

umbrella	A folding frame covered with cloth that can be opened and held over the head to keep off the rain. Raindrops pitter-pattered on my <u>umbrella</u> .
flare	To burn with a sudden, bright, unsteady flame. The breeze made the candles <u>flare</u> .
lizard	A reptile having short legs and a tapering tail. The little <u>lizard</u> left zigzag tracks in the sand.
wizard	A very clever and skillful person; a magician. Thomas Edison was a <u>wizard</u> at invention.
blizzard	A heavy snowstorm with strong, cold wind. The <u>blizzard</u> dumped twenty inches of snow on the town.
buzzard	A kind of vulture. The <u>buzzard</u> feeds on the flesh of dead animals.
squawk	To make a loud, harsh cry. Hens <u>squawk</u> when they're frightened.
canary	A small yellow songbird. The <u>canary</u> chirped merrily in its cage.
curtsy or curtsey	A way of greeting by bending the knees and lowering the body. Amy bobbed a <u>curtsy</u> (<u>curtsey</u>) to the guests.
cackle	To make the sharp, broken sound of a hen. I heard hens <u>cackle</u> and roosters crow.
dairy	A milk farm. His job was milking cows at a <u>dairy</u> farm.
bleat	To make the cry of a sheep, a goat, or a calf. Dogs bark, cows moo, and sheep <u>bleat</u> .
interpret	To translate; to explain the meaning. Since our visitors couldn't speak English, Maria had to <u>interpret</u> what they said.
rein	A strip of leather used to guide a horse. "If you pull on this <u>rein</u> , the horse will turn to this side."
parrot	A tropical bird with bright feathers and a hooked bill. The <u>parrot</u> squawked, "Hello" from its cage.

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nostrils	The openings in the nose. The horse, quivering its <u>nostrils</u> and sniffed the carrots.
siren	A device for making a loud high-pitched sound, used as a warning signal. The police car sped by, its <u>siren</u> wailing.
parachute	An umbrella-shaped device that permits a person or an object to float safely down from an airplane. The <u>parachute</u> popped open soon after the sky diver jumped from the airplane.
giraffe	An animal with long neck and long legs. The <u>giraffe</u> we saw at the zoo was taller than that telephone pole.
cannon	A large mounted gun. The booming of the <u>cannon</u> signaled the beginning of a battle.
twirl	To spin. We watched the drum majorettes <u>twirl</u> their batons in the parade.
bridle	To control; to hold back. He has to learn to <u>bridle</u> his temper.
fierce	Wild and savage; violent; intense. The large lion had a <u>fierce</u> roar.
proceed	To go forward; to move on. Drivers must halt at stop signs, then <u>proceed</u> with caution.
ballet	A graceful dance performed by a trained group on a stage. The <u>ballet</u> dancers twirled gracefully across the stage.
baton	A rod used by an orchestra conductor or a band director. The conductor raised his <u>baton</u> to signal the orchestra to start the overture.
pineapple	A tropical fruit shaped like a large pinecone with juicy, yellow flesh. I had two slices of <u>pineapple</u> for dessert.
surround	To encircle; to enclose. Tall hills <u>surround</u> the small lake.
lily	A plant that grows from a bulb and has bell-shaped flowers. White <u>lily</u> flowers are popular at Easter time.
flannel	A soft cloth with a nap on one or both sides. My <u>flannel</u> pajamas keep me warm on cold nights.

