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1. **Abdicate:** To relinquish formally a high office or responsibility.
2. **Aborigines:** The people found in a country at the time of the earliest known settlement.
3. **Abrogate:** To do away with a rule, to annul a law.
4. **Accelerate:** To make more rapid in speed.
5. **Acclimatize:** To accustom oneself to a foreign climate, new environment.
6. **Aggravate:** To increase the gravity of an offence or the intensity of a disease.
7. **Agnostic:** One who believes that there is no proof of the existence of God but does not deny the possibility that God exists.
8. **Agoraphobia:** Dread of public places.
9. **Alimony:** An allowance for support made under court order to a divorced person by the former spouse.
10. **Altruism:** Unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness.
11. **Amateur:** A person who engages in an art, a science, a study, or an athletic activity as a pastime rather than as a profession.
12. **Amphibians:** Animals that can survive both on land and sea.
13. **Anarchist:** A person who is out to destroy all the order in society.
14. **Annihilate:** To completely destroy, render something out of existence.
15. **Anomaly:** Deviation or departure from common rule or standard.
16. **Antagonist:** One who opposes and contends against another; an adversary.
17. **Anthology:** Collection of literary pieces, such as poems, short stories, or plays.
18. **Antiquity:** Belonging to the past.
19. **Apostate:** One who abandons his religious faith, renegade, defector.
20. **Aquarium:** A tank for fish or water-plants.
21. **Aquatic:** Animals that live in water.
22. **Arbitrator:** A person chosen by quarrelling parties to settle their dispute.
23. **Aristocracy:** A hereditary ruling class; nobility, elite.
24. **Ascetic:** A person who renounces the world and devotes himself to a strictly pious life.
25. **Assimilate:** To absorb, incorporate.
26. **Atheist:** A man who does not believe in the existence of God or in life hereafter.
27. **Attenuate:** To sooth, ease a harsh expression or situation, calm down.
28. **Audible:** That can be heard.
29. **Autobiography:** The life history of a man written by himself.
30. **Autocracy:** Government by one man.
31. **Aviary:** A place where birds are kept.
32. **Bellicose:** A man who is fond of fighting.
33. **Belligerent:** Nations engaged in war.
34. **Bibliophile:** One who is a great lover of books.
35. **Bicameral:** Composed of or based on two legislative chambers.
36. **Biennial:** That which happens once in two years.
37. **Biennium:** A two years period.
38. **Bigamy:** The practice of having two wives at a time.
39. **Bigot:** A man with narrow and prejudiced religious views.
40. **Bilingual:** People who speak two languages.

41. **Blasphemy:** The act of talking impiously about sacred things.
42. **Blistering:** Intensely hot.
43. **Blonde:** A woman with skin and hair of golden-brown color.
44. **Brunette:** A woman with dark skin and brown hair.
45. **Bureaucracy:** Administration of a government chiefly through bureaus or departments staffed with non-elected officials; the departments and their officials as a group.
46. **Cacophony:** A disagreeable vocal sound.
47. **Callous:** A mind insensible to kind thought or sympathetic feelings.
48. **Calumniate:** To cast slander on a person.
49. **Carnivore:** Flesh eater.
50. **Casting vote:** The vote of a presiding officer in an assembly or council, given to break a tie.
51. **Catastrophe:** A great, often sudden calamity.
52. **Celibacy:** The state of being without a wife.
53. **Censorious:** A man who is always inclined to find fault.
54. **Chaos:** A condition or place of great disorder or confusion.
55. **Circumlocution:** A roundabout way of speaking, not straight talk.
56. **Coerce:** To impel a person to do a thing by force.
57. **Collaborator:** One who attempts a task jointly with another (such tasks as the writing of a book or starting an enterprise).
58. **Colleagues:** Men who work in the same department of an office etc.
59. **Colonialism:** The principle or the practice in which a powerful country rules a weaker one and establishes its own trade and culture there.
60. **Colossus:** A huge statue.
61. **Compatriot:** Belonging to the same country and having the same interest and feelings.
62. **Consummate:** To finish by completing what was intended.
63. **Contagious:** Transmission by direct or indirect physical contact.
64. **Contemporary:** Belonging to the same period of time.
65. **Contiguous:** Adjacent, Neighboring (countries, etc.).
66. **Contumacy:** Willful and persistent resistance to lawful authority.
67. **Cosmopolitan:** Pertinent or common to the whole world.
68. **Credulous:** One who is very simple and who easily believes whatever is told.
69. **Cutlery:** Knives, forks, etc.
70. **Cynic:** One who thinks that human nature is essentially evil.
71. **Defame:** To utter slanderous words with a view to injuring a man's reputation.
72. **Delegate:** To give one's authority to another.
73. **Deliberate:** To carefully think about a matter.
74. **Deprecate:** To express disapproval of.
75. **Depreciate:** To lower the value of.
76. **Desecrate:** To deprive (a thing) of its sacred character.
77. **Digress:** To deviate from the point at issue or topic of discussion.
78. **Diplomacy:** The art practiced by statesmen and ambassadors.
79. **Dotage:** Extreme old age when a man often behaves like a fool.

