

SuperSpeller Season 3

Study Words



1st Position - Snow George
Age 12 yrs, Class - ss 2
Tag No.45
School - Starville School,
Gwarimpa

2nd Position - Agbam Blessing
Age 15 yrs, Class - ss 2
Tag No.3
School - Kada Model Academy
Masaka, Nasarawa State

3rd Position - Ojochenemi C. Ojonugwa
Age 12 yrs, Class - Jss 3
Tag No.35
School - Intimacy With Christ Int'l
School, Mararaba, Nasarawa State

SECONDARY {JSS 1-3} CATEGORY

WORD	TRANSCRIPTION	SYLLABLE	ORIGIN	P.S	MEANING
emulate	/ˈemjuleɪt/	em·u·late	latin	verb	to try to do something as well as somebody else because you admire them
noxious	/ˈnɔːkʃəs/	nox·ious	latin	Adj	poisonous or harmful
prelude	/ˈpreljʊːd/	pre·lude	latin	noun	a short piece of music, especially an introduction to a longer piece
contentious	/kənˈtenʃəs/	con·ten·tious	latin	Adj	likely to cause disagreement between people
irreverence	/ɪˈrevərəns/	ir·rev·er·ence		noun	the quality of not showing respect to somebody/something that other people usually respect
wrinkle	/ˈrɪŋkl/	wrin·kle	english	noun	a line or small fold in your skin, especially on your face, that forms as you get older
wrestle	/ˈresl/	wres·tle	english	verb	to fight somebody by holding them and trying to throw or force them to the ground, sometimes as a sport
psalm	/sɑːm/		Greek	noun	a song, poem or prayer that praises God, especially one in the Bible
bifurcate	/ˈbaɪfəkeɪt/	bi·fur·cate	latin	verb	to divide into two separate parts
pernicious	/pərˈnɪʃəs/	per·ni·cious	latin	Adj	having a very harmful effect on somebody/something, especially in a way that is gradual and not easily noticed
epistolary	/ɪˈpɪstələri/	epis·to·lary	latin	Adj	written or expressed in the form of letters
blandishment	ˈblændɪʃm(ə)nt/	blan·dish·ment		noun	flattery intended to persuade
disrepute	/ˌdɪsrɪˈpjuːt/	dis·re·pute		noun	the fact that somebody/something loses the respect of other people
sanguine	/ˈsæŋgwɪn/	san·guine	latin	Adj	cheerful and confident about the future
cajole	/kəˈdʒoʊl/	ca·jole	french	verb	to make somebody do something by talking to them and being very nice to them
ascetic	/əˈsetɪk/	as·cet·ic		noun	someone who practices self-denial as a spiritual discipline
invective	/ɪnˈvektɪv/	in·vec·tive	french	noun	rude language and unpleasant remarks that somebody shouts when they are very angry
antithesis	/ænˈtɪθəɪsɪs/	an·tith·e·sis	latin	noun	the opposite of something
assiduous	/əˈsɪdjuəs/	as·sid·u·ous	latin	Adj	working very hard and taking great care that everything is done as well as it can be
bashful	/ˈbæʃfl/	bash·ful		Adj	shy and easily embarrassed
partisan	/ˈpɑːrtəzn/	par·ti·san	french	Adj	showing too much support for one person, group or idea, especially without considering it carefully
plaudits	/ˈplɔːdɪts/	plau·dit	latin	noun	praise and approval
idiosyncratic	/ˌɪdɪəsɪŋˈkræɪtɪk/	id·i·o·syn·cra·sy		Adj	unusual and particular to a person or thing

ostracism	/ˈɑːstrəsɪzəm/	os-tra-cism		noun	the act of deliberately not including somebody in a group or activity; the state of not being included
panacea	/ˌpænəˈsiːə/	pan-a-cea	latin	noun	something that will solve all the problems of a particular situation
incontrovertible	/ˌɪnkɒntrəˈvɜːtəbəl/	in-con-tro-vert-ible		Adj	that is true and cannot be disagreed with or denied
presage	/ˈpresɪdʒ/	pres-age	latin	verb	a warning or sign that something will happen, usually something unpleasant
maelstrom	/ˈmeɪlstrɑːm/	mael-strom	dutch	noun	a situation full of strong emotions or confusing events, that is hard to control and makes you feel frightened
inane	/ɪˈneɪn/		latin	Adj	stupid or silly; with no meaning
candor	/ˈkændər/	can-dor	english	noun	the quality of saying what you think openly and honestly
calumny	/ˈkæləmni/	cal-um-ny	english	noun	a false statement about a person that is made to damage their reputation
debauch	/deɪˈbɑːkl/	de-bauch			a wild gathering involving excessive drinking
anathema	/əˈnæθəmə/	anath-e-ma	latin	noun	a thing or an idea which you hate because it is the opposite of what you believe
egregious	/ɪˈɡriːdʒiəs/	egre-gious		noun	extremely bad
denigrate	/ˈdenɪɡreɪt/	den-i-grate	latin	verb	to criticize somebody/something unfairly;
accede	/əkˈsiːd/	ac-cede	latin	verb	to agree to a request, proposal, etc.
dour	/dʊə(r)/		latin	Adj	(of a person) giving the impression of being unfriendly and severe
divisive	/dɪˈvaɪsɪv/	di-vi-sive	latin	Adj	dissenting with the majority opinion
constituent	/kənˈstɪtjuənt/	con-stit-u-ent	latin	noun	a person who lives, and can vote in a constituency
dirge	/dɜːdʒ/		latin	noun	a song sung in the past at a funeral or for a dead person
acumen	/ˈækjəmən/	acu-men	latin	noun	shrewdness shown by keen insight
recalcitrant	/rɪˈkælsɪtrənt/	re-cal-ci-trant	latin	Adj	unwilling to obey rules or follow instructions; difficult to control
aggrandizement	/əˈgrændɪzmənt/	ag-gran-dize-ment	latin	noun	the point from which something starts; the cause of something
foil	/fɔɪl/		latin	noun	metal made into very thin sheets that is used for covering or wrapping things, especially food
cleave	/kliːv/		english	verb	to split or cut something in two using something sharp and heavy
contusion	/kənˈtjuːʒn/	con-tu-sion	latin	noun	an injury in which the skin is not broken
philanthropic	/ˌfɪlənˈθrɑːpɪk/	phil-an-throp-ic	Greek	Adj	connected with the practice of helping the poor and those in need, especially by giving money
predilection	/ˌpreɪlɪˈekʃn/	pre-di-lec-tion	latin	noun	if you have a predilection for something, you like it very much

