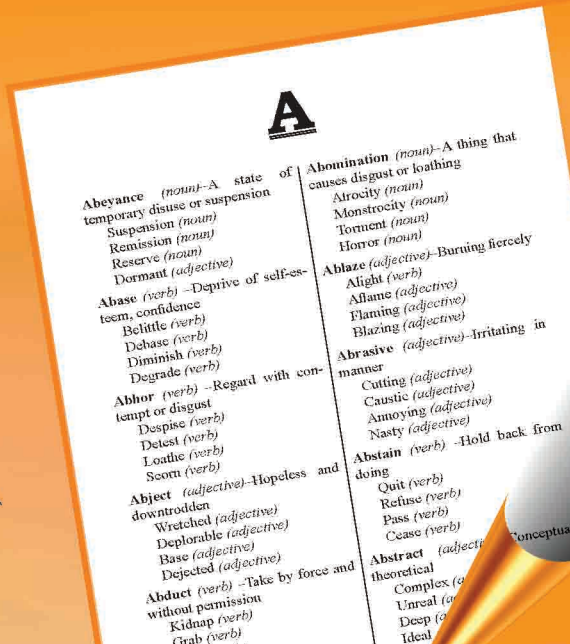


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This ***Combined and Concise Dictionary of Synonyms Antonyms*** has five distinct sections: A list of commonly used Antonyms or Opposite Words, A list of popular Synonyms or words with similar meanings, Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) related to Antonyms, MCQs related to Synonyms and a section containing the Answers of both the MCQs.

English, as we all know is an immensely popular, attractive, articulate, rich and diverse language, but a versatile knowledge of Words and their Meanings (Synonyms) and Words and their Opposites (Antonyms) are a must for readers of all ages who are keen to master the language by improving their Word Power and Vocabulary, particularly the student section in various schools and colleges.

Hence, this book has been aimed primarily to enhance and enrich the English vocabulary of our esteemed readers and to help the student faculty academically to speak as well as write fluent, error-free and excellent English.

'To err is human', and hence, we apologise if any errors have inadvertently crept in the book; and would be glad to rectify them with your valuable suggestions, views and comments, thus improving the content and quality of future editions.

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SYNONYMS

The word, ‘synonym’ has been derived from the Greek word, *syn* (*with*) and *onoma* (*name*). *Synonyms are words or expressions with the same or nearly the same meanings.* The words may be used as figurative or symbolic substitutes as they have identical meanings. They can be any parts of speech, such as *nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs* or *prepositions*. *A word can have more than one synonym.*

Synonyms are very useful. There are times when one avoids repeating the same words over and over again, and it becomes hard to think of an alternative word. A person well equipped with synonyms might not face these problems as the words come handy.

For example:

Synonyms for ‘hardworking’ are ‘diligent’, ‘determined’. ‘industrious’ and ‘enterprising’. Similarly, synonyms for ‘beautiful’ are pretty, attractive, stunning and lovely and the synonyms for ‘kind’ are considerate, thoughtful, gracious, amiable, etc.

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Abeyance (*noun*)—A state of temporary disuse or suspension

Suspension (*noun*)

Remission (*noun*)

Reserve (*noun*)

Dormant (*adjective*)

Abase (*verb*) —Deprive of self-esteem, confidence

Belittle (*verb*)

Debase (*verb*)

Diminish (*verb*)

Degrade (*verb*)

Abhor (*verb*) —Regard with contempt or disgust

Despise (*verb*)

Detest (*verb*)

Loathe (*verb*)

Scorn (*verb*)

Abject (*adjective*)—Hopeless and downtrodden

Wretched (*adjective*)

Deplorable (*adjective*)

Base (*adjective*)

Dejected (*adjective*)

Abduct (*verb*) —Take by force and without permission

Kidnap (*verb*)

Grab (*verb*)

Seize (*verb*)

Snatch (*verb*)

Abomination (*noun*)—A thing that causes disgust or loathing

Atrocity (*noun*)

Monstrosity (*noun*)

Torment (*noun*)

Horror (*noun*)

Ablaze (*adjective*)—Burning fiercely

Alight (*verb*)

Aflame (*adjective*)

Flaming (*adjective*)

Blazing (*adjective*)

