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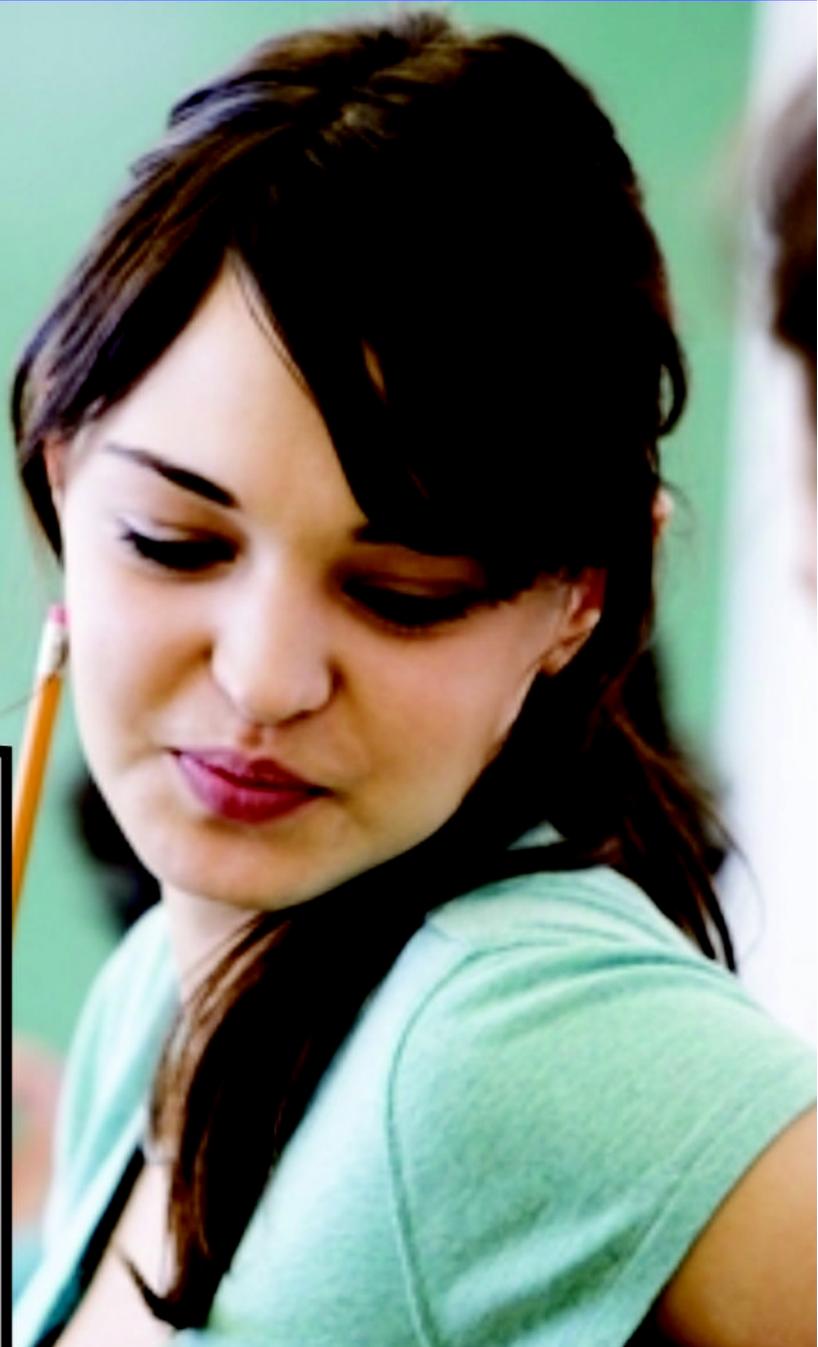
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***SECTION - I***  
**Verbal**  
**Ability**



# VOCABULARY

Every student at some time or the other faces the question “How do I increase my vocabulary? This is because, people who might otherwise be very fluent in spoken English do not really take care to use new words, since, for the purpose of communication, the current register of words is deemed enough. An unfortunate fallout of this nonchalant complacency is that when these people actually face questions examining their vocabulary and its extent, they are all at sea. An easy example will bear this out. Everyone knows that when we are asked to name the tip of a mountain or the highest point of something, we use the word ‘peak’. But not everyone would know that words like zenith, apogee, crest and summit may be replacements for the same word. So the same meaning used in the form of another word might leave the student totally flummoxed. Therefore, it is important to start working on one’s vocabulary as soon as possible for success in any competitive exam.

