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Word	Pronunciation	Part of Speech	Origin	Meaning
abolish	//əˈbɒlɪʃ//	VERB	Latin	To formally put an end to a system, practice, or institution.
abstemious	//æbˈstiːmiəs//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Not self-indulgent, especially when eating and drinking.
abysmal	//əˈbɪzməl//	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Extremely bad; appalling.
accord	//əˈkoːd//	VERB	Latin/Old French	To give or grant someone power, status, or recognition; to be harmonious or consistent with.
accordance	//əˈkoːdəns//	NOUN	Old French	Conformity or agreement.
acerbic	//əˈsɜːbɪk//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Tasting sour or bitter; harsh or severe in temper or expression.
acrimonious	//ækɪˈməniəs//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Angry and bitter, typically in speech or debate.
adaptable	//əˈdæptəbəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Able to adjust to new conditions.
adjective	//ˈædʒɪktɪv//	NOUN	Latin	A word naming an attribute of a noun.
adopt	//əˈdɒpt//	VERB	Latin	To legally take another's child and bring it up as one's own; to choose to take up or follow an idea.
aesthetic	//iːsˈθɛtɪk//	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty.
affluent	//ˈæfluːənt//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Having a great deal of money; wealthy.
afraid	//əˈfreɪd//	ADJECTIVE	Old French	Feeling fear or anxiety; frightened.
aimless	//ˈeɪmləs//	ADJECTIVE	Old French/Old English	Without purpose or direction.
alike	//əˈlaɪk//	ADJECTIVE	Old English	Similar to each other.
almighty	//ɔːlˈmaɪti//	ADJECTIVE	Old English	Having complete power; omnipotent.
aloof	//əˈluːf//	ADJECTIVE	Middle English	Cool and distant; not friendly or forthcoming.
amalgam	//əˈmælgəm//	NOUN	Greek/Arabic/Medieval Latin	A mixture or blend; an alloy of mercury with another metal.
amenable	//əˈmiːnəbəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/French	Open and responsive to suggestion; easily persuaded or controlled.
amend	//əˈmɛnd//	VERB	Latin/French	To make minor changes in a text in order to make it fairer, more accurate, or more up-to-date.
analogy	//əˈnælədʒi//	NOUN	Greek	A comparison between two things, typically for the purpose of explanation or clarification.
anomaly	//əˈnɒməli//	NOUN	Greek	Something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.
antebellum	//æntɪˈbɛləm//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Occurring or existing before a particular war, especially the American Civil War.

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anxiety	//æŋ'zæti//	NOUN	Latin	A feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease, typically about an imminent event or something with an uncertain outcome.
append	//ə'pend//	VERB	Latin	To add something as an attachment or supplement.
apprehensive	//,æprɪ'hensɪv//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen.
apprentice	//ə'prentɪs//	NOUN	Old French/Latin	A person who is learning a trade from a skilled employer.
arduous	//ɑ:djuəs//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring.
arrear	//ə'riə//	NOUN	Latin/Old French	The state of being behind in payments or work (usually plural: arrears).
ascendancy	//ə'scendənsi//	NOUN	Latin	Governing or controlling influence; domination.
asphalt	//'æsfælt//	NOUN	Greek/Latin	A dark brown to black mixture of hydrocarbons used for surfacing roads.
assurance	//ə'ʃʊərəns//	NOUN	French	A positive declaration intended to give confidence
asymmetry	//eɪ'sɪmɪtri//	NOUN	Greek	Lack of equivalence or symmetry between parts
atrophy	//'ætɹəfi//	NOUN	Greek	The wasting away of body tissue or an organ; gradual decline in effectiveness or vigor due to underuse or neglect.
attest	//ə'test//	VERB	Latin	To provide or serve as clear evidence of
auspicious	//ɔ:'spɪʃəs//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Conducive to success; favorable.
