
The following words have been compiled from the Ka*I*n word list
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acolyte: one who waits on a person; attendant; follower; companion; satellite; in Roman Catholic Church the highest of the inferior orders of the clergy, with duties of assisting rites
acronym: a word formed from the first or first few letters of several words

adduce: present or offer as a reason or proof ,cite as an example;cite,quote,advance,bring forward, name ,mention

*adjure (v.) :charge bind or command on oath ,or under penalty of curse;entreat earnestly and solemnly;urge,charge

adumbrate :outline in a shadowy way ,sketch,forershadow vaguely

alabaster :a compact mineral somewhat translucent and usually white;anything having these qualities

aleatory :of or depending on chance or luck;(law)depending upon a contingency

ambient :completely surrounding ,all encompassing

ampersand :the name of the character "&",meaning 'and'

anomie/anomy :lack of purpose,identity or ethical values in a person or society

antipode(i)anything dimetrically or directly opposite;antithesis

(ii) any two places directly opposite on earth (pl.)

(iii)an opposite or contrary thing

*apropos(adj.):opportune,appropriate,occurring at the right time ,seasonable

arrant :notorious ,infamous,vile,flagrant

arrogate:claim or demand unduly,appropriate arrogantly

asocial:not social,withdrawn from society or social intercourse;inconsiderate or selfish

august:grand,majestic,magnificent,inspiring awe or reverence

aura:(i)invisible emanation of vapor(as the aroma of flowers)

(ii)an invisible atmosphere supposedly arising from and surrounding a person or thing

aural:relating to the ear ;auditory,auicular,acoustic (Confused ? It's 'auroral' in Barron's !!)

auspice:(i)augury ,from birds;(gen.)sign,augury,omen;prophecy esp when favorable(pl.)

(ii)patronage,protection,sponsorship

avuncular:like an uncle ,kindly but respected

ballistics:the science or art of throwing missiles by engine ;the modern science dealing with the motion and impact of projectiles esp.those

discharged from firearms

bailiwick:(see demesne)realm,domain (*also see* purview)

bay(v.):(see ululate)

Beau Brummel(n.):(see fop)

behest: bidding ,injunction,command,order

benighted: overtaken by darkness (literally and figuratively); unenlightened
bigoted (adj.): (see hidebound)
bona fide: in good faith; without fraud; genuine
bon mot (n.): (see sally)
bootless: fruitless, futile, vain, useless
bourn/bourne: (i) destination, goal, port, journey's end, terminal, objective, limit, boundary
(ii) brook, stream burn
brigand: bandit, highwayman, robber, marauder, outlaw, rover (now poetic or archaic)
bromide: cliché, platitude, truism, commonplace or trite saying

cachet: seal or stamp on a letter; mark of authenticity; any distinguishing mark or character
cachination: loud or unrestrained laughter
cadre: nucleus (of people); framework, skeleton, basic unit
calamitous: disastrous, ruinous, catastrophic, cataclysmic
calliope: musical instrument composed of whistles and played like an organ
callus: (n.) a hardened place on the skin (v.) to develop a callus
*canonize (v.): to declare a person a saint; to raise to the highest rank of honor
carom: hit and rebound, collision, as in billiards
carte blanche: free hand, blank check, full discretionary power (Fr. white card)
casuistry: judgement of the application of ethical principles to specific cases; often signifies subtle and evasive reasoning to avoid responsibility
catatonic: characterized by phases of stupor; comatose, listless, dull
catchpenny (adj.): (see trumpery [adj.])
caveat: notice to the legal authorities to suspend a proceeding until the notifier is granted a hearing; any warning enjoining from certain practices
acts / an admonition
chattel: slave, possession, property, person or thing without freedom or rights
chink (n.): (see interstice)
cockade: rosette or similar ornament worn on the hat as a badge
coffer: casket, chest or trunk, esp. one used for the valuables; (fig.) treasury; an ornamental recessed panel in a vault or dome
cognomen: surname; any name, esp. a nickname
commonweal: the common or public good
concupiscent: strongly desirous, esp. sexually; lustful, lecherous, lascivious, salacious
confrere: fellow member of a profession, fraternity etc.; colleague
confute: disprove, prove false, refute
conjoin: join together, unite, combine
*contrition (n.) sincere repentance, compunction, regret, penitence, sorrow for one's sins
*contumely (n.) haughtiness, contempt, contemptuous or abusive language or behaviour; (also) an instance of this
coxcomb (n.): (see fop)
cranny (n.): (see interstice)
crepuscular: of or pertaining to the twilight, dim, dusky, twilight
cybernetics: the comparative study of the human nervous system and of the complex electronic information systems (computers), aimed at increasing the understanding of

human brain

*dalliance(n.) : (i) act of delaying , lingering or loitering ; wasting time
(ii) play , esp. in making love > hence an interchange of caresses; fondling

dandy(n.): (see fop)

dash: (see elan) vigor, ardor

debouch: come out, emerge, issue forth ; (military usage) march out of a confined place into open country (Confused ? It's 'debauch' in Barron's !!!)