conduit	/'kɑ:ndu:t/	con-duit	french	noun	a passage through which water or electric wires can pass
winsome	/'wɪnsəm/	win·some	english	Adj	pleasant and attractive
veracity	/və'ræsəti/	ve·rac·i·ty	latin	noun	the quality of being true; the habit of telling the truth
physics	/'fɪzɪks/	phys·ics	Greek	noun	the scientific study of matter and energy and the relationships between them, including the study of forces, heat, light, sound, electricity and the structure of atom
illustrious	/'ɪlʌstriəs/	il·lus·tri·ous	latin	Adj	very famous and much admired, especially because of what you have achieved
equivocal	/'ɪkwɪvəkəl/	equiv·o·cal	latin	Adj	not having one clear or definite meaning or intention;
zephyr	/'zefə(r)/	zeph·yr	latin	noun	a soft gentle wind
fetter	/'fetə(r)/	fet·ter	german	verb	to restrict somebody's freedom to do what they want
succinct	/sək'sɪŋkt/	suc·cinct	latin	Adj	expressed clearly and in a few words
obdurate	/'ɑ:bdəreɪt/	ob·du·rate	latin	Adj	refusing to change your mind or your actions in any way
vilify	/'vɪlɪfaɪ/	vil·i·fy	latin	verb	to say or write unpleasant things about somebody/something so that other people will have a low opinion of them
surfeit	/'sɜ:rfɪt/	sur·feit	latin	Adj	an amount that is too large
carouse	/'kɑ:raʊz/	ca·rouse	german	verb	to spend time drinking alcohol, laughing and enjoying yourself in a noisy way with other people
discomfit	/dɪs'kɒmfɪt/		latin	verb	cause to lose one's composure
penchant	/'pentʃənt/	pen·chant	french	noun	a special liking for something
promulgate	/'prɒ:mlgeɪt/	pro·mul·gate	latin	verb	to spread an idea, a belief, etc. among many people
fractious	/'frækʃəs/	frac·tious		Adj	bad-tempered or easily upset, especially by small things
aspersion	/'ə:spɜ:ʃnz/	as·per·sion	latin	noun	critical or unpleasant remarks or judgements
diaphanous	/daɪ'æfənəs/	di·aph·a·nous	latin	Adj	(of cloth) so light and fine that you can almost see through it
tangential	/'tæŋ'dʒenʃl/	tan·gen·tial		Adj	having only a slight or indirect connection with something
palliate	/'pæliət/	pal·li·ate	latin	verb	to make a disease or an illness less painful or unpleasant without curing it
tirade	/'taɪ'reɪd/	ti·rade	italian	noun	a long angry speech criticizing somebody/something or accusing somebody of something
phlegmatic	/'fleg'mætɪk/	phleg·mat·ic	english	Adj	not easily made angry or upset
circumvent	/'sɜ:rkəm'vent/	cir·cum·vent	english	verb	to find a way of avoiding a difficulty or a rule
intimation	/'ɪntɪ'meɪʃn/			noun	a person taking part in a conversation with you