authorization	//ɔ:θəraɪ'zeɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	Official permission or approval
avow	//ə'vaʊ//	VERB	Latin	To assert or confess openly
balloon	//bə'lu:n//	NOUN/VERB	Italian	A brightly colored rubber bag filled with air or gas
bankrupt	//'bæŋkrʌpt//	ADJECTIVE/NOUN	Italian	Declared in law unable to pay outstanding debts
basalt	//bə'sɔ:lt//	NOUN	Latin	A dark, fine-grained volcanic rock
beanstalk	//'bi:nstɔ:k//	NOUN	Old English	The stem of a bean plant
beguile	//br'gaɪl//	VERB	Middle English/Old French	To charm or enchant someone, sometimes in a deceptive way.
behave	//br'heɪv//	VERB	Old English	Act or conduct oneself in a specified way, especially toward others
beneficial	//,benɪ'fɪʃəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Favorable or advantageous; resulting in good
bestseller	//'best,sɛlə//	NOUN	English	A book or other product that sells in very large numbers
billfold	//'bɪl,fəʊld//	NOUN	English	A wallet, especially a thin one for paper money
birdcage	//'bɜ:rd,keɪdʒ//	NOUN	Old English/Latin	A cage in which birds are kept
blame	//bleɪm//	VERB/NOUN	Greek/Latin	Assign responsibility for a fault or wrong
blossom	//'blɒsəm//	NOUN/VERB	Old English	A flower or a mass of flowers, especially on a tree or bush

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boil	//bɔɪl//	VERB/NOUN	Latin	Reach or cause to reach the temperature at which it bubbles and turns to vapor
borough	//'bʌrə//	NOUN	Old English	A town or district which is an administrative unit
bounty	//'baʊnti//	NOUN	Old French	A sum paid by a government to encourage trade, or generosity
bourgeois	//'buəʒwɑː//	ADJECTIVE	French	Of or characteristic of the middle class, typically with reference to its perceived materialistic values or conventional attitudes.
braise	//breɪz//	VERB	French	Fry food lightly and then stew it slowly in a closed container
breath	//breθ//	NOUN	Old English	The air taken into and expelled from the lungs
brogan	//'brɒɡən//	NOUN	Irish	A heavy leather shoe reaching to the ankle
brother	//'brʌðə//	NOUN	Old English	A man or boy in relation to other sons and daughters of his parents
buckram	//'bʌkrəm//	NOUN	Old French	Coarse linen or other cloth stiffened with gum or paste
buoyancy	//'bɔɪənsi//	NOUN	Spanish/Dutch	The ability or tendency to float in water or air or fluid
byproduct	//'baɪprɒdʌkt//	NOUN	English	An incidental or secondary product made in the manufacture of something else
cajole	//kə'dʒəʊl//	VERB	French	To persuade someone to do something by sustained coaxing or flattery.
calcium	//'kælsiəm//	NOUN	Latin	A soft gray chemical element, essential for living organisms
campaign	//kæm'peɪn//	NOUN/VERB	Latin/French	An organized course of action to achieve a goal
canister	//'kænɪstər//	NOUN	Greek/Latin	A round or cylindrical container used for storing tea, flour, etc.
cape	//keɪp//	NOUN	Latin/Old French	A sleeveless garment fastened at the neck and hanging over the back and shoulders
captivate	//'kæptɪ,keɪt//	VERB	Latin	Attract and hold the interest and attention of; charm
card	//kɑːrd//	NOUN/VERB	Greek/Latin	A piece of thick, stiff paper or thin pasteboard, used for writing or printing
cark	//kɑːrk//	VERB/NOUN	Old French	To worry or cause anxiety to someone
cascade	//kæs'keɪd//	NOUN/VERB	Italian/French	A small waterfall, typically one of several that fall in stages down a steep rocky slope
castigate	//'kæstɪ,keɪt//	VERB	Latin	Reprimand someone severely; punish
catalyst	//'kætəlɪst//	NOUN	Greek	A substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change; a person or thing that precipitates an event.
caterwaul	//'kætər,wɔːl//	VERB/NOUN	Middle English	Make a shrill howling or wailing noise like that of a cat
ceremonial	//sə're'mouniəl//	ADJECTIVE/NOUN	Latin	Relating to or used for formal events of a public or ritual character
chasm	//'kæzəm//	NOUN	Greek	A deep fissure in the earth, rock, or another surface

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civility	//sɪˈvɪlɪti//	NOUN	Latin	Formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech.
civilization	//ˌsɪvəlaɪˈzeɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	The stage of human social development and organization that is considered most advanced
colleague	//ˈkɒliːg//	NOUN	Latin/French	A person with whom one works in a profession or business.
colonial	//kəˈləʊniəl//	ADJECTIVE/NOUN	Latin	Relating to or characteristic of a colony or colonies
community	//kəˈmjʊːnɪti//	NOUN	Latin/Old French	A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common
complaint	//kəmˈpleɪnt//	NOUN	Old French	A statement that a situation is unsatisfactory or unacceptable
compulsory	//kəmˈpʊlsəri//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Required by law or a rule; obligatory
conceivable	//kənˈsiːvəbəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/Old French	Capable of being imagined or grasped mentally.
conducive	//kənˈdjuːsɪv//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.
conform	//kənˈfɔːrm//	VERB	Latin	Comply with rules, standards, or laws
conservation	//ˌkɒnsəˈveɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	The action of conserving something, especially the environment, wildlife, or resources.
constrain	//kənˈstreɪn//	VERB	Latin/Old French	Compel or force someone toward a particular course of action
contrary	//ˈkɒntrəri//	ADJECTIVE/NOUN	Latin	Opposite in nature, direction, or meaning
contrite	//kənˈtraɪt//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Feeling or expressing remorse or penitence; affected by guilt.
conversation	//ˌkɒnvərˈseɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin/Old French	A talk, especially an informal one, between two or more people
corpulent	//ˈkɔːpjələnt//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Fat; obese.
council	//ˈkaʊnsəl//	NOUN	Latin/Old French	An advisory, deliberative, or administrative body of people formally constituted
cryptic	//ˈkrɪptɪk//	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure.
currency	//ˈkʌrənsɪ//	NOUN	Latin	A system of money in common use in a country.
decipher	//dɪˈsaɪfər//	VERB	Latin/French/Arabic	To convert a text written in code or a coded signal into normal language.
decorum	//dɪˈkɔːrəm//	NOUN	Latin	Behavior in keeping with good taste and propriety.
define	//dɪˈfaɪn//	VERB	Latin	To state or describe exactly the nature, scope, or meaning of.
demographic	//ˌdɛməˈɡræfɪk//	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Relating to the structure of populations.
demonstrate	//ˈdɛmənstreɪt//	VERB	Latin	To clearly show the existence or truth of something by giving proof or evidence.
desire	//dɪˈzaɪər//	NOUN	Latin/French	A strong feeling of wanting to have something or wishing for something to happen.
desultory	//ˈdɛsəltəri//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Lacking a plan, purpose, or enthusiasm; going from one subject to another in a half-hearted way.

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detrimental	//dɛtrɪ'mɛntəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Tending to cause harm.
diffident	//'dɪfɪdnt//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence.
disaster	//dɪ'zɑːstər//	NOUN	Italian/Greek	A sudden event, such as an accident or a natural catastrophe, that causes great damage or loss of life.
disguise	//dɪs'gaɪz//	VERB	French	To give a new appearance to a person or thing, especially in order to hide its true form or identity.
diversification	//daɪ'vɜːsɪfɪkə'seɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	The action of making or becoming more diverse or varied.
drought	//draʊt//	NOUN	Old English	A prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water.
ecstatic	//ɪk'stætɪk//	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Feeling or expressing overwhelming happiness or joyful excitement.
elaboration	//ɪ'læbə'reɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	The addition of more detail concerning what has already been said.
emergence	//ɪ'mɜːdʒəns//	NOUN	Latin	The process of coming into view or becoming active or established.
energetic	//ɛnə'dʒɛtɪk//	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Showing or involving great activity or vitality.
enthral	//ɪn'θrɔːl//	VERB	Old English/Old Norse	To capture the fascinated attention of.
equilibrium	//ɪ'kwɪ'lɪbrɪəm//	NOUN	Latin	A state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced.
etymology	//ɛtɪ'mɒlədʒi//	NOUN	Greek	The study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history.
exemplary	//ɪg'zɛmpləri//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Serving as a desirable model; representing the best of its kind.
explanation	//ɛksplə'neɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	A statement or account that makes something clear.