Abrasive (*adjective*)—Irritating in manner

Cutting (*adjective*)

Caustic (*adjective*)

Annoying (*adjective*)

Nasty (*adjective*)

Abstain (*verb*) —Hold back from doing

Quit (*verb*)

Refuse (*verb*)

Pass (*verb*)

Cease (*verb*)

Abstract (*adjective*)—Conceptual, theoretical

Complex (*adjective*)

Unreal (*adjective*)

Deep (*adjective*)

Ideal (*adjective*)

Abundant → Accord

Abundant (*adjective*)—Plentiful, large in number

Ample (*adjective*)

Heavy (*adjective*)

Rich (*adjective*)

Sufficient (*adjective*)

Abstemious (*adjective*)—Indulging only very moderately in something, especially food and drink.

Abstinent (*adjective*)

Austere (*adjective*)

Moderate (*adjective*)

Restrained (*adjective*)

Abstruse (*adjective*)—Difficult to understand; obscure.

Difficult (*adjective*)

Puzzling (*adjective*)

Cryptic (*adjective*)

Incomprehensible (*adjective*)

Abysmal (*adjective*)—Great extent; immeasurable

Bottomless (*adjective*)

Endless (*adjective*)

Complete (*adjective*)

Boundless (*adjective*)

Accept (*verb*)—Receive something given physically

Get (*verb*)

Take (*verb*)

Welcome (*verb*)

Acquire (*verb*)

Accentuate (*verb*)—Focus attention on

Highlight (*verb*)

Emphasize (*verb*)

Underline (*verb*)

Underscore (*verb*)

Accomplice (*noun*)—Helper, especially in committing a crime

Aide (*noun*)

Associate (*noun*)

Ally (*noun*)

Partner (*noun*)

Aching (*adjective*)—Painful

Hurting (*adjective*)

Sore (*adjective*)

Throbbing (*adjective*)

Nagging (*adjective*)

Acrimonious (*adjective*)—Nasty in behaviour, speech

Angry (*adjective*)

Cutting (*adjective*)

Sarcastic (*adjective*)

Belligerent (*adjective*)

Acute (*adjective*)—Deeply perceptive

Keen (*adjective*)

Astute (*adjective*)

Sharp (*adjective*)

Subtle (*adjective*)

Accoutre (*verb*)—Clothe or equip in something noticeable or impressive.

Decorate (*verb*)

Embellish (*verb*)

Furnish (*verb*)

Outfit (*verb*)

Accord (*noun*)—An official agreement or treaty

Pact (*noun*)

Treaty (*noun*)

Settlement (*noun*)

Concord (*noun*)

Accost → Affinity

Accost (*verb*) –Approach for conversation or solicitation

Annoy (*verb*)

Brace (*verb*)

Confront (*verb*)

Entice (*verb*)

Acclivity (*noun*)—An upward slope

Elevation (*noun*)

Hill (*noun*)

Rise (*noun*)

Upgrade (*noun*)

Acme (*noun*)—The point at which something is at its best or most highly developed

Climax (*noun*)

Culmination (*noun*)

Zenith (*noun*)

Summit (*noun*)

Acquit (*verb*) –Announce removal of blame

Vindicate (*verb*)

Excuse (*verb*)

Absolve (*verb*)

Liberate (*verb*)

Acumen (*noun*)—Ability to understand and reason

Intellect (*noun*)

Wisdom (*noun*)

Insight (*noun*)

Brilliance (*noun*)

Adapt (*verb*) –Adjust to a different situation or condition

Modify (*verb*)

Alter (*verb*)

Convert (*verb*)

Transform (*verb*)

Adamant (*adjective*)—Unyielding

Determined (*adjective*)

Insistent (*adjective*)

Resolute (*adjective*)

Rigid (*adjective*)

Admonish (*verb*) –Warn, strongly criticize

Advise (*verb*)

Berate (*verb*)

Censure (*verb*)

Rebuke (*verb*)

Adorn (*verb*) –Decorate

Eautify (*verb*)

Grace (*verb*)

Enrich (*verb*)

Embellish (*verb*)

Adroit (*adjective*)—Very able or skilled

Adept (*adjective*)

Clever (*adjective*)

Handy (*adjective*)

Artful (*adjective*)

