

**sacrifice** v. To make an offering of to deity, especially by presenting on an altar.

**sacrificial** adj. Offering or offered as an atonement for sin.

**sacrilege** n. The act of violating or profaning anything sacred.

**sacrilegious** adj. Impious.

**safeguard** v. To protect.

**sagacious** adj. Able to discern and distinguish with wise perception.

**salacious** adj. Having strong sexual desires.

**salience** n. The condition of standing out distinctly.

**salient** adj. Standing out prominently.

**saline** adj. Constituting or consisting of salt.

**salutary** adj. Beneficial.

**salutation** n. Any form of greeting, hailing, or welcome, whether by word or act.

**salutatory** n. The opening oration at the commencement in American colleges.

**salvage** n. Any act of saving property.

**salvo** n. A salute given by firing all the guns, as at the funeral of an officer.

**sanctimonious** adj. Making an ostentatious display or hypocritical pretense of holiness or piety.

**sanction** v. To approve authoritatively.

**sanctity** n. Holiness.

**sanguinary** adj. Bloody.

**sanguine** adj. Having the color of blood.

**sanguineous** adj. Consisting of blood.

**sapid** adj. Affecting the sense of taste.

**sapience** n. Deep wisdom or knowledge.

**sapient** adj. Possessing wisdom.

**sapiential** adj. Possessing wisdom.

**saponaceous** adj. Having the nature or quality of soap.

**sarcasm** n. Cutting and reproachful language.

**sarcophagus** n. A stone coffin or a chest-like tomb.

**sardonic** adj. Scornfully or bitterly sarcastic.

**satiate** v. To satisfy fully the appetite or desire of.

**satire** n. The employment of sarcasm, irony, or keenness of wit in ridiculing vices.

**satiric** adj. Resembling poetry, in which vice, incapacity, or corruption is held up to ridicule.

**satirize** v. To treat with sarcasm or derisive wit.

**satyr** n. A very lascivious person.  
**savage** n. A wild and uncivilized human being.  
**savor** v. To perceive by taste or smell.  
**scabbard** n. The sheath of a sword or similar bladed weapon.  
**scarcity** n. Insufficiency of supply for needs or ordinary demands.  
**scholarly** adj. Characteristic of an erudite person.  
**scholastic** adj. Pertaining to education or schools.  
**scintilla** n. The faintest ray.  
**scintillate** v. To emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light.  
**scope** n. A range of action or view.  
**scoundrel** n. A man without principle.  
**scribble** n. Hasty, careless writing.  
**scribe** n. One who writes or is skilled in writing.  
**script** n. Writing or handwriting of the ordinary cursive form.  
**Scriptural** adj. Pertaining to, contained in, or warranted by the Holy Scriptures.  
**scruple** n. Doubt or uncertainty regarding a question of moral right or duty.  
**scrupulous** adj. Cautious in action for fear of doing wrong.  
**scurrilous** adj. Grossly indecent or vulgar.  
**scuttle** v. To sink (a ship) by making holes in the bottom.  
**scythe** n. A long curved blade for mowing, reaping, etc.  
**seance** n. A meeting of spirituals for consulting spirits.  
**sear** v. To burn on the surface.  
**sebaceous** adj. Pertaining to or appearing like fat.  
**secant** adj. Cutting, especially into two parts.  
**secede** v. To withdraw from union or association, especially from a political or religious body.  
**secession** n. Voluntary withdrawal from fellowship, especially from political or religious bodies.  
**seclude** v. To place, keep, or withdraw from the companionship of others.  
**seclusion** n. Solitude.  
**secondary** adj. Less important or effective than that which is primary.  
**secondly** adv. In the second place in order or succession.  
**second-rate** adj. Second in quality, size, rank, importance, etc.  
**secrecy** n. Concealment.  
**secretary** n. One who attends to correspondence, keeps records. or does other writing for others.  
**secretive** adj. Having a tendency to conceal.  
**sedate** adj. Even-tempered.