shoddy	/ˈʃɒdi/	shod·dy		Adj	made or done badly and with not enough care
duress	/djuˈres/	du·ress	latin	Adj	threats or force that are used to make somebody do something
commensurate	/kəˈmenʃərət/	com·men·su·rate	latin	Adj	commensurate (with something) (<i>formal</i>) matching something in size, importance, quality, etc.
arrogate	/ˈærəgeɪt/	ar·ro·gate	latin	verb	to claim or take something that you have no right to
proscribe	/prəʊˈskraɪb/	pro·scribe	latin	verb	to say officially that something is banned
officious	/əˈfɪʃəs/	of·fi·cious	latin	Adj	too ready to tell people what to do or to use the power you have to give orders
torpid	/ˈtɔːpɪd/	tor·pid	latin	Adj	not active; with no energy or enthusiasm
atrophy	/ˈætrəfi/	at·ro·phy	french	noun	the condition of losing flesh, muscle, strength, etc. in a part of the body because it does not have enough blood
evanescent	/ˌiːvəˈnesnt/	ev·a·nes·cent	latin	Adj	disappearing quickly from sight or memory
arboreal	/ɑːˈbɔːriəl/	ar·bo·re·al	latin	Adj	relating to trees; living in trees
abject	/ˈæbdʒekt/	ab·ject	latin	Adj	terrible and without hope
inexorable	/ɪnˈkæmbənt/	in·ex·o·ra·ble	latin	noun	a person who has an official position
mistletoe	/ˈmɪsltəʊ/	mis·tle·toe	german	noun	a plant with small shiny white berries that grows on other trees and is often used as a decoration at Christmas
conflagration	/ˌkɒnfləˈɡreɪʃn/	con·fla·gra·tion	latin	noun	a very intense and uncontrolled fire
gnat	/næt/		german	noun	a small fly with two wings, that bites
callous	/ˈkæləs/	cal·lous	english	Adj	not caring about other people's feelings or suffering
arbitrary	/ˈɑːbɪtrəri/	ar·bi·trary	latin	Adj	not seeming to be based on a reason, system or plan
ameliorate	/əˈmiːliəret/	ame·lio·rate	french	verb	to make something better
plenitude	/ˈplenɪtuːd/	plen·i·tude	french	noun	a large amount of something
ubiquitous	/juːˈbɪkwɪtəs/	ubiq·ui·tous	latin	Adj	seeming to be everywhere or in several places at the same time; very common
accost	/əˈkɒst/	ac·cost	latin	verb	approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
maverick	/ˈmævərɪk/	mav·er·ick		Adj	(of a person) independent, with unusual opinions
hyacinth	/ˈhaɪəsɪnθ/	hy·a·cinth	Greek	noun	a plant with a mass of small blue, white or pink flowers with a sweet smell that grow closely together around a thick stem
obstreperous	/əbˈstreperəs/	ob·strep·er·ous	latin	Adj	noisy and difficult to control
trendsetter	/ˈtrendsetə(r)/	trend·set·ter		noun	a person who starts a new fashion or makes it popular

spurious	/'spjʊriəs/	spu-ri-ous	latin	Adj	false, although seeming to be genuine
clamor	/'klæmə(r)/	clam-or	english	verb	[intransitive, transitive] (<i>formal</i>) to demand something loudly
debunk	/'di:'bʌŋk/	de-bunk		verb	to show that an idea, a belief, etc. is false
antiseptic	/'ænti'septɪk/	an-ti-sep-tic		noun	a substance that helps to prevent infection in wounds by killing bacteria
instigate	/'ɪnstɪgeɪt/	in-sti-gate	latin	Adj	spreading gradually or without being noticed, but causing serious harm
horrendous	/'hɒ'rendəs/	hor-ren-dous	latin	Adj	extremely shocking
maudlin	/'mɔ:dlɪn/	maud-lin	french	Adj	talking in a silly, emotional way, often full of pity for yourself, especially when drunk
nadir	/'neɪdɪr/	na-dir	french	noun	the worst moment of a particular situation
cartographer	/'kɑ:'tɒgrəfə(r)/	car-tog-ra-pher		noun	a person who draws or makes maps
rife	/'raɪf/		norse	Adj	if something bad or unpleasant is rife in a place, it is very common there
subjugate	/'sʌbdʒuɡeɪt/	sub-ju-gate	latin	verb	to defeat somebody/something; to gain control over somebody/something
expiate	/'ekspiɪt/	ex-pi-ate	latin	verb	to accept punishment for something that you have done wrong in order to show that you are sorry
fallacious	/'fælɪʃəs/	fal-la-cious	latin	Adj	wrong; based on a false idea
pejorative	/'pi:dʒə:rətɪv/	pe-jo-ra-tive	latin	Adj	a word or remark that is pejorative expresses disapproval or criticism
licentious	/'laɪ'senʃəs/	li-cen-tious	latin	Adj	behaving in a way that is considered sexually immoral
relegate	/'relɪgeɪt/	rel-e-gate	latin	verb	to give somebody a lower or less important position, rank, etc. than before
exigency	/'eksɪdʒənsɪ/	ex-i-gen-cy	latin	noun	an urgent need or demand that you must deal with
serendipity	/'serən'dɪpətɪ/	ser-en-dip-i-ty	english	noun	the fact of something interesting or pleasant happening by chance
demagogue	/'deməɡɒɡ/	dem-a-gogue	Greek	noun	a political leader who tries to win support by using arguments based on emotion rather than reason
geyser	/'gi:zə(r)/	gey-ser	icelandic	noun	a natural spring that sometimes sends hot water or steam up into the air
linchpin	/'lɪntʃpɪn/	linch-pin	english	noun	a person or thing that is the most important part of an organization, a plan, etc., because everything else depends on them or it
apocryphal	/'əpɒkrɪfəl/	apoc-ry-phal		Adj	well known, but probably not true
pulchritude	/'pʌlkrɪtu:d/	pul-chri-tude	latin	noun	beauty
apathetic	/'æpə'θetɪk/	ap-a-thet-ic		Adj	showing no interest or enthusiasm

