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PREFACE FROM THE EDITOR

Designed for school districts, educators, and students seeking to maximize performance on standardized tests, Webster's paperbacks take advantage of the fact that classics are frequently assigned readings in English courses. By using a running thesaurus at the bottom of each page, this edition of *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett was edited for students who are actively building their vocabularies in anticipation of taking PSAT[®], SAT[®], AP[®] (Advanced Placement[®]), GRE[®], LSAT[®], GMAT[®] or similar examinations.¹

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CHAPTER I

THERE IS NO ONE LEFT

When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody said she was the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen. It was true, too. She had a little thin face and a little thin body, thin light hair and a sour expression. Her hair was yellow, and her face was yellow because she had been born in India and had always been ill in one way or another. Her father had held a position under the English Government and had always been busy and ill himself, and her mother had been a great beauty who cared only to go to parties and **amuse** herself with gay people. She had not wanted a little girl at all, and when Mary was born she handed her over to the care of an Ayah, who was made to understand that if she wished to please the Mem Sahib she must keep the child out of sight as much as possible. So when she was a **sickly, fretful**, ugly little baby she was kept out of the way, and when she **became** a sickly, fretful, toddling thing she was kept out of the way also. She **never** remembered seeing **familiarly** anything but the dark faces of her Ayah and the other native **servants**, and as they always obeyed her and gave her her own way in everything, because the Mem Sahib would be angry if she was disturbed by her crying, by the time she was six years old she was as **tyrannical** and selfish a little pig as ever lived. The young English **governess** who came to teach her to read and write disliked

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amuse: (*v*) please, beguile, absorb, entertain, enjoy, disport, distract, delight, occupy, recreate, rejoice. ANTONYMS: (*v*) bore, dull, tire, annoy, anger, cloy, depress, weary, disappoint.

came: (*v*) arrive, come.

familiarly: (*adv*) intimately, usually, ordinarily, nearly, frequently, commonly, regularly, informally, closely, acquaintedly, conventionally. ANTONYM: (*adv*) distantly.

fretful: (*adj, v*) querulous; (*adj*) restless, anxious, testy, sullen, irritable, impatient, uneasy, petulant, fidgety, crabbed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) carefree.

governess: (*n*) chaperon, preceptress, nanny, trainer, tutor, professor, lecturer, rectoress, educator, reatrix, instructress.

never: (*adv*) ne'er, Nevers, always, not ever, by no means, at all times, not at all, not, NE. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) always, forever.

servants: (*n*) staff, suite.

sickly: (*adj, adv*) poorly; (*n*) invalid; (*adj*) sick, ailing, pale, sallow, indisposed, morbid, diseased; (*adj, n, v*) infirm; (*adj, v*) faint. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, bitter, robust.

tyrannical: (*adj*) domineering, autocratic, despotic, dictatorial, overbearing, authoritarian, tyrannous, cruel, peremptory, tyrannic, lordly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) liberal, libertarian.

her so much that she gave up her place in three months, and when other governesses came to try to fill it they always went away in a **shorter** time than the first one. So if Mary had not chosen to really want to know how to read books she would never have learned her letters at all.

One **frightfully** hot morning, when she was about nine years old, she **awakened** feeling very cross, and she became crosser still when she saw that the servant who stood by her bedside was not her Ayah.

“Why did you come?” she said to the strange woman. “I will not let you stay. Send my Ayah to me.”

The woman looked frightened, but she only stammered that the Ayah could not come and when Mary threw herself into a passion and beat and kicked her, she looked only more frightened and repeated that it was not possible for the Ayah to come to Missie Sahib.

There was something mysterious in the air that morning. Nothing was done in its regular order and several of the native servants seemed missing, while those whom Mary saw **slunk** or hurried about with **ashy** and scared faces. But no one would tell her anything and her Ayah did not come. She was actually left alone as the morning went on, and at last she wandered out into the garden and began to play by herself under a tree near the **veranda**. She **pretended** that she was making a flower-bed, and she stuck big scarlet **hibiscus** blossoms into little **heaps** of earth, all the time growing more and more angry and **muttering** to herself the things she would say and the names she would call Saidie when she returned.

“Pig! Pig! Daughter of Pigs!” she said, because to call a native a pig is the worst insult of all.

She was **grinding** her teeth and saying this over and over again when she heard her mother come out on the veranda with some one. She was with a fair young man and they stood talking together in low strange voices. Mary knew the fair young man who looked like a boy. She had heard that he was a very young officer who had just come from England. The child stared at him, but she

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ashy: (*adj*) wan, ashen, pale, sallow, pallid, grey, livid, gray, cadaverous, pasty, white.
awakened: (*adj*) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested.
frightfully: (*adv*) awfully, ghastly, dreadfully, fearfully, hideously, terribly, gruesomely, terrifically, atrociously, horrendously, awful.
grinding: (*v*) cutting, excruciating, consuming, corroding; (*n*) abrasion, friction, sharpening, detrition; (*adj*)

grating, extortionate, hard.
heaps: (*adj, n*) lots, much; (*n*) masses, oodles, piles, stacks, many, tons, plenty, lot, accumulation.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) inadequate.
hibiscus: (*n*) Swamp rose-mallow, roselle kemp, roselle, cotton rose, common rose mallow, blue mahoe, bladder ketmia, bimli hemp, majagua, Deccan hemp, mahoe.
muttering: (*n*) grumbling, mutter, murmuring, grumble, murmuration,

murmur vowel, complaint, heart murmur, cardiac murmur; (*adj*) mumbling, faint.
pretended: (*adj, v*) sham, mock, counterfeit, pseudo, spurious; (*adj*) assumed, fake, feigned, fictitious, bogus, affected.
shorter: (*adj*) smaller, inferior.
slunk: (*v*) slink.
veranda: (*n*) gallery, porch, portico, verandah, terrace, patio, stoep, stoop, piazza, deck, corridor.

stared most at her mother. She always did this when she had a chance to see her, because the Mem Sahib--Mary used to call her that oftener than anything else--was such a tall, slim, pretty person and wore such lovely clothes. Her hair was like **curly** silk and she had a delicate little nose which seemed to be disdainful things, and she had large laughing eyes. All her clothes were thin and floating, and Mary said they were "full of lace." They looked fuller of lace than ever this morning, but her eyes were not laughing at all. They were large and scared and lifted **imploringly** to the fair boy officer's face.

"Is it so very bad? Oh, is it?" Mary **heard** her say.

"Awfully," the young man answered in a trembling voice. "Awfully, Mrs. Lennox. You ought to have gone to the hills two weeks ago."

The Mem Sahib wrung her hands.

"Oh, I know I ought!" she cried. "I only stayed to go to that silly dinner party. What a fool I was!"

At that very moment such a loud sound of **wailing** broke out from the servants' quarters that she **clutched** the young man's arm, and Mary stood **shivering** from head to foot. The wailing grew **wilder** and wilder. "What is it? What is it?" Mrs. Lennox gasped.

"Some one has died," answered the boy officer. "You did not say it had broken out among your servants."

"I did not know!" the Mem Sahib cried. "Come with me! Come with me!" and she turned and ran into the house.

After that, appalling things happened, and the **mysteriousness** of the morning was explained to Mary. The **cholera** had broken out in its most fatal form and people were dying like flies. The Ayah had been taken ill in the night, and it was because she had just died that the servants had wailed in the huts. Before the next day three other servants were dead and others had run away in terror. There was panic on every side, and dying people in all the bungalows.

During the confusion and **bewilderment** of the second day Mary hid herself in the nursery and was forgotten by everyone. Nobody thought of her, nobody

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bewilderment: (*n*) astonishment, quandary, confusion, surprise, wonder, bemusement, maze, chaos, jumble, mess; (*adj, n*) perplexity.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) order, clarity.
cholera: (*n*) Asiatic cholera, asphyxia, epidemic cholera.
clutched: (*adj*) tense, worried, anxious, neurotic.
curly: (*adj*) crinkly, kinky, curled, crimped, frizzed, permed, curved; (*adv*) wavily, kinkily, curledly,

curlingly. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) unbent, uncoiled, flat.
heard: (*n*) hearing.
imploringly: (*adv*) beseechingly, pleadingly, importunately, beggingly, suppliantly, appealingly.
mysteriousness: (*n*) mystique, profundity, strangeness, peculiarity, enigma, obscurity, darkness, difficulty, inscrutability, complexity. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) normality, simplicity.

shivering: (*adj*) quivering, shaking, trembling, shaky, quaking, tremulous, shuddering, chilled; (*n*) chill, cold, shiver. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) composed.
wailing: (*n, v*) lamentation, lament, moaning; (*adj*) lamenting, weeping, crying, wailful, howling, sobbing; (*adj, n*) bawling; (*n*) cry.
wilder: (*n*) Samuel Wilder, Thornton Niven Wilder, Thornton Wilder, Billy Wilder.

wanted her, and strange things happened of which she knew nothing. Mary **alternately** cried and slept through the hours. She only knew that people were ill and that she heard mysterious and **tightening** sounds. Once she crept into the dining-room and found it empty, though a partly finished meal was on the table and chairs and plates looked as if they had been hastily pushed back when the diners rose suddenly for some reason. The child ate some fruit and biscuits, and being **thirsty** she drank a glass of wine which stood nearly filled. It was sweet, and she did not know how strong it was. Very soon it made her intensely **drowsy**, and she went back to her nursery and shut herself in again, frightened by cries she heard in the huts and by the **hurrying** sound of feet. The wine made her so sleepy that she could scarcely keep her eyes open and she lay down on her bed and knew nothing more for a long time.

Many things happened during the hours in which she slept so heavily, but she was not disturbed by the wails and the sound of things being carried in and out of the bungalow.

When she awakened she lay and stared at the wall. The house was perfectly still. She had never known it to be so silent before. She heard neither voices nor footsteps, and wondered if everybody had got well of the cholera and all the trouble was over. She wondered also who would take care of her now her Ayah was dead. There would be a new Ayah, and perhaps she would know some new stories. Mary had been rather tired of the old ones. She did not cry because her nurse had died. She was not an affectionate child and had never cared much for any one. The noise and hurrying about and wailing over the cholera had frightened her, and she had been angry because no one seemed to remember that she was alive. Everyone was too **panic-stricken** to think of a little girl no one was fond of. When people had the cholera it seemed that they remembered nothing but themselves. But if everyone had got well again, surely some one would remember and come to look for her.

But no one came, and as she lay waiting the house seemed to grow more and more silent. She heard something **rustling** on the **matting** and when she looked down she saw a little snake **gliding** along and watching her with eyes like

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alternately: (*adv*) alternatively, by turns, in turn, secondarily, reciprocally, mutually, off-and-on, rather, anthemwise, secondly; (*adj*, *adv*) on and off.
drowsy: (*adj*, *n*) sleepy; (*adj*) lazy, comatose, somnolent, slow, lethargic, sluggish, dull, indolent, soporific, listless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) energetic, awake, lively, vigorous, vivacious, refreshed.
gliding: (*adj*) sliding, flying, slipping,

labent, elusory; (*n*) sailing, soaring, flight, glissando; (*v*) slither; (*adv*) glidingly.
hurrying: (*n*) hastening, speed, quickening, rushing, early, speeding, speeding up, stepping up, amphetamine, forward, eager.
matting: (*n*) matt, mounting, carpet, gym mat, flatness, floor covering, mat, master of arts in teaching, lusterlessness.
panic-stricken: (*adj*) afraid, hysterical.

rustling: (*n*) rustle, whispering, whisper, larceny; (*adj*) murmurous, susurrous, active, soughing.
thirsty: (*adj*) eager, arid, parched, avid, keen, athirst, greedy, absorbent, ambitious; (*v*) craving, hungry. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) quenched, satisfied, disinterested, wet.
tightening: (*n*) clamping, thinning, tapering, alteration, modification, narrowing, reduction, adjustment. ANTONYM: (*n*) expansion.

jewels. She was not frightened, because he was a harmless little thing who would not hurt her and he seemed in a hurry to get out of the room. He slipped under the door as she watched him.

"How **queer** and quiet it is," she said. "It sounds as if there were no one in the **bungalow** but me and the snake."

Almost the next minute she heard footsteps in the compound, and then on the veranda. They were men's footsteps, and the men entered the bungalow and talked in low **voices**. No one went to meet or speak to them and they seemed to open doors and look into rooms. "What desolation!" she heard one voice say. "That pretty, pretty woman! I suppose the child, too. I heard there was a child, though no one ever saw her."

Mary was standing in the middle of the nursery when they opened the door a few minutes later. She looked an ugly, cross little thing and was **frowning** because she was beginning to be hungry and feel **disgracefully** neglected. The first man who came in was a large officer she had once seen talking to her father. He looked tired and troubled, but when he saw her he was so startled that he almost jumped back.

"Barney!" he cried out. "There is a child here! A child alone! In a place like this! Mercy on us, who is she!"

"I am Mary Lennox," the little girl said, drawing herself up **stiffly**. She thought the man was very rude to call her father's bungalow "A place like this!" "I fell asleep when everyone had the cholera and I have only just wakened up. Why does nobody come?"

"It is the child no one ever saw!" exclaimed the man, turning to his **companions**. "She has actually been forgotten!"

"Why was I forgotten?" Mary said, **stamping** her foot. "Why does nobody come?"

The young man whose name was Barney looked at her very sadly. Mary even thought she saw him **wink** his eyes as if to wink tears away.

"Poor little kid!" he said. "There is nobody left to come."