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canal	A man-made waterway. A ship <u>canal</u> was built in Panama to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
blossom	A flower or flowers of a plant or a tree. The apple trees burst into pink <u>blossom</u> .
lullaby	A cradle song. The mother sang a <u>lullaby</u> to put her baby to sleep.
niece	A daughter of one's brother or sister. Your uncle's daughter is your father's <u>niece</u> .
artillery	Large mounted guns. <u>Artillery</u> boomed and rifles clattered as the battle began.
knuckles	Finger joints. My <u>knuckles</u> turn white when I clench my fist.
jockey	A person who rides a horse in a race. He was the winning <u>jockey</u> in the Kentucky Derby.
wintry	Of or like winter; cold. The sun was warm, but the <u>wintry</u> wind made me shiver.
attach	To fasten on or to. Please <u>attach</u> a stamp before mailing.
holly	An evergreen shrub with prickly leaves and red berries. <u>Holly</u> leaves and berries are used in making Christmas wreaths.
lurch	To sway suddenly to a side. We saw his car <u>lurch</u> and then stop as it ran into a ditch.
waver	To hesitate; to sway; to show doubt. His courage began to <u>waver</u> when he saw the dangers ahead.
necessary	Needed; required. Following the rules is <u>necessary</u> if you want to stay in our club.
sleigh	A light vehicle on runners, usually drawn by one or more horses on snow or ice. The horses pulled the <u>sleigh</u> across the snow-covered field.
response	An answer; a reply. I knocked on the door but got no <u>response</u> .

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buffalo	A shaggy-haired wild ox. <u>Buffalo</u> once roamed the Great Plains in large numbers.
principal	The head of a school. The <u>principal</u> gave the welcoming speech to parents attending the PTA meeting.
corpse	A dead human body. Doctors examined the <u>corpse</u> to find out how the man died.
mosquito	A small flying insect. <u>Mosquito</u> bites cause itching.
patio	A paved area next to a house; a porch. We will have a picnic lunch on the <u>patio</u> if it doesn't rain.
terrace	A balcony; a paved area next to a house. The <u>terrace</u> of their apartment overlooks a flower garden.
sandal	A shoe made of straps and a sole. She took her <u>sandal</u> to a shoe shop to have the broken strap repaired.
penguin	A sea bird that lives near the South Pole. The <u>penguin</u> has small wings suitable for swimming but not for flying.
twelfth	Next after the eleventh. He hit a home run in the <u>twelfth</u> inning.
sneer	An expression of the face showing scorn or contempt. Cathy curled her lips in a <u>sneer</u> as if to say, "I don't believe it."
ninth	Next after eighth. Their <u>ninth</u> child was a son after they had eight daughters.
ninety	The number coming after 89 and before 91. Nine times ten is <u>ninety</u> .
flimsy	Not strong; thin and weak; poorly made. This paper is too <u>flimsy</u> to wrap a package with.
lair	A living or resting place of a wild animal. The lions were asleep in their <u>lair</u> .
calendar	A chart showing the days, weeks and months of a year. Diane circled the date of her dentist's appointment on her <u>calendar</u> .
ladle	A dipper. She served the soup with a <u>ladle</u> .

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glimpse	A quick look. I caught a <u>glimpse</u> of a deer running into the woods.
familiar	Often seen, heard, or experienced; well-known. The man's voice on the phone sounded <u>familiar</u> , but I couldn't remember his name.
altar	A table or a raised place in a church at which prayers are offered. He knelt at the <u>altar</u> to pray.
trailer	A large vehicle pulled by a car, a truck or a tractor. We hitched the <u>trailer</u> to our car and drove off for vacation.
forward	Toward the front or the future; ahead. "If you want to volunteer, please step <u>forward</u> ."
wharf	A dock; a landing place for ships. They anchored the ship at the <u>wharf</u> to unload the cargo.
beggar	A person who begs. The <u>beggar</u> held out his hand for food.
fortieth	Next after the thirty-ninth. Ronald Reagan became the <u>fortieth</u> President of the United States.
bugle	A musical instrument that looks like a small trumpet. He blew his <u>bugle</u> long and loud to wake the soldiers in the car.
barbecue	A cookout at which roasted meat is served. We held a <u>barbecue</u> on the patio and served broiled ribs covered with a spicy tomato sauce.
corduroy	A cloth, usually cotton, with a surface of raised ribs. He wore a beige <u>corduroy</u> coat and brown wool pants.
imitation	The act of copying. My parrot did a funny <u>imitation</u> of my speech.
prowl	To move about quietly in search of prey. Hungry wolves <u>prowl</u> the dark woods.
chimney	An upright structure for letting smoke out from a fireplace, a stove, or a furnace. Black smoke billowed from the tall <u>chimney</u> .
pedal	A foot lever. The driver stepped on the gas <u>pedal</u> to speed up the car.

