

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE	CATEGORY
Lucid	easy to understand or thinking clearly	Because the medicine made Lisa drowsy, she was not very lucid.	Regular Communication Words
Lucidity	the capability to view things in a logical way	The colonel's lucidity allowed him to quickly plan a strategy of attack.	Regular Communication Words
Luck	a force that allows good things to happen to you by chance and not as a result of one's own effort	The lottery winner gained his fortune strictly by luck since he didn't even pick his ticket numbers.	Regular Communication Words
Lucky	being fortunate or bringing fortune to others by chance	The basketball player was convinced that his lucky socks were the reason his team won every game they played.	Regular Communication Words
Lucrative	producing wealth; profitable	The wealthy businessman was constantly on the lookout for lucrative ventures that would help him become even wealthier.	Regular Communication Words
Lucre	money or profit gained illegally or immorally	Hiding the lucre in many different accounts, the mobsters kept a watchful eye on their funds.	Regular Communication Words
Lucubration	the process of applying oil or a similar substance to make something run more smoothly	The farmer applied oil to the tractor gears and explained that proper lubrication is required to keep his machine running.	Regular Communication Words
Ludicrous	something viewed as humorous because of its ridiculousness	The ludicrous movie is about a dog that becomes the president of a country.	Regular Communication Words
Luggage	suitcases or other bags that are used to pack personal items for travel, especially clothing	While packing their luggage for vacation, the couple made sure to include several swimsuits and sunblock.	Regular Communication Words
Lugubrious	looking or sounding sad and gloomy	In his first novel, the mysterious postman is the perfect example of a lugubrious character.	Regular Communication Words

Lukewarm	moderately warm; tepid	Disappointed by his lukewarm chicken wings, the diner requested hot ones from the kitchen.	Regular Communication Words
Lull	to put to sleep, soothe, or quiet	Soft and cool, the breeze succeeded in its task to lull the man to sleep.	Regular Communication Words
Lumber	raw cut timber beams	Environmentalists protested the lumberjacks' actions because they were chopping down all the trees for their lumber.	Regular Communication Words
Luminary	a person who influences or motivates other people	Because Dr. Swanson is a luminary in the medical profession, he recently had a surgical procedure named after him.	Regular Communication Words
Luminous	producing or seeming to produce light	The movie editor used the computer program to give the actress the luminous appearance of an angel.	Regular Communication Words
LummoX	someone who is clumsy or regarded as unintelligent	I consider my baby brother a lummoX, since he is constantly tripping over nothing and knocking things over.	Regular Communication Words
Lump	a swelling under the skin, often caused by infection or disease	A lump on the patient's neck meant that his cancer may have returned.	Regular Communication Words
Lunacy	insanity; stupid or foolish behavior	People on several lower class talk shows exhibit behavior similar to lunacy when they yell, cuss, and fight each other over silly problems.	Regular Communication Words
Lunar	pertaining to the moon	Our class was studying the lunar landing of 1969.	Regular Communication Words
Lunatic	someone afflicted with lunacy; a crazy person	The man was considered a lunatic because he was talking to a tree as though it were a real person.	Regular Communication Words

Luncheon	a planned proper function for business or pleasure involving eating	Since the luncheon was cancelled, I was saddened that I would not get to visit with my friends and I would have to fix a sandwich at home.	Regular Communication Words
Lunge	to make a sudden forward body motion towards someone or something	While visiting my uncle in Florida, he took me to a canal and we watched an alligator lunge at a fish capturing it and started eating it before our eyes.	Regular Communication Words
Lurch	to move around in a sneaky manner	The cat will lurch around the corner to spy on the sleeping dog.	Regular Communication Words
Lure	to entice someone or animal with something to persuade them to go somewhere	Ben had to lure the stray dog from the busy road to his yard by offering it a piece of meat until he could find the owner.	Regular Communication Words
Lure	to tempt a person or an animal into going somewhere else	The hunter used apples to lure the deer out into the clearing.	Regular Communication Words
Lurid	full of unpleasant details that are meant to shock or interest people	The film had an R-rating because of its lurid depiction of the couple's sexual encounter.	Regular Communication Words
Lurk	to hide from sight until the optimal moment in order to attack	Hungry lions lurk in the tall grass and wait for unsuspecting gazelles to cross their path.	Regular Communication Words
Luscious	extremely appealing in smell, taste, or appearance	I wanted to take a bite of the luscious apple.	Regular Communication Words
Lush	growing in abundance	Vines and other swinging plants covered the lush rainforest.	Regular Communication Words
Lust	a fierce desire, often sexual in nature	Janet's lust for chocolate has caused her to become quite chubby.	Regular Communication Words

Luster	shine, polish or sparkle	The luster of the holiday lights shone brightly on the freshly fallen snow.	Regular Communication Words
Lusterless	dull; not shiny	After taking the lusterless ring to the jewelry shop, the once dull piece was now bright and shiny.	Regular Communication Words
Lustrous	having a glow or radiant look	After a long overdue visit to the hairdresser, my hair is a lustrous auburn color once again.	Regular Communication Words
Luxuriant	plentiful in detail or growth	In the spring months, thousands of tourists visit the luxuriant gardens near the art museum.	Regular Communication Words
Luxuriate	to take pleasure in something	After a long day, all Amber wanted to do was luxuriate in a soothing bubble bath.	Regular Communication Words
Luxurious	a very costly sophisticated style	While traveling abroad with a friend, we were awestruck of the luxurious hotel room we chose.	Regular Communication Words
Luxury	a state of great comfort, especially when provided by expensive and beautiful things	Living a life of luxury, the queen had people to wait on her hand and foot.	Regular Communication Words
Lynched	to kill by hanging someone without a judicial trial	There was a time in history when crowds would form to watch someone lynched.	Regular Communication Words
Lyric	a line of a song or poem	Each lyric of the song must be memorized before the singer takes the stage.	Regular Communication Words
Macabre	gruesome, shocking, disturbing, terrifying	Since even the scariest of horror movies only made her laugh, Sofia supposed that she had a macabre sense of humor.	Regular Communication Words
Machiavellian	noted by devious behavior, especially when benefitting one's career or business goals	My supervisor is very sneaky and has been known to exhibit Machiavellian behavior in order to move up in the company.	Regular Communication Words

Machination	a scheme that is usually created for bad reasons	After being caught running a machination against his political rival, the ruthless candidate lost the election.	Regular Communication Words
Machismo	exaggerated masculine pride	A machismo makeover was just what the man needed to increase his masculinity.	Regular Communication Words
Macrocosm	a large unit or system that contains many smaller bodies	The global company was a macrocosm headquartered in New York City with smaller entities all over the globe.	Regular Communication Words
Macroeconomics	a division in economics which focuses on the larger aspects of economics of money comparing it to the entire nation or world	When the state's government analyzes their budget, they use macroeconomics to determine how their budget will influence the country's budget.	Regular Communication Words
Macroscopic	able to be seen with the eye	If the item to be examined is macroscopic, then a scientist won't need a microscope to view it.	Regular Communication Words
Mad	angry or furious	My mother was so mad that she threw a chair across the room in a fit of rage that was completely unrivaled.	Regular Communication Words
Maelstrom	a situation in which there is great confusion, violence, and destruction, or a very powerful whirlpool	Following the divorce, Judy was beset by such a maelstrom of emotions that she decided to talk to a counselor.	Regular Communication Words
Maestro	a master of music who is skilled in playing or conducting	Leading the orchestra through their set, the maestro amazed the crowd with his conducting.	Regular Communication Words
Magic	the ability to persuade people using illusion and trickery	"The only way the man could have made that bird disappear," said the amazed young boy as he watched the street performer, "is through magic."	Regular Communication Words

Magisterial	overbearing and domineering	When my magisterial mother-in-law came over to our house, she insisted that I raise my children exactly how she wanted me to.	Regular Communication Words
Magistrate	a judge that hears and rules on minor offenses	As a local magistrate, the judge's power over state issues was limited.	Regular Communication Words
Magma	rock that is hot and in a liquid form beneath the Earth's surface	The magma that comes from the ground during a volcanic eruption is referred to as lava.	Regular Communication Words
Magna Carta	a formal document signed by King John in 1215 that stated the English king had to follow the laws of the land and gave individuals the rights to make their own decisions	By signing the Magna Carta, King John of England gave the individual citizens more rights than they had ever had before.	Regular Communication Words
Magnanimous	very generous or forgiving; unselfish	Despite the slurs made against him by his opponent, the boxer was magnanimous enough to praise his competitor.	Regular Communication Words
Magnate	a wealthy and influential business person	Due to his status as a political magnate, many people were eager to vote for him in the next election.	Regular Communication Words
Magnetic	attractive; alluring	With a magnetic smile, the singer captivated the crowd with his crooning.	Regular Communication Words
Magnificent	superb or outstanding	With a beautiful bride, delicious cake and fun reception, the guests commented about what a magnificent wedding this was.	Regular Communication Words
Magnify	to boost or enhance something, making it appear larger	My sister is an exaggerator who likes to magnify even the smallest symptoms when she is sick.	Regular Communication Words
Magniloquence	use of grand or wordy speech to say something simple	The orator's display of magniloquence confused the listeners.	Regular Communication Words

Magniloquent	using high-sounding, boastful language	He spoke in a magniloquent manner, drawing attention to himself.	Regular Communication Words
Magnitude	the significance or size of something	Because of the magnitude of the project, I need to hire some additional workers.	Regular Communication Words
Magnum opus	the single greatest work of an artist or writer	The author had written many books but didn't release his magnum opus, Charlotte's Web, until 1952.	Regular Communication Words
Maid	a domestic servant who cleans and waits on others	The maid spent most of her day ironing clothes and folding laundry for her mistress.	Regular Communication Words
Maim	to injure to the point that function is lost in a body part or region	The evil dictator seemed to take delight in using a sword to maim and murder the people who opposed him.	Regular Communication Words
Main	the key part or most important part of something	My main job at work is to answer phone calls from customers with questions.	Regular Communication Words
Mainland	the main landmass of a country or continent	After a wonderful seven day vacation in Hawaii, it was time to go back to the mainland of California.	Regular Communication Words
Mainstay	a thing that something or someone depends on	Coupons are a mainstay for the couple since they depend on them to reduce their grocery bill every week.	Regular Communication Words
Mainstream	having the most influential appeal to something accepted by most	In short, modern mainstream media pertaining to politics is in a state of total confusion.	Regular Communication Words
Mainstream	considered ordinary or usual by most people	The song is popular with pop fans who listen to mainstream music.	Regular Communication Words
Maintain	to keep something in its current state	In order to maintain my grades at school, I must study hard and complete all of my homework to ensure they stay A's.	Regular Communication Words

Maintain	to keep something in its current condition or state	It is difficult to maintain my weight when my diet consists of donuts and Chinese takeout.	Regular Communication Words
Maintenance	work performed on a system in order to keep it operating as intended	Because the sewer system is such an important part of the city's infrastructure, we have to conduct maintenance on it every few weeks to make sure everything is running properly.	Regular Communication Words
Majestic	displaying impressive grandeur	The majestic movie theater was so glamorous it was converted into a film museum.	Regular Communication Words
Major	main and key	While the teacher was harshly disciplining the class, she was able to get her major point across to the students about keeping their hands and feet to themselves.	Regular Communication Words
Majority rule	the idea that whatever has the higher vote or favor wins	Many talent shows are decided by a majority rule in which the person who gets the most votes wins.	Regular Communication Words
Majority	the greater percentage of the whole	Winners of talent shows like American Idol are decided by a majority vote.	Regular Communication Words
Make-believe	indulge pretense or invent a story or excuse	Jacob likes to play make-believe he's Superman by jumping off a chair onto his bed pretending he can fly.	Regular Communication Words
Make-up	apply various types of cosmetics usually to face to enhance ones look	Adam hates it when it takes me thirty minutes to curl my hair and apply all of my make-up before we can leave the house.	Regular Communication Words
Make	to bring into being; create, build, produce, etc.	"Would you like me to make you some breakfast?"	Regular Communication Words

Makebate	a person who causes arguments or starts up trouble	Because she likes to spread rumors, the office makebate is constantly stirring up strife at work.	Regular Communication Words
Makeshift	an impermanent substitute	During the storm, we used the large tree branches as a makeshift shelter.	Regular Communication Words
Maladjusted	not able to cope with the demands of one's life	After being raised by apes, the young lord was maladjusted to the duties expected of him by society.	Regular Communication Words
Maladroit	awkward and somewhat incompetent	The nervous boy was maladroit and stuttered over his words as he invited the girl to the dance.	Regular Communication Words
Malady	an illness	Because she is a hypochondriac, my sister has one malady after another.	Regular Communication Words
Malaise	a feeling of general bodily discomfort, fatigue or unpleasantness	Jason knew he was getting ill because of the malaise he had been experiencing for a few days.	Regular Communication Words
Malapropism	a comical misuse of a word that resembles another term in sound	In class, everyone laughed at Bill's malapropism when he complained about electrical votes instead of electoral votes.	Regular Communication Words
Malapropos	out of place; inappropriate	Her funny remarks seemed malapropos at her sister's funeral.	Regular Communication Words
Malaria	a disease spread by mosquito	After my trip, I experienced symptoms that prompted me to get tested for malaria.	Regular Communication Words
Malarkey	something that is considered to be absurd or junk	Everyone knew that her opinion was complete malarkey since she could not support it with any evidence whatsoever.	Regular Communication Words
Malcontent	an individual who is unruly and hardly ever satisfied	The woman was such a malcontent that she complained about every dish served to her in the five-star restaurant.	Regular Communication Words

Malefaction	an evil speech or curse upon someone or something	The witch's malediction made the young princess fall into a deep sleep.	Regular Communication Words
Malefactor	one who does evil	For several years, the detective pursued the malefactor who had brutally killed the two children.	Regular Communication Words
Maleficent	harmful or evil in intent or effect	The preacher said that Satan is a maleficent force that urges men to sin.	Regular Communication Words
Malevolent	wishing harm to others; malicious	How malevolent of you to wish that I was dead!	Regular Communication Words
Malfeasance	the performance of an illegal deed, generally by someone in the public trust	When the election results are tallied, surely the people will have voted out the mayor who is currently being investigated for malfeasance.	Regular Communication Words
Malice	desire to cause pain, injury, or distress to another	John's malice towards his ex-wife led him to vandalize her car.	Regular Communication Words
Malicious	intentionally harmful	Danielle was hurt by malicious comments made about her on Facebook.	Regular Communication Words
Malign	to say unpleasant things about someone or something, usually unfairly	By spreading the cruel rumor, my sister hoped to malign her ex-boyfriend.	Regular Communication Words
Malignant	causing an extremely serious, possibly even fatal, issue	Crystal cried when she learned the tumor was malignant.	Regular Communication Words
Malignity	an occurrence of hateful behavior or temperament	Spitting on someone is one of the worst types of malignity a person can inflict upon another person.	Regular Communication Words
Malingering	to pretend to be sick or injured in order to avoid doing work	When it is time to do work around the house, Henry will offer malingering and go to his room to rest.	Regular Communication Words

Mall	a shopping center with lots of individual stores housed in one building	A new department store is coming to the mall and will be housed between the shoe store and gift shop.	Regular Communication Words
Malleable	capable of being easily changed or influenced	When my uncle drinks a great deal, he is always quite malleable to suggestions.	Regular Communication Words
Mallet	a hammer with a typically wooden head that is used for hitting a chisel	With a mallet and a chisel, a skilled sculptor can turn a block of stone into a fantastic statue worthy of being in a museum.	Regular Communication Words
Malnourished	suffering from a deficiency of proper nourishment	Because the homeless man was malnourished, I gave him money for a decent meal.	Regular Communication Words
Malnutrition	a lack of adequate nourishment (from not eating enough food or not eating enough healthy food)	Her eyes were sunken in from malnutrition.	Regular Communication Words
Malodorous	having an unpleasant fragrance	The malodorous odor reminds me of rotten eggs.	Regular Communication Words
Malpractice	a practice or act that is harmful or negligent	The doctor's malpractice insurance will handle the court costs associated with the lawsuit filed by his patient.	Regular Communication Words
Maltreat	to treat someone or something cruelly or violently	The child was in a lot of trouble because of the way he would maltreat our dog, kicking him whenever he was angry.	Regular Communication Words
Mammoth	very large	We watched as the mammoth whale started doing backflips near our boat, causing waves to splash up against us.	Regular Communication Words
Manacle	an item that functions as a control or restraint	The manacle will keep the dog from leaving the front yard.	Regular Communication Words

Manage	to be in charge of something	A new person was hired to manage the newsstand and make sure sales increase.	Regular Communication Words
Manageable	able to be controlled; easy	As long as my crazy uncle took his sedatives, he was manageable and behaved properly.	Regular Communication Words
Management	the control and organization of something	Classroom management is an important part of teaching students since real learning can't take place in an unruly classroom.	Regular Communication Words
Mandamus	a legal order from a higher court to a lower court to perform a required task	In order to fix the problems of justice, a mandamus was required by the Supreme Court to have the State Court execute a state of emergency.	Regular Communication Words
Mandate	permission to do something	The marshal was given a mandate to use all resources to bring in the escaped prisoner.	Regular Communication Words
Mandatory	something that is absolutely required and must be done	There is a mandatory meeting that we all must attend as faculty members, so we can have no excuse for being absent.	Regular Communication Words
Mane	long and thick hair associated with the head of a mammal	After not cutting his mane for forty years, the man had hair that fell to his knees.	Regular Communication Words
Maneuver	to steer something with a purpose	It took three farmhands to maneuver the distraught cow back into the pen.	Regular Communication Words
Mangle	to make unrecognizable through violent acts of cutting, slashing, or crushing	The lion's razor-sharp claws mangle the terrified gazelle as he feeds.	Regular Communication Words
Mania	excessive desire, excitement, or enthusiasm	Greg's sports mania is so ridiculous that he can watch the same game hundreds of times without getting bored.	Regular Communication Words