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bungalow: (*n*) cottage, building, home, chalet, house, lodge, villa, cabin, kiosk, small house, log cabin.
companions: (*n*) circle, entourage, people.
disgracefully: (*adv*) shamefully, infamously, ingloriously, scandalously, shockingly, discredibly, outrageously, opprobriously, offensively, dishonorably, indecently.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) reputably,

politely, commendably.
frowning: (*adj*) dismal, dark, gloomy, lowering, scowling, frowny, clouded; (*adv*) frowningly; (*n*) austere, boisterous, coarse.
jewels: (*n*) jewelry, gems, wealth, hoops, Perrie, riches, studs, fortune, fineness, earrings, decoration.
queer: (*adj*) fantastic, odd, eccentric, funny, curious, gay, peculiar, strange, quaint, fishy, outlandish.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conventional,

normal, well.
stamping: (*n*) impression, blocking, coin, postage, stamping of rail.
stiffly: (*adv*) firmly, stiff, awkwardly, unbendingly, difficultly, woodenly, strongly, formally, stringently, clumsily, strictly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) loosely.
voices: (*n*) chorus.
wink: (*n, v*) twinkle, blink, flash; (*n*) instant, twinkling, trice; (*v*) sparkle, nictitate, flicker, nictate, leer.

It was in that **strange** and **sudden** way that Mary found out that she had neither father nor mother left; that they had died and been **carried** away in the night, and that the few **native** servants who had not died also had left the house as quickly as they could get out of it, none of them even **remembering** that there was a Missie Sahib. That was why the place was so **quiet**. It was true that there was no one in the bungalow but herself and the little rustling snake.

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carried: (*adj*) conveyed, imported.

native: (*adj, n*) aboriginal, natural; (*adj*) inherent, inborn, innate, congenital, inbred, indigenous, domestic; (*n*) autochthon, aborigine. ANTONYMS: (*n*) stranger, migrant, foreigner; (*adj*) foreign, learned, acquired, nonnative, overseas, adopted; (*adj, n*) immigrant, imported.

quiet: (*adj, adv, v*) still; (*adj, n, v*) lull, hush, pacify, compose, appease, assuage; (*adj, v*) moderate, cool; (*adj,*

adv) gentle, motionless.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) noisy, talkative, vociferous, active, oratorical, fierce, vocal, unquiet, busy, disordered; (*n*) noise.

remembering: (*n*) recollection, recall, memory, identification, recognition, remember, association, connection, connexion, reminiscence, remembrance.

strange: (*adj*) foreign, peculiar, unusual, abnormal, outlandish,

irregular, odd, new, mysterious, extraordinary, curious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ordinary, normal, familiar, typical, usual, conventional, explicable, sensible, mainstream, known, human.

sudden: (*adj*) precipitous, quick, abrupt, hasty, rash, unexpected, steep, unforeseen, drastic, immediate, swift. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) considered, slow, gentle, leisurely, protracted, sensible, smooth.

CHAPTER II

MISTRESS MARY QUITE CONTRARY

Mary had liked to look at her mother from a distance and she had thought her very pretty, but as she knew very little of her she could scarcely have been expected to love her or to miss her very much when she was gone. She did not miss her at all, in fact, and as she was a **self**-absorbed child she gave her entire thought to herself, as she had always done. If she had been older she would no doubt have been very anxious at being left alone in the world, but she was very young, and as she had always been taken care of, she supposed she always would be. What she thought was that she would like to know if she was going to nice people, who would be polite to her and give her her own way as her Ayah and the other native servants had done.

She knew that she was not going to stay at the English **clergyman's** house where she was taken at first. She did not want to stay. The English clergyman was poor and he had five children nearly all the same age and they wore **shabby** clothes and were always **quarreling** and **snatching** toys from each other. Mary hated their **untidy** bungalow and was so **disagreeable** to them that after the first day or two nobody would play with her. By the second day they had given her a **nickname** which made her furious.

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clergyman: (*n*) minister, chaplain, priest, pastor, churchman, preacher, parson, rector, dominie, vicar; (*adj*) divine. ANTONYMS: (*n*) layman, layperson.

disagreeable: (*adj*) nasty, offensive, uncomfortable, distasteful, cantankerous, cross, ungrateful, abhorrent, horrible, bad, painful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleasant, friendly, amiable, inoffensive, acceptable, desirable, easygoing, happy,

pleasing, sweet, nice.

nickname: (*v*) dub, nick; (*n*) sobriquet, alias, moniker, cognomen, pet name, surname, appellation, soubriquet, family name.

quarreling: (*adj*) brawling, noisy, discordant; (*n*) disagreement; (*v*) argue.

self-absorbed: (*adj*) egotistic, egocentric.

shabby: (*adj*) poor, abject, mean, mangy, low, sorry, decrepit, worn,

sordid, ragged; (*adj, v*) frayed.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pristine, elegant, opulent, honorable, decent, new, neat, comfortable, tasteful, strong, respectful.

snatching: (*n*) capture.

untidy: (*adj*) unkempt, disheveled, disorderly, sloppy, messy, disordered, confused, disorganized, sluttish, frowzy, scruffy.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, neat, elegant, orderly, smart, legible, clean.

It was Basil who thought of it first. Basil was a little boy with **impudent** blue eyes and a turned-up nose, and Mary hated him. She was playing by herself under a tree, just as she had been playing the day the cholera broke out. She was making heaps of earth and paths for a garden and Basil came and stood near to watch her. Presently he got rather interested and suddenly made a suggestion.

"Why don't you put a heap of stones there and pretend it is a rockery?" he said. "There in the middle," and he leaned over her to point.

"Go away!" cried Mary. "I don't want boys. Go away!"

For a moment Basil looked angry, and then he began to **tease**. He was always **teasing** his sisters. He danced round and round her and made faces and **sang** and laughed.

Mistress Mary, quite **contrary**,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells, and **cockle** shells,
And marigolds all in a row.

He sang it until the other children heard and laughed, too; and the crosser Mary got, the more they sang "Mistress Mary, quite contrary"; and after that as long as she stayed with them they called her "Mistress Mary Quite Contrary" when they spoke of her to each other, and often when they spoke to her.

"You are going to be sent home," Basil said to her, "at the end of the week. And we're glad of it."

"I am glad of it, too," answered Mary. "Where is home?"

"She doesn't know where home is!" said Basil, with seven-year-old **scorn**. "It's England, of course. Our grandmama lives there and our sister Mabel was sent to her last year. You are not going to your grandmama. You have none. You are going to your uncle. His name is Mr. Archibald Craven."

"I don't know anything about him," snapped Mary.

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cockle: (*v*) ruffle, pucker, rumple, crinkle, ripple, undulate, crumple, coax, cocker; (*n, v*) fold; (*n*) wheat nematode.

contrary: (*adj, n*) contradictory, reverse; (*adj*) adverse, conflicting, unfavorable, perverse, cross, disobedient, alien, different, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) similar, harmonious, helpful, obliging, compatible, complaisant, concordant, parallel, agreeable, cooperative,

favorable.

impudent: (*adj, n*) bold, daring; (*adj*) disrespectful, audacious, impertinent, brassy, barefaced, brazen, insolent, brash, cheeky. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) polite, cowardly.

sang: (*n*) panax quinquefolius, sing, herb, herbaceous plant.

scorn: (*v*) despise, contempt, reject; (*n, v*) ridicule, neglect, disregard, deride, slight; (*n*) contempt, derision, mockery. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) respect,

praise; (*v*) appreciate, revere, value, approve, admire, accept; (*n*) admiration, commendation, humility.

tease: (*n, v*) annoy; (*adj, v*) molest, harry, worry, bait; (*v*) taunt, kid, pester, plague, provoke, mock. ANTONYM: (*v*) placate.

teasing: (*n*) tease, play, joke, fun, banter; (*adj*) quizzical, vexatious, pestering, annoying, playful; (*v*) worrying. ANTONYM: (*n*) seriousness.

"I know you don't," Basil answered. "You don't know anything. Girls never do. I heard father and mother talking about him. He lives in a great, big, **desolate** old house in the country and no one goes near him. He's so cross he won't let them, and they wouldn't come if he would let them. He's a **hunchback**, and he's horrid." "I don't believe you," said Mary; and she turned her back and stuck her fingers in her ears, because she would not listen any more.

But she thought over it a great deal **afterward**; and when Mrs. Crawford told her that night that she was going to sail away to England in a few days and go to her uncle, Mr. Archibald Craven, who lived at Misselthwaite Manor, she looked so stony and **stubbornly uninterested** that they did not know what to think about her. They tried to be kind to her, but she only turned her face away when Mrs. Crawford attempted to kiss her, and held herself stiffly when Mr. Crawford patted her shoulder.

"She is such a plain child," Mrs. Crawford said **pityingly**, afterward. "And her mother was such a pretty creature. She had a very pretty manner, too, and Mary has the most unattractive ways I ever saw in a child. The children call her 'Mistress Mary Quite Contrary,' and though it's naughty of them, one can't help understanding it."

"Perhaps if her mother had carried her pretty face and her pretty manners oftener into the nursery Mary might have learned some pretty ways too. It is very sad, now the poor beautiful thing is gone, to remember that many people never even knew that she had a child at all."

"I believe she scarcely ever looked at her," sighed Mrs. Crawford. "When her Ayah was dead there was no one to give a thought to the little thing. Think of the servants running away and leaving her all alone in that deserted bungalow. Colonel McGrew said he nearly jumped out of his skin when he opened the door and found her standing by herself in the middle of the room."

Mary made the long voyage to England under the care of an officer's wife, who was taking her children to leave them in a boarding-school. She was very much absorbed in her own little boy and girl, and was rather glad to hand the child over to the woman Mr. Archibald Craven sent to meet her, in London. The

Thesaurus

afterward: (*adv, conj*) then, after that; (*adv*) thereafter, afterwards, later, subsequently, later on, next, soon; (*adj*) following; (*n*) future.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) now, previously, before.
desolate: (*adj, v*) desert, forlorn; (*adj*) bare, barren, alone, bleak, deserted, cheerless, disconsolate; (*v*) devastate, destroy. **ANTONYMS**: (*adj*) cheerful, inhabited, happy, sheltered, mobbed, overcrowded, ecstatic, hopeful; (*v*)

create, construct, build.
hunchback: (*n*) humpback, hump, kyphosis, humpback whale; (*adj*) humpbacked, hunchbacked, humped, crookbacked, kyphotic, gibbose, gibbous.
pityingly: (*adv*) sympathetically, pitying, sorrowfully, with compassion, with pity.
stubbornly: (*adv*) obdurately, mulishly, persistently, doggedly, tenaciously, unyieldingly, firmly,

waywardly, contrarily, pertinaciously, insistently.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) feebly, helpfully, openly, hesitantly.
uninterested: (*adj*) apathetic, listless, unconcerned, cool, unenthusiastic, blas, lukewarm, unbiased, languid, disinterested; (*v*) used up.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) enthusiastic, interested, caring, fanatical, committed, keen, concerned, energetic.

woman was his **housekeeper** at Misselthwaite Manor, and her name was Mrs. Medlock. She was a **stout** woman, with very red cheeks and sharp black eyes. She wore a very purple dress, a black silk **mantle** with jet **fringe** on it and a black **bonnet** with purple velvet flowers which stuck up and trembled when she moved her head. Mary did not like her at all, but as she very seldom liked people there was nothing remarkable in that; besides which it was very evident Mrs. Medlock did not think much of her.

"My word! she's a plain little piece of goods!" she said. "And we'd heard that her mother was a beauty. She hasn't handed much of it down, has she, ma'am?" "Perhaps she will improve as she grows older," the officer's wife said **good-naturedly**. "If she were not so **salloy** and had a nicer expression, her features are rather good. Children alter so much."

"She'll have to alter a good deal," answered Mrs. Medlock. "And, there's nothing likely to improve children at Misselthwaite--if you ask me!" They thought Mary was not listening because she was standing a little apart from them at the window of the private hotel they had gone to. She was watching the passing buses and cabs and people, but she heard quite well and was made very curious about her uncle and the place he lived in. What sort of a place was it, and what would he be like? What was a hunchback? She had never seen one. Perhaps there were none in India.

Since she had been living in other people's houses and had had no Ayah, she had **begun** to feel lonely and to think queer thoughts which were new to her. She had begun to wonder why she had never seemed to belong to anyone even when her father and mother had been alive. Other children seemed to belong to their fathers and mothers, but she had never seemed to really be anyone's little girl. She had had servants, and food and clothes, but no one had taken any notice of her. She did not know that this was because she was a disagreeable child; but then, of course, she did not know she was disagreeable. She often thought that other people were, but she did not know that she was so herself.

She thought Mrs. Medlock the most disagreeable person she had ever seen, with her common, highly **colored** face and her common fine bonnet. When the

Thesaurus

begun: (*adj*) present.

bonnet: (*n*) cap, protection, chapeau, tile, wimple, beret, lid, cowl, castor, poke bonnet, sunbonnet.

colored: (*adj*) chromatic, black, tinged, tinted, colorful, dyed, coloured, partial, dark, bleached, biased.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) truthful, white, uncolored, unbiased, pale, objective, honest, genuine, real.

fringe: (*n*) brim, brink, boundary, periphery, rim, lip, bound; (*n, v*)

edge, hem, skirt; (*adj, n, v*) feather.

ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) mainstream; (*n*) center.

good-naturedly: (*adv*) friendly, obligingly, graciously, nicely, kindheartedly, genially, agreeably.

housekeeper: (*n*) factotum, mistress, shepherd, householder, housewife, domestic, cleaning woman, croupier, domestic help, seneschal, house servant.

mantle: (*n*) cloak, cape, pall, blanket,

curtain, blind, coat; (*n, v*) cover, veil; (*adj, n, v*) blush, flush.

salloy: (*adj*) pasty, pallid, bloodless, sickly, wan, ashen, fair, white, tawny, sandy; (*n*) osier. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dark, glowing.

stout: (*adj, n*) sturdy, stocky, hearty; (*adj*) hardy, strong, robust, obese, husky, bold, corpulent, fleshy.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thin, slim, flimsy, cowardly, slight, skinny, fragile, weak.

next day they set out on their journey to Yorkshire, she walked through the station to the railway carriage with her head up and trying to keep as far away from her as she could, because she did not want to seem to belong to her. It would have made her angry to think people **imagined** she was her little girl.

But Mrs. Medlock was not in the least disturbed by her and her thoughts. She was the kind of woman who would “stand no nonsense from young ones.” At least, that is what she would have said if she had been asked. She had not wanted to go to London just when her sister Maria’s daughter was going to be married, but she had a comfortable, well paid place as housekeeper at Misselthwaite Manor and the only way in which she could keep it was to do at once what Mr. Archibald **Craven** told her to do. She never dared even to ask a question.

“Captain Lennox and his wife died of the cholera,” Mr. Craven had said in his short, cold way. “Captain Lennox was my wife’s brother and I am their daughter’s guardian. The child is to be brought here. You must go to London and bring her yourself.”

So she packed her small **trunk** and made the journey.

Mary sat in her corner of the railway carriage and looked plain and fretful. She had nothing to read or to look at, and she had **folded** her thin little black-gloved hands in her lap. Her black dress made her look yellower than ever, and her **limp** light hair straggled from under her black **crepe** hat.

“A more marred-looking young one I never saw in my life,” Mrs. Medlock thought. (Marred is a Yorkshire word and means **spoiled** and pettish.) She had never seen a child who sat so still without doing anything; and at last she got tired of watching her and began to talk in a **brisk**, hard voice.

“I suppose I may as well tell you something about where you are going to,” she said. “Do you know anything about your uncle?”

“No,” said Mary.

“Never heard your father and mother talk about him?”

Thesaurus

brisk: (*adj*) bracing, agile, alive, bright, lively, acute, alert, energetic, sprightly; (*adj, v*) quick, smart.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soporific, sluggish, hesitant, tedious, temperate, inactive, civil, torpid, slack, serious, lethargic.
craven: (*n*) coward, poltroon, chicken; (*adj, n*) recreant, apostate, renegade; (*adj*) base, gutless, yellow, spineless, fearful. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) brave, fearless, courageous, daring, heroic,

strong.
crepe: (*n, v*) crape; (*n*) French pancake, pancake, battercake, crepe paper, marocain; (*v*) frizzly, wreathy.
folded: (*adj*) plaited, pleated, doubled, artful, braided, corrugated, doubled over, fluted.
imagined: (*adj*) fanciful, notional, unreal, fancied, fictitious, nonexistent, unseen, hypothetical, feigned, dubious, doubtful.
limp: (*adv, n, v*) hobble; (*adj, v*) flabby;

(*n, v*) hitch; (*adj*) flaccid, slack, flexible, drooping, flimsy, weak, loose; (*v*) hop. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) taut, firm, hard, rigid, upright, alive, strong, stiff, tight.
spoiled: (*adj*) bad, rotten, stale, spoil, coddled, pampered, corrupt, damaged, spoilt, putrid, rancid. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) unspoiled.
trunk: (*n*) stem, boot, torso, bole, body, stalk, snout, proboscis, stock, tree trunk, box.

“No,” said Mary frowning. She frowned because she remembered that her father and mother had never talked to her about anything in particular. Certainly they had never told her things.

“Humph,” muttered Mrs. Medlock, staring at her queer, **unresponsive** little face. She did not say any more for a few moments and then she began again.

“I suppose you might as well be told something--to prepare you. You are going to a queer place.”

Mary said nothing at all, and Mrs. Medlock looked rather **discomfited** by her apparent **indifference**, but, after taking a breath, she went on.

“Not but that it’s a grand big place in a gloomy way, and Mr. Craven’s proud of it in his way--and that’s gloomy enough, too. The house is six hundred years old and it’s on the edge of the **moor**, and there’s near a hundred rooms in it, though most of them’s shut up and locked. And there’s pictures and fine old furniture and things that’s been there for ages, and there’s a big park round it and gardens and trees with branches **trailing** to the ground--some of them.” She paused and took another breath. “But there’s nothing else,” she ended suddenly.

Mary had begun to listen in **spite** of herself. It all sounded so unlike India, and anything new rather attracted her. But she did not intend to look as if she were interested. That was one of her unhappy, disagreeable ways. So she sat still.

“Well,” said Mrs. Medlock. “What do you think of it?”

“Nothing,” she answered. “I know nothing about such places.”

That made Mrs. Medlock laugh a short sort of laugh.

“Eh!” she said, “but you are like an old woman. Don’t you care?”

“It doesn’t matter” said Mary, “whether I care or not.”

“You are right enough there,” said Mrs. Medlock. “It doesn’t. What you’re to be kept at Misselthwaite Manor for I don’t know, unless because it’s the easiest way. He’s not going to trouble himself about you, that’s sure and certain. He never **troubles** himself about no one.”

Thesaurus

discomfited: (*adj*) uncomfortable, ill at ease, disappointed, embarrassed, frustrated, thwarted, self-conscious, mortified, humiliated, unsuccessful; (*adj, n*) defeated.

indifference: (*adj, n*) coldness, phlegm; (*n*) detachment, impassiveness, disregard, aloofness, nonchalance, neglect, unconcern, impassivity, disinterest.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) fervor, interest, eagerness, dedication, sympathy,

favorite, compassion, anxiety, responsiveness, forcefulness, care.

moor: (*v*) berth, fasten, dock, secure, tie up; (*adj, v*) tie, picket, hitch; (*n*) marsh, wilderness, wasteland.

spite: (*n*) malice, grudge, hatred, malevolence, rancour, venom, rancor, maliciousness, ill will, animosity; (*n, v*) pique. ANTONYMS: (*v*) please; (*n*) benevolence, goodwill, love, affection, harmony.

trailing: (*n*) tracking, drift, pursuit,

streaminess, hunt, heeling; (*adj*) following, rambling, sprawling, prone, procumbent.

troubles: (*n*) dilemma, evils, harms, ills.

unresponsive: (*adj*) cold, apathetic, insensitive, unaffected, cool, dull, unreactive, chill, dead, unemotional, undemonstrative. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) enthusiastic, sympathetic, spirited, alive, sensitive, expressive, concerned, emotional.

She stopped herself as if she had just remembered something in time.

"He's got a **crooked** back," she said. "That set him wrong. He was a sour young man and got no good of all his money and big place till he was married."

Mary's eyes turned toward her in spite of her intention not to seem to care. She had never thought of the hunchback's being married and she was a **trifle** surprised. Mrs. Medlock saw this, and as she was a **talkative** woman she continued with more interest. This was one way of passing some of the time, at any rate.

"She was a sweet, pretty thing and he'd have walked the world over to get her a blade o' grass she wanted. Nobody thought she'd marry him, but she did, and people said she married him for his money. But she didn't--she didn't," positively. "When she died--"

Mary gave a little involuntary jump.

"Oh! did she die!" she exclaimed, quite without meaning to. She had just remembered a French fairy story she had once read called "Riquet a la Houppe." It had been about a poor hunchback and a beautiful princess and it had made her suddenly sorry for Mr. Archibald Craven.

"Yes, she died," Mrs. Medlock answered. "And it made him queerer than ever. He cares about nobody. He won't see people. Most of the time he goes away, and when he is at Misselthwaite he **shuts** himself up in the West Wing and won't let any one but Pitcher see him. Pitcher's an old fellow, but he took care of him when he was a child and he knows his ways."

It sounded like something in a book and it did not make Mary feel cheerful. A house with a hundred rooms, nearly all shut up and with their doors locked--a house on the edge of a moor--whatsoever a moor was--sounded **dreary**. A man with a crooked back who shut himself up also! She stared out of the window with her lips **pinched** together, and it seemed quite natural that the rain should have begun to pour down in gray **slanting** lines and splash and stream down the window-panes. If the pretty wife had been alive she might have made things cheerful by being something like her own mother and by running in and out and

Thesaurus

crooked: (*adj*) bent, corrupt, dishonest, curved, unfair, deformed; (*adj, n, v*) awry; (*adj, v*) irregular, askew, wry, indirect. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, honest, principled, even, aboveboard, lawful, level, moral, flat, aligned, honorable.

dreary: (*adj*) depressing, drab, dull, cheerless, drear, miserable, gloomy, dark, dismal, stuffy, disconsolate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) interesting, cheerful, sunny, brilliant, lively, light,

exciting, clear, cheery, pleasant, exotic.

pinched: (*adj*) haggard, drawn, emaciated, cadaverous, narrow, penurious, thin, penniless, adenoidal; (*adj, n*) necessitous; (*n*) distressed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) relaxed.

shuts: (*adj*) closed.

slanting: (*adj*) oblique, sloping, diagonal, askew, slanted, aslant, aslope, awry, leaning, sloped; (*adj, adv*) sideways. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

upright, direct.

talkative: (*adj, v*) loquacious; (*adj*) garrulous, chatty, gabby, verbose, gossipy, glib, communicative, voluble, talky, wordy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reserved, mute, silent, shy, quiet, uncommunicative, restrained, reticent.

trifle: (*n, v*) play; (*adj, n, v*) trinket; (*v*) dally, fiddle, flirt, fool, frivol; (*n*) nothing, triviality, detail; (*adj, n*) bagatelle.

going to parties as she had done in frocks “full of lace.” But she was not there any more.

“You needn’t expect to see him, because ten to one you won’t,” said Mrs. Medlock. “And you mustn’t expect that there will be people to talk to you. You’ll have to play about and look after yourself. You’ll be told what rooms you can go into and what rooms you’re to keep out of. There’s gardens enough. But when you’re in the house don’t go **wandering** and **poking** about. Mr. Craven won’t have it.”

“I shall not want to go poking about,” said **sour** little Mary and just as suddenly as she had begun to be rather sorry for Mr. Archibald Craven she began to **cease** to be sorry and to think he was unpleasant enough to deserve all that had happened to him.

And she turned her face toward the **streaming panes** of the window of the railway carriage and gazed out at the **gray** rain-storm which looked as if it would go on forever and ever. She watched it so long and steadily that the **grayness** **grew** heavier and heavier before her eyes and she fell asleep.

Thesaurus

cease: (*n, v*) end, finish, stop; (*v*) quit, terminate, break, break off, close, conclude, discontinue, abstain.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) begin, start, commence, persist, stay.

gray: (*adj*) dull, dim, bleak, gloomy, pale, grizzled, hoary, leaden, old, overcast; (*n*) grizzle. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sunny, cheerful, clear, youthful.

grayness: (*n*) gray, greyness, grey, charcoal, discoloration, silver, griminess, gray clothing, gloom,

drabness, ash gray.

grew: (*v*) become, develop; (*adj*) grown.

panes: (*n*) Fauni.

poking: (*n*) thrusting, jabbing, jab, driving force, dalliance, Phytolacca Americana, dig, biff, drive, carrier bag, garget.

sour: (*adj, n*) morose, harsh; (*adj, v*) acid; (*adj*) bitter, rancid, gruff, grim, glum, dour; (*adj, n, v*) severe; (*v*) ferment. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) kindly,

pleasant, bland, amiable, fresh, mature, mild, kind; (*v*) sweeten, enhance.

streaming: (*adj*) flowing, flapping, detached, incoherent, baggy, slack, relaxed, loose, lax; (*n*) cyclosis; (*v*) disheveled.

wandering: (*adj*) itinerant, nomadic, erratic, rambling, errant, migratory; (*adj, v*) stray, vagrant, vagabond, unsettled; (*n*) peregrination. ANTONYM: (*adj*) resident.

CHAPTER III

ACROSS THE MOOR

She slept a long time, and when she awakened Mrs. Medlock had **bought** a lunchbasket at one of the stations and they had some **chicken** and cold **beef** and bread and **butter** and some hot tea. The rain seemed to be streaming down more heavily than ever and everybody in the station wore wet and **glistening** waterproofs. The guard **lighted** the lamps in the **carriage**, and Mrs. Medlock cheered up very much over her tea and chicken and beef. She ate a great deal and afterward fell asleep herself, and Mary sat and stared at her and watched her fine bonnet **slip** on one side until she herself fell asleep once more in the corner of the carriage, lulled by the **splashing** of the rain against the windows. It was quite dark when she awakened again. The train had stopped at a station and Mrs. Medlock was **shaking** her.

"You have had a sleep!" she said. "It's time to open your eyes! We're at Thwaite Station and we've got a long drive before us."

Mary stood up and tried to keep her eyes open while Mrs. Medlock collected her **parcels**. The little girl did not offer to help her, because in India native servants always picked up or carried things and it seemed quite proper that other people should wait on one.