Given below are a few tips on the accepted methods and practices used to improve one’s vocabulary:

- a) **The practice of reading** - This is, sadly, lacking in most aspirants. With the advent of Television, reading has almost become passe. Reading is important not just because it increases general knowledge. That it definitely does; in addition what it does is help a student get into the habit of reading. It is also important to read a variety of subjects, because each subject has its own register of language and words are used with differing connotations in each register. So, for success in competitive exams, perusal of a few different sources of reading material is mandatory. The sources are:
  - 1) A general magazine e.g. India Today, Frontline, Outlook, Reader’s Digest, Time etc.
  - 2) A business magazine e.g. Business Today, Business India, Business World etc.
  - 3) The daily newspaper e.g. The Times of India, The Hindu, The Indian Express etc.
- b) **Using a dictionary-the almost-extinct habit** - Even though the idea of using a dictionary does nothing to enthuse the common student, every one owns a dictionary but treats it like a sacred cow, not to be touched and defiled; of course, not that they are to be blamed too much for it; it is almost a habit now; but should be considered a necessary evil. A dictionary should be kept with the student while reading anything, so that an incomprehensible word can be looked up immediately. Procrastination invariably leads to the words remaining incomprehensible due to forgetfulness in looking up the word in the dictionary.
- c) **Self-help books** - Quite a few self-help books claiming to improve Verbal ability are to be found in the open market, and one or two are actually helpful in this regard. Students are welcome to consult these books but are advised to do so after consulting discriminating people who have experience in this regard e.g. experienced English teachers or the English faculty, since they have better idea of the relative efficacy of these books.
- d) **Thesaurus-the viable alternative** - If using a dictionary seems to be too boring to be considered for any length of time, using a thesaurus may be a more interesting alternative. In theory, it is the reverse of a dictionary, and basically gives the various synonyms and the types of usage of a word e.g. as a verb, adjective, noun etc.. So it gives a lot of information about each word. If the student can remember even some of it, it will be a great advantage. ‘The most commonly available thesaurus in the market is the Roget’s Thesaurus, usually now used as generic name by most publishers.
- e) **The Word list** - The word List is a comprehensive compendium of the words most commonly asked or used in the Management Examination question papers. Studying the Word List will also give the student a lot of information about the origin of various words, their roots etc. This is a particularly useful method of studying because knowledge of etymology helps the student gauge the meaning and usage of other words having the same roots, regardless of whether the student has come across the word earlier or not.
- f) **Flip-Cards** - We strongly advocate this technique which is another tool to memorize words from the list. These are blank cards approximately double the size of your standard visiting card. After isolation of the exceptionally difficult words from the Word List, the student should write approximately five words on one side of the card and the corresponding meanings on the other. The advantages of using this type of tool are (1) that Flip Cards are portable and the student can carry a card around with him/her any where and glance at it anytime (2) that the embarrassment factor which carrying a Word List around entails is absent here and (3) that at the time of the final run-up to the examination, the student, instead of revising the whole Word List, can just go through the set of Flip Cards that he or she has collected. The only problem is getting started and, to mix metaphors, once that initial hurdle is overcome the rest is smooth sailing!
- (g) **Gauging meanings** - This logically follows from the earlier method. It is advisable for the student to try and gauge the meaning of a word from the context of the sentence. This is an extremely effective method and very frequently, it is possible to find out the meaning of a newly seen word just by reading the whole sentence and getting the meaning of the sentence as a whole. e.g. in the sentence ‘All of us tried our best to persuade him but he remained adamant’. Even if a student does not know the meaning of the word adamant per Se, it is still possible to gauge the meaning from the context of the sentence i.e. unmoved, firm, intractable etc. It should be kept in mind by the students that none of the above methods are absolute in themselves. It is a combination of all these, or at least some of these, which will give one the best results.

