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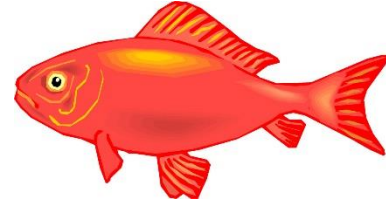
1. **abscond** (*v.*) depart secretly
2. **accord** (*n.*) agreement
3. **adventitious** (*adj.*) arising from another source; not inherent
4. **agency** (*n.*) capacity to exert power
5. **allay** (*v.*) soothe, ease
6. **ameliorate** (*v.*) make better or more tolerate
7. **antecedent** (*n.*) something that came before
8. **aquiline** (*adj.*) related to or resembling an eagle
9. **arduous** (*adj.*) requiring significant effort
10. **assuage** (*v.*) ease, lessen, or appease
11. **atone** (*v.*) make amends
12. **banal** (*adj.*) dull, commonplace
13. **beguile** (*v.*) trick, deceive
14. **bilk** (*v.*) cheat, defraud
15. **bourgeois** (*n.*) middle-class person
16. **brusque** (*adj.*) markedly short and abrupt
17. **bustle** (*v.*) move briskly
18. **buttress** (*v.*) support, hold up
19. **cadence** (*n.*) rhythm, measured flow in poetry or marching
20. **callow** (*adj.*) without worldly experience
21. **cant** (*v.*) talk or beg in a whining manner
22. **circumnavigate** (*v.*) go completely around, esp. by water
23. **coagulate** (*v.*) change into a clot
24. **codicil** (*n.*) legal document used to modify a previous will
25. **comestible** (*adj.*) edible
26. **contemplate** (*v.*) consider thoughtfully
27. **congregate** (*v.*) assemble, as a crowd
28. **conspicuous** (*adj.*) obvious to the eye or mind; attracting attention
29. **convergent** (*adj.*) tending to a single point
30. **corrigible** (*adj.*) capable of reformation
31. **cosmology** (*n.*) branch of science dealing with the nature of the universe
32. **credence** (*n.*) belief
33. **cryptogram** (*n.*) communication in cipher or code
34. **curio** (*n.*) item of ornamental or sentimental value, often rare
35. **damask** (*n.*) a firm lustrous fabric
36. **debase** (*v.*) lower in status, esteem, or character
37. **decapitate** (*v.*) behead
38. **degenerate** (*v.*) become worse or inferior
39. **deliberate** (*v.*) consider thoughtfully
40. **delineate** (*v.*) describe in detail
41. **deliverance** (*n.*) liberation, salvation
42. **demeanor** (*n.*) behavior toward others
43. **denouement** (*n.*) final outcome of a dramatic literary work or sequence of events
44. **deride** (*v.*) ridicule
45. **derrick** (*n.*) framework for supporting great weights, often oil well boring equipment
46. **desiccated** (*adj.*) dried up
47. **dexterity** (*n.*) precision, efficiency in physical activity or work
48. **diacritical** (*adj.*) marking a difference, esp. in orthography
49. **dilate** (*v.*) enlarge in all directions
50. **dimly** (*adv.*) obscurely
51. **disavow** (*v.*) disclaim responsibility for
52. **dispensation** (*n.*) particular arrangement or provision
53. **dissipate** (*v.*) disperse or disappear
54. **diversion** (*n.*) pastime, something that amuses
55. **dolor** (*n.*) mental suffering, anguish, grief
56. **dun** (*v.*) persistent demands for payment; pester
57. **economize** (*v.*) spend sparingly
58. **efface** (*v.*) obliterate
59. **effuse** (*v.*) pour or flow out
60. **eloquent** (*adj.*) having or showing the ability to use language clearly and effectively
61. **embody** (*v.*) express or formulate in a concrete form
62. **emergence** (*n.*) a coming into view
63. **endemic** (*adj.*) existing in a certain place or region, common in a particular area
64. **enervate** (*v.*) render ineffective
65. **enlist** (*v.*) enter into military service voluntarily
66. **enmity** (*n.*) hatred
67. **epilogue** (*n.*) concluding section of a literary work; final scene of a play that comments on the action
68. **equestrian** (*adj.*) pertaining to horses or horsemanship



69. **equivocate** (*v.*) use of words with double meaning; avoid committing to one's own statements
70. **et cetera** (*n.*) unspecified additional things in a list [also written as etcetera]