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beef: (*n, v*) grumble, moan, grouse, squawk, groan; (*n*) complaint, ox, fuss, beeves; (*v*) grouch, complain.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) impotence, praise; (*v*) rejoice.
bought: (*n*) crook, hook.
butter: (*v*) gloze, slaver, flatter; (*adj*) butyraceous, dough, pudding; (*n*) fat, scrapper, fighter, oil, tallow.
carriage: (*n*) attitude, conveyance, cab, air, walk, position, mien, shipping; (*n, v*) transport, behavior, port.

chicken: (*n*) fowl, hen, broiler, coward, cock, poultry, weakling, nestling; (*adj*) yellow, fearful, chicken-hearted.
ANTONYM: (*n*) daredevil.
glistening: (*adj*) shining, glossy, shiny, glisten, brilliant, beaming, sleek, lustrous, sparkling, reflecting light, gleaming. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) dull.
lighted: (*adj*) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning, ignite, kindled, lighten.
parcels: (*n*) post, correspondence,

baggage, appurtenances, letters.
shaking: (*adj, n*) quivering, tremor, jarring; (*n*) quiver, palpitation, quake; (*adj*) quaking, shaky, flutter, unsteady, shivering.
slip: (*adj, n, v*) lapse, miss; (*adj, n*) fault, blunder; (*n, v*) slide, drop, mistake, escape, skid, trip; (*n*) cutting. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) invoice.
splashing: (*n*) spatter, splattering, painting, splattering, dab, splash; (*adj*) liquid.

The station was a small one and nobody but themselves seemed to be getting out of the train. The station-master spoke to Mrs. Medlock in a rough, **good-natured** way, **pronouncing** his words in a queer broad fashion which Mary found out afterward was Yorkshire.

"I see tha's got back," he said. "An' tha's browt th' young 'un with thee."

"Aye, that's her," answered Mrs. Medlock, speaking with a Yorkshire accent herself and **jerking** her head over her shoulder toward Mary. "How's thy Missus?"

"Well enow. Th' carriage is waitin' outside for thee."

A **brougham** stood on the road before the little outside platform. Mary saw that it was a smart carriage and that it was a smart **footman** who **helped** her in. His long waterproof coat and the waterproof covering of his hat were shining and **dripping** with rain as everything was, the **burly** station-master included.

When he shut the door, mounted the box with the **coachman**, and they drove off, the little girl found herself **seated** in a comfortably **cushioned** corner, but she was not inclined to go to sleep again. She sat and looked out of the window, curious to see something of the road over which she was being driven to the queer place Mrs. Medlock had spoken of. She was not at all a timid child and she was not exactly frightened, but she felt that there was no knowing what might happen in a house with a hundred rooms nearly all shut up--a house standing on the edge of a moor.

"What is a moor?" she said suddenly to Mrs. Medlock.

"Look out of the window in about ten minutes and you'll see," the woman answered. "We've got to drive five miles across Missel Moor before we get to the Manor. You won't see much because it's a dark night, but you can see something."

Mary asked no more questions but waited in the darkness of her corner, keeping her eyes on the window. The carriage lamps cast rays of light a little distance ahead of them and she caught glimpses of the things they passed. After they had left the station they had driven through a tiny village and she had seen

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brougham: (*n*) rig, sedan, coach, landau, equipage, carriage, barouche, break, curricle, mail phaeton, phaeton.

burly: (*adj*) rugged, beefy, brawny, strapping, hefty, muscular, husky, stout, strong; (*adv*) beefily, sturdily. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) slight, skinny, thin, slim, small, anorexic, feeble, delicate, weak.

coachman: (*n*) teamster, cabman, charioteer, carter, carman, Jehu,

postboy, driver, wagoner, postilion; (*v*) whip.

cushioned: (*adj*) spongy, cushiony.

dripping: (*adj*) wet, damp, drenched, sodden, soaked, soggy; (*adj, adv*) sopping, soaking; (*adj, v*) reeking; (*n*) dribble, a drop. ANTONYM: (*adj*) lacking.

footman: (*n*) attendant, butler, follower, flunkey, flunky, varlet, servitor, valet de chambre, boy, knave; (*n, v*) lackey.

good-natured: (*adj*) kindly, friendly, kind, obliging, gracious, kind-hearted, genial, good, bland, sweet, good-tempered.

helped: (*adj*) aided, assisted; (*v*) HALP.

jerking: (*adj*) arrhythmic, arrhythmical, jerky, unsteady; (*n*) movement, jolt, dork, jar.

pronouncing: (*v*) pronounce; (*n*) pronunciation, utterance.

seated: (*adj*) sat, sedentary.

whitewashed cottages and the lights of a public house. Then they had passed a church and a **vicarage** and a little shop-window or so in a cottage with toys and **sweets** and odd things set out for sale. Then they were on the **highroad** and she saw hedges and trees. After that there seemed nothing different for a long time-- or at least it seemed a long time to her.

At last the horses began to go more slowly, as if they were climbing up-hill, and presently there seemed to be no more hedges and no more trees. She could see nothing, in fact, but a dense darkness on either side. She **leaned** forward and pressed her face against the window just as the carriage gave a big **jolt**.

"Eh! We're on the moor now sure enough," said Mrs. Medlock.

The carriage lamps shed a yellow light on a rough-looking road which seemed to be cut through **bushes** and low-growing things which ended in the great **expanse** of dark apparently spread out before and around them. A wind was rising and making a **singular**, wild, low, rushing sound.

"It's--it's not the sea, is it?" said Mary, looking round at her companion.

"No, not it," answered Mrs. Medlock. "Nor it isn't fields nor mountains, it's just miles and miles and miles of wild land that nothing grows on but heather and **gorse** and **broom**, and nothing lives on but wild ponies and sheep."

"I feel as if it might be the sea, if there were water on it," said Mary. "It sounds like the sea just now."

"That's the wind blowing through the bushes," Mrs. Medlock said. "It's a wild, dreary enough place to my mind, though there's plenty that likes it-- particularly when the heather's in bloom."

On and on they drove through the darkness, and though the rain stopped, the wind rushed by and whistled and made strange sounds. The road went up and down, and several times the carriage passed over a little bridge beneath which water rushed very fast with a great deal of noise. Mary felt as if the drive would never come to an end and that the wide, bleak moor was a wide expanse of black ocean through which she was passing on a strip of dry land.

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broom: (*v*) sweep, to sweep, bream, shovel, rake, screen, sieve; (*n*) brush, Scots heather, *Calluna vulgaris*, heath.
bushes: (*n*) underbrush, thicket, undergrowth, minor leagae.
expanse: (*n*) breadth, expansion, space, region, compass, extent, orbit, latitude, acreage, dilation, length.
 ANTONYM: (*n*) closeness.
gorse: (*n*) whin, *Ulex europaeus*, Irish gorse, shrub, Goss, dyeweed, bush,

brush, bramble, *Genista tinctoria*.
highroad: (*n*) main road, trunk road, a highway.
jolt: (*n, v*) jerk, shake, jog, jar, bump, push, knock, thrust, shock; (*n*) hustle; (*v*) agitate.
leaned: (*v*) erudite, lettered; (*adj*) tilted, inclined, educated.
singular: (*adj, n*) extraordinary; (*adj*) odd, individual, particular, peculiar, phenomenal, rare, queer, single, quaint, exceptional. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) ordinary, normal, together, usual, customary.
sweets: (*n*) confectionery, julep, grocery, confiture, instantaneous sweet.
vicarage: (*n*) parsonage, manse, residence, domicile, home, glebe house, church house, glebe, dwelling house, abode, dwelling.
whitewashed: (*adj*) overpowered, overcome, crushed, conquered, beaten, routed, painted.

"I don't like it," she said to herself. "I don't like it," and she pinched her thin lips more tightly together.

The horses were climbing up a **hilly** piece of road when she first caught sight of a light. Mrs. Medlock saw it as soon as she did and drew a long sigh of relief.

"Eh, I am glad to see that bit o' light twinkling," she exclaimed. "It's the light in the lodge window. We shall get a good cup of tea after a bit, at all events."

It was "after a bit," as she said, for when the carriage passed through the park gates there was still two miles of avenue to drive through and the trees (which nearly met overhead) made it seem as if they were driving through a long dark **vault**.

They drove out of the vault into a clear space and stopped before an immensely long but low-built house which seemed to **ramble** round a stone court. At first Mary thought that there were no lights at all in the windows, but as she got out of the carriage she saw that one room in a corner upstairs showed a dull glow.

The entrance door was a huge one made of massive, curiously shaped panels of oak **studded** with big iron nails and bound with great iron bars. It opened into an enormous hall, which was so **dimly** lighted that the faces in the portraits on the walls and the figures in the suits of **armor** made Mary feel that she did not want to look at them. As she stood on the stone floor she looked a very small, odd little black figure, and she felt as small and lost and odd as she looked.

A neat, thin old man stood near the **manservant** who opened the door for them.

"You are to take her to her room," he said in a **husky** voice. "He doesn't want to see her. He's going to London in the morning."

"Very well, Mr. **Pitcher**," Mrs. Medlock answered. "So long as I know what's expected of me, I can manage."

"What's expected of you, Mrs. Medlock," Mr. Pitcher said, "is that you make sure that he's not disturbed and that he doesn't see what he doesn't want to see."

Thesaurus

armor: (*n, v*) armour, mask; (*n*)

armature, defense, security, guard, protection, safeguard, crust, shell, skin.

dimly: (*adv*) obscurely, darkly, faintly, dully, duskily, vaguely, shadowily, hazily, gloomily, somberly; (*adj, adv*) palely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) clearly, strongly, distinctly.

hilly: (*adj*) steep, rugged, mountainous, cragged, rough, rocky, lofty, irregular, tumultous, knobby,

unsmooth. ANTONYM: (*adj*) flat.

husky: (*adj*) hoarse, gruff, burly, big, dry, raucous, beefy, strapping, brawny, sturdy; (*n*) Eskimo dog.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) high, puny, small, smooth, soft.

manservant: (*n*) man, butler, valet, gentleman, lackey, domestic, men, gillie, menial, servitor, servant.

pitcher: (*n*) jar, ewer, mug, pot, hurler, creamer, container, pail, bucket, flagon, tankard.

ramble: (*n, v*) journey, stroll, saunter, wander, roam, meander, excursion, hike, tramp, walk, promenade.

ANTONYM: (*v*) settle.

studded: (*adj*) muricated, bristling, peopled, crowded, manifold, multinominal, multiple, multiplied, multitudinous, populous; (*v*) freckled.

vault: (*n, v*) leap, bound, spring, jump, arch, hop, hurdle; (*n*) grave, tomb, cellar, crypt.

And then Mary Lennox was led up a **broad staircase** and down a long **corridor** and up a short **flight** of steps and through another corridor and another, until a door opened in a **wall** and she found herself in a room with a fire in it and a **supper** on a table.

Mrs. Medlock said **unceremoniously**:

“Well, here you are! This room and the next are where you’ll live--and you must keep to them. Don’t you **forget** that!”

It was in this way Mistress Mary **arrived** at Misselthwaite Manor and she had perhaps never felt quite so contrary in all her life.

Thesaurus

arrived: (*adv*) here, at home; (*adj*) accepted.

broad: (*adj*) wide, sweeping, comprehensive, vast, general, extensive, large, ample, free, big; (*n*) female. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) specific, thin, restricted, polite, minor, limited, exclusive, dogmatic, decent, cultured, confined.

corridor: (*n*) aisle, lobby, hall, lane, hallway, vestibule, artery, alley, gallery, way; (*n, v*) passage.

flight: (*adj, n*) herd, flying, bevy, drove; (*n*) escape, run, exodus, evasion, elopement, departure; (*n, v*) avolation.

forget: (*v*) leave, miss, blank out, bury, to forget, overlook, neglect, ignore, fail, unlearn, abandon. ANTONYMS: (*v*) mind, attend.

staircase: (*n*) stair, ladder, flight, steps, flight of steps, stairs, backstairs, escalator, companionway, way, entrance.

supper: (*n*) meal, tea, lunch, repast, reception, mealtime, siesta, social affair; (*v*) dejeuner, beverage, whet.

unceremoniously: (*adv*) casually, familiarly, easily, offhandedly, abruptly, ungraciously, uncivilly, curtly, closely, intimately, cozily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) attentively, carefully, distantly, formally.

wall: (*n, v*) fence, bar; (*n*) barrier, rampart, bulwark, cliff, earthwork, fortification, screen, rail, fencing.

CHAPTER IV

MARTHA

When she opened her eyes in the morning it was because a young **housemaid** had come into her room to light the fire and was **kneeling** on the hearth-rug raking out the **cinders noisily**. Mary lay and watched her for a few moments and then began to look about the room. She had never seen a room at all like it and thought it curious and gloomy. The walls were covered with **tapestry** with a forest scene **embroidered** on it. There were **fantastically** dressed people under the trees and in the distance there was a glimpse of the turrets of a castle. There were hunters and horses and dogs and ladies. Mary felt as if she were in the forest with them. Out of a deep window she could see a great climbing stretch of land which seemed to have no trees on it, and to look rather like an endless, dull, **purplish** sea.

"What is that?" she said, **pointing** out of the window.

Martha, the young housemaid, who had just **risen** to her feet, looked and pointed also. "That there?" she said.

"Yes."

"That's th' moor," with a good-natured grin. "Does tha' like it?"

"No," answered Mary. "I hate it."

