appealing, wonderful
- sickroom:** (n) infirmary, sick bay, sanitarium, room
- sideboard:** (n) cupboard, closet, cellaret, credenza, cabinet, counter, locker, credence, press, snack bar, bin
- sideways:** (adj) side, crabwise, crosswise, indirect; (adv) obliquely, laterally, sidelong, sideway, sidewise, sideways; (adj, adv) aslant. ANTONYMS: (adj) level, direct; (adv) across
- siege:** (n) blockade, envelopment, encirclement, investment, besieging; (v) beleaguer, encompass, environ, envelop, encircle, beset
- sigh:** (n, v) groan, suspire, murmur; (v) breathe, languish, pine; (n) breath, wail, whimper, whine, suspiration
- silenced:** (adj) mute, muffled, disabled
- silk:** (adj) silky, down, silken, velure, velvet; (n) silks, satin, cloth, animal fiber, fabric, dental floss
- silken:** (adj) glossy, silk, sleek, soft, satiny, satin, shiny, smooth, slick, downy, mild. ANTONYMS: (adj) coarse, dull, rough
- simple-minded:** (adj) silly, naive, stupid, foolish, guileless, dumb, plain, innocent, retarded, dull
- simplest:** (adj) rudimentary
- simultaneously:** (adv) at the same time, contemporaneously, synchronously, all at once, directly, meanwhile, meantime, together, coincidentally, coincidentally, headlong
- sincere:** (adj, v) earnest, devout; (adj) genuine, faithful, heartfelt, honest, serious, open, artless, candid; (adj, n) cordial. ANTONYMS: (adj) insincere, dishonest, guarded, flippant, affected, disingenuous, hypocritical, cunning, unfaithful, unenthusiastic, unbelievable
- sincerely:** (adv) candidly, honestly, really, genuinely, heartily, openly, earnestly, simply, truly, seriously, unreservedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) dishonestly, affectedly, flippantly, jokingly, untruthfully,
- unenthusiastically, pretentiously, mildly
- sinful:** (adj) wicked, impious, bad, iniquitous, ungodly, depraved, immoral, profane, criminal, wrong, unholy. ANTONYMS: (adj) pious, virtuous, moral, right, pure
- sing:** (v) hymn, hum, chirp, drone, intone, vocalize, pipe, carol, snitch; (n, v) twitter, squeak
- singer:** (n) poet, minstrel, crooner, chorister, canary, chanter, warbler, musician, basso, madrigalist, alto
- singers:** (n) gospel choir, church choir, choral group, singing group, school choir
- singing:** (v) sing; (n) chanting, caroling, crooning, hymnody, humming, intonation, scat, psalmody, harmonization; (adj) cantabile. ANTONYM: (adj) silent
- singlehanded:** (adj) solitary, by yourself, on your own, lone
- singly:** (adv) one by one, separately, independently, severally, solely, respectively; (adj, adv) alone, only, merely; (adj) single, particularly. ANTONYM: (adv) multiply
- sinus:** (n) pit, fistula, indentation, hole, dent, dimple, lacuna, intaglio, dint, follicle, ampulla
- sipping:** (n) imbibing, imbibition; (adj) libant
- sisters:** (n) sistren
- sits:** (n) sat
- sixpence:** (n) bender, coin, teston, testern
- sixpenny:** (adj) cheap, priced, threepenny, tuppenny
- sketch:** (n, v) plan, outline, draft, scheme, picture, project; (n) drawing, cartoon, plot; (v) paint, draw
- skip:** (n, v) bound, leap, hop, caper, trip; (v) dance, bounce, prance, skim; (adj, v) miss; (n) omission. ANTONYMS: (v) attend, trudge, include
- skirt:** (n, v) border, edge, fringe, hem, flap, verge; (n) brim, kilt, apron; (v) evade, circumvent
- skit:** (n) parody, lampoon, burlesque, libel, personality, travesty, mockery, trollop, playacting, wench; (v) squib
- skull:** (n) noddle, sconce, pericranium, brainpan, cranium, head, upper story, shell, noggin, skeleton, skullcap
- slackened:** (adj) leisurely
- slain:** (v) slay; (adj) overthrown, mat, fallen, dejected, cast down
- slake:** (adj, v) abate, slacken; (v)

- satisfy, assuage, satiate, slack, allay, sate, ease, fill, mollify
- slang:** (n) lingo, cant, vernacular, argot, dialect, patois, language; (v) put one over, put one across, put on, dupe
- slanted:** (adj) slanting, diagonal, lopsided, tilted, sloped, sloping, oblique, skewed, aslant, askew, aslope. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, balanced, impartial, level, upright
- slap:** (n, v) clap, cuff, knock, hit, whack, beat, strike, spank; (n) blow; (v) buffet; (adv) bang
- slapped:** (adj) mistreated
- slatternly:** (adj) blowzy, sluttish, untidy, dirty, blowsy, sordid, loose, dowdy, squalid; (adv) dowdily, drably
- slavey:** (n) maidservant, domestic help, house servant, slave, domestic
- sleepily:** (adv) drowsily, slowly, somnolently, lethargically, lazily, sluggishly, dreamily, tiredly, indolently, torpidly, languorously. ANTONYM: (adv) vigorously
- sleeping:** (adj) asleep, inactive, latent, sleepy, vegetive, vegetative; (n) dormancy, noctambulism, quiescence, quiescent, short sleep. ANTONYMS: (adj) active; (n) waking
- sleepy:** (adj) drowsy, dozy, slow, lazy, hypnotic, inactive, comatose, dull, heavy, dreamy; (adv) asleep. ANTONYMS: (adj) awake, energetic, vigorous, clear, lively, refreshed
- sleeve:** (n) arm, liner, cover, cuff, wristband, collar, socket, skin, sheath; (v) plexus, skein
- slender:** (adj, v) lean, meager; (adj) little, thin, fine, lithe, slight, delicate, lissom, flimsy, faint. ANTONYMS: (adj) stocky, fat, wide, considerable, short, substantial, good, adequate, stout, thick
- slice:** (n, v) share, part, slash, gash, chip; (n) section, piece, bit, morsel, slab; (v) carve
- slighting:** (adj) belittling, deprecating, deprecativ, deprecatory, pejorative, derogatory, offensive, invidious, abusive; (n) disregard. ANTONYM: (adj) polite
- slim:** (adj, v) thin; (adj) slight, narrow, lean, remote, fine, skinny, tiny, meager; (v) reduce, lose weight. ANTONYMS: (adj) heavy, hefty, plump, stocky, wide, considerable, substantial, strong,
- stout; (v) gain
- slip:** (adj, n, v) lapse, miss; (adj, n) fault, blunder; (n, v) slide, drop, mistake, escape, skid, trip; (n) cutting. ANTONYM: (n) invoice
- slipping:** (n) skidding, slippage; (adj) slithering, gliding, down, labent
- slips:** (n) pad
- slope:** (n, v) pitch, slant, dip, tilt; (v) cant, lean; (n) declivity, acclivity, hill, gradient; (adj, n) inclination. ANTONYMS: (v) level; (n) descent, hollow, ascent
- sloping:** (adj, v) oblique, slope; (adj) slanting, inclined, slanted, diagonal, leaning, sloped; (adj, adv) aslope, aslant; (v) slant. ANTONYMS: (adj) horizontal, upright
- slush:** (adj, n) sludge, mire, squash; (v) slosh, slop, splash, plash; (adj) slime, silt, quagmire, alluvium
- slushy:** (adj) mushy, sentimental, muddy, sloppy, maudlin, sludgy, sloshy, schmalzy, schmaltzy, sappy, bathetic. ANTONYM: (adj) cool
- smacking:** (n) smack, brisk, shit, scag, savor, beating, h, savour, diacetylmorphine, heroin, horse
- smallest:** (adj) least, minimal, littlest, lowest, last, first, negligible, smallest number of, bottom, littler. ANTONYM: (adj) maximum
- smart:** (adj, n) sharp, quick, bright; (n, v) pain; (adj) shrewd, crafty, sly, dapper, prompt, astute, intelligent. ANTONYMS: (adj) stupid, scruffy, unkempt, dim, shabby, slow, naive, unfashionable, unstylish, unintelligent, thick
- smartly:** (adv) cleverly, quickly, sprucely, nattily, astutely, shrewdly, chicly, stylishly, trendily, wittily, modishly. ANTONYMS: (adv) scruffily, clumsily, untidily, unattractively, tastelessly, stupidly, messily, ineptly, slowly
- smear:** (adj, n, v) blot, smudge; (n, v) slur, libel, slander, stain; (adj, v) blur; (v) malign, anoint; (n) blotch, aspersion. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, compliment, remove
- smear:** (adj) smudged, unclean, soiled, grubby, smirched, muddy, messy, smudgy, grimy, greasy
- smiling:** (adv) smilingly; (adj) bright, cheerful, jolly, joyful, of good cheer, twinkly, fair, sunny; (n) grinning, grin. ANTONYMS: (adj) sad, gloomy
- smoking:** (n) fume, marijuana, respiration, roll of tobacco, sens; (v) candent, ebullient, glowing; (adj) smoky, rabid; (adv) on a roll
- smoothed:** (adj) round, smoothened, curved. ANTONYM: (adj) sharp
- smoothing:** (n) fine cutting, smoothness, sleeking; (adj) sleek, even, not harsh, smooth porcelain, bland, not rough, moving equably, mild
- smoothly:** (adv) easily, evenly, calmly, swimmingly, sleekly, fluently, flatly, softly, quietly, oily; (adj, adv) readily. ANTONYMS: (adv) unevenly, harshly, abrasively, awkwardly, huskily, hesitantly
- smote:** (v) smite
- smothered:** (adj) strangled, stifled, smother, pent-up, covered
- smouldering:** (adj) live, angry
- snatched:** (adj) hasty, speedy, brief, hurried, quick, rapid, short, sudden, swift. ANTONYM: (adj) slow
- snorting:** (n) puffing, laughter, expiration, breathing out, exhalation
- snuff:** (v) smell, kill, douse, slay, scent, snuffle, bump off, smother, snort; (adj) tobacco, nicotine
- snuffle:** (n, v) snivel, snuff, snuffle; (v) wheeze, breathe in, blubber, inhale, grumble, sob, whistle; (n) cry
- snuffling:** (adj) sniffly, tearful, snuffly
- snug:** (adj, v) cosy, trim; (adj) cozy, easy, comfy, tight, close, warm, secure, homely; (v) neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) baggy, uncomfortable, unwelcoming, bleak, formal, loose
- sobbing:** (adj) crying, weeping, weepy, tearful; (n) lamentation, shortness of breath, shit, prick, motherfucker, tear, lament
- sober:** (adj, v) grave, sedate; (adj) sane, earnest, quiet, solemn, moderate, modest, serene, dull, somber. ANTONYMS: (adj) intoxicated, unrestrained, drunk, playful, sensational, emotional, cheerful, frivolous, funny, muddled, delirious
- socialist:** (adj) socialistic, collective, left, collectivistic; (n) philanthropist, Benthamite, politico, radical, political leader, cosmopolite, politician. ANTONYMS: (adj) capitalist, capitalistic
- soda:** (n) soda pop, soda water, sodium carbonate, sal soda, Leblanc process, sodium oxide, carbonated water, sodium bicarbonate, seltzer, cold drink, restorative
- sodden:** (adj, v) soaking, dripping; (adj) damp, wet, saturated, sopping,