Maniacal	behavior of a crazed person; insane	The hospital staff put the maniacal patient in a straitjacket so she would not hurt herself.	Regular Communication Words
Manic	wildly erratic or frenzied in behavior	During her manic state, the woman with bipolar disorder spent lots of money and acted unpredictably.	Regular Communication Words
Manicure	treatment for the hands that involves softening the skin and making the nails look better	The full manicure treatment is more expensive because it includes nail cutting and painting.	Regular Communication Words
Manifest Destiny	an action or event that is believed that it will definitely take place	When the powerful United States wanted to take over the land in Oklahoma, it was a manifest destiny that the Native Americans would be forced off their land within a few months.	Regular Communication Words
Manifest	easy to understand or recognize; obvious	The love on Amy's face was manifest and obvious to everyone.	Regular Communication Words
Manifesto	a public statement reflecting the philosophy of a person or group	In his manifesto, the presidential candidate described himself as the only person who could make the country great again.	Regular Communication Words
Manifold	numerous and diverse	Our plumbing repair bill is huge because the plumber has found manifold problems in the pipes.	Regular Communication Words
Manikin	a model of the human body, used for teaching medical or art students	Because the science manikin is so realistic, it has pupils that react to light and eyelids that blink.	Regular Communication Words
Manipulate	to regulate or control something or someone	The beautiful young woman found it easy to manipulate the wealthy older man.	Regular Communication Words
Mankind	the human race	Pollution prevention is good for mankind because the human race can't continue without fresh air.	Regular Communication Words

Manner	the way in which something is done	The toddler acted in a horrible manner, screaming and throwing a fit in the middle of dinner.	Regular Communication Words
Mannerism	a certain way someone speaks, acts or behaves	Even though I couldn't see the girl standing away from me, I knew it was Samantha due to her mannerism of talking.	Regular Communication Words
Manor	the big house on a large estate	The lord's manor is a grand house that sits on a thirty-acre estate.	Regular Communication Words
Mansion	a large, impressive house, most often owned by someone wealthy	Because he has millions of dollars at his disposal, the man decided to buy a massive mansion to showcase all of his wealth.	Regular Communication Words
Mansplain	to explain something that you don't understand completely (from man to woman) in a way that is considered patronizing	During meetings, my male coworkers are more likely to dominate the conversation and condescendingly mansplain things to the women.	Regular Communication Words
Mantic	a person who can tell or see the future	After looking into his crystal ball, the mantic was able to tell the woman who she was going to marry.	Regular Communication Words
Manticore	a mythical creature that was said to have a scorpion's sting but the body of a lion and head of a man	According to the myth, the manticore's sting is as strong as a scorpion while his body is that of a lion.	Regular Communication Words
Mantle	the obligations or authority associated with an individual's duties, title, or personal beliefs	Overwhelmed by the stress that came with the mantle of his office, the prime minister resigned from his position.	Regular Communication Words
Mantra	a phrase or term repeated often that usually echoes an individual's basic principles	As physicians we observe the mantra of "not doing any harm."	Regular Communication Words
Manual	a booklet that instructs someone on how to do something or the usage of something	Tom was able to troubleshoot why our newly purchased television wouldn't work by reading the manual.	Regular Communication Words

Manual	a book or booklet that gives instructions or explains how something works	My wife's new vehicle came with a manual that explained all of its features.	Regular Communication Words
Manufacture	to create items on a massive scale	The company is relocating production to Asia because it is cheaper to manufacture products overseas.	Regular Communication Words
Manumission	release from slavery, freedom	When manumission happened on the plantation, all the slaves were freed.	Regular Communication Words
Manuscript	text that has been typed or handwritten as part of the preparation for publication	After I read the first ten pages of Cameron's manuscript, I couldn't wait to finish the rest of the screenplay.	Regular Communication Words
Mar	to ruin or spoil	You will mar the cake if you keep putting your fingers in the icing.	Regular Communication Words
Marauder	an individual who is constantly looking for something to steal	The marauder uses his quick hands to rob people on public buses.	Regular Communication Words
Marauding	moving from one location to another in order to commit crimes against society	The marauding thieves never stay more than a few nights in a city.	Regular Communication Words
Marble	a type of lined rock that is very hard and can be polished to become smooth and polished	Polished marble was used for the kitchen counters, but a different type of stone was used for the flooring.	Regular Communication Words
Margin	the edge or border of something	Students should not write outside the margin but instead stay inside the lines.	Regular Communication Words
Marginal	minor; not of consequence	I was not upset by the marginal price increase.	Regular Communication Words
Marginate	having a distinct border, or 'margin'	Every country is marginate in nature, having a distinct border that determines how much territory that country controls.	Regular Communication Words

Marine	found in or produced by the ocean	The marine animals are dying because of trash and pollution being dumped into the ocean.	Regular Communication Words
Marine	a member of a military force trained for service at sea	Cathy was so excited to hear that her nephew Harry is officially a Marine after he recently graduated from boot camp.	Regular Communication Words
Maritime	related to the sea or sailing	After recently purchasing a boat, they decided to embark on a maritime adventure.	Regular Communication Words
Marketplace	an place where people sell things to the public	Vendors are selling rugs, pottery, and other wares in the open marketplace.	Regular Communication Words
Maroon	a dark reddish-tan color	Since the young man knew nothing about fashion, he wore his maroon shirt with a lighter red pair of pants.	Regular Communication Words
Marquee	a structure placed over the entrance to a hotel or theatre, stating either the name of the establishment or the play or movie and the artists appearing at that venue	The old theater in town had a marquee sign that still read, "Now Showing: The Wizard of Oz".	Regular Communication Words
Marred	spoiled or damaged	The rowdy college boys marred the hotel room.	Regular Communication Words
Marriage	the legally recognized joining of spouses	After twenty years of marriage, the once happy couple is now divorcing.	Regular Communication Words
Marrow	the center soft part of the bone that produces blood cells	When the bone broke, it exposed the marrow to the germs which might have led to an infection.	Regular Communication Words
Marsh	an area of low-lying land that is floods often and sometimes remains waterlogged	The marsh and other wetlands in the area are protected by land conservation laws.	Regular Communication Words

Martial	associated with a military way of life	Since my father brings his job as a colonel home, he runs our family in a martial way by assigning everyone a rank and duties.	Regular Communication Words
Martinet	an individual who emphasizes discipline	As a colonel in the army, John is a martinet who believes discipline is the only path to success.	Regular Communication Words
Martyr	one who surrenders something of tremendous value for a cause	The gay man became a martyr when he lost his job after refusing to hide his sexual preference.	Regular Communication Words
Marvel	something or someone that triggers amazement	Many scientists view the three-year-old boy with the extremely high IQ as a marvel.	Regular Communication Words
Marvelous	something showing amazing talent or skill and that often inspires awe	The actress was so marvelous at her role that she not only won an Academy Award but brought everyone in the audience to tears with her performance.	Regular Communication Words
Marxism	a social and political theory that is the opposite of capitalism and argues that production and all of the means of public ownership should lie in the hands of the workers	The socialist theory of Marxism says that people are grouped into categories based on their relationship to how things are made.	Regular Communication Words
Masculine	manly or seen as male in nature	It is considered masculine to be big and strong, though that notion is probably from an older era where men were usually warriors of some sort.	Regular Communication Words
Masochist	an individual who gets pleasure from suffering	Sarah does not like enduring or observing pain so she is definitely not a masochist.	Regular Communication Words
Masquerade	to assume a false identity	The con man decided to masquerade as a missionary to bilk the church out of its savings.	Regular Communication Words
Mass	a heap or pile	A mass of garbage continued to pile up outside of the smelly dumpster.	Regular Communication Words

Massacre	killing of many people	The French massacre was particular bloody, with over one hundred lives lost.	Regular Communication Words
Massive	large and heavy	As a college freshman, I was surprised to be given a massive textbook which I could not carry alone.	Regular Communication Words
Mast	a tall post attached to a ship that holds sails	The mast had a sail attached and was used to guide the boat.	Regular Communication Words
Mastermind	a brilliant thinker who uses one's intellect to put together plans or projects	Though Joe was the mastermind behind the bridge's design, his boss took all the credit for the architect's magnificent blueprints.	Regular Communication Words
Masterpiece	an outstanding work or skill	Staring at the blank canvas, the artist pondered how he could turn this slate into a world-renowned masterpiece.	Regular Communication Words
Mastery	complete control or superiority over something else	Man's mastery over nature in our world allows us to achieve many things, but even so we can never outmatch nature's raw power.	Regular Communication Words
Masticate	to chomp with teeth; chew	My mother told me to never talk while I masticate my food.	Regular Communication Words
Match	a contest in which people or teams compete against one another	During the close match, the boxing champ made a mistake and was knocked out by his opponent.	Regular Communication Words
Mate	each of a pair of items	Erica became upset when she couldn't find the other mate to her favorite pair of socks.	Regular Communication Words
Material	matter or substance of which something can be made	Because the dress is made from an expensive material, the shop owner will sell it for a higher price.	Regular Communication Words

Materialism	constant concern over material possessions and wealth	Obviously, the shopper's belief in materialism led her to buy far more items than she could afford.	Regular Communication Words
Materialize	to become real or visible	If you want to make your dreams materialize, you must take steps to make them real.	Regular Communication Words
Maternal	related to or associated with a mother	The cat's maternal instincts led her to adopt the lost puppy.	Regular Communication Words
Matriarch	a woman who leads a tribe or family	My mother is the family matriarch who has the final say in household affairs.	Regular Communication Words
Matriarchy	a family unit, group, or administration managed by a single woman or a team of women	The tribe of female warriors has always been ruled by a matriarchy.	Regular Communication Words
Matriculate	to become a student at a school, especially a college or university	After high school, I will matriculate at a local community college.	Regular Communication Words
Matrilineal	associated with the female line of the family	Since my mother and two of my sisters have died from cancer, I can only assume the disease is matrilineal.	Regular Communication Words
Matrimony	the state of being married	The man and woman are in a state of holy matrimony, being not just a man and woman but a husband and wife.	Regular Communication Words
Matrix	an environment in which the development or formation of something occurs	In the film, an alternate world had developed inside of the matrix.	Regular Communication Words
Matron	an older, serious-minded married woman who usually has a high social position	The matron was highly regarded for her philanthropic endeavors in her community.	Regular Communication Words
Matronly	used to describe a middle-aged, married woman who is plump and dresses in a plain way	The more matronly customers selected long skirts and flats rather than mini-skirts and tall boots.	Regular Communication Words

Matte	describing a color that is dull and has no shine	This brown color is extremely matte, dull and lifeless but supposedly a good color for this piece of furniture, according to my mother.	Regular Communication Words
Matter	be of importance or have significance	Clara insisted that the messiness of her room shouldn't matter, but her mother thinks keeping a clean house is important.	Regular Communication Words
Matter	a substance or object that occupies physical space	The matter changed from a solid to a liquid form when it was placed in the sun to melt.	Regular Communication Words
Mature	to gain experience or wisdom with age; full grown	Emily said to her children, "Instead of calling each other names, can we discuss this in a mature manner?"	Regular Communication Words
Maturity	of full development	When the cherry tree reaches maturity, it will produce fruit.	Regular Communication Words
Maudlin	showing or expressing too much emotion especially in a foolish or annoying way	The girl's performance was so maudlin that people started to boo her off the stage.	Regular Communication Words
Maul	to wound someone by scratching or tearing them, often used in reference to animals	I would never go near a bear even in captivity, for fear that it would maul me with its huge teeth and claws.	Regular Communication Words
Mauled	attacked and mangled	Because it seemed friendly, neighbors were surprised to hear the dog had mauled a pedestrian.	Regular Communication Words
Mausoleum	a large elegant building that holds tombs	The king wants to be entombed inside of a mausoleum.	Regular Communication Words
Maverick	tending to choose a different path from everyone else	The maverick politician promised to leave behind the ways of the old guard and bring change to the government.	Regular Communication Words

Mawkish	being overly sentimental to the point it comes across as fake or silly	The star's mawkish poem at her mentor's funeral was so insincere that most of the guests rolled their eyes.	Regular Communication Words
Maxim	a phrase that is often used as a guiding rule	My grandmother had a wise maxim to help me get through all of my teenage crises.	Regular Communication Words
Maximize	to increase something in size, amount, or importance as much as possible	If you increase your advertising in certain areas, you may also be able to maximize profits for your products.	Regular Communication Words
Maximum	the highest amount possible	After the opening of Pandora at Disney World, the park was forced to closed their doors because they had reached the maximum number of guests allowed in the park at one time.	Regular Communication Words
Maximum	the total amount or limit	We are looking for a house with a maximum of four bedrooms because any more than that would be too many.	Regular Communication Words
Mayhap	perhaps or possibly	Mayhap we should leave this cave before we encounter whichever creature calls it home?	Regular Communication Words
Mayhem	chaos or disorder	During the busy holiday season, most of the stores seem to be in a constant state of mayhem.	Regular Communication Words
Mea Culpa	an acknowledgement of having done wrong (my bad)	The magazine issued a mea culpa after they cited an incorrect statistic.	Regular Communication Words
Meager	very small or too small in amount	My daughter is quick to complain about what she considers to be a meager allowance.	Regular Communication Words
Mean	characterized as cruel or antagonistic, but often in a petty manner	A mean bully might try and take your lunch money from time to time, but such things are hardly unspeakably cruel.	Regular Communication Words

Meander	to move slowly without any real purpose	The confused old man will sometimes come into the store and meander for hours without making a purchase.	Regular Communication Words
Meaningful	having a serious, important, or useful quality or purpose	Whenever she tried to have a meaningful conversation with her boyfriend, he always changed the subject to a new cat video or trending meme.	Regular Communication Words
Meant	the past tense form of mean that is used to express what someone intended or had in mind	I meant to send off the package, but left it sitting on the kitchen counter.	Regular Communication Words
Meanwhile	at the same time but elsewhere	"Victoria, dinner will be ready in ten minutes, meanwhile please set the table."	Regular Communication Words
Measly	an extremely, almost laughably small amount	Briana hoped her mother would pay her well for babysitting her brothers but she only got a measly \$5.	Regular Communication Words
Measure	to gage or calculate an amount	Using a cup to measure $\frac{1}{4}$ cup, the chef sifted just the right amount into the bowl.	Regular Communication Words
Measurement	the size or length of something	The seamstress guessed the measurement of the man's shoulders and then confirmed with her tape.	Regular Communication Words
Mechanical Energy	sum of all energy in an object used for work, such as the energy transferred in a swinging hammer	The mechanical energy of a wheel is the sum of the energy produced while it is rotating, both in the wheel itself and the axle that turns it.	Regular Communication Words
Mechanical	linked to machinery or tools	A mechanical engineer was needed to fix the broken conveyer belt.	Regular Communication Words
Mechanism	a piece of a machine that plays a specific role in its operation	Visitors were stuck on the Ferris wheel for hours when the mechanism that controlled the rotation stopped working.	Regular Communication Words

Medallion	a piece of jewelry crafted in the shape of a medal, often worn around the neck as a pendant	The officer received a spectacular medallion from his commander in chief, a medal to wear around his neck for his service in the war.	Regular Communication Words
Meddle	to interfere in something that is not your concern	Because my mother-in-law is trying to meddle in my marriage, I want her out of my house immediately.	Regular Communication Words
Meddlesome	tending to interfere in other people's affairs	Meddlesome men spent their morning drinking coffee and discussing their neighbors business.	Regular Communication Words
Medial	situated in the middle of something	With three people standing in a line, the person in the middle of the line has a medial position.	Regular Communication Words
Median	the middle number of a set of ordered numbers	The median household income for this major city is \$56,000 with half of the lower incomes being below that amount and the higher incomes being above that amount.	Regular Communication Words
Mediate	to help solve conflicts	My husband is the one who usually has to mediate the disagreements between our sons.	Regular Communication Words
Mediator	one that serves as a go-between during a dispute	A mediator was needed to help the divorcing couple come to an agreement.	Regular Communication Words
Medicare	a free health insurance program in the United States for older or disabled people	Since my elderly mother has poor health, Medicare is her supplier of health care should she need medical attention.	Regular Communication Words
Medicinal	used to cure pain and diseases	Medicinal herbs were added to the tea to cure the woman's stomachache.	Regular Communication Words
Medicine	a substance used to treat disease	Without medicine to ease his headache, the man had no choice but to go to bed early.	Regular Communication Words

Medieval	relating to the Middle Ages	Medieval feasts were thrown for royalty and nobles during the Middle Ages.	Regular Communication Words
Mediocre	average; not great or extraordinary	Because Janice does not apply herself in school, she is a mediocre student.	Regular Communication Words
Mediocre	of ordinary or average quality	The mediocre meal wasn't the worst I've had, but it wasn't the best either.	Regular Communication Words
Meditative	in deep contemplation	The dog seemed to be in a meditative state as he stared at his empty food dish that hadn't been filled in two days.	Regular Communication Words
Mediterranean	representative of the Mediterranean Sea or culture of the people surrounding it	Her olive skin and dark hair was typical of a Mediterranean woman.	Regular Communication Words
Medium	in between small and large	When trying on a swimsuit, Carrie chose a medium since the small was too tight but the large was sagging.	Regular Communication Words
Medley	a mixture of things	A medley of horrific shouts rose up out of the crowd when they realized the concert was canceled.	Regular Communication Words
Meed	a much deserved reward or honor	Even though she had six children, the loving mother was able to give each a meed of her time and attention.	Regular Communication Words
Meek	restrained; unwilling to speak up	Although the meek girl knew the answer to the teacher's question, she was too nervous to raise her hand.	Regular Communication Words
Meekly	doing something in a humble and modest way	The shy girl hung her head as she meekly followed behind her older sisters.	Regular Communication Words
Meeting	a gathering of people coming together	Once managements gathers more information we will notify everyone for another meeting soon.	Regular Communication Words