- sedentary** adj. Involving or requiring much sitting.
- sediment** n. Matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid.
- sedition** n. Conduct directed against public order and the tranquillity of the state.
- seditious** adj. Promotive of conduct directed against public order and the tranquillity of the state.
- seduce** v. To entice to surrender chastity.
- sedulous** adj. Persevering in effort or endeavor.
- seer** n. A prophet.
- seethe** v. To be violently excited or agitated.
- seignior** n. A title of honor or respectful address, equivalent to sir.
- seismograph** n. An instrument for recording the phenomena of earthquakes.
- seize** v. To catch or take hold of suddenly and forcibly.
- selective** adj. Having the power of choice.
- self-respect** n. Rational self-esteem.
- semblance** n. Outward appearance.
- semicivilized** adj. Half-civilized.
- semiconscious** adj. Partially conscious.
- semiannual** adj. Recurring at intervals of six months.
- semicircle** n. A half-circle.
- seminar** n. Any assemblage of pupils for real research in some specific study under a teacher.
- seminary** n. A special school, as of theology or pedagogics.
- senile** adj. Peculiar to or proceeding from the weakness or infirmity of old age.
- sensation** n. A condition of mind resulting from spiritual or inherent feeling.
- sense** n. The signification conveyed by some word, phrase, or action.
- sensibility** n. Power to perceive or feel.
- sensitive** adj. Easily affected by outside operations or influences.
- sensorium** n. The sensory apparatus.
- sensual** adj. Pertaining to the body or the physical senses.
- sensuous** adj. Having a warm appreciation of the beautiful or of the refinements of luxury.
- sentence** n. A related group of words containing a subject and a predicate and expressing a complete thought.
- sentience** n. Capacity for sensation or sense-perception.
- sentient** adj. Possessing the power of sense or sense-perception.
- sentinel** n. Any guard or watch stationed for protection.
- separable** adj. Capable of being disjoined or divided.

**separate** v. To take apart.  
**separatist** n. A seceder.  
**septennial** adj. Recurring every seven years.  
**sepulcher** n. A burial-place.  
**sequacious** adj. Ready to be led.  
**sequel** n. That which follows in consequence of what has previously happened.  
**sequence** n. The order in which a number or persons, things, or events follow one another in space or time.  
**sequent** adj. Following in the order of time.  
**sequester** v. To cause to withdraw or retire, as from society or public life.  
**sequestrate** v. To confiscate.  
**sergeant** n. A non-commissioned military officer ranking next above a corporal.  
**sergeant-at-arms** n. An executive officer in legislative bodies who enforces the orders of the presiding officer.  
**sergeant-major** n. The highest non-commissioned officer in a regiment.  
**service** n. Any work done for the benefit of another.  
**serviceable** adj. Durable.  
**servitude** n. Slavery.  
**severance** n. Separation.  
**severely** adv. Extremely.  
**sextet** n. A band of six singers or players.  
**sextuple** adj. Multiplied by six.  
**sheer** adj. Absolute.  
**shiftless** adj. Wanting in resource, energy, or executive ability.  
**shrewd** adj. Characterized by skill at understanding and profiting by circumstances.  
**shriek** n. A sharp, shrill outcry or scream, caused by agony or terror.  
**shrinkage** n. A contraction of any material into less bulk or dimension.  
**shrive** v. To draw or be drawn into wrinkles.  
**shuffle** n. A mixing or changing the order of things.  
**sibilance** n. A hissing sound.  
**sibilant** adj. Made with a hissing sound.  
**sibilate** v. To give a hissing sound to, as in pronouncing the letter s.  
**sidelong** adj. Inclining or tending to one side.  
**sidereal** adj. Pertaining to stars or constellations.