- soggy, muddy, drenched, sloppy, soppy
- sofa:** (n) couch, lounge, divan, bench, davenport, seat, squab, chair, form, convertible, daybed
- softly:** (adv) quietly, mildly, lightly, tenderly, delicately, gently, soft, quiet, silently, kindly, slowly. ANTONYMS: (adv) hoarsely, roughly, loudly, clearly, harshly, forte, severely, strongly, heavily, convincingly, brightly
- soldier:** (n) warrior, fighter, serviceman, champion, ranker, military personnel, swordsman, trooper, cavalryman, guardsman, janissary
- sole:** (n) bottom, flounder, base; (adj) single, singular, one, exclusive, individual, only, alone, solitary. ANTONYM: (adj) common
- solemn:** (adj, n, v) serious; (adj, v) sober, important, sedate, devout, formal, demure; (adj) heavy, dignified, sacred; (adj, n) earnest. ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, cheerful, unceremonious, funny, playful, flippant, relaxed
- solemnity:** (n) seriousness, sobriety, earnestness, formality, ceremony, impressiveness, austerity, sedateness, display, pomp, grandeur. ANTONYMS: (n) humor, levity, cheerfulness, understatement
- soles:** (n) family Soleidae
- solicitous:** (adj) eager, attentive, apprehensive, careful, anxious, jealous, considerate, avid, thoughtful, fervent; (n) desirous. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncaring, serene, thoughtless
- solicitude:** (n) care, consideration, anxiety, thought, apprehension, regard, attention, fear, disquietude, heed, fret. ANTONYMS: (n) negligence, serenity, thoughtlessness
- solidly:** (adv) steadfastly, substantially, strongly, stably, steadily, stoutly, compactly, soundly, securely, sturdily, consistently. ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, unreliably, weakly, sparsely
- solitary:** (adj) forlorn, only, alone, single, lonely, lone, sole, unaccompanied, isolated; (adj, n) recluse; (n) hermit. ANTONYMS: (adj) sociable, combined, common, outgoing
- sombre:** (adj) dismal, dreary, dark, shadowy, mournful, morose, murky, gloomy, sober, dull, glum
- someway:** (adv) someways, in some manner, in some way, one way or another, for some reason
- songbook:** (n) hymnal, hymnary, hymnbook
- sonorously:** (adv) richly, rotundly, loudly, vibrantly, roundly, harmoniously, soundingly, vocally, fully, clearly
- sooner:** (adj, adv) rather, earlier, before, preferably, instead; (adv) first, before now, faster, previously, beforehand; (adj) prior
- soot:** (n) smut, lampblack, carbon black, grime, carbon, crock, dirt; (adj) ink, ebony, coal pitch, jet
- soothe:** (n, v) comfort, allay, console, solace; (v) alleviate, palliate, ease, calm, mitigate; (adj, v) appease; (adj, n, v) assuage. ANTONYMS: (v) upset, irritate, aggravate, annoy, intensify, worry, enrage, scare, provoke, incite, disturb
- soothingly:** (adv) softly, quietly, calmingly, lullingly, lightly, tenderly, kindly, blandly, calmly, comfortingly, sedatively
- soprano:** (adj) high, tenor, voce di testa, penetrating, piercing, sharp, shrill; (n) mezzo, lind, high pitch, high frequency
- sore:** (adj, n, v) hurt; (adj) sensitive, angry, grievous, raw; (n) injury, lesion, cut, boil; (v) acute; (adj, v) sharp. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, healthy, pleased, comfortable
- sorrow:** (n, v) regret, lament, grieve; (v) mourn; (n) mourning, heartache, repentance, remorse; (adj, n) sadness, misery; (adj, n, v) distress. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, delight, happiness, peace, hopefulness, cheerfulness, shamelessness, calm, content; (v) rejoice
- sottish:** (adj) foolish, stupid, doltish, boozy, bibulous, heavy, sot, sluggish, simple, clodpated; (n) bibacious
- soup:** (v) pottage, potage, drink, liquor; (n) juice, gumbo, mulligatawny, borscht, bortsch, borsht; (adj) emulsion
- sour:** (adj, n) morose, harsh; (adj, v) acid; (adj) bitter, rancid, gruff, grim, glum, dour; (adj, n, v) severe; (v) ferment. ANTONYMS: (adj) kindly, pleasant, bland, amiable, fresh, mature, mild, kind; (v) sweeten, enhance
- sovereign:** (n) ruler, king, lord, emperor; (adj) independent, autonomous, imperial, royal, free, regal; (adj, n) prince. ANTONYMS: (adj) dependent, ineffective, useless
- sown:** (adj) sowed, seeded, planted, sative
- spacious:** (adj) broad, extensive, large, wide, ample, commodious, vast, capacious, comprehensive, open, great. ANTONYMS: (adj) cramped, narrow, airless, overcrowded
- span:** (n) length, distance, couple, range, period, extant, pair; (n, v) bridge, reach, stretch; (v) cross
- spanking:** (adj) snappy, lively, brisk, vigorous, potent, fresh, smart, dashing, zippy; (n) beating, smack
- spark:** (n, v) flicker, flash, gleam, glint, glitter; (n) light, glimmer, arc, flame, fire; (v) activate
- spasm:** (n) fit, outburst, cramp, attack, twitch, paroxysm, convulsion, pain, pang, start, tic
- spat:** (n, v) squabble, altercation, tiff, bicker, dispute, wrangle, row; (n) gaiter, argument, bickering, fuss. ANTONYM: (n) agreement
- speaks:** (n) talks
- specially:** (adv) especially, peculiarly, specifically, extraordinarily, exceptionally, unusually, exclusively, expressly, in particular, particular, distinctively. ANTONYM: (adv) generally
- speck:** (adj, n) point, atom, particle; (n) blot, flaw, smudge, blotch, blemish, grain, mote, dot. ANTONYM: (n) lot
- spectacle:** (n) scene, pageant, display, exhibition, phenomenon, appearance, spectacles, view, wonder; (n, v) sight, parade. ANTONYM: (n) understatement
- spectators:** (n) spectator, gallery, viewer, viewers, attendance
- spectral:** (adj) ghostly, phantasmal, apparitional, unearthly, ghostlike, supernatural, ghostly, shadowy, insubstantial, eerie, cadaverous
- sped:** (v) done for
- speechless:** (adj) silent, mute, dumb, dumbfounded, voiceless, quiet, tongueless, tacit, noiseless, mum, wordless. ANTONYMS: (adj) loquacious, eloquent, talkative
- spell:** (n) magic, fascination, bout, conjuration, period, incantation, sorcery, enchantment, turn, span, bewitchment. ANTONYM: (n) alertness
- spiced:** (adj) hot, spicy, flavorful, flavourful, peppery, flavored
- spick:** (adj) immaculate, speckless,

- spotless, faultless, impeccable; (n) cleaner, spik
- spicy:** (adj) piquant, racy, fragrant, pungent, salty, blue, savory, hot, juicy, peppery, redolent.
ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, mild, dull, insipid, tasteless, uninteresting, faint, sweet
- spilling:** (n) betrayal, booming
- spirits:** (n) alcohol, booze, humor, frame of mind, liqueur, strong drink, hard drink; (adj) cheer, geniality, good humor; (v) wine
- spiritual:** (adj) religious, holy, immaterial, incorporeal, pious, ethereal, mental, psychic, divine, metaphysical, unworldly.
ANTONYMS: (adj) physical, worldly, secular, earthly, tangible, uncommitted
- spite:** (n) malice, grudge, hatred, malevolence, rancour, venom, rancor, maliciousness, ill will, animosity; (n, v) pique.
ANTONYMS: (v) please; (n) benevolence, goodwill, love, affection, harmony
- spitting:** (n) spiting, expectoration, ejection, sizzle, projection, forcing out, expulsion, saliva
- spittle:** (n) slaver, slobber, spit, phlegm, sputum, drivel, dribble, drool, spital, mucus, expectoration
- splendid:** (adj, n, v) illustrious, glorious; (adj) gorgeous, beautiful, royal, gallant, proud; (adj, n) magnificent, noble, grand; (adj, v) brilliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, modest, humble, ordinary, undistinguished, meager, awful, dire, lowly, inglorious, shabby
- spoils:** (n) prize, stolen goods, booty, plunder, haul, swag, pickings, trophy, boodle, prize money, treasure
- sponge:** (n) parasite, leech, sponger; (v) cadge, scrounge, bum, mooch, soaker, efface, crawl; (adj, v) wipe
- sponging:** (n) shrinking, bath; (adj) scrounging, bloodsucking, freeloading, leechlike
- spoon:** (n) spoonful, ladle, shovel, soup spoon, tablespoon, trowel, teaspoon, dipper; (v) smooch, dally, bill and coo
- spooning:** (n) dalliance
- sporting:** (adj) fair, sportsmanlike, clean, gambling, betting, dissipated, athletic, adventurous, sporty; (v) taumachy; (n) diversion.
ANTONYM: (adj) unsporting
- sportsman:** (n) athlete, shikari, player, jock, sportswoman, fisherman, huntsman, gamester, play, hunter, reveler
- spots:** (n) damp, drifter, floater, floating policy, muscae volitantes, Musca volitans
- spotted:** (adj) mottled, speckled, dappled, piebald, blotchy, dotted, flyblown, multicolored, stained, spotty, flecked. ANTONYM: (adj) uniform
- sprawled:** (adj) sprawling
- spurious:** (adj, adv, v) counterfeit; (adj, adv, n) false; (adj) phony, fake, illegitimate, bogus, specious, misbegotten, bastardly; (adj, n) bastard; (adj, v) pseudo.
ANTONYMS: (adj) real, authentic, valid
- spurned:** (adj) jilted, unloved
- spying:** (n) detection, spotting, espial, catching, discovery, maculation, intelligence activity, signal detection, sensing, contracting, intelligence
- squabble:** (n, v) quarrel, brawl, row, bicker, feud, scrap, hassle, fuss, fight; (n) contention, spat.
ANTONYM: (n) agreement
- squad:** (n) brigade, crew, party, detachment, team, bunch, knot, band, troop, section; (n, v) set
- squalid:** (adj) sordid, nasty, foul, seedy, filthy, grimy, abject, dingy, grubby, seamy, sleazy.
ANTONYMS: (adj) clean, reputable, smart, respectable, fresh, comfortable, wholesome, habitable
- squander:** (v) fritter, dissipate, exhaust, lavish, blow, expend; (adj, v) consume, spend, desolate; (n) prodigality, dissipation.
ANTONYMS: (v) conserve, manage
- squared:** (adj) squarer, squaring, agree, exact, balanced, even, equal, correspondent, quadrate, correspond
- squat:** (adj) short, chunky, stumpy, squatty, thick, low; (v) crouch, perch, sit, hunker down, bend.
ANTONYMS: (adj) slender, tall, slight
- squeaking:** (adj) creaking, squeaky, screechy, squeaky, squealing, creaky; (n) squeak
- squeal:** (n, v) yell, shout, scream, screech, cry; (v) howl, squeak, inform, squall, confess, betray
- squeezed:** (adj) cramped
- squeezing:** (n) constriction, compression, pressure, squeeze, crushing, compressing, expulsion, extrusion, distress, power play; (v) expression
- stable:** (adj, adv) firm; (adj) reliable, stationary, fixed, fast, lasting, constant, durable, secure, solid, sound. ANTONYMS: (adj) shaky, wobbly, dangerous, volatile, precarious, rickety, tenuous, temperamental, fickle, temporary; (adv) loosely
- staircase:** (n) stair, ladder, flight, steps, flight of steps, stairs, backstairs, escalator, companionway, way, entrance
- stake:** (n, v) risk, chance, venture, bet, wager, post, pole, gamble, support; (n) interest, shaft
- stale:** (adj, n) musty, moldy; (adj) old, commonplace, hackneyed, insipid, trite, corny, flat, stagnant; (adj, v) dry. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, original, innovative, airy, new, exceptional, imaginative
- stalk:** (n) stem, shank; (v) pursue, walk, march, follow, shadow, tail, track, trail, hunt
- stall:** (n) bench, barn, compartment, stand, carrel, hut, stalling, cabin, kiosk; (n, v) delay; (v) procrastinate.
ANTONYM: (v) advance
- stalls:** (n) auditorium, auditory, horse barn, boxes, pit, stables, seating, seats, seating room, seating area, parquet
- stammer:** (v) falter, hesitate, stumble, bumble, fumble, mumble, utter, verbalize, waver, halt, splutter
- stamping:** (n) impression, blocking, coin, postage, stamping of rail
- stands:** (n) bleachers, stood, grandstand, standing, stop, covered stand, standpoint, stall, sales booth, reviewing stand, rack
- stanza:** (n) couplet, quatrain, strophe, stave, line, octave, antistrophe, sestet, poetry, envoy, canto
- starch:** (v) stiffen; (adj) stiff, glair; (n) cornstarch, arrowroot, arum, cornflour, sago, manioc, cassava, vitality
- stare:** (n, v) gaze, look; (v) gape, glare, peer, squint, goggle, see, outface; (n) regard, contemplation. ANTONYM: (v) glance
- startled:** (adj) dumbfounded, dismayed, distressed, aghast, frightened, astonished, amazed, terrified, afraid, shocked, astounded
- statue:** (n) figure, monument, statuette, effigy, idol, sculpture, carving, bust, sphinx, icon,

- representation
- stature:** (n) height, altitude, standing, tallness, prestige, figure, growth, status, quality, rank, greatness
- steadily:** (adv) constantly, stably, regularly, fixedly, strongly, continually, steadfastly, uniformly, tightly, calmly, determinedly.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) unsteadily, nervously, loosely, weakly, rapidly, suddenly, excitedly, haphazardly, inconsistently, unevenly
- steady:** (adj, v) steadfast, even, secure, resolute, regular, calm, sedate; (adj, adv) stable; (adj) constant, continual, fixed.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) shaky, wobbly, intermittent, unreliable, irregular, fluctuating, inconsistent, unbalanced, unstable, unfaithful; (adv) unsteadily
- stealing:** (n) pilferage, larceny, theft, steal, burglary, misappropriation, embezzlement, stolen, thievery, pilfering, thieving
- stealthily:** (adv) furtively, sneakily, surreptitiously, covertly, clandestinely, underhandedly, underhandedly, in secret, privately, sneakily; (adj, adv) noiselessly.
- ANTONYM: (adv) brazenly
- steaming:** (adj) hot, sweltering, roasting, baking, hot under the collar, hazy, scorching; (adv) piping; (n) fumigation
- steed:** (n) horse, mount, charger, knight, courser, warhorse, pony, stallion, mare
- steered:** (adj) directed
- stem:** (n) root, bow, branch, stalk, bole, stick, shank, handle; (v) originate, block, arrest.
- ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, accelerate
- stepping:** (n) steps
- stern:** (adj) rigid, rigorous, austere, hard, strict, grim, solemn, rough; (adj, v) harsh; (n) back; (adj, n) rear.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, approving, lenient, funny, genial, gentle, kindly, lax, liberal, cheerful, flexible
- sternness:** (n) harshness, rigor, strictness, austerity, rigour, asperity, inclemency, hardness, grimness, unpermissiveness, acrimony.
- ANTONYMS: (n) leniency, warmth, pleasantness, cheerfulness
- steward:** (n) flight attendant, waiter, keeper, warden, attendant, curator, caretaker, administrator, janitor, chamberlain, stewardess
- stewards:** (n) administration
- stiff:** (adj) hard, formal, inflexible, difficult, rigorous, numb, firm, sturdy; (adj, n) stark, severe; (n) corpse. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, supple, flexible, floppy, pliable, free, easy, loose, informal, mild, pliant
- stiffly:** (adv) firmly, stiff, awkwardly, unbendingly, difficultly, woodenly, strongly, formally, stringently, clumsily, strictly. ANTONYM: (adv) loosely
- stillness:** (n) hush, calmness, immobility, serenity, silence, quietness, peacefulness; (adj, n) calm, quiet, peace, still.
- ANTONYMS: (n) bustle, movement, uproar, motion, turbulence, turmoil, vigor, disturbance, chaos, agitation
- stimulus:** (n) provocation, encouragement, spur, motivation, inducement, stimulation, stimulant, impulse, inspiration, urge, goad.
- ANTONYMS: (n) deterrent, discouragement, disincentive
- stinging:** (adj) cutting, bitter, piquant, pricking; (adj, v) caustic, acrid, piercing, poignant, biting, pungent, keen. ANTONYMS: (adj) stingless, gentle
- stipulated:** (adj) fixed, formal, certain, conventional, customary, firm, predetermined, abstracted
- stir:** (adj, n, v) move, bustle; (v) rouse, arouse, affect, agitate, inspire; (adj, n) movement; (n) commotion, excitement, disturbance.
- ANTONYMS: (v) dampen, retire, stultify, bore, steady, stifle, suppress; (n) quiet, peace; (n, v) calm
- stirring:** (adj) lively, exciting, alive, rousing, spirited, touching, thrilling, active; (n) agitation; (v) eventful, brisk. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressing, boring, inactive, dull, conciliatory, asleep, uninspiring, unimpressive; (n) suppression
- stool:** (n) seat, bench, footstool, feces, dejection, faeces, ordure, fecal matter, droppings, bowel movement, form
- stooped:** (adj) hunched, stoop, stooping, crooked, bended, not straight, inclined, not erect, arched, asymmetrical, droopy
- stores:** (n) provisions, materials, provender, support, equipment, military issue, government issue, goods, food, commissariat
- storm:** (n, v) rush, tempest, hail, attack, assault, charge; (v) fume; (n)
- shower, blizzard, hurricane, gust.
- ANTONYM: (n) trickle
- stout:** (adj, n) sturdy, stocky, hearty; (adj) hardy, strong, robust, obese, husky, bold, corpulent, fleshy.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, slim, flimsy, cowardly, slight, skinny, fragile, weak
- stoutly:** (adv) sturdily, robustly, strongly, solidly, lustily, vigorously, toughly, resolutely, stockily, portly, obstinately. ANTONYM: (adv) feebly
- straggling:** (adj) rambling, straggly, spread, few, trailing, untidy, vagabond, sprawly, sprawled.
- ANTONYM: (adj) compact
- straightening:** (n) tapping, straightening of a water course
- straight-laced:** (adj) conventional, austere
- strain:** (n, v) stretch, sift; (adj, n, v) tax; (v) screen, filter, try, exert; (n) effort, breed, exertion, song.
- ANTONYMS: (v) laze; (n) ease, relief
- strained:** (adj) tense, labored, intense, constrained, laboured, unnatural, nervous, affected, taut, artificial, tight. ANTONYMS: (adj) natural, calm
- straits:** (n) pass, head, distress, sound, isthmus, dire straits, destitution, point, crack, chief, caput
- strand:** (n, v) beach; (n) shore, rope, line, filament, string, waterside, chain, bank; (v) maroon, desert
- strangely:** (adv) curiously, queerly, unusually, funnily, peculiarly, weirdly, marvelously, uncommonly, extraordinarily, singularly, bizarrely. ANTONYMS: (adv) typically, ordinarily, harmoniously
- strangers:** (n) stranger
- stratagem:** (n) scheme, ruse, plan, trick, dodge, ploy; (n, v) contrivance, maneuver, deceit, intrigue; (adj, n) artifice
- straw:** (n) rush, stalk, drinking straw, chaff, fig, bran; (adj) feather, cobweb, mote, gossamer; (v) strew
- stray:** (v) wander, ramble, range, digress, straggle, meander, depart, deviate, rove, drift, err. ANTONYM: (v) settle
- streaks:** (n) stripes, cords
- strenuous:** (adj) arduous, energetic, hard, grueling, active, keen, tough, eager, dynamic, forward, difficult.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, undemanding, refreshing, effortless, feeble, light

stretched: (adj) extended, stiff, tight, tense, stretched out, strained, expanded, outstretched, elongated, outspread, prolonged.