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browse	<p>a. To feed on leaves or young shoots by nibbling here and there. Deer and moose <u>browse</u> on tender twigs.</p> <p>b. To look over leisurely or casually. He likes to <u>browse</u> in bookstores before buying his favorite books.</p>
spurt	<p>A quick burst; a sudden outpouring. Jack put on a <u>spurt</u> of speed as he dashed to the finish line.</p>
hastily	<p>In haste; hurriedly. Because he wanted to go out and play, Kevin did his homework <u>hastily</u>.</p>
license	<p>A legal permission to do something. Mary passed the test to get her <u>license</u> to drive.</p>
feud	<p>A long, bitter quarrel between two persons, families, or clans. The neighbors started a feud because of the barking dog.</p>
screech	<p>To make a harsh, shrill cry or sound. I heard the tires <u>screech</u> as the car turned the corner sharply.</p>
balloon	<p>A bag filled with air or gas to make it float in the air. "You'll pop the <u>balloon</u> if you put too much air in it."</p>
swirl	<p>To move around and around. We watched falling leaves <u>swirl</u> in the wind.</p>
mimic	<p>To imitate humorously; to copy closely. The parrot squawked harshly, trying to <u>mimic</u> my voice.</p>
scribble	<p>To write hastily or carelessly. I saw him <u>scribble</u> something on a memo pad while he was talking on the telephone.</p>
leech	<p>A worm that lives in water and sucks blood from animals or people. While fishing in the pond, I had to pull off a <u>leech</u> that clung to my leg.</p>
abundance	<p>A large quantity; a plentiful supply. Flowers grew in <u>abundance</u> in the rich, moist soil.</p>
drowsy	<p>Sleepy. He grew <u>drowsy</u> and fell asleep in his chair.</p>
relief	<p>The lessening of pain or discomfort. "Take this pill for <u>relief</u> of pain."</p>

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arithmetic	The study of numbers. We learned the multiplication table in <u>arithmetic</u> class.
whirl	To turn rapidly round and round. When a fan is turned on, its blades <u>whirl</u> .
weird	Mysterious; strange. <u>Weird</u> sounds came from the dark cave.
fleece	The wool coat of a sheep. The lamb's <u>fleece</u> is as white as snow.
squeal	To make a loud, sharp cry. Pigs <u>squeal</u> when they're hungry or hurt.
ceiling	The overhead inside surface of a room. He painted the walls green and the <u>ceiling</u> white.
aspirin	A drug used to ease pain. Taking <u>aspirin</u> helped ease his headache.
banana	A tropical fruit with smooth, yellow skin and soft, creamy flesh. The monkey peeled and ate a <u>banana</u> .
muscles	Tissues of the body made up of strong fibers that can be tightened or relaxed to make the body move. Exercise helps build <u>muscle</u> .
forsake	To give up; to leave; to desert. I won't <u>forsake</u> my friends when they need my help.
abandon	To give up; to desert. The captain ordered his crew to <u>abandon</u> the sinking ship.
squirm	To wiggle; to twist and turn the body. Worms <u>squirm</u> when hurt.
medicine	A drug or other substance taken to treat or prevent disease. "You'll find the aspirin in the <u>medicine</u> cabinet."
basis	Foundation; base. Ghost stories have no scientific <u>basis</u> .
mattress	A pad used to sleep on. I slept on an air <u>mattress</u> during the camping trip.

