

accentuate

accommodate

acquaintance

#431 accentuate (verb) /ek sench ū āte/

*The makeup accentuates (to make more noticeable)
her cheekbones.*

#432 accommodate (verb) /u kom u dāte/

*The movie theatre can accommodate
(to allow or make room for without crowding)
over 200 people.*

#433 acquaintance (noun) /u kwāyn tense/

*We are not close friends,
but he is an acquaintance*

(to casually know someone).

acre

adamant

ad lib

#434 acre (noun) /ā ker/

*An American football field is just over
an acre (43,560 square feet of land).*

#435 adamant (adjective) /ad u ment/

*He is adamant (will not change opinion or mind)
that teaching sight words must be done.*

#436 ad lib (adverb, no hyphen) /ad lib/

*Homework can be given to the students ad lib (without restriction).
Other uses of ad-lib (spontaneous, without preparation) need a hyphen.
(adjective) He gave an ad-lib speech.
(verb) She had to ad-lib because she lost her notes.
(noun) Did you plan it or was it an ad-lib?*

advocate

affidavit

aggravate

#437 advocate (verb) /ad vu kāte/

My teacher advocates (a person who supports something) the teaching of irregular verbs.
(noun) *I am an advocate of hard work.* /ad vu ket/

#438 affidavit (noun) /a fi dāy vit/

His lawyer had him sign an affidavit

(a written statement of facts that by law you promise to be true)•

#439 aggravate (verb) /ah gru vāte/

Raising your voice will only aggravate
(to make something worse) *the situation.*

amicable

anecdote

anguish

#440 amicable (adjective) /am i ku bul/

They have an amicable (friendly, peaceful) relationship.

#441 anecdote (noun) /an ek dōte/

The teacher shared an anecdote (a short interesting or funny story) about failing a test; therefore, the class was at ease.

#442 anguish (verb) /ang wish/

He was deeply anguished (mental and/or physical suffering causing misery) after the Minnesota Vikings lost.

(noun) The sports fan screamed out in anguish.

apparel

architect

asphyxiate

#443 apparel (noun) /u pair el/
He bought sports apparel (clothing).

#444 architect (noun) /ar ku tekt/
He is a well-known architect
(a person who designs buildings).

#445 asphyxiate (verb) /as fix ēē āte/
The massive amounts of smoke caused
him to asphyxiate (death from lack of air).

auxiliary

barbecue

camouflage

#446 auxiliary (noun) /og zil yu rēe/

An auxiliary (helping) verb is found before the main verb.

Auxiliary has other meanings, to give support (adjective or noun) or audio related equipment.

#447 barbecue (noun) /bar bēē q/

Barbecue (food, usually meat, cooked on a grill [outdoors])

is cooked over a flame.

(verb) Did he barbecue the chicken?

#448 camouflage (noun) /ca mu flazh/

A leopard has spots for camouflage

(a disguise to blend in with the one's surroundings) from predators.

(verb) The military jeep is camouflaged from the enemy.

Caribbean

cartilage

caterpillar

#449 Caribbean (noun) /ka rib bē in/

There are 13 independent countries in the Caribbean (islands and a sea near the Americas)•

(adjective) *I enjoy Caribbean food!* /ku rib bē in/

#450 cartilage (noun) /kar ti lij/

He hurt the cartilage (a tissue that is strong and flexible; it cushions bones at the joints and is parts of the nose and ears)
in his knee.

#451 caterpillar (noun) /kat er pil er/

A caterpillar (a small animal that transforms into a moth or a butterfly) *has six legs.*

cologne

concussion

criticism

#452 cologne (noun) /ku lōn/

A man from Cologne (a city in Germany) put on cologne (a desirable smelling liquid).

#453 concussion (noun) /kun kush in/

The football player has a concussion

(a brain injury causing temporarily loss of normal function, sometimes unconsciousness).

#454 criticism (noun) /kri ti siz em/

Criticism (judgment of others) is usually negative, and it can be an opinion about art.

deteriorate

disastrous

dissatisfied

#455 deteriorate (verb) /de tier ē āte/

*He must exercise or his health will
deteriorate (to become worse).*

#456 disastrous (adjective) /di za strus/

The tornado had disastrous

(causing great damage or very unsuccessful) effects.