## ONE WORD - A SMALL COLLECTION

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|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Abdicate</b>    | - Renounce a throne, high office or dignity                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Ascetic</b>      | - One who avoids physical pleasures and comforts                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Abolish</b>     | - Do away with                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Astrology</b>    | - The art of understanding the influence of heavenly bodies                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Accelerate</b>  | - To move faster                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Astronomy</b>    | - Scientific study of heavenly bodies                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Accomplice</b>  | - One associated with another especially in wrong-doing                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Aviary</b>       | - A place for keeping birds                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Acoustics</b>   | - Science of the production, transmission, reception and effect of sound                                                                                                                                               | <b>Backlog</b>      | - It means an accumulation of arrears. Example: I must clear my heavy backlog of arrears.                                                                                                         |
| <b>Acrobat</b>     | - One who performs gymnastic feats                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Backwater</b>    | - A part of a river out of the main stream, where the water does not move                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Adolescence</b> | - The period of life from puberty to maturity                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Barbarian</b>    | - An uncivilised person                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Actuary</b>     | - One who calculates insurance and annuity premium etc                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Barbecue</b>     | - A metal flame on which meat etc. is cooked over an open fire                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Adulterate</b>  | - Make impure by the addition of inferior substance                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Barometer</b>    | - An instrument for measuring the air pressure                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Aggression</b>  | - Unprovoked attack of one country by another                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Beverage</b>     | - A liquid for drinking                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Amnesty</b>     | - General pardon                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Bibliography</b> | - A list of writings on a subject                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Abattoir</b>    | - A building where animals are killed for meal (or slaughterhouse)                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Biennial</b>     | - Happening once every two years                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Ad hoc</b>      | - Made for a particular purpose                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Bigamy</b>       | - System of two marriages                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Aeronautics</b> | - The science of the operation and flight of aircraft                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Biodata</b>      | - (or resume or curriculum vitae) A short written account of one's education and past employment                                                                                                  |
| <b>Aesthete</b>    | - A person with a highly developed sense of beauty                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Black Hole</b>   | - An area in outer space into which everything near it, including light, is pulled-                                                                                                               |
| <b>Agnostic</b>    | - One who believes that nothing can be known about God                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Bleach</b>       | - Make white or pale by mean~ of chemicals or sunlight                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Agoraphobia</b> | - Fear of open spaces                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Blue Blood</b>   | - The quality of being a noble person by birth                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Alibi</b>       | - It is Latin for elsewhere. It is actually a plea of having been elsewhere at the time of commission of an act. But it is now used in the sense of an excuse. Example: He offered no alibi for his absence from duty. | <b>Blueprint</b>    | - The word originated in the engineering industry where it means the final stage of paper design. So it may mean the final plan or layout. Example: The blueprint of the Five-Year Plan is ready. |
| <b>Alimony</b>     | - Compensatory allowance given to wife after divorce                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Bonsai</b>       | - The art of growing a plant in a pot that is prevented from reaching its natural size                                                                                                            |
| <b>Allergic</b>    | - Allergy means, a heightened sensitivity to a substance as food, medicine etc. Allergic means having an aversion to. He is allergic to hard work.                                                                     | <b>Bon Vivant</b>   | - One who likes good wine and food and cheerful companions                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Altruist</b>    | - One who is habitually kind to others                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Bookworm</b>     | - (or nerd) One who is too fond of reading and study                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Alumnus</b>     | - A former student of a school or college                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Botany</b>       | - The scientific study of plants                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Ambivalent</b>  | - The word means simultaneous attraction towards and repulsion from an object, person or action. The attitude of educated Indians to love-marriages is ambivalent                                                      | <b>Bottleneck</b>   | - It is a narrow passage, a place, stage or condition that checks progress. Example: We must remove all bottlenecks in the swift implementation of policies.                                      |