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terrible	Fearful; dreadful; very bad. The noise was so <u>terrible</u> I covered my ears with my hands.
birch	A hardwood tree with smooth white bark and thin triangular leaves. The bark of a <u>birch</u> tree peels off easily in thin layers.
bargain	Something bought or offered for sale at an unusually low price. Ten dollars for this guitar is a <u>bargain</u> even at a flea market.
veer	To change direction; to shift. The airplane had to <u>veer</u> sharply to avoid a collision with another.
nasal	Of the nose. A <u>nasal</u> discharge often accompanies a cold.
burglar	A person who breaks into a house or a building to steal. The <u>burglar</u> was bitten by a watchdog when he broke into the house.
peevd	Irritated; annoyed; fretful. She was <u>peevd</u> about not getting an invitation to the party.
arc	A part of a curved line. A rainbow is an <u>arc</u> of colored light sometimes seen after rain.
altogether	On the whole; in all. <u>Altogether</u> , it was a pleasant vacation.
snuggle	To hold close; to lie close. Chicks <u>snuggle</u> under their mothers' wings for warmth and protection.
nestle	To lie close and snug; to settle comfortable. After supper he likes to <u>nestle</u> down in his armchair and watch television.
vegetable	A plant or its parts eaten raw or cooked. Lettuce is a leafy <u>vegetable</u> often eaten in salads.
opposite	Facing; across from; moving the other way. The two cars were traveling in <u>opposite</u> directions when they collided head-on.
battery	A device that produces electricity by chemical reaction. My flashlight needs a new <u>battery</u> .
appetite	Desire for food. You'll spoil your <u>appetite</u> if you eat candy before dinner.

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reel	<p>a. To pull by winding up a spool of line. You can <u>reel</u> in the fish and then scoop it with the net.</p> <p>b. To spin or seem to spin around; to stagger away. The dips and turns of the roller coaster made my head <u>reel</u>.</p>
yield	<p>a. To produce; to bring in. This investment will <u>yield</u> a large profit.</p> <p>b. To give over; to give up; to give in. Drivers making left turns must <u>yield</u> the right of way.</p>
triple	<p>To make three times as much or as many. He was able to <u>triple</u> his income after starting his own business.</p>
dough	<p>A soft mixture of flour and other ingredients used to bake bread or pastries. She rolled the <u>dough</u> and cut it for cookies.</p>
chisel	<p>A tool with a sharp edge at one end of cutting and shaping wood or stone. I cut a groove in the wood with a <u>chisel</u>.</p>
slogan	<p>A word or a phrase used as a motto. "Buckle up for safety" is a <u>slogan</u> aimed at all motorists.</p>
illegal	<p>Not allowed by law. It's <u>illegal</u> to carry a gun without a permit.</p>
vise	<p>A device having two jaws, used for holding and clamping. Jack put the steel rod in a <u>vise</u> and cut it with a hacksaw.</p>
jersey	<p>A soft knitted cloth; a shirt or a sweater made of this cloth. His football <u>jersey</u> has the number 12 on the front and the back.</p>
galloping	<p>Riding a horse at the fastest gait; moving at the fastest gait. We heard the hoof beats of <u>galloping</u> horses.</p>
cashier	<p>A person who receives or pays out money in a store or in a bank. The <u>cashier</u> took the money and gave me a receipt.</p>
bristle	<p>To raise the hair stiffly; to show anger. Dogs <u>bristle</u> and growl when they fight.</p>
antenna	<p>A set of wires or rods used in sending or receiving electric signals. Your radio will sound better if you pull its <u>antenna</u> out.</p>

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canvas	A coarse, heavy cloth used for many purposes such as making tents and sails. My tennis shoes have white <u>canvas</u> uppers.
echoing	Sending back a sound. Our footsteps went <u>echoing</u> down the empty hall.
gadget	A small mechanical device. The can opener is a handy <u>gadget</u> .
ordinary	Usual; common; not special. It was another <u>ordinary</u> day; nothing special happened.
chipmunk	A small striped animal that looks like a squirrel. The <u>chipmunk</u> scurried away, carrying nuts in its cheek pouches.
cellar	An underground room often used for storage. The farmer stored apples in his <u>cellar</u> to keep them all winter.
booty	Goods taken by robbers or pirates; goods taken from an enemy in war. The pirates searched the merchant ship for <u>booty</u> .
volume	a. A quantity; an amount. That tank holds a large <u>volume</u> of water. b. The force of intensity of a sound; loudness. "Please turn up the <u>volume</u> on the stereo."
expel	To put out; to force out. We will <u>expel</u> him from our club if he breaks another rule.
cavalry	Soldiers trained to fight on horseback. The <u>cavalry</u> galloped into battle.
saloon	A bar; a tavern. The cowboy went into the <u>saloon</u> to have a drink.
coffin	A box for burying a dead person. Flowers covered her <u>coffin</u> at the funeral.
hatred	Intense dislike; hate. The Indians felt <u>hatred</u> toward the white settlers who drove them out of their land.
topple	To fall; to tumble; to overturn. "If you push the bookcase, it will <u>topple</u> over."