80. **Dogmatic:** Having rigid, inflexible and fixed beliefs.
81. **Drought:** Want of rain and water.
82. **Eccentric:** A man of unusual and strange habits.
83. **Edible:** A thing that is fit to be eaten.
84. **Effeminate:** The man who behaves or looks like a women.
85. **Efficacious:** A plan, which will produce the intended effect.
86. **Egoist:** A lover of oneself, self-obsessed, gives excessive importance to himself.
87. **Elaborate:** To work out in all its details, explain thoroughly.
88. **Eligible:** That is fit to be chosen, qualified.
89. **Elucidate:** To clear up something difficult or mysterious.
90. **Emancipationist:** A man who thinks of the freeing of the lower classes from their disabilities.
91. **Empiric:** One who relies on experience and observation.
92. **Endemic:** A disease which is peculiar to a locality or a class of persons.
93. **Ennui:** Mental weariness from lack of occupation, laziness.
94. **Entomology:** Study of insects.
95. **Epicure:** A person who is very fond of sensuous pleasures.
96. **Epitaph:** Words inscribed on the tomb of a man.
97. **Equilibrium:** A state of perfect balance.
98. **Eradicate:** To root out an evil, a disease, etc.
99. **Ethnology:** Science of human races.
100. **Etymology:** The science which deals with the origin of words.
101. **Excavate:** To unearth by digging.
102. **Exculpated:** To clear of guilt or blame.
103. **Executive:** The part of the government which preserves the law and order, and carries out the laws made by the legislature.
104. **Exonerate:** To free (a person) from all blame in a matter
105. **Expatriate:** To send out of one's native country.
106. **Expiate:** To make atonement (amends) for one's sins.
107. **Explicit:** An absolutely clear statement.
108. **Expurgate:** To exclude objectionable matter (from some book or document).
109. **Extempore:** A speech delivered without previous preparation.
110. **Extradite:** To deliver a criminal to the authorities of the country from which he has come.
111. **Fanatic:** A man filled with excessive and mistaken enthusiasm in matters of religion.
112. **Fastidious:** One who is not pleased by anything, difficult to please.
113. **Fatalist:** One who believes absolutely in fate and pre-determination.
114. **Feminist:** A man who thinks of the welfare of women.
115. **Fratricide:** Murder of a brother.
116. **Frustrate:** To prevent from accomplishing a purpose or fulfilling a desire disappeared, drop-less.
117. **Fumigate:** Purify or disinfect with fumes, smoke.
118. **Gala-day:** A day of gaiety and festivity.
119. **Germicide:** A medicine that kills germs.

120. **Herbivorous:** Animals which live on herbs.
121. **Homicide:** The killing of a man.
122. **Hygienist:** One who is very careful about one's health.
123. **Iconoclast:** One who attacks and seeks to overthrow traditional or popular ideas or institutions.
124. **Idiosyncrasy:** A personal peculiarity of temperament, peculiar habit
125. **Idolatry:** Worship of idols.
126. **Illegible:** A writing that cannot be read
127. **Illicit:** A trade, activity that is prohibited by law.
128. **Immutable:** A thing that is not subject to change.
129. **Imperialism:** The policy of extending a nation's authority by territorial acquisition or by the establishment of economic and political hegemony over other nations.
130. **Impracticable:** A scheme that cannot be put into practice.
131. **Inapt:** A comparison that is out of place, unsuitable, inappropriate.
132. **Inaudible:** A sound that cannot be heard.
133. **Incredible:** A thing which can hardly be believed.
134. **Incriminate:** To accuse or involve one in accusation, to lay the blame on.
135. **Indefatigable:** One who cannot be tired out, untiring.
136. **Ineligible:** One who is not fit according to the rules.
137. **Infallible:** Incapable of erring, making mistake.
138. **Infanticide:** The murder of infants.
139. **Inflammable:** Liable to catch fire easily.
140. **Inimitable:** A method which cannot be imitated.
141. **Insoluble:** A problem not likely to be solved.
142. **Insolvent:** A person who is unable to pay his debts.
143. **Instigate:** To urge to commit a crime.
144. **Irrelevant:** Remarks which do not really apply to the subject in hand.
145. **Irrepressible:** A desire that cannot be suppressed.
146. **Itinerant:** Working for a short time at various places esp. as a casual laborer.
147. **Loquacious:** A person given to continual talking, talkative.
148. **Magnetic:** Something that attracts, the property of attracting iron.
149. **Maiden:** The first speech delivered by a man or first voyage of a ship
150. **Materialistic:** A society where money or gain is the most important consideration.
151. **Matinee:** A cinema show which is held in the afternoon.
152. **Matricide:** The murder or murderer of one's own mother.
153. **Medieval:** Belonging to the Middle Ages
154. **Misalliance:** Marriage with a person of inferior social status.
155. **Misanthropist:** A hater of mankind.
156. **Misogamist:** A hater of the institution of marriage
157. **Misogynist:** A hater of women.
158. **Mobocracy:** Rule by mob.
159. **Monogamy:** The practice of being married to one at a time.
160. **Mortuary:** A building where dead bodies are kept.