Aesthetic (*adjective*)—Beautiful

Artistic (*adjective*)

Creative (*adjective*)

Artful (*adjective*)

Inventive (*adjective*)

Affable (*adjective*)—Friendly

Pleasant (*adjective*)

Amiable (*adjective*)

Gracious (*adjective*)

Benign (*adjective*)

Affinity (*noun*)—Liking or inclination towards something

Affection (*noun*)

Sympathy (*noun*)

Closeness (*noun*)

Fondness (*noun*)

Affliction → Affirm

Affliction (*noun*)—Hurt condition; something that causes hurt

Disease (*noun*)
Calamity (*noun*)
Hardship (*noun*)
Disorder (*noun*)

Affluent (*adjective*)—Wealthy

Moneyed (*adjective*)
Upscale (*adjective*)
Flush (*adjective*)
Rich (*adjective*)

Adulation (*noun*)—Overenthusiastic praise

Applause (*noun*)
Flattery (*noun*)
Worship (*noun*)
Sycophancy (*noun*)

Advocacy (*noun*)—Support for an idea or cause

Backing (*noun*)
Assistance (*noun*)
Promotion (*noun*)
Justification (*noun*)

Adversity (*noun*)—Bad luck, situation

Calamity (*noun*)
Mishap (*noun*)
Disaster (*noun*)
Hardship (*noun*)

Adjoin (*verb*)—Be next to

Connect (*verb*)
Join (*verb*)
Touch (*verb*)
Verge (*verb*)

Adhere (*verb*)—Conform to or follow rules exactly

Comply (*verb*)
Heed (*verb*)

Obeys (*verb*)

Follow (*verb*)

Adjourn (*verb*)—Stop a proceeding

Defer (*verb*)
Delay (*verb*)
Discontinue (*verb*)
Harmony (*verb*)

Adjudge (*verb*)—Judge

Adjudicate (*verb*)
Consider (*verb*)
Decide (*verb*)
Determine (*verb*)

Adept (*adjective*)—Very able

Accomplished (*noun*)— (*adjective*)
Capable (*adjective*)
Skilled (*adjective*)
Expert (*adjective*)

Adjust (*verb*)—Become or make prepared, adapted

Conform (*verb*)
Alter (*verb*)
Order (*verb*)
accommodate (*verb*)

Advice (*noun*)—Recommendation

Aid (*noun*)
Opinion (*noun*)
Help (*noun*)
Guidance (*noun*)

Aficionado (*noun*)—A person who is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about an activity, subject, or pastime

Connoisseur (*noun*)
Expert (*adjective*)
Authority (*noun*)
Fan (*noun*)

Affirm (*verb*)—Declare the truth of something

Confirm (*verb*)

Affect → Altruistic

Declare (<i>verb</i>)	Beer (<i>noun</i>)
Insist (<i>verb</i>)	Hops (<i>noun</i>)
Assert (<i>verb</i>)	Alight (<i>verb</i>) –Descend from a train, bus or other form of transport
Affect (<i>verb</i>) –Influence, affect emotionally	Dismount (<i>verb</i>)
Disturb (<i>verb</i>)	Disembark (<i>verb</i>)
Alter (<i>verb</i>)	Step off (<i>verb</i>)
Change (<i>verb</i>)	Exit (<i>verb</i>)
Interest (<i>verb</i>)	Alienate (<i>verb</i>) –Cause unfriendliness, hostility
Agile (<i>adjective</i>)—Physically or mentally nimble, deft	Disaffect (<i>verb</i>)
Rapid (<i>adjective</i>)	Separate (<i>verb</i>)
Quick (<i>adjective</i>)	Divide (<i>verb</i>)
Mercurial (<i>adjective</i>)	Estrange (<i>verb</i>)
Brisk (<i>adjective</i>)	Allege (<i>verb</i>) –Assert; claim
Akimbo (<i>adverb</i>) –With hands on the hips and elbows turned outwards	Charge (<i>verb</i>)
Jagged (<i>adjective</i>)	Recount (<i>verb</i>)
Skewed (<i>verb</i>)	Recite (<i>verb</i>)
Oblique (<i>adjective</i>)	Affirm (<i>verb</i>)
Slanted (<i>adjective</i>)	Allegiance (<i>noun</i>)—Loyalty
Alacrity (<i>noun</i>)—Brisk and cheerful readiness	Adherence (<i>noun</i>)
Eagerness (<i>noun</i>)	Faithfulness (<i>noun</i>)
Willingness (<i>noun</i>)	Obedience (<i>noun</i>)
Readiness (<i>noun</i>)	Devotion (<i>noun</i>)
Zeal (<i>noun</i>)	Alleviate (<i>verb</i>) –Relieve; lessen
Alcove (<i>noun</i>)—A recess in the wall of a room or garden	Ease (<i>verb</i>)
Niche (<i>noun</i>)	Allay (<i>verb</i>)
Nook (<i>noun</i>)	Pacify (<i>verb</i>)
Bay (<i>noun</i>)	Mollify (<i>verb</i>)
Corner (<i>noun</i>)	Allude (<i>verb</i>) –Hint at
Ale (<i>noun</i>)—Any beer other than lager, stout or porter.	Advert (<i>verb</i>)
Brew (<i>noun</i>)	Insinuate (<i>verb</i>)
Malt (<i>noun</i>)	Point (<i>verb</i>)
	Suggest (<i>verb</i>)
	Altruistic (<i>adjective</i>)—Unselfish
	Charitable (<i>adjective</i>)
	Humanitarian (<i>adjective</i>)