virtuoso	/ˌvɜːtʃuˈəʊsəʊ/	vir·tu·o·so	latin	noun	person who is extremely skilful at doing something, especially playing a musical instrument
platitude	/ˈplætɪtʃuːd/	plat·i·tude	french	noun	a comment or statement that has been made very often before and is therefore not interesting
pseudonym	/ˈsuːdənɪm/	pseu·do·nym	Greek	noun	a name used by somebody, especially a writer, instead of their real name
impinge	/ɪmˈpɪndʒ/	im·pinge	latin	verb	to have a noticeable effect on something/somebody, especially a bad one
travesty	/ˈtrævəsti/	tra·ves·ty	italian	noun	something that does not have the qualities or values that it should have, and as a result is often shocking or offensive
vestige	/ˈvestɪdʒ/	ves·tige	latin	noun	a small part of something that still exists after the rest of it has stopped existing
antediluvian	/ˌæntɪdɪˈluːviən/	an·te·di·lu·vi·an	latin	Adj	very old-fashioned
exhort	/ɪgˈzɔːt/	ex·hort	latin	verb	to try hard to persuade somebody to do something
construe	/kənˈstruː/	con·strue	latin	verb	to understand the meaning of a word, a sentence or an action in a particular way
engender	/ɪnˈdʒendə(r)/	en·gen·der	latin	verb	to make a feeling or situation exist
extraneous	/ɪkˈstreɪniəs/	ex·tra·ne·ous	latin	Adj	not directly connected with the particular situation you are in
abscond					run away, often taking something or somebody along
truculent	/ˈtrʌkjələnt/	tru·cu·lent	latin	Adj	tending to argue or be bad-tempered; slightly aggressive
knight	/naɪt/		german	noun	man of high social rank who had a duty to fight for his king
gourmand	/ˈgʊəmænd/	gar·ru·lous		noun	a person who enjoys eating and eats large amounts of food
pert	/pɜːrt/		english	Adj	showing a lack of respect, especially in a cheerful and amusing way
concomitant	/kənˈkɔːmɪtənt/	con·com·i·tant	latin	Adj	following or accompanying as a consequence
mores	/ˈmɔːreɪz/	mo·res	latin	noun	the customs and behaviour that are considered typical of a particular social group or community
plethora	/ˈpleθərə/	pleth·o·ra	Greek	noun	an amount that is greater than is needed or can be used
injunction	/ɪˈnɪʃnɪkl/	in·junc·tion	latin	Adj	an official order given by a court which demands that something must or must not be done
duplicity	/djuːˈplɪsəti/	du·plic·i·ty	latin	noun	acting in bad faith
pertinacious	/ˌpɜːrtɪˈneɪʃəs/	per·ti·na·cious	latin	Adj	determined to achieve a particular aim despite difficulties or opposition
ostensible	/ɑːˈstensəbl/	os·ten·si·ble	french	Adj	seeming or stated to be real or true, when this is perhaps not the case
approbation	/ˌæprəˈbeɪʃn/	ap·pro·ba·tion	latin	noun	approval or agreement

adumbrate	/ˈædəmbreɪt/	ad·um·brate	latin	verb	describe roughly or give the main points or summary of
impute	/ɪmˈpju:t/	im·pute		verb	attribute or credit to
upbraid	/ʌpˈbreɪd/	up·braid	english	verb	to criticize somebody or speak angrily to them because you do not approve of something that they have said or done
turpitude	/ˈtɜ:pɪtju:d/	tur·pi·tude	latin	noun	very immoral behaviour
elegy	/ˈelədʒi/	el·e·gy	latin	noun	a poem or song that expresses sadness, especially for somebody who has died
extol	/ɪkˈstəʊl/	ex·tol		verb	to praise somebody/something very much
swarthy	/ˈswɔ:rði/	swar·thy	english	Adj	having dark skin
didactic	/daɪˈdæktɪk/	di·dac·tic	Greek	Adj	designed to teach people something, especially a moral lesson
alias	/ˈeɪliəs/	ali·as	latin	noun	<u>the point from which something starts; the cause of something</u>
largesse	/lɑ:rˈdʒes/	lar·gesse	french	noun	the act or quality of being generous with money; money that you give to people who have less than you
paucity	/ˈpɔ:səti/	pau·ci·ty	french	noun	a small amount of something; less than enough of something
disparate	/ˈdɪspərət/	dis·pa·rate	latin	Adj	made up of parts or people that are very different from each other
wanton	/ˈwɒntən/	wan·ton	english	Adj	causing harm or damage deliberately and for no acceptable reason
furlough	/ˈfɜ:ləʊ/	fur·lough		verb	to give somebody permission to leave their duties for a period of time
trite	/traɪt/		latin	Adj	dull and boring because it has been expressed so many times before; not original
adamant	/ˈædəmənt/	ad·a·mant	latin	Adj	<u>unshakable or insistent especially in maintaining a position or opinion</u>
fortuitous	/fɔ:ˈtju:ɪtəs/		latin	Adj	happening by chance, especially a lucky chance that brings a good result
emend	/iˈmend/		latin	verb	to remove the mistakes in a piece of writing, especially before it is printed
pithy	/ˈpɪθi/			Adj	short but expressed well and full of meaning
cogent	cogent	co·gent	latin	Adj	strongly and clearly expressed in a way that influences what people believe
libertarian	/ˌlɪbərˈterɪən/	lib·er·tar·i·an		noun	a person who strongly believes that people should have the freedom to do and think as they like
contravene	/ˌkɒntrəˈvi:n/	con·tra·vene	latin	verb	to do something that is not allowed by a law or rule
quixotic	/kwɪkˈsɔ:ɪk/	quix·ot·ic	english	Adj	having or involving ideas or plans that show imagination but are usually not practical