Thesaurus

cinders: (*n*) cinder, dust, ash, flue dust, powder, residue, slag; (*adj*) mother, scoriae, precipitate.

embroidered: (*adj*) ornate, inflated, exaggerated, bewrought, decorated.

fantastically: (*adv*) wonderfully, fabulously, tremendously, marvelously, extraordinarily, strangely, queerly, magnificently, grotesquely, whimsically, peculiarly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) plausibly, abysmally.

housemaid: (*n*) amah, maid, handmaiden, handmaid, maidservant, cleaning woman, girl, ayah, charwoman, biddy, maiden.

kneeling: (*n*) homage, kowtow, kneelingly, prostration, genuflection, genuflection, curtsy, courtesy, obeisance.

noisily: (*adv*) clamorously, boisterously, vociferously, riotously, raucously, uproariously, loudly, blatantly, rowdily, stridently, vocally.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) noiselessly, silently, calmly, peacefully, softly.

pointing: (*n*) punctuation, indication, scoring.

purplish: (*adj*) majestic, violet, chromatic, imperial, embellished, empurpled.

risen: (*v*) uprise.

tapestry: (*n*) arras, tapis, textile, embroidery, hanging, carpet, cloth, complexness, fabric, material, mending.

“That’s because tha’rt not used to it,” Martha said, going back to her **hearth**. “Tha’ thinks it’s too big an’ bare now. But tha’ will like it.”

“Do you?” inquired Mary.

“Aye, that I do,” answered Martha, cheerfully **polishing** away at the **grate**. “I just love it. It’s none bare. It’s covered wi’ growin’ things as smells sweet. It’s fair lovely in spring an’ summer when th’ gorse an’ broom an’ heather’s in flower. It smells o’ honey an’ there’s such a lot o’ fresh air--an’ th’ sky looks so high an’ th’ bees an’ skylarks makes such a nice noise hummin’ an’ singin’. Eh! I wouldn’t live away from th’ moor for anythin’.”

Mary listened to her with a grave, puzzled expression. The native servants she had been used to in India were not in the least like this. They were **obsequious** and **servile** and did not presume to talk to their masters as if they were their equals. They made salaams and called them “protector of the poor” and names of that sort. Indian servants were commanded to do things, not asked. It was not the custom to say “please” and “thank you” and Mary had always **slapped** her Ayah in the face when she was angry. She wondered a little what this girl would do if one slapped her in the face. She was a round, **rosy**, good-natured-looking creature, but she had a sturdy way which made Mistress Mary wonder if she might not even slap back--if the person who slapped her was only a little girl.

“You are a strange servant,” she said from her pillows, rather **haughtily**.

Martha sat up on her heels, with her blackingbrush in her hand, and laughed, without seeming the least out of temper.

“Eh! I know that,” she said. “If there was a grand Missus at Misselthwaite I should never have been even one of th’ under house-maids. I might have been let to be scullerymaid but I’d never have been let upstairs. I’m too common an’ I talk too much Yorkshire. But this is a funny house for all it’s so grand. Seems like there’s neither Master nor Mistress except Mr. Pitcher an’ Mrs. Medlock. Mr. Craven, he won’t be troubled about anythin’ when he’s here, an’ he’s nearly always away. Mrs. Medlock gave me th’ place out o’ kindness. She told me she

Thesaurus

grate: (*v*) grind, creak, scrape, abrade, gall, gnash, fret, rub, aggravate, provoke; (*n*) lattice.

haughtily: (*adv*) proudly, loftily, superciliously, imperiously, overbearingly, scornfully, condescendingly, snobbishly, disdainfully, superiorly, pompously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) humbly, modestly, feebly, meekly.

hearth: (*n*) fire, oven, fireside, stove, chimney, focus, furnace, dwelling,

kiln, home, abode.

obsequious: (*adj*) servile, flattering, submissive, cringing, sycophantic, ingratiating, humble, toadying, supple, subservient; (*adj, v*) deferential. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) domineering, assertive, disrespectful.

polishing: (*n*) shining, brightening, print polishing, brushing, mechanical polishing, bobbing; (*adj*) cultural, abrasive.

rosy: (*adj*) hopeful, blooming,

optimistic, auspicious, promising, bright, roseate, ruddy, fortunate, flushed, pink. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gloomy, depressing, hopeless, unpromising.

servile: (*adj*) abject, obsequious, base, fawning, ignoble, sordid, subservient, cringing, slavish; (*adj, n*) mean, low.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bossy, assertive.

slap: (*n, v*) clap, cuff, knock, hit, whack, beat, strike, spank; (*n*) blow; (*v*) buffet; (*adv*) bang.

could never have done it if Misselthwaite had been like other big houses." "Are you going to be my servant?" Mary asked, still in her **imperious** little Indian way.

Martha began to rub her grate again.

"I'm Mrs. Medlock's servant," she said **stoutly**. "An' she's Mr. Craven's--but I'm to do the housemaid's work up here an' wait on you a bit. But you won't need much waitin' on."

"Who is going to dress me?" demanded Mary.

Martha sat up on her heels again and stared. She spoke in broad Yorkshire in her amazement.

"**Canna'** tha' dress thysen!" she said.

"What do you mean? I don't understand your language," said Mary.

"Eh! I forgot," Martha said. "Mrs. Medlock told me I'd have to be careful or you wouldn't know what I was sayin'. I mean can't you put on your own clothes?"

"No," answered Mary, quite **indignantly**. "I never did in my life. My Ayah dressed me, of course."

"Well," said Martha, evidently not in the least aware that she was impudent, "it's time tha' should learn. Tha' cannot begin younger. It'll do thee good to wait on thysen a bit. My mother always said she couldn't see why grand people's children didn't turn out fair fools--what with nurses an' bein' washed an' dressed an' took out to walk as if they was puppies!"

"It is different in India," said Mistress Mary **disdainfully**. She could **scarcely** stand this.

But Martha was not at all crushed.

"Eh! I can see it's different," she answered almost **sympathetically**. "I dare say it's because there's such a lot o' blacks there instead o' respectable white people. When I heard you was comin' from India I thought you was a black too."

Mary sat up in bed furious.

Thesaurus

canna: (*n*) Indian shot, herb, achira.

disdainfully: (*adv*) contemptuously, superciliously, haughtily, proudly, cavalierly, derogatorily, contumeliously, sneeringly, arrogantly, insultingly, condescendingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) humbly, hopefully.

imperious: (*adj*) haughty, domineering, authoritative, arbitrary, imperative, masterful, dictatorial, commanding, lordly, magisterial,

despotic. ANTONYM: (*adj*) subservient.

indignantly: (*adv*) irately, angrily, wrathfully, enragedly, sorely, acrimoniously, cynically, sulkily, hotly, exasperatedly, furiously.

scarcely: (*adv*) narrowly, rarely, hardly, just, scarce, uncommonly, insufficiently, scantily, scantily, only just, seldom. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) easily, liberally.

stoutly: (*adv*) sturdily, robustly,

strongly, solidly, lustily, vigorously, toughly, resolutely, stockily, portly, obstinately. ANTONYM: (*adv*) feebly.

sympathetically: (*adv*) compassionately, tenderly, considerately, agreeably, favorably, sensitively, caringly, benevolently, thoughtfully, mercifully, humanely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meanly, thoughtlessly, unfeelingly, severely, unkindly, roughly, negatively, disapprovingly, cruelly, tactlessly.

“What!” she said. “What! You thought I was a native. You--you daughter of a pig!”

Martha stared and looked hot.

“Who are you callin’ names?” she said. “You needn’t be so **vexed**. That’s not th’ way for a young lady to talk. I’ve nothin’ against th’ blacks. When you read about ‘em in tracts they’re always very religious. You always read as a black’s a man an’ a brother. I’ve never seen a black an’ I was fair pleased to think I was goin’ to see one close. When I come in to light your fire this mornin’ I crep’ up to your bed an’ pulled th’ cover back careful to look at you. An’ there you was,” **disappointed**ly, “no more black than me--for all you’re so yellin’.”

Mary did not even try to control her rage and humiliation. “You thought I was a native! You dared! You don’t know anything about **natives**! They are not people--they’re servants who must **salaam** to you. You know nothing about India. You know nothing about anything!”

She was in such a rage and felt so helpless before the girl’s simple stare, and somehow she suddenly felt so **horribly** lonely and far away from everything she understood and which understood her, that she threw herself face downward on the pillows and burst into passionate **sobbing**. She sobbed so **unrestrainedly** that good-natured Yorkshire Martha was a little frightened and quite sorry for her. She **went** to the bed and bent over her.

“Eh! you mustn’t cry like that there!” she begged. “You mustn’t for sure. I didn’t know you’d be vexed. I don’t know anythin’ about anythin’--just like you said. I beg your pardon, Miss. Do stop cryin’.”

There was something comforting and really friendly in her queer Yorkshire speech and sturdy way which had a good effect on Mary. She gradually **ceased** crying and became quiet. Martha looked relieved.

“It’s time for thee to get up now,” she said. “Mrs. Medlock said I was to carry tha’ breakfast an’ tea an’ dinner into th’ room next to this. It’s been made into a nursery for thee. I’ll help thee on with thy clothes if tha’ll get out o’ bed. If th’ **buttons** are at th’ back tha’ cannot button them up tha’self.”

Thesaurus

buttons: (*n*) bellboy, peyote.

ceased: (*adj*) finished.

disappointedly: (*adv*) unhappily, despondently, discouragedly, depressedly, thwartedly, dissatisfiedly, despondingly, disheartenedly, regretfully, sadly, upsetly.

horribly: (*adv*) horrifically, awfully, terrifically, hideously, atrociously, appallingly; (*adj, adv*) frightfully, terribly, fearfully, shockingly; (*adj*)

ghastly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

pleasantly, wonderfully, kindly, sweetly.

natives: (*n*) nation, populace, community, citizens, public.

salaam: (*n, v*) obeisance, salute; (*adj, n*) bow; (*v*) genuflection, kowtow, genuflection; (*adj*) curtsy, courtesy, scrape; (*n*) greeting, respects.

sobbing: (*adj*) crying, weeping, weepy, tearful; (*n*) lamentation, shortness of breath, shit, prick, motherfucker, tear,

lament.

unrestrainedly: (*adv*) loosely, immoderately, uncontrolledly, wildly, uncheckedly, profligately, unconfinedly, dissolutely, unrestrictedly, unbridledly, liberally.

vexed: (*adj*) troubled, irritated, angry, pestered, peeved, harassed, sore, harried, uneasy, cross, offended.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, uncomplicated.

went: (*v*) walked, proceeded.

When Mary at last decided to get up, the clothes Martha took from the **wardrobe** were not the ones she had worn when she arrived the night before with Mrs. Medlock.

"Those are not mine," she said. "Mine are black."

She looked the thick white wool coat and dress over, and added with cool approval:

"Those are nicer than mine."

"These are th' ones tha' must put on," Martha answered. "Mr. Craven ordered Mrs. Medlock to get 'em in London. He said 'I won't have a child dressed in black wanderin' about like a lost soul,' he said. 'It'd make the place **sadder** than it is. Put **color** on her.' Mother she said she knew what he meant. Mother always knows what a body means. She doesn't hold with black hersel'."

"I hate black things," said Mary.

The **dressing** process was one which taught them both something. Martha had "buttoned up" her little **sisters** and brothers but she had never seen a child who stood still and waited for another person to do things for her as if she had neither hands nor feet of her own.

"Why doesn't tha' put on tha' own shoes?" she said when Mary quietly held out her foot.

"My Ayah did it," answered Mary, staring. "It was the **custom**."

She said that very often--"It was the custom." The native servants were always saying it. If one told them to do a thing their **ancestors** had not done for a thousand years they gazed at one **mildly** and said, "It is not the custom" and one knew that was the end of the matter.

It had not been the custom that Mistress Mary should do anything but stand and allow herself to be dressed like a **doll**, but before she was ready for breakfast she began to suspect that her life at Misselthwaite Manor would end by teaching her a number of things quite new to her--things such as putting on her own shoes and stockings, and picking up things she let fall. If Martha had been a well-

Thesaurus

ancestors: (*n*) family, ancestor, lineage, pedigree, parents, majority, intimates, genealogy, family tree, associates, relatives.

color: (*n, v*) flush, blush, tint, tinge, paint, stain; (*adj, n, v*) colour; (*v*) redden; (*n*) guise, complexion; (*adj, n*) tone. ANTONYMS: (*v*) discolor, pale, show, whiten, untwist, denote, depict, represent, blanch, blench.

custom: (*n*) habit, convention, usage, practice, consuetude, fashion,

method, mores; (*n, v*) use, accustom; (*adj*) bespoke. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fad, innovation, phenomenon, rage, rarity.

doll: (*n*) baby, chick, figurine, girl, dolly, dummy, marionette, toy, blockhead-board, bird, dame.

dressing: (*n*) bandage, stuffing, fertilization, binding, bandaging, scolding, fertilizer, manure, compress, preparation, farce.

mildly: (*adv*) moderately, placidly,

gently, tenderly, graciously, softly, lightly, kindly, calmly, sweetly, suavely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) passionately, intensely, extremely, enormously, pithily, powerfully, harshly, severely, considerably.

sadder: (*adj*) doleful.

sisters: (*n*) sistren.

wardrobe: (*n*) costume, clothing, cupboard, garb, clothes, apparel, dress, wear, clothespress, palliament, garment.

trained fine young lady's maid she would have been more **subservient** and respectful and would have known that it was her business to brush hair, and button boots, and pick things up and lay them away. She was, however, only an **untrained** Yorkshire rustic who had been brought up in a moorland cottage with a **swarm** of little brothers and sisters who had never dreamed of doing anything but waiting on themselves and on the younger ones who were either babies in arms or just learning to **totter** about and **tumble** over things.

If Mary Lennox had been a child who was ready to be amused she would perhaps have laughed at Martha's readiness to talk, but Mary only listened to her coldly and wondered at her freedom of manner. At first she was not at all interested, but gradually, as the girl rattled on in her **good**-tempered, homely way, Mary began to notice what she was saying.