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errand	A short trip to do something. Mary went on an <u>errand</u> to mail a letter.
casket	a. A small box or chest. She keeps her jewelry in a <u>casket</u> . b. A coffin. He was buried in a wooden <u>casket</u> .
glossary	A list of hard or special words with their meanings explained. If you don't know the word, look it up in the <u>glossary</u> at the back of the book.
basin	A shallow bowl for holding water or other liquids. Mother filled the wash <u>basin</u> with warm water.
nuzzle	To rub gently with the nose. Little puppies <u>nuzzle</u> their mother's side for milk.
muzzle	A set of straps or wires put over an animal's mouth to keep it from biting or eating. We put a <u>muzzle</u> on our German Shepherd when we took it for a walk in the park.
easel	A stand for holding a picture, a chart, or a chalkboard. The artist put his canvas on the <u>easel</u> and began to paint.
marine	Of the sea. The whale is a large <u>marine</u> animal.
intention	Something intended; a purpose. "I had no <u>intention</u> of hurting your feelings."
absurd	Very silly; unreasonable. It's <u>absurd</u> to wear a Sunday suit in a Halloween parade.
blitz	A sudden, intense attack. The defense put on a <u>blitz</u> and sacked the quarterback.
decent	Proper; adequate; fair. Cinderella had no <u>decent</u> clothes to wear to the ball.
griddle	A heavy metal plate used for cooking. She flipped pancakes on the <u>griddle</u> .
gnaw	To bite, chew, or wear away bit by bit. Dogs love to <u>gnaw</u> bones.

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bulletin	A brief report, news, or announcement. Everyone gathered at the <u>bulletin</u> board when the teacher posted the exam grades.
whoop	A loud shout. Larry gave a <u>whoop</u> of joy when he won the chess game.
awful	Very bad; frightful; ugly. Tom's hair looks <u>awful</u> ; he needs a haircut.
imagine	To picture in the mind; to guess. "Can you <u>imagine</u> how frightened he was when he saw the ghost?"
burial	The placing of a body in a grave. They carried the coffin to the grave for <u>burial</u> .
accuse	To charge with wrongdoing. "Don't <u>accuse</u> me of taking your book; I didn't do it."
quizzed	Gave a short test; asked questions. The teacher <u>quizzed</u> the class on yesterday's homework.
mallet	A hammer with a wooden or rubber head. Jerry drove the tent stakes into the ground with a <u>mallet</u> .
canopy	A covering that looks like a tent or a roof. We ate dinner under a <u>canopy</u> set up next to our tent.
brawl	A noisy quarrel or fight. The players had a <u>brawl</u> after the game.
awning	A roof like cover spread over a window or a door. The <u>awning</u> over the window shades the living room from the scorching sun.
hoeing	Loosening the soil around plants and digging up weeds with a hoe. He spent the afternoon <u>hoeing</u> the garden.
altitude	The height above sea level. The airplane was flying at an <u>altitude</u> of 20,000 feet.

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facility	<p>a. Ease; skill Mary speaks English and Spanish with equal <u>facility</u>.</p> <p>b. Something built to serve a particular need. The computer <u>facility</u> at the bank was expanded to serve more customers.</p>
tragedy	<p>A sad happening; a play or a story with a sad ending. The plane crash was a <u>tragedy</u> that claimed many lives.</p>
admission	<p>The right to enter; the act of allowing to enter. He applied for <u>admission</u> to several colleges.</p>
bison	<p>An ox like animal commonly called buffalo. The <u>bison</u> has a shaggy mane, a large hump, and short horns.</p>
truly	<p>Sincerely; really; truthfully. Business letters often end, "Yours <u>truly</u>".</p>
ballot	<p>A piece of paper used in voting; a voting ticket. I marked my <u>ballot</u> and dropped it into the box.</p>
measles	<p>A contagious disease that causes fever and a rash of small red spots. When Tim had the <u>measles</u>, he had red spots all over his skin.</p>
cruiser	<p>A police patrol car. Two policemen in a <u>cruiser</u> patrolled the neighborhood looking for the robber.</p>
filly	<p>A young female horse. That <u>filly</u> won the Kentucky Derby.</p>
survey	<p>A detailed study to gather information. The <u>survey</u> shows that this television program is very popular among teenagers.</p>
mildew	<p>A kind of fungus that forms a white or grayish coating on things left in a damp place. <u>Mildew</u> covered the books kept in the damp basement.</p>
famine	<p>A severe shortage of food. Thousands of people starved to death during the <u>famine</u>.</p>
divine	<p>Of God; given by God. Trusting in <u>divine</u> guidance, the Pilgrims sailed to an unknown land.</p>
dinosaur	<p>One of a group of large reptiles that lived millions of years ago. The <u>dinosaur</u> had a long neck and tapering tail.</p>

