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- ♣ **bard** poet
- ♣ **barefaced** shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; unconcealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie
- ♥ **unregenerate** making no attempt to change one's bad practices
- ♣ **baroque** highly ornate
- Q **barrage** barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism
- Q **barrister** counselor-at-law or lawyer in the higher court of law; CF. bar
- ♥ **solicitor** lawyer in the lower court of law
- Q **barterer** trader; V. barter: trade; exchange good for other goods rather than money
- ♣ **bask** luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth
- ♥ **luxuriate** take pleasure in great comfort
- ♣ **bastion** stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism
- ♣ **bate** let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate
- ♣ **bauble** trinket; cheap jewel; trifle
- ♣ **bawdy** indecent; obscene; about sex in a rude funny way; CF. bawd
- ♣ **beatific** giving or showing bliss; blissful

- ♥ **bliss** complete happiness; ADJ. blissful
- ♠ **beatitude** blessedness; state of great happiness
- ♥ **mystic** of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF. mysticism
- ♠ **bedizen** dress with vulgar finery
- ♥ **finery** beautiful clothes for a special occasion
- ♠ **bedraggle** wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: dragged
- ♠ **beeline** direct quick route
- ♠ **befuddle** confuse thoroughly
- ♥ **fuddle** make stupid or confused as with alcoholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused
- Q **beget** father; become the father of; produce; give rise to
- ♠ **begrudge** envy; give or allow unwillingly; grudge; Ex. We shouldn't begrudge him his success.
- ♥ **grudge** deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.
- ♠ **beguile** deceive; mislead or delude; cheat; pass time pleasantly; charm or attract; Ex. beguiling smile
- ♠ **behemoth** huge creature; something of monstrous size or power
- ♠ **beholden** obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude
- ♠ **behoove(behove)** be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary; Ex. It behooves one to do.
- ♠ **belabor** harp on; dwell on tediously; explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree; assail verbally; beat severely; attack physically
- ♠ **belated** delayed
- ♠ **beleaguer** besiege or attack (with an army); harass; be-set
- ♠ **belie** contradict; give a false impression; disguise; Ex. The poor sales belied our high hopes; Ex. Her smile belies her true feeling of displeasure.
- Q **belittle** disparage; depreciate
- Q **bellicose** warlike
- Q **belligerent** quarrelsome
- ♠ **bemoan** lament; moan for; express sorrow or disapproval of
- ♠ **bemused** confused; lost in thought; preoccupied
- Q **benediction** blessing
- Q **benefactor** gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose
- Q **beneficent** kindly; doing good
- Q **beneficial** helpful; useful; advantageous
- Q **beneficiary** person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will
- ♠ **benefit** advantage; anything that brings help, advantage, or profit; money provided by the government to the people; fund-raising public entertainment; Ex. unemployment benefit; V: receive benefits; be beneficial to; give benefits
- Q **benevolent** generous; charitable; having a wish to do good
- Q **benign** kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor
- Q **benison** blessing
- Q **bent** determined; Ex. bent on advancing in the business; N: natural talent or inclination
- Q **bequeath** leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in his will; N. bequest
- ♠ **berate** scold strongly
- ♠ **bereavement** state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft
- ♠ **bereaved** deprived of (someone beloved through death)
- ♠ **bereft** deprived of (something valuable); lacking
- ♠ **berserk** mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited
- Q **beseech** beg; plead with
- ♠ **beset** harass or trouble from all directions; hem in
- ♥ **hem** surround tightly so that movement is impossible; Ex. hem in; N.
- Q **besiege** surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually
- ♠ **besmirch** soil; defile; make dirty
- ♠ **bestial** beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel
- Q **bestow** confer
- ♠ **betoken** signify; indicate; be a sign of
- ♥ **token** outward sign; Ex. a token of our gratitude
- ♠ **betray** be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly); Ex. Her trembling hands betray her anxiety.
- ♠ **betroth** become engaged to marry
- ♠ **bevy** large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets
- Q **bicameral** two-chambered as a legislative body
- Q **bicker** quarrel
- Q **biennial** every two years
- ♠ **bifurcated** divided into two branches; forked
- ♠ **bigotry** stubborn intolerance
- ♥ **bigot** one who is intolerant (in matters of religion or politics)
- ♥ **intolerant** not willing to accept ways of thinking different from one's own; CF. tolerant; CF. tolerate
- ♠ **bilious** suffering from indigestion; sick from having too much bile; irritable; easily irritated
- ♠ **bilk** swindle; cheat
- ♠ **billowing** swelling out in waves; surging
- ♥ **billow** large wave of water; a great swell or surge (of smoke); V: surge, swell, roll in billows
- ♥ **swell** long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.
- ♥ **surge** powerful movement of or like a wave; V.
- ♠ **bivouac** temporary encampment; camp without tents; V.