"Eh! you should see 'em all," she said. "There's twelve of us an' my father only gets sixteen shilling a week. I can tell you my mother's put to it to get porridge for 'em all. They tumble about on th' moor an' play there all day an' mother says th' air of th' moor fattens 'em. She says she believes they eat th' grass same as th' wild ponies do. Our Dickon, he's twelve years old and he's got a young pony he calls his own."

"Where did he get it?" asked Mary.

"He found it on th' moor with its mother when it was a little one an' he began to make friends with it an' give it bits o' bread an' **pluck** young grass for it. And it got to like him so it follows him about an' it lets him get on its back. Dickon's a kind lad an' animals likes him."

Mary had never possessed an animal pet of her own and had always thought she should like one. So she began to feel a slight interest in Dickon, and as she had never before been interested in any one but herself, it was the **dawning** of a healthy sentiment. When she went into the room which had been made into a nursery for her, she found that it was rather like the one she had slept in. It was not a child's room, but a grown-up person's room, with gloomy old pictures on the walls and heavy old oak chairs. A table in the center was set with a good substantial breakfast. But she had always had a very small appetite, and she

Thesaurus

dawning: (*n*) daybreak, sunrise, start, beginning, aurora, cockcrow, dayspring, morning, birth, first light, break of day. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sunset.
good-tempered: (*adj*) good-natured, easy, complaisant, good-humored.
pluck: (*adj, n*) nerve; (*v*) cull, jerk, gather, pick, fleece, grab; (*n*) grit, courage, boldness; (*n, v*) pull. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, gutlessness; (*v*) undercharge.
subservient: (*adj*) submissive,

subordinate, obsequious, accessory, obedient, servile, slavish, ancillary, menial, compliant, humble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disobedient, independent, superior, assertive.
swarm: (*n*) host, horde, multitude, drove, throng, cloud, assembly; (*n, v*) mob; (*v*) teem, pour; (*adj*) shoal. ANTONYMS: (*v*) retreat; (*n*) few.
totter: (*v*) stumble, shake, falter, lurch, rock, teeter, waver, waddle, toddle, stagger, shamble.

tumble: (*n, v*) drop, jumble, stumble, plunge, slip, spill, downfall; (*v*) crumble, collapse, topple, confuse.
untrained: (*adj*) unskilled, uneducated, inexperienced, green, raw, inexpert, new, unseasoned, unhabituated, untaught; (*v*) undisciplined. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) trained, expert, professional, prepared, accomplished, experienced, mature, educated, competent.

looked with something more than indifference at the first plate Martha set before her.

"I don't want it," she said.

"Tha' doesn't want thy porridge!" Martha exclaimed **incredulously**.

"No."

"Tha' doesn't know how good it is. Put a bit o' **treacle** on it or a bit o' sugar."

"I don't want it," repeated Mary.

"Eh!" said Martha. "I can't abide to see good **victuals** go to waste. If our children was at this table they'd clean it bare in five minutes."

"Why?" said Mary coldly. "Why!" echoed Martha. "Because they scarce ever had their stomachs full in their lives. They're as hungry as young **hawks** an' foxes."

"I don't know what it is to be hungry," said Mary, with the indifference of ignorance.

Martha looked **indignant**.

"Well, it would do thee good to try it. I can see that plain enough," she said **outspokenly**. "I've no patience with folk as **sits** an' just stares at good bread an' meat. My word! don't I wish Dickon and Phil an' Jane an' th' rest of 'em had what's here under their pinafores."

"Why don't you take it to them?" suggested Mary.

"It's not mine," answered Martha stoutly. "An' this isn't my day out. I get my day out once a month same as th' rest. Then I go home an' clean up for mother an' give her a day's rest."

Mary drank some tea and ate a little **toast** and some **marmalade**.

"You wrap up warm an' run out an' play you," said Martha. "It'll do you good and give you some stomach for your meat."

Mary went to the window. There were gardens and paths and big trees, but everything looked dull and **wintry**.

Thesaurus

hawks: (*n*) Falconiformes, caracaras, order Falconiformes, harriers.

incredulously: (*adv*) skeptically, disbelievingly, distrustfully, suspiciously, dubiously, doubtfully, questioningly, uncertainly, mistrustfully, doubtingly, cynically.

indignant: (*adj*) angry, incensed, furious, enraged, wrathful, hurt, rage, provoked, hot, anger, irate.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cool, content, unaffected.

marmalade: (*n*) licorice, conserve, plum, sweetmeat, jelly, preserve, preserves, lollipop, jujube, orange marmalade, conserves.

outspokenly: (*adv*) candidly, plainly, openly, forthrightly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, bluntly, honestly, straightly, directly, truthfully.

sits: (*n*) sat.

toast: (*n, v*) pledge, drink, plight; (*v*) roast, burn, bake, wassail, parch,

crisp, inflame; (*n*) rusk.

treacle: (*n*) syrup, sirup, sugar, golden syrup, theriaca, manna, honey.

victuals: (*n*) food, fare, viands, victual, edible, provender, grub, sustenance, support, diet, nutriment.

wintry: (*adj, v*) frosty, glacial, freezing, icy; (*adj*) arctic, frigid, wintery, frozen, chilly, chill, hibernal.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mild, summery, hot, vernal, autumnal, balmy, tropical, warm.

"Out? Why should I go out on a day like this?" "Well, if tha' doesn't go out tha't have to stay in, an' what has tha' got to do?"

Mary glanced about her. There was nothing to do. When Mrs. Medlock had prepared the **nursery** she had not thought of **amusement**. Perhaps it would be better to go and see what the gardens were like.

"Who will go with me?" she inquired.

Martha stared.

"You'll go by yourself," she answered. "You'll have to learn to play like other children does when they haven't got sisters and brothers. Our Dickon goes off on th' moor by himself an' plays for hours. That's how he made friends with th' **pony**. He's got sheep on th' moor that knows him, an' birds as comes an' **eats** out of his hand. However little there is to eat, he always saves a bit o' his bread to **coax** his pets."

It was really this mention of Dickon which made Mary decide to go out, though she was not aware of it. There would be, birds outside though there would not be ponies or sheep. They would be different from the birds in India and it might amuse her to look at them.

Martha found her coat and hat for her and a pair of stout little boots and she showed her her way **downstairs**.

"If tha' goes round that way tha'll come to th' gardens," she said, pointing to a gate in a wall of **shrubbery**. "There's lots o' **flowers** in summer-time, but there's nothin' bloomin' now." She seemed to **hesitate** a second before she added, "One of th' gardens is locked up. No one has been in it for ten years."

"Why?" asked Mary in spite of herself. Here was another locked door added to the hundred in the strange house.

"Mr. Craven had it shut when his wife died so sudden. He won't let no one go inside. It was her garden. He locked th' door an' dug a hole and buried th' key. There's Mrs. Medlock's bell ringing--I must run."

Thesaurus

amusement: (*n*) pleasure, recreation, entertainment, distraction, diversion, sport, pastime, laughter, enjoyment, joy, hobby. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sadness, boredom, work, tedium, business, despondency, discomfort, displeasure.

coax: (*n, v*) wheedle, allure, entice, charm, tempt, seduce; (*v*) cajole, beguile, blarney, blandish; (*n*) coaxial cable. ANTONYMS: (*v*) bully, compel, allow, dissuade.

downstairs: (*adv*) beneath, below, underneath, down the stairs, downward, infra, at a lower place, downhill, on a lower floor; (*adj*) downstairs; (*n*) floor. ANTONYMS: (*adj, adv*) upstairs.

eats: (*n*) grub, chuck, food, meat, meal, diet, nurture, eat, dinner, board, feed.

flowers: (*n*) analecta, anthology.

hesitate: (*adj, n, v*) pause, delay; (*adj, v*) linger; (*v*) fluctuate, halt, waver, vacillate, demur, boggle,

procrastinate; (*n, v*) doubt.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) rush, decide.

nursery: (*n*) greenhouse, cradle, nursery school, hothouse, seminary, seedbed, nest, day nursery, creche, hotbed, glasshouse.

pony: (*n*) crib, nag, trot, mustang, clavis, cayuse, jigger, rendering, racehorse, translation, version.

shrubbery: (*n*) brush, plantation, flora, parterre, shrub, scrub, brushwood, hedge, thicket, bushes, area.

After she was gone Mary turned down the walk which led to the door in the shrubbery. She could not help thinking about the garden which no one had been into for ten years. She wondered what it would look like and whether there were any flowers still alive in it. When she had passed through the shrubbery gate she found herself in great gardens, with wide lawns and **winding** walks with **clipped** borders. There were trees, and flower-beds, and evergreens clipped into strange shapes, and a large pool with an old gray **fountain** in its **midst**. But the flower-beds were bare and wintry and the fountain was not playing. This was not the garden which was shut up. How could a garden be shut up? You could always walk into a garden.

She was just thinking this when she saw that, at the end of the path she was following, there seemed to be a long wall, with ivy growing over it. She was not familiar enough with England to know that she was coming upon the kitchen-gardens where the vegetables and fruit were growing. She went toward the wall and found that there was a green door in the ivy, and that it stood open. This was not the closed garden, evidently, and she could go into it.

She went through the door and found that it was a garden with walls all round it and that it was only one of several walled gardens which seemed to open into one another. She saw another open green door, revealing bushes and pathways between beds containing winter vegetables. Fruit-trees were trained flat against the wall, and over some of the beds there were glass **frames**. The place was bare and ugly enough, Mary thought, as she stood and stared about her. It might be nicer in summer when things were green, but there was nothing pretty about it now.

Presently an old man with a **spade** over his shoulder walked through the door leading from the second garden. He looked **startled** when he saw Mary, and then touched his cap. He had a **surly** old face, and did not seem at all pleased to see her--but then she was **displeased** with his garden and wore her "quite contrary" expression, and certainly did not seem at all pleased to see him.

"What is this place?" she asked.

"One o' th' kitchen-gardens," he answered.

Thesaurus

clipped: (*adj*) cut, short, curt, shorn, docked, tonsured, terse, snappish, cropped, light, active. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unclipped.

displeased: (*adj*) disgruntled, dissatisfied, angry, annoyed, unhappy, peeved, irritated, disgusted, indignant; (*v*) pained, afflicted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) contented, satisfied, calm.

fountain: (*n, v*) fount, well; (*n*) jet, font, source, reservoir, origin,

derivation, repository, root, squirt.

frames: (*n*) framework, ribs.

midst: (*adj, n*) middle; (*adv*) mid, between; (*prep*) among, amid; (*n*) core, center, thick, interior, heart, waist.

spade: (*v*) grub, delve, scoop, excavate; (*n*) nigger, coon, nigra, jigaboo, boy, black person, spit.

startled: (*adj*) dumbfounded, dismayed, distressed, aghast, frightened, astonished, amazed,

terrified, afraid, shocked, astounded.

surly: (*adj*) sullen, grumpy, peevish, crusty, churlish, grouchy, gruff, morose; (*adj, n*) harsh, rude; (*adj, adv*) unfriendly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheerful, gentle, pleasant, courteous, easygoing, friendly.

winding: (*n*) twist, wind, turn; (*adj*) indirect, crooked, circuitous, meandering, twisty, wandering; (*adj, n*) twisting, twisted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) direct, unbent.

"What is that?" said Mary, pointing through the other green door.

"Another of 'em," shortly. "There's another on t'other side o' th' wall an' there's th' **orchard** t'other side o' that."

"Can I go in them?" asked Mary.

"If tha' likes. But there's **nowt** to see."

Mary made no response. She went down the path and through the second green door. There, she found more walls and winter vegetables and glass frames, but in the second wall there was another green door and it was not open. Perhaps it led into the garden which no one had seen for ten years. As she was not at all a **timid** child and always did what she wanted to do, Mary went to the green door and turned the handle. She hoped the door would not open because she wanted to be sure she had found the mysterious garden--but it did open quite easily and she walked through it and found herself in an orchard. There were walls all round it also and trees trained against them, and there were bare fruit-trees growing in the winter-browned grass--but there was no green door to be seen anywhere. Mary looked for it, and yet when she had entered the upper end of the garden she had noticed that the wall did not seem to end with the orchard but to extend beyond it as if it enclosed a place at the other side. She could see the **tops** of trees above the wall, and when she stood still she saw a bird with a bright red **breast** sitting on the **topmost** branch of one of them, and suddenly he burst into his winter song--almost as if he had caught sight of her and was calling to her.

She stopped and listened to him and somehow his cheerful, friendly little **whistle** gave her a pleased feeling--even a disagreeable little girl may be lonely, and the big closed house and big bare moor and big bare gardens had made this one feel as if there was no one left in the world but herself. If she had been an **affectionate** child, who had been used to being loved, she would have broken her heart, but even though she was "Mistress Mary Quite Contrary" she was desolate, and the bright-breasted little bird brought a look into her sour little face which was almost a smile. She listened to him until he flew away. He was not

Thesaurus

affectionate: (*adj*) fond, tender, kind, mild, devoted, ardent, warm, cordial, caring, brotherly; (*adj, adv*) fatherly.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncaring, callous, undemonstrative, aloof, cool, disapproving, reserved, antagonistic, paternal, rough.
breast: (*n*) boob, udder, tit, titty, chest, knocker, mammilla, bust, pap, heart; (*n, v*) front.
nowt: (*n*) nothing, naught, nought, zilch, nada, nobody, cipher, bugger

all, zero.
orchard: (*n*) park, garden, plantation, arboretum, avenue, pinetum, shrubbery, woodlet, parterre, pinery, copse.
timid: (*adj*) shy, afraid, diffident, coy, bashful, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, modest; (*adj, adv*) cowardly; (*adj, n*) cautious.
ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) brave; (*adj*) confident, bold, fearless, resolute, forward, daring, brazen, extrovert,

brash, talkative.
topmost: (*adj*) highest, upmost, upper, maximum, uppermost, head, supreme, utmost, crowning, apical, uttermost. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) bottom.
tops: (*n*) apex, pinnacle, pick; (*adj*) champion, elite, fabulous, leading, outstanding, uppermost, superb, superlative.
whistle: (*v*) sing, twitter, hiss, warble, tweet, cheep, chirp, wheeze; (*n, v*) cry; (*n*) whistling, tin whistle.

like an Indian bird and she liked him and wondered if she should ever see him again. Perhaps he lived in the mysterious garden and knew all about it.

