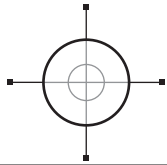
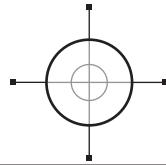


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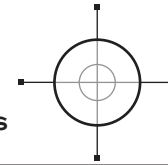
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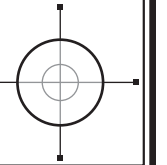
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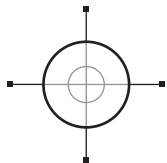
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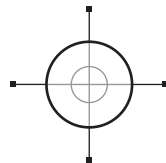
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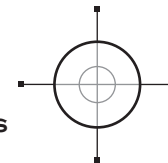
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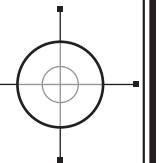
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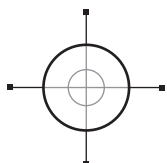
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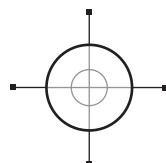
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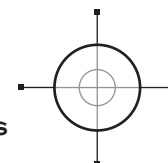
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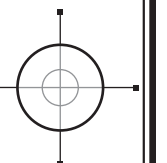
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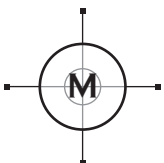
abhor

(vb.) to hate; to regard as horrible

*Abigail loves to garden, but she **abhors** snakes so she has given up her passion for fear of finding a snake while weeding.*

Word Forms: abhorrent, abhorrently, abhorrence, abhorrer

Related Word: horror



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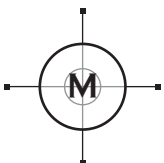
acute

(adj.) sharp

*The patient complained of **acute** pain in his lower right abdomen, leading the doctor to test for appendicitis.*

*The **acute** student quickly solved the difficult puzzle.*

Word Forms: acutely, acuteness



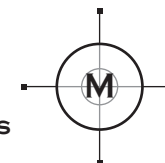
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adept

(adj.) highly skilled

*The **adept** juggler was able to juggle a golf ball, an orange, a volleyball, and a bowling ball all at the same time.*

Word Forms: adept (n.), adeptly, adeptness



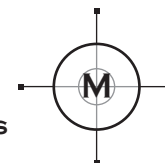
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adroit

(adj.) highly skilled, especially with one's hands

*The **adroit** mechanic was able to fix Addy's old car, even though six other mechanics said it couldn't be repaired.*

Word Forms: adroitly, adroitness



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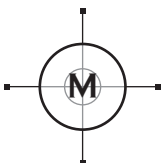
affable

(adj.) friendly

*In the fable, the **affable** princess was adored by everyone except for her three mean stepsisters who were angered by her friendliness.*

Word Forms: affably, affability, affableness

Antonym Forms: inaffable, inaffibility



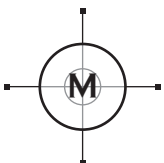
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agile

(adj.) moving quickly and lightly

*The **agile** monkey entertained the onlookers by effortlessly swinging from tree to tree in the enclosure.*

Word Forms: agilely, agileness, agility



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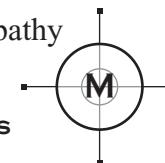
apathy

(n.) an absence of emotion or enthusiasm

*The teacher was disappointed in the students' **apathy** toward the field trip; she had mistakenly believed that this trip would finally excite them about learning.*

Word Forms: apathetic, apathetical, apathetically, apathist

Related Words: sympathy, empathy, antipathy



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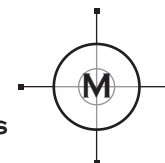
archaic

(adj.) so extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period

*The college cannot have sorority or fraternity houses because of an **archaic** town law that does not allow unmarried people to live together.*

Word Forms: archaically, archaism, archaistic, archaist

Related Word: archaeology

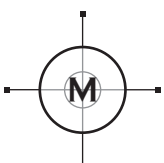


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ardor

(n.) intense passion

*Mrs. Armstrong, my English teacher, is known for her **ardor** for the literature William Faulkner; last summer she even visited his hometown in Mississippi in order to better visualize the settings of his books.*



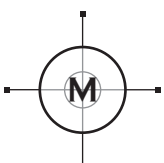
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arid

(adj.) dry; lacking rainfall

*My grandmother claims that Arizona's **arid** climate helps her arthritis, while Alabama's humidity makes her hands swell.*

Word Forms: aridity, aridness, aridly



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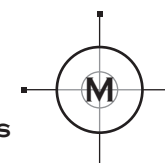
belligerent

(adj.) characteristic of an enemy or one eager to fight

*The **belligerent** student seemed to enjoy arguing with the teacher.*

Word Forms: belligerently, belligerence

Antonym Forms: nonbelligerent



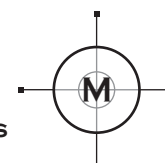
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cajole

(vb.) to influence by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering

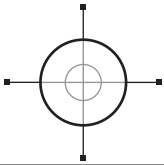
*Caleb **cajoled** his mother into letting him borrow the car by telling her how young and pretty she looked today.*

Word Forms: conjolement, conjolingly, conjolery, conjoler



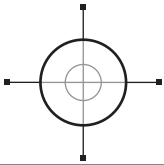
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confound



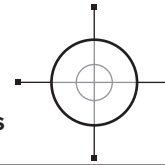
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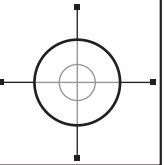
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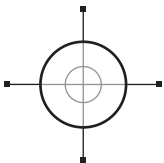
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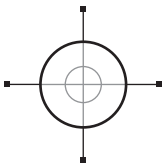
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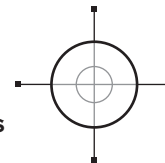
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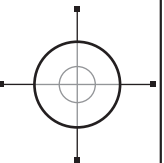
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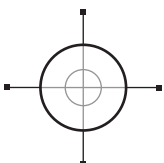
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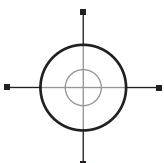
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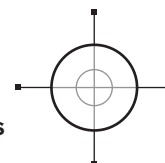
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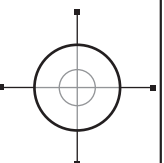
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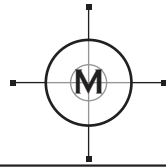
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caustic