ANTONYMS: (adj) loose, short

strewn: (adj) spread, distributed, disordered, strewed, confused, covered, diffuse, disconnected, disjointed, circulated, dispersed

stride: (n, v) pace, tread, walk, stalk, rate, toddle, stump; (n) footstep, gait, progress; (v) march

strife: (n) discord, disagreement, dissension, conflict, competition, feud, fight; (adj, n, v) dispute, debate; (n, v) controversy; (adj, n) quarrel. ANTONYMS: (n) accord, cooperation, calm, peace

striking: (adj) outstanding, dramatic, spectacular, salient, imposing, conspicuous, vivid, remarkable, notable, astonishing; (n) strike.

ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, ordinary, unimpressive, unremarkable, inconspicuous, unattractive, uninteresting, plain, insignificant, humble, obscure

strip: (v) deprive, despoil, peel, rifle, plunder, divest, denude, ransack, pillage; (n) band, slip. ANTONYMS: (v) decorate, cover, add

stripling: (n) lad, boy, adolescent, teenager, youth, rocker, youngster, young man, child, pachuco; (adj) younker

stripped: (adj) naked, nude, exposed, fleeced, undressed, unclothed, stark, desolate, denuded, bald, stript

striving: (n) nisis, pains, endeavor, strife, try, strain, attempt, strive, ambition, struggle, exertion.

ANTONYM: (adj) unmotivated

stroke: (adj, n) blow; (n, v) touch, caress, mark, buffet, lick, pat; (n) beat, hit, knock, bang

stroking: (v) caress, strike, blow; (n) cam stroke, feeling, effleurance, diagonal, CVA, commendation, glide, slash

strove: (v) strive

struggling: (v) strive; (adj) harassed, hostile, under pressure, stressed, aggressive, agonizing, rebellious, belligerent, careworn; (n) collocation

strutting: (n) boasting, stiffening, bracing; (adj) boastful

stuck: (adj) stranded, jammed, delayed, fast; (adj, adv) aground; (n) stuck ware, thrust, sticking; (v) sticked, fasten, attach. ANTONYMS: (adj) unstuck, loose

studious: (adj) scholarly, bookish, academic, assiduous, erudite, diligent, learned, careful, deliberate; (adj, v) thoughtful, reflective.

ANTONYM: (adj) negligent

studying: (n) poring over, perusal, study, learning, reading, speculation

stuffing: (n) pad, filling, forcemeat, farce, dressing, filler, fill, wadding, contents, inside, tompon

stumbling: (adj) lurching, astounding, hesitant, halting, awkward, astonishing, maladroit, clumsy, weaving; (adv) stumblingly; (n) hesitation. ANTONYM: (adj) firm

stump: (n) stub, end, pulpit; (v) confuse, stamp, baffle, perplex, nonplus, puzzle, bewilder, mystify. ANTONYM: (v) explain

stung: (adj) sting, bit, annoyed, roiled, irritated, nettled, peeved, pissed, riled, stings, thrust

stunted: (adj) scrubby, little, scrawny, diminutive, puny, short, spare, weak, underdeveloped, dwarfish; (v) strangulated. ANTONYM: (adj) tall

stupefied: (adj) stunned, amazed, astonished, bewildered, astounded, dumbfounded, stupid, confused, flabbergasted, dumfounded, groggy. ANTONYMS: (adj) precise, unimpressed

stupidly: (adv) dully, thickly, obtusely, senselessly, fatuously, slowly, insanelly, unwisely, doltishly, crassly, densely.

ANTONYMS: (adv) shrewdly, brightly, sensibly, wisely, sensitively, prudently, carefully

stupor: (n) lethargy, stupefaction, coma, shock, insensibility, unconsciousness, trance, sluggishness, torpor, haze, grogginess. ANTONYMS: (n) alertness, awareness, wakefulness

stylish: (adj) fashionable, elegant, dapper, chic, dressy, trendy, modern, natty, neat, popular, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfashionable, unstylish, styleless, bland, plain, unsophisticated, awkward, modern, out, primitive, shabby

suave: (adj) bland, mild, courteous, gentle, polite, sophisticated, refined, temperate, politic, smooth, nice.

ANTONYMS: (adj) rude, unsophisticated, graceless, tactless, unemph, plain

subdued: (adj) quiet, muffled, dull, restrained, muted, tame, faint,

repressed, low, meek; (adj, v) resigned. ANTONYMS: (adj) enthusiastic, lively, uninhibited, unsubdued, rebellious, noisy, bright, elaborate, frivolous, upbeat

submission: (n) compliance, obedience, acquiescence, bid, offer, deference, entry, presentation, conformity; (adj, n) resignation, surrender. ANTONYMS: (n) defiance, divergence, disobedience

submit: (v) comply, obey, acquiesce, give in, present, hand in, put forward, hand over, propose, give;

(n, v) resign. ANTONYMS: (v) resist, persevere, defy, overpower, face, disobey, conquer

substance: (adj, n) subject; (n) body, significance, import, material, matter, meaning, amount, means, gist, core. ANTONYMS: (n) meaninglessness, lightness, surface

subtle: (adj) delicate, sharp, nice, acute, astute, insidious, exquisite, elusive; (adj, v) shrewd, sly, crafty.

ANTONYMS: (adj) loud, bright, considerable, tactless, overpowering, harsh, concrete, dark

subtlety: (n) refinement, elegance, nuance, delicacy, craft, finesse, nicety, niceness, penetration, polish, cunning. ANTONYMS: (n) tactlessness, coarseness, heaviness, vulgarity

suburbs: (adj, n) environs; (n) outskirts, periphery, outer reaches, outer edge, fringes, entourage, borderland; (adj) purlieus, alentours, neighborhood

succeed: (v) follow, arrive, prosper, prevail, manage, supplant, ensue, supersede, do, achieve, flourish. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, precede, lose, botch, restore, neglect, Miss, deteriorate

suffused: (adj) distributed, covered, full

suited: (adj, v) proper, fit, fitted, adapted, convenient; (adj) appropriate, good, apt, eligible, capable, useful. ANTONYMS: (adj) incompatible, wrong, inappropriate

suiting: (n) cloth, fabric, fitting, disposition, settlement, regulation, adaptation, adjustment; (adj) corresponding, conformable, answering

suitoer: (n) plaintiff, suer, admirer, beau, candidate, complainant, gallant, boyfriend, applicant, petitioner; (n, v) wooer

sullen: (adj, n) morose, sulky, sour;

- (adj) gloomy, gruff, glum, moody, dark, cross, surly; (adj, v) grim.
ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, cheery; (n) cheeriness
- sultry:** (adj) hot, humid, muggy, oppressive, stifling, sticky, ardent, sensual, stuffy, sweltering, torrid.
ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, cool, cold, temperate, dry
- summarily:** (adj, adv) briefly; (adv) shortly, succinctly, tersely, immediately, compendiously, compactly, concisely, speedily, condensedly, abridgedly.
ANTONYM: (adv) eventually
- summons:** (n) call, invitation, bidding, process, writ, invocation, warrant, command; (n, v) summon; (v) demand, cite
- sums:** (n) estimate, calculation, arithmetic
- sundered:** (v) subjugated, ruined financially, rough, subdued, humbled, cracked, not continuous, strained, disunited, disconnected, contrite
- sung:** (v) sing; (n) call, sung dynasty, strain, song dynasty, song, birdsong, birdcall; (adj) spoken, outspoken, choral
- sunk:** (adj) sunken, undone, finished, ruined, profound, immersed, damaged, lowed, lying flat; (v) cut up, dashed
- sunlight:** (n) sunshine, daylight, the sun, positive, solar, sunbeam, brightness, sunbeams, rays, shaft, beam
- sunny:** (adj) bright, clear, gay, cheerful, merry, blithe, shiny, shining, radiant, brilliant, fair.
ANTONYMS: (adj) overcast, dull, shady, unhappy, cloudy, sad, miserable, gloomy, unpleasant
- sunset:** (n) dusk, sundown, nightfall, twilight, night, sunset, periodic event, crepuscule, atmospheric phenomenon, hour, recurrent event.
ANTONYMS: (n) sunrise, daybreak
- sunshade:** (n) awning, canopy, parasol, shade, sunblind, marquee, umbrella, tilt, blind, covering, tent
- superior:** (adj) dominant, exceptional, predominant, better, great, proud, arrogant, excellent, select, high; (adj, n) elder.
ANTONYMS: (adj, n) inferior, subscript; (adj) humble, worse, poor, adscript, junior, lesser, low; (n) subordinate, associate
- supper:** (n) meal, tea, lunch, repast, reception, mealtime, siesta, social affair; (v) dejeuner, bever, whet
- suppers:** (n) supper
- surgeon:** (n) doctor, sawbones, doc, reed, operating surgeon, medicine, neurosurgeon, plastic surgeon, medico, lister, general practitioner
- surname:** (n) cognomen, name, sobriquet, family name, soubriquet, last name, nickname, maiden name, moniker, first name, agnomen
- surplice:** (n) robe, Geneva gown frock, gown, pallium
- surrounded:** (adj) enclosed, ingirt, not independent, ringed, inside, rooted, conditioned, circumstanced, bounded; (v) beset, furnished
- surrounding:** (prep) round, about; (adj) encompassing, encircling, environmental, circumambient, adjoining; (adv) around; (n) surroundings, circumstances, enclosing
- suspect:** (v) mistrust, suppose, distrust, conjecture, guess, surmise, divine, disbelieve; (adj) fishy, questionable, shady.
ANTONYMS: (adj) trustworthy, trusted, innocent, reliable, credible, aboveboard; (n) plaintiff; (v) know, believe
- suspected:** (adj) supposed, doubted, suspicious, suspicion, inspiring distrust, distrusted
- suspended:** (adj) hanging, dormant, pendulous, abeyant, dangling, in abeyance, inactive, pendant, in suspension, pensile, suspensory
- suspicious:** (adj) entertain doubts, have doubts; (n) doubts, misgivings, reservations, qualms, worries, fears, uncertainties
- suspicious:** (adj) questionable, distrustful, shady, queer, doubtful, dubious, incredulous, fishy, funny, jealous, mistrustful.
ANTONYMS: (adj) gullible, trustworthy, aggressive, aboveboard, certain, unsuspecting, unquestionable, believable, straight, palpable, innocent
- sustained:** (adj) prolonged, long, continuous, constant, chronic, free burning, perennial, supported, permanent, sostenuto, protracted.
ANTONYM: (adj) brief
- sustaining:** (adj) underneath, alimentary, at the bottom of, comforting, filling, fundamental, healthy, profitable, rich; (n) continuation, maintenance
- swarthy:** (adj) dusky, black, swart, sable, somber, dun, tawny, coloured, colored, atramentous; (n) brunette.
ANTONYMS: (adj) fair, light
- swathing:** (n) side raking, covering
- sway:** (n, v) command, rule, control, rock, stagger, roll; (v) oscillate, reel, lurch, shake; (n) reign.
ANTONYMS: (v) stay, dissuade, discourage
- swaying:** (adj) swinging, convincing, oscillating, influential, persuasive, moving, lilt, groggy; (n) floating, manipulation
- sweeping:** (adj) broad, extensive, radical, wholesale, indiscriminate, exhaustive, blanket, thorough, general, wide; (adv) sweepingly.
ANTONYMS: (adj) narrow, restricted, exclusive, specific, modest, isolated
- sweetheart:** (n) dear, girl, darling, mistress, flame, beloved, boyfriend, love, steady; (adj, n) beau, admirer.
ANTONYMS: (n) foe, enemy
- sweets:** (n) confectionery, julep, grocery, confiture, instantaneous sweet
- swelled:** (adj) big, inflated, bloated, swollen, adult, boastful, bighearted, bad, fully grown, crowing, elder
- swept:** (adj) clean
- swift:** (adj, adv, v) fast; (adj) quick, fleet, speedy, alert, nimble, hasty, prompt, sudden, hurried; (adj, v) rapid.
ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, leisurely, sluggish, gradual, delayed, clumsy
- swiftly:** (adv) rapidly, speedily, fleetly, promptly, expeditiously, alertly, hastily, suddenly, readily; (adj, adv) quickly, fast.
ANTONYMS: (adv) eventually, sluggishly, gradually
- swindle:** (n, v) cheat, con, do, trick, hoax, beguile; (v) defraud, deceive; (n) imposture, deception, fraud.
ANTONYMS: (v) donate, give; (n) donation, gift
- swing:** (n, v) sway, sweep, turn, change, beat; (v) fluctuate, oscillate, dangle, rock, vibrate; (adj, v) hang
- swinging:** (adj) swaying, excessive, lilt, inordinate, hanging, exorbitant, pendulous, outrageous, preposterous, extravagant; (n) slewing
- swishing:** (adj) swishy, noisy
- swoon:** (adj, n, v) faint; (adj, n) collapse; (n) fainting, syncope, prostration, deliquium; (v) conk, black out, pass out, die; (adj) puff
- syllable:** (n) antepenultimate, antepenult, penultima, penultimate, articulate, utter, linguistic unit, solfa syllable, speech sound, syllabe,