Aloof → Apex

benevolent (*adjective*)

Generous (*adjective*)

Aloof (*adjective*)—Remote

Detached (*adjective*)

Distant (*adjective*)

Haughty (*adjective*)

Indifferent (*adjective*)

Aloft (*adjective and adverb*)—Up in or into the air; overhead

Upwards (*adverb*)

Skyward (*adjective*)

High up (*adjective*)

Up above (*adjective*)

Allusion (*noun*)—An expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; an indirect or passing reference

Implication (*noun*)

Insinuation (*noun*)

Hint at (*verb*)

Citation of (*verb*)

Amaze (*verb*)—Surprise

Perplex (*verb*)

Bewilder (*verb*)

Daze (*verb*)

Impress (*verb*)

Ambiguous (*adjective*)—Having more than one meaning

Enigmatic (*adjective*)

Opaque (*adjective*)

Obscure (*adjective*)

Vague (*adjective*)

Amiable (*adjective*)—Friendly, agreeable

Affable (*adjective*)

Lovable (*adjective*)

Cozy (*adjective*)

Cordial (*adjective*)

Ambivalent (*adjective*)—Conflicting

Contradictory (*adjective*)

Uncertain (*adjective*)

Fluctuating (*adjective*)

Uncertain (*adjective*)

Ample (*adjective*)—More than necessary, sufficient

Abundant (*adjective*)

Spacious (*adjective*)

Enough (*adjective*)

Plenty (*adjective*)

Animosity (*noun*)—Extreme dislike, hatred

Acrimony (*noun*)

Bitterness (*noun*)

Malice (*noun*)

Antipathy (*noun*)

Annihilate (*verb*)—Destroy completely

Crush (*verb*)

decimate (*verb*)

Demolish (*verb*)

Eradicate (*verb*)

Anomaly (*noun*)—Deviation from normal, usual

Aberration (*noun*)

Deviation (*noun*)

Oddity (*noun*)

Rarity (*noun*)

Anonymous (*adjective*)—Unknown, usually by choice

Unidentified (*adjective*)

Unacknowledged (*adjective*)

Secret (*adjective*)

Unsigned (*adjective*)

Apex (*noun*)—Top, high point

Climax (*noun*)

Pinnacle (*noun*)

Approbation → Aptitude

Max (*noun*)

Culmination (*noun*)

Approbation (*noun*)—Approval or praise

Approval (*noun*)

Acceptance (*noun*)

Endorsement (*noun*)

Appreciation (*noun*)

Aquiline (*adjective*)—Like an eagle

Beaked (*adjective*)

Prominent (*adjective*)

Eaglelike (*adjective*)

Roman-nosed (*adjective*)

Ambivalence (*noun*)—The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone.