161. **Naturalization:** Admitting a person to the citizenship of a state to which he does not belong.
162. **Nepotism:** Undue favor from a high official to his relatives.
163. **Neurotic:** A person suffering from nervous disorder.
164. **Obsolete:** A word no longer in use, anything that is outdated.
165. **Oligarchy:** Government by the few.
166. **Omnipotent:** One who is all powerful.
167. **Omnipresent:** Present everywhere. God is omnipotent and omnipresent.
168. **Optimistic:** One who believes that all is right with the world.
169. **Ostracize:** To isolate somebody from society and fellowship.
170. **Panacea:** A remedy for all diseases/ills/problems.
171. **Pantomime:** Dramatic performance with dumb show.
172. **Paragon:** A model of excellence or perfection of a kind.
173. **Parasite:** The creeper that can exist only by living upon other plants. The man who uses other's resources to survive is called parasites.
174. **Patricide:** The murder or murderer of one's own father.
175. **Patrimony:** Property inherited from one's father or ancestors.
176. **Peculate:** To misappropriate public money entrusted to one's care.
177. **Pedestrian:** One who walks on foot.
178. **Perpetuate:** To continue for a long period of time.
179. **Philanderer:** A person who amuses himself by love-making.
180. **Philanthropist:** A man who loves his fellowmen and works for their welfare.
181. **Philistine:** One who does not care for literature or art, an uncultured person.
182. **Philogynist:** A person who is a lover of women.
183. **Plagiarist:** A writer who copies the words and ideas of others.
184. **Platitudes:** Ordinary and commonplace remarks, clichés.
185. **Plutocracy:** Government by rich people.
186. **Polyandry:** Practice of marrying more than one husband at a time.
187. **Polygamy:** Practice of marrying more than one wife at a time.
188. **Posthumous:** Works of a writer appearing after his death.
189. **Postmortem:** Medical examination of a body held after death.
190. **Precursor:** One who or that which precedes an event and indicates its approach.
191. **Protagonist:** The main character in a drama, novel or other literary works.
192. **Pugnacity:** Tendency to quarrel or fight.
193. **Pyrrhic victory:** A victory gained at too great an expense, at heavy cost.
194. **Reanimate:** To restore to life, reactivate a dead project.
195. **Red-tapism:** Too much official formality.
196. **Remuneration:** The sum paid to a man for a work.
197. **Reticent:** To be very reserved in speech.
198. **Retrospective:** Having reference to past.
199. **Sacrilege:** The act of violating the sanctity or destroying the property of the holy places, disrespect to sacred things.
200. **Somnambulist:** One who walks in sleep.
201. **Somniloquist:** One who talks in sleep.

- 202. **Sterilize:** To render safe from germs.
- 203. **Stoic / Stoicism:** A person who is indifferent to pleasure or pain / practice of self-denial.
- 204. **Synchronize:** To take place at the same time as another event.
- 205. **Untamable:** An animal that cannot be tamed.
- 206. **Vacillate:** To make up one's mind one day and to change it the next day, inconsistency.
- 207. **Venal:** One who may be ready to sell one's life for money.
- 208. **Venial:** A fault that may be forgiven.
- 209. **Verbatim:** Using exactly the same words; word for word.
- 210. **Verbose:** A style full of words.
- 211. **Veteran:** A person who had a long experience of military service or of any occupation.
- 212. **Vindicate:** To established the justness of a cause.
- 213. **Vulnerable:** That is weak and susceptible (at risk) to injury or harm of any kind.