decamp: make off , skip out , pull up stakes, fly the coop, clear out, take French leave, leave, depart, flee

demesne: realm, domain, dominion, jurisdiction, department, province, field, sphere, bailiwick

depilate: remove hair from

desuetude: disuse, discontinuance (as in > laws fallen into -----)

detente: easing or relaxation of strained relations or tensions

*disaffection(n.): discontent, disloyalty; absence of good will or affection

discommode: inconvenience, put out, trouble, disoblige, disadvantage, bother, impose on, put upon

distaff: (adj.) relating to women, female

doughty: intrepid, valiant, valorous, brave, courageous, dauntless, undaunted; (now semi-humorous)

drape: (v.) (see festoon)

dudgeon: anger, resentment, ill-will, discord (as in > he exited in high -----)

ecumenical: genral, catholic, universal, particularly w.r.t religious matters ; used spec. w.r.t Christian Church as a whole

*eddy(v.) : rotating; gyrating, spinning

eke: supplement , make additions to; esp. to barely manage a living

elan: enthusiasm, vigor, ardor, dash

emporium: place of trade, commercial center, large general store

endogamous: tending to marry only within one's social grouping or tribe etc. ; inbreeding ; (as in > ----- tribes)

endogenous: developing from within , originating internally (as in > ----- formation of cells)

enshrined : cherished, treated as sacred , held in the highest esteem (as in > the ballplayer was -----d in the Hall of Fame)

eon: period of immense duration; an age , epoch, eternity (Same as Barron's "aeon" !!!)

epigone: succesor, heir, descendant, particularly an inferior or unworthy one (as in > Stalin has been called an ----- of Latin)

ersatz: substitute , often of an inferior quality (as in > margarine is ----- butter)

eschatology: branch of theology dealing with the last or final things as death, judgement etc

escrow: a deed bond or receipt held in care of a 3rd party until certain conditions are met ; (as in > payments placed in ----- during arent strike

[in ----- : the condition of being so held] ;

estuary: inlet ; arm of the sea (as in > The Thames ----- is one of the world's busiest waterways)

ether :imaginary substance formerly supposed to fill interplanetary space
etiology:(i)the determination of the cause of something (ii)the science of causes or origins
exogamous: tending to marry only outside of one's social grouping ,tribe,etc.; tending to outbreed
exogenous:developing from without,originating externally
expound:set forth in detail,explain,interpret,examine
extrude:thrust out,expel,force outward
exurba:region past a city and its suburbs ,esp. a semi-rural ,wealthy,exclusive area of residence

faux pas :literally ,false step,esp. against social convention ;indecorous action,unwitting remark
fealty:allegiance,loyalty to a feudal lord ,deity etc.
festoon:(n.)chain of flowers,foliage,ribbon,etc. suspended in curves
(v.) decorate with a festoon ,drape
fiduciary:(n.)one who holds something in trust ; a trustee
(adj.) of a trustee ;held in trust ;valuable only because of public confidence and support
fillip :light blow or tap ;stimulus ,anything that arouses or gives impetus to.
firmament:heavens,vault or arch of the sky
flatulent:(i)gaseous,marked by gases in the digestive tract
(ii)empty or windy in speech ;vain puffy
*fop(n.):a vain affected man who pays too much attention to clothes and appearance;coxcomb,dandy,Beau Brummel
forage: (v.)wander in search of food ,search for what one wants or needs
(n.)food ,provisions,fodder
fortnight: two weeks
fratricide:murder of one's sibling ;one who does this
freebooter:pirate,privateer,buccaneer,plunderer
al fresco: open air ;in the freshness,coolness