#457 dissatisfied (adjective) /di sa tis fide/

*The teacher was dissatisfied (not pleased)
with the spelling test results.*

dysentery

entrepreneur

eligible

#458 dysentery (noun) /dis en tery/

*English sea captain Sir Francis Drake
died of dysentery*

(an intestinal infection that causes "Montezuma's Revenge").

#459 entrepreneur (noun) /on tru pru newer/

*An entrepreneur (a person who takes a risk by creating a
business to hopefully gain the rewards) **finds a need and
fills it or improves on something that
already exists.***

#460 eligible (adjective) /el i ju bul/

*You will be eligible (qualified or has the ability)
to vote when you turn 18.*

en route

epitaph

epitome

#461 en route (adverb) /en rout/

*We stopped in Philadelphia en route
(on the way) to New York.*

#462 epitaph (noun) /ep i taf/

This is one of my favorite epitaphs

(a phrase [can be on a tombstone] about the deceased),

*“The highest tribute to the dead is
not grief but gratitude.”*

#463 epitome (noun) /i pit u mē/

*She is the epitome (something or someone that is a
perfect example) of good behavior.*

et cetera

etiquette

euphemism

#464 et cetera (adverb) /et se ter u/

*Please buy some oranges, apples,
grapes, strawberries, bananas,*

et cetera (and other things that are similar, abbreviation etc)•

#465 etiquette (noun) /et i kit/

*Saying please and thank you are
examples of etiquette* (proper behavior around others).

#466 euphemism (noun) /you fu mizm/

A common euphemism

(substituting a harsh word or statement for something nicer)

is to call an old person a senior citizen.

exorbitant

facade

fiancée

#467 exorbitant (adjective) /ig zor bi tent/

The ticket prices were exorbitant
(unreasonably high).

#468 facade (noun) /fu sod/

The bricks on the facade (the front of a building)
need to be repaired.

(noun) Her happiness is just a facade
(to mislead someone on how you feel).

#469 fiancée (noun) /fē on sāy/

He is letting his fiancée (a lady engaged to be married)
plan the wedding. Fiancé is masculine.

gauche

grievance

guacamole

#470 gauche (adjective) /gōsh/

So much modern art is gauche
(tacky or lacking social grace).

#471 grievance (noun) /grēē vens/

*The employees felt they were not
being treated well;
they filed a grievance* (a formal complaint).

#472 guacamole (noun) /gwak u mōle ēē/

Want more chips with the guacamole

(avocados with onions, tomatoes and spices)?

**habeas
corpus**

handkerchief

hierarchy

#473 habeas corpus (noun) /hāy bēē us, kor pus/

Habeas corpus (a right that protects citizens against illegal imprisonment) *states an arrested human can't be detained unless they appear before a court of law.*

#474 handkerchief (noun) /han ker chif/

In his suit pocket is a handkerchief
(a square piece of linen for wiping away sweat, tears or mucous; it is also for decorative purposes).

#475 hierarchy (noun) /hi ar kēē/

The military shows why hierarchy
(a system where people or things are placed in their order of importance)
is needed.

hors d'oeuvre

ingenious

intellectual

#476 hors d'oeuvre (noun) /or derv/

The hors d'oeuvres (a snack served before the main meal) will hold us over until dinner.

#477 ingenious (adjective) /in jēn yus/

It's ingenious (intelligent in a creative way) to make high quality art out of garbage.

#478 intellectual (adjective) /in til lek shoo el/

*He is an intellectual (far above average intelligence) **man**.*

(noun) *An intellectual gathers information before making a judgment.*

kaleidoscope

lackadaisical

lacquer

#479 kaleidoscope (noun) /ku lī du skōpe/

The different patterns of a kaleidoscope

(a tubed shaped toy, one end rotates, where two or more reflected surfaces make a repeated colorful, symmetrical pattern) *are infinite.*

#480 lackadaisical (adjective) /lak u dāyz u kul/

A lackadaisical (lazy or lack of interest) attitude will never achieve greatness!

#481 lacquer (noun) /lah ker/

He painted the wood with a lacquer

(a liquid that dries on something and becomes a protective coating)•

laissez-faire

margarine

massacre

#482 laissez-faire (noun) /leh sāy fair/

A laissez-faire (the government doesn't interfere with the economy) *attitude has both advantages and disadvantages.*

An organization, business or person can have a laissez-faire (relaxed, laid-back or less structured) attitude.

