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- abase** lower; degrade; humiliate; make humble; make (oneself) lose self-respect
- ♣ **abash** embarrass
- ♣ **abate** subside or moderate
- abbreviate** shorten
- abdicate** renounce; give up (position, right, or responsibility)
- aberrant** abnormal or deviant
- aberration** deviation from the normal; mental disorder
- ♣ **abet** assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage
- ♣ **abeyance** suspended action
- abhor** detest; hate
- abject** (of a condition) wretched; as low as possible; lacking pride; very humble; showing lack of self-respect; Ex. abject apology
- abjure** renounce upon oath
- ablution** washing
- abnegation** renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation
- abolish** cancel; put an end to
- abominate** loathe; hate
- abominable** detestable; extremely unpleasant
- aboriginal** being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine
- abortive** unsuccessful; fruitless
- abrasive** rubbing away; tending to grind down
- abridge** condense or shorten
- abrogate** abolish
- ♣ **abscission** cutting off; separation
- abscond** depart secretly and hide
- absolute** complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. absolutism
- absolve** pardon (an offense)
- abstain** refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one's vote; I Ý¶
- abstemious** sparing in eating and drinking; temperate
- abstinence** restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote
- abstract** theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational
- ♥ **representational** (of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life
- abstruse** obscure; profound; difficult to understand
- abusive** coarsely insulting; physically harmful
- ♣ **abut** border upon; adjoin
- abysmal** bottomless
- abyss** enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit
- academic** related to a school; not practical or directly useful
- accede** agree
- accelerate** move faster
- accessible** easy to approach; obtainable
- accessory** additional object; useful but not essential thing
- acclaim** applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drug has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise
- acclimate** adjust to climate or environment; adapt
- ♣ **acclivity** sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity
- accolade** award of merit; strong praise and approval
- ♥ **merit** good quality deserving praise; merits: aspect of character or behavior deserving approval or disapproval; Ex. judge each plan on its own merits; V: deserve; earn
- ♥ **demerit** fault; bad quality
- ♥ **earn** gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve
- accommodate** oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodative; CF. accomodating: helpful and obliging
- accomplice** partner in crime
- accord** agreement
- accost** approach and speak first to a person
- ♣ **accoutre** equip; N. accoutrement
- accretion** growth or increase in size by gradual addition; growth; increase; increase by natural growth; Ex. towers and other accretions of the castle; V. accrete
- accrue** come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex. benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex. interest accruing in a bank account; N. accrual
- ♣ **acerbity** bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic: bitter; acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)
- ♥ **bitter** having a sharp biting taste; H; causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/sorrow/tears
- ♥ **biting** sharply painful to the body or mind; Ex. biting wind/remarks
- ♣ **acetic** vinegary
- ♣ **acidulous** slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic
- acknowledge** recognize; admit
- ♣ **acme** peak; pinnacle; highest point
- acoustics** science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in
- acquiesce** assent; agree passively; comply without protest

- acquittal** deliverance from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner
- ♣ **acrid** bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent
- ♣ **acrimonious** stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. acrimony: bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behavior
- acrophobia** fear of heights
- actuarial** calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics
- actuary** someone who advises insurance companies
- ♣ **actuate** motivate; activate; cause to act
- acuity** sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)
- acumen** mental keenness; sharpness of judgment; ability to judge quickly and well; Ex. business acumen
- acute** (of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain
- ♣ **adage** wise saying; proverb
- ♥ **proverb** adage; someone or something well known for notoriety; ADJ. proverbial: of a proverb; widely known; ADV. proverbially
- adamant** hard; inflexible
- adapt** make or become suitable for a specific use; alter; modify; adjust; N. adaptation: act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaptation of a short novel.
