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Word	Pronunciation	Part of Speech	Origin	Meaning
abjure	/əb'dʒʊər/	VERB	Latin / Old French	Solemnly renounce a belief, cause, or claim.
abstract	/ˈæbstrækt/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical or concrete existence.
accolade	/ˈækələɪd/	NOUN	Provençal / French	An award or privilege granted as a special honor or as an acknowledgment of merit.
accountable	/ə'kauntəbəl/	ADJECTIVE	Old French / English	Required or expected to justify actions or decisions; responsible.
achieve	/ə'tʃiːv/	VERB	Old French	Successfully bring to a desired objective or result by effort, skill, or courage.
acuity	/ə'kjuːti/	NOUN	Latin / French	Sharpness or keenness of thought, vision, or hearing.
adequate	/ˈædɪkwət/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity.
adhesive	/əd'hiːsɪv/	NOUN	Latin / English	A substance used for sticking objects or materials together; glue.
adornment	/ə'dɔːrnmənt/	NOUN	Old French	A thing which adorns or decorates; an ornament.
aerial	/ˈɛəriəl/	ADJECTIVE	Greek / Latin	Existing, happening, or operating in the air.
affable	/ˈæfəbəl/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / French	Friendly, good-natured, or easy to talk to.
aftermath	/ˈæftərmæθ/	NOUN	English	The consequences or aftereffects of a significant unpleasant event.
ailment	/ˈeɪlmənt/	NOUN	English	An illness, typically a minor one.
alignment	/ə'laɪnmənt/	NOUN	French	Arrangement in a straight line, or in correct relative positions.
allotment	/ə'lɒtmənt/	NOUN	Old French / English	A plot of land rented by an individual for growing vegetables or flowers; an amount of something allocated to a particular person.
allude	/ə'luːd/	VERB	Latin	Suggest or call attention to indirectly; hint at.
already	/ɔːl'reɪdi/	ADVERB	English	Before or by now or the time in question; as early as now.
amalgamate	/ə'mælgəmeɪt/	VERB	Greek / Latin	Combine or unite to form one organization or structure.
amenable	/ə'miːnəbəl/	ADJECTIVE	Anglo-Norman	Open and responsive to suggestion; easily persuaded or controlled.
amok	/ə'mʌk/	ADVERB	Malay	Behave uncontrollably and disruptively.
analysis	/ə'næləsɪs/	NOUN	Greek	Detailed examination of the elements or structure of something.
analytical	/ˌænə'lɪtɪkəl/	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Relating to or using analysis or logical reasoning.
animosity	/ˌænɪ'mɒsɪti/	NOUN	Latin	Strong hostility or ill will.

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antenna	//æn'tɛnə//	NOUN	Latin	A rod, wire, or other device used to transmit or receive radio or television signals; feeler of an insect.
aphasia	//ə'feɪzə//	NOUN	Greek	A medical condition characterized by an inability to understand or produce speech.
applause	/ə'plɔ:z/	NOUN	Latin	Approval or praise expressed by clapping.
appreciate	//ə'pri:ʃieɪt//	VERB	Latin	Recognize the full worth of; understand a situation fully; rise in value.
arbiter	//'ɑ:rbɪtər//	NOUN	Latin	A person who settles a dispute or has ultimate authority in a matter.
ardent	//'ɑ:rdənt//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/French	Enthusiastic or passionate.
arduous	/'ɑ:rdʒuəs/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring.
ascendancy	//ə'sɛndənsi//	NOUN	Latin	Occupation of a position of dominant power or influence.
assent	//ə'sɛnt//	NOUN	Latin/Old French	The expression of approval or agreement.
asteroid	//'æstərɔɪd//	NOUN	Greek	A small rocky body orbiting the sun.
attenuate	/ə'tɛnjueɪt/	VERB	Latin	Reduce the force, effect, or value of; make thin or slender.
attic	//'ætɪk//	NOUN	Greek/Latin	A space or room inside or partly inside the roof of a house.
augment	//ɔ:g'mɛnt//	VERB	Latin/Old French	Make something greater by adding to it; increase.
autonomous	//ɔ:'tɒnəməs//	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Having the freedom to govern itself or control its own affairs; independent.
aware	//ə'weər//	ADJECTIVE	Old English	Having knowledge or perception of a situation or fact.
bacterium	//bæk'tɛəriəm//	NOUN	Greek/Latin	A member of a large group of unicellular microorganisms which have cell walls but lack an organized nucleus.
balsam	//'bɔ:lsəm//	NOUN	Greek/Latin	An aromatic resinous substance exuded by various trees, valued for medical and cosmetic purposes.