- language unit
- symbol:** (n) emblem, number, badge, mark, stamp, numeral, type, insignia, token, image, indication
- sympathetic:** (adj, v) compassionate, tender, affectionate; (adj, n) kindly, congenial, humane, gentle, favorable; (adj) merciful, agreeable, friendly. ANTONYMS: (adj) hardhearted, unfeeling, callous, uncaring, unsociable, unforgiving, unfriendly, negative, sarcastic, opposed, unhelpful
- sympathy:** (n) compassion, kindness, commiseration, mercy, feeling, understanding, rapport, benevolence, agreement; (adj, n) humanity, charity. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, cruelty, coldness, disdain, incompatibility, thoughtlessness, mercilessness, callousness, incomprehension, inhumanity, insensitivity
- tablecloth:** (n) duster, napery, rag, table linen
- tact:** (n) diplomacy, delicacy, finesse, address, discretion, skill, consideration, refinement, grace, thoughtfulness, tactfulness. ANTONYMS: (n) frankness, carelessness, thoughtlessness, insensitivity, clumsiness
- tail:** (n, v) shadow, trail; (v) follow, track, pursue, dog, tag, chase; (n) behind, posterior, butt. ANTONYMS: (n, v) head, front; (v) lead
- tale:** (n) account, narrative, narration, recital, fib, fable, report, fiction, lie, relation, yarn. ANTONYM: (n) fact
- talent:** (n) genius, ability, aptitude, capacity, skill, knack, flair, capability; (n, v) endowment, faculty; (adj, n) cleverness. ANTONYMS: (n) incapacity, lack, stupidity, incompetence, ineptness, drawback
- talented:** (adj) clever, gifted, capable, accomplished, proficient, apt, versatile, promising, ingenious, expert, competent. ANTONYMS: (adj) mediocre, slow, ordinary, incompetent, bad, clumsy
- talents:** (adj) talent, ability, capacity, parts, ingenuity, cleverness, turn; (n) faculty, endowment, genius, accomplishment
- talkative:** (adj, v) loquacious; (adj) garrulous, chatty, gabby, verbose, gossipy, glib, communicative, voluble, talky, wordy. ANTONYMS: (adj) reserved, mute, silent, shy, quiet, uncommunicative, restrained, reticent
- tally:** (n, v) count, check, score, sum; (v) agree, number, suit, fit, match, accord, jibe. ANTONYMS: (v) disagree, conflict, differ
- tangled:** (adj) involved, complex, knotted, intricate, complicated, entangled, knotty, convoluted, disheveled, tousled, matted. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, straightforward, untangled, neat, simple
- tanner:** (n) artificer, artisan, coin, craftsman, journeyman
- tapped:** (adj) poor, powerless, helpless. ANTONYM: (adj) untapped
- tapping:** (n) draining of the furnace, paracentesis, to tap, tick, tapotement, sound, patter, drainage, clapping, casting, restriking
- taps:** (n) demise, bugle call
- tardy:** (adj, adv, v) late; (adj, v) slow, remiss; (adj, adv) backward, dilatory, behindhand; (adj) belated, slack, overdue, delayed, sluggish. ANTONYMS: (adj) early, punctual, premature, speedy
- tart:** (adj) sour, pungent, acid, keen, bitter, piquant, crabbed, astringent; (n) pie, pastry, prostitute. ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, kind
- tartly:** (adv) sharply, sarcastically, sourly, bitingly, bitterly, acerbically, harshly, caustically, keenly, cuttingly, vinegarly. ANTONYM: (adv) kindly
- taskmaster:** (n) moderator, overseer, employer, boss, coach, dictator, disciplinarian, foreman, principal, slave driver, supervisor
- tasting:** (n) degustation, gustation, savoring, relishing, sample, gustatory sensation, gustatory perception, discernment, drinking, eating, feeding
- tawdry:** (adj) cheap, shoddy, meretricious, showy, flashy, garish, loud, tasteless, trashy, tacky, brassy. ANTONYMS: (adj) sophisticated, nice, quality
- tawny:** (n) tan, buff; (adj, n) brown, auburn; (adj) luteous, golden, sallow, russet, chestnut, creamy, moderately black
- teddy:** (n) teddies, shift, shimmy, chemise, slip, toy, cutting, miscue, duty period, pillow slip, paraprasix
- tedious:** (adj) tiresome, boring, dreary, slow, heavy, humdrum, irksome, lifeless; (adj, v) monotonous, arid, dry. ANTONYMS: (adj) exciting, varied, easy, readable, lively, entertaining, enthralling, brisk, concise, exotic, pleasant
- telegram:** (n) cablegram, wire, telegraph, message, letter telegram, report, overseas telegram, news, marconigram, embassy, conducting wire
- temper:** (adj, v) moderate, soften, mitigate, harden; (n) character, disposition, humor, nature; (v) modify, season, qualify. ANTONYMS: (n, v) upset; (v) soften, agitate, excite, flex, bend, increase; (n) composure, happiness, wrath, equanimity
- temperament:** (n) character, nature, disposition, constitution, personality, quality, spirit, humor, equanimity, composure, mettle
- tempered:** (adj) attempered, temperate, moderated, toughened, subdued, set, enured, proportioned, properly adapted, emotionally hardened, treated. ANTONYM: (adj) untempered
- temple:** (n) church, place of worship, shrine, Fane, house of worship, pantheon, pagoda, synagogue, brow, sanctuary, mosque
- temple:** (n) brow
- temper:** (n, v) offer, proffer, bid; (adj, v) affectionate; (adj) painful, sensitive, soft, loving, sore; (v) propose, present. ANTONYMS: (adj) hardhearted, rubbery, hard, rough, uncaring, healthy, mature, unfeeling, cold, experienced; (v) withdraw
- tenderness:** (n) fondness, soreness, love, affection, sympathy; (adj, n) clemency, mildness, compassion, gentleness, softness, delicacy. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, dryness, hatred, strength, detachment
- tenor:** (n) purport, meaning, substance, tendency, spirit, tone, mood, effect, set, temper; (adj) soprano
- tense:** (adj) nervous, taut, edgy, stiff, uptight, jumpy, wired, stretched; (adj, v) overwrought; (v) strain, extend. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, comfortable, tranquil, loose, slack, relaxing, untroubled, limp, lax, calming; (v) relax
- terrace:** (n) veranda, bench, porch, balcony, yard, ledge, platform, portico, backyard, area, accommodation

terrific: (adj) tremendous, fantastic, great, wonderful, dreadful, formidable, splendid, brilliant, marvellous; (adj, v) terrible, shocking. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, abysmal, bad, calm, moderate, nasty, dreadful, insignificant, ordinary, unremarkable

terrifying: (adj) horrible, frightening, alarming, fearsome, scary, horrifying, terrific, appalling, formidable, ghastly, hideous.

ANTONYMS: (adj) safe, pleasant, reassuring

terror: (n, v) alarm, scare; (adj, n) dread, awe; (n) fear, dismay, consternation, horror, panic, apprehension, scourge.

ANTONYMS: (n) peace, security, delight, calm, confidence

tessellated: (adj) tesseraic, decorated, tessellate

tastily: (adv) irritably, pettishly, peevishly, grumpily, fretfully, waspishly, tetchily, crankily, touchily, snappishly, cantankerously

texture: (adj, n) grain; (n) fabric, constitution, weave, tissue, web, woof, roughness, marbling; (n, v) finish, make

thankful: (adj) appreciative, indebted, beholden, obliged, contented, pleased, gratified, relieved, under obligation, appreciatory, welcome.

ANTONYMS: (adj) worried, unappreciative, unthankful, sorry

theatrical: (adj) melodramatic, dramatic, histrionic, stagy, theatrical, stilted, artificial, pretentious, spectacular, pedantic, full of affectation. ANTONYMS: (adj) undramatic, restrained, real, quiet

theatricals: (n) Melpomene and Thalia, sock, Thespis, acting, dramaturgy, buskin, cothurnus

theology: (adj, n) divinity, God, deity; (n) apologetics, homiletics, hermeneutics, religion, theological system, eschatology, field of study, subject field

thickly: (adv) deeply, heavily, thick, viscously, thicksetly, solidly, dully, dumbly, compactly, closely, turbidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) thinly, finely, slightly, sparsely, loosely, distinctly

thigh: (n) portion, limb, second joint, femur, hip, serving, drumstick, crus, helping, flank

thinly: (adv) flimsily, slightly, slimly, slenderly, weakly, diaphanously,

rarely, leanly, finely, tenuously; (adj) thin. ANTONYMS: (adv) densely, thickly, loudly, liberally

thinned: (adj) dilute, gelded, hurt, mown, slashed, split, watered down, weakened, gashed, lessened, weak

thirst: (n, v) hunger, lust, wish; (n) longing, yen, craving, hankering, dryness, appetite; (v) starve, crave. ANTONYM: (n) dislike

thirsty: (adj) eager, arid, parched, avid, keen, athirst, greedy, absorbent, ambitious; (v) craving, hungry. ANTONYMS: (adj) quenched, satisfied, disinterested, wet

thirteen: (n) long dozen, large integer

thither: (adv) hither, whither, on that point, in that respect, at that place, in that location; (adj) further, ulterior, remoter, succeeding, more distant

thorax: (n) chest, pectus, prothorax, breast, bosom, bust, female chest, dresser, chest of drawers, body part, male chest

thorny: (adj) prickly, difficult, spiny, briery, hard, sharp, burry, awkward, barbed, knotty, tricky. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, smooth, easy, straightforward, unpointed, solvable, dull

thoroughly: (adv, v) fully; (adv) entirely, totally, soundly, exhaustively, carefully, absolutely, perfectly, deeply, utterly, exactly. ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, incompletely, negligently, partially, partly, barely, halfheartedly, deficiently, inadequately, insufficiently, hastily

thoughtful: (adj, v) serious, solemn, grave; (adj) kind, careful, pensive, heedful, attentive, discreet, sensible, courteous. ANTONYMS: (adj) thoughtless, careless, heedless, uncaring, unkind, tactless, superficial, stupid, negligent, idiotic, unthinking

thoughtfully: (adv) considerately, carefully, kindly, reflectively, meditatively, attentively, solemnly, contemplatively, seriously, prudently, cautiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) unsympathetically, unthinkingly, carelessly, contentedly, rashly, inconsiderately, selfishly, meanly, insensitively, tactlessly, cruelly

thoughtfulness: (n) kindness, tact, deliberation, attentiveness, contemplativeness, attention,

introspection, meditation, pensiveness, reflection, reflexion. ANTONYMS: (n) thoughtlessness, carelessness, cruelty, rashness, unthoughtfulness, inconsideration, unkindness, selfishness, insensitivity, neglect, cheerfulness

thoughtlessness: (n) inconsideration, rashness, carelessness, impulsiveness, imprudence, indiscretion, heedlessness, bluntness, foolhardiness, neglect, negligence. ANTONYMS: (n) thoughtfulness, care, responsibility, carefulness, caution, wisdom, diplomacy, sensitivity

threadbare: (adj, v) stale, shabby, dilapidated, bald, frayed, faded; (adj) hackneyed, worn, banal, trite, tattered. ANTONYMS: (adj) new, unused, reliable, fresh, unworn, pristine, original

threaten: (v) intimidate, loom, bully, endanger, offer, imperil, jeopardize, peril, foreshadow, portend; (n, v) threat. ANTONYMS: (v) guard, protect, relieve, save, alleviate, reassure, recede, strengthen

threshold: (n) brink, beginning, outset, entrance, entry, doorsill, doorstep, doorway, edge, vestibule, border. ANTONYM: (n) end

thrice: (adv) three times, thirdly

thrifty: (adj) careful, economical, provident, sparing, prudent, stingy, saving, spare, parsimonious, chary, scotch. ANTONYMS: (adj) wasteful, spendthrift, profligate, extravagant, generous

thrilled: (adj) jubilant, excited, happy, overjoyed, elated, ecstatic, pleased, thrilled, contented, grateful, flattered. ANTONYMS: (adj) bored, unhappy, depressed, desolate, sad, down, miserable

throne: (v) enthrone; (n) can, stool, place, fecal matter, potty, chair, cathedra, lavatory, crapper, pot

throng: (n, v) swarm, herd, mob, flock, press; (n) multitude, host, horde, mass, assembly, concourse. ANTONYMS: (n) trickle, few; (v) disperse

thronged: (adj) throng, busy, populous, brisk, teeming, swarming, sprightly, sensitive, replete, overflowing; (n) persistent

thrust: (n, v) poke, stab, jab, drive, shove, force, punch, boost, cast, dig; (v) ram. ANTONYM: (n) inertia

thrusting: (n) thrust, push, jab, poke, jabbing, stab, driving force, scoke,

sack, punch, *Phytolacca Americana*
thumb: (v) feel, flip, handle, leaf, touch, flick, hitch, riff; (n) pollex, bull nose, forefinger
thumping: (adj) spanking, whacking, roaring, thudding, lubberly, wallowing, lumpish, gaunt; (n) thud, thump, clump
thundering: (adj) thumping, whopping, lumpish, gaunt, hulky, lubberly, spanking, big, loud, striking terror; (n) thunder
ticket: (n) label, card, certificate, ballot, check, slate, tag, warrant, voucher, slip, mark. ANTONYM: (n) exclusion
ticking: (n) tick, cloth, fabric, ticken; (adj) living
ticklish: (adj) difficult, sensitive, tricky, tender, awkward, touchy, unsettled, unstable; (adj, v) precarious; (v) slippery, questionable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unproblematic, easy
tide: (n, v) wave, flood, surge; (n) stream, flow, course, drift, time, high tide, run, piping times. ANTONYM: (v) ebb
tidy: (adj, v) clean, trim; (adj) spruce, shipshape, respectable, natty; (v) clear, straighten, clear up, clean up, arrange. ANTONYMS: (adj) knotted, disheveled, disorganized, messy, slovenly, hairy, unsubstantial, dense; (v) litter, disorganize, disorder
tied: (adj) bound, connected, laced, united, fixed, even, liable, tight, spiked, responsible, attached. ANTONYMS: (adj) untied, unlaced
tight: (adj, v) narrow, parsimonious, compact, stinky; (adj, adv, v) fast, firm; (adj) mean, taut, secure, snug, tense. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, baggy, slack, wide, easy, open, leaky, giving, free, floppy; (adv) loosely
tightly: (adv) closely, steadily, tautly, strictly, securely, densely, stiffly, solidly, tipsily, stably, parsimoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) loosely, insecurely, sparsely
timid: (adj) shy, afraid, diffident, coy, bashful, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, modest; (adj, adv) cowardly; (adj, n) cautious. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) brave; (adj) confident, bold, fearless, resolute, forward, daring, brazen, extrovert, brash, talkative
timidity: (n) shyness, fear, bashfulness, nervousness, reserve,