*gaucherie(n.)tactlessness,awkwardness;a tactless or awkward act or expression
genocide:the systematic killing or extermination of a whole people or nation
geriatrics:branch of medicine concerned with old age,its processes ,diseases or processes ;anything relating to old people
gloaming :twilight,dusk of approaching night
goldbrick:malinger (ANT.martinet)
grandee:nobleman,aristocrat,important personage
grist :(i)grain that is to be or has been ground
(ii)(figuratively)anything turned to one's advantage

hauteur:haughtiness,snobbery,pride,snootiness
heath:open wasteland,moor;plants peculiar to such land

hector: threaten, bully, tease sadistically, torment, treat insolently
heliocentric: of or pertaining to the sun as the center
heyday: period of greatest health, vigor or prosperity; prime
hidebound: narrow and rigid in opinion esp. clinging to old opinions, unwilling to change; narrow minded, bigoted, prejudiced
holograph: document written in the handwriting of its author
homologous: having the same relative position, structure, character, proportion etc.; having a counterpart or analogue
honorarium: a payment to a professional for services on which no fee is set or legally obtainable

*idyll(n.): (i) any simple description in prose or poetry of rustic life, pastoral scenes etc.
(ii) the scene, location or type of life so referred
immanent: being or coming from within, inherent; (theology) present throughout the universe [said of God]
imprimatur: (i) license to publish or print a book, pamphlet etc.
(ii) the mark of stamp indicating such license (as in > The Random House -----)
incommodious: causing inconvenience; uncomfortable, troublesome, inconveniently small, cramped, narrow, confined
incommunicado: unable to or not allowed communication with others; deprived of the means of communication
inexpiable: unable to be atoned for or expiated, unpardonable, unforgivable; unable to be lessened or mollified
insidious: characterised by treachery or slyness; operating in a slow or not easily apparent manner
integument: an outer covering of a body or plant; skin, shell, husk
interstice: an intervening space between closely fitting parts or things; small chink, cranny, crevice or opening
inviolate: not violated, kept sacred, unprofaned, unimpaired

jejune: not nourishing, barren; [hence], not satisfying, uninteresting, dull, insipid, flat, banal, inane
jeremaid(n.): (see philippic)
jetsam: cargo thrown overboard to lighten a ship in danger; [hence] discarded things; [pejorative] worthless people
[flotsam and -----] : floating or washed up wreckage
joshing(n.): (see raillery)
judicious: showing good judgement, sensible, prudent

kow-tow(v.): (see truckle)

labial: pertaining to, or formed, with the lips
*laxity(n.): lack of precision or strictness; looseness
littoral: coastal, on the seaboard; [littus]: seashore
loam: rich soil of clay, sand and organic matter
locution: word, phrase or expression; manner or style of speaking

mainstay: main support, staple, chief prop.
*malefic(adj.): malicious, malvolent, malignant, harmful, evil, destructive
*manumission(n.): delivery from slavery or servitude, liberation, emancipation
megalopolis: urban region esp. one comprised of adjoining large cities
metier: the work for which one is particularly suited; strong point
misprison: misconduct or neglect of duty, esp. by a public official; misdemeanor, transgression, crime
moiety: part, portion, fraction, division, segment, section, tithe
moot(adj.): debatable, subject to argument or discussion (MISUSE: impossible to decide X)
moraine: ridge, mound or mass of boulders, gravel, sand, clay etc.
mosque: an Islamic place of public worship
mufti: civilian dress
mummery: hypocritical or pretentious show or ceremony

necrology: a list of persons who have died at or within a certain time; death notice, obituary (DON'T Confuse with 'necromancy')
necropolis: burial ground; graveyard; cemetery, esp. one belonging to a very old city
nonesuch: person or thing without equal; paragon; model of excellence
nonpareil: person or thing of unsurpassed excellence

oblation: offering of sacrifice or thanksgiving
oblique: (i) not upright; slanted, inclined
(ii) not to the point, indirect, not straightforward; evasive, equivocal
occasion(v.) cause, induce, bring about, effect
*occlusion(n.): blockage, closure, hindrance, stopping
oleaginous: having the quality of oil, oily; [fig] unctuous; sanctimonious, hypocritically fawning
ordinance: directive or command of an authoritative nature; statute enacted by a city or legislature
ordnance: (i) cannon or artillery
(ii) military weapons of all kinds; ammunition; equipment or supplies for servicing weapons
orotund(adj.): full, strong, resonant, mellow of voice; pompous or showy in speech or writing (DON'T Confuse with 'rotund')
oxymoron: figure of speech in which opposites are combined (as in 'sophomoric' > [Gr.] sophos (wise) + moros (foolish))