Megabyte	a unit equal to one million bytes that is used to measure how much information a computer can store	The disk contained one megabyte of storage space.	Regular Communication Words
Megalith	a large stone that was used as a building block in prehistoric structures	A gigantic megalith was used to create a stone graveyard in 3000 B.C. Germany.	Regular Communication Words
Megalomania	a mental disorder that leads individuals to think they are more influential and powerful than everyone else	Helen's megalomania allowed her to believe she could drive under the influence without putting her life in jeopardy.	Regular Communication Words
Megalopolis	a region comprised of several big cities	As the cities in the area have grown, the population of the megalopolis has greatly expanded.	Regular Communication Words
Megaton	an explosive force measurement that is used for nuclear weapons (equals one million tons of TNT)	The megaton missile exploded with great force as it reached its target.	Regular Communication Words
Megawatt	a unit for measuring electricity that is equal to one million watts of power	The current national average of homes powered by a megawatt of solar power is 160.	Regular Communication Words
Meiosis	a cellular process in which a single cell divides twice to produce four cells containing half the original amount of genetic information	During meiosis, the parent cell duplicated and recombined to produce new cell.	Regular Communication Words
Melancholy	a feeling of deep sadness	The film's tragic ending put us all in a melancholy mood.	Regular Communication Words
Meld	to blend or merge things together	Singing in harmony, the musicians were able to meld their voices.	Regular Communication Words
Melee	a brawl, riot or fight	I hate to go shopping during the holiday season because it feels like a melee with everyone pushing and shoving in the aisles.	Regular Communication Words
Meliorate	to improve or make something better	As a counselor, it was his job to try and meliorate the relationship between the two family members.	Regular Communication Words

Meliorism	the idea that human effort is the key to making the world a better place	As a believer in meliorism, the activist felt that every small effort he made had a positive effect on the world.	Regular Communication Words
Melliferous	bearing or producing honey	Melliferous flowers were collected to make honey.	Regular Communication Words
Mellifluous	having a smooth, flowing sound	The actor has a mellifluous voice that could lull anyone into a deep sleep.	Regular Communication Words
Mellow	to become calm and easy-going due to being older or having more practice	My mother became mellow once she became a grandmother because she would never let me eat unhealthy foods that she feeds to her grandchildren.	Regular Communication Words
Melodious	having a pleasing sound	His melodious voice carried over all of the other students in the Christmas program.	Regular Communication Words
Melodramatic	overemotional	For the practical viewer, the soap opera was way too melodramatic.	Regular Communication Words
Melody	a simple tune that sounds harmoniously	When the singer sang the song, her voice belted out the beautiful lyrics against the backdrop of the melody.	Regular Communication Words
Melt	to dissolve something solid through heat	The ice at North and South Poles is beginning to melt now that the temperature of our atmosphere is starting to rise.	Regular Communication Words
Melting pot	where a set a diverse individuals coexist side by side	Yugoslavia was a melting pot of citizens who spoke different languages and practiced diverse religions.	Regular Communication Words
Membership	an individual becomes a member of a club, group, or organization	Amanda was pleasantly surprised to receive a one year membership to a local fitness center for a birthday present paid for by her children.	Regular Communication Words

Memento	a keepsake; an object kept as a reminder of a place or event	The necklace I received from my late husband is a loving memento from my time spent with him.	Regular Communication Words
Memo	a written message, especially in business	The manager of the finance department sent a memo out to employees telling them when the next meeting would be held.	Regular Communication Words
Memoir	a description of a life or event written by a person with firsthand knowledge	The actress wrote a backdated memoir that began with the final days of her life.	Regular Communication Words
Memorabilia	items treasured by people due to their past fascination in a remarkable person or occasion	Due to the baseball memorabilia scattered across the garage sale table, the patrons realized that the homeowner brought home many souvenirs from the baseball games he attended.	Regular Communication Words
Memorable	notable and unforgettable	By marrying her soulmate on her perfect day, Beverly knew this would be the most memorable event of her life.	Regular Communication Words
Memorandum	a short note about a specific situation serving as a reminder	The Human Resources Department sent out a memorandum to all of the employees with the information pertaining to the upcoming holiday party.	Regular Communication Words
Memorial	something serving as a remembrance of someone or event	There was so many people today who attended the memorial of a young girl killed by her father.	Regular Communication Words
Menace	an individual or situation that causes problems	My neighbor's dog is a menace who seems to enjoy going potty on my porch.	Regular Communication Words
Menagerie	a diverse collection	The president expected a menagerie of questions from the group of reporters.	Regular Communication Words
Mend	to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged	There's no way to mend my broken shoe, so I'll just need to buy a new pair.	Regular Communication Words

Mendacious	lying; not telling the truth	Chuck is mendacious about his vegetarianism because he eats chicken.	Regular Communication Words
Mendacity	lack of honesty	Since honesty is very important to me, I was deeply offended by my ex-husband's mendacity.	Regular Communication Words
Mendicant	an individual who begs for a living	The mendicant hoped pedestrians would drop money in his bucket.	Regular Communication Words
Menial	relating to tasks normally performed by a servant	Everyone was surprised to see the company president doing menial labor he could easily pass on to one of his employees.	Regular Communication Words
Mental	relating to the mind or to the health or state of one's mind	The teacher's mental strength was tested when the principal was observing her.	Regular Communication Words
Mentality	a pattern of thought	The stern preacher's mentality was that any music other than Christian music had sinful overtones.	Regular Communication Words
Mention	to make a short reference to something	I will mention to your father when he calls me from work that he needs to take you to your baseball game tonight.	Regular Communication Words
Mentor	someone who teaches or gives advice to someone less experienced	Because she was a new teacher, Betsy needed a mentor to show her how to set up her classroom.	Regular Communication Words
Mephitic	Bad-smelling; having a foul odor especially of gas or vapor	The car's mephitic fumes choked up the passengers in a nearby sedan.	Regular Communication Words
Mercantile	concerned with the buying and selling of goods for money	I joined our family's mercantile business, buying and selling paper goods.	Regular Communication Words
Mercantilism	an economic system in which a nation tries to become more affluent by exporting more goods than it brings into the country and by protecting its store of precious metals	One of the reasons England developed the colonies under mercantilism was to increase its trading territory.	Regular Communication Words

Mercenary	motivated by private gain, regardless of ethics or laws; greedy	Following his employer's instructions, the mercenary killed the woman and her baby without a second thought.	Regular Communication Words
Merch	a shortened form of the word merchandise (products that people sell)	We went to the clothing store for new merch but didn't find any eye-catching pieces.	Regular Communication Words
Merchant	one who trades in goods to earn a profit	The greedy merchant raised the price of bread and milk during the blizzard.	Regular Communication Words
Merciful	compassionate and generous	After winning the lottery, the merciful winner donated every penny of her winnings to the homeless shelter.	Regular Communication Words
Merciless	without mercy. ruthless and unforgiving	The merciless sun of the desert will quickly drain all travelers of both water and will, ensuring a painful demise if one does not enter its sands prepared.	Regular Communication Words
Merciless	cruel and without mercy or pity	The merciless dictator killed everyone that went against his regime.	Regular Communication Words
Mercurial	subject to sudden or unpredictable changes	Because Mary is taking a new medication, her moods have become quite mercurial and change with the wind.	Regular Communication Words
Mercy	tendency towards forgiveness, pity and kindness	Beth's strict parents showed mercy after she missed her curfew because she helped a stranded female motorist by jump starting her car battery.	Regular Communication Words
Mere	in regards to an individual or thing that is viewed as unimportant or small	Although Bailey was a mere boy, he knew he would become a world leader one day.	Regular Communication Words
Merely	only, just, and nothing more	The knight wondered how he, being merely a man, could hope to defeat the dragon.	Regular Communication Words

Meretricious	tastelessly showy; attractive on the surface but having in reality no value or substance; falsely alluring	Because of Christie's meretricious style of dressing, she has often been mistaken for a prostitute and has received a number of indecent proposals.	Regular Communication Words
Merge	to come together into one unit	When the struggling nursery was about to go bankrupt, it decided to merge with the seed store since they both were in the same business.	Regular Communication Words
Merger	the joining of two things into one	The merger of the two companies happened in February when the smaller corporation joined the larger.	Regular Communication Words
Meridian	an imaginary line that passes from the North Pole to the South Pole	The equator and the prime meridian are imaginary lines used to find longitude and latitude on a map.	Regular Communication Words
Meringue	a pie topping that is browned after being made from beaten egg whites and sugar	Edith whipped up a meringue to be added to the list of sweet and light treats.	Regular Communication Words
Merit	something that deserves to be recognized or praised	Jill earned an award of merit for never missing a day of school in twelve years.	Regular Communication Words
Meritocracy	a system in which the leaders are chose based on intellect, talent, or merit, not other factors such as race, popularity, or economic status	Mr. Young longed to live in a meritocracy where the leaders of the free world were the ones who earned their places based on their accomplishments.	Regular Communication Words
Meritorious	deserving of rewards or praise	Of all his achievements, winning the gold medal was definitely his most meritorious.	Regular Communication Words
Merriment	laughter, happiness, and enjoyment	The party was filled with the wonderful sounds of merriment.	Regular Communication Words
Mesh	to connect or lock together	The band can't seem to mesh well together and continuously play off key.	Regular Communication Words

Mesmerized	captivated by something or someone	Because Jennifer was mesmerized by the author's writing style, she purchased all of his books.	Regular Communication Words
Mesosphere	an area between two layers in the Earth's atmosphere where it gets colder as the elevation increases	In the mesosphere the alien spaceship recorded the increasing temperatures every few minutes in this layer as it came closer to Earth.	Regular Communication Words
Message	usually a brief form of communication sent to someone in form of written or spoken	If I can't answer my phone when you call, please leave me a message and I will call you back.	Regular Communication Words
Messenger	a person who delivers someone a message, packages or documents	The law firm sent a messenger to pick up the documents from their clients business office.	Regular Communication Words
Messiah	one who is thought to be the savior of a certain group	Many of the politician's followers see him as a messiah who will fix all of their problems.	Regular Communication Words
Meta	a prefix added to a word to explain that one thing is related to other things	The meta-search sites found on the internet all link to the same information.	Regular Communication Words
Metabolism	the chemical reactions which cause fat cells and/or calories to burn	Jan can eat anything without gaining weight because of her fast metabolism.	Regular Communication Words
Metabolize	to break down food in the body so it can be used for energy	His body didn't metabolize iron normally, so he took an iron supplement daily.	Regular Communication Words
Metamorphosis	an observable change	When Chet started exercising on a regular basis, he experienced a huge physical metamorphosis.	Regular Communication Words
Metaphor	the use of a word or phrase something that it is not, invoking a direct similarity between them and the thing described	He uses the metaphor of fire to represent hatred.	Regular Communication Words
Metaphysical	associated with what is believed to be present yet not visible	In the book, the main character spoke to a metaphysical being he couldn't see.	Regular Communication Words

Metastasize	to spread or grow to other sites	The idea of revolution began to metastasize and spread like wildfire from Moscow to the impoverished Russian countryside.	Regular Communication Words
Mete	to give out or distribute	After being caught stealing, the boy waited for his father to mete out his punishment.	Regular Communication Words
Meteor	a piece of debris from space that enters Earth's atmosphere and becomes luminescent due to friction, appearing as a streak of light	The satellite from outer space become a meteor as it fell into the atmosphere, coming alight with flame.	Regular Communication Words
Meter	the basic unit of length in the metric system	A metric ruler was used to measure the shelf to the nearest meter.	Regular Communication Words
Method	a procedure or technique used to accomplish as task	My simple method to cake baking is different from most pastry baker's techniques.	Regular Communication Words
Methodical	in an ordered manner	My husband is very organized and has a methodical approach for doing every task.	Regular Communication Words
Meticulous	showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise	Because Haley is a meticulous cleaner, every inch of her house is spotless.	Regular Communication Words
Metonymy	a form of speech in which the title of a thing or person is used to replace a name associated with it	When you refer to the film industry as Hollywood, you're using a metonymy by calling one subject a name that equates to it.	Regular Communication Words
Metropolis	a large, heavily populated city	Accustomed to country life, the farmer had a difficult time adjusting to his new home in a metropolis.	Regular Communication Words
Mettle	strength of spirit; the ability to continue despite difficulties	Of all the young men in the village, Caldor was the only one with enough mettle to face the dragon in its lair.	Regular Communication Words

Milieu	the environment in which one experiences life	Because my father grew up in a military milieu, he knew he wanted to join the armed forces when he graduated from high school.	Regular Communication Words
Militant	prone to engage in conflict for a belief or cause	Since the militant group believes the president is a brutal dictator, it is crafting a plan to remove him from office.	Regular Communication Words
Militarism	an ideology which claims that the military is the foundation of a society's security, and thereby its most important aspect	Because he was a veteran, many of his political ideals followed a form of militarism.	Regular Communication Words
Military	the armed forces of a country	Without a military, a country cannot wage war with another for lack of soldiers and weapons to wage it with.	Regular Communication Words
Militate	to influence or have an effect upon	The rain will militate a change of venue for our picnic.	Regular Communication Words
Militia	a military force of trained and organized civilians who may be called to duty	The militia was assigned to assist the police until the National Guard troops arrived.	Regular Communication Words
Mill	a manufacturing plant for paper, steel, textiles, etc.	Our local paper mill mostly hire people through a temp agency for short-term contracts.	Regular Communication Words
Millennium	a period that covers one thousand years	The year 2000 saw the end of another millennium.	Regular Communication Words
Millipede	bug whose skeleton is on the outside of its body and is known for having many legs	As the millipede crossed the room, the children were mesmerized by all of his little appendages transporting his body across the floor.	Regular Communication Words
Milquetoast	a fearful or shy individual	As the milquetoast quietly shuffled down the street with his shoulders hunched, his eyes would dart around hoping no one would see him.	Regular Communication Words

Mime	a performer that uses movements and gestures instead of words to express something or tell a story	The face-painted mime used its hands to pretend that it was stuck in a box while performing for the children.	Regular Communication Words
Mimic	to imitate	Bert can mimic the barking of a dog to perfection, scaring thieves away from his property.	Regular Communication Words
Mimicry	the act of mirroring an action or behavior	During the talent show, the boy won the audience over when he performed a mimicry of his favorite rapper.	Regular Communication Words
Minatory	expressing a threat	The hate group left a minatory threat in the form of a burning cross on the couple's lawn.	Regular Communication Words
Mince	finely chopped	When we cook we will mince the onions and peppers so they will enhance the flavor of the meat and not overpower the meats overall taste.	Regular Communication Words
Mincing	dainty and refined, especially in the way that one walks	The woman spoke to her precious pup in a sweet and mincing voice.	Regular Communication Words
Mindful	thoughtful, considerate and dutiful	Since the child was burned by a fire, the teacher told the other students to be mindful of their classmate's feelings by refraining from talking about the blaze.	Regular Communication Words
Mindless	to be done without explanation or care for the results of the actions	The criminal committed mindless acts of violence where innocent people were hurt.	Regular Communication Words
Mindset	an established set of attitudes and beliefs that someone holds	A person's mindset is often determined by how they have been raised and the experiences they have had, though the way they think can change over time.	Regular Communication Words
Mingle	To mix or combine (people or objects)	The spies decided to mingle in with the crowd and see if they could find the killer.	Regular Communication Words

Miniature	petite in size compared to a larger representation of the item	A miniature model of the castle was created with modeling clay and made it easy to see what the whole castle looked like.	Regular Communication Words
Minimal	likely the smallest amount	With minimal supervision, the employee was supposed to work by himself and pose only limited questions to the boss.	Regular Communication Words
Minimum	the smallest or lowest of something	Since the minimum age requirement to ride the amusement park's roller coaster was 12, the 11-year old had to wait for her friends on the ground.	Regular Communication Words
Minion	an individual who obeys the commands of another person	At work, I'm a minion who does everything my boss says.	Regular Communication Words
Minister	a person who is trained to perform religious worship	The minister at our local church spoke a fresh and interesting sermon to their parishioners on Easter Sunday.	Regular Communication Words
Minor	a legal term meaning child or one under the age of 18	The clerk at the store got in trouble for selling cigarettes to a sixteen-year-old minor.	Regular Communication Words
Minority	the smaller percentage of the whole	As they looked around the room full of red-clad Republicans, the Democrats knew they were in the minority and their hopes of stopping the bill were destroyed.	Regular Communication Words
Minuscule	quite small	Many fast food workers are quitting their jobs because of minuscule salaries.	Regular Communication Words
Minute	a unit that equals 60 seconds of time	With the last test for the school year approaching, Carol is spending every spare minute studying.	Regular Communication Words

Minutiae	tiny unimportant details	The students ignored their teacher as she told them minutiae about her boring life.	Regular Communication Words
Miraculous	astounding in a way that suggests a miracle	Her miraculous recovery surprised the hospital staff.	Regular Communication Words
Mirage	an illusion that appears real but does not exist	When I was stranded in the desert, I saw a lake that turned out to be nothing but a mirage.	Regular Communication Words
Mire	a situation or circumstance from which it is difficult to escape	Getting arrested was a mire of unfortunate circumstances the parolee had tried to avoid.	Regular Communication Words
Mirror Image	a person or thing that closely looks like someone or something else	Amber is a mirror image of her mother and looks just like her mom did when she was young.	Regular Communication Words
Mirrored	having a surface that is reflective like a mirror	The mirrored sunglasses reflect out and stop others from seeing through the lens.	Regular Communication Words
Mirth	amusement and joy	It was obvious from Jacob's mirth he found the movie to be quite funny.	Regular Communication Words
Mirthful	filled with joy	The mirthful boy couldn't stop smiling after opening his holiday gifts.	Regular Communication Words
Misanthrope	a person who hates or distrusts humankind	The old man was a misanthrope who surrounded his entire yard with barbed wire to keep his neighbors at bay.	Regular Communication Words
Misapprehension	a failure to understand something	The Police Commissioner is under the misapprehension that he can do what he chooses without following the laws.	Regular Communication Words
Misbehave	to act disobey or act in a way that is bad	Because the child continued to misbehave, he was placed in the corner for a time out.	Regular Communication Words