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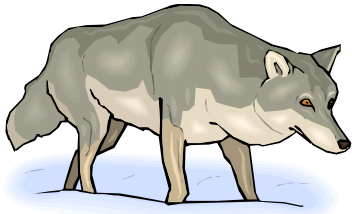
71. **exacerbate** (*v.*) make a bad situation worse
72. **excretion** (*n.*) process of getting rid of waste matter
73. **exorbitant** (*adj.*) exceeding appropriate limits in intensity, quality, amount, or size
74. **expeditious** (*adj.*) speedy
75. **extempore** (*adv.*) without preparation
76. **fabricate** (*v.*) invent fancifully, falsely
77. **fallacious** (*adj.*) illogical
78. **feckless** (*adj.*) weak, ineffective; worthless
79. **fervid** (*adj.*) intense
80. **financier** (*n.*) one who deals with money on a large scale
81. **florid** (*adj.*) flushed with red
82. **folio** (*n.*) sheet of paper folded once; leaf in a book
83. **forgo** (*v.*) deny oneself
84. **fortitude** (*adj.*) strength
85. **frequency** (*n.*) number or proportion of items in a particular category in a set of data
86. **frigid** (*adj.*) lacking warmth or ardor
87. **frivolity** (*n.*) an act, saying, etc., lacking seriousness
88. **fugacious** (*adj.*) lasting a short time
89. **fulminate** (*v.*) rant, rave
90. **fungible** (*adj.*) interchangeable
91. **furlong** (*n.*) measurement: one-eighth of a mile
92. **gallant** (*adj.*) brave with chivalrous spirit
93. **germane** (*adj.*) relevant
94. **ghastly** (*adj.*) hideous
95. **glacial** (*adj.*) icy or icily cold
96. **gosling** (*n.*) young goose
97. **gourmand** (*n.*) one who is excessively fond of eating and drinking
98. **grandiloquent** (*adj.*) speaking in lofty, pompous, overly colorful style of language
99. **granule** (*n.*) small grain or particle
100. **grapple** (*v.*) take hold of
101. **gregarious** (*adj.*) sociable
102. **grotesque** (*adj.*) odd, unnatural in shape, appearance, or character
103. **gusto** (*n.*) keen enjoyment
104. **gyroscope** (*n.*) instrument used to maintain equilibrium, determine direction
105. **habitable** (*adj.*) fit to be lived in
106. **haggard** (*adj.*) worn and gaunt in appearance
107. **heterodox** (*adj.*) contrary from the traditional form or established religion
108. **hinder** (*v.*) obstruct
109. **hubris** (*n.*) excessive pride
110. **hustle** (*v.*) move with haste
111. **hypodermic** (*adj.*) pertaining to under the skin
112. **hypothesis** (*n.*) assumption made in order to draw a logical conclusion
113. **ichthyic** (*adj.*) fish-like



114. **ignoble** (*adj.*) low in character or purpose
115. **illiberal** (*adj.*) bigoted, narrow-minded
116. **illuminate** (*v.*) supply with light; make something clear or easier to understand
117. **immaculate** (*adj.*) without blemish
118. **impel** (*v.*) drive or urge forward
119. **impromptu** (*adj.*) improvised; on the spur of the moment
120. **impugn** (*v.*) assail with arguments, insinuations, or accusations
121. **inadvertent** (*adj.*) accidental
122. **incoherent** (*adj.*) no logically connected in parts, form, or details
123. **indifference** (*n.*) lack of interest or concern for something
124. **inexpedient** (*adj.*) not suitable, judicious, or advisable
125. **infringe** (*v.*) trespass upon
126. **injunction** (*n.*) command, order (esp. in law)
127. **innocuous** (*adj.*) harmless
128. **inscribe** (*v.*) write, print, mark, or engrave words in a book, personal note, etc.
129. **insolent** (*adj.*) boldly rude, insulting
130. **insular** (*adj.*) pertaining to an island
131. **interrogative** (*adj.*) having the form of a question
132. **inundate** (*v.*) fill with overflowing abundance, flood, overwhelm
133. **invective** (*n.*) insulting or abusive word or expression, vehement denunciation
134. **irascible** (*adj.*) prone to anger
135. **islet** (*n.*) a small island
136. **isochronal** (*adj.*) having equal duration
137. **ivory-towered** (*adj.*) divorced from reality
138. **jargon** (*n.*) confused, unintelligible speech; highly technical speech
139. **jocular** (*adj.*) done as a joke, playful

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140. **junta** (*n.*) council for political or governmental purposes (esp. after a revolutionary seizure of power)  
 141. **juxtapose** (*v.*) place close together  
 142. **kernel** (*n.*) central, essential part  
 143. **kismet** (*n.*) fate, destiny  
 144. **labyrinth** (*n.*) maze  
 145. **lateral** (*adj.*) toward the side  
 146. **lea** (*n.*) pasture, grassland  
 147. **legislate** (*v.*) make or enact laws  
 148. **leviathan** (*n.*) a large sea animal; anything large and formidable  
 149. **lexicography** (*n.*) editing or making of a dictionary  
 150. **linguist** (*n.*) person accomplished in languages  
 151. **lithe** (*adj.*) characterized by easy flexibility, nimble  
 152. **longevity** (*n.*) long duration of individual life  
 153. **louse** (*n.*) blood-sucking parasite (pl. lice); contemptible person (pl. louses)  
 154. **lucrative** (*adj.*) highly profitable  
 155. **luminescence** (*n.*) low-temperature emission of light  
 156. **lupine** (*adj.*) related to or resembling a wolf



