

- Q **anachronism** an error involving time in a story; something or someone misplaced in time; ADJ. anachronistic
- ♣ **analgesic** causing insensitivity to pain; N.
- ♥ **analgesia** condition of being unable to feel pain
- Q **analogous** comparable; similar
- Q **analogy** similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things
- Q **anarchist** person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority
- Q **anarchy** absence of governing body; state of disorder
- ♣ **anathema** solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V. anathematize
- Q **ancestry** family descent; ADJ. ancestral
- Q **anchor** secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage
- Q **ancillary** serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; N.
- Q **anecdote** short story of an amusing or interesting event
- Q **anemia** condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic
- Q **anesthetic** substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia
- Q **anguish** acute pain; extreme suffering
- Q **angular** sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner
- Q **animadversion** critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval
- Q **animated** lively; spirited
- Q **animosity** active enmity
- ♣ **animus** hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition
- Q **annals** records arranged in yearly parts; history
- Q **anneal** reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)
- Q **annex** attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N: building added to a large one
- Q **annihilate** destroy
- Q **annotate** comment; make explanatory notes
- Q **annuity** yearly allowance
- Q **annul** make void
- ♥ **elope** run away secretly with the intention of getting married
- ♣ **anodyne** drug that relieves pain or trouble; ~~अनुदुःख~~; opi-ate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement
- Q **anoint** consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)
- Q **anomalous** abnormal; irregular
- Q **anomaly** irregularity
- Q **anonymity** state of being nameless; anonymousness; ADJ. anonymous
- Q **antagonism** hostility; active opposition; V. antagonize: cause to become an enemy; N. antagonist: person who is opposed to another; opponent; adversary; principal character in opposition to the protagonist
- ♥ **protagonist** leader or noticeable supporter of an idea; chief character in a play or story
- Q **antecede** precede
- Q **antecedents** preceding events that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background
- Q **antediluvian** antiquated; extremely ancient
- ♣ **anthem** song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem
- ♣ **anthology** book of literary selections by various authors; CF. omnibus
- Q **anthropoid** manlike; resembling a human being; N.
- Q **anthropologist** student of the history and science of humankind
- Q **anthropomorphic** having human form or characteristics
- Q **anticlimax** letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting
- Q **antidote** remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles
- Q **antipathy** aversion; dislike or opposition
- ♣ **antiquated** obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated
- ♥ **antique** made in an earlier period and usu. valuable; N: object that was made in an earlier period and that is rare or valuable
- ♥ **antiquity** quality of being very old; ancient times; ~~अतीत~~
- Q **antiseptic** substance that prevents infection in a wound; ADJ.
- Q **antithesis** contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical
- ♥ **antler** bony growth on the head of a deer
- ♣ **anvil** iron block used in hammering out metals
- Q **apathy** lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic
- ♣ **ape** imitate or mimic (a person's behavior or manner)
- ♣ **aperture** opening; hole; adjustable opening in a camera that limits the amount of light
- ♣ **apex** tip; summit; climax; highest point
- Q **aphasia** loss of speech due to injury or illness
- Q **aphorism** pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic
- ♣ **apiary** a place where bees are kept
- ♥ **hive** box for bees; V: cause to go in a hive
- ♥ **apiculture** bee-keeping
- ♥ **apiarist** person who keeps bees
- ♣ **aplomb** poise; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence

- ♥ **poise** good judgment with composure; balance; V: place in a carefully balanced position
- Q **apocalyptic** prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse
- ♣ **apocryphal** (of a story) widely believed but untrue
- Q **apogee** highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP. perigee
- ♣ **apolitical** having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs
- ♣ **apologist** one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia
- ♣ **apoplexy** stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain
- ♣ **apostate** one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs; N. apostasy
- ♣ **apothecary** druggist; pharmacist
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- ♣ **apothegm(apophthegm)** pithy, compact saying
- ♣ **apotheosis** elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something
- Q **appall** dismay; shock deeply
- Q **apparition** ghost; phantom
- Q **appease** pacify or soothe; Ex. appease a crying baby; N. appeasement
- ♣ **appellation** name; title
- Q **append** attach
- ♣ **application** diligent attention; diligence; V. apply one-self
- Q **apposite** appropriate; fitting
- Q **appraise** estimate value of; N. appraisal
- Q **appreciate** be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ. appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex. appreciable difference
- Q **apprehend** arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N. apprehension
- ♣ **apprehensive** fearful; discerning
- Q **apprise** inform
- Q **approbation** approval
- Q **appropriate** acquire; take possession of for one's own use without permission; set aside for a particular purpose; allocate; CF. misappropriate
- ♣ **appurtenances** subordinate possessions; something added to a more important thing
- ♣ **apropos** with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.
- Q **aptitude** fitness; talent
- ♣ **aquiline** curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose
- ♣ **arable** fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land
- Q **arbiter** person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge who is in a position to make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachware
- Q **arbitrary** unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler
- Q **arbitrate** act as judge (at the request of both sides)
- ♣ **arboretum** place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited
- ♥ **arboreal** of or living in trees
- Q **arcade** a covered passageway usually lined with shops
- Q **arcane** esoteric; secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated; Ex. arcane ritual; Ex. arcane process closed to the uninitiated listener
- Q **archaeology** study of artifacts and relics of early mankind
- ♣ **archaic** antiquated; no longer used; belonging to the past; N.
- ♣ **archetype** prototype; primitive pattern
- Q **arch-** chief; first; Ex. archbishop
- ♣ **archipelago** group of closely located islands
- ♣ **archives** public records; place where public records are kept
- Q **ardor** heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent
- ♣ **arduous** hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work
- ♣ **argot** slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people
- Q **aria** operatic solo; a song sung by one person in an opera or oratorio
- ♣ **arid** (of land) dry; barren; unproductive
- Q **aristocracy** hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat
- Q **armada** fleet of warships
- Q **aromatic** fragrant; having a sweet smell; N. aroma: strong pleasant smell
- Q **arraign** charge in court; indict
- ♣ **array** marshal; draw up in order; arrange in order; clothe splendidly; adorn; N: fine clothes; ordered group; Ex. in battle array
- Q **arrears** being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done
- ♣ **arrhythmic** lacking rhythm or regularity; N. arrhythmia
- Q **arrogance** pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleas- antly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)
- ♣ **arroyo** gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater
- ♥ **artery** blood-vessel; CF. vein
- Q **articulate** effective; distinct; expressing ideas clearly; having clear sounds; having joints; Ex. articulate speech; V: express thoughts and feeling clearly; pro- nounce clearly; unite by joints
- Q **arsenal** storage place for military equipment
- Q **artifacts** object made by human beings, either hand- made or mass-produced
- ♣ **artifice** deception; trickery

Q **artisan** a manually skilled worker  
 ♠ **artless** without guile; open and honest  
 Q **ascendancy** controlling influence; position of control- ling influence; CF. in the ascendant  
 Q **ascertain** find out for certain; make certain  
 Q **ascetic** practicing self-denial; avoiding physical plea- sures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism  
 Q **ascribe** refer; attribute; assign  
 Q **aseptic** preventing infection; having a cleansing effect  
 ♠ **ashen** ash-colored; deadly pale  
 ♠ **asinine** stupid; Ex. asinine remarks  
 ♠ **askance** with a sideways or indirect look (with disap- proval or distrust); Ex. look askance at  
 ♠ **askew** crookedly; slanted; at an angle  
 Q **asperity** sharpness; roughness; severity (of temper or weather); Ex. asperities of a Russian winter  
 Q **aspersion** slanderous remark; Ex. cast aspersions on  
 Q **aspirant** seeker after position or status  
 Q **aspire** seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the lead- ership  
 Q **assail** assault  
 ♠ **assay** analyze (to discover what materials are present); evaluate (soil or ore)  
 Q **assent** agree; accept; N. assessment  
 ♠ **assert** state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful ac- tion); Ex. assert one's independence  
 Q **assiduous** diligent  
 Q **assimilate** absorb; take (food) into the body and digest it; understand (knowledge) completely and be able to use properly; cause to become homogeneous (the peo- ple of a country or race in the wasy of behaving or think- ing)  
 Q **assuage** mak less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)  
 Q **assumption** something taken for granted; the taking over or taking possession of; Ex. her assumption of power; V. assume  
 ♥ **regent** a person who governs in place of a ruler who is ill, absent, or still a child; ADJ. Ex. the Prince regent  
 Q **assurance** firm statement that something is certainly true; promise or pledge; certainty; confidence in one's own ability; self-confidence; Ex. In spite of all his as- surances, he did not come back; Ex. assurance of his loyalty; Ex. The teacher lacked assurance in fron of his class; V. assure; tell firmly with confidence; ensure; make (something) certain to heappen; make (someone) feel sure; give confidence to; ADJ. assured: self-assured; confident in one's own ability; showing certainty  
 Q **asteroid** small planet  
 ♠ **astigmatism** eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. stigmatism