Uncertainty (*noun*)

Doubt (*noun*)

Irresolution (*noun*)

Vacillation (*noun*)

Ambrosia (*noun*)—The food of the gods

Delicacy (*noun*)

Nectar (*noun*)

Heavenly food (*noun*)

Immortal food (*noun*)

Ameliorate (*verb*)—Make (*something bad or unsatisfactory*) better

Alleviate (*verb*)

Lighten (*verb*)

Improve (*verb*)

Amend (*verb*)

Anachronism (*noun*)—A thing belonging or appropriate to a period other than that in which it exists, especially a thing that is conspicu-

ously old-fashioned

Misplacement (*noun*)

Prolepsis (*noun*)

Chronological error (*noun*)

Misdate (*noun*)

Antics (*noun*)—Foolish, outrageous or amusing behaviour

Capers (*noun*)

Pranks (*noun*)

Larks (*noun*)

Escapades (*noun*)

Annex (*noun*)—A building joined to or associated with a main building, providing additional space or accommodation

Addendum (*noun*)

Addition (*noun*)

Supplement (*noun*)

Wing (*noun*)

Annihilate (*verb*)—Destroy completely

Obliterate (*verb*)

Exterminate (*verb*)

Eliminate (*verb*)

Eradicate (*verb*)

Aplomb (*noun*)—Self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation

Poise (*noun*)

Composure (*noun*)

Sangfroid (*noun*)

Nonchalance (*noun*)

Aptitude (*noun*)—Inclination

Disposition (*noun*)

Drift (*noun*)

Bent (*noun*)

Leaning (*noun*)

Arbitrary → Attribute

Arbitrary (*adjective*)—Whimsical, chance

Irresponsible (*adjective*)

Capricious (*adjective*)

Fanciful (*adjective*)

Wayward (*adjective*)

Arcane (*adjective*)—Hidden, secret

Esoteric (*adjective*)

Mystic (*adjective*)

Occult (*adjective*)

Mysterious (*adjective*)

Archaic (*adjective*)—Very old

Ancient (*adjective*)

Old-fashioned (*adjective*)

Antique (*adjective*)

Bygone (*adjective*)

Archetype (*noun*)—Typical example

Form (*noun*)

Original (*noun*)

Prototype (*noun*)

Model (*noun*)

Ardent (*adjective*)—Very enthusiastic

Avid (*adjective*)

Fervent (*adjective*)

Fierce (*adjective*)

Zealous (*adjective*)

Arduous (*adjective*)—Difficult, hard to endure

Uphill (*adjective*)

Exhausting (*adjective*)

Painful (*adjective*)

Punishing (*adjective*)

Aristocratic (*adjective*)—Privileged, elegant

Noble (*adjective*)

Dignified (*adjective*)

Patrician (*adjective*)

Elite (*adjective*)

Artifice (*noun*)—Hoax; clever act

Gimmick (*noun*)

Scam (*noun*)

Expedient (*noun*)

Device (*noun*)

Ascetic (*adjective*)—Self-denying

Austere (*adjective*)

Abstinent (*adjective*)

Abstaining (*adjective*)

Disciplined (*adjective*)

Aspire (*verb*)—Aim, hope

Pursue (*verb*)

Desire (*verb*)

Crave (*verb*)

Yearn (*verb*)

Atone (*verb*)—Compensate, make amends for former misdoing

Redeem (*verb*)

Pay (*verb*)

Answer (*verb*)

Apologise (*verb*)

Attest (*verb*)—Affirm, vouch for

Authenticate (*verb*)

Announce (*verb*)

Display (*verb*)

Testify (*verb*)

Attire (*noun*)—Clothing

Apparel (*noun*)

Clothes (*noun*)

Garb (*noun*)

Costume (*noun*)

Attribute (*noun*)—Feature

Aspect (*noun*)

Facet (*noun*)

Quality (*noun*)

Trait (*noun*)

Audacious → Askance

Audacious (*adjective*)—Reckless, daring

Foolhardy (*adjective*)

Gutty (*adjective*)

Undaunted (*adjective*)

Cheeky (*adjective*)

Audible (*adjective*)—Able to be heard

Deafening (*adjective*)

Loud (*adjective*)

Clear (*adjective*)

Distinct (*adjective*)

Augment (*verb*)—Make greater, improve

Develop (*verb*)

Heighten (*verb*)

Compound (*verb*)

Progress (*verb*)