Q **bizarre** fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional

♣ **blanch** bleach; whiten; make white or pale

♣ **bland** soothing or mild (food); agreeable; causing no trouble or offence

♣ **blandishment** flattery

♣ **blare** loud or harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light

♥ **screech** unpleasant high sharp sound; shriek; V.

♥ **dazzle** make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder

♣ **blasé** bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored

♣ **blasphemy** irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V. blasphemy; ADJ. blasphemous; CF. sacrilege

♣ **blatant** extremely (offensively) obvious; loudly offensive; Ex. blatant lie; N. blatancy

♣ **bleak** cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing

♣ **blighted** suffering from a disease; destroyed

♥ **blight** plant disease; V: infect with blight; ruin; destroy

♣ **blithe(blithesome)** gay; joyous

♣ **bloated** (unpleasantly) swollen or puffed as with water or air

♣ **blowhard** talkative boaster; braggart

♣ **bludgeon** club; heavy-headed weapon; V.

♣ **bluff** pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff; ADJ: rough but good-natured

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Q **blunder** error; stupid mistake

♣ **blurt** utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement

♣ **bluster** blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF. breeze, gust, gale

♥ **bully** one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.

Q **bode** foreshadow; portend

Q **bogus** counterfeit; not authentic; intentionally false; Ex. bogus interview

♣ **bohemian** unconventional (in an artistic way)

Q **boisterous** violent; rough; noisy

♣ **bolster** support; reinforce

♣ **bolt** door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric; large roll of cloth; V: dash or dart off; fasten (a door); gobble down

♥ **dart** move or throw suddenly and quickly

♥ **gobble** eat very quickly

♣ **bombardment** attack (as with missiles or bombs); V. bombard

♣ **bombastic** pompous; using inflated language

♥ **bombast** grandiloquent, pompous speech

♣ **boon** blessing; benefit; something very helpful

♣ **boorish** rude; insensitive

♥ **boor** rude, insensitive person

♣ **bouillon** clear beef (or meat) soup

♣ **bountiful** generous; graciously generous; showing bounty

♥ **gracious** kind in a generous way (to someone less important)

Q **bourgeois** middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions

Q **bovine** cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm

♣ **bowdlerize** expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler

♣ **brackish** somewhat saline

♣ **braggadocio** boasting

♥ **brag** boast

♣ **braggart** boaster; bragger

♣ **brandish** wave around (a weapon); flourish

♣ **bravado** swagger; assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery

♥ **swagger** walk or behave with an over-confident manner

♣ **brawn** human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness

♥ **brawny** muscular; having well-developed muscles

♥ **sturdy** strong and firm (in the body)

♣ **brazen** insolent; without shame; bold; Ex. brazen lie; V: face with bold self-assurance or with unshamed confidence

♥ **brawl** noisy quarrel

♣ **breach** breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap; opening; V.