**siege** n. A beleaguerment.  
**significance** n. Importance.  
**significant** adj. Important, especially as pointing something out.  
**signification** n. The meaning conveyed by language, actions, or signs.  
**similar** adj. Bearing resemblance to one another or to something else.  
**simile** n. A comparison which directs the mind to the representative object itself.  
**similitude** n. Similarity.  
**simplify** v. To make less complex or difficult.  
**simulate** v. Imitate.  
**simultaneous** adj. Occurring, done, or existing at the same time.  
**sinecure** n. Any position having emoluments with few or no duties.  
**singe** v. To burn slightly or superficially.  
**sinister** adj. Evil.  
**sinuosity** n. The quality of curving in and out.  
**sinuous** adj. Curving in and out.  
**sinus** n. An opening or cavity.  
**siren** n. A sea-nymph, described by Homer as dwelling between the island of Circe and Scylla.  
**sirocco** n. hot winds from Africa.  
**sisterhood** n. A body of sisters united by some bond of sympathy or by a religious vow.  
**skeptic** n. One who doubts any statements.  
**skepticism** n. The entertainment of doubt concerning something.  
**skiff** n. Usually, a small light boat propelled by oars.  
**skirmish** n. Desultory fighting between advanced detachments of two armies.  
**sleight** n. A trick or feat so deftly done that the manner of performance escapes observation.  
**slight** adj. Of a small importance or significance.  
**slothful** adj. Lazy.  
**sluggard** n. A person habitually lazy or idle.  
**sociable** adj. Inclined to seek company.  
**socialism** n. A theory of civil polity that aims to secure the reconstruction of society.  
**socialist** adj. One who advocates reconstruction of society by collective ownership of land and capital.  
**sociology** n. The philosophical study of society.  
**Sol** n. The sun.  
**solace** n. Comfort in grief, trouble, or calamity.

**solar** adj. Pertaining to the sun.  
**solder** n. A fusible alloy used for joining metallic surfaces or margins.  
**soldier** n. A person engaged in military service.  
**solecism** n. Any violation of established rules or customs.  
**solicitor** n. One who represents a client in court of justice; an attorney.  
**solicitude** n. Uneasiness of mind occasioned by desire, anxiety, or fear.  
**soliloquy** n. A monologue.  
**solstice** n. The time of year when the sun is at its greatest declination.  
**soluble** adj. Capable of being dissolved, as in a fluid.  
**solvent** adj. Having sufficient funds to pay all debts.  
**somber** adj. Gloomy.  
**somniferous** adj. Tending to produce sleep.  
**somnolence** n. Oppressive drowsiness.  
**somnolent** adj. Sleepy.  
**sonata** n. An instrumental composition.  
**sonnet** n. A poem of fourteen decasyllabic or octosyllabic lines expressing two successive phrases.  
**sonorous** adj. Resonant.  
**soothsayer** n. One who claims to have supernatural insight or foresight.  
**sophism** n. A false argument understood to be such by the reasoner himself and intentionally used to deceive.  
**sophistical** adj. Fallacious.  
**sophisticate** v. To deprive of simplicity of mind or manner.  
**sophistry** n. Reasoning sound in appearance only, especially when designedly deceptive.  
**soprano** n. A woman's or boy's voice of high range.  
**sorcery** n. Witchcraft.  
**sordid** adj. Of degraded character or nature.  
**souvenir** n. A token of remembrance.  
**sparse** adj. Thinly diffused.  
**Spartan** adj. Exceptionally brave; rigorously severe.  
**spasmodic** adj. Convulsive.  
**specialize** v. To assume an individual or specific character, or adopt a singular or special course.  
**specialty** n. An employment limited to one particular line of work.  
**specie** n. A coin or coins of gold, silver, copper, or other metal.