| <b>Anachronism</b> | - That which appears to be in the wrong period                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Boulevard</b>    | - A broad street having trees on each side                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Anarchy</b>     | - Lawlessness and disorder caused by absence of control                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Bourgeois</b>    | - Belonging to the middle class                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Anecdote</b>    | - A short interesting or amusing story                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Bric-a-brac</b>  | - Small objects kept for decoration                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Anthology</b>   | - A collection of poems or writings                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Bullion</b>      | - Bars of gold or silver                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Aphorism</b>    | - (or maxim) A wise saying in a few words                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Bust</b>         | - A piece of sculpture showing a person's head, shoulders, and upper chest                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Aphrodisiac</b> | - A medicine causing sexual excitement                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Cabal</b>        | - A small group of people who make secret plans for political action                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Apiary</b>      | - A place where bees are kept                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Calligraphy</b>  | - The art of beautiful writing by hand                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Apprentice</b>  | - A person who works under someone to learn that person's skill                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Canine</b>       | - Of a dog                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Arboreal</b>    | - Those who live in trees                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Cannibal</b>     | - One who eats human flesh                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Armistice</b>   | - (or cease-fire or truce) An agreement to stop fighting                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Cardiac</b>      | - Connected with the heart                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Catch-22</b>         | - A situation from which one is prevented from escaping by something that is part of the situation itself     | <b>Debacle</b>       | - A sudden complete failure                                                                   |
| <b>Celestial</b>        | - Of the sky or heaven                                                                                        | <b>Decanter</b>      | - A container for holding alcoholic drinks, especially wine                                   |
| <b>Cerebral</b>         | - Connected with the brain                                                                                    | <b>Defeatism</b>     | - The practice of thinking in a way that shows an expectation of being unsuccessful           |
| <b>Chalet</b>           | - A wooden house with a steeply sloping roof                                                                  | <b>Deficit</b>       | - The amount by which something is less than what is needed                                   |
| <b>Charlatan</b>        | - One who deceives others by falsely claiming to have a skill                                                 | <b>Déja vu</b>       | - The feeling of remembering something that in fact one is experiencing for the first time    |
| <b>Calmistry</b>        | - The art of telling one's character or future by examining one's hands                                       | <b>Depression</b>    | - A long period of seriously reduced business activity and high unemployment                  |
| <b>Celibacy</b>         | - One who does not indulge in carnal pleasure                                                                 | <b>Designate</b>     | - Chosen for an office but not yet officially placed in it                                    |
| <b>Clean sweep</b>      | - A complete victory                                                                                          | <b>Disarmament</b>   | - Reduction of weapons by a government                                                        |
| <b>Clock-and-Dagger</b> | - Stories that deal with adventure and exciting mystery                                                       | <b>Dissection</b>    | - Cutting up the body of a plant or animal for studying                                       |
| <b>Clot</b>             | - A half-solid mass or lump formed from a liquid, especially blood                                            | <b>Dividend</b>      | - The money which is divided among shareholders                                               |
| <b>Clubfoot</b>         | - A badly-shaped foot twisted out of position from birth                                                      | <b>Dome</b>          | - A rounded roof on a building                                                                |
| <b>Coagulate</b>        | - Change from a liquid into a solid by chemical action                                                        | <b>Dormitory</b>     | - A large room containing a number of beds                                                    |
| <b>Cold war</b>         | - Severe political struggle between countries, without actual fighting                                        | <b>Down-and-out</b>  | - One who is suffering from lack of money, work, etc, and is unable to change the situation   |
| <b>Colloquial</b>       | - Suitable for ordinary, informal, or familiar conversation                                                   | <b>Dragnet</b>       | - A system of connected actions and methods for catching criminals                            |
| <b>Colonnade</b>        | - A row of pillars supporting a roof or arches                                                                | <b>Dregs</b>         | - Sediment in a liquid that sinks to the, bottom and is thrown away                           |
| <b>Coma</b>             | - A state of long unnatural deep unconsciousness                                                              | <b>Drudgery</b>      | - Hard uninteresting work                                                                     |
| <b>Combustible</b>      | - (or Inflammable) That can catch fire and burn easily                                                        | <b>Dutch</b>         | - Of the Netherlands (Holland)                                                                |
| <b>Comrade</b>          | - A close companion who shares difficult work                                                                 | <b>Eagle-eyed</b>    | - Looking with very keen attention and noticing small details                                 |
| <b>Congenital</b>       | - Existing at or from one's birth                                                                             | <b>Eaves</b>         | - The edges of a roof which come out beyond the walls                                         |
| <b>Connotation</b>      | - The feeling or ideas that are suggested by a word                                                           | <b>Eddy</b>          | - A circular movement of water, wind, dust, etc.                                              |
| <b>Consortium</b>       | - A combination of several companies, banks, etc. for a common purpose                                        | <b>Elastic</b>       | - Able to spring back into shape after being stretched                                        |