Miscegenation	the mixing or blending of race; interracial marriage	Laws against miscegenation caused one to never see a married couple with a Caucasian husband with an African American wife.	Regular Communica tion Words
Miscellaneous	consisting of many different kinds of things that might not go together	As a collector, he would sometimes buy a miscellaneous assortment of pennies hoping to find one worthy money.	Regular Communica tion Words
Mischief	playful wrongdoing or troublemaking	The children would always get into mischief if they were left unattended.	Regular Communica tion Words
Mischievous	badly behaved; naughty	Garry's dog is very mischievous so don't be thrown off by its cute smile.	Regular Communica tion Words
Miscible	capable of two fluid substances being completely mixed together	Since the contents in the glass became cloudy, it was apparent to the girl that the miscible solution in her glass had more than one liquid in it.	Regular Communica tion Words
Misconceived	to misunderstand	I can't believe there's still people who often compare misconceived women to be weak in a leadership role.	Regular Communica tion Words
Misconception	a belief that is incorrect	The explorer set out to disprove the misconception about the Earth's flatness.	Regular Communica tion Words
Misconduct	unacceptable or inappropriate behavior	Police misconduct within the sheriff's department caused several officers to be fired.	Regular Communica tion Words
Misconstrued	to interpret something the wrong way	Carla had no idea that her intended compliment had been completely misconstrued by her aunt.	Regular Communica tion Words
Miscount	to count something incorrectly	Because there are hundreds of pills in the bottle, it is very easy to miscount the amount inside the container.	Regular Communica tion Words

Miscreant	an individual who has misbehaved	The principal took the miscreant out of my classroom and placed him in the in-school suspension room.	Regular Communication Words
Misdeal	to make a mistake while dealing cards	The casino worker was careful not to misdeal when shelling out cards to the poker player.	Regular Communication Words
Misdeed	something that should not have been done	Gina will have to serve some jail time for her misdeed.	Regular Communication Words
Misdemeanor	a minor crime	After driving her vehicle on a suspended license, the woman was slapped by the court with a misdemeanor requiring her to pay a fine and spend the night in jail.	Regular Communication Words
Misdirection	the action or process of directing someone to the wrong place or wrong instruction	Misdirection of the tourists caused them to be lost downtown for several hours.	Regular Communication Words
Mise-en-scene	the process of setting up a stage for a play or performance	The crowd seemed oblivious to the mise-en-scene, keeping their eyes on the actors even as the scenery was being changed.	Regular Communication Words
Miser	an individual who tries to spend as little money as possible	To save money, the miser ate only one meal a day.	Regular Communication Words
Miserable	extremely unhappy and depressed	Though she pretended to be happy, the woman was really miserable and hated her life.	Regular Communication Words
Miserly	tight with money; stingy	The miserly billionaire complained about paying two dollars for a cheeseburger.	Regular Communication Words
Misery	a state of suffering	Living in a state of misery, the refugees suffered greatly because of their country's war.	Regular Communication Words

Misfire	to fail to fire a gun or missile correctly	A glitch in the release system caused the rocket to misfire and it quickly exploded in place.	Regular Communication Words
Misfit	a person whose personality or behavior sets them apart from others	Because she is such a social misfit, Gina has a hard time finding anyone at school wants to be her friend.	Regular Communication Words
Misfortune	an unfortunate event	A misfortune caused Bill to miss his own birthday party.	Regular Communication Words
Misgiving	a feeling of doubt	When I learned my daughter's boyfriend had just been released from prison, my misgiving about him became stronger.	Regular Communication Words
Misgovern	to run a country or organization unfairly or inefficiently	Because they are being bribed, it's not shock that the administration would misgovern the country.	Regular Communication Words
Mishap	an unpredictable accident, mistake or problem	At the yearly fourth of July fireworks tonight, there was a mishap due to computer software problems that shut down the show early.	Regular Communication Words
Mislead	to make someone believe something that is untrue by giving them wrong or incomplete information	She would mislead all of her boyfriends into believing she wanted something more serious.	Regular Communication Words
Misleading	giving the wrong idea or information	Misleading advertisements made it seem the phone was being offered for free when it was not.	Regular Communication Words
Mismanage	to handle something badly or inappropriately	The over spender tends to mismanage his money and waste it on frivolous things like candy and gambling.	Regular Communication Words
Mismanagement	handling of something in a way that is wrong or inappropriate	The student's mismanagement of her time caused her to miss her class and fail her test.	Regular Communication Words
Mismatch	to combine two things that are not supposed to go together	If you decide to mismatch your socks you will look funny to everyone that sees them, especially if they are different colors.	Regular Communication Words

Misnomer	a name or description that is incorrect or inappropriate	Since Fred is very skinny, calling him Fat Fred is indeed a misnomer.	Regular Communication Words
Misogyny	an intense dislike of females	The boy's misogyny hailed from the abuse he suffered from his mother.	Regular Communication Words
Misprint	an error in a printed text	There is a misprint in the very first page of this book, as it misspells at least three words on the first page.	Regular Communication Words
Misrepresent	to represent falsely; to inaccurately portray something	The video has been edited and doctored out of context to misrepresent the event as it actually occurred.	Regular Communication Words
Misshapen	altered or damaged so that it no longer resembles its original form	The shopper picked up the misshapen apple, noted it's bruised skin and tossed it back in the basket.	Regular Communication Words
Missionary	someone sent on a mission to help others and convince people to join a particular religion	The missionary spent hours every day going door to door, handing out religious pamphlets and books.	Regular Communication Words
Missive	a written note	While sitting in class, Greg asked his classmate to pass a love missive to his dream girl.	Regular Communication Words
Misspell	to spell a word incorrectly	Before the spelling bee started, the children were told if they misspell a word, the speller would be removed from the competition.	Regular Communication Words
Misstep	to step badly or incorrectly	One wrong misstep during a dance competition may end your chances of moving on to the finale.	Regular Communication Words
Mistake	an error or slip-up	The mom made a mistake when she bought cake instead of vanilla.	Regular Communication Words
Mistaken	wrong or incorrect	Paul thought he saw a ghost in the corner, but his parents assured him that he was mistaken.	Regular Communication Words

Mistaking	confusing	Mistaking the salt for sugar seemed to ruin my cookies which caused everyone to refuse them.	Regular Communication Words
Mistreat	ill-treat someone or an animal physically or emotionally	When people mistreat their pets, they should pay a hefty fine with some of the money going to the animal shelter.	Regular Communication Words
Mistrial	a trial that ends through an error in the proceedings	Bill Cosby's rape hearing ended in a mistrial since the jurors were deadlocked and couldn't come to a decision.	Regular Communication Words
Mistrust	a feeling of doubt or suspicion	After Kurt was severely bitten by a dog, he developed a mistrust of most animals.	Regular Communication Words
Misuse	to mistreat or abuse	Naughty children may misuse toys that don't belong to them by breaking them or throwing them across the room.	Regular Communication Words
Mite	a little or slightly	The man was acting a mite suspicious, enough that the cops stopped him to find out what he was up to.	Regular Communication Words
Mitigate	make less severe or painful	The doctor gave me a prescription to mitigate the pain.	Regular Communication Words
Mitochondria	an organelle found inside a cell that produces energy	As the powerhouse of animal cells, mitochondria are responsible for making energy-packed proteins.	Regular Communication Words
Mitosis	the course in which a cell divides and forms two distinct cells, each having the same amount of chromosomes as the original cell	A worm that has been split apart can often regenerate through a type of cell division known as mitosis.	Regular Communication Words
Mixed economy	a system that protects the property of private citizens and allows the use of capital but also allows for governments to interfere in the economy to accomplish social aims	A mixed economy has both private companies and government owned entities.	Regular Communication Words
Mixture	an item made by blending different substances together	A mixture of vodka and orange juice is referred to as a screwdriver.	Regular Communication Words

Mnemonic	anything (especially something in verbal form) used to help remember something	Our math professor taught us a simple mnemonic for remembering how to complete the equation.	Regular Communication Words
Moat	a thin stream of water that completely surrounds right outside a large house or fortress	Since the dragon could not swim, he dared not cross the moat to any window or door of the castle.	Regular Communication Words
Mob	an unruly, generally violent crowd of people intent on destruction or harm	The police had to bring out riot shields to hold back the unruly mob of people that were trying to push them back.	Regular Communication Words
Mobile	capable of being moved; portable	A mobile blood bank parked their bus in a busy shopping center to draw shoppers into stopping by to donate blood.	Regular Communication Words
Mobility	the ability to shift from one place to another	My broken leg limits my mobility.	Regular Communication Words
Mockery	ridicule that is directed at a person, group, or thing	The judge's fake praise was nothing more than a mockery of my performance.	Regular Communication Words
Modality	the way in which something is executed	John gets multiple assignments done by working in a productive modality that allows him to combine tasks.	Regular Communication Words
Mode	the way in which something is done or happens	Every parent's preferred mode of communication was email because it was much easier to access than taking a telephone call.	Regular Communication Words
Model	a smaller replica of an object	Based on the World War II stealth bomber, Johnny built a model of the plane using a kit and some art supplies.	Regular Communication Words
Modeled	displayed clothing by wearing it	The designer's assistant modeled a gray sheath dress from with a wool overcoat during the winter show.	Regular Communication Words

Moderate	An average amount	The girl's mild to moderate asthma did not affect her in the way it does a person with severe breathing problems.	Regular Communication Words
Moderately	fairly; reasonably	A string of moderately priced homes hit the market at the same time, creating a positive buyer's market.	Regular Communication Words
Moderation	the act of restraining oneself from doing something excessively	Eating fatty foods is acceptable as long as you do it in moderation without overdoing it.	Regular Communication Words
Modern	taking place during the current times	Using modern warfare, the number of casualties in war has decreased through the use of drones and other high tech equipment.	Regular Communication Words
Modernism	a movement towards modifying traditional beliefs with modern ideas	Residential modernism in the area moved homes away from country looks and towards clean lines.	Regular Communication Words
Modernity	the quality of being current or contemporary	The modernity of the Titanic caused many to believe that its technological advancement made it unsinkable.	Regular Communication Words
Modest	of moderate amount	With our modest incomes, my wife and I can usually afford two vacations a year.	Regular Communication Words
Modesty	being reserved in behavior or clothing	Because of her modesty, the young woman was uncomfortable wearing a bathing suit in public.	Regular Communication Words
Modicum	a small portion	When Jane wore the short dress to the funeral, she proved she did not have a modicum of decency.	Regular Communication Words
Modification	a change or augmentation to the base form of something	Training wheels are a modification we add to normal bicycles so young children can learn to ride them safely.	Regular Communication Words

Modify	to change or alter	Teachers are allowed to modify certain student's test to level the academic playing field.	Regular Communication Words
Modular	to be built as an evenly sectioned component	Since the office was built with modular cubicles, no one's office was any bigger or better than anyone else's.	Regular Communication Words
Modulate	to control or regulate	Several chemicals coming from the brain modulate appetite, controlling when the body feels hungry.	Regular Communication Words
Module	a scholastic part which focuses on a topic that is part of a larger unit	In order to pass the virtual course, the student had to complete each module pertaining to a different health issue.	Regular Communication Words
Modus operandi	the usual way something is done, typically a pattern	The chef's modus operandi for preparing a meal always began with laying out all of the ingredients and tools needed on the counter.	Regular Communication Words
Mogul	a powerful and/or wealthy individual	The music mogul has a ten-billion-dollar recording empire.	Regular Communication Words
Moiety	half of something or an equal portion of	If the medicine makes you feel drowsy, you should only take a moiety of the dosage before going to work and the other half when you get home.	Regular Communication Words
Moil	to work hard	As they continued to moil in the field, the slaves became exhausted from the amount of work expected of them.	Regular Communication Words
Moist	damp; wet	Because it was a moist area, moss grew freely on the rainforest floor.	Regular Communication Words
Moisten	to dampen something with water	After licking the envelope to moisten it, I sealed it shut and placed it in the mailbox.	Regular Communication Words

Moisture	a very small amount of liquid that gives off the feeling of wetness	Moisture sensors are able to turn the vapor sensitive system on when it rains.	Regular Communication Words
Mojo	magical power; voodoo	The witch's mojo was strong enough to make any man in the village fall head-over-heels for her.	Regular Communication Words
Molasses	thick, brown syrup that is separated from raw sugar	In some recipes, syrupy molasses can be substituted for sugar since they both have a sweet flavor.	Regular Communication Words
Mold	a frame used to form something using pressure	Each floral mold was used to create cookies that were in a flowerlike shape.	Regular Communication Words
Moldering	decaying or rotting slowly; disintegrating	Once valued possessions now sit moldering in an attic, frayed and covered in a thick layer dust.	Regular Communication Words
Mole	a little, round, dark raised bump permanently on the skin	The family doctor recommended that his patient get the mole on his back checked out with a specialist since it had grown in size.	Regular Communication Words
Molecule	a group of atoms that are bonded together	When two atoms join together, a small molecule is created.	Regular Communication Words
Mollify	to soothe in temper or disposition	I am hoping the hot tea and crackers will mollify my husband and help him relax.	Regular Communication Words
Mollycoddle	to handle someone or something in a shielding or indulging way	Since the elderly woman only lived with her poodle, she would mollycoddle the dog by providing him with expensive dog treats and a bed fit for a king.	Regular Communication Words
Molt	to peel off the outside coat or level of skin, feathers, or fur	With dead shreds of skin lying around the cage, it was apparent that the lizard did molt his skin.	Regular Communication Words

Moment	for a short unknown amount of time	"I'll take you to the pool in a moment," my mother said to me so we quickly got into our swimsuits.	Regular Communication Words
Momentarily	for something to happen briefly	I was momentarily caught off guard when someone sneezed during my enlightening speech.	Regular Communication Words
Momentary	brief; short-lived	A momentary loss of consciousness during a blackout didn't last long, but was scary enough to stop the man from drinking.	Regular Communication Words
Momentous	of huge significance	It was a momentous occasion when the development team finished the project on time.	Regular Communication Words
Momentum	the force or strength of a moving object	If the fundraising campaign does not gain momentum soon, we will not reach our goal.	Regular Communication Words
Momism	excessive attachment to or domination by one's mother	Momism led the helicopter mother to follow her son everywhere he went.	Regular Communication Words
Monarchy	a type of government in which an area is controlled by a monarch like a queen or king	In a complete monarchy, the royal who runs the country makes all the major decisions for the nation.	Regular Communication Words
Monastery	a place where monks live and work together	Each monk at the monastery has committed himself to a life of peaceful solitude.	Regular Communication Words
Monastic	relating to monks, nuns, or others who live a secluded life	For the new monks who had recently joined the monastery, the monastic lifestyle was quite shocking.	Regular Communication Words
Mondegreen	a word that results from the mishearing of something said or sung out loud	Singing the incorrect lyrics, the girl belted out a mondegreen into the microphone.	Regular Communication Words
Monetary	of or relating to money or currency	Our bank keeps fake bank notes with no monetary value for use in case of a bank robbery.	Regular Communication Words

Monetize	the process of converting something into money	Website builders are looking for new ways to monetize their sites outside of normal advertisements.	Regular Communication Words
Money laundering	the process of putting illegally earned money into legal businesses and accounts as a way to make it seem as if the funds are legitimate	The mob members were pros and money laundering and used a dry cleaning business as a cover for their shady deals.	Regular Communication Words
Money	coins or bills used as a way to pay for goods and services or to pay people for working	More money was needed to buy the supplies to build a neighborhood treehouse.	Regular Communication Words
Mongrel	any animal resulting from the crossing of different breeds or varieties, especially a dog	The hybrid mongrel was a mixture of several types of breeds of dog.	Regular Communication Words
Monitor	to watch something carefully	A second school employee was placed on the bus to monitor the children while they rode.	Regular Communication Words
Monitory	giving a warning or reprimand	The monitory note was sent to the school district to reprimand them for their illegal actions.	Regular Communication Words
Monk	a man who has withdrawn from the world for religious reasons	When dedicating his life to the Lord, the monk took a vow of both poverty and chastity.	Regular Communication Words
Mono	an infectious disease also known as mononucleosis or granular fever and causes a high fever, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, and exhaustion	After drinking after her infected sibling, the sister was infected with mono and ran an extremely high fever.	Regular Communication Words
Monochromatic	dull in color	The bride wanted her wedding color scheme to be monochromatic, with no bright colors to take the attention off of her dress.	Regular Communication Words
Monochrome	black and white	Representing her mood, the artist painted her monochrome self-portrait with one shade of blue.	Regular Communication Words

Monocle	an optical lens made for improving vision in a single eye	The cartoon character wears a monocle on a cord around his neck so he can easily increase the vision in his nearsighted eye.	Regular Communication Words
Monogamy	the condition of having only one spouse or partner	When my husband and I got married, we took a vow of monogamy.	Regular Communication Words
Monogram	a design that has at least two interlaced letters, usually a person's initials	Placing the monogram on her binder, the student loved the way the glittering letters made the plain folder stand out.	Regular Communication Words
Monograph	a specialist work of writing on a single subject	The acclaimed psychologist wrote his most famous monograph on the art of manipulation.	Regular Communication Words
Monolingual	to know and communicate solely with one language	Living in a monolingual country, Sarah was limited with collaborating with people from other countries since she only spoke English.	Regular Communication Words
Monolithic	large in size and challenging to alter	Unfortunately there was no way to make the monolithic project smaller.	Regular Communication Words
Monologue	a drawn-out speech by a single person that controls a conversation	Before Ellen greets guests on her show, she always welcomes the audience with a humorous monologue.	Regular Communication Words
Monomania	a mental illness characterized by excessive obsessive or concentration on a single thing or idea	Suffering from monomania, the woman was convinced that the Mexican pop star was in love with her even though they had never met.	Regular Communication Words
Monomer	becomes a polymer when two similar molecules are joined	In order to study your DNA, each monomer had to come together to form a nucleotide in the double helix structure of your DNA.	Regular Communication Words
Monopoly	the state in which one entity or individual dominates an entire industry or market	In the game of Monopoly, players strive to own all the properties of a specific color in order to increase their rental fees.	Regular Communication Words