morass	/mə'ræs/	mo-rass	dutch	noun	an unpleasant and complicated situation that is difficult to escape from
vicissitude	/vɪ'sɪsɪtju:d/	vi-cis-si-tude	latin	noun	one of the many changes and problems in a situation or in your life, that you have to deal with
laconic	/lə'kɑ:nɪk/	la-con-ic	Greek		using only a few words to say something
garrulous	/'gærələs/	gar-ru-lous	latin	Adj	talking a lot, especially about unimportant things
complement	/'kɑ:plɪment/	com-ple-ment	latin	verb	something added to embellish or make perfect
accretion	/ə'kri:ʃn/	ac-cre-tion	latin	noun	an increase by natural growth or addition
expedient	/ɪk'spi:diənt/	ex-pe-di-ent	latin	verb	an action that is useful or necessary for a particular purpose, but not always fair or right
pterodactyl	/ˌterə'dæktɪl/	ptero-dac-tyl	Greek	noun	a flying reptile that lived millions of years ago
movable	/'mu:vəbl/	mov-able	french	Adj	that can be moved from one place or position to another
admonish	/əd'mɒnɪʃ/	ad-mon-ish	latin	verb	scold or reprimand; take to task
yacht	/jɒt/		dutch	noun	a large sailing boat, often also with an engine and a place to sleep on board, used for pleasure trips and racing
aberration	/ˌæbə'reɪʃn/	ab-er-ra-tion	latin	noun	a fact, an action or a way of behaving that is not usual, and that may be unacceptable
extant	/ek'stænt/	ex-tant	latin	Adj	of something very old) still in existence
cobbler	/'kɑ:blər/	cob-bler	english	noun	[countable] a type of fruit or meat pie with a thick cake or pastry layer on top
alacrity	alacrity	alac-ri-ty	latin	noun	great willingness or enthusiasm
pneumatic	/nju:'mæɪtɪk/	pneu-mat-ic	Greek	Adj	filled with air
impecunious	/ˌɪmpɪ'kju:niəs/	im-pe-cu-nious	latin	Adj	not having enough money to pay for necessities
physical	/'fɪzɪkl/	phys-i-cal	Greek	Adj	connected with a person's body rather than their mind
munificent	/mju:'nɪfɪsnt/	mu-nif-i-cent	latin	Adj	extremely generous
cognizant	/'kɑ:gnɪzənt/	cog-ni-zant	english	Adj	having or showing knowledge or understanding or realization
psoriasis	/sə'reɪəsɪs/	pso-ri-a-sis	Greek	noun	a skin disease that causes rough red areas where the skin comes off in small pieces
penurious	/pə'nuriəs/	pe-nu-ri-ous	latin	Adj	very poor
toady	/'təʊdi/			noun	a person who treats somebody more important with special kindness or respect in order to gain their favour or help
execrable	/'eksɪkrəbl/	ex-e-cra-ble	latin	Adj	very bad

amenable	/ə'mi:nəbl/	ame-na-ble	latin	Adj	easy to control; willing to be influenced by somebody/something
advocate	/'ædvəkət/	ad-vo-cate	latin	adverb	a person who pleads for a person, cause, or idea
amorphous	/ə'mɔ:fəs/	amor-phous	Greek	Adj	having no definite form or distinct shape
eclectic	eclectic	eclec-tic	Greek	Adj	not following one style or set of ideas but choosing from or using a wide variety
scurrilous	/'skɜ:rələs/	scur-ri-lous	french	Adj	very rude and insulting, and intended to damage somebody's reputation
circumscribe	/'sɜ:rkəmskraɪb/	cir-cum-scribe	english	verb	to limit somebody/something's freedom, rights, power, etc.
bereft	/bɪ'reft/		english	Adj	completely lacking something; having lost something
knob	/nɒb/		german	noun	a round switch on a machine such as a television that you use to turn it on and off,
annex	/ə'neks/	an-nex	latin	verb	to take control of a country, region, etc.,
modicum	/'mɔ:dɪkəm/	mo-di-cum	latin	noun	a fairly small amount, especially of something good or pleasant
capitulate	/kə'pɪtʃuleɪt/	ca-pit-u-late	french	verb	surrender under agreed conditions to agree to do something that you have been refusing to do for to agree to do something that you have been refusing to do for a long time
pellucid	/pə'lu:sɪd/	pel-lu-cid	latin	Adj	extremely clear
psychiatrist	/saɪ'kaɪətrɪst/	psy-chi-a-try	Greek	noun	a doctor who studies and treats mental illnesses
portent	/'pɔ:rtent/	por-tent	latin	noun	a sign or warning of something that is going to happen in the future, especially when it is something unpleasant
knowledge	/'nɒlɪdʒ/	knowl-edge	english	noun	the information, understanding and skills that you gain through education or experience
cupidity	/'kju:pɪdətɪ/	cu-pid-i-ty	latin	noun	a strong desire for more wealth, possessions, power, etc. than a person needs
abstruse	/əb'stru:s/	ab-struse	latin	Adj	difficult to penetrate
dearth	/dɜ:θ/			noun	a lack of something; the fact of there not being enough of something
evinced	/ɪ'vɪns/		latin	verb	to show clearly that you have a feeling or quality
emollient	/i'mɒlɪənt/	emol-lient	latin	Adj	making a person or situation calmer in the hope of keeping relations peaceful
expurgate	/'eksɜ:pəgeɪt/	ex-pur-gate	latin	verb	to remove or leave out parts of a piece of writing
protean	/'prəʊ'ti:ən/	pro-te-an	english	Adj	able to change quickly and easily
tome	/təʊm/		Greek	noun	a large heavy book, especially one dealing with a serious topic