Q **breadth** width; extent

Q **brevice** conciseness; shortness of duration

♣ **brindled** tawny or grayish with streaks or spots (of animals)

♥ **tawny** brownish yellow

♣ **bristling** rising like bristles; showing irritation

♥ **bristle** short stiff hair; V: (hair or fur) stand up stiffly

♣ **brittle** hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation

♣ **broach** introduce as a subject; moot; open up

♣ **brocade** rich, figured(patterned) fabric

Q **brochure** pamphlet

♣ **brooch** ornamental clasp; pin

♥ **clasp** hold firmly within arms

♣ **brook** tolerate; endure; Ex. brook no interference; N: small stream

♣ **browbeat** bully; intimidate

♣ **browse** graze; feed on growing grass; skim or glance at casually

- ♥ **graze** (of an animal) feed on growing grass; cause (an animal) to feed on grass; scrape (esp. the skin) or touch lightly in passing; brush; Ex. We can't graze the cattle till summer; N: surface wound
- ♥ **skim** read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid
- ♣ **brunt** main impact or shock (of an attack or blow); Ex. brunt of the argument
- ♣ **brusque** blunt; abrupt; curt; not wanting to waste time being nice
- ♣ **buccaneer** pirate
- ♣ **bucolic** rustic; pastoral
- ♣ **buffet** strike forcefully; slap; batter; knock out; N: table with food set out for people to serve themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set
- ♥ **slap** hit quickly with the flat part of the hand; N. CF. smack
- ♣ **buffoonery** clowning
- ♥ **buffoon** stupid person; clown
- ♥ **clown** act stupidly; play the fool; N.
- ♣ **bugaboo** bugbear; object of baseless terror
- ♣ **bullion** gold and silver in the form of bars
- ♣ **bulwark** strong wall built for defense; earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends
- ♣ **bungle** mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior
- ♥ **botch** mismanage; blow
- Q **buoyant** able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market
- Q **bureaucracy** overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ. bureaucratic
- ♣ **burgeon** grow rapidly; grow forth; send out buds; Ex. burgeoning computer industry; CF. blurgeon
- ♣ **burlesque** give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly
- ♣ **burnish** make shiny by rubbing; polish
- ♣ **buttress** support; prop up; N. stationary structure to support wall; Ex. flying buttress
- ♥ **prop** support placed under or against something; V.
- ♣ **buxom** full-bosomed; plump; jolly
- ♥ **plump** pleasantly fat; nicely rounded
- ♣ **cabal** small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests
- Q **cache** hiding place; V.
- Q **cacophonous** discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony; unpleasant mixture of loud sounds
- Q **cadaver** corpse; dead human body
- Q **cadaverous** like a corpse; pale
- ♣ **cadence** rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat; regular beat of sound; rhythm
- ♣ **cajole** persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle
- ♥ **coax** persuade by flattery
- Q **calamity** disaster; misery
- Q **calculated** deliberately planned; likely
- ♣ **caldron(cauldron)** large kettle
- ♣ **caliber** ability; quality; diameter of the inside of a round cylinder; Ex. work of very high caliber
- Q **calligraphy** beautiful writing; excellent penmanship
- ♣ **callous** hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind
- ♥ **callus** area of thick hard skin
- ♣ **callow** youthful; immature; inexperienced
- ♣ **calorific** heat-producing; N. calorie
- Q **calumny** malicious misrepresentation; slander
- ♣ **camaraderie** good-fellowship; CF. comrade
- ♣ **cameo** shell or jewel carved in relief; star's special appearance in a minor role in a film
- ♣ **canard** unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report
- ♣ **candor** frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid
- ♣ **canine** related to dogs; doglike
- ♣ **canker** any ulcerous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer
- ♥ **ulcer** sore place appearing on the skin inside or outside the body; Ex. stomach ulcer; ADJ. ulcerous; V. ulcerate
- ♣ **canny** shrewd in money matters; thrifty
- ♣ **cant** insincere speech or expression of piety; jargon of thieves; special words used by a particular group of people
- Q **cantankerous** ill-humored; irritable
- ♣ **cantata** story set to music to be sung by a chorus (shorter than an oratorio)
- ♣ **canter** slow gallop; V. CF. trot
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- ♣ **canto** division of a long poem
- ♣ **canvass** determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.
- Q **capacious** spacious
- ♣ **capacity** mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president
- ♣ **capillary** having a very fine bore; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hair-like tube; CF. capillarity
- ♣ **capitulate** surrender; give up all resistance
- Q **caprice** whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause
- Q **capricious** unpredictable; fickle
- Q **caption** title; chapter heading; text under illustration