**species** n. A classificatory group of animals or plants subordinate to a genus.

**specimen** n. One of a class of persons or things regarded as representative of the class.

**specious** adj. Plausible.

**spectator** n. One who beholds or looks on.

**specter** n. Apparition.

**spectrum** n. An image formed by rays of light or other radiant energy.

**speculate** v. To pursue inquiries and form conjectures.

**speculator** n. One who makes an investment that involves a risk of loss, but also a chance of profit.

**sphericity** n. The state or condition of being a sphere.

**spheroid** n. A body having nearly the form of a sphere.

**spherometer** n. An instrument for measuring curvature or radii of spherical surfaces.

**spinous** adj. Having spines.

**spinster** n. A woman who has never been married.

**spontaneous** adj. Arising from inherent qualities or tendencies without external efficient cause.

**sprightly** adj. Vivacious.

**spurious** adj. Not genuine.

**squabble** v. To quarrel.

**squalid** adj. Having a dirty, mean, poverty-stricken appearance.

**squatter** n. One who settles on land without permission or right.

**stagnant** adj. Not flowing: said of water, as in a pool.

**stagnate** v. To become dull or inert.

**stagnation** n. The condition of not flowing or not changing.

**stagy** adj. Having a theatrical manner.

**staid** adj. Of a steady and sober character.

**stallion** n. An uncastrated male horse, commonly one kept for breeding.

**stanchion** n. A vertical bar, or a pair of bars, used to confine cattle in a stall.

**stanza** n. A group of rimed lines, usually forming one of a series of similar divisions in a poem.

**statecraft** n. The art of conducting state affairs.

**static** adj. Pertaining to or designating bodies at rest or forces in equilibrium.

**statics** n. The branch of mechanics that treats of the relations that subsist among forces in order.

**stationary** adj. Not moving.  
**statistician** n. One who is skilled in collecting and tabulating numerical facts.  
**statuesque** adj. Having the grace, pose, or quietude of a statue.  
**statuette** n. A figurine.  
**stature** n. The natural height of an animal body.  
**statute** n. Any authoritatively declared rule, ordinance, decree, or law.  
**stealth** n. A concealed manner of acting.  
**stellar** adj. Pertaining to the stars.  
**steppe** n. One of the extensive plains in Russia and Siberia.  
**sterling** adj. Genuine.  
**stifle** v. To smother.  
**stigma** n. A mark of infamy or token of disgrace attaching to a person as the result of evildoing.  
**stiletto** n. A small dagger.  
**stimulant** n. Anything that rouses to activity or to quickened action.  
**stimulate** v. To rouse to activity or to quickened action.  
**stimulus** n. Incentive.  
**stingy** adj. Cheap, unwilling to spend money.  
**stipend** n. A definite amount paid at stated periods in compensation for services or as an allowance.  
**Stoicism** n. The principles or the practice of the Stoics-being very even tempered in success and failure.  
**stolid** adj. Expressing no power of feeling or perceiving.  
**strait** n. A narrow passage of water connecting two larger bodies of water.  
**stratagem** n. Any clever trick or device for obtaining an advantage.  
**stratum** n. A natural or artificial layer, bed, or thickness of any substance or material.  
**streamlet** n. Rivulet.  
**stringency** n. Strictness.  
**stringent** adj. Rigid.  
**stripling** n. A mere youth.  
**studious** adj. Having or showing devotion to the acquisition of knowledge.  
**stultify** v. To give an appearance of foolishness to.  
**stupendous** adj. Of prodigious size, bulk, or degree.  
**stupor** n. Profound lethargy.  
**suasion** n. The act of persuading.  
**suave** adj. Smooth and pleasant in manner.