(adj.) burning or stinging

*Cathy's **caustic** remark stung Kent; he could handle criticism about his job performance, but her bitter words were personal and offensive.*

Word Forms: caustically, causticly, causticness, causticity



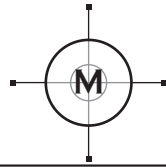
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cerebral

(adj.) involving intelligence rather than emotions or instinct

*Although Sarah was so angry that she wanted to quit the club, she decided to take a **cerebral** approach and weigh the costs before making a decision.*

Word Form: cerebrally
Related Word: cerebrum



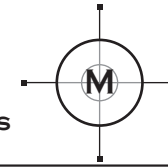
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concession

(n.) the act of giving in or the actual thing that was given up

*When the principal revoked our privilege to eat lunch off campus, she made a **concession** and allowed pizza to be delivered to the school once a week.*

Word Forms: concessional, concessionary
Related Word: concede



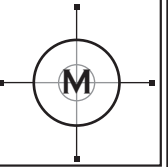
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confound

(vb.) to confuse

*Conan was **confounded** by the difficult SAT question.*

Word Forms: confoundable, confoundedly, confoundingly, confounder



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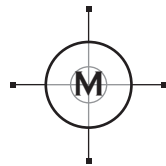
conspicuous

(adj.) obvious

*The realtor put the "For Sale" sign in a **conspicuous** spot in the front yard so that traffic in both directions could easily see it.*

Word Forms: conspicuously, conspicuousness, conspicuity

Antonym Forms: inconspicuous, inconspicuously, inconspicuousness



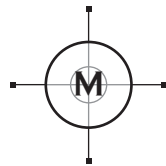
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conspire

(vb.) to work together, often in secret, to commit wrongful behavior

*A small group of students **conspired** to steal the rival school's mascot, but their plan was foiled by the police.*

Word Forms: conspiringly, conspiracy, conspiratory, conspiritorial, conspirator, conspirer



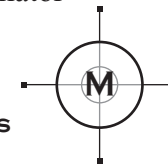
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consummate

(adj.) perfect and complete

*Constantine is the **consummate** host; he greets his guest, makes sure they are comfortable and enjoying themselves, and introduces new friends to everyone.*

Word Forms: consummate (vb.), consummately, consummatory, consummation, consummator



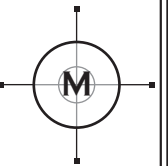
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cordial

(adj.) friendly and polite

*When I met Cordell, he was very **cordial**; he properly introduced himself and politely asked questions about my family and schooling.*

Word Forms: cordially, cordialness, cordiality
Antonym Form: uncordial



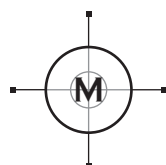
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curtail

(vb.) to cut short or restrict

*The public service message is intended to **curtail** drinking and driving.*

Word Forms: curtailedly, curtailment, curtailer,



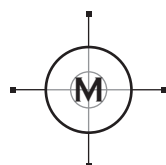
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daunt

(vb.) to cause to lose courage

*Don had finally worked up the courage to ride the roller coaster when he was **daunted** by the pale faces of the riders who had just completed the ride.*

Word Forms: dauntingly, dauntingness
Antonym Forms: dauntless, dauntlessly, dauntlessness, undaunted, undauntedly, undauntedness



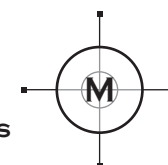
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debilitate

(vb.) to make weak

*Debbie was **debilitated** by the unusual virus; she had difficulty sitting up and was too weak to walk.*

Word Forms: debilitant, debilitation, debilitative, debility
Related Words: habilitate, rehabilitate



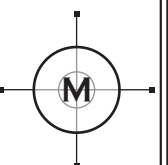
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decimate

(vb.) to destroy a large portion of

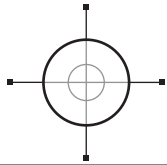
*In the fourteenth century, the plague **decimated** the population of Europe.*

Word Forms: decimation, decimator



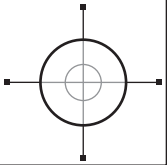
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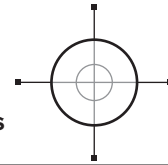
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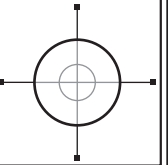
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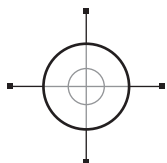
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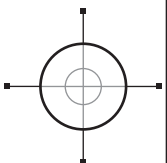
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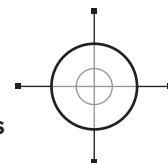
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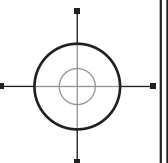
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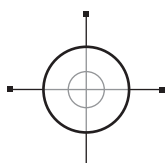
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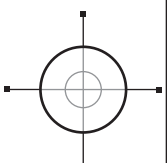
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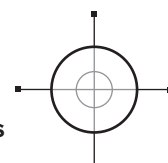
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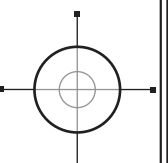
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embroil



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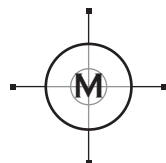
delineate

(vb.) to outline

In her speech, Delilah clearly **delineated** her plans for changing several school policies should she be elected class president.

Word Forms: delineable, delineative, delineation, delineament, delineatory, delineator

Antonym Form: undelineated



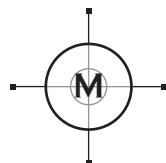
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despondent

(adj.) feeling or expressing hopelessness

Dessa became **despondent** when she received her rejection letter from the college.