Perhaps it was because she had nothing whatever to do that she thought so much of the **deserted** garden. She was curious about it and wanted to see what it was like. Why had Mr. Archibald Craven buried the key? If he had liked his wife so much why did he hate her garden? She wondered if she should ever see him, but she knew that if she did she should not like him, and he would not like her, and that she should only stand and **stare** at him and say nothing, though she should be wanting **dreadfully** to ask him why he had done such a queer thing.

"People never like me and I never like people," she thought. "And I never can talk as the Crawford children could. They were always talking and laughing and making noises."

She thought of the **robin** and of the way he seemed to sing his song at her, and as she remembered the tree-top he **perched** on she stopped rather suddenly on the path.

"I believe that tree was in the secret garden--I feel sure it was," she said. "There was a wall round the place and there was no door."

She walked back into the first kitchen-garden she had entered and found the old man **digging** there. She went and stood beside him and watched him a few moments in her cold little way. He took no notice of her and so at last she spoke to him.

"I have been into the other gardens," she said.

"There was nothin' to prevent thee," he answered **crustily**.

"I went into the orchard."

"There was no dog at th' door to **bite** thee," he answered.

"There was no door there into the other garden," said Mary.

"What garden?" he said in a rough voice, stopping his digging for a moment.

Thesaurus

bite: (*n, v*) nip, cut, taste, hurt, pain; (*v*) pinch, chew, erode, gnaw, eat; (*n*) morsel. ANTONYMS: (*n*) lot, whole, mildness.

crustily: (*adv*) gruffly, abruptly, curtly, morosely, surly, grumpily, brusquely, snappishly, sternly, peevishly, crotchetyly.

deserted: (*adj*) desert, solitary, empty, lonely, isolated, forsaken, lonesome, desolate, bleak, vacant; (*adj, v*) forlorn. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) occupied,

packed, crowded, mobbed, populated, populous, overcrowded.

digging: (*n*) excavation, excavating, digs, dug, excavate, take, locality, mining, barb, creating by removal, attack reception.

dreadfully: (*adj, adv*) frightfully, shockingly; (*adv*) fearfully, appallingly, hideously, horrendously, horribly, atrociously, ghastly, tremendously, horridly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly,

wonderfully, happily, hardly, superbly, well.

perched: (*adj*) perked, alert, on the edge, balanced, poised, on the brink, suspended, perked up.

robin: (*n*) robin redbreast, robin-ruddock, robin-redbreast, American robin, thrush, old world robin.

stare: (*n, v*) gaze, look; (*v*) gape, glare, peer, squint, goggle, see, outface; (*n*) regard, contemplation. ANTONYM: (*v*) glance.

"The one on the other side of the wall," answered Mistress Mary. "There are trees there--I saw the tops of them. A bird with a red breast was sitting on one of them and he sang."

To her surprise the surly old **weather**-beaten face actually changed its expression. A slow smile spread over it and the gardener looked quite different. It made her think that it was curious how much nicer a person looked when he smiled. She had not thought of it before.

He turned about to the orchard side of his garden and began to whistle--a low soft whistle. She could not understand how such a surly man could make such a **coaxing** sound. Almost the next moment a wonderful thing happened. She heard a soft little rushing flight through the air--and it was the bird with the red breast flying to them, and he actually alighted on the big **clod** of earth quite near to the gardener's foot.

"Here he is," chuckled the old man, and then he spoke to the bird as if he were speaking to a child.

"Where has tha' been, tha' **cheeky** little beggar?" he said. "I've not seen thee before today. Has tha, begun tha' courtin' this early in th' season? Tha'rt too forrad."

The bird put his tiny head on one side and looked up at him with his soft bright eye which was like a black **dewdrop**. He seemed quite familiar and not the least afraid. He hopped about and **pecked** the earth briskly, looking for seeds and insects. It actually gave Mary a queer feeling in her heart, because he was so pretty and cheerful and seemed so like a person. He had a tiny **plump** body and a delicate **beak**, and slender delicate **legs**.

"Will he always come when you call him?" she asked almost in a whisper.

"Aye, that he will. I've knowed him ever since he was a **fledgling**. He come out of th' nest in th' other garden an' when first he flew over th' wall he was too weak to fly back for a few days an' we got friendly. When he went over th' wall again th' rest of th' **brood** was gone an' he was lonely an' he come back to me."

"What kind of a bird is he?" Mary asked.

Thesaurus

beak: (*n*) neb, snout, bill, nose, prow, snoot, rostrum, proboscis, nib, pecker; (*v*) peck.
brood: (*n, v*) breed; (*v*) sulk, think, incubate; (*n*) offspring, issue, progeny, young, posterity, family; (*adj, n*) herd. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reassure, delight, console.
cheeky: (*adj*) brash, audacious, nervy, rude, presumptuous, brazen, insolent, impertinent, impudent, disrespectful, forward. ANTONYM:

(*adj*) shy.
clod: (*adj, n*) lump; (*n*) oaf, glebe, ball, clay, yokel, gawk, agglomeration, lout, clump; (*adj*) block. ANTONYM: (*n*) intellect.
coaxing: (*n*) blarney, flattery, sweet talk, temptation, enticement, soft soap; (*adv*) coaxingly; (*adj*) ingratiatory, persuasive, oily.
dewdrop: (*n*) bead, pearl, drip, droplet, globule.
fledgling: (*n*) fledgeling, freshman,

neophyte, novice, recruit, entrant, enlistee, rookie, chick, chicken; (*adj*) young. ANTONYM: (*n*) expert.
legs: (*v*) pegs, trotters, pins; (*n*) patience, pedestal, stamina.
pecked: (*adj*) biccched.
plump: (*adj*) chubby, corpulent, stout, round, obese, overweight, gross, buxom, pudgy; (*adj, n*) fleshy; (*v*) fatten. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thin, emaciated, skinny, slim, slender.
weather-beaten: (*adj*) gnarled, rugged.

"Doesn't tha' know? He's a robin **redbreast** an' they're th' friendliest, curiousest birds alive. They're almost as friendly as dogs--if you know how to get on with 'em. Watch him peckin' about there an' lookin' round at us now an' again. He knows we're talkin' about him."

It was the queerest thing in the world to see the old fellow. He looked at the plump little scarlet-waistcoated bird as if he were both proud and fond of him.

"He's a **conceited** one," he chuckled. "He likes to hear folk talk about him. An' curious--bless me, there never was his like for **curiosity** an' meddlin'. He's always comin' to see what I'm plantin'. He knows all th' things Mester Craven never troubles hissel' to find out. He's th' head **gardener**, he is."

The robin hopped about **busily** pecking the soil and now and then stopped and looked at them a little. Mary thought his black dewdrop eyes gazed at her with great curiosity. It really seemed as if he were finding out all about her. The queer feeling in her heart increased. "Where did the rest of the brood fly to?" she asked.

"There's no knowin'. The old ones turn 'em out o' their nest an' make 'em fly an' they're **scattered** before you know it. This one was a knowin' one an, he knew he was lonely."

Mistress Mary went a step nearer to the robin and looked at him very hard.

"I'm lonely," she said.

She had not known before that this was one of the things which made her feel sour and cross. She seemed to find it out when the robin looked at her and she looked at the robin.

The old gardener pushed his cap back on his **bald** head and stared at her a minute.

"Art tha' th' little **wench** from India?" he asked.

Mary nodded.

"Then no wonder tha'rt lonely. Tha'lt be lonlier before tha's done," he said.

Thesaurus

bald: (*adj*) hairless, simple, austere, meager, raw, barefaced, stark, plain, nude, naked; (*adj, v*) threadbare.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ornate, furry, hirsute, woolly, embellished, adorned, decorated.
busily: (*adv*) actively, occupiedly, briskly, industriously, engagedly, energetically, assiduously, lively, officiously, fussily, meddlesomely.
ANTONYM: (*adv*) inactively.
conceited: (*adj*) arrogant, cocky, vain,

boastful, proud, smug, affected, assuming, egotistical, haughty, pompous. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) modest, insecure, meek, selfless, unassuming.
curiosity: (*n*) curiousness, rarity, interest, curio, oddity, prying, nosiness, peculiarity, novelty, marvel; (*adj, n*) prodigy.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) emotionlessness, indifference, disinterest.
gardener: (*n*) horticulturist, farmer,

florist, employee, hedger, husbandman, transplanter.
redbreast: (*n*) robin, thrush, robin redbreast, American robin, old world robin.
scattered: (*adj*) dissipated, thin, disordered, disconnected, confused, sparse, sporadic, distributed, rare, diffuse; (*v*) disperse.
wench: (*n*) miss, damsel, strumpet, trollop, Trull, missy, quean, slut, nymph, dame; (*n, v*) drab.

He began to dig again, driving his spade deep into the rich black garden soil while the robin hopped about very busily employed.

“What is your name?” Mary inquired.

He stood up to answer her.

“Ben Weatherstaff,” he answered, and then he added with a surly **chuckle**, “I’m lonely myself’ except when he’s with me,” and he jerked his thumb toward the robin. “He’s th’ only friend I’ve got.”

“I have no friends at all,” said Mary. “I never had. My Ayah didn’t like me and I never played with any one.”

It is a Yorkshire habit to say what you think with **blunt frankness**, and old Ben Weatherstaff was a Yorkshire moor man.

“Tha’ an’ me are a good bit alike,” he said. “We was wove out of th’ same cloth. We’re neither of us good lookin’ an’ we’re both of us as sour as we look. We’ve got the same nasty tempers, both of us, I’ll warrant.”

This was plain speaking, and Mary Lennox had never heard the truth about herself in her life. Native servants always salaamed and submitted to you, whatever you did. She had never thought much about her looks, but she wondered if she was as **unattractive** as Ben Weatherstaff and she also wondered if she looked as sour as he had looked before the robin came. She actually began to wonder also if she was “nasty tempered.” She felt uncomfortable.

Suddenly a clear **rippling** little sound broke out near her and she turned round. She was standing a few feet from a young apple-tree and the robin had flown on to one of its branches and had burst out into a scrap of a song. Ben Weatherstaff laughed **outright**.

“What did he do that for?” asked Mary.

“He’s made up his mind to make friends with thee,” replied Ben. “Dang me if he hasn’t took a fancy to thee.”

“To me?” said Mary, and she moved toward the little tree softly and looked up.

Thesaurus

blunt: (*adj, v*) dull, deaden; (*adj*) bluff, plain, direct, forthright, frank, candid, outspoken, round, abrupt. ANTONYMS: (*v*) hone, sharpen, point, accentuate, needle; (*adj*) devious, pointed, thoughtful, polite, guarded, gentle.

chuckle: (*n, v*) snicker, snigger, giggle, chortle, titter, crow; (*v*) chuck, laugh, cackle, exult; (*n*) laughter.

frankness: (*n*) honesty, truth, forthrightness, candidness, freedom,

sincerity, candour, plainness, bluntness, outspokenness, ingenuousness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cunning, tact, delicacy, deceit, conformity, reticence, indirectness, evasiveness.

outright: (*adj*) straight, absolute, entire, perfect, altogether, total, downright; (*adv*) wholly, instantaneously, instantly, fully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hardly, indirectly; (*adj*) partial, qualified.

rippling: (*n*) ripple, wave, ruffle, corrugation, moving ridge, wavelet, ripple formation; (*adj*) flowing, billowy.

unattractive: (*adj*) ugly, uninviting, unsightly, unprepossessing, unbecoming, unpopular, unpleasant, undesirable, disagreeable, plain, uncared for. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) beautiful, lovely, appealing, becoming, desirable, flattering, striking.

"Would you make friends with me?" she said to the robin just as if she was speaking to a person. "Would you?" And she did not say it either in her hard little voice or in her imperious Indian voice, but in a tone so soft and **eager** and coaxing that Ben Weatherstaff was as surprised as she had been when she heard him whistle.

"Why," he cried out, "tha' said that as nice an' human as if tha' was a real child instead of a sharp old woman. Tha' said it almost like Dickon talks to his wild things on th' moor."

"Do you know Dickon?" Mary asked, turning round rather in a hurry.

"Everybody knows him. Dickon's wanderin' about everywhere. Th' very blackberries an' heather-bells knows him. I **warrant** th' **foxes** shows him where their cubs lies an' th' skylarks doesn't **hide** their nests from him."

Mary would have liked to ask some more questions. She was almost as curious about Dickon as she was about the deserted garden. But just that moment the robin, who had ended his song, gave a little **shake** of his wings, spread them and flew away. He had made his visit and had other things to do.

"He has flown over the wall!" Mary cried out, watching him. "He has flown into the orchard--he has flown across the other wall--into the garden where there is no door!"

"He lives there," said old Ben. "He came out o' th' egg there. If he's courtin', he's makin' up to some young **madam** of a robin that lives among th' old rose-trees there."