bargain	//'bɑ:rgɪn//	NOUN	Old French	An agreement between two or more parties as to what each party will do for the other.
baseboard	//'beɪsbɔ:rd//	NOUN	English	A narrow wooden board running along the base of an interior wall.
battlement	//'bætəlmənt//	NOUN	Old French	A parapet at the top of a wall, especially of a fort or castle, that has regularly spaced squared openings for shooting through.
beatitude	//bi:'ætɪtju:d//	NOUN	Latin	Supreme blessedness; the blessings listed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.
behalf	//br'hɑ:f//	NOUN	Old English	In the interest of; as a representative of.
belie	/br'laɪ/	VERB	English	Fail to give a true notion or impression of something; disguise or contradict.
bend	//bɛnd//	VERB	Old English	Shape or force something straight into a curve or angle.

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beside	//bɪ'saɪd//	PREPOSITION	Old English	At the side of; next to.
biennial	//baɪ'ɛniəl//	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Taking place every two years.
bioluminescent	//ˌbaɪəʊluːmɪ'nɛs ənt//	ADJECTIVE	Greek/Latin	Relating to the biochemical emission of light by living organisms.
blandishment	//'blændɪʃmənt//	NOUN	Latin/Old French	A pleasing or flattering speech or action used to persuade someone gently to do something.
bloat	//bləʊt//	VERB	Old Norse	Make swollen with fluid or gas.
bolster	/'bəʊlstər/	VERB	English	Support or strengthen; prop up.
bonanza	//bə'nænzə//	NOUN	Spanish	A situation or event that creates a sudden and large increase in wealth, success, or luck.
bottle	//'bɒtəl//	NOUN	Medieval Latin/Old French	A container, typically made of glass or plastic, with a narrow neck, used for storing liquids.
bowspirit	//'bəʊsprɪt//	NOUN	Middle Low German/Dutch	A spar projecting forward from the bow of a sailing vessel (traditionally spelled bowsprit).
brawn	//brɔːn//	NOUN	Old French	Physical strength in contrast to intelligence.
brief	//briːf//	ADJECTIVE	Latin/Old French	Of short duration; concise.
bromide	//'brəʊmaɪd//	NOUN	Greek	A compound of bromine with another element or group; a trite and unoriginal remark.
buffer	//'bʌfər//	NOUN	English	A person or thing that reduces a shock or that forms a barrier between incompatible things.
bungalow	//'bʌŋɡələʊ//	NOUN	Hindi/Gujarati	A low house having only one story or, in some cases, upper rooms set in the roof.
busy	//'bɪzi//	ADJECTIVE	Old English	Having a great deal to do; occupied with activity.
cacao	//kə'kaʊ//	NOUN	Nahuatl/Spanish	Seed from which cocoa and chocolate are made.
caliber	//'kælɪbər//	NOUN	Arabic/French	The quality of someone's character or the level of their ability; the internal diameter of a gun barrel.
calligraphy	//kə'lɪɡrəfi/	NOUN	Greek	Decorative handwriting or handwritten lettering.
camelia	//kə'miːliə//	NOUN	Latin	An evergreen shrub with shiny leaves and large showy blossoms (traditionally spelled camellia, named after Kamel).
canon	/'kænən/	NOUN	Greek	A general law, rule, principle, or criterion by which something is judged.
caparison	/kə'pærɪsən/	NOUN	Spanish / French	An ornamental covering for a horse.
carbon	/'kɑːrbən/	NOUN	Latin	The chemical element of atomic number 6, a nonmetal which has two main forms (diamond and graphite).
carrot	/'kærət/	NOUN	Greek / Latin	A tapering orange-colored root eaten as a vegetable.
casual	/'kæʒuəl/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Relaxed and unconcerned; or happening by chance.

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cauliflower	/ˈkɒlɪflaʊər/	NOUN	Italian / Latin	A cabbage of a variety which bears a large immature flower head of small close-packed white buds.
celebration	/ˌsɛlɪˈbreɪʃən/	NOUN	Latin	The action of marking one's pleasure at an important event or occasion by engaging in enjoyable social activity.
challenge	/ˈtʃælɪndʒ/	NOUN	Latin / Old French	A call to take part in a contest or a demanding task.
chemistry	/ˈkɛmɪstri/	NOUN	Arabic / Greek	The branch of science that deals with the identification of the substances of which matter is composed.
circumference	/səˈkʌmfərəns/	NOUN	Latin	The enclosing boundary of a curved geometric figure, especially a circle.
cognitive	/ˈkɒɡnɪtɪv/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Relating to or involving conscious mental activities such as thinking, understanding, and remembering.