157. **madden** (*v.*) inflame with passion  
 158. **magnate** (*n.*) person of rank or importance  
 159. **malcontent** (*n.*) one who is dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs  
 160. **manifesto** (*n.*) written statement that describes the policies, goals, or opinions of a person or group  
 161. **marine** (*adj.*) pertaining to the sea  
 162. **maudlin** (*adj.*) foolishly or effusively sentimental  
 163. **mediate** (*v.*) negotiate as an agent between two parties  
 164. **meritocracy** (*n.*) system where people are chosen based on ability and merit  
 165. **metamorphosis** (*n.*) passing from one shape into another  
 166. **mettle** (*n.*) courage  
 167. **mien** (*n.*) demeanor, air, or bearing; appearance

168. **miscreant** (*n.*) villain, evildoer  
 169. **misogamy** (*n.*) hatred of marriage  
 170. **missive** (*n.*) message in writing  
 171. **molt** (*v.*) cast off (as hair, feathers, etc.)  
 172. **monologue** (*n.*) story, drama, or speech told or performed by one person  
 173. **moratorium** (*n.*) legally authorized period of delay in an activity  
 174. **muffle** (*v.*) deaden the sound of  
 175. **munificent** (*adj.*) very liberal in giving; generous  
 176. **nasal** (*adj.*) pertaining to the nose  
 177. **natal** (*adj.*) pertaining to birth  
 178. **naval** (*adj.*) pertaining to ships  
 179. **navel** (*n.*) belly-button  
 180. **negligent** (*adj.*) failing to exercise reasonably expected care  
 181. **neophyte** (*n.*) beginner  
 182. **norm** (*n.*) standards of proper, acceptable behavior  
 183. **noxious** (*adj.*) physically harmful, destructive to living beings  
 184. **obelisk** (*n.*) a square shaft with pyramidal top, usu. monumental  
 185. **obligate** (*v.*) bind legally or morally  
 186. **obsequious** (*adj.*) too eager to obey someone important  
 187. **octave** (*n.*) stanza of eight lines; musical interval of eight diatonic degrees  
 188. **odium** (*n.*) hatred accompanied by loathing or contempt  
 189. **onerous** (*adj.*) burdensome, oppressive  
 190. **opaque** (*adj.*) impervious to light  
 191. **optics** (*n.*) science of light and vision; aspect of politics that relates to public opinion  
 192. **outlandish** (*adj.*) bizarre; strikingly out of the ordinary  
 193. **pacify** (*v.*) appease, restore peace  
 194. **pallid** (*adj.*) lacking color  
 195. **paramount** (*adj.*) very important; of highest rank  
 196. **paucity** (*n.*) smallness of number or quantity  
 197. **peccadillo** (*n.*) small breach of propriety or principle  
 198. **pedant** (*n.*) one who makes a show of knowledge