cowardice, fearfulness, timidity, modesty, humility, coyness. ANTONYMS: (n) confidence, boastfulness, swagger, brashness, security
timidly: (adv) fearfully, timorously, cautiously, shyly, diffidently, anxiously, nervously, shily, gingerly, modestly, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (adv) confidently, bravely, daringly, brashly, fearlessly, decisively, brazenly
timing: (n) promptness, presentness, approaching, punctuality, coming, tardiness, futurity, lateness, earliness, time studies, timing of auditing procedures
timorous: (adj, v) fearful, shy; (adj, adv, v) cowardly; (adj) afraid, nervous, diffident, bashful, apprehensive, anxious, craven, coy. ANTONYMS: (adj) brave, fearless
tincture: (n, v) dye, tint, taste; (n) shade, color, hue, tinct; (adj, n, v) smack, dash; (adj) spice; (v) impregnate
finker: (v) monkey, fiddle, putter, mess around, toy, tamper, vamp; (n) cobbler, mender, *Scomber japonicus*, chub mackerel
tint: (n, v) color, tinge, hue, stain, dye, tinct; (n) shade, tincture, tone, cast; (v) paint. ANTONYMS: (n) white, pallor; (v) whiten, pale
tiptoe: (v) tip, tippytoe, creep, patter, skirt, skip, tilt, sidle, lean; (adj) alert; (n) quieter. ANTONYM: (v) clump
tirade: (n) diatribe, invective, sermon, speech, recitation, Philippic, oration, delivery, broadside, lecture, say. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, harmony, praise
firesome: (adj) tedious, dull, laborious, irksome, monotonous, annoying, slow, dreary, bothersome; (adj, v) wearisome, troublesome. ANTONYMS: (adj) stimulating, fun, varied, soothing, pleasant, brisk, exciting, convenient, refreshing
tivoli: (n) Tibur
toast: (n, v) pledge, drink, plight; (v) roast, burn, bake, wassail, parch, crisp, inflame; (n) rusk
tobacco: (adj) nicotine; (n) filler, nicotian, plant product, mustard tree, herb, herbaceous plant, common tobacco, drug of abuse, street drug, smoking mixture
toff: (n) fop, man of means, rich man
toil: (n, v) labor, work, drudge, sweat, drudgery, grind, labour, travail; (v) plod; (n) effort, exertion.

ANTONYMS: (n) pastime, entertainment, fun, relaxation; (v) laze, neglect
token: (n) memento, souvenir, note, keepsake, sign, relic, stamp, signal, indication; (adj) nominal; (n, v) trace. ANTONYM: (adj) great
tolerance: (n) leniency, patience, indulgence, allowance, lenience, margin, sufferance, permissiveness, leeway, kindness, consideration. ANTONYMS: (n) chauvinism, extremism, bigotry, impatience, prejudice, weakness, disapproval, severity, rejection, indifference, strictness
toll: (n, v) ring, chime; (n) price, fee, tax, cost, charge, impost, due, tariff; (v) peal
tomb: (n) sepulchre, sepulcher, crypt, pit, sepulture, vault, monument, entomb, mausoleum; (n, v) bury; (v) inter
tonality: (adj) clear obscure, black and white, light and shade, breadth, chiaroscuro; (n) tone, accent, paint, Francis Scott key, sound, tone character
tongue: (n) lingua, speech, idiom, dialect, clapper, glossa, natural language, striker, talk; (v) lick; (adj) flowing
tons: (n) loads, heaps, lots, scads, scores, stacks, slews, dozens, many, gobs, lashings
tops: (n) apex, pinnacle, pick; (adj) champion, elite, fabulous, leading, outstanding, uppermost, superb, superlative
tope: (v) tare; (n) moulding, molding
torador: (n) matador, banderillero, soul, somebody, person, individual, someone, human, mortal, picador
tormented: (adj) worried, tortured, hagridden, troubled, beleaguered, beset, besieged, cruciate, cruciform, distraught, distressed. ANTONYM: (adj) calm
torpid: (adj) inactive, sluggish, indolent, dull, slow, dormant, lazy, dead, lifeless, flat, supine. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, lively
torrent: (n) flood, cloudburst, overflow, stream, downpour, rain, shower, soaker, inundation; (adj, n) volley, eruption. ANTONYMS: (n) drought, trickle, shower
tortuous: (adj) indirect, intricate, circuitous, complex, knotty, winding, convoluted, sinuous, involved, devious, roundabout. ANTONYMS: (adj) straightforward,

- straight, uncomplicated, untwisted, easy, simple
- toss:** (n, v) throw, fling, pitch, chuck, cast, flip; (v) agitate, hurl, shake, convulse, discard. ANTONYM: (v) catch
- touching:** (adj, v) affecting; (adj) poignant, pitiful, pathetic, adjacent, adjoining, emotional; (n) touch, contact; (prep) concerning, about. ANTONYMS: (adj) unaffecting, everyday, heartwarming, unmoving, heartbreaking, emotionless, unemotional, impassive
- towel:** (v) napkin, handkerchief, cloth, malkin, maukin, dry, wallop, make dry; (n) mop, bath towel, face towel
- trace:** (n, v) line, shadow, spot, hunt, trail; (n) dash, clue, indication, suggestion, sign; (v) pursue. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore; (n) lot, overtone
- tract:** (n) region, area, expanse, essay, pamphlet, section, extent, district, dissertation, plot, lot
- tragic:** (adj) calamitous, disastrous, dreadful, grievous, catastrophic, unlucky, unfortunate, woeful, tragic, comic, heartbreaking. ANTONYMS: (adj) humorous, heartwarming, blessed, advantageous, lucky, fortunate, joyous
- trailing:** (n) tracking, drift, pursuit, streaminess, hunt, heeling; (adj) following, rambling, sprawling, prone, procumbent
- tram:** (n) tramcar, truck, trolley car, trolley, tramway, cable tramway, ropeway, aerial tramway, cable car, conveyance, horsecar
- tranquilly:** (adv) serenely, calmly, peacefully, quietly, stillly, undisturbedly, untroubledly, restfully, placidly, coolly, unperturbedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, noisily
- transaction:** (n) dealing, business, dealings, proceeding, trade, concern, matter, bargain, negotiation, action, affair. ANTONYMS: (n) refusal, rejection, denial
- transept:** (n) choir, chancel, nave, quire, aisle, vestry, structure, Easter sepulcher, calvary, Golgotha, crypt
- translate:** (v) construe, transform, decipher, explain, render, read, convert, define, turn, understand, alter. ANTONYM: (v) stagnate
- translation:** (n) displacement, transformation, version, interpretation, rendition, paraphrase, metamorphosis, conversion, shift, mistranslation; (v) transmissio
- transported:** (adj) ecstatic, rapt, elated, inspirited, spellbound, exultant, puffed up, proud, delighted, elate; (adv) on cloud nine. ANTONYM: (adj) dejected
- transverse:** (adj, v) cross; (adj) crosswise, oblique, crossing, thwartwise, thwart, diagonal, grumpy, perversely irritable; (v) traverse; (adv) transversely
- trap:** (n, v) net, catch, ambush, mesh, trick; (v) entrap, ensnare, entangle; (n) gin, noose, entanglement. ANTONYM: (v) release
- travelled:** (adj) cosmopolitan
- traveller:** (n) passenger, tourist, wanderer, voyager, wayfarer, mover, itinerant, courier, entrant, swimmer, outlander
- travelling:** (n) travel, peregrination, riding, commuting, aviation, driving, commutation, seafaring, junketing, circumnavigation, journey
- tray:** (n) plate, salver, dish, cheeseboard, tray bar, server, waiter, Cran, inkstand, icetray, jardiniere
- treachery:** (n) betrayal, disloyalty, infidelity, duplicity, treason, perfidy, falseness, faithlessness, perfidiousness, guile, dishonesty. ANTONYMS: (n) loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, reliability, allegiance, goodness
- treble:** (adj) threefold, ternary, triple, thribble, double, dual, high, voce di testa, shrill; (adj, v) triple; (v) sing
- treeless:** (adj) bald, not wooded, unwooded
- tremble:** (adj, n, v) shiver; (n, v) quiver, shudder, thrill, palpitate; (adj, v) totter, quake; (n) throb; (v) flutter, quail, falter. ANTONYMS: (v) steady, calm
- trembling:** (adj, n) shaking; (adj, n, v) tremor; (adj) shaky, quaking, shivering, flutter; (n) palpitation, quiver, vibration, shiver, quake. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, steady
- trepidation:** (n) fear, tremor, alarm, apprehension, fright, terror, dread, dismay, consternation, perturbation, disquiet. ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, calm, confidence, equanimity, bravery, reassurance
- tribute:** (n) commendation, tax, honor, testimonial, duty, homage, respect, eulogy, compliment; (n, v) contribution, subsidy. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, accusation, dishonor
- tricks:** (n) actions, behavior, thing, clowning around, fooling, magic, plunder, possession, activities
- tricky:** (adj) crafty, cunning, artful, sly, deceitful, slippery, delicate, foxy, difficult, shifty, wily. ANTONYMS: (adj) straightforward, honest, simple, uncomplicated, aboveboard, frank, safe, open, naive, amicable, straight
- trifle:** (n, v) play; (adj, n, v) trinket; (v) dally, fiddle, flirt, fool, frivol; (n) nothing, triviality, detail; (adj, n) bagatelle
- trill:** (v) warble, quaver, sing, hum, drip, drop, dribble, chirp, cheep, spirtle; (n, v) shake
- trimly:** (adv) tidily, neatly, smartly, thinly, compactly, sprucely, efficiently, nicely, nattily, slenderly, snugly. ANTONYM: (adv) loosely
- trinity:** (n) triplet, threesome, trio, ternary, trine, three, tripersonality, triumvirate, triality, triunity, trey
- triumph:** (v) exult, prevail, crow, rejoice, succeed; (n, v) glory, win, joy; (n) victory, conquest, exultation. ANTONYMS: (n) failure, defeat, sorrow, unhappiness, dud, sadness, loss, flop; (v) fail, lose, forfeit
- triumphant:** (adj) victorious, successful, triumphal, exulting, winning, joyful, rejoicing, elated, conquering, prideful; (adj, v) exultant. ANTONYMS: (adj) disappointed, failing, losing, defeated, miserable, sorrowful
- trivial:** (adj) trifling, frivolous, little, small, commonplace, superficial, petty, paltry, inconsiderable, piddling, slight. ANTONYMS: (adj) important, vital, major, urgent, profound, crucial, consequential, considerable, enormous, mature, serious
- trod:** (adj) trampled, damaged, beaten, compressed, packed down. ANTONYM: (adj) loose
- troop:** (n) group, corps, gang, crowd, band, brigade, crew, herd, swarm, horde; (n, v) flock
- troubled:** (adj, v) concerned, solicitous; (adj) distressed, anxious, worried, uneasy, uncomfortable, disconcerted, upset, apprehensive, restless. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconcerned, composed, calm, easy, relaxed, tranquil, assured, carefree,