**subacid** adj. Somewhat sharp or biting.

**subaquatic** adj. Being, formed, or operating under water.

**subconscious** adj. Being or occurring in the mind, but without attendant consciousness or conscious perception.

**subjacent** adj. Situated directly underneath.

**subjection** n. The act of bringing into a state of submission.

**subjugate** v. To conquer.

**subliminal** adj. Being beneath the threshold of consciousness.

**sublingual** adj. Situated beneath the tongue.

**submarine** adj. Existing, done, or operating beneath the surface of the sea.

**submerge** v. To place or plunge under water.

**submergence** n. The act of submerging.

**submersible** adj. Capable of being put underwater.

**submersion** n. The act of submerging.

**submission** n. A yielding to the power or authority of another.

**submittal** n. The act of submitting.

**subordinate** adj. Belonging to an inferior order in a classification.

**subsequent** adj. Following in time.

**subservience** n. The quality, character, or condition of being servilely following another's behests.

**subservient** adj. Servilely following another's behests.

**subside** v. To relapse into a state of repose and tranquillity.

**subsist** v. To be maintained or sustained.

**subsistence** n. Sustenance.

**substantive** adj. Solid.

**subtend** v. To extend opposite to.

**subterfuge** n. Evasion.

**subterranean** adj. Situated or occurring below the surface of the earth.

**subtle** adj. Discriminating.

**subtrahend** n. That which is to be subtracted.

**subversion** n. An overthrow, as from the foundation.

**subvert** v. To bring to ruin.

**succeed** v. To accomplish what is attempted or intended.

**success** n. A favorable or prosperous course or termination of anything attempted.

**successful** adj. Having reached a high degree of worldly prosperity.

**successor** n. One who or that which takes the place of a predecessor or preceding thing.

**succinct** adj. Concise.

**succulent** adj. Juicy.  
**succumb** v. To cease to resist.  
**sufferance** n. Toleration.  
**sufficiency** n. An ample or adequate supply.  
**suffrage** n. The right or privilege of voting.  
**suffuse** v. To cover or fill the surface of.  
**suggestible** adj. That can be suggested.  
**suggestive** adj. Stimulating to thought or reflection.  
**summary** n. An abstract.  
**sumptuous** adj. Rich and costly.  
**superabundance** n. An excessive amount.  
**superadd** v. To add in addition to what has been added.  
**superannuate** v. To become deteriorated or incapacitated by long service.  
**superb** adj. Sumptuously elegant.  
**supercilious** adj. Exhibiting haughty and careless contempt.  
**superficial** adj. Knowing and understanding only the ordinary and the obvious.  
**superfluity** n. That part of anything that is in excess of what is needed.  
**superfluous** adj. Being more than is needed.  
**superheat** v. To heat to excess.  
**superintend** v. To have the charge and direction of, especially of some work or movement.  
**superintendence** n. Direction and management.  
**superintendent** n. One who has the charge and direction of, especially of some work or movement.  
**superlative** n. That which is of the highest possible excellence or eminence.  
**supernatural** adj. Caused miraculously or by the immediate exercise of divine power.  
**supernumerary** adj. Superfluous.  
**supersede** v. To displace.  
**supine** adj. Lying on the back.  
**supplant** v. To take the place of.  
**supple** adj. Easily bent.  
**supplementary** adj. Being an addition to.  
**suppliant** n. One who asks humbly and earnestly.  
**supplicate** v. To beg.  
**supposition** n. Conjecture.  
**suppress** v. To prevent from being disclosed or punished.

**suppressible** adj. Capable of being suppressed.  
**suppression** n. A forcible putting or keeping down.  
**supramundane** adj. Supernatural.  
**surcharge** n. An additional amount charged.  
**surety** n. Security for payment or performance.  
**surfeit** v. To feed to fullness or to satiety.  
**surmise** v. To conjecture.  
**surmount** v. To overcome by force of will.  
**surreptitious** adj. Clandestine.  
**surrogate** n. One who or that which is substituted for or appointed to act in place of another.  
**surround** v. To encircle.  
**surveyor** n. A land-measurer.  
**susceptibility** n. A specific capability of feeling or emotion.  
**susceptible** adj. Easily under a specified power or influence.  
**suspense** n. Uncertainty.  
**suspension** n. A hanging from a support.  
**suspicious** adj. Inclined to doubt or mistrust.  
**sustenance** n. Food.  
**swarthy** adj. Having a dark hue, especially a dark or sunburned complexion.  
**Sybarite** n. A luxurious person.  
**sycofant** n. A servile flatterer, especially of those in authority or influence.  
**syllabic** adj. Consisting of that which is uttered in a single vocal impulse.  
**syllabication** n. Division of words into that which is uttered in a single vocal impulse.  
**syllable** n. That which is uttered in a single vocal impulse.  
**syllabus** n. Outline of a subject, course, lecture, or treatise.  
**sylph** n. A slender, graceful young woman or girl.  
**symmetrical** adj. Well-balanced.  
**symmetry** n. Relative proportion and harmony.  
**sympathetic** adj. Having a fellow-feeling for or like feelings with another or others.  
**sympathize** v. To share the sentiments or mental states of another.  
**sympathonic** adj. Characterized by a harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds.  
**symphonious** adj. Marked by a harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds.  
**symphony** n. A harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds.

**synchronism** n. Simultaneousness.

**syndicate** n. An association of individuals united for the prosecution of some enterprise.

**syneresis** n. The coalescence of two vowels or syllables, as e'er for ever.

**synod** n. An ecclesiastical council.

**synonym** n. A word having the same or almost the same meaning as some other.

**synopsis** n. A syllabus or summary.

**systematic** adj. Methodical.