Word Forms: despondently, despondence, despond, despondingly, desponder



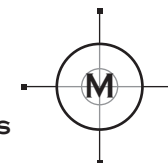
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destitute

(adj.) completely wanting or lacking (usually money, food, and shelter)

The homeless man wasn't always **destitute**; he once owned a large home and had a good-paying job, but poor money management led to bankruptcy.

Word Forms: destitutely, destituteness, destitution



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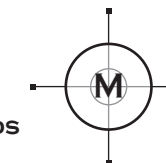
discord

(n.) disagreement

The school board's refusal to accept the terms of the teacher's contract created **discord** among the administrators and teachers.

Word Forms: discordance, discordant, discordantly

Antonym Forms: concord, accord



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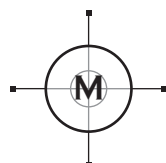
dissent

(vb.) to express a difference of opinion

Most of the class agreed that dogs could feel sadness, but Dionne **dissented**; she believed that dogs did not experience human emotions.

Word Forms: dissent (n.), dissentingly, dissension, dissentious, dissenter

Antonym Forms: assent, assentingly, assentation, assentor



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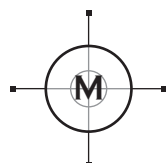
docile

(adj.) easily taught or managed

Although the tiger cub is now cuddly and **docile**, he will grow into a 600 pound beast that is difficult to manage and impossible to trust.

Word Forms: docilely, docility

Antonym Forms: indocile, indocility



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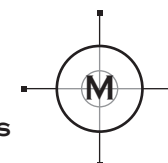
doctrine

(n.) a belief that is taught, usually by a church or government

The religion's **doctrine** teaches that the good of the community is a higher personal priority than self satisfaction.

Word Forms: doctrinal, doctrinally, doctrinality, doctrinarian

Related Word: indoctrinate



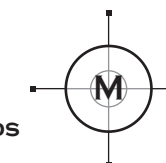
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earnest

(adj.) serious; sincere

The **earnest** student took the SAT seriously; he enrolled in a prep class, bought several study guides, and dedicated two hours a day to his preparation.

Word Forms: earnest (n.), earnestly, earnestness



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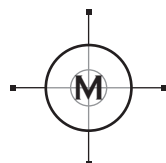
effusive

(adj.) excessive enthusiasm or emotion

Effie's **effusive** praise was so excessive and over-the-top that it almost seemed insincere.

Word Forms: effusively, effusiveness

Related Word: effuse, infuse



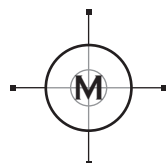
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embroil

(vb.) to bring into an argument or negative situation

Emory is **embroiled** in a lawsuit with his former landlord over the condition of the apartment when he moved out.

Word Forms: embroilment, embroiler



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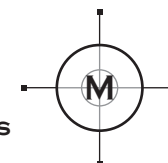
erratic

(adj.) unpredictable or inconsistent

Ericka's attendance was **erratic**; there was no clear pattern between the days she went to school and the days she missed.

Word Forms: erratical, erratically, erraticism

Antonym Form: inerratic



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expedient

(adj.) serving a purpose or personal interest

It was **expedient** to flatter Mrs. Jameson; it was rumored that the more compliments you paid her, the higher your semester grade would be.

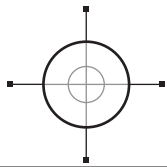
Word Forms: expedient (n.), expediently, expedience, expediential, expedientially

Antonym Forms: inexpedient, inexpediently, inexpedience



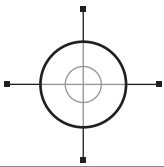
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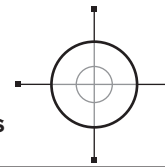
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flippant



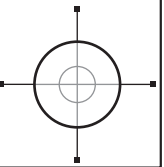
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fallacy



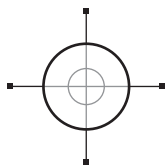
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extraneous



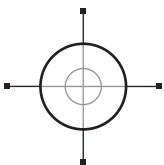
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furtive



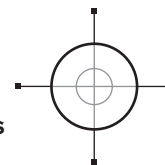
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frivolous



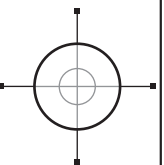
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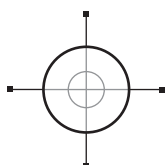
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flourish



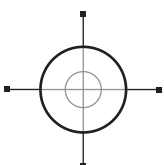
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indictment



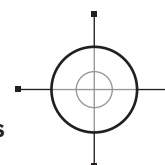
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imperceptible



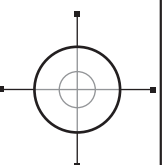
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guile



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genial



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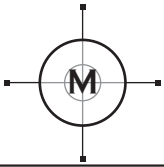
extraneous

(adj.) not relevant or essential

When studying for the SAT, be sure to ignore the **extraneous** information in the book, such as the history of the test.

Word Forms: extraneously, extraneousness

Related Word: extra



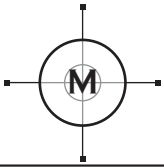
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fallacy

(n.) a false idea

Many textbooks erroneously teach the **fallacy** that George Washington cut down a cherry tree; it is widely believed that an author made up that story to increase the sales of his book.

Word Forms: fallacious, fallaciously, fallaciousness



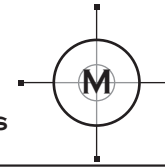
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flippant

(adj.) disrespectful; lacking seriousness

Floyd was grounded for making **flippant** remarks about the new rules his father set for him.

Word Forms: flippantly, flippantness, flippancy



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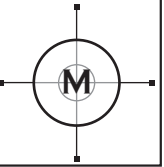
florid

(adj.) excessively decorated; flowery

Flora's penmanship is **florid**; she uses a lot of swirls and waves to decorate each letter.

