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brazen (brā'zn), 1. made of brass. 2. like brass in color or strength. 3. loud and harsh: *the brazen bellow of a horn*. 4. shameless; impudent: *You should be ashamed of such brazen behavior*. 5. make shameless or impudent. 1-4 *adj.*, 5 *v.* —bra'zen ly, *adv.* —bra'sen ness, *n.*

condense (kən dens'), 1. make or become denser or more compact: *Milk is condensed by evaporating most of the water from it*. 2. make stronger; concentrate: *Light is condensed by means of lenses*. 3. change from a gas or vapor to a liquid. If steam comes in contact with cold surfaces, it condenses or is condensed into water. 4. put into fewer words; express briefly: *He condensed the paragraph into one line*. *v.*, con densed, con dens ing.

contemplate (kən'təm plāt), 1. look at for a long time; gaze at. 2. think about for a long time; study carefully: *I will contemplate your proposal*. 3. meditate: *All day he did nothing but contemplate*. 4. have in mind; intend: *She contemplated going to Europe after graduation*. *She is contemplating a change of work*. *v.*, con tem plat ed, con tem plat ing.

distinguish (dis ting'gwish), 1. tell apart; see or show the difference in: *Can you distinguish cotton cloth from linen?* 2. see or show the difference. 3. see or hear clearly; make out plainly: *It is much too dark for me to distinguish anything*. 4. make different; be a special quality or feature of: *Ability to talk distinguishes human beings from animals*. 5. make famous or well-known: *He distinguished himself by winning three prizes*. 6. separate into different groups. *v.*

fictitious (fik tish'əs), 1. not real; imaginary; made-up: *Characters in novels are usually fictitious*. 2. assumed in order to deceive; false: *The criminal used a fictitious name*. *adj.* —fik tish'ous ly, *adv.* —fik tish'ous ness, *n.*

harvest (hār'vist), 1. a reaping and gathering in of grain and other food crops, usually in the late summer or early autumn. 2. time or season when grain, fruit, etc., are gathered in. 3. gather in and bring home for use: *harvest wheat*. 4. one season's yield of any natural product; crop: *The oyster harvest was small this year*. 5. result; consequences: *He is reaping the harvest of his mistakes*. 1,2,4,5 *n.*, 3 *v.*

keynote (kē'nōt'), 1. note on which a scale or system of tones in music is based. 2. main idea; guiding principle: *World peace was the keynote of his speech*. 3. give the keynote speech of. 1,2 *n.*, 3 *v.*, key not ed, key-not ing.

negotiate (ni gō'shē āt), 1. talk over and arrange terms; parley; confer; consult: *The colonists negotiated for peace with the Indians*. 2. arrange for: *They finally negotiated a peace treaty*. 3. sell. 4. *Informal*. get past or over: *The car negotiated the sharp curve by slowing down*. *v.*, ne go ti at ed, ne go ti at ing. —ne go'ti a'tor, *n.*

petty (pet'ē), 1. having little importance or value; small: *She insisted on telling me all her petty troubles*. 2. mean; narrow-minded. 3. lower; subordinate. *adj.*, pet ti er, pet ti est.

shower (shou'ər), 1. a short fall of rain. 2. rain for a short time. 3. wet with a shower; spray; sprinkle. 4. anything like a fall of rain: *a shower of hail, a shower of tears, a shower of sparks from an engine*. 5. come in a shower. 6. send in a shower; pour down: *They showered gifts upon her*. 7. party for giving presents to a woman about to be married, etc. 8. shower bath. 1,4,7,8 *n.*, 2,3,5,6 *v.*

suspend (səs pend'), 1. hang down by attaching to something above: *The lamp was suspended from the ceiling*. 2. hold in place as if by hanging: *We saw the smoke suspended in the still air*. 3. stop for a while: *suspend work*. 4. stop payment; be unable to pay one's debts. 5. remove or exclude for a while from some privilege or job: *He was suspended from school for a week for bad conduct*. 6. keep undecided; put off: *The court suspended judgment till next Monday*. *v.*

ticket (tik'it), 1. card or piece of paper that gives its holder a right or privilege: *a theater ticket*. 2. *Informal*. summons given to an offender to appear in court, usually with reference to traffic violations: *a ticket for speeding*. 3. card or piece of paper attached to something to show its price, etc. 4. put a ticket on; mark with a ticket: *All articles in the store are ticketed with the price*. 5. *U.S.* the list of candidates to be voted on that belong to one political party. 1-3,5 *n.*, 4 *v.*

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hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, bē, tērm; it, īce; hot, gō, ōrder; oil, out; cup, pūt, rŭle, ūse; ch, child; ng, long; th, thin; ʒh, then; zh, measure; ə represents a in about, e in taken, i in April, o in lemon, u in circus.