Augur (*noun*)—Predictor

Herald (*noun*)

Prophet (*noun*)

Seer (*noun*)

Forecast (*noun*)

Austere (*adjective*)—Severe in manner

Stringent (*adjective*)

Stern (*adjective*)

Harsh (*adjective*)

Rigid (*adjective*)

Authentic (*adjective*)—Real, genuine

Accurate (*adjective*)

Reliable (*adjective*)

Credible (*adjective*)

Convincing (*adjective*)

Avarice (*noun*)—Extreme greed

Frugality (*noun*)

Avidity (*noun*)

Greediness (*noun*)

Thrift (*noun*)

Apparition (*noun*)—A ghost or ghostlike image of a person

Phantom (*noun*)

Spectre (*noun*)

Spirit (*noun*)

Wraith (*noun*)

Artlessly (*adverb*)—In a crude and unskilled manner

Easily (*adverb*)

Simply (*adverb*)

Casually (*adverb*)

Impulsively (*adverb*)

Arbitration (*noun*)—The use of an arbitrator to settle a dispute

Mediation (*noun*)

Negotiation (*noun*)

Conciliation (*noun*)

Intervention (*noun*)

Ark (*noun*)—A place of protection or security; (*in the Bible*) the large boat built by Noah

Barge (*noun*)

Refuge (*noun*)

Retreat (*noun*)

Ship (*noun*)

Vessel (*noun*)

Arson (*verb*)—The criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property

Incendiarism (*noun*)

Pyromania (*noun*)

Firebombing (*noun*)

Fire-raising (*noun*)

Askance (*adverb*)—With an attitude or look of suspicion or disapproval

Suspiciously (*adverb*)

Skeptically (*adverb*)

Doubtfully (*adverb*)

Mistrustfully (*adverb*)

Astute → Adrift

Astute (*adjective*)—Perceptive

Crafty (*adjective*)

Foxy (*adjective*)

Savvy (*adjective*)

Intelligent (*adjective*)

Astound (*verb*)—Amaze

Astonish (*verb*)

Shock (*verb*)

Stagger (*verb*)

August (*adjective*)—Respected and impressive

Distinguished (*adjective*)

Eminent (*adjective*)

Illustrious (*adjective*)

Acclaimed (*adjective*)

Arraign (*verb*)—Call or bring someone before a court to answer a criminal charge

Indict (*verb*)

Prosecute (*verb*)

Take to court (*verb*)

Summons (*noun*)

Arrears (*noun*)—Money that is owed and should have been paid earlier

Outstanding payment (*noun*)

Debt (*noun*)

Dues (*noun*)

Liabilities (*noun*)

Ashen (*adjective*)—Very pale with shock, fear or illness

Wan (*adjective*)

Colourless (*adjective*)

Sallow (*adjective*)

Waxen (*adjective*)

Asyndeton (*noun*)—The omission or absence of a conjunction be-

tween parts of a sentence

Allusion (*noun*)

Manner of speaking (*noun*)

Turn of phrase (*noun*)

That is not meant (*noun*)

Avenge (*verb*)—Retaliate

Vindicate (*verb*)

Repay (*verb*)

Punish (*verb*)

Requite (*verb*)

Aversion (*noun*)—Dislike; opposition

Distaste (*noun*)

Antipathy (*noun*)

Allergy (*noun*)

Hatred (*noun*)

Avid (*adjective*)—Enthusiastic

Voracious (*adjective*)

Eager (*adjective*)

Ardent (*adjective*)

Ravenous (*adjective*)

Awe (*noun*)—Amazement

Admiration (*noun*)

Awe (*noun*)

Esteem (*noun*)

Wonder (*noun*)

Abridge (*verb*)—Shorten

Curtail (*verb*)

Lessen (*verb*)

Abbreviate (*verb*)

Downsize (*verb*)

Adrift (*adverb*)—floating out of control

Afloat (*adverb*)

Unmoored (*adverb*)

Loose (*adverb*)

Drifting (*adverb*)

Abode → Ascent

Abode (*noun*)—Building or place
where one resides

Home (*noun*)

Sanctuary (*noun*)

Domicile (*noun*)

Address (*noun*)

Accolade (*noun*)—Strong praise,
recognition of achievement

Distinction (*noun*)