| <b>Consul</b>           | - A person appointed by a govt. to protect and help its citizens and its interests in trade in a foreign city | <b>Electrocute</b>   | - To kill by passing electricity through the body                                             |
| <b>Contemporary</b>     | - A person living at the same time as another                                                                 | <b>Embargo</b>       | - An official order forbidding trade with another country                                     |
| <b>Contretemps</b>      | - An unlucky and unexpected event, socially uncomfortable                                                     | <b>Empirical</b>     | - Based on practical experience of the world we see and feel                                  |
| <b>Corinthian</b>       | - Typical of the most richly decorated style of ancient Greek building                                        | <b>Enigmatic</b>     | - That which is mysterious and very hard to understand                                        |
| <b>Corrigendum</b>      | - Something (to be) made correct in a printed book                                                            | <b>Entomology</b>    | - The scientific study of insects                                                             |
| <b>Counterfeit</b>      | - Made exactly like something real in order to deceive                                                        | <b>Epic</b>          | - A long narrative poem                                                                       |
| <b>Countervailing</b>   | - Acting with equal force but opposite effect                                                                 | <b>Epicurean</b>     | - Lover of physical/material                                                                  |
| <b>Couture</b>          | - The business of making and selling fashionable women's clothes                                              | <b>Ergonomics</b>    | - The study of the conditions in which people work most effectively with machines             |
| <b>Cradle</b>           | - A small bed for a baby                                                                                      | <b>Estuary</b>       | - The wide lower part or mouth of a river                                                     |
| <b>Creativity</b>       | - The ability to produce new and original ideas                                                               | <b>Evaporate</b>     | - To change into steam and disappear                                                          |
| <b>Criminology</b>      | - The scientific study of crime and criminals                                                                 | <b>Evolution</b>     | - Gradual development from simpler forms                                                      |
| <b>Crossroads</b>       | - A point at which an important decision must be taken                                                        | <b>Excise</b>        | - Tax on goods produced and used inside a country                                             |
| <b>Cruise</b>           | - A sea voyage for pleasure                                                                                   | <b>Expletive</b>     | - An often meaningless word used for swearing                                                 |
| <b>Cuisine</b>          | - A style of cooking                                                                                          | <b>Expressionism</b> | - A style of painting which expresses feelings rather than describing objects and experiences |
| <b>Daredevil</b>        | - One who is prepared to take dangerous risks                                                                 |                      |                                                                                               |
| <b>D-day</b>            | - A day on which an important operation is to begin                                                           |                      |                                                                                               |

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| <b>Extrovert</b>      | - One who likes to spend time with others                                                                     | <b>Halitosis</b>      | - A condition in which one has bad breath                                                    |
| <b>Facet</b>          | - Any of the many flat sides of a cut jewel                                                                   | <b>Handbook</b>       | - 'A short book giving all the most important information about a subject                    |
| <b>Faeces</b>         | - The solid waste material passed from the bowels                                                             | <b>Hangar</b>         | - A big building where aircraft are kept between flights                                     |
| <b>Fallacy</b>        | - A false idea or belief                                                                                      | <b>Harpoon</b>        | - A spear with a long rope, used for hunting large sea animals                               |
| <b>Farce</b>          | - A light humorous play full of silly things happening                                                        | <b>Haven</b>          | - A place of calm and safety                                                                 |
| <b>Farrier</b>        | - One who makes and fits shoes for horses                                                                     | <b>Headgear</b>       | - A covering for the head                                                                    |
| <b>Febrile</b>        | - Of or caused by fever                                                                                       | <b>Headstrong</b>     | - Determined to do what one wants in spite of all advice                                     |
| <b>Felony</b>         | - A serious crime such as murder or armed robbery                                                             | <b>Heat-stroke</b>    | - Fever and weakness caused by too much heat                                                 |
| <b>Fiance</b>         | - (feminine fiancée) The person one is going to marry                                                         | <b>Heirloom</b>       | - A valuable object passed on for generations                                                |
| <b>Filament</b>       | - A thin thread                                                                                               | <b>Herbivore</b>      | - A plant-eating animal                                                                      |
| <b>Flogging</b>       | - Severe beating with a whip or stick                                                                         | <b>Hide</b>           | - An animal's skin, when removed to be used for leather                                      |
| <b>Flora</b>          | - All the plants of a particular place, country, or period                                                    | <b>Hinterland</b>     | - The inner part of a country                                                                |
| <b>Fluvial</b>        | - Of, found in, or produced by rivers                                                                         | <b>Histrionics</b>    | - Behaviour resembling a theatrical performance                                              |