Word Forms: floridly, floridness, floridity

Related Word: flower, Florida



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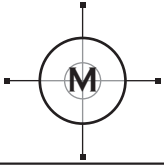
flourish

(vb.) to do well or grow well

When I moved the plants to the windowsill, they suddenly began to **flourish**; the lack of direct sunlight must have really inhibited their growth.

Word Forms: flourish (n.), flourishingly, flourisher

Related Word: flower



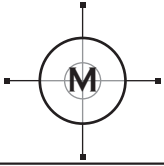
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formidable

(adj.) causing fear due to powerful strength

Forrest is a **formidable** opponent on the tennis court; he has not lost a set in his last twenty games.

Word Forms: formidably, formidableness, formidability



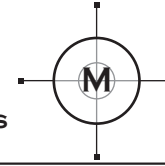
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frivolous

(adj.) not serious; silly

The author's new novel is a **frivolous** look at life in the city; although it lacks the serious tones of his previous novels, it's a fun and enjoyable story.

Word Forms: frivolously, frivolousness, frivolity, frivol, frivolous



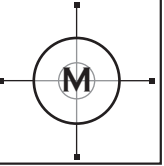
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furtive

(adj.) sneaky

Frank devised a **furtive** plan in which he would sneak onto the rival's campus and steal their school flag.

Word Forms: furtively, furtiveness



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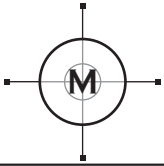
genial

(adj.) polite and friendly

It's important for a kindergarten teacher to be **genial** and welcoming; young children respond positively to a friendly adult.

Word Forms: genially, genialness, geniality

Related Word: congenial



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guile

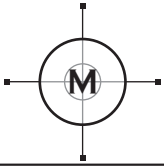
(n.) skillful deception

The sneaky woman used **guile** to get close to the withdrawn millionaire; she pretended to have known his brother who died in the war.

Word Forms: guileful, guilefully, guilefulness

Antonym Forms: guileless, guilelessly, guilelessness

Related Word: guise, disguise



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imperceptible

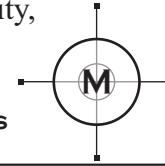
(adj.) difficult or impossible to sense

The differences between the real money and the counterfeit money are **imperceptible**, so it was no surprise that the cashier did not notice the fake bill.

Word Forms: imperceptibly, imperceptibleness, imperceptibility

Antonym Forms: perceptible, perceptibility, perceptibleness, perceptibility

Related Word: perceive, perceptive



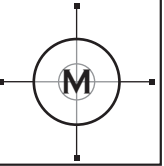
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indictment

(n.) an accusation of wrongdoing

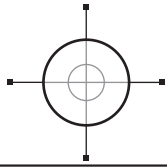
Ingrid made an **indictment** against Tony, claiming that he purposely miscounted the votes for Prom Queen.

Word Forms: indict, indictable, indictably



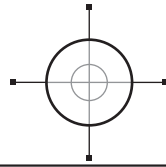
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itinerant



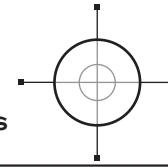
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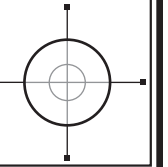
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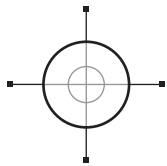
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insular



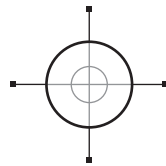
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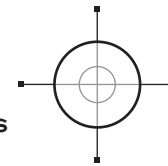
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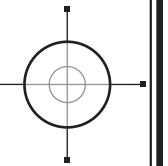
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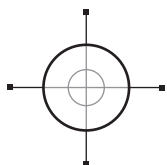
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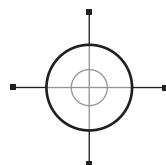
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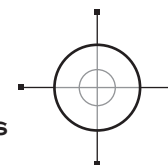
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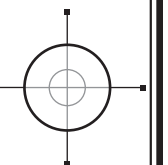
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mitigate



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malice



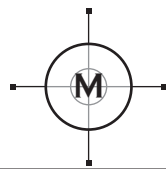
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insular

(vb.) narrow-minded; isolated

*The culture is criticized for its **insular** ideas about women, such as the belief that women should not be allowed to attend school.*

Word Forms: insularly, insularism, insularity



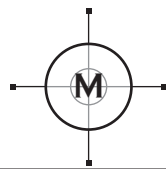
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inundate

(vb.) to flood

*After the newspaper ran the controversial story, the editor was **inundated** with phone calls from hundreds of angry subscribers.*

Word Forms: inundation, inundatory, inundator



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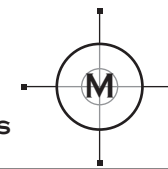
circumvent

(vb.) to go around; to avoid

*I **circumvented** the construction on the highway by taking the bypass that goes around the city.*

Word Forms: circumvention, circumventive, circumventer

Related Word: circle



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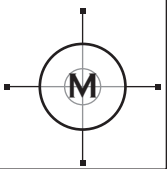
itinerant

(adj.) traveling from place to place to work

*The **itinerant** pastor was transferred to our church from a ministry in Ohio; he will stay with us for six months before going to New Hampshire.*

Word Forms: itinerant (n.), itinerantly, itinerate, itineration

Related Word: itinerary



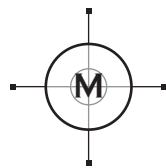
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jaded

(adj.) having become dull or worn out from overexposure

*Jackson had become **jaded** throughout his travels as a child; he had visited so many countries that new cultures no longer seemed interesting.*

Word Forms: jade (vb.), jadedly, jadedness



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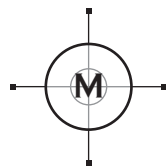
laud

(vb.) to praise, glorify, or honor

*Landon was **lauded** for his achievements at the autism research laboratory; he had made more progress in a year than most scientists had made in a decade.*

Word Forms: laudable, laudably, laudation, laudative, laudatory, laudator

Antonym Forms: illaudable, illaudibly



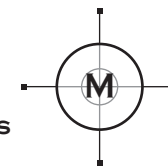
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lavish