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199. **pellucid** (*adj.*) translucent
200. **penitence** (*n.*) sorrow for sins or faults; contrition
201. **percolate** (*v.*) cause to pass through a permeable substance, esp. to extract a soluble constituent
202. **perfunctory** (*adj.*) superficially; lacking in interest or enthusiasm
203. **pertinacity** (*n.*) act of adhering resolutely to an opinion, purpose, or design
204. **pervious** (*adj.*) accessible; permeable
205. **pestilent** (*adj.*) destructive to life; infectious, contagious
206. **phenomenal** (*adj.*) marvelous, extraordinary
207. **philanthropist** (*n.*) one who makes an active effort to promote human welfare
208. **phlegmatic** (*adj.*) not easily roused by emotion, stolid in temperament
209. **physiognomy** (*n.*) facial features used to show qualities of mind and character
210. **pinnacle** (*n.*) topmost point
211. **pitiable** (*adj.*) lamentable; contemptible due to inadequacy
212. **placid** (*adj.*) serene
213. **placidity** (*adj.*) serenely free from interruption or disturbance
214. **plumb** (*adj.*) straight up and down
215. **polemic** (*n.*) aggressive attack on or refutation of opinions or principles of another
216. **pompous** (*adj.*) arrogant; excessively elevated or ornate
217. **porcine** (*adj.*) related to or resembling a pig
218. **potent** (*adj.*) powerful; effective
219. **prattle** (*v.*) utter in childish talk; babble
220. **precede** (*v.*) happen first
221. **precipice** (*n.*) very steep, overhanging place; hazardous situation
222. **preempt** (*v.*) seize upon to the exclusion of others
223. **premonition** (*n.*) forewarning
224. **pretext** (*n.*) fictitious reason or motive
225. **prim** (*adj.*) stiffly proper
226. **probe** (*v.*) search thoroughly
227. **prolong** (*v.*) extend in time or duration
228. **prosaic** (*adj.*) dull, unimaginative
229. **pseudonym** (*n.*) fictitious name, esp. for a writer
230. **pungent** (*adj.*) sharply painful; caustic
231. **prudence** (*n.*) caution
232. **quadruple** (*v.*) multiply by four
233. **query** (*v.*) make inquiry; ask
234. **rancor** (*n.*) bitter ill will
235. **ration** (*v.*) distribute equitably or sparingly
236. **rebuff** (*v.*) reject, criticize sharply
237. **recapitulate** (*v.*) retell, restate briefly
238. **recreant** (*adj.*) unfaithful to duty or allegiance
239. **refactory** (*adj.*) stubborn, unmanageable
240. **rejoinder** (*n.*) reply
241. **rejuvenate** (*v.*) make youthful again; restore to new
242. **relent** (*v.*) yield, give in
243. **remiss** (*adj.*) negligent in performance of work or duty
244. **repartee** (*n.*) quick, witty reply
245. **reprobate** (*n.*) unprincipled or depraved person
246. **requite** (*v.*) repay; avenge
247. **resplendent** (*adj.*) shining brilliantly
248. **retouch** (*v.*) alter to produce a more desirable appearance
249. **rife** (*adj.*) abundant
250. **ruffian** (*n.*) brutal person
251. **sable** (*adj.*) black
252. **sagacious** (*adj.*) discerning in judgment; wise
253. **sanction** (*n.*) official permission or approval
254. **scintilla** (*n.*) trace amount
255. **scythe** (*n.*) long curved blade for mowing, reaping, etc.
256. **seminary** (*n.*) school for theology
257. **sequester** (*v.*) set apart, segregate
258. **sextet** (*n.*) band of six players or the work for such a group
259. **singular** (*adj.*) odd, peculiar; distinguished by superiority
260. **sobriety** (*n.*) earnest, seriousness
261. **stern** (*adj.*) having a definite hardness or severity of manner
262. **stupor** (*n.*) profound lethargy
263. **subjugate** (*v.*) conquer
264. **supine** (*adj.*) lying on the back, face upward
265. **symphonic** (*adj.*) harmonious



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266. **tapestry** (*n.*) heavy handwoven reversible textile used for curtains, upholstery, etc.
267. **temerity** (*n.*) recklessness
268. **tentative** (*adj.*) hesitant, uncertain
269. **terse** (*adj.*) pithy, using few words
270. **thoroughfare** (*n.*) public street or road
271. **tilth** (*n.*) cultivated land
272. **tirade** (*n.*) protracted speech marked by intemperate language
273. **topology** (*n.*) branch of mathematics dealing with geometric deformations
274. **torrid** (*adj.*) parched with heat, scorching
275. **tractable** (*adj.*) easily handled, managed, taught
276. **tranquil** (*adj.*) calm, free from agitation
277. **transfuse** (*v.*) cause to pass from one to another; diffuse into or through
278. **transpire** (*v.*) take place or occur; be revealed
279. **travail** (*n.*) painful, laborious work
280. **trisect** (*v.*) divide into three equal parts
281. **tyro** (*n.*) beginner, novice
282. **umbrage** (*n.*) resentment from a slight or insult
283. **unbridled** (*adj.*) unrestrained
284. **unctuous** (*adj.*) marked by smug, ingratiating, or false earnestness
285. **untoward** (*adj.*) not favorable; improper or defiant
286. **vacillate** (*v.*) waver in mind, will, or feeling
287. **vagabond** (*n.*) wanderer with no fixed home
288. **vague** (*adj.*) not clearly defined or understood
289. **vehement** (*adj.*) powerful; impassioned
290. **veracity** (*n.*) truthfulness
291. **verify** (*v.*) prove to be true
292. **vogue** (*n.*) popularity
293. **wan** (*adj.*) dim, faint; feeble
294. **wield** (*v.*) use or control, as a weapon or instrument, with full command
295. **wrangle** (*v.*) dispute angrily or peevishly; bicker
296. **wry** (*adj.*) cleverly, ironically, and/or grimly humorous
297. **yahoo** (*interjection*) used to attract attention
298. **yegg** (*n.*) safecracker
299. **zealot** (*n.*) fanatical person
300. **zenith** (*n.*) culminating point; acme