| <b>Foible</b>         | - A small rather strange and stupid personal habit                                                            | <b>Holocaust</b>      | - Great destruction and the loss of many lives                                               |
| <b>Foolscap</b>       | - A large size of paper, especially writing paper                                                             | <b>Holster</b>        | - A leather holder for a pistol                                                              |
| <b>Foray</b>          | - A sudden rush into enemy country                                                                            | <b>Hooligan</b>       | - A noisy rough person who causes trouble                                                    |
| <b>Foreman</b>        | - A skilled and experienced worker in charge of other workers                                                 | <b>Hothead</b>        | - One who does things too quickly, without thinking                                          |
| <b>Fortnight</b>      | - Two weeks                                                                                                   | <b>Hub</b>            | - The central part of a wheel                                                                |
| <b>Fourth Estate</b>  | - Newspapers and their writers, considered with regard to their political influence                           | <b>Hump</b>           | - A lump on the back of a camel                                                              |
| <b>Freckle</b>        | - A small flat brown spot on the skin                                                                         | <b>Ideology</b>       | - A set of ideas on which a political or economic system is based                            |
| <b>Freight</b>        | - Goods carried by ship, train, plane, etc.                                                                   | <b>Idolatry</b>       | - The worship of idols                                                                       |
| <b>Frill</b>          | - A decorative edge to a piece of material                                                                    | <b>Illegible</b>      | - Difficult or impossible to read                                                            |
| <b>Frontispiece</b>   | - A picture or photograph at the beginning of a book                                                          | <b>Immortal</b>       | - That which will never die                                                                  |
| <b>Fumigate</b>       | - To clear of disease, bacteria etc. by means of chemical smoke                                               | <b>Implacable</b>     | - Impossible to satisfy, change, or make less angry                                          |
| <b>Furrow</b>         | - A long narrow track cut by a plough                                                                         | <b>Improvident</b>    | - One who does not save for the future                                                       |
| <b>Galaxy</b>         | - A large group of stars                                                                                      | <b>Incarnate</b>      | - In physical form rather than in the form of a spirit or idea                               |
| <b>Gastronomy</b>     | - The art and science of cooking and eating good food                                                         | <b>Incorporeal</b>    | - Without a body                                                                             |
| <b>Gelatine</b>       | - A clear substance used for making jellies                                                                   | <b>Inedible</b>       | - Not suitable for eating                                                                    |
| <b>Geocentric</b>     | - Having the Earth as the central point                                                                       | <b>Inflate</b>        | - To fill until swelled with air or gas                                                      |
| <b>Gigolo</b>         | - A man who is paid to be a woman's lover                                                                     | <b>Ingest</b>         | - To take food into the stomach                                                              |
| <b>Glacier</b>        | - A mass of ice moving very slowly down a mountain valley                                                     | <b>Innate</b>         | - That which one is born with                                                                |
| <b>Glut</b>           | - A larger supply than is necessary                                                                           | <b>Inseminate</b>     | - To put male seed into a female                                                             |
| <b>Goatee</b>         | - A little pointed beard on the bottom of the chin                                                            | <b>Intelligentsia</b> | - Those who are highly educated and often concern themselves with ideas and new developments |
| <b>Go-Getter</b>      | - One who is forceful, determined, and likely to succeed in getting what one wants                            | <b>Intestate</b>      | - Not having made a will                                                                     |
| <b>Good Samaritan</b> | - One who helps others in trouble, without thinking of oneself                                                | <b>Investive</b>      | - A forceful attacking speech used for blaming someone                                       |
| <b>Gorge</b>          | - A deep narrow valley with steep sides                                                                       | <b>Invoice</b>        | - A list of goods supplied, stating quantity and price                                       |
| <b>Graffiti</b>       | - Drawings or writing on a wall                                                                               | <b>Irreproachable</b> | - So good that no blame at all could be given                                                |
| <b>Grange</b>         | - A large country house with Farm buildings                                                                   | <b>Journal</b>        | - A serious magazine produced by a specialist society                                        |
| <b>Green Belt</b>     | - A stretch of land, around a town or city, where building is not allowed, so that fields, woods, etc. remain | <b>Junta</b>          | - A council or assembly that deliberates in secret upon the affairs of government.           |
| <b>Grunt</b>          | - Short deep rough sound of a pig                                                                             | <b>Juxtapose</b>      | - To place side by side or close together                                                    |
| <b>Gubernatorial</b>  | - Of a governor                                                                                               | <b>Kennel</b>         | - A small hut for a dog                                                                      |
| <b>Guinea pig</b>     | - A person who is subject of some kind of test                                                                | <b>Kimono</b>         | - A long loose garment made of silk                                                          |

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