(adj.) very generous or extravagant

*The **lavish** wedding reception had a steak and lobster dinner, several intricate ice sculptures, a six-tiered cake, and a famous jazz ensemble band.*

Word Forms: lavishly, lavishness, lavishment, lavisher



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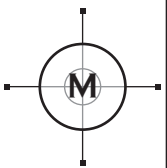
lucid

(adj.) clear; easy to understand

*If your directions had been more **lucid**, I might have made it to the party on time.*

Word Forms: lucidly, lucidness, lucidity

Related Word: elucidate



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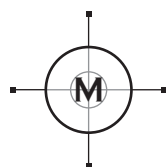
malice

(n.) a desire to make others suffer

*Malika's sharp comment was delivered with **malice**; she knew that her words would hurt her mother's feelings.*

Word Forms: malicious, maliciously, maliciousness

Antonym Form: unmalicious



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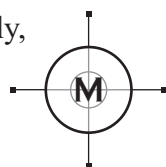
mitigate

(vb.) to make less intense or severe

*Mitch was grounded for a week when he broke curfew, but his mom **mitigated** his punishment by several days when she learned that he had been late because he was taking a sick friend to the hospital.*

Word Forms: mitigable, mitigatedly, mitigation, mitigative, mitigatory, mitigator

Antonym Forms: immitigable, immitigably, immitigability, unmitigable, unmitigated, unmitigatedly



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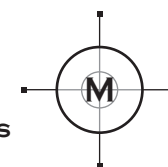
monotony

(n.) tiresome routine; lack of variety

*Monica was bored with the **monotony** of her job; every day was the same, from the emails she sent to the data she inputted.*

Word Forms: monotonous, monotonously, monotonousness

Related Word: monotone



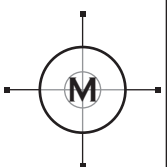
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nuance

(n.) a subtle difference

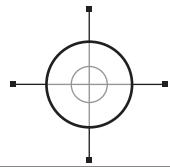
*The **nuances** between the two fonts are often missed by the untrained graphic designer.*

Word Form: nuanced



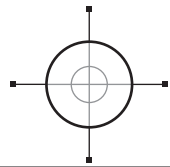
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ornate



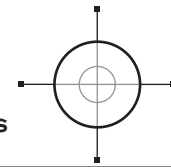
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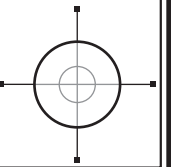
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ominous



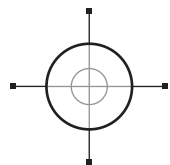
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obstinate



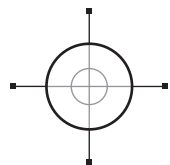
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parody



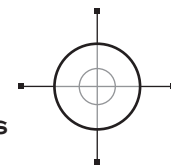
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paragon



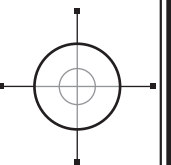
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paradox



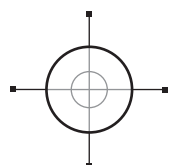
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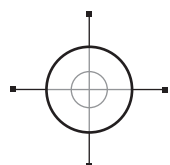
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peril



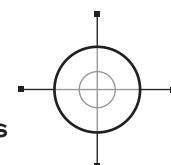
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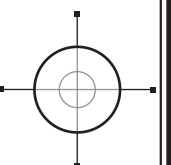
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patronize



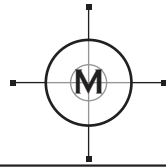
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obstinate

(*adj.*) extremely stubborn

Mr. O'Brien was **obstinate** about eating at the bistro; he refused to eat anywhere else, even though his family asked him to try another restaurant.

Word Forms: obstinately, obstinateness, obstinace, obstinacy



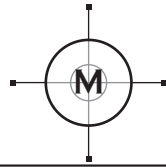
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ominous

(*adj.*) threatening or foreshadowing evil

The dark clouds in the distance were **ominous** and threatened to ruin the picnic.

Word Forms: ominously, ominousness
Related Word: omen



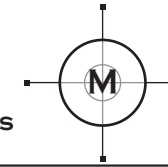
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oration

(*n.*) a formal speech

The political candidate delivered an **oration** about the benefits of her universal health care plan.

Word Forms: orate, oratorical, orator



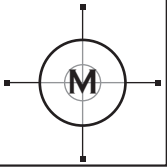
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ornate

(*adj.*) highly decorated

The **ornate** palace had colorful paintings and intricate wood carvings in every room.

Word Forms: ornately, ornateness
Related Word: ornament



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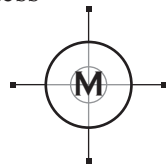
overt

(*adj.*) open and observable;
not secret or hidden

The candidate's **overt** support of stem cell research was unusual; he made it clear that if elected, he would work to increase research efforts.

Word Forms: overtly, overtness

Antonym Forms: covert, covertly, covertness



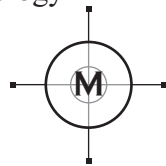
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paradox

(*n.*) a statement that contradicts itself but nevertheless may still be true

Parker said, "I always lie," but this is a **paradox**; if the statement is true, then he must be lying.

Word Forms: paradoxal, paradoxical, paradoxically, paradoxicalness, paradoxicality, paradoxology



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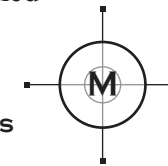
paragon

(*n.*) a perfect example

Parmida is a **paragon** of professionalism; she arrives to work on time, treats co-workers with respect, and refrains from joining in office gossip.

Word Forms: paragon (*vb.*), paragoned

Antonym Forms: paragonless, unparagoned



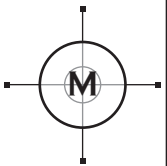
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parody

(*n.*) a humorous imitation

The awards show opened with a **parody** of a movie; all of the main characters were played by monkeys who were dressed like the human actors.