empirical	/ɪm'pɪrɪkl/	em·pir·i·cal		Adj	based on experiments or experience rather than ideas or theory
aphorism	/'æfərɪzəm/	aph·o·rism	Greek	noun	a short phrase that says something true or wise
staid	/steɪd/		english	Adj	not amusing or interesting; boring and old-fashioned
noisome	/'nɔɪsəm/	noi·some	english	Adj	extremely unpleasant or offensive
fatuous	/'fætjuəs/	fat·u·ous	latin	Adj	devoid of intelligence or stupid
consign	/kən'saɪn/	con·sign	latin	verb	give over to another for care or safekeeping
circumlocution	/,sɜːrkəmlə'kjuːʃn/	cir·cum·lo·cu·tion	english	noun	using more words than are necessary, instead of speaking or writing in a clear, direct way
onerous	/'oʊnərəs/	oner·ous	french	Adj	needing great effort; causing trouble or worry
quandary	/'kwɑːndəri/	quan·da·ry	latin	noun	the state of not being able to decide what to do in a difficult situation
iconoclast	/'aɪkənəklast/	icon·o·clast	latin	noun	a person who criticizes popular beliefs or established customs and ideas
caucus	/'kɔːkəs/	cau·cus		noun	a meeting of the members or leaders of a political party to choose candidates or to decide policy; the members or leaders of a political party as a group
abjure	/'æbdʒʊr/	ab·jure	english	verb) to promise publicly that you will give up or reject a belief or a way of behaving
pariah	/'pəriə/	pa·ri·ah		noun	a person who is not acceptable to society and is avoided by everyone
ebullient	/'ɪbʊliənt/	ebul·lient	latin	Adj	full of confidence, energy and good humour
equanimity	/'ekwə'nɪməti/	equa·nim·i·ty	latin	noun	steadiness of mind under stress
elicit	/'ɪlɪsɪt/	elic·it	latin	verb	to get information or a reaction from somebody, often with difficulty
aisle	/'aɪl/		latin	noun	a passage between rows of seats in a church, theatre, train
ephemeral	/'ɪfemərəl/	ephem·er·al	Greek	Adj	lasting or used for only a short period of time
anneal	/'æniːl/	an·neal	english	Adj	to heat metal or glass and allow it to cool slowly, in order to make it stronger or softer
enfranchise	/'ɪn'fræntʃaɪz/	en·fran·chise		verb	to give somebody the right to vote in an election
pugnacious	/'pʌg'neɪʃəs/	pug·na·cious	latin	Adj	having a strong desire to argue or fight with other people
disaffected	/,dɪsə'fektɪd/	dis·af·fect·ed		Adj	discontented as toward authority
reprieve	/'rɪ'priːv/	re·prieve	french	verb	to officially cancel or delay a punishment for a prisoner who is condemned to death
affluent	/'æfluənt/	af·flu·ent	latin	Adj	having an abundant supply of money or possessions of value
probity	/'prɒʊbətɪ/	pro·bi·ty	latin	noun	the quality of being completely honest

forbearance	/fɔː'beərəns/	for·bear·ance		noun	the quality of being patient and sympathetic towards other people,
carp	/kɑːrp/		english	noun	a large freshwater fish that is used for food
flagrant	/'fleɪgrənt/	fla·grant	latin	Adj	shocking because it is done in a very obvious way and shows no respect for people, laws
prurient	/'prʊəriənt/	pru·ri·ent	latin	Adj	having or showing too much interest in things connected with sex
mnemonic	/'niːmɒnɪk/	mne·mon·ic	Greek	Adj	helping you to remember something
psychosis	/'saɪ'kəʊsɪs/	psy·cho·sis	Greek	noun	a serious mental illness that makes a person lose contact with reality
pneumonia	/'njuː'məʊniə/	pneu·mo·nia	latin	noun	a serious illness affecting one or both lungs that makes breathing difficult
congruity	/kɑːn'kævəti/	con·cav·i·ty		noun	the quality of agreeing; being suitable and appropriate
proclivity	/'prɒ'klɪvəti/	pro·cliv·i·ty	latin	noun	a natural tendency to do something or to feel something, often something bad
requisition	/'rekwiːzɪʃn/	req·ui·si·tion	french	noun	official written request or demand for something
compunction	/'kəm'pʌŋkʃn/	com·punc·tion	english	noun	a feeling of deep regret, usually for some misdeed
sanctimonious	/'sæŋktɪ'məʊniəs/	sanc·ti·mo·nious	latin	Adj	giving the impression that you feel you are better and more moral than other people
sobriety	/'sə'bræti/	so·bri·ety	french	noun	the state of being sober (= not being drunk)
dispel	/'diːspel/	dis·pel	latin	verb	to cause to separate and go in different directions
gratuitous	/'græ'tjuːɪtəs/	gran·dil·o·quence	latin	Adj	done without any good reason or purpose and often having harmful effects
insidious	/'ɪn'sɪdiəs/	in·sid·i·ous	latin	verb	to make something start or happen, usually something official
leery	/'liəri/			Adj	suspicious or careful about something/somebody, and trying to avoid doing it or dealing with them
paradigm	/'pærədɑɪm/	par·a·digm	Greek	noun	a typical example or pattern of something
enervate	/'enəveɪt/	ener·vate	latin	verb	to make somebody feel weak and tired
quaint	/'kweɪnt/		latin	Adj	attractive in an unusual or old-fashioned way
inveterate	/'ɪn'vetərət/	in·vet·er·ate	latin	Adj	(of a person) always doing something or enjoying something, and unlikely to stop
insurgent	/'ɪn'sɜːrdʒənt/	in·sur·gent	latin	Adj	fighting against the government or armed forces of their own country
disgorge	/'dɪs'gɔːdʒ/	dis·gorge	french	verb	to pour something out in large quantities