palaver:parley,conference,debate;chatter esp. profuse or silly talk (somewhat pejorative)
 panoply:entire equipment,complete armor as in military equipment ;any complete or magnificent covering or array
 parenthetical:giving qualifying information or explanation;incidental,episodic,interjected
 penance:voluntary suffering or punishment to show repentance or wrong
 penultimate:next to last
 percipient:perceiving;keenly and readily discerning ;having insight,acumen;penetrating
 perdurable:very durable,lasting,enduring,permanent
 perforce:by force of circumstance or necessity;necessarily
 perpetuate:make perpetual,preserve,cause to endure,save from oblivion
 per se:by itself; inherently ,as such
 pettish:peevish,fretful,irritable,petulant,snappish,testy
 phalanx:(i)body of heavily armed infantryformed in close and deep ranks and files
 (ii)massed arrangement of persons or things
 (iii)group of persons with a common purpose
 phantasmagoria:constantly shifting,complex succession of things seen or imagined;scene that constantly changes or fluctuates
 philippic:tirade,diatribe,jeremaid,invective,denunciation
 pilfer(v.):(see purloin)
 pinchbeck(adj.) :(see trumpery [adj.])
 pirouette(v.,n.):in dancing ,to whirl on the toes; amotion of this type
 pitch(v.)(i)set up,erect
 (ii) throw,toss
 (iii)set at a certain level
 (iv)plunge ,fall forward
 (v)rock forward and backward
 (n.) (i)relative point or position
 (ii)angle of incline
 (iii)highest point
 (iv)height or depth of audible tone ;musical note
 (v) the act of throwing a baseball
 (vi)tar
 plebiscite:direct vote in regard to some political question ,such as national soevrignty ;[see referendum]
 plenipotentiary:person invested with the full authority to act as representative of a government;envoy,emissary,delegate
 ply(v.):(i)bend ,twist,fold
 (ii)employ,work with ,use
 (iii)work at, practise
 (iv)address urgently
 (v)keep supplying
 (vi)sail back and forth across
 (adj.)having a single thickness or layer
 pneumatic:relating to air,wind or gases ;filled with or worked by compressed air
 poltergeist:ghost which manifests its presence by noises etc. [Ger. noisy ghost]

*pertentous(adj.):ominous;fortelling evil;foreboding
preciosity:affectation,great fastidiousness,overrefinement,esp. in language
*prescient(adj.):having foresight,able to predict the future
procrustean :designed to secure strict conformity by violent methods;involving drastic enforcement
*proselyte(n.)convert;person persuaded from one belief to another
protagonist:leading character in a play ,novel etc, etc ;hero ;[hence] a person who plays a leading role
providential:occurring as if by intervention of providence;opportune,lucky,fortuitous
purblind:partially blind;slow in understanding or perceiving
purloin:steal
purview:extent or range of control,activity or concern;province,bailiwick

quietus:release from obligation ,debt etc.;release from life ; anything that serves to quiet or end activity or state [*quietus est* he is quit]
quondam:former(DON'T Confuse with !!!!!)

rack:(i)torture,torment (as >on the -----);medieval torture
(ii)oppress by unfair means, esp. charge exorbitant rents
raillery:banter,teasing,good-humored joking or satire,joshing
rapprochement:establishment or esp. restoration of friendly or harmonious relations;
concord,aggrement
rara avis: a rarity;unusual person or thing [strange bird]
recoup:get back an equivalent,make up for ,recover ,make good
rectory:(i)the benefice of income
(ii) the house or rooms occupied by a rector
recreant:(v.)crying out for mercy;cowardly,crave,unfaithful to
duty,disloyal,false,treacherous,apostate,faithless.
(n.)coward ,traitor;one who begs fro mercy in combat
referendum:submission of a law,proposed or in effect,to direct popular vote; the vote itself
renascent:reviving,showing new strength or life,being reborn or reproduced
reproof:rebuke,censure,scolding,chiding
*ribaldry(n.):coarse or vulgar joking ;offensive or irreverent language, esp.
humorous;mockery
riposte:in fencing, a returning thrustfollowing a parry ;[hence] a swift or witty retort
risque(adj.):(see scabrous)
roil:stir up,disturb;[hence] vex,displeae
roughhewn:coarsely hewed,cut or styled,rudely formed

sally:(i)a rushing forth, jaunt ,sortie
(ii)a quick witticism ,quip ,bon mot
(iii)an excursion or unusual side trip, jaunt
sang-froid:composure,equanimity,coolness