#483 margarine (noun) /mar jer in/

Some say margarine

(a substitute for butter made from vegetable oil)

is better for your health than butter.

#484 massacre (noun) /mas u ker/

The government denied the massacre

(the killing of many people).

(verb) The army massacred innocent people.

mattress

mediocre

memoir

#485 mattress (noun) /ma tris/

I prefer a hard mattress

(a large pad for sleeping or being lazy and watching YouTube).

#486 mediocre (adjective) /mēē dēē ō ker/

The food was mediocre

(average or below average, nothing special).

#487 memoir (noun) /mem wär/

***My memoir* (a nonfiction [true] first person story about your life, unlike an autobiography where another is telling the story of your life)**

***will be about teaching sight words,
word families and grammar.***

mezzanine

minuscule

Mississippi

#488 mezzanine (noun) /mez u nēne/

The hotel serves free breakfast on the mezzanine (for a building, it is an area one floor above ground level; as for a stadium or a theatre, seats above ground level).

#489 minuscule (adjective) /mi nu skyōol/

*They served a minuscule (very small) **portion**.*

#490 Mississippi (noun) /mi su si pēē/

*The Mississippi (a state and river in the USA) **River** drains into the Gulf of Mexico.*

monotonous

narcissistic

odyssey

#491 monotonous (adjective) /mu not nus/

*Working in a factory can be a
monotonous (same thing that leads to boredom) **job**.*

#492 narcissistic (adjective) /nar se sis tik/

*Not all celebrities are narcissistic
(an unreasonable sense of self-importance).*

#493 odyssey (noun) /o di sēē/

*Homer Simpson went on an odyssey
(a long, memorable journey).*

onomatopoeia

orangutan

pessimist

#494 onomatopoeia (noun) /on u mat u pee u/

*Pop, beep, bang, boom, buzz, and
mumble are some examples of
onomatopoeia (a word that resembles its sound).*

#495 orangutan (noun) /o rang u tan/

*An orangutan (ape) has long arms
and lives in trees.*

#496 pessimist (noun) /pe su mist/

*An optimist expects the best while a
pessimist (a person with a negative view)
assumes the worst.*

playwright

prologue

prodigy

#497 playwright (noun) /play rīte/

Shakespeare (1564-1616) is the best known playwright (a person who writes plays).

#498 prologue (noun) /prō log/

Not all plays or movies need a prologue

(an introductory to a story that gives background information).

#499 prodigy (noun) /prah du gēe/

A prodigy (an extremely talented young person)

plays the violin like a professional.

pseudonym

questionnaire

renaissance

#500 pseudonym (noun) /sōo du nim/

The author uses the pseudonym (a fake name) of Chris P. Lettuce.

#501 questionnaire (noun) /kwes chu nair/

The questionnaire (a list of questions) is used to gather information.

#502 renaissance (noun) /ren u sahns/

The Renaissance (rebirth in art, literature, music, science, architecture, etc.) with a capital "R" began in the 14th century.

reservoir

righteous

sacrilegious

#503 reservoir (noun) /rez ur vwär/

Without rainfall, the reservoir

(a large area of stored water, natural or man-made) *is low.*

#504 righteous (adjective) /rī ches/

If you are fair then you are righteous

(morally correct, doing the right thing for the right reason).

#505 sacrilegious (adjective) /sa kri li jus/

It is sacrilegious (disrespecting something sacred)

to harm a religious object.

sophomore

surveillance

thesaurus

#506 sophomore (noun) /sof u mor/

Next year he will be a sophomore

(the second year of high school or college)•

#507 surveillance (noun) /sir vāy lens/

*To catch the criminal, the police set up
a surveillance* (to observe a person, place or thing)•

#508 thesaurus (noun) /thi sor us/

*A thesaurus (a dictionary that shows words that are similar)
is a valuable tool for a writer.*

underprivileged

veterinarian

#509 underprivileged (adjective)

/under priv lijd/

***He helps underprivileged (lacking the proper
standard of living) children.***

#510 veterinarian (noun) /vet er in air ēē in/

***The veterinarian (a human trained to medically treat animals)
hopes to work in a zoo.***