Approval (*noun*)

Badge (*noun*)

Honor (*noun*)

Ascent (*noun*)—Upward movement

Climb (*noun*)

Rise (*noun*)

Lift (*noun*)

Mounting (*noun*)

B

Baffle (*verb*) –Perplex

Mystify (*verb*)

Puzzle (*verb*)

Stun (*verb*)

Bewilder (*verb*)

Avouch (*verb*) –Assert

Admit (*verb*)

Affirm (*verb*)

Avow (*verb*)

maintain (*verb*)

Avow (*verb*) –Assert or confess
openly

Declare (*verb*)

State (*verb*)

Attest (*verb*)

Swear (*verb*)

Bacchanal (*noun*) –A wild and drunken celebration

Carnival (*noun*)

Feast (*noun*)

Frolic (*noun*)

Party (*noun*)

Baleful (*adjective*) –Menacing

Harmful (*adjective*)

Deadly (*adjective*)

Evil (*adjective*)

Sinister (*adjective*)

Balk (*verb*) –Stop short

Flinch (*verb*)

Resist (*verb*)

Recoil (*verb*)

Refuse (*verb*)

Ban (*noun*) –Official forbiddance

Boycott (*noun*)

Refusal (*noun*)

Stoppage (*noun*)

Prohibition (*noun*)

Banish (*verb*) –Expel from place or situation

Dismiss (*verb*)

Dispel (*verb*)

Exile (*verb*)

Deport (*verb*)

Barbaric (*adjective*) –Crude, savage

Cruel (*adjective*)

Inhuman (*adjective*)

Rough (*adjective*)

Boorish (*adjective*)

Barrage (*noun*) –Weapon fire

Blast (*noun*)

Shower (*noun*)

Hail (*noun*)

Storm (*noun*)

Barren (*adjective*) –Unable to support growth

Desolate (*adjective*)

Arid (*adjective*)

Empty (*adjective*)

Desert (*adjective*)

Bastion → Bemused

Bastion (*noun*)—Support; fortified place

Fortress (*noun*)

Citadel (*noun*)

Stronghold (*noun*)

Support (*noun*)

Befuddle (*verb*)—Confuse

Dumbfound (*verb*)

Daze (*verb*)

Puzzle (*verb*)

Distract (*verb*)

Beguile (*verb*)—Fool

Deceive (*verb*)

Delude (*verb*)

Mislead (*verb*)

Betray (*verb*)

Bandeau (*noun*)—A narrow band worn round the head to hold the hair in position

Scarf (*noun*)

Snood (*noun*)

Ribbon (*noun*)

Sash (*noun*)

Bawdy (*adjective*)—Humorously indecent

Lewd (*adjective*)

Obscene (*adjective*)

Indecent (*adjective*)

Coarse (*adjective*)

Beacon (*noun*)—A fire or light set up in a high or prominent position as a warning, signal or celebration

Flare (*noun*)

Bonfire (*noun*)

Beam (*noun*)

Signal fire (*noun*)

Bedlam (*noun*)—A scene of uproar and confusion

Pandemonium (*noun*)

Commotion (*noun*)

Mayhem (*noun*)

Unrest (*noun*)

Behemoth (*noun*)—Giant

Beast (*noun*)

Monster (*noun*)

Huge (*noun*)

Mammoth (*noun*)

Beholden (*adjective*)—Indebted

Grateful (*adjective*)

Owing (*adjective*)

Bound (*adjective*)

Obligated (*adjective*)

Behoove (*verb*)—Be necessary, proper

Befit (*verb*)

Beseem (*verb*)

Suit (*verb*)

Ask (*verb*)

Belittle (*verb*)—Detract

Criticize (*verb*)

Derogate (*verb*)

Smear (*verb*)

Deride (*verb*)

Belligerent (*adjective*)—Nasty, argumentative

Aggressive (*adjective*)

Quarrelsome (*adjective*)

Bellicose (*adjective*)

Hostile (*adjective*)

Bemoan (*verb*)—Express sorrow

Deplore (*verb*)

Bewail (*verb*)

Mourn (*verb*)

Rue (*verb*)

Bemused (*adjective*)—Absent minded

Distracted (*adjective*)

Abstracted (*adjective*)