sapient:wise,sage,discerning,knowing
 satrap:petty tyrant;despotic subordinate official usu. applied to an agent of another ruler
 scabrous:(i)scabby,blistered,scaly
 (ii)full of difficulties
 (iii)improper,risque,salacious
 scathing:burning ,damaging,injurious,harsh
 scatology:study of obsession with excrement
 schema:diagrammatic representation,schematic arrangement,outline,summary,plan
 scion:a sprout or shoot ;[hence] descendant ,offspring,progeny
 scullion:kitchen helper whose chief task is washing ; dishwasher;kitchenmaid ;[hence] a wretch; low ,miserable person
 senescent:growing old; aging; at the onset of old age [NOT synonym for 'senile']
 *sepulchral(adj.):of or pertaining to tombs,graves or burials;tomblike,dismal,gloomy
 seraphic:angelic,sublime [Hebrew :Seraphism , the highest order of angels]
 shibboleth:slogan characteristic of a group ,party etc.; a catchword esp. one without any real meaning ; any password
 shoal:(i)a shallow ; sandbar or other shallow place in water
 (ii) a large number assembled ,throng ,crowd;specifically , a large number of fish ; school
 sidle:move sideways, esp. in a stealthy, shy or fearful manner
 snappish(adj.) :(see waspish)
 solarium:sun porch ,room in which one suns oneself
 somniferous:sleep-inducing,soporific
 sortie:a sudden attack by troops of a besieged place upon the besiegers; any sudden attack or raid
 spiel(*slang*)a speech or talk esp. by an actor or vendor; pitch
 stalactite:a mineral deposit shaped like an icicle,hanging from the roof of a cave and formed by the dripping of mineral-laden water
 stalagmite:similar to stalactite but rising from the floor of the cave instead of the ceiling
 [mnemonic : stalactites hang from the ceiling ;stalagmites rise from the ground]
 stile:steps to climb a wall or fence;turnstile
 stripling:a youth just passing in to manhood ;grown boy ;lad.
 subcutaneous:situated or lying under the skin , as a tissue or body
 subjoin:add at the end,as of something said or written ; amend; affix
 supernal:(i)of ,or ,from being in the sky or heaven;celestial,ethereal,heavenly,divine
 (ii)high in rank ,power ,meritetc; lofty,exalted ,prominent
 swath:a track,row,or strip made or cut by someone or something; specifically, the cutting made by a scythe ;[fig.] sweep or reach of someone
 or something that cuts like a scythe
 symposium:conference bringing together a number of points of view; a publication containing a number of contributions on a given subject
 synesthesia:sensation felt in one part of the body when another is stimulated ; process in which stimulation of one type produces a secondary,
 subjective sensation, as a green smell
 syntax:(i)arrangement of words in a sentence to show their logical relationship
 (ii) the branch of grammar dealing with this

tachometer:an instrument used for measuring the velocity of machines ,the r.p.m of a revolving shaft , or the velocity of a current in a river , the blood stream etc.

tam/tam o'shanter :cap with a round flat top, and , often a center tassel

teetotaler : one who abstains totally from liquor

tertian:(adj.)occurring every other day

(n.) a form of fever occurring every other day

totalitarian:(adj.)pertaining to a highly centralized govt. under the rigid control of one political party and allowing no democratic rights;any

methods,beliefs or actions similar to these

(n.)one characterised by such beliefs or methods

trammelled:caught ,confined ,shackled,imprisoned [from tammel a kind of fishnet]

transfiguration(n.) :(see transubstantiation)

transmogrify:transform or change completely,esp. in a grotesque or strange manner [humorous pseudo-.....]

transubstantiation:changing of one substance into another ,transformation,metamorphosis,transfiguration

truckle:(v.)be servile;cringe,toady,kow-tow,grovel

(adj.)-----ing : acting in such a manner

trumpery:(n.)(i)that which deceives by false show; anything externally splendid but actually worthless ;worthless finery,trifle ;rubbish;twaddle

(ii) deceit ,fraud,double-dealing

(adj.) showy but worthless;trifling ,flash,paltry,tawdry,pinchbeck,catchpenny

ululate:howl,hoot,wail or lament loudly; bay

untrammelled:free,unconfined,untouched by civilization [see trammelled]

vehement:very ardent or urgent;furious;deeply felt

votary:one bound by a vow ;devoted worshipper;disciple,follower,adherent

waspy:like a wasp in form,slightly built ;[*more freq.*]like a wasp in behaviour ,easily irritated,snappish,testy,irritable,petulant

wassail:(n.)drinking bout , or a toast given at the same

(v.) engage in same ,esp. , at Christmas

wrack(n.):ruin,destruction;wreckage,weeds [NOTE : NOT a verb -- 'wrack with pain ' is INCORRECT for 'rack with pain']

wraith:(i)ghost,specter,esp. the spectral image of a person supposed to be seen just before or after death

(ii)anyone exclusively thin, slight or shrunken

xenophile:favorable attitude or love for strangers or foreigners

yawp:(n. ,v.)a loud ,harsh ,call or cry ; to utter the same; noisy and stupid talk ;yap