Word Forms: parody (*vb.*), parodiable, parodic, parodist



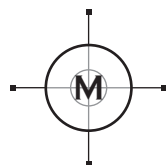
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patronize

(*vb.*) to treat someone as if they are not as intelligent or important

Patrick was constantly **patronizing** me during the movie; he kept pausing it to explain what happened in a scene, even though I understood it as well as he did.

Word Forms: patronizable, patronizingly, patronization, patronizer

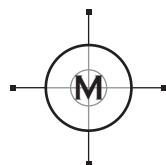


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penchant

(*n.*) a strong liking

Penny has a **penchant** for poetry; she has filled two notebooks with poems and poetic lines.



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penitent

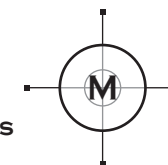
(*adj.*) feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds

The **penitent** criminal asked for forgiveness from the family he had robbed.

Word Forms: penitently, penitence

Antonym Forms: impenitent, impenitently, impenitence

Related Words: repentant, penance, penitentiary



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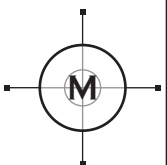
peril

(*n.*) danger

Our planet is in **peril** of running out of certain natural resources if something is not done to conserve them.

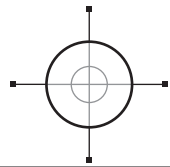
Word Forms: perilous, perilously, perilousness

Antonym Form: perilless



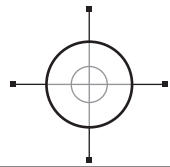
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precipitate



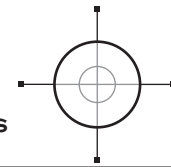
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pliant



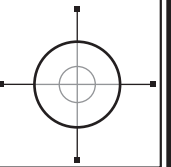
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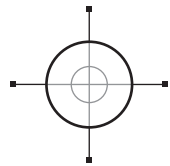
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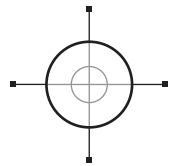
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rebuke



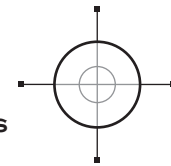
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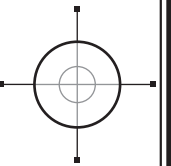
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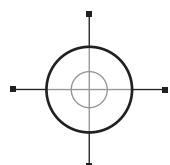
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prolific



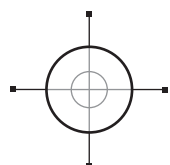
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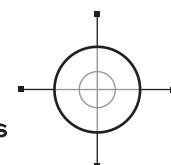
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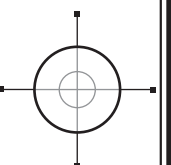
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reproach



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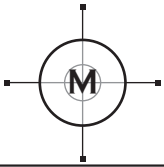
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pervasive

(adj.) spreading or spread throughout

The **pervasive** odor of garlic quickly spread throughout the entire house.

Word Forms: pervasively, pervasiveness, pervade, pervadingly, pervadingness, pervasion, pervader
Related Words: invade, invasive



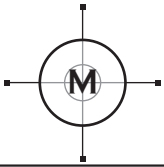
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placid

(adj.) calm

When the wind died down, the lake became **placid**, with hardly a ripple disturbing the surface.

Word Forms: placidly, placidness, placidity



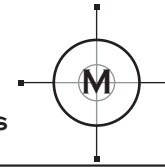
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pliant

(adj.) capable of being bent or capable of being influenced

The **pliant** plastic can be easily molded into any shape, size, or design.

Word Forms: pliantly, pliantness, pliancy
Related Word: pliable



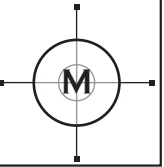
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precipitate

(vb.) to bring about abruptly

Prescott's sudden decision to move to a smaller apartment was **precipitated** by the loss of his job.

Word Forms: precipitate (adj.), precipitately, precipitateness, precipitative, precipitator
Related Word: precipitous



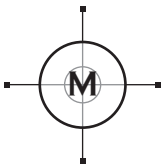
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prolific

(adj.) highly productive

The **prolific** author had written over 60 books during her career.

Word Forms: prolifically, prolificness, prolificity, prolificacy
Antonym Form: improlific

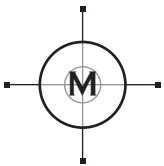


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propensity

(n.) a natural tendency

Mrs. Petty loved to talk to friends and neighbors, so it was no surprise that she had a **propensity** to gossip.



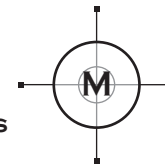
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raze

(vb.) to tear down

The old abandoned buildings were **razed** in preparation for the construction of the new baseball stadium.

Word Form: razer



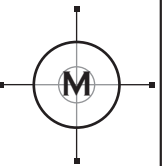
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rebuke

(vb.) to sharply criticize or reprimand

The principal **rebuked** the three students who wandered away from their chaperone on the field trip; few students had ever seen him so angry.

Word Forms: rebuke (n.), rebukingly, rebukable, rebuker



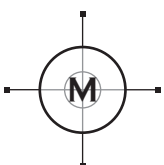
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remiss

(adj.) careless and neglectful

Rebekkah was criticized for being **remiss** in her work; she had made more careless mistakes this week than all of the other employees put together.

Word Forms: remissly, remissness



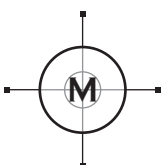
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reproach

(vb.) to blame; to express criticism towards

The board of directors **reproached** the company president for falling profits and decreased revenue.

Word Forms: reproach (n.), reproachingly, reproachable, reproachableness, reproachably
Antonym Forms: irreproachable, unrepachable, reproachless
Related Word: reproachful



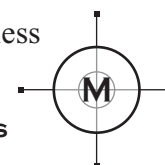
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sanction

(vb.) to approve

The school board **sanctioned** the new elementary school playground, so construction will begin next week.

