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715	<b>appropriate</b> <b>VERB</b>	to take for one's own or exclusive use; hence, to steal; to set aside for a specific use or person -- <i>Her eclectic look appropriates elements of the styles of many periods: 1940's shoulder pads, 70's bellbottoms, 80's punk haircut.</i> -- <i>Every year the school board appropriates a proportion of tax revenue to purchase textbooks.</i> -- <i>Since no one was using that old Starbucks mug in the office kitchen, I appropriated it.</i>
716	<b>co-opt v. / co-optation n.</b>	to acquire and visibly attach to an activity or enterprise something that in its original context would not have been naturally associated with the activity/enterprise [somewhat akin to group or corporate "plagiarism"] -- <i>Major advertisers commonly purchase the licensing rights for 1960's rock standards. The companies want to co-opt an aura of hipness and associate it with their products.</i> -- <i>When the exchange student from India first arrived in Littleton, she seemed out of place, but it did not take long for her to become co-opted into the habits and rituals of American teenagers.</i>
717	<b>emphatic adj. / emphatically adv.</b>	with emphasis or urgency -- <i>Though we were out of earshot, the lifeguard's emphatic gestures signalled us to return to shore.</i>
718	<b>diminution n. / diminutive adj. &amp; n.</b>	a diminishing or being diminished, lessening, being decreased; in music, the repetition of a theme in notes one half or one quarter the length as in the original; a word formed from another by the addition of a suffix expressing smallness in size or endearment -- <i>Bill Clinton suffered a serious diminution in public stature after the Monica Lewinski affair.</i> -- <i>The lovebirds spoke to one another in cloying diminutives like "sweetykins" and "honeypie."</i>
719	<b>discursive adj. / discursiveness n. (cognate with "discourse")</b>	1. wandering from one topic to another; skimming over many apparently unconnected subjects; rambling; desultory; digressive 2. in philosophy, going from premises to conclusions in a series of logical steps: distinguished "from intuitive" -- <i>I ran out of patience with the discursiveness of her essay. She could have made her main point in half the space.</i> -- <i>Those who once struggled with math are often better at providing clear, discursive explanations of mathematical operations than those who just "get" math intuitively.</i>
720	<b>assimilate v.</b>	to make similar; to absorb into the culture of a population or group -- <i>It is widely thought that immigrant populations are less eager today to <u>assimilate into</u> mainstream American culture than they were fifty years ago.</i>
721	<b>belligerent adj. / belligerence n.</b>	at war; of war; of fighting; seeking war; warlike [connotes an attitude prevailing in a specific situation, but not one that is necessarily permanent] -- <i>When we arrived at what we thought would be a peaceful candlelight protest, we were surprised to find a belligerent crowd burning an effigy of the dictator.</i>
722	<b>bellicose adj. / bellicosity n.</b>	of a quarrelsome or hostile nature; warlike [connotes a relatively constant disposition or character trait] -- <i>I'm all for a show of enthusiasm at the homecoming game, but when the football coach's manner bellicose yelling kicks in, the events aren't fun anymore.</i>
723	<b>morose adj.</b>	gloomily or sullenly ill-humored, as a person or mood -- <i>The 8th graders' faces were frozen in morose stares when they received their disastrous exams back from the teacher.</i>
724	<b>poise n.</b>	1. a state of balance or equilibrium; stability; 2. freedom from affectation or embarrassment; composure; 3. the bearing or deportment of the head or body; mien -- <i>On assembly days, it becomes painfully apparent that poise and public speaking are not a priority at LHS.</i>
725	<b>gravitas n.</b>	high seriousness (as in a person's bearing or in the treatment of a subject) -- <i>Many feel that a president under the age of 50 would not have enough gravitas to command respect.</i> -- <i>His off-color jokes were utterly unsuited to the gravitas of the professor's funeral.</i>
726	<b>beguile v.</b>	1. to lead by deception; 2. to please or persuade by the clever use of charm -- <i>She <u>beguiles</u> men <u>with</u> her feminine wiles to get them to buy her expensive gifts.</i> -- <i>I have not clue why she was so <u>beguiled by</u> him. He's not that smart or that cute.</i>

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727	<b>endemic adj.</b>	1. <b>naturally</b> prevalent in or peculiar to a <b>particular locality</b> , region, or people; 2. native to or confined to a certain region [usually applied to plants or disease, and with a slightly negative connotation] -- <i>Many diseases that are still endemic in Africa have been nearly eradicated first world countries.</i>
728	<b>intrinsic adj.</b>	of or pertaining to the <b>essential characteristics</b> of the thing/person, inherent [usually applied to things or <b>people or cultural phenomena</b> ] -- <i>Though not formally educated, Huck seems intrinsically intelligent. -- Paddled steamboats seemed almost <u>intrinsic</u> to the Mississippi River in the nineteenth century.</i>
729	<b>indigenous adj.</b>	born, <b>growing, or produced naturally</b> in a region or country; native [usually applied to plant or animal life, neutral connotation] -- <i>While it's possible to grow palm trees in Massachusetts, they do better in their indigenous environments.</i>
730	<b>innate adj.</b>	a born characteristic not cultivated or acquired through education (usually used to apply to people) -- <i>Though she hasn't learned to swim yet, she is innately athletic so I imagine she'll learn quickly. -- The ability to write is not innate. While some pick it up more easily than others, all can become competent, and even the best need constant practice to hone and maintain their skills.</i>
731	<b>maverick n.</b>	one that refuses to abide by the dictates of or resists adherence to a group; a glamorous or brave dissenter; a stand-out -- <i>The same over-the-top polyester outfit that could get you ridiculed at BU as a tacky freak might get you praised as a maverick at Brown.</i>
732	<b>consortium n./ consortia pl.</b>	a partnership; an agreement or association of the banking interests of two or more nations, as for giving joint financial aid to another nation – <i>Old Navy, the Gap, and Banana Republic are all owned and operated by the same consortium.</i> [neutral connotation] -- <i>The U.S. and the E.U. <u>formed a temporary consortium</u> to provide aid to the tsunami victims in Indonesia. -- For tax purposes, some extended families turn themselves into business consortia to avoid estate taxes levied on private wealth.</i>
733	<b>cartel n.</b>	an association of industrialists, business firms, etc. for establishing a national or international monopoly for price fixing, ownership of controlling stock, etc. [negative connotation] -- <i>Economists argue over whether the high price of gas is merely due to OPEC exploiting its leverage as a cartel, or to investor speculation in oil commodity futures. -- The small clique at the center of the high school's social universe acted like an impregnable cartel that controlled access to all of the leadership positions.</i>
734	<b>caste n.</b>	1. in native East Indian context, hereditary, hierarchical class levels (connected to Hindu belief in reincarnation) that are strictly excluded from social dealings with one another ("Brahmin" is highest level; "untouchables" are lowest); 2. negatively charged term for any rigid social class distinction or class-based behavior -- <i>It could be said that college admissions officers rather than Hindu gods guard caste distinctions in American culture.</i>
735	<b>finesse n.</b>	ability to handle delicate or difficult situations skillfully and gracefully -- <i>Her impressive social finesse allowed her to move smoothly among and between the tightly guarded castes and cliques that otherwise divided the prep school.</i>
736	<b>opaque adj. / opacity n.</b>	not letting light pass through, not transparent; hard to understand, obscure -- <i>We installed opaque glass in our bathroom window-frames.</i>
737	<b>chimera n. / chimerical adj. Sentence use 2nd DEF</b>	1. in Greek myth, a fire-breathing monster; any similar fabulous monster; 2. <b>an impossible or foolish fancy</b> -- <i>Once her height reached 5 foot 10, she abandoned her chimerical dream of becoming a gymnast. -- Atheists consider most religious beliefs to be chimeras.</i>

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738	<b>phantasm n. / phantasmagoria n.</b>	1. a perception of something that has no physical reality; figment of the mind; spectre; ghost; 2. magic lantern show consisting of various optical illusions in which objects rapidly change size, blend into each other, as in figures or events in a dream. -- <i>Poe's stories are famous for their phantasmagoric verbal effects.</i>
739	<b>alchemy n.</b>	project of medieval chemistry and witchcraft of turning base metals into gold and/or to find elixir of eternal youth; a method of transmutation; a seemingly miraculous change from one substance into another -- <i>The chef's clever alchemy transformed eggs and chocolate into a delicious soufflé.</i>
740	<b>regale v.</b>	to delight by means of a feast or other hospitality -- <i>Before serving the soufflé, our host regaled us with foie gras, escargots, and caviar.</i>
741	<b>brandish v.</b>	to wave or shake menacingly, as a sword; flourish -- <i>Rex mockingly brandished his knife before setting about carving the turkey.</i>
742	<b>espionage n.</b>	1. the act or practice of spying; 2. use of spies by a government to discover military or political secrets of other nations -- <i>The CIA agent was under investigation for espionage.</i>
743	<b>atrophy v. / atrophied adj.</b>	to waste away or to cause to waste away -- <i>The cancer had already begun to atrophy her stomach.</i>
744	<b>potable adj.</b>	fit for drinking -- <i>The plumber fixed our filtration system so now the water is potable.</i>
745	<b>leaven n. &amp; v.</b>	1. a small piece of fermenting dough used as a rising agent; 2. to spread through, causing a gradual, enlivening change -- <i>His intelligence was pleasantly leavened with a sharp sense of humor.</i>