Monosaccharide	sugar that is in its simplest form	If I wanted something sweet, Weight Watchers recommended eating monosaccharide which is found in fruits.	Regular Communication Words
Monosyllabic	short responses, consisting of only one syllable	Ancient Chinese words were monosyllabic and easily pronounced since they were so short.	Regular Communication Words
Monotheism	the conviction there is only one deity or god	In my church we believe in monotheism, the idea of a solitary god.	Regular Communication Words
Monotone	a tone of voice that does not change	The robot speaks in a monotone expression that never alters in pitch.	Regular Communication Words
Monotonous	dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest	Because Marvin was angry at his wife, he gave only monotonous responses to her questions.	Regular Communication Words
Monotony	repetition or lack of change that makes something boring	Adding seasoning to the bland stew helped break up the monotony of the dish.	Regular Communication Words
Monsoon	a strong wind in the southern portion of Asia and the Indian Ocean that carries a large amount of rain during the summer months	The monsoon has flooded the small town and kept people indoors for most of the summer.	Regular Communication Words
Monster	a made-up huge, dreadful animal or beast	When Mary Shelley created her tall, scary monster, it became known as Frankenstein.	Regular Communication Words
Monstrosity	a thing that is huge and extremely unattractive	The new hotel is a monstrosity that blocks my view of the beach.	Regular Communication Words
Monstrous	huge; enormous	The monstrous elephant trampled through the jungle crushing everything in its path.	Regular Communication Words
Montane	residing or belonging to an area with rugged and rolling slopes and a forest-like region	With a montane vegetation, the people living in the rural area knew that they could only produce certain types of crops on such an incline.	Regular Communication Words

Monument	a large structure or sculpture that symbolizes a notable person or event	Touring the monument allowed the students to get a true experience of what happened at that battle.	Regular Communication Words
Monumental	important; significant	A monumental and historic decision was made by the Supreme Court regarding marriage rights.	Regular Communication Words
Mood	disposition; temperament	The worker was so exhausted and irritable that literally anything could cause her mood to plummet.	Regular Communication Words
Moody	glum or temperamental feelings	Since the toddler didn't take a nap today, she was moody for the rest of the evening.	Regular Communication Words
Moon	the lunar body that rotates around planets	Studying the craters on the moon allowed the scientists to get a better idea of how much water could be found on the moon.	Regular Communication Words
Moonlight	the beam from the moon	The only light shining on the street was the moonlight since all the streetlights had been broken.	Regular Communication Words
Moonstruck	confused and unable to think/act normally after falling in love	The moonstruck adolescent will do anything he can to keep his teenage love burning strong.	Regular Communication Words
Moor	to tie up a ship	There are thousands of yachts that moor at the marina.	Regular Communication Words
Moored	to secure a boat to a dock or to an anchor by a cord, cable or chain	Fisherman will usually double check to make sure their boat is moored in their marina so it won't drift away.	Regular Communication Words
Moose	a big animal belonging to the deer family that has hanging fur from his neck plus large antlers	To show off their kill, the hunter mounted the head of the moose on his wall.	Regular Communication Words
Moot	having no real point	Federal legislation will override the states' concerns and make them moot.	Regular Communication Words

Mope	to carry oneself in a depressed, spiritless manner	With her lip poked out, the young girl continued to mope around the house.	Regular Communication Words
Moral	a lesson	Parents tell their children the story of The Boy Who Cried Wolf because the moral teaches them not to lie.	Regular Communication Words
Morale	the enthusiasm a person or group has about their duties	Since the soldiers have not seen their families in a long time, their morale is at an all-time low.	Regular Communication Words
Moralistic	quick to judge others based on a narrow view of what is right and wrong	The moralistic pastor called out members of his congregation for what he saw as sinful behaviors.	Regular Communication Words
Morality	a set of rules that draw the line between what is acceptable and not acceptable in conduct	As a devout Christian, the doctor's concept of morality prohibited him from having anything to do with the cloning project.	Regular Communication Words
Moralize	to express opinions about whether specific actions are good or bad	Aesop wrote fables to moralize, helping parents teach their children right from wrong.	Regular Communication Words
Morass	a complicated or confusing situation	Even the smartest lawyer will find it difficult to find a solution for this legal morass.	Regular Communication Words
Moratorium	the pausing of an ongoing activity	An avid fisherman, Billy was upset when he learned of the fishing moratorium.	Regular Communication Words
Morbid	associated with subjects that are unpleasant, like death	The boy's morbid fascination with death led him to collect dead animals.	Regular Communication Words
Morbidity	the quality of being unhealthful	Even the hardened criminal squirmed at the morbidity of the crime scene photographs.	Regular Communication Words
Mordacious	having an abrasive attitude or using abrasive words	After the young man cut line at the grocery store, the woman had some mordacious words which embarrassed the man.	Regular Communication Words

Mordant	having a scathing wit	The mordant mother often used harsh words that made her son cry.	Regular Communication Words
Moreover	further	For many small companies, moreover, the ability to purchase cash is limited.	Regular Communication Words
Mores	customs and traditions of community	Social mores of the area insisted that men and women who are courting not spend time alone before marriage.	Regular Communication Words
Morgue	a building or room where dead bodies are kept before their proper burial or cremation	After the fatal accident, the deceased victim was removed from the vehicle and taken to the morgue until the autopsy took place.	Regular Communication Words
Moribund	being in the state of dying	Because the wounded man has lost a great deal of blood, he is moribund and probably will not make it through the night.	Regular Communication Words
Morning	the period of time between midnight and noon	Each day, I rise with the sun and start my early morning workout routine.	Regular Communication Words
Moronic	foolish or stupid	The man's moronic statements made no sense to anyone listening to his rant.	Regular Communication Words
Morose	feeling sad, in a bad mood, and not wanting to talk to anyone	When her dog died, the little girl was morose for months.	Regular Communication Words
Morosely	in an unhappy manner	The dog stared morosely at the front door while waiting for its owner to return.	Regular Communication Words
Morphology	the biological study of the size, shape, and structure of animals and plants	Due to its morphology and body makeup, only reproductive ants have wings.	Regular Communication Words

Morsel	a small piece of food	Devouring the last morsel of cake, the woman realized that sticking to her diet would be harder than she had anticipated.	Regular Communication Words
Mortal	vulnerable to injury or death	Many teenagers do not believe they are mortal and will often do crazy stunts in hopes of proving they are invincible.	Regular Communication Words
Mortality	being subject to death	Questioning his own mortality, the elderly man thought back over the many events of his life.	Regular Communication Words
Mortar	a strong bowl used to press or grind a substance into a powder	After the pharmacist used the mortar and pestle to crush the pills, he took the medicine and stirred it into the liquid.	Regular Communication Words
Mortgage	a loan given from a financial institution for a person's property which causes the person to pay it back plus interest	The newly married couple checked the rates on the mortgage to determine how much they would have to pay for their dream home.	Regular Communication Words
Mortician	the person who is in charge of a funeral including preparing the deceased body	Often viewed as a scary job, the mortician actually performs a service that is needed by the community.	Regular Communication Words
Mortification	extreme embarrassment and shame	Although Michael never laid a hand on her physically, she had to endure emotional abuse and mortification because of the way he talked to her in front of other people.	Regular Communication Words
Mortify	to put someone in the position of being embarrassed	If my mother picks me up from school in her pajamas, she will mortify me in front of my friends.	Regular Communication Words
Mortuary	a funeral home or morgue	Embalming several hundred bodies at the mortuary, the funeral worker was an experience funeral director.	Regular Communication Words
Mosaic	a hard embellishment that is created by pushing tiny segments of dyed glass or stone into a pliable substance	The little girl was fascinated by the colorful mosaic that comprised the church's window.	Regular Communication Words

Mosque	a Muslim house of worship	Since we don't have a mosque in our town, the few Muslims in our community drive to a nearby city to worship.	Regular Communication Words
Mosquito	a disease-carrying, flying insect that is found in warm environments and sucks the blood of those it bites	The mosquito buzzed around the room, irritating those trying to enjoy an afternoon siesta.	Regular Communication Words
Moss	a small, flowerless green plant that reproduces through spores in wet places	Scientists have proven that algae adapted to life on earth, growing into other plants including green moss.	Regular Communication Words
Most	greatest in amount, degree or number; superlative of much or many	After Dan retired from the Army, we decided to move back to our home state where most of our friends and family live.	Regular Communication Words
Mote	a tiny piece of something	A small mote of glass entered my foot, so tiny that I wasn't able to pull it out without tweezers.	Regular Communication Words
Mother	the female biological parent of a child	Every mother wants their daughter to grow up to be just like them in every aspect.	Regular Communication Words
Motherhood	the state of being a mother to a child	Motherhood proved difficult for the young woman who had little experience with babies before the birth of her son.	Regular Communication Words
Motif	a reappearing theme in a creative person's work or style	Death is the depressing motif that appears in each of the artist's paintings.	Regular Communication Words
Motility	the ability to move around in fluid	Personal lubricants can interfere with sperm motility and hinder sperm from being able to make it to the egg.	Regular Communication Words
Motion	the process of moving	Putting the ball into motion, the pitcher prayed that the batter would not make contact.	Regular Communication Words
Motionless	to be still or stopped	Once I noticed the motionless man sitting on the park bench, I thought he was asleep.	Regular Communication Words

Motivation	the drive someone has for conducting himself or herself in a certain way	Usually the only motivation for teenagers going to school is to socialize with their friends.	Regular Communication Words
Motive	a reason; motivation	Although he had no motive to commit the crime, police were sure that the suspect was innocent.	Regular Communication Words
Motive	reason; purpose	With several clogged arteries, the unhealthy man had a serious motive to lose weight and get fit.	Regular Communication Words
Motley	made up of strikingly different components	The motley group of job applicants included a retired teacher, a recently released convict, and a sixteen-year-old girl.	Regular Communication Words
Motor	a piece of equipment that is powered by ignition or a form of electricity in order to operate a machine	Mechanics know exactly how to take apart a motor and put it back together in a matter of minutes.	Regular Communication Words
Mottled	stained with spots or patches	The mottled lizard with its brown and green spots easily blended in with the fallen leaves.	Regular Communication Words
Motto	a motto is a phrase about values and beliefs	The personal trainer's motto is, "No pain, no gain, remain the same".	Regular Communication Words
Moue	a pouty expression made with the lips to show annoyance or disapproval	Giving a lip-quivering moue, the spoiled girl was able to get her way with her parents.	Regular Communication Words
Mould	a hollow container that gives shape to a liquid poured into it once it has cooled or is frozen	I forgot to spray the mould with oil, causing the waffle batter to stick to the frame while cooking.	Regular Communication Words
Mound	an elevated heap or pile	Rolling down the steep mound, the children laughed as they turned over on the dirt.	Regular Communication Words
Mount	to climb or get on something	Trying to mount the horse, the nervous rider fell off several times before actually getting on.	Regular Communication Words

Mountain	an area of elevated land that rises very high above the land around it	As an experience mountain climber, the explorer knew the importance of pacing yourself on a long trek up.	Regular Communication Words
Mountainous	filled with many mountains	The mountainous area is so hilly, its tall peaks making it virtually uninhabitable.	Regular Communication Words
Mountebank	an individual who tricks others	The mountebank made his living by conning elderly widows out of their life savings.	Regular Communication Words
Mourn	to grieve and be extremely saddened by a loss	It has been years since her mother's death, but Debra continues to mourn her loss.	Regular Communication Words
Mournful	filled with grief or sadness	The mournful sounds emerging from the funeral parlor made me very sad indeed.	Regular Communication Words
Mourning	mourning means a time to show deep sorrow	At the funeral, the crowd was mourning and celebrating the loss and life of a loved one.	Regular Communication Words
Mouse	a mouse is a small rodent	I wasn't sure if I saw the cat eat a rat or a mouse.	Regular Communication Words
Mouth	a mouth is the opening at the lower part of the face	Your hands could be contaminated so please don't touch your mouth until you wash them.	Regular Communication Words
Mouthful	a long or complex amount of words that is difficult to say	My friend challenged me to say a tongue twister three times fast, but it was such a mouthful that I couldn't manage it.	Regular Communication Words
Move	move means relocate	Instead of standing still in line, the children chose to dance and move the entire time.	Regular Communication Words
Movement	the process of changing places or positions	Sudden movement in the back of the house sent the dogs barking and startled their sleeping owner.	Regular Communication Words

Movement	the act of changing one's location through motion	The science teacher taught the students that the back and forth movement of the water was called tides.	Regular Communication Words
Movie	a recording of movie images that tells a story	The movie theater plays several new films a week while retiring older ones.	Regular Communication Words
Mown	having had the grass cut down in a yard or field	My neighbor's tall grass has not been mown in over three months!	Regular Communication Words
Moxie	the ability to face challenges with a courageous and determined attitude	The mountain climber proved his moxie by refusing to give up when faced with another dangerous peak.	Regular Communication Words
Much	a great amount	Much of the island is completely covered by forests, with only a few areas being developed.	Regular Communication Words
Muck	muck is dirt or waste	Our old truck was filthy since it was covered with gravel, muck, and dirt.	Regular Communication Words
Muckraker	a person who spreads damaging rumors about another individual, generally for political gain	Although the journalist likes to think of himself as a do-gooder, he is actually a muckraker who writes false stories about politicians.	Regular Communication Words
Muddle	to mess up or make confusing	As the hostile driver continued to muddle the sobriety test, the police officer reached for his handcuffs.	Regular Communication Words
Mudslinging	the use of insults and accusations as a way of tarnishing someone's reputation	Because of their constant mudslinging, both political candidates were known as slanderers.	Regular Communication Words
Muffle	to deaden sound by covering or wrapping	Example sentences for Fiduciary. Read this page and learn how to use Fiduciary in a sentence.	Regular Communication Words
Mug	a mug is a large round cup	On a cold winter day, I sipped the mug of hot chocolate as I watched my favorite movie.	Regular Communication Words

Mugwump	a term for 1884 Republicans who voted for the Democratic candidate (Grover Cleveland) over their own party candidate who they viewed as corrup	Independent and liberal, the mugwump refused to vote Republican in the 1884 election and submitted his ballot for Cleveland instead.	Regular Communication Words
Mulatto	an individual of black and white descent	The mulatto girl has a black mother and a white father.	Regular Communication Words
Mulct	the extort money from someone	The unethical reporter managed to mulct \$500,000 from the corrupt police department.	Regular Communication Words
Mule	a carrier of things for someone else	As a mule for the drug cartel, the shady man was paid to carry narcotics into the United States.	Regular Communication Words
Muliebrity	womanly qualities; femininity	The sexy songstress's muliebrity set her apart from the less feminine women in the club.	Regular Communication Words
Mull	to think about something deeply and for a long period of time	As she continued to mull over the long list of potential performers, the entertainment director wondered if she should just feature someone internally.	Regular Communication Words
Multicellular	being complex with many different cells	The transition to multicellular life from single celled organisms has been of interest to scientists for many years.	Regular Communication Words
Multicultural	diverse	The multicultural fair had booths from many different countries, each displaying ethnic food and wares.	Regular Communication Words
Multifarious	having great variety; numerous	Coming from a small town of only four hundred residents, Jonas was shocked by the millions of people who made up the multifarious population of the big city.	Regular Communication Words
Multifold	numerous; varied	Interest in the robotics competition was multifold, with many different groups applying for entry.	Regular Communication Words

Multilateral	including many sides or parties	The multilateral lender was developed by several different countries and provides financing for national development.	Regular Communication Words
Multilingual	using several different languages	Many West Africans are multilingual, speaking their tribe language, English, as well as Pidgin English.	Regular Communication Words
Multimedia	technology that uses a variety of different types of media (sound, audio, video, etc.) to express ideas	The multimedia presentation showed the audience images of what the Titanic looked like while playing clips of actual interviews.	Regular Communication Words
Multinational	multinational means relating to multiple nations	Britain and the United States are a powerful multinational military force against terrorism.	Regular Communication Words
Multiple	many; numerous	Multiple survivor accounts were recorded after the Titanic sinking of 1912.	Regular Communication Words
Multiplicity	a large number or variety	The cruise ship had a multiplicity of staterooms, with at least 200 on each floor.	Regular Communication Words
Multiply	to increase	After water was added to the gremlins, the amount of creatures in the house continued to multiply.	Regular Communication Words
Multipurpose	serving several different functions	The multipurpose room served as both an emergency shelter and a meeting room for volunteer events.	Regular Communication Words
Multitask	to handle multiple tasks at once	Sure, I can multitask. I can eat breakfast and think about lunch at the same time.	Regular Communication Words
Multitude	a large number of persons	A multitude of people lined up to watch their favorite celebrities walk into the movie premiere.	Regular Communication Words
Multitudinous	a huge amount	Because Teresa is a very attractive woman, she receives multitudinous messages through the dating website.	Regular Communication Words

Multiverse	a hypothetical space or realm consisting of more than one universe	Steven Hawking insisted that we live in a multiverse of many different worlds.	Regular Communication Words
Mum	mute; silent	Staying mum for the time being, the man thought it best he not discuss his plans with anyone else.	Regular Communication Words
Mumble	to mutter something in a low tone so that it cannot be understood	My little brother will mumble his grievances under his breath but never tell me when I make him angry.	Regular Communication Words
Mumblecore	a genre of low-budget narrative film that focuses on the intimate lives of young adult characters using dialogue and on professional actors	The mumblecore filmmakers create low-budget films focus on the lives of young lovers.	Regular Communication Words
Mummification	the process of embalming and wrapping a dead body	Ancient Egyptians used mummification as a way to preserve the bodies of their ancestors.	Regular Communication Words
Mumps	a contagious viral disease that causes the glands in the face to swell	Because the child's cheeks were swollen like a chipmunk, the doctor knew that she probably had a viral case of the mumps.	Regular Communication Words
Mumpsimus	a person who clings to a tradition or custom that is practiced even though it has been prove to be irrational	The mumpsimus continued to mispronounce the word 'library' even when he was corrected several times.	Regular Communication Words
Munch	to chew or crunch on food	Even when I'm not starving, I find myself wanting to munch on candy and other sweets.	Regular Communication Words
Mundane	Boring, dull, and uninteresting	The restaurant should spice up their menu and replace the dull and mundane dishes.	Regular Communication Words
Munge	an IT slang term meaning to convert data from one form to another	When the tech starts to munge data, he transforms and maps data from one raw data form into another format.	Regular Communication Words
Municipal	related to a town or governing body	Municipal elections are held at the city court house once every four years.	Regular Communication Words