- ♣ **addendum** addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)
- addiction** compulsive habitual need
- ♣ **addle** make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)
- address** direct a speech to; speak to; deal with or discuss; direct one's efforts or attention to; make with a destination; N: formal speech
- adept** expert at; very skilled
- adhere** stick fast; be a devoted follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty
- adherent** supporter; follower
- adjacent** adjoining; neighboring; close by
- ♥ **adjoin** be next to
- ♥ **adjourn** suspend until a later time; move from one place to another
- adjunct** something attached to but holding an inferior position
- adjuration** solemn urging; V. adjure: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly
- ♣ **adjutant** staff officer assisting the commander; assistant
- admonish** warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove
- ♥ **adore** love deeply and respect highly
- adorn** decorate
- adroit** skillful (in using mind or hand)
- ## 2
- adulation** flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved
- adulterate** make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted(contaminated) substances
- advent** arrival
- adventitious** accidental; casual; happening by chance
- adversary** opponent; enemy
- adverse** going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile
- adversity** great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event
- ♣ **advert** refer
- advocacy** support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something
- advocate** speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for
- ♣ **aegis** shield; protection; defense
- ♣ **aerie(aery,eyrie,eyry)** nest of a large bird of prey
- aesthetic** artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful (of a person or building); CF. aesthete; CF. aesthetics
- affable** easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly
- affected** artificial; pretended
- affidavit** written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)
- affiliation** joining; associating with
- affinity** feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages
- affirmation** positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V. affirm; ADJ. affirmative; CF. affirmative action: positive discrimination
- affliction** state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. afflict: inflict grievous suffering on
- affluence** abundance; wealth
- affront** insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect; V: insult or hurt the feelings of intentionally
- ♣ **agape** openmouthed
- ♣ **agenda** items of business at a meeting
- ♣ **agglomeration** collection; heap; V. agglomerate: gather into a rounded mass; N. agglomerate: jumbled mass; heap
- aggrandize** make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement
- aggregate** sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars
- aghost** filled with great surprise or fear; horrified

- agility** nimbleness; ability to move quickly
- agitate** stir up; disturb
- agnostic** one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality
- ♣ **agog** highly excited; intensely curious
- agrarian** pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform
- alacrity** cheerful promptness without reluctance
- alchemy** medieval chemistry
- ♣ **alcove** nook; recess
- alias** an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias
- alienate** make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of
- alimentary** supplying nourishment
- ♣ **alimony** payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce
- allay** calm; pacify
- allege** state without proof
- allegiance** loyalty
- ♣ **allegory** story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable
- alleviate** relieve (pain)
- alliteration** repetition of beginning sound in poetry
- allocate** assign; set apart for a particular purpose
- ♥  **earmark** set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose
- alloy** mixture as of metals; something added that lowers in value or purity; V: mix; make less pure; lower in value or quality; spoil; CF. unalloyed: not in mixture with other metals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness
- allude** refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference
- allure** entice; attract; tempt
- ♥ **siren** apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature
- alluvial** pertaining to soil deposits left by running water
- ♣ **aloof** apart; not open in one's relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.
- ♣ **aloft** upward; high up in the air
- altercation** noisy quarrel
- altruistic** unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism
- ♣ **amalgamate** (of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body
- ♣ **amalgam** combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth
- ♣ **amass** collect (gradually, in a very large amount)
- amazon** female warrior
- ambidextrous** capable of using either hand with equal ease
- ambience** environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding; Ex. ambient temperature
- ambiguous** unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation
- ambivalence** the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions
- amble** walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly
- ♣ **ambrosia** food of the gods
- ♥ **nectar** drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees
- ambulatory** able to walk
- ameliorate** improve
- amenable** obedient; compliant; readily managed; responsive; willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally; responsible; able to be tested by; Ex. amenable to sensible suggestions; Ex. He is very amenable; Ex. amenable to the usual tests
- amend** correct; change; generally for the better
- ### 3
- amenities** convenient features that help to make life pleasant; social courtesies
- amiable** agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly
- amicable** peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement
- ♣ **amiss** wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.
- amity** friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations
- amnesia** loss of memory
- amnesty** pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)
- amoral** nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong
- amorous** moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances
- amorphous** formless; lacking shape or definition
- amphibian** able to live both on land and in water; N.
- amphitheater** oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena
- ♣ **ample** enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity/garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space
- amplify** increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one's remarks with a graph
- ♣ **amputate** cut off part of body; prune (a limb)
- ♣ **amok(amuck)** in a state of rage; Ex. run amok
- ♣ **amulet** charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck