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494	<b>anomaly n./ anomalous adj.</b>	irregularity of an otherwise predictable or dependable condition, motion, or behavior; an exceptional circumstance ["anomalous" is less apt to convey judgment or disapproval than "abnormal"] -- <i>Female firefighters, while increasingly common, are still generally regarded as anomalous.</i> -- <i>Spontaneous genetic mutations are anomalies that play a significant role in evolution.</i>
495	<b>inexorable adj./ inexorability adj.</b>	coming towards one at an unrelenting pace; unremovable; inevitable; inflexible -- <i>The risk of serious injury is an inexorable fact of life if you're on a football team.</i>
496	<b>brisk adj. / briskly adv.</b>	quick and active; lively; sharp and stimulating -- <i>I like walking briskly in the brisk fall air.</i> -- <i>Given her brisk manner, I wasn't surprised to find that her apartment was meticulously tidy and clean.</i>
497	<b>bracing adj.</b>	stimulating; startling and invigorating [more intense than "brisk"] -- <i>After a bracing pep talk at halftime, the team went on to win the game.</i> -- <i>My father swears that the bracing effect of a cold shower beats caffeine any day.</i>
498	<b>glacial adj.</b>	[like a glacier] extremely slow-moving, nearly frozen in manner or expression -- <i>Her glacial expression was intimidating, but semi-inscrutable: was she furious? Bored out of her skull? In any case, it was clear enough she wasn't happy.</i>
499	<b>catalyst n. / catalyze v.</b>	something that causes activity between two or more persons or forces without itself being affected -- <i>Though she did not say a word as she walked in the room, the teacher's mere presence acted as a catalyst-- the students got busy right away.</i>
500	<b>lucrative adj. / lucre n.</b>	profitable; moneymaking -- <i>If you want to afford living in New York or San Francisco, you'd better find a lucrative career.</i> -- <i>Corrupt businesspeople sell their souls for filthy lucre.</i> ["filthy lucre" is an old-school idiomatic phrase]
501	<b>accrue v.i.</b>	1. to happen or result as a natural growth, addition, etc.; 2. to be added as a matter of periodic gain or advantage, as in interest or money. -- <i>After piles of junk had accrued in our basement, we finally had a yard sale.</i> -- <i>If you start saving your money early and steadily enough, the value of your investment is almost sure to accrue.</i> -- <i>He attributed his high scores on the verbal section of the SAT to the accrued benefit of studying for every vocabulary quiz since the 9th grade.</i>
502	<b>depreciate v.</b>	to become diminished in price or perceived value -- <i>Once I drove my new car off the lot, its monetary value instantly depreciated.</i> -- <i>Cuts in the school budget will ultimately depreciate property values.</i>
503	<b>deprecate v. / deprecating adj.</b>	to feel and express disapproval of; to plead against -- <i>Aunt Hilda was always deprecating Granny's cooking, so Granny cut her out of the will.</i>
504	<b>bequeath v.</b>	[distinguish from "bereave"] to designate something for another as an inheritance or heirloom -- <i>My mom promises to bequeath me her secret chocolate chip cookie recipe when I leave for college.</i> -- <i>That hideous vase was <u>bequeathed to me by</u> my grandmother, so I would feel guilty throwing it away.</i>
505	<b>expatriate v. / expatriot n.</b>	1. to banish from his or her native country; 2. to withdraw (oneself) from residence in or allegiance to one's native country -- <i>Fitzgerald was an expatriot, an American who lived in Paris for about 12 years.</i> -- <i>From every country he conquered, Hitler expatriated the Jewish population to Nazi concentration camps.</i>
506	<b>pilfer v. / pilfering n.</b>	to steal or filch a small amount or item -- <i>Who's been pilfering the cookies I baked for the pot luck?</i>
507	<b>haggard adj.</b>	appearing worn and exhausted; wild and intractable -- <i>After working a fourteen hour day, she looked haggard and disheveled.</i>
508	<b>incorrigible adj.</b>	incapable of being corrected or reformed [sometimes can be used as a back-handed compliment, when one wants to convey that one is slightly shocked, but also somewhat attracted, to edgy behavior] -- <i>Jen's incorrigible habits led to her suspension from school.</i> -- <i>Bill is an incorrigible flirt, but still good at heart.</i>
509	<b>odious adj. / odium n.</b>	hateful, disgusting, offensive [never used as a compliment] -- <i>Smoking is an odious habit.</i> [opprobrium -- something oppressive]
510	<b>foible n.</b>	small weakness, slight frailty in character -- <i>A predilection for chocolate is one of my foibles.</i>

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511	<b>inane</b> <i>adj.</i> / <b>inanity</b> <i>n.</i>	empty, void, silly, pointless -- <i>The teacher could rely on the class clown's inanity disrupting the flow of the lesson. -- I found her insistence – at age 25 – on writing exclusively in pink ink to be inane.</i>
512	<b>superciliousness</b> <i>n.</i> / <b>supercilious</b> <i>adj.</i>	carelessness or breezy disdain in someone who is privileged -- <i>True, she finished the race a full minute ahead of her classmates, but her supercilious pride in her victory caused them to resent rather than admire her. – We all laughed when the supercilious prom queen tripped on her gown and wiped out.</i>
513	<b>consign</b> <i>v.</i> / <b>consignment</b> <i>n.</i>	to give over to the care of another, entrust; to turn over permanently to another's charge -- <i>I was flattered that my boss was willing to <u>consign</u> a major project <u>to</u> my supervision. -- I sold my old clothes <u>by</u> <u>consignment</u>. The proceeds were shared 50/50 by the storeowner and me.</i>
514	<b>purvey</b> <i>v.</i> / <b>purveyor</b> <i>n.</i>	to supply or to furnish something to be sold or distributed in a particular circumstance; to advertise or circulate -- <i>Rare is the public school cafeteria that purveys meals cooked from scratch. Usually schools merely reheat frozen food. -- It was our job to purvey baked goods to sell at the fundraiser. -- It is a status symbol for English tea manufacturers to include the label "purveyors to the queen" on their packaging.</i>
515	<b>liaison</b> <i>n.</i>	1. a linking up or connecting of parts or communication to bring about proper co-ordination of activities, orig. esp. military activities; 2. a person managing such linkings; 3. an illicit love affair -- <i>The double-agent established a corrupt liaison between American and Russian gangsters. -- My Dutch aunt was able to act as a helpful liaison when I was figuring out the logistics of my year abroad. -- Ferdinand de Laclous' torrid epistolary novel about courtly life in pre-Revolutionary France is called <u>Dangerous Liasons</u>.</i>
516	<b>discern</b> <i>v.</i> / <b>discernment</b> <i>n.</i> [cognate with <b>discreet</b> / <b>discretion</b> ]	to detect the shape or significance of a situation, or of a distinction (often a subtle or important one) -- <i>Once the sun set, it was difficult to discern whether we were looking at the surface of the ocean or at the night sky. -- Though my friend put on a bright face, I know her well enough <u>to discern that</u> she was concealing her true feelings. -- He is a man of discerning tastes. -- She <u>showed/exercised discernment in</u> her choice of X.</i>
517	<b>efface</b> <i>v.</i>	to erase, rub, or strike out -- <i>I'm so heavy footed that I can efface the treads on my sneakers within weeks. -- Once the tide comes in, all remnants of the sand castle will be entirely effaced.</i>
518	<b>mollify</b> <i>v.</i>	to soothe or calm -- <i>Desperate to mollify her screaming brat in the movie theater, the stressed-out mom shelled out four dollars for a candy bar.</i>
519	<b>elude</b> <i>v.</i> / <b>elusive</b> <i>adj.</i>	1. to escape and/or to avoid the notice of others; 2. baffling, hard to mentally or physically grasp or keep track of -- <i>Even though I follow my mother's pie crust recipe exactly, the secret of its flaky texture somehow eludes me. My pie crusts always turn out hard as rocks. -- The escaping bank robbers managed to elude the cops in the maze of downtown streets. -- When asked to explain what he had been doing when his parents were out, the boy provided elusive answers.</i>
520	<b>feasible</b> <i>adj.</i> / <b>feasibility</b> <i>n.</i>	not just possible, but easy or practical to imagine or to execute -- <i>While it may seem feasible to carry on a long-distance relationship for a little while, in the long run these relationships usually disintegrate. -- Although my first choice is Harvard, I will be sure to apply to schools that I can more feasibly get into. -- I doubt <u>the feasibility of</u> her plan.</i>
521	<b>plausible</b> <i>adj.</i> / <b>plausibility</b> <i>n.</i> / <b>implausible</b> <i>adj.</i>	1. seemingly true, potentially the case [but often used when implying skepticism or doubt as to whether appearances are trustworthy]; 2. implausible means not plausible or specious -- <i>Students commonly invoke "printer problems" as a plausible excuse for late work. -- We found her claim that she had been in the movies as a young child implausible. -- Joan Didion sardonically refers to Hoover Dam as the public works project that made "the Southwest plausible."</i>
522	<b>partial</b> <i>adj.</i> / <b>partiality</b> <i>n.</i> / <b>impartial</b> <i>adj.</i>	feeling or demonstrating a particular inclination for or idiosyncratic, personal bias towards someone or something -- <i>Now that you ask, I tend to be more <u>partial to</u> vanilla than to chocolate ice cream. -- Judges are expected to make <u>impartial</u> decisions.</i>
523	<b>penchant</b> <i>n.</i>	an inclination, attraction, or taste for someone or something [more intense than 'partial'] -- <i>I have a <u>penchant for</u> coffee ice cream.</i>