Municipality	a town that has its own local lawmaking body	Citizens knew that living in the municipality meant they would need to vote within this jurisdiction since they acted as their own city.	Regular Communication Words
Munificent	very generous	The wealthy actor always gives the members of his staff munificent appreciation gifts.	Regular Communication Words
Munitions	weapons and ammunition used in a war	Hiding a large stash of munitions within the tank, the army proceeded up the hill.	Regular Communication Words
Murder	murder means to kill	The murder happened on 75th street, and they had to move the body to investigate it.	Regular Communication Words
Murky	dark and gloomy	The frightened little boy refused to walk with his friends through the murky forest.	Regular Communication Words
Murmur	to express something in a soft tone or a soft sound, often comforting in nature	The twins will often murmur to each other to keep their thoughts private.	Regular Communication Words
Murmured	whispered	I could not hear the words; she just murmured a lot.	Regular Communication Words
Muscle	muscle is a fibrous tissue that causes movement	Each muscle in the human body serves multiple purposes of movement and protection.	Regular Communication Words
Muscular	having well-developed muscles	Muscular body builders paraded the stage, showing off their brawn to the judges.	Regular Communication Words
Muse	something or someone that inspires	The model was the artist's muse for his famous sculpture.	Regular Communication Words
Museum	a building in which artistic, historical, or scientific objects are stored and exhibited	A new exhibit at the museum displayed hundreds of remains and pictures of extinct plants and animals from around the world.	Regular Communication Words

Mushy	having a soggy and squashy consistency	After cooking the peas for too long in a crockpot, the mushy vegetable was too soft to be delicious.	Regular Communication Words
Music	a form of art that combines vocal or instrumental sounds to create a composition	Guests at the house party grooved to music booming out of the stereo system.	Regular Communication Words
Musical	melodic or tuneful	The young woman's musical ability shined through in her singing performance.	Regular Communication Words
Musicality	musical talent	The Broadway play earned high marks for musicality since many of the songs were top hits.	Regular Communication Words
Musically	relating to music	Being musically inclined, the dwarves liked to whistle a tune while they worked in the mines.	Regular Communication Words
Musician	someone who plays a musical instrument	Each musician took the stage and began to play the instruments in unison.	Regular Communication Words
Musing	a thought or reflection	As I started to jot down a musing on my notepad, my thoughts were cut short by the ringing of the telephone.	Regular Communication Words
Musk	a substance with a strong, sweet smell that is used to make perfume and other products	Many people who wear the sweet-smelling body spray don't realize that the musk scent comes from the anal gland of a deer.	Regular Communication Words
Musket	a heavy, muzzle-loading firearm that was used in the past wars	After loading his musket, the Civil War soldier hid in the woods and waited for the signal to fire.	Regular Communication Words
Muslim	a follower of the religion of Islam	The Muslim was a follower of Islam, one of the three major monotheistic world religions.	Regular Communication Words
Mussel	a mussel is an edible clam like animal	The expensive mussel was the top item at the seafood restaurant near the rocky docks.	Regular Communication Words

Mustache	a mustache is a strip of hair above the upper lip	My sociology professor was drinking a sports drink that put a red stain on his mustache.	Regular Communication Words
Muster	to gather collectively	Before the cruise ship departs, passengers are required to muster at a specified station for a safety briefing.	Regular Communication Words
Musty	exhibiting a stale odor	The musty odor of the wet towel made the bathroom smell unpleasant.	Regular Communication Words
Mutability	the ability to be altered	With the mutability of my work schedule, I'm not sure I'll be able to attend the concert.	Regular Communication Words
Mutable	able to be altered	Because our emotions are mutable, they are subject to change often.	Regular Communication Words
Mutant	mutant means something that had transformed into something other than it was	The radioactive spill caused a small dog to transform into a giant three-headed mutant.	Regular Communication Words
Mutation	a significant genetic change	A new vaccination had to be created for a mutation of the antigen.	Regular Communication Words
Muted	muted means to silence something	The muted TV allowed for quiet conversation between the guests.	Regular Communication Words
Mutely	silently; without speaking	The shy wallflower stood mutely in a corner during the junior high dance.	Regular Communication Words
Mutilate	to permanently disfigure something, usually by cutting or removing parts	It is hard to believe that parents in some cultures mutilate their daughter's genitals through religious-based surgeries.	Regular Communication Words
Mutilation	disfigurement or defacement of a person or object	Mutilation of the slave's back and face occurred when the plantation owner ordered 40 lashes.	Regular Communication Words

Mutinous	not following orders; rebelling against authority	Can you believe the bodyguard was the head of the mutinous plot to kill the king?	Regular Communication Words
Mutiny	an organized revolt against those in power	Dissatisfied voters will mutiny against the current president by voting for whoever runs against him in the next election.	Regular Communication Words
Mutter	to speak under one's breath, usually in an angry way	As he walked away to do his chores, his mother heard him mutter under his breath.	Regular Communication Words
Mutton	the meat of a domestic sheep	While a lot of people like chicken, I personally prefer mutton, which we get from the lambs we take care of.	Regular Communication Words
Mutual	shared; common	The husband and wife came to a mutual agreement that she would drive the new car and he would drive the older one.	Regular Communication Words
Mutualism	a connection between two plants or animals where each of them profits from the connection	Since the bird would scare off the flies on the horse and the horse would protect the bird, this mutualism lasted for many years between these two animals.	Regular Communication Words
Mutuality	mutual dependence or reciprocity	The contract depends on the parties' mutuality and if they can agree on the terms.	Regular Communication Words
Mutually	felt or done by two or more people in the same group	After years of unhappiness, the couple mutually agreed to a divorce.	Regular Communication Words
Muzzle	the projecting snout of an animal	The veterinarian wrapped a towel around the dog's muzzle to stop it from biting.	Regular Communication Words
Myocardial	relating to the muscular tissue of the heart	Since diabetes can damage the heart, it increases the risk of a myocardial infraction.	Regular Communication Words

Myopia	a restrictive view or an absence of forethought	My husband's myopia prevents him from being able to see value in anyone else's opinion.	Regular Communication Words
Myopic	particularly biased in one direction	If you only question one race of people in your survey, your responses will be myopic.	Regular Communication Words
Myriad	of an indefinite large number	Kelly and Clint discuss myriad topics on their talk show.	Regular Communication Words
Myrmidon	a person who does whatever his leader says	Under the watchful eye of their superior military leader, every myrmidon followed his first request.	Regular Communication Words
Mysterious	mysterious means difficult to understand	Solving the crime was mysterious because the detectives were missing crucial evidence.	Regular Communication Words
Mystery	something secret or unexplainable;an unknown	The police are still trying to figure out the mystery of the missing girl who disappeared with her father three months ago and neither one has been found.	Regular Communication Words
Mystic	spiritualist or shaman	A mystic traveled around the village telling peoples fortunes and offering cures to curses.	Regular Communication Words
Mysticism	the idea divine truth can be found through profound meditation	The cult leader emphasized mysticism through meditation as the only means of entering heaven.	Regular Communication Words
Mystified	puzzled or confused	Scientists have been mystified for the longest time about how to prevent cancer from spreading.	Regular Communication Words
Mystique	the aura of intrigue that surrounds a person or thing	The maiden has a mystique that fascinates men of all ages.	Regular Communication Words
Myth	a widely held belief that is actually untrue	The myth that holding your laptop in your lap will make you sterile is a product of media sensationalism.	Regular Communication Words

Mythical	to be similar or like something from a myth	After reading about the mythical creature, the young child was not scared because many events in the story could not have happened.	Regular Communication Words
Mythology	a group of stories from an area or country's people and it usually includes gods or goddesses	Students learned about the dangerous creatures while studying Greek mythology in their literature class.	Regular Communication Words
Mythomane	a person with a strong or irresistible propensity for fantasizing, lying, or exaggerating	The mythomane always thought it was easier to tell a lie than the truth.	Regular Communication Words
Nabob	a rich and influential person	When the nabob walked into the meeting, everyone stood to show respect to him.	Regular Communication Words
Nadir	point of greatest adversity or despair; all-time low; rock-bottom	Even though we thought we had reached our nadir and would fail to meet the project deadline, we were still able to complete the work on time.	Regular Communication Words
Nag	to remind or complain to someone in annoying way over trivial complaints	I have to nag at my children to clean up their rooms daily.	Regular Communication Words
Naive	having or showing a lack of experience or knowledge	The naive girl believed she could get pregnant by kissing.	Regular Communication Words
Name-calling	abusive language or insults	The toddlers kept calling each other "stupid," so their mother put them in time out for their name-calling.	Regular Communication Words
Namely	especially or particularly	Over the last six decades, several technological innovations have changed how we communicate, namely the Internet and the smartphone.	Regular Communication Words
Namesake	an individual or thing that is named after another person or thing	My husband shares his father's name, and as such, he is his namesake.	Regular Communication Words

Nano	a prefix added to a word to denote that is very small	The nanosensors on the machine are so small they can barely be detected.	Regular Communication Words
Naphtha	a flammable oil that is used as a solvent and as an ingredient in gasoline	Naphtha is an oily substance that is produced as part of the oil refining process.	Regular Communication Words
Narcissistic	obsessed with one's importance and/or physical appearance.	The narcissistic teenager cannot walk more than fifty feet without checking her appearance in her pocket mirror.	Regular Communication Words
Narrate	to give a spoken or written account of events	The old storyteller in our village is a survivor of a war long past, and he often narrates the events of his final battle.	Regular Communication Words
Narration	a commentary given with a broadcast of some sort	Many movies have a piece of narration in the beginning to provide the audience with information about the setting.	Regular Communication Words
Narrative	a tale that is written or spoken	The narrative is a fairytale that tells the story of a poor orphan who becomes a princess.	Regular Communication Words
Narrow-minded	bigoted and not tolerant of other people's viewpoints	The narrow-minded cop truly believed only Hispanics commit serious crimes.	Regular Communication Words
Narrow	a smaller than usual amount of space	The space between the cars was so narrow that she had to hold the door and squeeze through the tiny opening to avoid hitting the other car.	Regular Communication Words
Nary	not a single one	Unfortunately, nary a restaurant was open at two o'clock in the morning.	Regular Communication Words
Nascence	the initial start of something that leads to a bigger idea or action	During the nascence of portable computers, laptops that were over twenty pounds were considered lightweight and advanced technology.	Regular Communication Words

Nascent	recently formed or started	Online dating has gone from a nascent idea to an established concept that helps millions of people find love.	Regular Communication Words
Nastiness	quality of being gross, dirty, and generally unpleasant	The nastiness of the cheap hotel room was evidenced by the rat droppings, bed bugs, and filthy carpet.	Regular Communication Words
Nasty	something foul or horrid that can leave one disgusted	The medicine left a nasty taste in the toddler's mouth, causing her to spit it out.	Regular Communication Words
Natal	associated with a birth	I consider Smithfield to be my natal home because I was born there thirty years ago.	Regular Communication Words
Nation	a group of people inhabiting a particular territory and united by common characteristics such as descent, culture, or language	The nation of Germany is unified by the language that the common populace speaks, as well as their history and culture.	Regular Communication Words
National	related or common to a whole country	The national chain has retail stores in every state in the U.S.A.	Regular Communication Words
Nationalism	such devotion to a country that other nations pale in comparison	During the war, the rising tide of nationalism resulted in people buying only American-made products.	Regular Communication Words
Nationality	the position usually citizenship of someone or something being a part of a nation	After realizing that the young woman's nationality was Israeli since she came from Israel, he was assumed that her ethnicity was Jewish.	Regular Communication Words
Native	of or relating to the place where you were born	The Latin was not raised in his native country, which is why we believed that he did not possess their mannerisms.	Regular Communication Words
Nativism	the practice of giving preference to the native residents of an area	Nativism is observed by individuals who believe their culture is superior to other cultures.	Regular Communication Words

Nativity	birth, specifically the birth of Jesus Christ	During the nativity play, the innkeeper told Jesus's parents that there was no room for them on the night of his birth.	Regular Communication Words
Natural resources	materials or substances such as minerals, forests, water, and fertile land that occur in nature and can be used for economic gain	According to the Environmental Protection Agency, last year humans consumed many more natural resources than the earth could renew.	Regular Communication Words
Natural selection	the process by which animals and plants that can adapt to changes in their environment are able to survive and reproduce while those that can't adapt die off	Our professor was attempting to explain natural selection by telling us that weak die off and the strong survive.	Regular Communication Words
Natural	something organic derived from nature that is raw and pure, not having been treated or processed	Natural honey is one of the only raw and pure foods that never goes bad.	Regular Communication Words
Naturalist	someone who studies life and nature	While wandering in the forest, a naturalist was walking a trail to determine if there were any new birds in the area.	Regular Communication Words
Naturalization	the process by which a foreign individual is awarded citizenship	In order to become a citizen, Alberto will have to go through the process of naturalization.	Regular Communication Words
Naturally	to happen on its own, without help	Sarah didn't have to put hot rollers in her hair in the morning because she had naturally curly hair already.	Regular Communication Words
Nature	the world of the environment of plants and animals	The refreshing nature hike was just what I needed to become energized and happy.	Regular Communication Words
Naught	not anything	Because Kurt's negotiating skills amount to naught, we were not able to get a price reduction on the car.	Regular Communication Words
Naught	nothing	Everything I wrote was for naught when my computer crashed.	Regular Communication Words

Naughty	to behave poorly	At Christmas time, Santa will ask children if they have been naughty or nice during the year.	Regular Communication Words
Nausea	queasiness which sometimes leads to throwing up	Spinning around in circles for thirty minutes made the girl have nausea in her stomach.	Regular Communication Words
Nauseating	sickening and repulsive	After eating the moldy fruit, the child had a nauseating feeling in her stomach resulting in her throwing up.	Regular Communication Words
Nauseous	a sick queasy feeling	Due to Kate's nauseous feeling during the past few mornings, it became obvious that she was pregnant.	Regular Communication Words
Nautical	relating to or involving ships or shipping or navigation or seamen	We sailed hundreds of nautical miles with no land in sight.	Regular Communication Words
Navel	bellybutton	Drawing in her navel, the pudgy woman tried to make her stomach look thinner in the mirror.	Regular Communication Words
Navigable	controllable or maneuverable	Tests were done on the new Boeing plane to determine if it was navigable in the air at high altitudes.	Regular Communication Words
Navigate	to direct a route	Christopher Columbus would navigate his ship across the Atlantic Ocean to an unknown land.	Regular Communication Words
Navigation	the procedure that one uses to track a course	Once the plans for the navigation to get to the secret hideaway were in place, the team of detectives quickly drove to find the kidnapped child.	Regular Communication Words
Navigator	the pilot or director of a vessel in the land, water or air	When the fishing boat capsized, the navigator was blamed for steering the boat into an oncoming storm.	Regular Communication Words
Navy	a country's armed service using ships and boats	During the war, the ships from the country's navy were sent out to defend against the attack on their land.	Regular Communication Words

Nay	not at all or nope	When Congress decided to vote, the vice president asked the congressman to say yea if they are in favor of the issue or nay if they are not.	Regular Communication Words
Nazism	the theories and processes of the Nazis	Using the ideologies of Nazism from the 1930s, the Ku Klux Klan now show their racist beliefs through their violent actions.	Regular Communication Words
Near	the small span between two objects or things	The only reason Ginger moved near the mall was so she could go shopping frequently.	Regular Communication Words
Nearby	to be close by to something	Since Walmart was nearby, we ran to the store to quickly purchase the costume for the play.	Regular Communication Words
Nearer	closer or not as far away	The fan tried to draw nearer to the musician, but the star's security blocked the stage.	Regular Communication Words
Nearly	approximately or about	Ms. Fisher allowed her son to go play outside since he was nearly finished with his homework.	Regular Communication Words
Neat	orderly; arranged	Each neat row of corn in the farmer's field was planted efficiently for a quick harvest.	Regular Communication Words
Neat	tidy and well-ordered	A neat stack of post it notes sat in a pile on the accountant's desk.	Regular Communication Words
Neatly	in a tidy or organized way	Stacking the papers neatly, the assistant attempted to organize the doctor's cluttered desk.	Regular Communication Words
Neatness	the act of being tidy and orderly	Alan suffered from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder due to his desire to have extreme neatness in the house at all times.	Regular Communication Words

Nebbish	one who is nervous and lacks confidence and courage, especially in making decisions and plans, in discussions, debates, arguments, and confrontations, and in taking responsibility	The nebbish refuses to take responsibility for his actions, always too afraid to admit that he made a mistake.	Regular Communication Words
Nebula	a space cloud consisting of gas or dust	I love to venture out into the open fields on a clear night and gawk at every galaxy and nebula that my naked eyes can detect.	Regular Communication Words
Nebulous	Unclear, vague; not clearly defined	It was not difficult to realize her answer to the question was nebulous.	Regular Communication Words
Necessarily	automatically; certainly	Putting down that you are a felon won't necessarily stop you from getting the job, but it probably won't help either.	Regular Communication Words
Necessary	being required or vital	For the chocolate cake, the necessary ingredients included flour, eggs, butter and cocoa.	Regular Communication Words
Necessitate	to make essential as a result of something	The heavy rain will necessitate the use of an umbrella.	Regular Communication Words
Necessities	needs or essential supplies	Even though the spoiled wife believed that a sports car and lots of money were the necessities of life, she could have lived with a regular sedan.	Regular Communication Words
Necessitous	deprived and poverty-stricken	The necessitous circumstances surrounding the flood victims became evidence when we saw all of the destruction.	Regular Communication Words
Necessity	to be essential or vital	Water is a necessity of life because failure to drink water in three days will cause death.	Regular Communication Words
Necrology	a biographical description of a person who has recently died	My grandmother's necrology was posted online so that everyone could see what a wonderful person she was.	Regular Communication Words