extract	//ɪk'strækt//	VERB	Latin	To remove or take out, especially by effort or force.
familiar	//fə'mɪliər//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Well known from long or close association.
flamboyant	//flæm'bɔɪənt//	ADJECTIVE	French	Tending to attract attention because of their exuberance, confidence, and stylishness.
formulate	//'fɔːmjʊleɪt//	VERB	Latin	To create or prepare methodically.
frivolous	//'frɪvələs//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Not having any serious purpose or value.
garment	//'gɑːmənt//	NOUN	French	An item of clothing.
graceful	//'greɪsfʊl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/French/English	Having or showing grace or elegance.
guidance	//'gaɪdəns//	NOUN	French/English	Advice or information aimed at resolving a problem or difficulty, especially as given by someone in authority.
hereditary	//hɪ'rɛdɪtəri//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Conferred by or based on inheritance.

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hospital	//ˈhɒspɪtəl//	NOUN	Latin/French	An institution providing medical and surgical treatment and nursing care for sick or injured people.
ignominious	//ˌɪɡnəˈmɪniəs//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Deserving or causing public disgrace or shame.
impeccable	//ɪmˈpekəbəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	In accordance with the highest standards of propriety; faultless.
impose	//ɪmˈpəʊz//	VERB	Latin/French	To force something unwelcome or unfamiliar to be accepted or put in place.
incredible	//ɪnˈkredəbəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Impossible to believe; extraordinary.
inferior	//ɪnˈfɪəriər//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Lower in rank, status, or quality.
innocent	//ˈɪnəsənt//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Not guilty of a crime or offense.
institution	//ˌɪnstɪˈtjuːʃən//	NOUN	Latin	An organization founded for a religious, educational, professional, or social purpose.
invest	//ɪnˈvest//	VERB	Latin/Italian	To put money into financial schemes, shares, property, or a commercial venture with the expectation of achieving a profit.
irritate	//ˈɪrɪteɪt//	VERB	Latin	To make someone annoyed, impatient, or angry.
kindle	//ˈkɪndəl//	VERB	Old Norse	To light or set on fire; to arouse or inspire an emotion.
leisurely	//ˈleɪʒəli//	ADJECTIVE	French/English	Acting or done without hurry; relaxed.
litigation	//ˌlɪtɪˈɡeɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	The process of taking legal action.
luxuriant	//ˈlʌgˈʒʊəriənt//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Of vegetation rich and profuse in growth; lush.
martyr	//ˈmɑːtər//	NOUN	Greek/Old English	A person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs.
melodramatic	//ˌmɛlədrəˈmætɪk//	ADJECTIVE	Greek/French	Characteristic of melodrama, especially in being exaggerated, sensationalized, or overemotional.
metaphorical	//ˌmɛtəˈfɒrɪkəl//	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Characteristic of or relating to metaphor; figurative.
mission	//ˈmɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	An important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, typically involving travel.
monumental	//ˌmɒnjuˈmentəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Great in importance, extent, or size.
navigation	//ˌnævɪˈɡeɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	The process or activity of accurately ascertaining one's position and planning and following a route.
normative	//ˈnɔːmətɪv//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Establishing, relating to, or deriving from a standard or norm, especially of behavior.
objection	//əbˈdʒɛkʃən//	NOUN	Latin	An expression or feeling of disapproval or opposition; a reason for disagreeing.
occupy	//ˈɒkjupaɪ//	VERB	Latin/French	To reside or have one's place of business in; to fill or take up space or time.
onerous	//əʊnərəs//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/French	Of a task or duty involving an amount of effort and difficulty that is oppressively burdensome.
ordinary	//ˈɔːdɪnəri//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	With no special or distinctive features; normal.