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♠ **astral** relating to the stars  
 Q **astrigent** binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astrigent criticism  
 Q **astronomical** enormously large or extensive  
 Q **astute** wise; shrewd; keen; seeing quickly something that is to one's advantage  
 ♠ **asunder** into parts; apart; V. sunder  
 Q **asylum** place of refuge or shelter; protection (religious or political)  
 Q **asymmetric** not identical on both sides of a dividing central line  
 ♠ **atavism** resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback; ADJ. atavistic  
 Q **atheistic** denying the existence of God; N. atheism  
 Q **atone** make amends for; pay for; Ex. atone for  
 Q **atrocious** brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious  
 Q **atrophy** wasting away; V: weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)  
 Q **attentive** alert and watchful; listening carefully; paying attention; considerate; thoughtful; politely helpful; Ex. attentive audience; Ex. He was attentive to the old lady; N. attentions: act of courtesy and consideration  
 Q **attenuate** make thin; weaken  
 Q **attest** testify; bear witness  
 Q **attribute** essential quality; V: ascribe; explain  
 Q **attrition** rubbing away by friction; gradual decrease in numbers or strength; reduction in the work force with- out firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment; Ex. a war of attrition  
 ♠ **atypical** not normal; not typical  
 Q **audacious** daring; bold; N. audacity  
 Q **audit** examination of accounts of a business; official ex- amination; V.  
 Q **augment** increase; add to  
 ♠ **augury** omen; prophecy; sign of coming events; V. au- gur: predict; foretell; be a sign of (something in future)  
 Q **august** impressive; majestic  
 ♠ **aureole** sun's corona; halo; bright circle of light  
 ♠ **auroral** pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis  
 Q **auspicious** favoring success; giving signs of future suc- cess; Cf. auspices  
 Q **austere** forbiddingly stern; ascetic; without comfort or enjoyment; severely simple and unornamented; Ex. a monk's austere life; Ex. austere grandeur of the cathe- dral; N. austerity  
 Q **authenticate** prove genuine

- Q **authoritarian** subordinating the individual to the state; completely dominating another's will; Ex. authoritarian regime/father
- Q **authoritative** having the weight of authority; regarded as providing knowledge that can be trusted; reliable; peremptory and dictatorial; Ex. authoritative dictionary/manner; CF. definitive
- Q **autocratic** having absolute unchecked power; dictatorial; N. autocrat, autocracy
- Q **automaton** mechanism that imitates actions of humans; machine that works by itself
- Q **autonomous** self-governing; N. autonomy
- Q **autopsy** examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.
- Q **auxiliary** offering or providing help; additional or subsidiary; N: helper; assistant
- Q **avalanche** great mass of falling snow and ice
- Q **avarice** greediness for wealth
- Q **avenge** take vengeance for something or on behalf of someone; Ex. They avenged his death by burning the village; Ex. He swore to avenge his brother; Ex. They avenged themselves on their enemy.
- Q **aver** state confidently; declare as true
- Q **averse** reluctant; disinclined; not liking or opposed; Ex. averse to cats/doing the house work
- Q **aversion** firm dislike
- Q **avert** prevent; avoid; turn away (eyes or thought); Ex. An accident was averted by his quick thinking; Ex. She averted her eyes from the terrible sight.
- Q **aviary** enclosure for birds; large cage
- ♣ **avid** greedy; extremely eager for; Ex. avid learner; N. avidity
- Q **avocation** secondary or minor occupation
- Q **avow** declare openly; N. avowal
- Q **avuncular** of or like an uncle
- Q **awe** solemn wonder; feeling of respect mixed with wonder and fear; V: fill with awe; ADJ. awesome
- ♥ **awful** terrible; very bad
- ♣ **awl** pointed tool used for piercing
- ♣ **awry** distorted; crooked; bent; Ex. Our plans have gone awry.
- Q **axiom** self-evident truth requiring no proof
- ♣ **azure** sky blue
- ♣ **babble** chatter idly or foolishly; make continuous sounds like water running gently over rounded stone; N.
- ♣ **bacchanalian** drunken
- ♥ **bacchanal** noisy party with a lot of drinking
- ♥ **Bacchanalia** the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus
- ♣ **badger** pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal
- ♣ **badinage** teasing conversation; banter; joking talk
- Q **baffle** frustrate; perplex
- ♣ **bait** harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals
- ♣ **baleful** evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence; portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex. baleful look
- ♣ **balk** stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop or get in the way of; frustrate
- ♣ **ballast** heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast
- ♣ **balm** something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees
- ♥ **pang** sudden sharp feeling of pain
- ♣ **balmy** soft and mild (of air); fragrant
- Q **banal** hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd
- ♣ **bandy** discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with
- Q **bane** poison; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous
- Q **bantering** joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter
- Q **barb** sharp projection from fishhook, arrow, or other object; openly cutting remark