Necromancy	the act of communicating with spirits of deceased individuals	When Maggie's husband died, she visited a psychic who claimed she could use necromancy to talk to deceased persons.	Regular Communication Words
Necrosis	the complete deterioration of a bodily organ	Cancer first caused the necrosis of the liver which led to the liver failing to produce proteins used in coagulating the blood.	Regular Communication Words
Nectar	the sweet liquid produced from certain plants and flowers that bees turn into honey	Instead of acquiring the nectar from the plant, the farmers knew to wait until the bumblebees would convert it into honey.	Regular Communication Words
Nee	born with this name usually before getting married	Harriet Tubman, nee Araminta Ross, helped slaves escape to the North using the Underground Railroad.	Regular Communication Words
Needle	a long thin sharp pointy device that holds thread and is used for stitching fabric	When I tore my shirt, my friend grabbed a needle and thread in order to sew the material back together.	Regular Communication Words
Needless	not essential or wanted	Usually, the child spoke needless words simply because he was used to babbling all day about random things.	Regular Communication Words
Nefarious	very evil and wicked	How nefarious of you to fling dog crap on my car!	Regular Communication Words
Negate	to cause something to be ineffective; to nullify	Be careful when shopping because you do not want unnecessary purchases to negate the value of the coupons you are using.	Regular Communication Words
Negative	a gloomy outlook on something	Teenagers usually have negative attitudes toward adults because they think they know everything.	Regular Communication Words
Negative	focused on what is bad, harmful, or lacking	Negative effects of the medicine have stopped many patients from taking it.	Regular Communication Words

Neglect	to abandon or ignore	When you have children and work a full-time job, you may neglect your appearance because it is not important anymore.	Regular Communication Words
Negligence	neglect; inattention	The parent's negligence resulted in their children being taken from their care and placed in a safer home.	Regular Communication Words
Negligent	careless; irresponsible	I felt negligent for leaving Jean's toddler alone in the car.	Regular Communication Words
Negligible	too small to be of importance	Since the price difference between the generic item and the brand item is negligible, I will buy the brand product.	Regular Communication Words
Negotiable	capable of being bargained or bartered with	Even though the house was priced very low, the potential buyers still believe the price was negotiable.	Regular Communication Words
Negotiate	to try to reach an agreement or come to terms	We sat down to negotiate a deal that would satisfy everyone.	Regular Communication Words
Neigh	the sound a horse makes	Whenever anyone would get close to the fence, the horse would neigh to get the attention of its master.	Regular Communication Words
Neighbor	a person who resides nearby	While baking a cake, I needed to ask my neighbor for sugar since I had just run out.	Regular Communication Words
Neighborhood	an area where people live close together	The single woman became frightened when a prowler was spotted in her neighborhood looking in everyone's houses.	Regular Communication Words
Nemesis	an enemy who is constantly causing problems	Kara was not happy when her nemesis won the contest.	Regular Communication Words
Neoclassical	in the manner of Ancient Greek or Romans	Neoclassical artists model their paintings off of Ancient Greek and Roman masterpieces.	Regular Communication Words

Neolithic	relating to a time known as the New Stone Age in which polished stone tools, pottery, weaving, stock rearing, and agriculture became prominent	The village dwellings are adobe style and were crafted from clay and water.	Regular Communication Words
Neolithic	the last part of the Stone Age in which agricultural and technological elements began to advance	The village is home to a Neolithic dig site where late Stone Age pieces have been discovered.	Regular Communication Words
Neologism	a new term or phrase recently added to a person or group's vocabulary	The neologism became so popular it was added to most dictionaries.	Regular Communication Words
Neonatal	relating to a newborn baby	Positive neonatal outcomes were much more positive for babies whose mothers did not smoke during pregnancy.	Regular Communication Words
Neophyte	someone who is just learning to do something	Because I have very little computer experience, I am a neophyte when it comes to working with most software programs.	Regular Communication Words
Nepenthe	a fictional potion said to have been used by the ancient people to erase the memory of pain or sorrow	To help her chase away all of her sorrow, Polydamna gave Helen a nepenthe potion.	Regular Communication Words
Nephew	a son of one's brother or sister	My sister enjoys keeping her nephew in the afternoons and it helps me get work done as well.	Regular Communication Words
Nepotism	the act of giving opportunities to others simply because of a personal relationship	Since George is an idiot everyone knows his father hired him because of nepotism.	Regular Communication Words
Nerve	courage; steadfastness	Gathering the nerve to ask the young lady to dance, the shy wallflower ventured away from the corner and marched towards the center of the dance floor.	Regular Communication Words
Nerves	a person's mental state or perceived source of emotional control	The anxious player's nerves were on edge as he waited to see if he would be drafted in the first round.	Regular Communication Words

Nervous breakdown	a period of mental illness that results from depression, stress, or anxiety	After finding out that her husband was having an affair, the upset wife had a nervous breakdown and ended up in the mental hospital.	Regular Communication Words
Nervous wreck	a person who is extremely anxious or worried about something	Because she is so afraid of fish, Demi was a nervous wreck while swimming in the ocean.	Regular Communication Words
Nervous	anxious; worried	The bank teller could tell that the uneasy robber was nervous by the way his hand shook as he brandished his weapon.	Regular Communication Words
Nervously	anxiously; apprehensively	Smiling nervously, the interviewee tried not to let her anxiety show.	Regular Communication Words
Nervousness	anxiety; edginess	During dinner, the gentleman could sense his date's nervousness as she anxiously tapped her fingers on the table.	Regular Communication Words
Nescience	unawareness or ignorance	Because of a nescience of allergic reactions, many people with allergies don't carry the proper emergency medicines.	Regular Communication Words
Nestle	to snuggle or cuddle something	The bear cub's mother began to nestle him closer as they drifted off to sleep.	Regular Communication Words
Net Force	the total amount of force exerted on an object	If you are pushing a cart and there is no resistance, the force you are exerting on that cart is the net force.	Regular Communication Words
Net	a piece of mesh fabric used for as specific purpose (usually to catch animals or sports balls.)	Positioning the net in the water, the fisherman prepared to catch a fish with one swift swoop.	Regular Communication Words
Nether	rear; posterior	An anatomy ultrasound scan of the fetus's nether regions showed that he is definitely all boy.	Regular Communication Words

Nettle	to cause someone to become annoyed or angry	My brother will often nettle me by reading my diary.	Regular Communication Words
Nettlesome	irritating; annoying	Asking another nettlesome question, the child irritated her mother to no end.	Regular Communication Words
Network	a system or association	Our insurance will only pay for treatment if you use a doctor that is in their network of providers.	Regular Communication Words
Neural	relating to the nervous system	Nerves in the brain of mice brains were examined to determine what kind of neural response was released after food was given.	Regular Communication Words
Neuralgia	pain in a nerve pathway	Neuralgia is a form of chronic nerve pain that is hard for doctors to understand and diagnose.	Regular Communication Words
Neurasthenic	a now obsolete psychiatric symptom that is more commonly known as chronic fatigue syndrome and is characterized by extreme mental and physical exhaustion	Early 19th century insane asylums were filled with people showing neurasthenic symptoms, simply exhausted and in need of rest.	Regular Communication Words
Neurological	related to the science of the nerves and nervous system	Neurological problems related to the brain's nerve endings were diagnosed by the patient's physician.	Regular Communication Words
Neurologist	a physician that deals with deals with the nervous system and the diseases that affect it	Only one neurologist was available to talk to the patient's family after he severely injured the nerves in his hand.	Regular Communication Words
Neurology	the branch of medicine that deals with the nervous system and the diseases that affect it	The physician decided to specialize in neurology since the study of the central nervous system piqued her interest.	Regular Communication Words
Neuromuscular	relating to both the nerves and muscles	Neuromuscular damage to the spinal cord nerves and surrounding muscles left the diver unable to move.	Regular Communication Words

Neuroscience	the scientific study of the nervous system and the brain	The field of neuroscience is fairly new, with the study of the brain and the body's still being rather contemporary.	Regular Communication Words
Neurotic	overly anxious; unstable	Sally is a neurotic person who is often moody.	Regular Communication Words
Neutral	unbiased; impartial	Being neutral in the matter, I refused to take sides with either my brother or my sister.	Regular Communication Words
Neutrality	the state or quality of being neutral; state of taking no part on either side	Neutrality was impossible when choosing to write a persuasive speech.	Regular Communication Words
Neutralize	to make unsuccessful or ineffective	A glass of milk will help neutralize the spicy contents in my stomach.	Regular Communication Words
Neutron	a particle in a nucleus, made of quarks, that lacks an electric charge and has a mass comparable to the mass of a proton	Unlike a proton which has a positive charge, a neutron doesn't have any charge.	Regular Communication Words
Nevertheless	yet; however	A wage assignment was issued; nevertheless, a payment has not been made.	Regular Communication Words
New-hire	an employee who was recently hired for a job	The manager requested that the new-hire take a drug test before reporting to his newly assigned post.	Regular Communication Words
Newfangled	contemporary; modern	Newfangled cell phone cameras have all put replaced the handheld Polaroids of the past.	Regular Communication Words
Newness	the quality of being new or original	The shiny diamond's newness quickly wore off, and the woman returned the impulsive purchase to the jeweler.	Regular Communication Words
Newscast	a news broadcast	Expressing their condolences beforehand, reporters on the ten o'clock newscast confirmed that remains of the missing scuba diver had been discovered.	Regular Communication Words

Newton	the Standard International unit of force	Force is a quantity that is measured by a metric unit known as a newton.	Regular Communication Words
Next	following; subsequent	The next day, the oracle's prediction came true when a golden-haired warrior appeared to claim the throne.	Regular Communication Words
Nexus	the focal place or point	In our town, the nexus of the art world is the museum district.	Regular Communication Words
Nibble	to take small bites	As he continued to nibble on the small piece of cheese, the mouse did not see the sneaky cat coming up behind him.	Regular Communication Words
Nicely	suitably; adequately	The colors of the tenant's new furniture blends in nicely with the apartments neutral walls.	Regular Communication Words
Nicety	accuracy or precision	The nicety of her spelling allowed her to win both the local and state spelling bees.	Regular Communication Words
Niche	a unique field or market	With so many cupcakes stores open, it is hard to find a competitive niche in that market.	Regular Communication Words
Nick	a small chip or groove	A small nick in the wood was the only flaw in the bedroom suite.	Regular Communication Words
Nickname	an alias or alternate name that someone uses instead of their real name	Because he has the same name as his dad, Jerry goes by the nickname Junior.	Regular Communication Words
Niece	the daughter of one's sister or brother	My brother and sister-in-law want to have a boy, but I am secretly hoping for a niece.	Regular Communication Words
Niggardly	miserly; extremely stingy	Even though the niggardly old man was worth millions, he still buried his wife in the cheapest casket available.	Regular Communication Words

Niggle	to cause minor but continuous irritation or anxiety	Something decided to niggle at me for the duration of the day, but even though it continued to bother me I couldn't remember what it was.	Regular Communication Words
Nightmare	a very terrifying or upsetting situation	The bride's dream wedding quickly turned into a nightmare after the groom ran away from the altar.	Regular Communication Words
Nihilism	the idea that societal rules are worthless and should be eliminated	The rebels urged the people to grab hold of nihilism and remove all government officials from office.	Regular Communication Words
Nil	nothing, zero, nonexistent	With only five of us and over a hundred of the enemy, our chances of emerging victorious in this battle are nil.	Regular Communication Words
Nimble	quick in action or comprehension	The overweight police officer could not catch the nimble suspect.	Regular Communication Words
Nimbus	a dark grey rain cloud	Looking up at the dark nimbus, Hector wondered how long it would be before it started to rain.	Regular Communication Words
Nimety	a quantity that is in excess of what's appropriate	A nimiety of food was spread over the tables and was way more than any one group of people could eat.	Regular Communication Words
Nincompoop	a foolish person who is considered dumb	Harold always behaves like a nincompoop, running around making faces at others trying to do their work.	Regular Communication Words
Nirvana	a place of peace and happiness	The monk urged me to sit and meditate until I reached nirvana.	Regular Communication Words
Nitpick	to correct minutiae or find fault in unimportant details	Does anyone else notice how judges will nitpick about the littlest mistakes on competition shows?	Regular Communication Words
Niveous	snowy; white like snow	After the snowstorm, the niveous landscape was as white as snow.	Regular Communication Words

Nix	to cancel, end, or reject	Over time, it became painfully clear that the smartest choice was to nix the partnership and dissolve the business.	Regular Communication Words
No frills	providing only the necessities and nothing extra or fancy	We booked a no frills vacation for a cheaper price than the luxurious one my parents planned.	Regular Communication Words
Nobility	the people of a society who are privileged and of high rank or title	The nobility ate with the King and Queen during the huge feast.	Regular Communication Words
Noble	displaying exceptional character traits	The noble dog would not leave the side of his wounded master.	Regular Communication Words
Nocturnal	taking place at night	Bats are nocturnal creatures because they tend to be more active during the night hours.	Regular Communication Words
Nocuous	harmful; likely to cause injury	Sitting inside the deadly car, the driver was unaware that he was breathing in nocuous gas.	Regular Communication Words
Nod	to move your head down then up a few times; a motion used instead of saying yes, agree or understand what someone is saying	At the diner, when the waitress asked if I was ready for more coffee, I gave her a silent nod because my mouth was full of food.	Regular Communication Words
Noetic	of or pertaining to the mind or intellect	In the debate between the two top teams, it became apparent of the leader's noetic capabilities to describe the history and reasoning behind their debating topic.	Regular Communication Words
Noisily	loudly	The inexperienced hiker noisily made his way through the woods by stepping on every downed branch.	Regular Communication Words
Noisome	disgusting in smell	The dog's noisome odor is making me physically ill.	Regular Communication Words

Noisy	making a great deal of noise	The young drummer wants a drum set for his room, but his parents fear the instrument will be too noisy.	Regular Communication Words
Nomad	one who wanders	The nomad never stays in a city for more than two months.	Regular Communication Words
Nomadic	having the life of a drifter	Because my husband is a long distance truck driver, his days are very nomadic.	Regular Communication Words
Nomenclature	a group of terms or names, usually in a specific discipline	In law school, students spend years learning legal nomenclature so they will be prepared to work as attorneys.	Regular Communication Words
Nominal	incredibly small	The court gave me a nominal award that did not cover the cost of my car repairs.	Regular Communication Words
Nominate	to elect someone as a potential candidate for a position	Though Nick is already running for class President, I am going to nominate my friend Vicky as well, as I believe she has a shot at winning.	Regular Communication Words
Non compos mentis	unable to make decisions because of a mental issue, whether it be psychological, physical, or through a disease like dementia	The court declared the defendant non compos mentis and mandated time served in a psychiatric facility.	Regular Communication Words
Non compos mentis	not of sound mind; unable to handle one's own affairs legally	Ruling that the woman was non compos mentis, the judge agreed that her family could put her into a mental institute.	Regular Communication Words
Non-negotiable	not open to discussion or modification	Because the price of the home was non-negotiable, the couple had to pay the price that the owners were asking or skip the sale.	Regular Communication Words
Non-sequitur	a statement or conclusion that does not logically follow something said before	The politician's excuse for his lies was a non-sequitur that had nothing to do with the facts.	Regular Communication Words

Nonagon	a nine sided polygon	The pocket watch was a nonagon, with nine sides around the brass edge.	Regular Communication Words
Nonchalant	relaxed and calm in a way that shows you do not care or are not worried about anything	Surprisingly, the woman was nonchalant about her husband's death.	Regular Communication Words
Noncommittal	displaying no sign of emotion or opinion	Since my mother is noncommittal about buying me new sneakers, I will ask my adoring father to buy the shoes for me.	Regular Communication Words
Nonconformist	not conforming to established customs etc	The nonconformist farmer loves to wear his overalls to important meetings.	Regular Communication Words
Nonconformity	failure to cooperate with the established norms	After telling the students to wear black to remember their principal who died recently, nonconformity was evident from the group of students in red.	Regular Communication Words
Nondescript	without qualities that make a thing or person interesting	The man dressed in such a nondescript manner that no one remembered seeing him at the party.	Regular Communication Words
None	not any or no one	My friends had bought dinner for me while I was asleep, but by the time I woke up there was none left anyway.	Regular Communication Words
Nonentity	a person who is not important	The celebrity cut in front of me like I was a nonentity.	Regular Communication Words
Nonetheless	even so or nevertheless	Even though the donation was small, it was, nonetheless, a contribution for a worthy cause.	Regular Communication Words
Nonexistent	something that is imaginary or absent	The attention-seeking girl was known for bragging to her friends about her nonexistent trips around the world.	Regular Communication Words

Nonfiction	true writing pertaining to real-life people, places or things	After studying the unit on nonfiction, the English teacher assigned each student to write a report about a famous celebrity.	Regular Communication Words
Nonpareil	without rival; unmatched	Because the restaurant's food is nonpareil in the city, the dining establishment has a six-month waiting list.	Regular Communication Words
Nonpartisan	neutral and not connected to any specific political group	The two political parties are working on a nonpartisan agreement that would help all citizens.	Regular Communication Words
Nonplussed	confused about how to behave or respond	When the politician was questioned about his position on a tough issue, he appeared nonplussed and took a long time to respond to the reporter.	Regular Communication Words
Nonprofit	referring to an organization or process that is not designed primarily for making money	Charities are nonprofit organizations that exist for a reason that does not include making money for its own members and success.	Regular Communication Words
Nonsectarian	not associated with any particular group or religion	Because Ellen and Joey are not members of a church, they had a nonsectarian wedding at city hall.	Regular Communication Words
Nonsense	ridiculous ideas, terms, or actions	My rebellious daughter is always talking nonsense about running away from home.	Regular Communication Words
Nonsensical	without sense; ridiculous; foolish	The children were singing nonsensical songs about imaginary characters.	Regular Communication Words
Nook	a hidden or secluded spot	They searched in every nook and cranny for her missing diamond ring, without success.	Regular Communication Words
Nor	a word used to add another false statement	When Bill is sedated, he experiences neither joy nor sorrow.	Regular Communication Words