suspense	Uncertainty or anxiousness about what will happen. The story kept me in <u>suspense</u> until the very end.
artery	A blood vessel from the heart to other parts of the body. He bled heavily after a bullet pierced an <u>artery</u> in his leg.
sensible	Having good sense; having good judgment. “Be <u>sensible</u> and take an umbrella because it’s going to rain.”
cobbler	A person who repairs or makes shoes. The <u>cobbler</u> put new heels on my shoes.
numeral	A word or a symbol that stands for a number. The Roman <u>numeral</u> X stands for ten.
bustle	To hurry noisily or excitedly; a noisy or excited activity. Bellhops <u>bustle</u> about the crowded hotel lobby, carrying bags for guests.
grudge	Anger or resentment held for a long time. The gunman held a <u>grudge</u> against the sheriff who had shot and killed his partner five years ago.
territory	A large area; a region. The pilot flew over enemy <u>territory</u> on a scouting mission.
forbid	To order not to do something. “I <u>forbid</u> you to go out until you finish your homework.
devour	To eat greedily. Hungry boys always <u>devour</u> their lunch.
career	An occupation; a profession. Kevin chose the Army for his <u>career</u> , hoping to someday become a general.
vessel	a. A tube carrying blood or other fluid in the body. The artery is a blood <u>vessel</u> . b. A container for liquid. “Boil the spaghetti in a large <u>vessel</u> .”
glacier	A large field of ice, formed from packed snow that moves slowly down a mountainside. When a <u>glacier</u> reaches the sea, it breaks off into icebergs.
luggage	Bags or suitcases taken on a trip. Diane checked her <u>luggage</u> before boarding the airplane.

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astronaut	A person trained to travel in a spaceship. Neil Armstrong was the first <u>astronaut</u> to land on the moon.
video	The picture part of television. The TV station lost the <u>video</u> , but the audio was fine.
denim	A heavy cotton cloth. Blue jeans are made of <u>denim</u> .
halo	A ring of light seen around the sun or the moon. A <u>halo</u> around the moon often foretells bad weather.
propel	To cause to move ahead; to push forward. The astronaut fired a rocket to <u>propel</u> the spaceship into orbit.
caravan	A group of people traveling together on a long journey. A <u>caravan</u> of merchants riding camels journeyed across the desert.
ravine	A deep, narrow valley. The <u>ravine</u> was flooded with muddy water after the storm.
athlete	A person trained in sports. Mike is a great <u>athlete</u> ; he does well in all sports.
scrawny	Lean; skinny; thin. The <u>scrawny</u> old horse's ribs almost came through his skin.
barracks	A building or a group of buildings for housing soldiers. The soldiers returned to the <u>barracks</u> to sleep.
maroon	a. Dark reddish brown. My hands were stained <u>maroon</u> from pitting cherries. b. To leave a person alone and helpless in an isolated place. The pirates planned to <u>maroon</u> their prisoners on the deserted island.
botch	A poor piece of work; work done clumsily or carelessly. The mechanic made a <u>botch</u> of the repair job and had to fix it again.
belch	To throw out violently; to discharge gas from the stomach. Volcanoes <u>belch</u> smoke and ashes.
welfare	Well-being; happiness and health. The ship's captain is responsible for his crew's safety and <u>welfare</u> .

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hiccups or hiccoughs	Sudden, sharp noises made in the throat when the breathing muscles do not work properly. I couldn't stop my <u>hiccups</u> (<u>hiccoughs</u>).
fizz	To make a hissing or bubbling sound. Ginger ale will <u>fizz</u> if you pour it on ice.
skeleton	The bony framework of the body. They wired the bones of the dinosaur into a <u>skeleton</u> .
warrant	A written court order. The police had a <u>warrant</u> to search the suspect's house.
petroleum	A dark-colored oil found in the earth. Gasoline is made of refined <u>petroleum</u> .
missionary	A person sent to teach his or her religion in a foreign country. That Indian woman learned to read the Bible from an American <u>missionary</u> .
wallow	To roll about, as in deep mud. Pigs like to <u>wallow</u> in mud.
duel	A fight or a contest between two persons or parties. The opposing lawyers got into a verbal <u>duel</u> in the courtroom.
apricot	A juicy, orange-colored fruit that looks like a small peach. This peach is so small it looks like an <u>apricot</u> .
kerosene or kerosine	A thin oil made from petroleum. The campers cooked their supper on a <u>kerosene</u> (<u>kerosine</u>) stove.
visible	Capable of being seen. Many distant stars are <u>visible</u> through a powerful telescope.
hurricane	A severe tropical storm. The <u>hurricane</u> destroyed homes and flooded streets along the Florida coast.
bonanza	Something that suddenly produces great wealth or benefit; a rich mine. Mr. Gillette struck a <u>bonanza</u> when he invented the safety razor.
platoon	A body of soldiers; a small group of persons. A <u>platoon</u> of soldiers marched behind the band in the parade.
horrid	Frightful; terrible; very ugly or unpleasant. I couldn't stand that <u>horrid</u> monster in the movie.

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fulfill or fulfil	To satisfy; to carry out. Anyone wishing to enter the contest must <u>fulfill</u> (<u>fulfil</u>) all requirements and pay the fee.
holster	A pistol case worn on a belt. The cowboy drew a gun from his <u>holster</u> .
fossil	The remains of an animal or plant that lived long ago. The scientists found a dinosaur <u>fossil</u> millions of years old.
contour	The outline of a figure, a coast, a mountain, or other objects. The <u>contour</u> of Italy is shaped like a boot.
freakish	Unusual; odd. The <u>freakish</u> June frost killed our young tomato plants.
cinders	Ashes; small pieces of partly burned wood or coal. The logs burned out, leaving gray <u>cinders</u> in the fireplace.
paneling	Sheets of wood or other material used to cover a wall or other surface. Their family room has oak <u>paneling</u> on the walls.
frankfurter	A wiener; a reddish sausage. The hot dog is a <u>frankfurter</u> served in a long split roll.
hermit	A person who lives alone and away from others especially for religious reasons. The <u>hermit</u> lived alone in a cave so he could meditate day and night.
macaroni	A food made of flour paste formed in the shape of hollow tubes. Mother cooked <u>macaroni</u> and cheese for lunch.
majestic	Stately; impressive; noble; grand. The <u>majestic</u> mountains rose in the distance.
axle	A bar on which wheels turn. The wheels on the rear <u>axle</u> of his car have snow tires mounted on them.
helicopter	An aircraft with propellers on top, capable of flying straight up and down. A <u>helicopter</u> circled overhead making a chop-chop-chop sound.
gorilla	A very large ape of Africa. The <u>gorilla</u> is the strongest of the apes.
hustle	To move or act quickly; to hurry. You'd better <u>hustle</u> if you want to catch the bus.

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veteran	<p>A person who has had many years of experience; a person who has been in military service.</p> <p>The old sergeant was a <u>veteran</u> of three wars.</p>
probably	<p>Very likely; almost certainly.</p> <p>The weatherman says it will <u>probably</u> rain today.</p>
blockade	<p>The closing off of an area to keep people or supplies from getting in or out.</p> <p>Navy ships set up a <u>blockade</u> around the enemy harbor so that no other ships could get in.</p>
millionaire	<p>A very rich person worth more than a million dollars.</p> <p>His invention made him a <u>millionaire</u>.</p>