- brave, stable, unaffected
- troubles:** (n) dilemma, evils, harms, ills
- trousers:** (n) breeches, knickers, pantaloons, trews, bellbottoms, chinos, cords, denim, flannel, gabardine, knickerbockers
- truculent:** (adj) fierce, savage, gruff, aggressive, fell, belligerent, boorish, ferocious, tameless, frightening, rude. ANTONYM: (adj) peaceable
- trusted:** (adj) intimate, confidential, sure, bosom, beloved, cherished, familiar, trustworthy, indisputable, trusty, reliable
- trustfulness:** (n) trust, faith, combine, confidence, artlessness, acceptance, lack of caution, reliance, trait, cartel, trustingness
- tube:** (n) conduit, subway, duct, electron tube, hose, channel, metro, cylinder, hosepipe, television, box
- tumbled:** (adj) disordered
- tumbler:** (n) acrobat, beaker, turner, mime, roller, buffoon, tumbler switch, cup, bowl, flute; (v) glass
- tumid:** (adj, v) inflated, turgid, swelling; (adj) swollen, bombastic, orotund, large, puffy, tumescent, declamatory, rhetorical
- tune:** (n) song, strain, air, harmony, note, concord; (v) adjust, regulate, string, tune up; (n, v) chant. ANTONYMS: (n) silence; (v) untune
- turf:** (n) sward, greensward, ground, grass, field, peat, lawn, green, divot, Corso, race course
- turkish:** (adj) turkeys
- turnstile:** (n) turnpike
- tweed:** (n) gabardine, Patrick Victor Martindale White, white, trousers, Theodore Harold White, Andrew Dickson White, Patrick White, pants, face cloth, Elwyn Brooks White, Caucasian
- twilight:** (n) nightfall, night, sunset, gloaming, evening, sundown, eventide, fall, decline, evenfall; (adj) aurora. ANTONYMS: (n) daybreak, sunrise
- twined:** (adj) bent, coiled, contorted, distorted, misrepresented, perverted
- twinkling:** (n) moment, jiffy, minute, second, flash, trice, twinkle, wink, split second, breath; (adj) sparkling. ANTONYM: (adj) dull
- twirl:** (n, v) twist, turn, roll, coil, whirl, curl, wheel, swirl; (v) twiddle, pivot; (n) rotation
- twisted:** (adj) perverted, deformed, bent, distorted, misshapen, coiled, twined, curved, wry, contorted; (adj, v) winding. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, normal, perfect, wholesome
- twisting:** (adj) tortuous, winding, sinuous, crooked, zigzag, meandering; (n) distortion, turn, spin, torsion, overrefinement
- twitching:** (n) tic, fibrillation, cramp, fasciculation, spasm, contraction, vellication, spasmodic tic
- twittering:** (n) chirping, peeping, tweeting
- twopence:** (n) tuppence, coin
- tying:** (n) ligation, bundling, attachment, knotting, lacing; (adj) binding; (v) restrict
- typed:** (adj) written
- typewriting:** (n) writing, symbolic representation, touch system, touch typing
- typist:** (v) stenographer; (n) secretary, employee
- ugly:** (adj, adv) surly; (adj) nasty, repulsive, frightful, forbidding, disagreeable, hideous, gruesome, evil, offensive, shocking. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, flowing, ornamental, nice, lovely, pleasant, safe, kind, gentle, appealing, agreeable
- ulster:** (n) coat, wraprascal, overcoat, topcoat, pelerine, greatcoat, dreadnought, cardinal, poncho
- umbrella:** (n) parasol, sunshade, shelter, canopy, cover, gamp, protection, tent, shield, screen, umbra
- unabashed:** (adj) shameless, brazen, barefaced, unashamed, undaunted, aweless, blatant, bold, unapprehensive, unflinching, unshrinking. ANTONYMS: (adj) embarrassed, remorseful, prudish, discreet, ashamed, abashed, apologetic
- unaccustomed:** (adj) new, strange, unusual, inexperienced, unseasoned, unacquainted, uncustomary, rare, unfamiliar, unwonted; (adj, v) untrained. ANTONYMS: (adj) familiar, normal, ready, usual, prepared, knowledgeable, customary
- unamiable:** (adj) uncharitable, unfeeling, vinegary, sour, disobliging, resembling vinegar, morose
- unanimous:** (adj) consentaneous, harmonious, consentient, strong, firm, of one mind, concordant, accordant, compact, collective, cubic. ANTONYMS: (adj) narrow, individual
- unassuming:** (adj) humble, retiring, unobtrusive, lowly, quiet, diffident, unpretentious, meek, simple, inconspicuous, unaffected. ANTONYMS: (adj) conspicuous, elaborate, bold, confident, presumptuous, pretentious, brash, wild
- unaware:** (adj) ignorant, incognizant, unwitting, unknowing, unconscious, oblivious, blind, unmindful, unweeting, unknowledgeable, uninformed. ANTONYMS: (adj) cognizant, conscious, informed, witting, knowledgeable, mindful, wary
- unbearable:** (adj) insufferable, excruciating, insupportable, unendurable, hateful, unacceptable, repugnant, impossible, grievous, enormous, dreadful. ANTONYMS: (adj) bearable, manageable, imperceptible, tolerable, wonderful, lovable, nice, pleasant
- unbending:** (adj) inflexible, stiff, firm, adamant, stubborn, obdurate, inexorable, severe, intractable, implacable, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) flexible, bending, compliant, pliable, weak, soft, irresolute, floppy, lenient, liberal, accommodating
- uncanny:** (adj) weird, eerie, strange, ghostly, unearthly, unnatural, eldritch, mysterious, odd, frightful, hideous. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, common, ordinary
- unceasing:** (adj) ceaseless, incessant, perpetual, continuous, constant, continual, everlasting, eternal, lasting, uninterrupted, endless. ANTONYMS: (adj) acute, intermittent, sporadic
- unceasingly:** (adv) incessantly, endlessly, ceaselessly, continually, unremittingly, unendingly, constantly, always, perpetually, uninterruptedly, eternally. ANTONYM: (adv) acutely
- uncertain:** (adj) changeable, dubious, questionable, indistinct, equivocal, chancy, unsure, unsafe; (adj, v) indefinite, vague; (adj, n) doubtful. ANTONYMS: (adj) definite, clear, decisive, sure, decided, unquestionable, inevitable, safe, unreserved, sealed, determined
- unchanging:** (adj) stable, permanent, steady, invariable, static, perpetual, fixed, consistent, uniform, changeless, immutable. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconstant,

- changeable, dynamic, flexible, perishable, irregular, temporary, unequal, variable, erratic
- unconscious:** (adj) involuntary, unaware, ignorant, unwitting, subconscious, oblivious, automatic, insensible, unintentional, instinctive, senseless. ANTONYMS: (adj) conscious, awake, deliberate, aware, voluntary, intentional, alive, wary
- uncover:** (v) expose, disclose, discover, reveal, show, find, divulge, strip, bare, unearth, unfold. ANTONYMS: (v) cover, conceal, hide, suppress, wrap, bury, confuse, drape
- uncovered:** (adj) naked, open, bare, nude, unclothed, bald, unreserved, unprotected, evident, frank, manifest. ANTONYMS: (adj) indoor, concealed
- uncut:** (adj) complete, untrimmed, standing, intact, unbroken, unshorn, unsevered; (n) unabridged; (adj, n) boisterous, harsh, grating. ANTONYMS: (adj) mown, trimmed
- undaunted:** (adj, n) bold; (adj) fearless, brave, intrepid, resolute, dauntless, daring, heroic, unabashed, valiant, confident. ANTONYMS: (adj) cowardly, timid, afraid, anxious, scared
- undecided:** (adj) uncertain, doubtful, dubious, unresolved, pending, indecisive, irresolute, hesitant, debatable, indefinite; (adj, v) undetermined. ANTONYMS: (adj) certain, determined, sure, settled, definite, decisive
- underfoot:** (adj) abject, downtrodden
- underhand:** (adj) stealthy, furtive, clandestine, sly, underhanded, sneaky, shifty, covert, crooked, indirect; (adj, adv) underarm. ANTONYMS: (adj) honest, overhand
- undertake:** (v) attempt, take on, try, covenant, guarantee, accept, tackle, contract, take, begin, engage. ANTONYMS: (v) forego, abstain, forget, relinquish
- undertone:** (n) undercurrent, murmur, tinge, nuance, whisper, suggestion, implication, connotation, overtone, association, hint
- undesirable:** (adj) unwelcome, inexpedient, objectionable, unsuitable, distasteful, undesired, unwanted, wrong, unalluring, unattractive; (n) persona non grata. ANTONYMS: (adj) desirable, wanted, welcome, acceptable, appealing, favorable, fortunate, convenient, pleasant
- undone:** (adj) ruined, unfinished, sunk, done for, finished, behindhand, decayed; (adj, v) doomed; (v) accursed, to be pitied, devoted
- undoubtedly:** (adv) certainly, positively, definitely, indubitably, no doubt, clearly, unquestionably, unquestioned, all right, beyond any doubt; (adj, adv) doubtless. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, indefinite, ambiguously, possibly
- uneasily:** (adv) apprehensively, restlessly, worriedly, nervously, solicitously, unquietly, constrainedly, awkwardly, fretfully, unsettledly, fearfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, confidently, unconcernedly, comfortably, fearlessly
- uneasy:** (adj) anxious, fidgety, restless, concerned, nervous, apprehensive, ill at ease, unquiet, awkward, fretful, restive. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, untroubled, composed, relaxed, easy, unconcerned, still, comfortable, carefree, confident, serene
- unexpectedly:** (adv) by chance, suddenly, abruptly, casually, unforeseenly, unawares, surprisingly, unanticipatedly, hastily, strangely, circumstantially. ANTONYMS: (adv) intentionally, gradually, normally, predictably
- unfastened:** (adj) open, movable, loose, unbuttoned, overt, opened, opened out, slack, undecided, undetermined, assailable. ANTONYMS: (adj) buttoned, fixed, shut, tied
- unfinished:** (adj) rough, rude, unaccomplished, imperfect, incomplete, partial, immature, unpolished, raw, undone; (v) uncompleted. ANTONYMS: (adj) finished, complete, complex, completed
- unfit:** (adj) inappropriate, improper, inapt, unbecoming, incompetent, unable, incapable, unsuitable, bad; (adj, v) incapacitate; (v) indispose. ANTONYMS: (adj) appropriate, suitable, ready, healthy, able, firm, competent; (v) qualify
- unfolding:** (n) development, growth, flowering, display, recitation, dawn, process, solution, disclosure; (adj) ongoing, duration
- unfortunate:** (adj) inauspicious, sad, hapless, bad, inopportune, disastrous, adverse, deplorable, infelicitous, untoward, lamentable. ANTONYMS: (adj) lucky, auspicious, good, opportune, joyous, timely, appropriate, successful, easy, privileged
- unfurled:** (adj) extended
- ungallant:** (adj) unchivalrous, uncomplaisant, caddish, unneighborly, discourteous, impolite, offensively discourteous
- unhappy:** (adj) gloomy, dismal, depressed, melancholy, sad, miserable, sorrowful, distressed, disconsolate, infelicitous, low. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, cheerful, satisfied, pleased, glad, euphoric, fortunate, contented, joyful, timely, lucky
- unhealthy:** (adj) harmful, sickly, insanitary, ailing, ill, noxious, injurious, insalubrious, sick, diseased; (adj, v) unsound. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, fit, hygienic, light, well, good, strong, luxuriant
- unheeded:** (adj) unnoticed, neglected, disregarded, ignored; (v) unthought of, unseen, unperceived, unobserved, unnoted, unmarked, unmissed
- uninhabited:** (adj) empty, desert, desolate, vacant, unoccupied, unpopulated, uninhabitable, lonely, untenanted, unsettled, waste. ANTONYMS: (adj) inhabited, overcrowded, populous
- union:** (n) agreement, union, accord, coincidence, accordance, concord, unity, unisonance, concurrence, consonance, concordance. ANTONYMS: (n) discord, disharmony, disarray
- unjust:** (adj) partial, injurious, wrong, inequitable, unrighteous, wicked, foul, wrongful, improper, unmerited, unjustified. ANTONYMS: (adj) just, equitable, rightful, reasonable, good
- unkempt:** (adj) shaggy, scruffy, grubby, ragged, messy, slovenly, sloppy, tousled, disheveled, dirty, dilapidated. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, smart, elegant, kempt, trim, sleek, fresh
- unloaded:** (adj) untrammled, not fraught, unfrught, not burdened
- unmistakable:** (adj) obvious, evident, plain, manifest, decided, palpable,

- apparent, decisive; (adj, v) unequivocal, positive, definite. ANTONYMS: (adj) vague, unclear, uncertain, indefinite, doubtful, inconspicuous, equivocal
- unnerved:** (v) relaxed; (adj) enervated, afraid, alarmed, anxious, fearful, hysterical, scared, tense, terrified, timid. ANTONYM: (adj) confident
- unnoticed:** (v) unheeded, unthought of, unregarded; (adj) disregarded, unmarked, hidden, neglected, ignored, obscure; (adj, v) unremarked, unobserved. ANTONYMS: (adj) evident, seen, noticeable, noted, obvious
- unpleasant:** (adj, n) harsh; (adj) disagreeable, obnoxious, ugly, nasty, sour, awkward, repulsive, forbidding, bad, hard. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, agreeable, wonderful, nice, enjoyable, attractive, comfortable, charming, inoffensive, amicable, cordial
- unpresentable:** (adj) unprepossessing, unseemly
- unruliness:** (n) contrariness, perversity, perverseness, disarray, disobedience, disorder, fractiousness, commotion, boisterousness, turbulence, anarchy. ANTONYMS: (n) obedience, order, restraint, loyalty, quietness, caution, orderliness
- unruly:** (adj) boisterous, insubordinate, disobedient, intractable, headstrong, uncontrollable, wayward, rambunctious, ungovernable, lawless, rebellious. ANTONYMS: (adj) manageable, obedient, yielding, biddable, compliant, loyal, gentle, peaceful, placid, restrained
- unseemly:** (adj) indecent, unbecoming, indelicate, inappropriate, gross, impolite, unbecomingly; (adj, v) indecorous; (adj, adv) uncomely; (adv) indecently, unbecomingly. ANTONYMS: (adj) proper, appropriate, dignified, due, fitting, polite, suitable, correct, decent, sensitive
- unsettled:** (adj) changeable, undecided, doubtful, uneasy, outstanding, variable, unpaid, unresolved; (adj, v) unfixed, indefinite, undetermined. ANTONYMS: (adj) confident, definite, decided, well, sure, happy, constant, conclusive, certain, calmed, calm
- unspeakably:** (adv) indescribably, horrifically, horrifyingly, staggeringly, inexcusably, unbearably, unkindly, unpleasantly, unutterably, offensively, horrendously. ANTONYM: (adv) pleasantly
- unspoiled:** (adj) pure, unspoilt, uncorrupted, virtuous, estimable, flawless, fresh, fine, financially sound, fresher, expert. ANTONYMS: (adj) flawed, impure, marred, soiled
- unstable:** (adj) changeable, insecure, shaky, unsound, unsettled, fickle, unpredictable, fluid, erratic, irresolute; (adj, n) inconstant. ANTONYMS: (adj) steady, constant, secure, placid, strong, reliable, firm, calm, orderly, safe
- unsteady:** (adj) insecure, changeable, dizzy, unbalanced, rickety, unsettled, shaky, unsound, precarious, uneven; (adj, n) uncertain. ANTONYMS: (adj) steady, stable, alert, firm, secure, constant
- unsuccessfully:** (adv) ineffectually, uselessly, badly, poorly, unfortunately, futilely, fruitlessly, ineffectively, abortively, unluckily, inadequately. ANTONYMS: (adv) fruitfully, well, happily, effectively, usefully, competently, persuasively
- untasted:** (adj) fuller, full, still full, untouched, unswayed
- untidy:** (adj) unkempt, disheveled, disorderly, sloppy, messy, disordered, confused, disorganized, sluttish, frowzy, scruffy. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, neat, elegant, orderly, smart, legible, clean
- unto:** (prep, v) to, till, up to; (prep) towards, before
- unusually:** (adj, adv) uncommonly, particularly, outstandingly, remarkably, singularly, curiously; (adv) rarely, peculiarly, extraordinarily, signally, abnormally. ANTONYMS: (adv) usually, regularly, typically, frequently, slightly, commonly, ordinarily
- unveiling:** (n) first appearance, presentation, introduction, revelation, debut, entrance, entry, launching, exposure, incoming, start. ANTONYM: (n) retirement
- unworthy:** (adj) undeserving, base, disgraceful, ignoble, low, contemptible, despicable, ugly, unmerited, unseemly, shameful. ANTONYMS: (adj) deserving, valuable, honorable, estimable, reputable
- unyoke:** (v) disjoin, outspan, disengage, separate, disconnect, unfasten, undo, disyoke, detach, abjugate. ANTONYM: (v) yoke
- upheld:** (adj) supported, bolstered, swelled out
- uphold:** (n, v) support; (v) preserve, defend, maintain, continue, endorse, confirm, countenance, bolster, encourage, back. ANTONYMS: (v) infringe, discontinue, weaken, contradict, endanger, abandon, oppose, quit, undermine, end
- upright:** (adj) perpendicular, erect, fair, good, righteous, just, virtuous, true, honorable, plumb; (adj, n) vertical. ANTONYMS: (adj) prone, disreputable, degenerate, hanging, unwholesome, dishonest, dishonorable, lying, horizontal, falling; (adv) horizontally
- upset:** (n, v) overturn, trouble, disquiet, overthrow; (v) agitate, subvert, perturb, confuse, reverse; (adj) unsettled; (n) disturbance. ANTONYMS: (v) please, soothe, encourage, delight, fail; (adj) pleased, confident, happy, content; (n) peace, happiness
- upturned:** (adj) retrouse, overturned, upside-down, broken, disordered, disquieted, distressed, disturbed, confused, topsy-turvy, shapely
- upwards:** (adj, adv) upwardly, up; (adv) over; (adj) improving, open. ANTONYM: (adv) down
- useless:** (adj) pointless, unnecessary, needless, worthless, fruitless, hopeless, abortive, idle, barren, superfluous, unavailing. ANTONYMS: (adj) helpful, effective, competent, convenient, valuable, necessary, brilliant, great, meaningful, usable, worthwhile
- usurious:** (adj) unconscionable, exorbitant, steep, outrageous; (v) churlish, covetous, ungenerous, sordid, hidebound, mercenary, illiberal
- usury:** (n) usure, rapacity, rate of interest, vigorish; (v) accustom, common occurrence, practice, treat, usage, use, usefulness
- utter:** (v) say, state, speak, breathe, articulate, deliver, voice, pronounce; (adj, n, v) express, declare; (adj, v) tell. ANTONYMS: (adj) qualified, incomplete, uncertain, rather, slight;