Word Forms: sanction (n.), sanctionable, sanctionative, sanctioner
Antonym Forms: unsanctioned, sanctionless



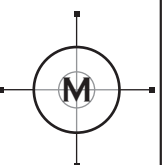
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scoff

(vb.) to laugh at and show open disrespect

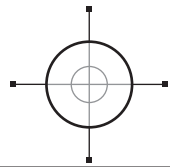
Scott **scoffed** at the skate park rules; after the park closed, he hopped the fence and continued to skate until dark.

Word Forms: scoff (n.), scoffingly, scoffer



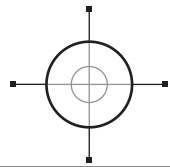
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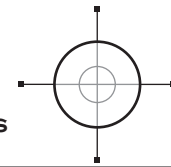
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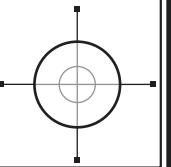
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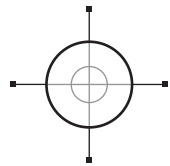
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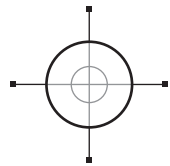
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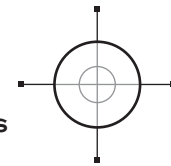
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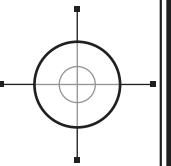
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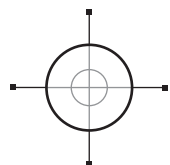
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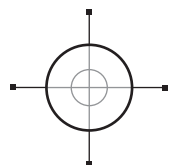
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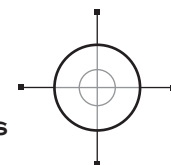
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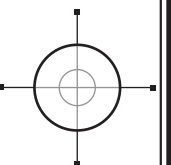
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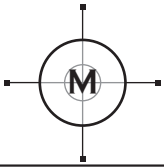
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solemn

(adj.) intensely serious

*Saul was angry that his cousin would make jokes at such a **solemn** event as their grandmother's memorial service.*

Word Forms: solemnly, solemnness, solemnity, solemnify, solemnize



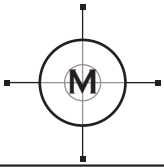
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stagnant

(adj.) not moving, flowing, or progressing

*When the feeder creek ran dry, the small pond became **stagnant**; algae began to thrive in the motionless water.*

Word Forms: stagnantly, stagnance, stagnancy, stagnate, stagnation, stagnatory



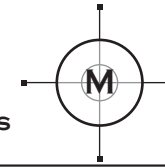
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stymie

(vb.) to stump or hinder

*The warden was **stymied** by how the prisoners had escaped; their cell doors were still locked, and there were no obvious holes in the walls of the cell.*

Word Form: stymie (n.)



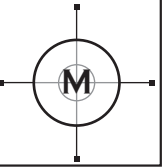
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subversive

(vb.) supporting the overthrowing of a government

*The **subversive** group was arrested when one of the members turned himself in and told of the group's plot to overthrow the king.*

Word Forms: subversive (n.), subversively, subversiveness, subversivism, subvert, subversion



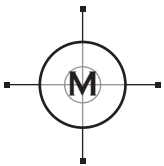
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sully

(vb.) to make dirty or impure

*Mrs. Sullivan's reputation was **sullied** by accusations that she was embezzling money from the PTA.*

Word Form: sulliable
Antonym Form: unsullied



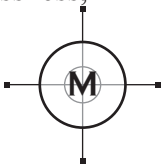
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tact

(n.) consideration in dealing with others and avoiding giving offense

*When breaking a personal commitment, such as a date or a dinner party, it is important to use **tact** to avoid hurting the feelings of others involved.*

Word Forms: tactful, tactfully, tactfulness
Antonym Forms: tactless, tactlessly, tactlessness, untactful



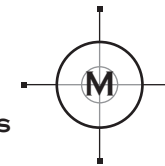
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tactile

(adj.) having to do with the sense of touch

*Unlike Morse code, which relies on auditory interpretation, braille is a **tactile** code; you must touch it in order to decipher it.*

Word Forms: tactilely, tactility



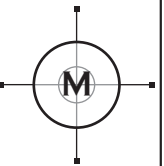
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transcend

(vb.) to rise above or exceed the limits

*Having gone deaf in his early twenties, Beethoven **transcended** his disability to become one of the most famous composers of all time.*

Word Forms: transcendingly, transcendence, transcendent, transcendental
Related Word: ascend, descend



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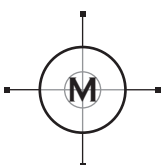
transient

(adj.) passing quickly or staying briefly

*The most **transient** years of your life are those spent in high school; someday when you realize how quickly your time there passed, you'll wish you had spent more time enjoying your youth.*

Word Forms: transient (n.), transiently, transientness, transience

Antonym Form: intransient
Related Word: transitory



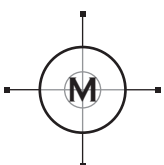
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trite

(adj.) repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse

*Be sure to avoid **trite** expressions in your essay; instead of writing clichés like "I learned my lesson the hard way," choose original sentences such as "It was a difficult lesson to learn."*

Word Forms: tritely, triteness



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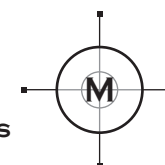
vacillate

(vb.) to waver or move back and forth

*Vanessa **vacillated** between the two universities; one minute she was attending the in-state school, and the next she was going to the college three states away.*

Word Forms: vacillatingly, vacillation, vacillant, vacillator

Related Word: oscillate



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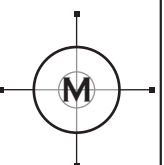
vanquish

(vb.) to defeat

*In the debate, Vanna **vanquished** her opponent by successfully defending her argument and pointing out the weaknesses in the other girl's examples.*

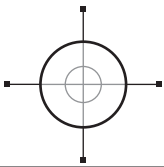
Word Forms: vanquishable, vanquishment, vanquisher

Antonym Forms: unvanquished, unvanquishable



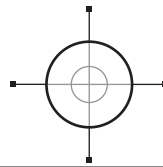
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wistful



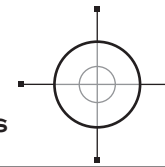
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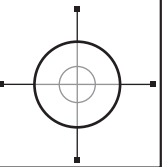
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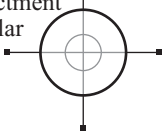
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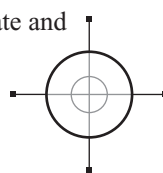
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Flash Card Components

Part of Speech: Identifying the part of speech is essential to understanding the word. This is especially true for words that serve as more than one part of speech, such as *dispute*. The word *dispute* can be a verb (“*he disputed the results*”) or a noun (“*I had a dispute with my teacher*”).