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overcome	//əʊvə'kʌm//	VERB	Old English	To succeed in dealing with a problem or difficulty.
parameter	//pə'reɪmɪtər//	NOUN	Greek	A limit or boundary that defines the scope of a particular process or activity.
patience	//'peɪʃəns//	NOUN	Latin/French	The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.
permission	//pə'mɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	Approval to do something; formal consent.
philosophy	//fɪ'lɒsəfi//	NOUN	Greek	The study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence.
position	//pə'zɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin/French	A place where someone or something is located or has been put.
predicament	//prɪ'dɪkəmənt//	NOUN	Latin	A difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation.
presumptuous	//prɪ'zʌmptʃʊəs//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/French	Of a person or their behavior failing to observe what is limits or appropriate; brazen.
procrastinate	//prəʊ'kræstɪneɪt//	VERB	Latin	To delay or postpone action; put off doing something.
promise	//'prɒmɪs//	NOUN	Latin	A declaration or assurance that one will do something or that a particular thing will happen.
prudence	//'pruːdəns//	NOUN	Latin	The quality of being prudent; cautiousness.
quandary	//'kwɒndəri//	NOUN	Latin	A state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation.
radiant	//'reɪdiənt//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Sending out light; shining or glowing brightly.
receive	//rɪ'siːv//	VERB	Latin/French	To be given, presented with, or paid something.
reform	//rɪ'fɔːm//	VERB	Latin/French	To make changes in something, typically a social, political, or economic institution or practice, in order to improve it.
reign	//reɪn//	NOUN	Latin/French	The period during which a sovereign rules.
relinquishment	//rɪ'lɪŋkwɪʃmənt//	NOUN	Latin/French	The act of giving up or releasing a claim, right, or possession.
renewable	//rɪ'njuːəbəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/French/English	Capable of being renewed.
rescind	//rɪ'sɪnd//	VERB	Latin/French	To revoke, cancel, or repeal a law, order, or agreement.
resolution	//ˌrezə'luːʃən//	NOUN	Latin	A firm decision to do or not to do something.
reverberate	//rɪ'vɜːbəreɪt//	VERB	Latin	Of a loud noise be repeated several times as an echo.
rudimentary	//ruːdɪ'mentəri//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Involving or relating to an immature, undeveloped, or basic form.
scheme	//skiːm//	NOUN	Greek/Latin	A large-scale systematic plan or arrangement for attaining some particular object or putting a particular idea into effect.
sensation	//sɛn'seɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	A physical feeling or perception resulting from something that happens to or comes into contact with the body.

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severe	//sɪ'viər//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Of something bad or undesirable very great; intense or harsh.
solicitous	//sə'lisɪtəs//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Showing interest or concern.
sphere	//sfɪər//	NOUN	Greek/Latin/French	A round solid figure, or a sphere of influence or activity.
stringent	//'strɪndʒənt//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Of regulations, requirements, or conditions strict, precise, and exacting.
superficial	//su:pə'fɪʃəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/French	Existing or occurring at or on the surface; not deep or thorough.
suspect	//sə'spekt//	VERB	Latin	To have an idea or impression of the existence, presence, or truth of something without certain proof.
tangible	//'tændʒəbəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Perceptible by touch; clear and definite; real.
tenacity	//tɪ'næsɪti//	NOUN	Latin	The quality or fact of being able to grip something firmly; determination.
topographical	//,tɒpə'græfɪkəl//	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Relating to the arrangement of the physical features of an area.
transportation	//,træns'pɔ:t'eɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin	The action of transporting someone or something or the process of being transported.
typical	//'tɪpɪkəl//	ADJECTIVE	Greek/Latin	Characteristic of a particular person, group, or thing.
universal	//ju:nɪ'vɜ:səl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/French	Of, affecting, or done by all people or things in the world or in a particular group; applicable to all cases.
vague	//veɪg//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/French	Of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning.
verification	//,vɛrɪfɪ'keɪʃən//	NOUN	Latin/French	The process of establishing the truth, accuracy, or validity of something.
virtual	//'vɜ:tʃʊəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/French	Almost or nearly as described, but not completely or according to strict definition; carried out or accessed by means of a computer network.
warrant	//'wɒrənt//	NOUN	Germanic/French	A document issued by a legal or government official authorizing the police or some other body to make an arrest, search premises, or carry out some other action relating to the administration of justice.
withstand	//wɪð'stænd//	VERB	Old English	To offer strong resistance to; oppose or resist successfully.
zealousness	//'zɛləsnəs//	NOUN	Greek/Latin/French	The quality of being full of zeal; passionate dedication or enthusiasm.