- (v) conceal, hide, block
- utterance:** (n) pronunciation, expression, speech, exclamation, statement, remark, articulation, observation, language, phrase, speaking
- uttered:** (adj) expressed, express, verbalised, verbalized, vocal, explicit, oral; (v) spoke, quoth, said
- utterly:** (adv) completely, absolutely, totally, entirely, extremely, altogether, expressly, purely, dead, fully, wholly. ANTONYMS: (adv) partly, uncertain, slightly, incompletely, hardly, somewhat
- vacant:** (adj) blank, hollow, unfilled, void, free, unoccupied, bare, idle, expressionless, open; (adj, v) devoid. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, cognizant, overflowing, inhabited, aware, comprehending, animated, solid, expressive, knowing
- vacantly:** (adj, adv) vacuously, expressionlessly, inanely; (adv) voidly, emptily, unoccupiedly, hollowly, unemployedly, thoughtlessly, freely, barely
- vacated:** (adj) empty, abandoned
- vacation:** (n) leisure, leave, time off, recess, break, rest, stay, day of rest, sabbath, dies non, outing
- vagrant:** (adj, v) stray, roving, itinerant, Peripatetic, rambling; (n) tramp, hobo, drifter, wanderer; (v) unsettled, erratic. ANTONYM: (n) resident
- vague:** (adj) obscure, indistinct, indeterminate, undefined, undetermined, indefinite, uncertain, faint, ambiguous; (adj, v) loose, equivocal. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct, exact, particular, precise, specific, sure, certain, defined, alert, detailed
- vaguely:** (adv) hazily, faintly, indistinctly, ambiguously, dimly, mistily, unclearly, loosely, shadowily, indeterminately, obscurely. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, definitely, unmistakably, exactly, closely, distinctly, alertly, calmly, considerably, intelligibly
- vain:** (adj) proud, arrogant, conceited, fruitless, idle, empty, abortive, ineffectual, unproductive, narcissistic; (adj, v) useless. ANTONYMS: (adj) shy, successful, possible, persuasive, selfless, fruitful, humble, useful, responsible, worthwhile, effective
- vainly:** (adv) uselessly, futilely, fruitlessly, conceitedly, in vain, worthlessly, abortively, bootlessly, arrogantly, unproductively; (adj, adv) foolishly. ANTONYMS: (adv) fruitfully, successfully, effectively
- valorous:** (adj) valiant, courageous, brave, fearless, intrepid, gallant, bold, stout, heroic, undaunted, game. ANTONYM: (adj) cowardly
- vanity:** (n) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceitedness, pretension, pomposity; (adj, n) amour propre. ANTONYMS: (n) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness
- vanquished:** (adj) beaten, overwhelmed, routed, overcome, overpowered, overthrown, defeated, crushed, tried, tired out, practiced
- variance:** (n) disagreement, difference, dissension, division, divergence, deviation, misunderstanding, discord, diversity, dissimilarity, dissonance. ANTONYMS: (n) invariability, consistency, concurrence, concord
- varying:** (adj) shifting, patchy, changeable, unequal, changing, varied, variant, fickle, unreliable, untrustworthy, altering
- vase:** (n) jar, urn, barrel, vessel, container, jug, pitcher, pot, bouquet, bushel
- vatican:** (n) Vatican Palace
- vehemently:** (adj, adv) ardently; (adv) violently, zealously, strongly, fervently, passionately, ferociously, fervidly, keenly, intensely, furiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, gently, impassively
- veil:** (n, v) cover, hide, disguise, mask, cloud, shroud, camouflage; (v) cloak, conceal; (n) curtain, blind. ANTONYMS: (v) disclose, unveil, expose
- veiled:** (adj) hidden, unseen, covert, secret, masked, disguised, obscure, cryptic, covered, indistinct, oblique. ANTONYMS: (adj) overt, open, unveiled, blatant
- vein:** (n) vena, strain, nerve, mine, temper, blood vessel, tone; (adj, n) mood, humor, strip, frame of mind
- veined:** (v) striated, barred; (adj) streaked, venous, venose, mottled, camleted, multicolored, fibrous, patterned, veinlike
- velvet:** (adj) velvety, down; (n) profit, gain, velour, velours, revenue, prosperity, receipts, satin, wealth
- velvety:** (adj) smooth, soft, velvet, silky, fluffy, woolly, supple, creamy, delicate, furry; (v) lanate. ANTONYMS: (adj) croaky, watery
- venal:** (adj) corrupt, purchasable, corruptible, bribable, dishonest, unscrupulous; (adj, v) sordid; (v) illiberal, hidebound, ungenerous, churlish
- venial:** (adj) excusable, pardonable, forgivable, minor, veniable, small, underage, modest, nonaged
- vent:** (n) exit, opening, flue, chimney, escape, blowhole; (n, v) discharge, air, release; (v) emit, ventilate. ANTONYMS: (n) door, closure; (v) block, suppress
- venture:** (n, v) hazard, chance, stake, peril, attempt, gamble, adventure; (adj, n, v) dare; (n) speculation, danger; (v) endanger
- verdict:** (n) finding, decision, judgment, conclusion, determination, decree, resolution, ruling, sentence, judgement, finding of fact. ANTONYM: (n) request
- verge:** (n, v) edge, skirt; (n) boundary, brink, margin, limit, rim, bound, brim, side; (v) bend. ANTONYMS: (n) end, middle; (v) retreat
- verified:** (adj) substantiated, confirmed, hard, proven, demonstrated, authoritative, actual, established. ANTONYM: (adj) unproven
- veritable:** (adj, v) real, true, actual, very; (adj) genuine, authentic, bona fide, unquestionable, factual, truthful, right. ANTONYMS: (adj) false, unreal
- vermin:** (n) bug, varmint, louse, trash, pest, brute, varment, scum, riffraff, ragtag and bobtail, rabble
- vernacular:** (n) jargon, slang, patois, language, dialect, cant, idiom, tongue, argot; (adj) vulgar, native
- verse:** (n) rhyme, poem, stanza, poesy, strain, measure, song, paragraph, clause, couplet, vertex
- vessel:** (n) ship, pot, jar, duct, vas, boat, craft, container, bowl, barrel, canal
- vested:** (adj) constitutional, become final, settlement, lawful, chartered, legalized, unconditional
- vestibule:** (n) lobby, hall, foyer, antechamber, entrance hall, hallway, entry, porch, passage, anteroom, threshold
- vestments:** (n) canonicals, dress, clothes, bedclothes, garb
- vexation:** (adj, n) annoyance, nuisance; (n) irritation, worry, aggravation, displeasure, chagrin,

chafe, anger, frustration, botheration
viands: (n) provender, victuals, provisions, food, sustenance, commissariat, larder, cates, diet, nourishment, edible
vibrate: (v) shake, shiver, oscillate, tremble, quiver, shudder, swing, wobble, palpitate, thrill, throb
vice: (adj, n) imperfection, defect, blemish, failing, frailty; (n) corruption, sin, evil, immorality, iniquity, depravity. ANTONYMS: (n) asset, strength, propriety, virtue, righteousness, goodness, good, honesty; (adj) chief
vicious: (adj) malicious, bad, depraved, wicked, brutal, malevolent, cruel, venomous, immoral, nasty, corrupt. ANTONYMS: (adj) kind, gentle, friendly, good, right, pleasant, kindhearted, nice, cordial, constructive
victimised: (adj) exploited, secondhand, used
victor: (n) winner, champion, vanquisher, master, champ, medalist, superior, title holder, hero, victorious, skipper
vigorous: (adj, n) robust, hardy, powerful, brave; (adj) energetic, strenuous, mighty, hearty, athletic; (adj, v) lively, brisk. ANTONYMS: (adj) feeble, weak, dull, inactive, impotent, enervated, unwell, uncommitted, unfit, weary, slow
vigorously: (adv) smartly, strongly, energetically, mightily, forcefully, heartily, actively, robustly, freshly, vehemently, ardently. ANTONYMS: (adv) lifelessly, wearily, passively, languorously, slowly, submissively, weakly, impassively, gently, lethargically
vigour: (n) force, strength, vigor, energy, power, potency, vim, vitality, athleticism, verve, intensity
vindicate: (adj, v) absolve, clear, exonerate, exculpate; (v) excuse, acquit, defend, maintain, uphold, assert, rationalize. ANTONYMS: (v) punish, blame, accuse, condemn
vindictive: (adj) vengeful, malicious, revengeful, unforgiving, punitive, malevolent, remorseless, implacable, spiteful, vindictive, virulent. ANTONYMS: (adj) nice, charitable, forgiving, helpful, merciful, tolerant
vinegar: (n) verjuice, eisel, crab, condiment, chili vinegar, brine, cider vinegar, acetum, acetic acid, alum
violently: (adj, adv) vehemently,

hotly, madly, ardently; (adv) wildly, passionately, strongly, hard, furiously, turbulently; (adv, n) vigorously. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, nonviolently, feebly, impassively, peacefully, tamely
violet: (adj, n) mauve, lavender; (adj) empurpled, lilac, purplish; (n) viola, purpleness, indigo, sweet violet, reddish blue, pansy
virtue: (adj) practical, actual, unreal, implicit, factual, effective, proper, veritable, simulated, quasi, qualified. ANTONYMS: (adj) actual, authentic, real, absolute
virtue: (adj, n) merit, excellence, quality, attribute; (n) honor, goodness, honesty, morality, decency, probity, efficacy. ANTONYMS: (n) wickedness, guilt, vice, peccadillo, sin, dishonor, immorality, evil, demerit, inadequacy, disadvantage
visiting: (adj) guest, impermanent, temporary, visitant
visitor: (n) visitant, tourist, company, traveler, caller, inspector, stranger, foreigner, alien, sightseer, surveyor
vitriol: (n) sulfuric acid, oil of vitriol, invective, fury, criticism, rage, contumely, revilement, temper, vituperation, wrath
vivacious: (adj) lively, animated, sprightly, vibrant, spry, effervescent, gay; (adj, v) cheerful, active, buoyant, brisk. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, lethargic, listless, compliment, inactive, praise, languid, lifeless, serious, sluggish
vivacity: (adj, n) life, liveliness; (n) energy, vitality, enthusiasm, dash, spirit, vigor, happiness, sparkle, effervescence. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, dullness, sluggishness
vivid: (adj) intense, graphic, lifelike, brilliant, rich, live, strong, acute, animated, glowing, colorful. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, bland, light, vague, straightforward, dark, modest, secretive
vocation: (n, v) calling, profession, employment; (n) occupation, job, trade, business, career, line, mission, line of work
voices: (n) chorus
volubly: (adv) enthusiastically, vociferously, vocally, loudly
voluptuous: (adj) luscious, voluptuary, sensual, carnal, sybaritic, epicurean, buxom, sexy, sensuous, lascivious, erotic. ANTONYM: (adj) underdeveloped

vouch: (v) guarantee, secure, promise, certify, attest, pledge, swear, testify, protest, confirm, affirm. ANTONYMS: (v) deny, disavow, refute
voyage: (n, v) travel, cruise, tour; (n) trip, passage, expedition, flight, crossing, quest; (v) sail, navigate
vulgar: (adj) rude, coarse, plebeian, nasty, common, foul, indecent, gross, unrefined; (adj, n) low, vile. ANTONYMS: (adj) refined, sophisticated, tasteful, polite, aesthetic, muted, fashionable, decent, artistic, pleasant, clean
wailing: (n, v) lamentation, lament, moaning; (adj) lamenting, weeping, crying, wailful, howling, sobbing; (adj, n) bawling; (n) cry
waist: (n) waistline, shank, middle, belly, isthmus, hourglass
undersurface: (adj) stricture, middle constriction, neck, wasp
waistcoat: (n) CHUDDER, barbe, garment, jerkin, jubbah, oilskins, pilot jacket, pajamas, cardigan, singlet, talma jacket
waken: (v) stir, awaken, wake, wake up, arouse, awake, excite, call, kindle, evoke, provoke
waking: (adj) wakeful; (n) awakening, wakefulness, consciousness
waltz: (n) minuet, valse, tango, tap, polka, ballroom dance, music; (v) trip the light fantastic, zip, oscillate, waltz around
wander: (n, v) stroll, saunter, tramp, drift; (v) stray, digress, err, travel, roam, deviate; (adj, v) rave. ANTONYMS: (v) settle, stay, think, converge
wandering: (adj) itinerant, nomadic, erratic, rambling, errant, migratory; (adj, v) stray, vagrant, vagabond, unsettled; (n) peregrination. ANTONYM: (adj) resident
wane: (n, v) ebb; (v) fade, sink, fall, decrease, recede, diminish, fail, wither, dwindle, shrink. ANTONYMS: (v) wax, increase, rise, expand, continue, strengthen, appear, rally
waning: (n) decrease, decline, lessening, ebb, failure; (adj) run to seed, ripe, mellow, diminishing, abating, moribund. ANTONYMS: (adj) growing, thriving, waxing, increasing; (n) improvement
wares: (n) merchandise, goods, commodities, stock, product, commodity, freight, cargo, ware,