Definition: Each word is defined as it is most commonly used on the SAT. For example, the word *apt* is usually used to refer to likelihood (“*he was apt to get angry*”); however, on the SAT, the word *apt* most often refers to a person’s intelligence (“*he was an apt student*”). Therefore, the flash card definition reflects the common usage on the test.

Sentence: The word is used in a sentence to illustrate and clarify its meaning and usage. Some sentences use specific words and names as memory devices.

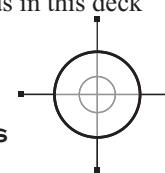


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Word Comprehension

The word that completes a Sentence Completion blank is always a perfect fit. Not only does the correct answer look right and sound right, but it also has a definition that perfectly meshes with the context of the sentence. While you do not need to know the definition of every word to get a perfect score on the SAT, a good vocabulary certainly helps make it easier to exceed your expectations.

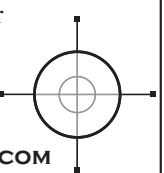
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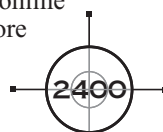
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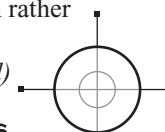
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How to Study Vocabulary Words

Studying vocabulary in multiple ways increases your retention of the definitions. Try these other study methods:

1. **Write out the words and their definitions.**
Transferring the words and their definitions to paper helps transfer the information into your long-term memory.
2. **Write new sentences for each word.**
Similarly, using the word in context helps cement its meaning.
3. **Draw a picture representing the word.**
Pictures can create a connection to the definition.
4. **Read the word aloud and say it in a sentence.**
Some students learn best by hearing information rather than by seeing it.

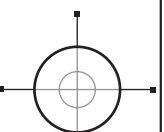
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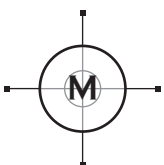
verbose

(adj.) using or containing too many words

At the graduation ceremony, the valedictorian gave a **verbose** speech that caused many people to fall asleep by the time it was finished.

Word Forms: verbosely, verboseness, verbosity

Related Words: verbal



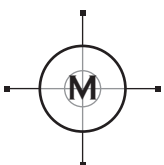
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vicarious

(adj.) experienced through another person

Although Vicki had never been on a roller coaster, she experienced a vicarious **thrill** when Zach described the descent down the big hill.

Word Forms: vicariously, vicariousness, vicariism



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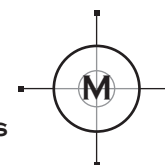
wane

(vb.) to grow smaller

Wayne's interest in basketball began to **wane** after he discovered hockey; he even sold his basketball shoes to buy hockey skates.

Antonym: wax

Note: These two words are often used to describe the fullness of the moon.



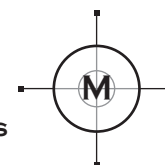
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wistful

(adj.) expressing longing or yearning

Willie gave the car one last **wistful** look before he left the dealership; if only he had the money to buy it, he'd never have to ask for a ride again.

Word Forms: wistfully, wistfulness

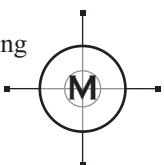


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Parts of Speech

Noun (n.): word that names a person, place, or thing

Pronoun (pr.): word that replaces a noun

Verb (vb.): word showing action or state of being

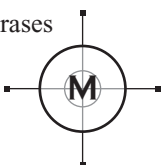
Preposition (prep.): word used to link a noun or pronoun to other words

Adjective (adj.): word which describes or modifies a noun or pronoun

Adverb (adv.): word which describes or modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb

Conjunction (conj.): word which links words or phrases

Interjection (int.): word used to convey emotion



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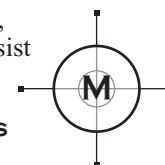
Flash Card Components

Word Forms: The main entry on each card is either the base word or the most commonly used form of the word, but the SAT may use any of the forms of the word listed. For example, if *indignant (adj.)* is the main word on a card, you should also be prepared to see *indignantly (adv.)* or *indignation (n.)* on the test.

Antonym Forms: An antonym is a word with opposite meaning. You must understand the meaning of both the entry word on the card and its antonym, as the SAT expects you to apply the definition of the root word to many different forms of the word. For example, if *implausible* means *unbelievable*, then *plausible* must mean *believable*.

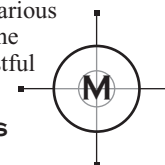
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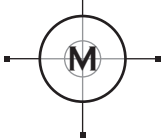
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5. Type the words and definitions.

Type all 100 words into a word processing document or spreadsheet. Then try to define them without looking at the definitions.

6. Analyze the roots, prefixes, and suffixes.

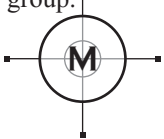
Can you find words that have the same suffix? If so, do they mean the same thing in both words? Learning to associate words with related words can help you solve even the toughest test questions.

7. Group words by meaning.

Many SAT words have similar meanings. Group them so you associate the meaning with all of the words in the group.

8. Have someone quiz you.

Place a check in the target if you get one right.



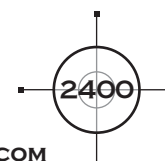
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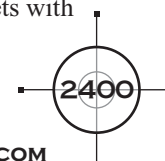
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