coherent	/kəʊˈhɪərənt/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Logical and consistent; forming a unified whole.
column	/ˈkɒləm/	NOUN	Latin	An upright pillar, typically cylindrical, supporting a structure; or a vertical division of a page.
communication	/kəˌmjuːnɪˈkeɪʃən/	NOUN	Latin	The imparting or exchanging of information or news.
compile	/kəmˈpaɪl/	VERB	Latin / Old French	Produce something by assembling information collected from other sources.
compliment	/ˈkɒmplɪmənt/	NOUN	Latin / Italian	A polite expression of praise or admiration.
conciliatory	/kənˈsɪliətəri/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Intended or likely to placate or pacify.
concise	/kənˈsaɪs/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / French	Giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive.
confirmation	/ˌkɒnfərˈmeɪʃən/	NOUN	Latin	The action of confirming something or the state of being confirmed; verification.
consequence	/ˈkɒnsɪkwəns/	NOUN	Latin	A result or effect of an action or condition.
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consult	/kənˈsʌlt/	VERB	Latin	Seek information or advice from someone with expertise in a particular area.
contradict	/ˌkɒntɹəˈdɪkt/	VERB	Latin	Deny the truth of a statement, especially by asserting the opposite.
convenient	/kənˈviːniənt/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Fitting in well with a person's needs, activities, and plans; easy to use.
courageous	/kəˈreɪdʒəs/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / Old French	Not deterred by danger or pain; brave.
covet	/ˈkʌvɪt/	VERB	Old French / Latin	Yearn to possess or have something belonging to another.
cryptic	/ˈkrɪptɪk/	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure.
curriculum	/kəˈrɪkjʊləm/	NOUN	Latin	The subjects comprising a course of study in a school or college.

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debate	/dɪˈbeɪt/	NOUN	Latin / Old French	A formal discussion on a particular topic in a public meeting or legislative assembly, in which opposing arguments are put forward.
defect	/ˈdiːfɛkt/	NOUN	Latin	A shortcoming, imperfection, or lack.
demographic	/ˌdɛməˈɡræfɪk/	ADJECTIVE	Greek	Relating to the structure of populations.
denote	/dɪˈneʊt/	VERB	Latin / French	Be a sign of; indicate; stand as a name or symbol for.
derive	/dɪˈraɪv/	VERB	Latin / Old French	Obtain something from a specified source.
destination	/ˌdɛstɪˈneɪʃən/	NOUN	Latin / French	The place to which someone or something is going or being sent.
devote	/dɪˈvəʊt/	VERB	Latin	Give all or a large part of one's time or resources to a person, activity, or cause.
difficulty	/ˈdɪfɪkəlti/	NOUN	Latin / French	The state or condition of being difficult or hard to do or understand.
discover	/dɪsˈkʌvər/	VERB	Old French	Find unexpectedly or during a search.
dispute	/dɪsˈpjuːt/	NOUN	Latin	A disagreement, argument, or debate.
divergent	/daɪˈvɜːrdʒənt/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Tending to be different or develop in different directions.
doubtful	/ˈdaʊtful/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / French / English	Feeling uncertain about something; unlikely to be true or successful.
elegant	/ˈɛlɪɡənt/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Pleasingly graceful and stylish in appearance or manner.
empathy	/ˈɛmpəθi/	NOUN	Greek	The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
enlightenment	/ɪnˈlaɪtənmənt/	NOUN	English	The action of enlightening or the state of being enlightened; a European intellectual movement of the 17th–18th centuries.
equipment	/ɪˈkwɪpmənt/	NOUN	French	The necessary items for a particular purpose.
euphemism	/ˈjuːfəˈmɪzəm/	NOUN	Greek	A mild or indirect word or expression substituted for one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing.
excess	/ɪkˈsɛs/	NOUN	Latin / French	An amount of something that is more than necessary, permitted, or desirable.
expediency	/ɪkˈspiːdiənsi/	NOUN	Latin	The quality of being convenient and practical despite being improper or immoral; convenience.
extraneous	/ɪkˈstreɪniəs/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Irrelevant or unrelated to the subject being dealt with.
favorable	/ˈfeɪvərəbəl/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / Old French	Expressing approval or giving consent; advantageous or suitable.
flourish	/ˈflʌrɪʃ/	VERB	Latin / Old French	Grow or develop healthy or vigorously; thrive.
fractious	/ˈfrækʃəs/	ADJECTIVE	English	Irritable and quarrelsome; difficult to control.
gallery	/ˈɡæləri/	NOUN	Latin / Italian / French	A room or building for the display or sale of works of art.