- refill, shipment
warfare: (n) conflict, fighting, battle, contest, combat, action, struggle, hostility, hostilities, opposition, jihad. ANTONYM: (n) harmony
warily: (adv) carefully, guardedly, cautiously, circumspectly, charily, vigilantly, watchfully, thoughtfully, gingerly, attentively, suspiciously. ANTONYMS: (adv) boldly, unwarily, trustingly, thoughtlessly, rashly, recklessly
warmed: (adj) warmer, warm, baked
warm-hearted: (adj) warm, affectionate, cordial, amiable, benevolent, compassionate, demonstrative, genial, good-natured, kind-hearted, loving
warmly: (adv) cordially, ardently, hotly, genially, affectionately, vigorously, fervently, zealously, eagerly, strongly, pleasantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) coolly, inhospitably, sourly, disagreeably, indifferently, frostily, roughly, rudely, apathetically
warmth: (adj, n) glow, fire; (n) temperature, warmth, passion, fervor, geniality, affection, tenderness, fondness, sympathy. ANTONYMS: (n) aloofness, chill, chilliness, coldness, coolness, unfriendliness, hostility, sourness, abruptness, plainness, frostiness
wash: (adj, n, v) soak; (n, v) paint; (v) clean, scrub, mop, moisten, lave, scour, bathe; (n) washing, ablution. ANTONYM: (v) soil
washed: (adj) wash, cleaner, colored, refined, wet, watery
washing: (n) laundry, laundering, ablution, lavation, bathing, cleaning, purification, elutriation, dishwashing, backwash; (adj) cleansing
washstand: (n) basin, sink, washbasin, washbowl, bathroom, toilet, article of furniture, basinful, can, furniture, handbasin
waterproof: (n) raincoat, mac, Macintosh, mack, slicker; (adj) rainproof, impermeable, waterproofed, impervious; (v) weatherproof, seal. ANTONYM: (adj) permeable
waters: (n) Clara Erskine Clement, amniotic fluid, amniotic fluid, body fluid, liquid body substance, Ethel waters, body of water, bodily fluid, boot
waved: (adj) undulating, wavy, curly, not dated, undated
waving: (adj) flying, aflare, fluttering, flaring, flared, curly, burning, blazing, billowy, palpitating; (n) wafture
wayward: (adj) contrary, disobedient, obstinate, stubborn, intractable, unruly, capricious; (adj, n) freakish, crotchety, wanton, fanciful. ANTONYMS: (adj) controllable, good, manageable, biddable
weakened: (adj) lessened, faded, hurt, vitiated, damaged, cut, diluted, thinned, attenuated, attenuate, disabled
weakness: (adj, n) failing, fault, debility, defect, infirmity, fragility, feebleness, deficiency, imperfection, foible; (n) flaw. ANTONYMS: (n) power, dislike, intensity, supremacy, determination, advantage, brightness, superiority, resistance, robustness, energy
wearily: (adv) sickly, boredly, dully, languidly, jadedly, exhaustedly, sadly, soberly, gravely, heavily, seriously. ANTONYMS: (adv) hopefully, untiringly, energetically, dynamically
weariness: (n) exhaustion, tiredness, lassitude, languor, asthenopia, defatigation, grogginess, listlessness, boredom, ennui, prostration
wearisome: (adj, v) tiresome, irksome, troublesome; (adj) tedious, dull, monotonous, boring, laborious, trying, slow, annoying. ANTONYMS: (adj) satisfying, soothing, exciting, refreshing, easy
weary: (adj, n, v) fatigue; (v) exhaust, tire out; (adj) tired, exhausted, fatigued, awarey, beat, languid; (n, v) jade, bore. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, fresh, lively, untiring, hopeful, refreshed; (v) refresh, enliven, energize, activate, rally
weigh: (v) press, study, measure, matter, consider, count, deliberate, contemplate, assess; (n, v) balance, poise. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, neglect
weighing: (n) deliberation, consideration, think, advisement, speculation, quantify, weigh, unhurriedness, study, slowness, ponderation
weighted: (adj) laden, leaden, adjusted, plodding, impure, unfair, prejudiced, gray, loaded, opinionated, grey. ANTONYM: (adj) impartial
wellington: (n) hessian, Arthur Wellesley, capital of new Zealand, first duke of Wellington, hessian boot, jackboot, the iron duke, Wellington boot, duke of Wellington
westward: (adv) west, westwards; (adj, adv) westerly; (adj) westbound, western; (v) to the west
wharf: (n) quay, harbor, port, pier, waterfront, jetty, nailery, bindery, beehive, basin; (n, v) berth
wheels: (n) vehicle, truck, car, brush, force
whoezing: (adj) breathless, asthmatic, gasping, out of breath, panting, puffed, puffing, reedy, wheezy, winded
whoey: (adj) asthmatic, wheezing, reedy, panting, noisy, gasping, puffing, reedlike, short of breath, winded, breathless
wherfore: (adv, conj) therefore; (adv, n) why; (n) reason, proof; (adv) accordingly, consequently, so, wherfor, hence, whence; (conj) then
whimpering: (adj) whining, puling, childish, querulous; (n) sniveling, cry, tear
whining: (adj) whimpering, whiny, sniveling pitiful, Snively, tearful, whiney, singing, peevish; (v) fretful, lamenting; (n) sniveling
whip: (n, v) lash, strap, goad; (v) flog, flagellate, beat, punish, thrash, trounce, stir, wallop. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, return
whipped: (v) whipt
whipping: (n) flagellation, beating, thrashing, licking, lashing, flogging, overcasting, debacle, slaughter, overlocking; (adj) snappy
whisky: (adj, v) usquebaugh; (v) rye, sherry, rum, schnapps, peg, sling, highball, xeres; (n) liquor, coach
whisper: (n, v) murmur, hum, mumble, suggestion, hint, inkling; (v) breathe, hiss; (n) rustle, trace, breath. ANTONYM: (n) information
whispered: (adj) low, voiceless, unvoiced, nonvocal, weak, unheard, surd, supposed, sharp, thought, quiet
whispering: (n) whisper, murmur, susurration, rustle, report, stage whisper; (adj, n) rustling; (adj) susurrant, tranquil, hoarse, susurrous
whistle: (v) sing, twitter, hiss, warble, tweet, cheep, chirp, wheeze; (n, v) cry; (n) whistling, tin whistle
whistling: (n) whistle, sound, tin whistle, music, pennywhistle, sign, signal, signaling
whitening: (n) lightening, bleaching,

- whiting, change of color, dealbation, etiolation, white dyeing, white specks
- whites:** (n) thirds
- whither:** (adv) hither, thither, whereunto, whereto, for
- wholly:** (adj, adv) totally, entirely, altogether, quite, exclusively, perfectly, solely; (adv, pref) all; (adv) fully, utterly, absolutely. ANTONYMS: (adv) partially, inclusively, hardly, incompletely, slightly
- wide-awake:** (adj) vigilant, wakeful, alert, observant, bright, wary, prompt, nimble; (adv) on the ball
- widow:** (n) woman, relict, widower, adult female, widow woman, war widow, nobbled line; (adj) widowed, additional; (v) leave behind
- wifely:** (adj) womanly, ladylike, uxorial, matronly, feminine, maidenly, domestic
- wildly:** (adj, adv) madly, extravagantly; (adv) savagely, fiercely, violently, frantically, brutally, furiously, tempestuously, viciously, crazily. ANTONYMS: (adv) quietly, peacefully, meekly, cautiously, gently
- wilful:** (adj) headstrong, deliberate, intentional, knowing, designed, wayward, obstinate, willful, stubborn, studied, persistent
- wilkins:** (n) Maurice Hugh Frederick Wilkins, Maurice Wilkins, Roy Wilkins
- willingly:** (adv) readily, voluntarily, cheerfully, spontaneously, helpfully, disposedly, actively, openly, obligingly, eagerly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) grudgingly, reluctantly, uncooperatively, unenthusiastically
- winding:** (n) twist, wind, turn; (adj) indirect, crooked, circuitous, meandering, twisty, wandering; (adj, n) twisting, twisted. ANTONYMS: (adj) direct, unbent
- windy:** (adj) gusty, verbose, blowy, flatulent, wardy, breezy, tempestuous, empty, airy, prolix, bombastic. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, still, straight, uncommunicative, unresponsive, airless, pleasant, direct
- wings:** (n) insignia, agency
- wintery:** (adj, v) frosty, glacial, freezing, icy; (adj) arctic, frigid, wintery, frozen, chilly, chill, hibernal. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, summery, hot, vernal, autumnal, balmy, tropical, warm
- wires:** (n) chains, rigging, ropes, dealings
- wisdom:** (n) judiciousness, knowledge, sapience, sagacity, sense, prudence, discernment, insight, learning, depth, reasonableness. ANTONYMS: (n) stupidity, folly, inexperience, ignorance, flippancy, banality
- wise:** (adj) reasonable, sensible, sound, rational, sagacious, intelligent, prudent, shrewd, discreet; (adj, n) knowing; (n) method. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwise, stupid, ignorant, mistaken, illogical, reckless, naive, irrational, dense
- wishing:** (n) wish, want, velleity, option, need, privation, lack, deprivation, deficiency, choice; (adj) desirous
- wisful:** (adj, v) reflective, meditative, thoughtful; (adj) contemplative, sad, melancholy, longing, plaintive, wishful, yearning; (v) anxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) alert, satisfied, shallow
- withdrawn:** (adj) reserved, retiring, solitary, indrawn, cloistered, reclusive, uncommunicative, taciturn, unsociable, lonely, shy. ANTONYMS: (adj) visible, forthcoming, forward, friendly, known, sociable, uninhibited, extroverted, seen, approachable, extrovert
- wither:** (v) shrink, wilt, contract, shrivel, languish, droop, dry, waste, wane, atrophy, decay. ANTONYMS: (v) swell, strengthen, grow, blossom, flourish
- withheld:** (adj) hidden, uncommitted. ANTONYM: (adj) ongoing
- witness:** (n, v) testimony, attest, evidence; (n) bystander, eyewitness, onlooker, observer; (v) observe, notice, see, view. ANTONYMS: (v) deny, participate, refute
- wits:** (n) intellect, mind, wit, brains, common sense, presence, percipience, observation, mother wit, right mind, judgment
- witticism:** (n) humor, jest, wit, gag, repartee, humour, pun, quip, crack, pleasantry, epigram
- wizened:** (adj) wizened, shrunken, thin, lean, shriveled, shrivelled, sear, wrinkled, sere; (v) tabid, strangulated. ANTONYMS: (adj) moist, unwrinkled
- wondering:** (adj) inquisitive, speculative, suspicious
- woolly:** (adj) flocculent, fuzzy, hairy, downy, confused, wooly, hirsute, added, befuddled, velvety; (n) Woolly bear. ANTONYM: (adj) clear
- wording:** (n) phraseology, phrasing, language, verbiage, expression, choice of words, style, text, formulation, verbalization, textbook
- worm:** (v) squirm, wriggle, twist, spiral, helix, writhe; (n) helminth, maggot; (adj) emmet, midge, fly
- worn:** (adj) haggard, tired, tattered, threadbare, ragged, drawn, jaded, fatigued, exhausted, faded, wasted. ANTONYMS: (adj) new, smart, unused, unworn, pristine, original
- worship:** (n) adoration, veneration, adulation, cult, homage; (n, v) reverence, respect, honor, revere, adore, glorify. ANTONYMS: (v) disrespect, dishonor, despise, deprecate, scorn; (n) disdain, disparagement, contempt, detestation
- wound:** (n, v) bruise, cut, harm, pain, damage, scratch, stab, sting; (n) injury; (v) offend, injure. ANTONYMS: (v) heal, appease, aid, cure, repair
- wrapped:** (prep) covered; (adj) clothed, draped, rapt, intent, absorbed, engrossed, mantled, packed, immersed; (adj, prep) cloaked
- wraps:** (n) concealment, veil of secrecy, cover
- wretched:** (adj) unfortunate, pitiful, sad, pitiable, woeful, pathetic, piteous, lamentable; (adj, v) poor, unhappy, forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) fine, strong, fortunate, overjoyed, nice, admirable, good, cheery, joyous, lucky, comfortable
- wringing:** (adj) saturated, soaked, soaked to the skin, soaking wet, sodden, sopping, sopping wet, wet, wet through, wringing wet, soaking. ANTONYM: (adj) dry
- wrinkled:** (adj, n) rough, rugged; (adj) puckered, creased, wrinkly, wizened, crumpled, lined, gnarled, unironed, crinkled. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwrinkled, ironed, straight
- wrinkles:** (n) crow's feet
- wrist:** (n) wrist joint, radiocarpal joint, neaf, gliding joint, fist, articulatio Plana, neif; (v) paw, hand, finger
- wrought:** (adj) shaped, done, worked, worked up, formed

yacht: (n) vessel, racing yacht, ship, cruiser, craft, dinghy, watercraft

yachting: (n) boating, water travel; (adj) nautical

yawning: (adj, v) gaping, oscitant; (n) yawn, hiation, pandiculation, oscitancy; (adj) cavernous, open, drowsy, profound, sleepy.

ANTONYMS: (adj) cramped, narrow

yelling: (adj) crying, howling, fantastic, noisy, marvelous, marvellous, instant, insistent, rank; (n) screaming, noise

yellowing: (n) discoloration, tint, staining, mark, stain, streak

yield: (n, v) produce, return, allow, give; (v) surrender, concede, submit, give up, grant, cede; (n) output.

ANTONYMS: (v) persevere, survive, stand, withstand, repel, reject, prevent, withhold, acquire, oppose, veto

yielding: (adj, v) flexible, pliable, supple, tractable, pliant; (adj) compliant, submissive, soft, obedient, docile; (n) submission.

ANTONYMS: (adj) hard, firm, inflexible, solid, rigid, obstinate, stiff, stubborn, unyielding, rebellious

youngster: (n) lad, juvenile, kid, child, urchin, toddler, youth, adolescent, bairn, baby, tot.

ANTONYMS: (n) adult, elder

youngsters: (n) teenagers, young people, youth

yourselves: (pron) themselves, myself, herself

zarathustra: (n) Zoroaster

zeal: (adj, n) eagerness; (n) fervor, enthusiasm, devotion, passion, vehemence, fire, fervency, heat, fervour, ardour. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, lethargy, patience

zephyr: (n) wind, air, breath, gentle wind, whiff, puff, gentle breeze, aviation; (v) Boreas, Eolus, cave of Eolus