embezzlement	/ɪm'beɪzmənt/	em·bez·zle		noun	the act of stealing money that you are responsible for or that belongs to your employer
mawkish	/'mɔ:kɪʃ/	mawk·ish	norse	Adj	expressing or sharing emotion in a way that is exaggerated or embarrassing
dogmatic	/dɒg'mætɪk/	dog·mat·ic	latin	Adj	being certain that your beliefs are right and that others should accept them,
solicitous	/'sɒsbər/	so·lic·i·tous	french	Adj	not drunk (= not affected by alcohol)
multifarious	/,mʌltɪ'feriəs/	mul·ti·far·i·ous	latin	Adj	of many different kinds; having great variety
bombastic	/bɔ:m'bæstɪk/	bom·bas·tic		Adj	sounding important but having little meaning and used to impress people
yoke	/jəʊk/		latin	noun	a long piece of wood that is fastened across the necks of two animals
solipsism	/'sɔ:lɪpsɪzəm/	so·lip·sism	latin	noun	the theory that only the self exists or can be known
gnome	/nəʊm/		latin	noun	a creature like a small man with a pointed hat, who lives under the ground and guards gold and treasure
hapless	'hæpləs/	hap·less		Adj	not lucky; unfortunate
bilk	/bɪlk/			verb	to cheat somebody, especially by taking money from them
umbrage	/'ʌmbrɪdʒ/	um·brage	latin	noun	to feel offended, insulted or upset by something, often without a good reason
camaraderie	/,kɑ:mə'rɑ:dəri/	ca·ma·ra·de·rie	french	noun	a feeling of friendship and trust among people who work or spend a lot of time together
convivial	/kən'vɪviəl/	con·viv·ial	latin	Adj	cheerful and friendly in atmosphere or character
redoubtable	/'rɪdaʊtəbl/	re·doubt·able	french	Adj	they have very strong qualities that make you respect them and perhaps feel afraid of them
defunct	/dɪ'fʌŋkt/	de·funct		Adj	no longer existing, operating or being used
exacerbate	/'ɪg'zæsəbeɪt/	ex·ac·er·bate	latin	verb	to make something worse, especially a disease or problem
grandiloquent	/'græn'dɪləkwənt /	gran·dil·o·quence	latin	Adj	using long or complicated words in order to impress people
debacle	/'deɪ'bɑ:kl/	de·ba·cle		noun	an event or a situation that is a complete failure and causes embarrassment
anachronistic	/'æ,næk'rə'nɪstɪk/	anach·ro·nism		Adj	used to describe a person, a custom or an idea that seems old-fashioned
archetypal	/'ɑ:kɪ'taɪpl/	ar·che·type		Adj	of an original type after which other things are patterned
inchoate	/'ɪn'keʊət/	in·cho·ate	latin	Adj	just beginning to form and therefore not clear or developed
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trenchant	/'trentʃənt/	tren·chant	latin	Adj	expressed strongly and effectively, in a clear way
vociferous	/və'sɪfərəs/	vo·cif·er·ous		Adj	expressing your opinions or feelings in a loud and confident way
inimical	ɪ'nɪmɪkl/	<u>e in-im-i-cal</u>	latin	Adj	harmful to something; not helping something
hegemony	/hɪ'dʒeməni/	he·ge·mo·ny	Greek	noun	control by one country, organization, etc. over other countries, etc
impasse	/'æmpɑ:s/	im·passe	french	noun	a difficult situation in which no progress can be made because the people involved cannot agree what to do
herbivore	/'hɜ:bɪvɔ:(r)/	her·bi·vore	latin	noun	any animal that eats only plants
puerile	/'pjʊərəl/	pu·er·ile	french	Adj	silly; suitable for a child rather than an adult
corpulence	/'kɔ:pjələns/	cor·pu·lence		noun	The quality of being fat. People say 'corpulence' to avoid saying 'fatness'.
espouse	/'ɪspəʊz/	es·pouse	latin	verb	to give your support to a belief, policy, etc.
collegial	/kə-'lɛ-j(ē-)əl/	col·le·gial		Adj	marked by power or authority vested equally in each of a number of colleagues
heir	/eə(r)/		latin	noun	a person who has the legal right to receive somebody's property, money or title when that person dies
litigant	/'lɪtɪɡənt/	lit·i·gant	french	noun	a person who is making or defending a claim in court
bdellium	/'de-lē-əm /	bdel·li·um	latin	noun	gum resin similar to myrrh obtained from various trees (genus Commiphora) of the East Indies and Africa
beguile	/'bɪ'ɡaɪl/	be·guile	english	verb	to trick somebody into doing something, especially by being nice to them
potentate	/'pəʊntət/	po·ten·tate	latin	noun	a ruler who has a lot of power, especially when this is not restricted by a parliament, etc.
abrogate	/'æbnɪ'geɪʃn/	ab·ro·gate	latin	verb	to officially end a law, an agreement, etc.
knell	/nel/		english	noun	The sound of a bell, especially when rung solemnly for a death or funeral.
vituperate	/'vɪ-tū-pə-,rāt/	vi·tu·per·ate	latin	verb	to abuse or censure severely or abusively
stolid	/'sta:lɪd/	stol·id	french	Adj	not showing much emotion or interest; remaining always the same and not reacting or changing
vitriolic	/'vɪtri'blɪk/	vit·ri·ol		Adj	full of anger and hatred
knock	/nɒk/		english	verb	to hit a door
profligate	/'prɑ:flɪɡət/	prof·li·gate	latin	Adj	using money, time, materials, etc. in a careless way
wreath	/'ri:θ/		english	noun	an arrangement of flowers and leaves, especially in the shape of a circle, placed on graves