Norm	that which is typical or usual	As a child, the little girl fought the norm and refused to wear skirts or dresses.	Regular Communication Words
Normal	standard or usual/typical	The patient's test results came back normal and with no issues.	Regular Communication Words
Normalcy	state of being normal	Everything went back to normalcy once the holidays were over.	Regular Communication Words
Normality	ordinariness; normalcy	The normality of their everyday life together often left the couple yawning from boredom.	Regular Communication Words
Normalize	to adhere to the common or regular ways	Since breastfeeding is a natural process for infants, many people feel the need to normalize the act of breastfeeding in public.	Regular Communication Words
Nosedive	to fall very quickly	When the engine failed, the airplane began to nosedive to the ground.	Regular Communication Words
Nostalgia	a longing for a time or event that has passed	My grandmother says the jazz music triggers nostalgia for her youth.	Regular Communication Words
Nostalgic	regret for something that is gone	Some filmmakers miss the early days of moviemaking and are nostalgic about actually using film to create motion pictures.	Regular Communication Words
Nostrum	a plan or remedy that is unlikely to work	Although my sister is not a doctor, she thinks she can cure any illness and is quick to suggest a nostrum to her friends.	Regular Communication Words
Notable	famous and remarkable	When the speaker used a notable quote in her speech, everyone in the audience knew who she was referring to since they had heard that quote before.	Regular Communication Words

Nasty	something foul or horrid that can leave one disgusted	The medicine left a nasty taste in the toddler's mouth, causing her to spit it out.	Regular Communication Words
Natal	associated with a birth	I consider Smithfield to be my natal home because I was born there thirty years ago.	Regular Communication Words
Nation	a group of people inhabiting a particular territory and united by common characteristics such as descent, culture, or language	The nation of Germany is unified by the language that the common populace speaks, as well as their history and culture.	Regular Communication Words
National	related or common to a whole country	The national chain has retail stores in every state in the U.S.A.	Regular Communication Words
Nationalism	such devotion to a country that other nations pale in comparison	During the war, the rising tide of nationalism resulted in people buying only American-made products.	Regular Communication Words
Nationality	the position usually citizenship of someone or something being a part of a nation	After realizing that the young woman's nationality was Israeli since she came from Israel, he was assumed that her ethnicity was Jewish.	Regular Communication Words
Native	of or relating to the place where you were born	The Latin was not raised in his native country, which is why we believed that he did not possess their mannerisms.	Regular Communication Words
Nativism	the practice of giving preference to the native residents of an area	Nativism is observed by individuals who believe their culture is superior to other cultures.	Regular Communication Words
Nativity	birth, specifically the birth of Jesus Christ	During the nativity play, the innkeeper told Jesus's parents that there was no room for them on the night of his birth.	Regular Communication Words
Natural resources	materials or substances such as minerals, forests, water, and fertile land that occur in nature and can be used for economic gain	According to the Environmental Protection Agency, last year humans consumed many more natural resources that the earth could renew.	Regular Communication Words

Natural selection	the process by which animals and plants that can adapt to changes in their environment are able to survive and reproduce while those that can't adapt die off	Our professor was attempting to explain natural selection by telling us that weak die off and the strong survive.	Regular Communication Words
Natural	something organic derived from nature that is raw and pure, not having been treated or processed	Natural honey is one of the only raw and pure foods that never goes bad.	Regular Communication Words
Naturalist	someone who studies life and nature	While wandering in the forest, a naturalist was walking a trail to determine if there were any new birds in the area.	Regular Communication Words
Naturalization	the process by which a foreign individual is awarded citizenship	In order to become a citizen, Alberto will have to go through the process of naturalization.	Regular Communication Words
Naturally	to happen on its own, without help	Sarah didn't have to put hot rollers in her hair in the morning because she had naturally curly hair already.	Regular Communication Words
Nature	the world of the environment of plants and animals	The refreshing nature hike was just what I needed to become energized and happy.	Regular Communication Words
Naught	not anything	Because Kurt's negotiating skills amount to naught, we were not able to get a price reduction on the car.	Regular Communication Words
Naught	nothing	Everything I wrote was for naught when my computer crashed.	Regular Communication Words
Naughty	to behave poorly	At Christmas time, Santa will ask children if they have been naughty or nice during the year.	Regular Communication Words
Nausea	queasiness which sometimes leads to throwing up	Spinning around in circles for thirty minutes made the girl have nausea in her stomach.	Regular Communication Words
Landlocked	completely surrounded by land	Many landlocked countries in Africa lack the natural resources needed to sustain a stable economy.	Regular Communication Words

Landlord	a person who leases their property to another person or company	Beating on her delinquent tenant's door, the landlord threatened to file a lawsuit if rent wasn't paid.	Regular Communication Words
Landmark	a well-known object in a particular place that helps a person know where they are	It wasn't an X, but the small stone that served as a landmark for the location of the buried treasure.	Regular Communication Words
Landscape	to decorate with plants	To add extra character, the painter always makes sure to landscape his scenes with at least some greenery.	Regular Communication Words
Landslide	a win that was gained by a large margin	After losing the election in a landslide victory, the candidate called his opponent to concede defeat.	Regular Communication Words
Languid	very slow and relaxed	I always get my rest when I take a languid cruise vacation.	Regular Communication Words
Languish	to be or become weak or dull; lose strength or vigor; fail to make progress or be successful	If Congress allows the budget bill to languish on the shelf, then the country will find itself in a financial crisis.	Regular Communication Words
Languishing	losing strength; becoming feeble and weak	After many weeks lost at sea, the languishing men were quickly losing all strength.	Regular Communication Words
Languor	weariness or exhaustion	If you do not drink enough water, you will become dehydrated and fall into a state of languor.	Regular Communication Words
Languorous	lazy and lethargic	The languorous teenager would rather lay in bed playing video games than actually do something constructive.	Regular Communication Words
Languorous	lacking in energy and enthusiasm	After working all week, the exhausted woman wanted to enjoy a languorous day in bed.	Regular Communication Words
Lanky	awkwardly tall and skinny	Long-limbed and lanky, it was hard for the man to fit inside the compact car.	Regular Communication Words

Lantern	a lamp with a protective case around the flame	A brown rustic lantern hung from the porch and lit the way for weary travelers.	Regular Communication Words
Lapse	A temporary failure; a slip	His lapse in judgement led him to fall behind in his studies.	Regular Communication Words
Larceny	unlawful taking of personal property	After finding his computer was not where he left it, he accused his sister of larceny.	Regular Communication Words
Large	of greater size than normal	Large birds with great wings flew high over the river valley.	Regular Communication Words
Largesse	generous acts of giving gifts or money to a large number of people	Because of the millionaire's largesse, twenty underprivileged graduates now have college scholarships.	Regular Communication Words
Laryngoscope	a medical instrument specifically used to examine the human larynx	Because my voice was hoarse, the doctor had to use a laryngoscope to see if there was anything wrong with my larynx.	Regular Communication Words
Larynx	an organ in the neck of humans and animals that contains your vocal cords; voice box	Strain on her larynx caused the singer's voice to crack.	Regular Communication Words
Lascivious	having or showing strong sexual desire	After running naked through the field, he was arrested for lewd and lascivious behavior.	Regular Communication Words
Lassitude	tiredness and a lack of energy	After the long race, Jack experienced a feeling of lassitude.	Regular Communication Words
Latch	to fasten a door or gate with a latch or a lock	We had to latch the door closed with a lock so it would not fly open when it got windy, since the last storm made a mess.	Regular Communication Words
Latency	the period of time that one component in a system is waiting for another component	A system update allowed the system to run faster and reduced any latency or wait time.	Regular Communication Words

Latent	existing or present but concealed or inactive	The detective asked the lab technician to search the room for latent fingerprints.	Regular Communication Words
Lateral	of or pertaining to the side	A beam runs along the top of the bridge, offering lateral support to the structure.	Regular Communication Words
Latitude	having the choice to do something	My father gave me the latitude to choose my own curfew on prom night.	Regular Communication Words
Latter	used to signify the second part of something	My favorite fruits are apples and watermelon, especially the latter on a hot summer day.	Regular Communication Words
Lattice	crisscross or diamond pattern with spaces in-between	I pierced through the wooden lattice, splitting the diamond pattern in two.	Regular Communication Words
Laud	to praise or glorify	The company decided to laud Jack's outstanding contributions to the firm.	Regular Communication Words
Laudable	deserving to be praised or admired	While Jason did not win the contest, his efforts were laudable enough to be mentioned by the judges.	Regular Communication Words
Laudatory	giving praise	The laudatory announcement praised the team's efforts during the championship game.	Regular Communication Words
Laugh	to make the sounds and movements of the face and body that express happiness	The children began to laugh and giggle as the clown performed goofy tricks for them.	Regular Communication Words
Laughing Stock	someone who is on the receiving end of embarrassment and degradation	Paul's lack of common sense caused him to become the laughing stock where he endured many teasing and taunting from his classmates.	Regular Communication Words
Launch	to start or set something into motion	The space center prepared to launch the rocket far into outer space.	Regular Communication Words

Lavation	a washing or cleansing	She said she expected a thorough kitchen lavation when all she needed to say was that she expected a thorough kitchen cleaning.	Regular Communication Words
Lavish	luxurious or elegant	Every room in the five-star hotel was filled with lavish furnishings.	Regular Communication Words
Law of conservation of mass	scientific principle that holds that the mass of an object never changes, no matter how the basic parts rearrange themselves	The law of conservation of mass states that matter cannot be created or destroyed in a closed system.	Regular Communication Words
Lawless	without law and order	The lawless Wild West was full of bandits and outlaws that didn't fear the law because there weren't many people to enforce them.	Regular Communication Words
Lax	relaxed and not strict	The lax entry requirements let just about anyone in.	Regular Communication Words
Laxity	the state of being relaxed, easy-going, or not very strict	The prevalent laxity toward marriage causes the divorce rate to rise.	Regular Communication Words
Liaise	to work together to create a desired outcome	To quickly settle the terms of the divorce, the husband and wife must liaise in an amiable manner.	Regular Communication Words
Liaison	a person who helps organizations or groups to work together and provide information to each other	As the liaison between the police department and the public schools in our city, my aunt coordinates officer visits to each of the schools.	Regular Communication Words
Libation	a beverage that contains some form of alcohol	After a rough day at work, I usually stop by a bar for a relaxing libation.	Regular Communication Words
Libel	Libel is the act of publishing a statement about someone that is not true and that gives a bad impression about the person.	I told Troy that I would sue him for libel if he posted that embarrassing picture of us on his Facebook page.	Regular Communication Words
Liberal	1) willing to consider new things and ideas 2) quite generous	The political candidate's liberal plans have enraged his conservative foes.	Regular Communication Words

Liberality	possessing the characteristics of someone who is generous and gives freely	J.K. Rowling shows great liberality to the poor and often donates several thousands of dollars to the charities each year.	Regular Communication Words
Liberate	to free	Because the dogs were experiencing maltreatment, the compassionate man decided to liberate his neighbor's animals.	Regular Communication Words
Liberation	the act of setting someone or something free	Liberation of the country only came after the people were brave enough to fight for freedom.	Regular Communication Words
Libertine	someone who ignores moral values	My Uncle Charles is a libertine who lives with his four girlfriends.	Regular Communication Words
Liberty	the freedom to do and act as one pleases	Fighting for their liberty, the men could not wait to be free from the King of England.	Regular Communication Words
Libidinous	reflecting desires of a lustful nature	The libidinous man was constantly thinking of sex.	Regular Communication Words
Libretto	the words or lyrics of an opera or musical play	After many months of work, the libretto was finally completed and would be performed soon.	Regular Communication Words
License	a permit that allows for someone to do something such as run a business or drive	The boy has to take a written and practical test to earn his driver's license.	Regular Communication Words
Licentious	lacking moral discipline or ignoring legal restraint, especially in sexual conduct	It is assumed that pagan festivals once involved many licentious activities, including a number of sexual games.	Regular Communication Words
Lichen	leafy or mossy like fungi that grows on rocks, trees, and other natural elements and retains water	Slimy green lichen grew on the rocks next to the creek.	Regular Communication Words
Licit	lawful; not forbidden	Although he did not agree with her choices, she was over 21 and he could not stop her licit drinking.	Regular Communication Words

Lie	to recline or stretch out	Every time I lie out on my beach towel for a long time, I end up with a sunburn.	Regular Communication Words
Liege	an individual who is loyal to a person of rank, usually related to the Medieval time period	The liege was willing to give his life for his king.	Regular Communication Words
Lien	a claim to the possession of another until a debt is settled	The bank has a lien on the truck until the buyer fulfills his financial obligations.	Regular Communication Words
Lieu	instead of something	The company issues additional shares to shareholders in lieu of a cash dividend.	Regular Communication Words
Lieutenant	an officer or deputy that acts as a substitute for a supervisor	The police lieutenant was responsible for running the entire jail in his boss's absence.	Regular Communication Words
Life	the state between birth and death in which one is functioning	The police tried to convince the man on the ledge that his life was worth living.	Regular Communication Words
Lifeless	dead or appearing to be dead because of lack of motion	Paramedics got to the child's lifeless body just in time to restart his breathing.	Regular Communication Words
Lifetime	the duration of the life of someone or something	While reading my cousin's obituary it mentioned she gave a lifetime of service to the nursing profession and her community.	Regular Communication Words
Ligature	something used to tie or stitch something tightly	Serving as a ligature, the nurse wound the cloth around the man's wound.	Regular Communication Words
Light-colored	light in shade or color	Wear a white or light-colored t-shirt to the beach so that you don't get hot.	Regular Communication Words
Light-hearted	cheerful; happy-go-lucky	Laura went to go see a light-hearted film to put her in a better mood.	Regular Communication Words

Light	brightness from a natural means, the sun or a lamp that allows you to see something	In case I arrive home after dark, I have my front room light set with a timer to turn on in the early evening so my dogs can see where they're going.	Regular Communication Words
Ligneous	woody; looking like wood.	The ligneous chest of drawers looked like it was made of solid wood but was really particle board.	Regular Communication Words
Like clockwork	an idiom used to describe something that happens very regularly and without problems	Like clockwork, he cranks out a new book every year.	Regular Communication Words
Like	similar to something else	My new dog looks so much like my last puppy that it seems they could be friends.	Regular Communication Words
Likelihood	possibility or good chance of something happening or being	When the wind began to blow harder and the sky darkened, the likelihood of a storm approaching was relatively great.	Regular Communication Words
Liken	to point out similarities or a resemblance to something else	The disappointed travelers liken the horrible trip to going to a beach with no water.	Regular Communication Words
Likewise	in a related way	In time, the nightmares will go away, and likewise, I will no longer remember the accident.	Regular Communication Words
Lilliputian	a very small person or thing	Barely four and a half feet tall, the Lilliputian woman was the smallest one in her family.	Regular Communication Words
Lilt	a spirited song or tune	The small songstress sang an Irish lilt that raised the spirits of all the patrons in the bar.	Regular Communication Words
Limb	an arm or leg of a person or animal	The boy jumped off of the playground swing and broke his limb when he fell on his elbow.	Regular Communication Words
Limb	a large branch on a tree	A limb from a diseased oak tree fell on my car overnight.	Regular Communication Words

Limber	flexible; agile	The limber gymnast was able to do the backflip with ease.	Regular Communication Words
Limbo	being in a lost or unknown position	That has created a limbo in terms of how the military deals with gender-specific policies.	Regular Communication Words
Limerence	the overwhelming need to be with or receive similar feelings from another person that manifests in physical trembling and pain when the other person is not around. Beyond simple infatuation or lust	When Romeo first laid eyes on Juliet, he was struck with such limerence that his need for her became like a drug that could only be satisfied by returned feelings.	Regular Communication Words
Limitation	a restriction or restraint that is used to control	A limitation was placed on copies and now the workers can only copy a few papers a week.	Regular Communication Words
Limn	to represent in painting or words	The painter is known to limn pictures of his lovers on oil canvases.	Regular Communication Words
Limp	lacking stiffness or firmness, as of substance, fiber, structure, or bodily frame	Having forgotten to water it in weeks, the stalk of the plant was not limp and brittle.	Regular Communication Words
Limpid	see-through; clear	Because the sky was not limpid, we could not see the stars.	Regular Communication Words
Line	a row of persons or things	The teachers will often have to settle the children down while they're waiting in the lunch line.	Regular Communication Words
Lineage	direct descent from a particular ancestor	Our family was ecstatic to learn about our royal lineage and how we descend from kings and queens of antiquity.	Regular Communication Words
Lineal	being in direct line of an ancestor	Mary learned that her lineal family tree leads directly back to English royalty.	Regular Communication Words
Lineament	an outline, or feature, or contour of a body or figure, especially the parts of the face	The young child traced the lineament of the statue.	Regular Communication Words

Linear	arranged or along a straight line	A linear path was created straight from the field's first base to the second one.	Regular Communication Words
Linger	to stay in a situation or place	After school some students always linger around the building to talk to their friends.	Regular Communication Words
Lingo	language peculiar to a particular group or region	The rookie nurse was unsure how to respond to the doctor since she was unfamiliar with the medical lingo he was using in his question.	Regular Communication Words
Lingua Franca	a language that is adopted as a common language between speakers that have different native languages	The Lingua Franca of the country with two factions of speakers is an accepted mix of Spanish and Italian.	Regular Communication Words
Linguistic	related to languages	The linguistic instructor is here to teach us German, which is a difficult language to learn since it is different from Latin, which is the basis of more common languages like Spanish.	Regular Communication Words
Liniment	a topical solution used to alleviate stiffness or pain	Because of arthritic pain, I usually apply liniment to my legs every night.	Regular Communication Words
Link	a connection between places, people, events, or ideas	He has been a beat officer for the past three years and is a vital link between the community and police.	Regular Communication Words
Lionize	to treat (a person) as if they were important, or a celebrity	I hate when people lionize dead celebrities that were vilified during their lifetimes.	Regular Communication Words
Lipid	a substance (such as wax, fat, or oil) that will dissolve in alcohol but not water	Lipids are the building blocks of living cells and come in a variety of options (waxes, fats, or oils.)	Regular Communication Words
Liquefy	to turn something into a liquid	Using a food processor, the chef was able to liquefy the ingredients into a watery mixture.	Regular Communication Words

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