- ♣ **captious** faultfinding; too critical
- ♣ **carafe** glass water bottle; decanter
- ♣ **carapace** shell covering the back (of a turtle, tortoise, crab, etc.)
- ♣ **carat(karat)** unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold
- ♣ **carcinogenic** causing cancer; N. carcinogen
- ♣ **cardinal** chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order
- Q **cardiologist** doctor specializing in ailments of the heart
- ♣ **careen** lurch; sway from side to side; move with irregular swinging movement; stagger
- ♥ **career** rush wildly; go at full speed
- ♥ **sway** swing from side to side; influence (someone) to change one's opinion; N.
- Q **caricature** distortion; burlesque
- Q **carillon** a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played
- Q **carnage** destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals
- Q **carnal** fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body
- Q **carnivorous** meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore
- ♣ **carousal** drunken revel; V. carouse
- ♣ **carping** petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble
- ♣ **carrion** rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture
- ♣ **cartographer** map-maker
- Q **cascade** small waterfall
- ♣ **caste** one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society; social stratification; prestige
- Q **castigation** punishment; severe criticism or disapproval
- Q **casualty** serious or fatal accident; person killed or wounded in an accident or battle
- ♥ **casual** happening by chance; irregular; occasional; informal; showing or feeling little interest; Ex. casual reader/laborer/remark
- ♣ **cataclysm** deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change
- ♣ **catalyst** agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged; CF. catalysis
- Q **catapult** slingshot; hurling machine; V: fire from catapult
- ♥ **hurl** throw forcefully; shout out violently
- ♣ **cataract** great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)
- Q **catastrophe** calamity; disaster
- ♣ **catcall** shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V.
- ♣ **catechism** book for religious instruction in question-and-answer form; religious instruction by question and answer; V. catechize
- Q **categorical** without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unqualified; absolute
- ♥ **qualify** reach a necessary standard; limit the meaning of something stated
- Q **catharsis** purging or cleansing of any passage of the body; purging and weakening of strong emotions as a result of experiencing a dramatic work of art
- Q **cathartic** purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.
- ♣ **catholic** (of likings and interests) universal; general; broad; including many different parts; wide-ranging liberal; Ex. catholic opinions/tastes
- ♣ **caucus** private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF. the Caucus club of Boston
- ♣ **caulk(calk)** make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)
- Q **causal** implying a cause-and-effect relationship; N. causality
- Q **caustic** burning; corrosive; able to burn by chemical action; sarcastically biting; (of remarks) intended to hurt; bitter; harmful; OP. harmless
- ♣ **cauterize** burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection
- ♣ **cavalcade** procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry
- ♣ **cavalier** casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight
- ♣ **cavil** quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily
- ♣ **cede** yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N. cession
- Q **celerity** speed; rapidity
- Q **celestial** heavenly
- ♥ **hereafter** life after death
- ♥ **afterlife** life after death; later part of one's life
- ♣ **celibate** abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy
- Q **ensor** (in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.
- ♣ **ensorious** severely critical
- Q **censure** blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N: severe criticism; strong disapproval
- Q **centaur** mythical figure, half man and half horse
- Q **centigrade** denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)
- Q **centrifugal** radiating; departing from the center
- Q **centrifuge** machine that separates substances by whirling them
- Q **centripetal** tending toward the center

- Q **centurion** Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)
- Q **cerebral** pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum
- Q **cerebration** thought; working of the brain
- ♣ **ceremonious** marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF. ceremony: conventional social courtesy
- ♥ **unceremonious** not done politely without due formalities
- ♣ **certitude** certainty
- Q **cessation** stoppage
- ♣ **cession** yielding to another; ceding
- ♣ **chafe** warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.
- ♣ **chaff** worthless products of an endeavor; husk(outer seed cover) separated from grain; Ex. separate the wheat from the chaff
- ♣ **chaffing** bantering; joking
- ♣ **chagrin** annoyance and disappointment; vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride)
- ♣ **chalice** goblet; consecrated cup
- Q **chameleon** lizard that changes color in different situations

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- Q **champion** support militantly; fight for; N: person who fights for or supports strongly (a principle, movement, person, etc.)
- ♥ **championship** position of champion; defense or support; competition held to determine a champion
- Q **chaotic** in utter disorder
- Q **charisma** divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism

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