inoculate	/ɪˈnɔːkjuleɪt/		latin	verb	to protect a person or an animal from catching a particular disease by injecting them with a mild form of the disease
invest	/ɪnˈvest/	in·vest	french	verb	[intransitive, transitive] to buy property, shares in a company, etc. in the hope of making a profit
derivative	/dɪˈrɪvətɪv/	de·riv·a·tive		noun	a compound obtained from another compound
punctilious		punc·til·i·ous	italian	Adj	very careful to behave correctly or to perform your duties exactly as you should
incumbent	/ɪnˈkʌmbənt/	in·cum·bent	latin	noun	a person who has an official position
rescind	/rɪˈsɪnd/	re·scind	latin	verb	to officially state that a law, contract, decision, etc. is no longer valid
tsunami	/tsuːˈnɑːmi/	tsu·na·mi	japanese	noun	an extremely large wave in the sea caused, for example, by an earthquake
surreptitious	/ˌsɜːrəpˈtɪʃəs/		latin	Adj	done secretly or quickly, in the hope that other people will not notice
arcane	/ɑːˈkeɪn/	ar·cane	latin	Adj	secret and mysterious and therefore difficult to understand
maxim	/ˈmæksɪm/	max·im	french	noun	a well-known phrase that expresses something that is usually true or that people think is a rule for sensible behavior
negligent	/ˈneglɪdʒənt/	neg·li·gent	french	Adj	failing to give somebody/something enough care or attention, especially when this has serious results
contrite	/kənˈtraɪt/	con·trite	latin	Adj	very sorry for something bad that you have done
wily	/ˈwaɪli/			Adj	clever at getting what you want, and willing to trick people
connive	/kəˈnaɪv/	con·nive	french	verb	form intrigues (for) in an underhand manner
impetuous	/ɪmˈpetʃuəs/	im·pet·u·ous	latin	Adj	acting or done quickly and without thinking carefully about the results
neophyte	/ˈniːəfaɪt/	neo·phyte	latin	noun	a person who has recently started an activity
abscess	/ˈæbses/	ab·scess	latin	noun	a swollen and infected area on your skin or in your body, full of a thick yellowish liquid (called pus)
cavort	/kəˈvɔːrt/	ca·vort		verb	to jump or move around in a noisy, excited and often sexual way
utilitarian	/ˌjuːtɪlɪˈteəriən/	util·i·tar·i·an		Adj	designed to be useful and practical rather than attractive
edict	/ˈiːdɪkt/		latin	noun	an official order or statement given by somebody in authority
mendacious	/menˈdeɪʃəs/	men·da·cious	latin	Adj	not telling the truth
demagogue	/ˈdeməɡɒɡ/	dem·a·gogue	Greek	noun	a political leader who tries to win support by using arguments based on emotion rather than reason

interlocutor	/ˌɪntərˈlɑːkjətər/	in-ter-loc-u-tor	latin	noun	the act of stating something or of making it known, especially in an indirect way
remiss	/rɪˈmɪs/	re-miss	latin	Adj	not giving something enough care and attention
transcendent	/trænˈsendənt/	tran-scen-dent	latin	Adj	going beyond the usual limits; extremely great
covet	/ˈkʌvət/	cov-et	latin	verb	wish, long, or crave for
reprobate	/ˈreprəbeɪt/	rep-ro-bate	latin	noun	Immoral
despot	/ˈdespɒt/	des-pot	Greek	noun	a ruler with great power, especially one who uses it in a cruel way
bane	/beɪn/		english	noun	something that causes trouble and makes people unhappy
heterogeneous	/ˌhetərəˈdʒiːniəs /	het-ero-ge-neous	latin	Adj	consisting of many different kinds of people or things
legerdemain	/ˈledʒərdəmeɪn/	leg-er-de-main	french	noun	Skillful use of one's hands when performing conjuring tricks.
ambivalent	/æmˈbɪvələnt/	am-biv-a-lent		Adj	having or showing both good and bad feelings about somebody/something
obfuscate	/ˈɔːbfʌsket/	ob-fus-cate	latin	verb	to make something less clear and more difficult to understand, usually deliberately
expunge	/ɪkˈspʌndʒ/	ex-punge	latin	verb	remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line
semaphore	/ˈseməfɔːr/	sem-a-phore	Greek	noun	a system for sending signals in which you hold your arms or two flags in particular positions to represent different letters of the alphabet
preponderance	/prɪˈpɔːndərəns/	pre-pon-der-ance		noun	if there is a preponderance of one type of people or things in a group, there are more of them than others
adverse	/ˈædvɜːs/	ad-verse	latin	Adj	negative and unpleasant; may not produce result
intransigent	/ɪnˈtrænzɪdʒənt/	in-tran-si-gent	french	Adj	unwilling to change their opinions or behaviour in a way that would be helpful to others
abnegation	/ˌæbniˈgeɪʃn/	ab-ne-ga-tion	english	noun	the act of not allowing yourself to have something that you want; the act of rejecting something