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germinate	/ˈdʒɜːrminet/	VERB	Latin	Begin to grow and put out shoots after a period of dormancy, as a seed.
gravity	/ˈgræviti/	NOUN	Latin	The force that attracts a body toward the center of the earth, or toward any other physical body having mass; seriousness.
haphazard	/hæpˈhæzəd/	ADJECTIVE	Old Norse / French	Lacking any obvious principle of organization; random or chaotic.
homogenize	/həˈmɒdʒɪnaɪz/	VERB	Greek	Make uniform or similar; subject milk to a process in which the fat droplets are emulsified.
ignore	/ɪgˈnɔːr/	VERB	Latin / French	Refuse to take notice of or acknowledge; disregard intentionally.
impatient	/ɪmˈpeɪfənt/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / Old French	Having or showing a tendency to be quickly irritated or provoked; restless or eager.
incandescent	/ˌɪnkæˈnɛsənt/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Emitting light as a result of being heated; passionate or brilliant.
increase	/ɪnˈkriːs/	VERB	Latin / Old French	Become or make greater in size, amount, intensity, or degree.
inept	/ɪˈnept/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / French	Having or showing no skill; clumsy or incompetent.
information	/ˌɪnfəˈmeɪʃən/	NOUN	Latin / Old French	Facts provided or learned about something or someone.
reactionary	/rɪˈækʃənəri/	ADJECTIVE	French	Opposing political or social liberalization or reform.
reciprocal	/rɪˈsɪprəkəl/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Given, felt, or done in return; mutual.
regressive	/rɪˈɡresɪv/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / French	Returning to a less developed state; opposing progress.
rely	/rɪˈlaɪ/	VERB	Latin / Old French	Depend on with full trust or confidence.
repeat	/rɪˈpiːt/	VERB	Latin / Old French	Say or do something again.
resemble	/rɪˈzembəl/	VERB	Old French	Have qualities or features, especially those of appearance, in common with someone or something; look like.
resuscitate	/rɪˈsʌsɪteɪt/	VERB	Latin	Revive someone from unconsciousness or apparent death; bring back into use.
rigid	/ˈrɪdʒɪd/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Unable to bend or be forced out of shape; not flexible; strict and unyielding.
scholar	/ˈskɒlər/	NOUN	Greek / Latin / Old French	A specialist in a particular branch of study, especially the humanities; a distinguished academic.
senior	/ˈsiːniər/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Of a higher or highest rank or status; older or elder.
simple	/ˈsɪmpəl/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / Old French	Easily understood or done; presenting no difficulty; plain or basic.
sovereign	/ˈsovrɪn/	NOUN	Latin / Old French	A supreme ruler, especially a monarch.
stagnant	/ˈstæɡnənt/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Having no current or flow and often having an unpleasant smell as a consequence; showing no activity.
strength	/streŋθ/	NOUN	English	The quality or state of being physically or mentally strong; power or intensity.

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succinct	/sək'sɪŋkt/	ADJECTIVE	Latin	Briefly and clearly expressed; concise.
suppress	/sə'pres/	VERB	Latin	Forcibly put an end to; prevent the development, action, or expression of.
sustainable	/sə'steɪnəbəl/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / French / English	Able to be maintained at a certain rate or level; conserving an ecological balance.
tactic	/tæktɪk/	NOUN	Greek / Modern Latin	An action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end.
territory	/tə'rɪtəri/	NOUN	Latin	An area of land under the jurisdiction of a ruler or state.
tournament	/tʊərnəmənt/	NOUN	Old French	A series of contests between a number of competitors, who compete for an overall prize.
typographical	/tʌɪpə'græfɪkəl/	ADJECTIVE	Greek / English	Relating to the style, arrangement, or appearance of printed matter; relating to typography.
unify	/ˈjuːnɪfaɪ/	VERB	Latin / French	Make or become united, uniform, or whole.
vacant	/ˈveɪkənt/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / Old French	Having no fixtures, furniture, or inhabitants; empty; unoccupied.
vehicle	/ˈviːɪkəl/	NOUN	Latin / French	A thing used for transporting people or goods, especially on land, such as a car, truck, or cart; a medium for expressing or achieving something.
visible	/ˈvɪzəbəl/	ADJECTIVE	Latin / Old French	Able to be seen; perceptible to the eye; apparent or manifest.
wholesome	/ˈhəʊlsəm/	ADJECTIVE	English	Conducive to suggestive health or moral well-being; healthy.
youthful	/ˈjuːθfʊl/	ADJECTIVE	English	Remaining young or having the characteristics of youth; fresh or vigorous.