"Rose-trees," said Mary. "Are there rose-trees?"

Ben Weatherstaff took up his spade again and began to dig.

"There was ten year' ago," he **mumbled**.

"I should like to see them," said Mary. "Where is the green door? There must be a door somewhere."

Ben drove his spade deep and looked as **uncompanionable** as he had looked when she first saw him.

Thesaurus

eager: (*adj*) avid, ardent, agog, acute, zealous, enthusiastic, keen, ambitious, industrious, studious; (*adj, n*) earnest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indifferent, unconcerned, apathetic, disinterested, unwilling, unenthusiastic, lukewarm, patient, reluctant, listless, bored.

foxes: (*n*) dogs, Canidae, family Canidae, Vulpes, genus Vulpes.

hide: (*n, v*) cover, disguise, shelter, veil; (*adj, v*) obscure; (*n*) fur, fell, coat;

(*v*) bury, mask; (*adj, n, v*) darken. ANTONYMS: (*v*) show, expose, express, divulge, unearth, amplify, advertise, clarify.

madam: (*n*) dame, lady, ma'am, gentlewoman, missis, Mrs, brothel keeper, madames, signora, female, bawd.

mumbled: (*adj*) inaudible, faint, broken, slurred, thick, garbled, unintelligible, muffled, low, incomprehensible. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) clear, distinct.

shake: (*n, v*) jolt, beat, jar, quiver, wave; (*v*) agitate, excite, disturb; (*adv, v*) brandish; (*adj, v*) quake, totter. ANTONYMS: (*v*) soothe, steady.

uncompanionable: (*adj*) withdrawn, reserved, distant, chill, standoffish.

warrant: (*n, v*) permit, vouch, license, assure, sanction, empower; (*n*) authority, authorization, security; (*v*) justify, ensure. ANTONYMS: (*n*) break; (*v*) debar.

“There was ten year’ ago, but there isn’t now,” he said.

“No door!” cried Mary. “There must be.” “None as any one can find, an’ **none** as is any one’s business. Don’t you be a **meddlesome** wench an’ **poke** your **nose** where it’s no **cause** to go. Here, I must go on with my work. Get you gone an’ play you. I’ve no more time.”

And he actually **stopped** digging, threw his spade over his **shoulder** and **walked** off, without even **glancing** at her or **saying** good-by.

Thesaurus

cause: (*n*) case, action, account; (*n, v*) occasion, allow; (*v*) breed, do, induce, beget, motivate, provoke.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) effect, result, outcome; (*v*) foil, deter, forestall, prevent, stop, halt, quell, retard.
glancing: (*adj*) passing.
meddlesome: (*adj*) busy, officious, inquisitive, interfering, obtrusive, nosy, curious, pragmatical, prying, busybodied, impertinent.
none: (*n*) nought, naught, nobody,

zilch, anything; (*adv*) not, neither, any; (*adj*) whatsoever, no, whatever.
nose: (*n*) hooter, neb, nozzle, proboscis, honker, bow, odour; (*v*) wind, pry, scent; (*n, v*) sniff.
poke: (*n, v*) dig, jab, nudge, push, punch, prod, thrust; (*n*) bag, sack, pocket; (*v*) shove.
saying: (*adj, n, v*) maxim; (*n*) axiom, adage, phrase, dictum, idiom, byword, aphorism, expression; (*n, v*) saw, proverb.

shoulder: (*v*) carry, push, hold, jostle, sustain, support, assume, accept; (*n, v*) elbow; (*n*) back, flange.
stopped: (*adj*) stopped up, stoped, congested, unmoving, stop, finished, stopen, stopt, blocked, stopping, stops. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) unstopped, moving.
walked: (*adj*) exempt; (*v*) yode.

CHAPTER V

THE CRY IN THE CORRIDOR

At first each day which passed by for Mary Lennox was exactly like the others. Every morning she **awoke** in her tapestried room and found Martha kneeling upon the hearth building her fire; every morning she ate her breakfast in the nursery which had nothing **amusing** in it; and after each breakfast she gazed out of the window across to the huge moor which seemed to spread out on all sides and climb up to the sky, and after she had stared for a while she realized that if she did not go out she would have to stay in and do nothing--and so she went out. She did not know that this was the best thing she could have done, and she did not know that, when she **began** to walk quickly or even run along the **paths** and down the avenue, she was **stirring** her slow blood and making herself stronger by fighting with the wind which **swept** down from the moor. She ran only to make herself warm, and she hated the wind which **rushed** at her face and roared and held her back as if it were some giant she could not see. But the big breaths of rough fresh air **blown** over the **heather** filled her **lungs** with something which was good for her whole thin body and **whipped** some red color into her cheeks and brightened her dull eyes when she did not know anything about it.

Thesaurus

amusing: (*adj*) humorous, fun, pleasant, entertaining, risible, comical, diverting, enjoyable, laughable, agreeable, pleasing.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tragic, boring, unpleasant, unfunny, tiring, grim, depressing, sad, annoying, heavy, serious.
awoke: (*adj*) awakened.
began: (*v*) Gan.
blown: (*adj*) puffy, panting, swollen, winded, inflated, moving, high,

haughty lofty, late; (*v*) puffing and blowing; (*n*) blowen.
heather: (*n*) heath, ling, Calluna vulgaris, broom, Scots heather, field, greensward, burbot, Hadder, eelpout, cusk.
lungs: (*v*) air pump, air blower, ventilator, punkah; (*n*) blowpipe, organ.
paths: (*n*) path.
rushed: (*adj*) hurried, rush, precipitate, rapid, unexpected, hassled,

immediate, instant, instantaneous, quick, speedy. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) unhurried, slow, considered, gradual.
stirring: (*adj*) lively, exciting, alive, rousing, spirited, touching, thrilling, active; (*n*) agitation; (*v*) eventful, brisk. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) depressing, boring, inactive, dull, conciliatory, asleep, uninspiring, unimpressive; (*n*) suppression.
swept: (*adj*) clean.
whipped: (*v*) whipt.

But after a few days spent almost entirely out of doors she wakened one morning knowing what it was to be hungry, and when she sat down to her breakfast she did not glance disdainfully at her **porridge** and push it away, but **took** up her **spoon** and began to eat it and went on eating it until her bowl was empty.

"Tha' got on well enough with that this mornin', didn't tha'?" said Martha.

"It tastes nice today," said Mary, feeling a little surprised her self.

"It's th' air of th' moor that's givin' thee stomach for tha' victuals," answered Martha. "It's lucky for thee that tha's got victuals as well as appetite. There's been twelve in our cottage as had th' stomach an' nothin' to put in it. You go on playin' you out o' doors every day an' you'll get some flesh on your bones an' you won't be so yellin'."

"I don't play," said Mary. "I have nothing to play with."

"Nothin' to play with!" exclaimed Martha. "Our children plays with sticks and **stones**. They just runs about an' **shouts** an' looks at things." Mary did not shout, but she looked at things. There was nothing else to do. She walked round and round the gardens and wandered about the paths in the park. Sometimes she looked for Ben Weatherstaff, but though several times she saw him at work he was too busy to look at her or was too surly. Once when she was walking toward him he picked up his spade and turned away as if he did it on purpose.

One place she went to oftener than to any other. It was the long walk outside the gardens with the walls round them. There were bare flower-beds on either side of it and against the walls ivy grew **thickly**. There was one part of the wall where the **creeping** dark green leaves were more **bushy** than elsewhere. It seemed as if for a long time that part had been neglected. The rest of it had been clipped and made to look neat, but at this lower end of the walk it had not been **trimmed** at all.

A few days after she had talked to Ben Weatherstaff, Mary stopped to notice this and wondered why it was so. She had just paused and was looking up at a long spray of ivy **swinging** in the wind when she saw a **gleam** of scarlet and

Thesaurus

bushy: (*adj*) dense, shagged, shaggy, hairy, bearded, brushy, gross, bushies, pilous, pappous, hispid.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bald, neat, unhealthy, tidy, thin, sparse, sleek.

creeping: (*n*) creep, crawl, locomotion, spreading; (*v*) lenter; (*adj*) reptile, slow, reptant, reptatory, serpiginous, moving.

gleam: (*n, v*) glance, beam, blaze, shine, glimmer, glow, flash, flicker, sparkle, glitter; (*v*) twinkle.

porridge: (*v*) oatmeal, hasty pudding, mince pie, oyster, pineapple, mango; (*n*) burgoo, pap, plash, loblolly, podge.

shouts: (*n*) cries.

spoon: (*n*) spoonful, ladle, shovel, soup spoon, tablespoon, trowel, teaspoon, dipper; (*v*) smooch, dally, bill and coo.

stones: (*n*) shingle, grit.

swinging: (*adj*) swaying, excessive, liling, inordinate, hanging,

exorbitant, pendulous, outrageous, preposterous, extravagant; (*n*) slewing.

thickly: (*adv*) deeply, heavily, thick, viscosly, thicksetly, solidly, dully, dumbly, compactly, closely, turbidly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) thinly, finely, slightly, sparsely, loosely, distinctly.

took: (*adj*) taken; (*v*) receive.

trimmed: (*adj*) down, slashed, shortened, neat, mown, level, gelded, emasculated, demure, cunning, sly.

heard a brilliant **chirp**, and there, on the top of the wall, forward perched Ben Weatherstaff's robin redbreast, **tilting** forward to look at her with his small head on one side.

"Oh!" she cried out, "is it you--is it you?" And it did not seem at all queer to her that she spoke to him as if she were sure that he would understand and answer her.

He did answer. He **twittered** and chirped and hopped along the wall as if he were telling her all sorts of things. It seemed to Mistress Mary as if she understood him, too, though he was not speaking in words. It was as if he said:

"Good morning! Isn't the wind nice? Isn't the sun nice? Isn't everything nice? Let us both chirp and hop and twitter. Come on! Come on!"

Mary began to laugh, and as he hopped and took little flights along the wall she ran after him. Poor little thin, sallow, **ugly** Mary--she actually looked almost pretty for a moment.

"I like you! I like you!" she cried out, pattering down the walk; and she chirped and tried to whistle, which last she did not know how to do in the least. But the robin seemed to be quite satisfied and chirped and whistled back at her. At last he spread his wings and made a **darting** flight to the top of a tree, where he perched and sang **loudly**. That reminded Mary of the first time she had seen him. He had been swinging on a tree-top then and she had been standing in the orchard. Now she was on the other side of the orchard and standing in the path outside a wall--much lower down--and there was the same tree inside.

"It's in the garden no one can go into," she said to herself. "It's the garden without a door. He lives in there. How I wish I could see what it is like!"

She ran up the walk to the green door she had entered the first morning. Then she ran down the path through the other door and then into the orchard, and when she stood and looked up there was the tree on the other side of the wall, and there was the robin just **finishing** his song and, beginning to **preen** his **feathers** with his beak.

"It is the garden," she said. "I am sure it is."

Thesaurus

chirp: (*n, v*) chirrup, peep; (*v*) sing, trill, chitter, warble, carol, emit, whistle, utter; (*adj*) take heart.

darting: (*adj*) arrowy, moving; (*v*) Sally.

feathers: (*n*) plumage, fur, indument, garment, garb, fine hair, clothing, dress, apparel, attire, array.

finishing: (*n*) completion, close, accomplishment, conclusion, end, coating; (*adj, n*) ending; (*adj*) closing, last, final, ultimate. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

beginning; (*adj*) first.

loudly: (*adv*) vociferously, noisily, loud, clamorously, showily, strongly, flamboyantly, obstreperously, luridly, boisterously; (*adj, adv*) forte. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) softly, thinly, silently, piano, pleasantly.

preen: (*v*) dress up, congratulate, plume, arrange, primp, pride, groom, boast, trim, prink, cut back.

tilting: (*adj*) slanting, leaning, sloping, oblique, lopsided, fighting; (*n*) single

wheel tilting, shearing, overturning.

twitter: (*n, v*) cheep, chirrup, peep, flutter, warble, trill, quiver, squeak; (*n*) thrill; (*v*) tweet, chitter.

ugly: (*adj, adv*) surly; (*adj*) nasty, repulsive, frightful, forbidding, disagreeable, hideous, gruesome, evil, offensive, shocking. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attractive, flowing, ornamental, nice, lovely, pleasant, safe, kind, gentle, appealing, agreeable.

She walked round and looked closely at that side of the orchard wall, but she only found what she had found before--that there was no door in it. Then she ran through the kitchen-gardens again and out into the walk outside the long ivy-covered wall, and she walked to the end of it and looked at it, but there was no door; and then she walked to the other end, looking again, but there was no door.

"It's very queer," she said. "Ben Weatherstaff said there was no door and there is no door. But there must have been one ten years ago, because Mr. Craven **buried** the key."

This gave her so much to think of that she began to be quite interested and feel that she was not sorry that she had come to Misselthwaite Manor. In India she had always felt hot and too **languid** to care much about anything. The fact was that the fresh wind from the moor had begun to blow the cobwebs out of her young brain and to **waken** her up a little.

She stayed out of doors nearly all day, and when she sat down to her supper at night she felt **hungry** and drowsy and comfortable. She did not feel cross when Martha chattered away. She felt as if she rather liked to hear her, and at last she thought she would ask her a question. She asked it after she had finished her supper and had sat down on the hearth-rug before the fire.

"Why did Mr. Craven hate the garden?" she said.

She had made Martha stay with her and Martha had not objected at all. She was very young, and used to a **crowded** cottage full of brothers and sisters, and she found it **dull** in the great servants' hall downstairs where the footman and upper-housemaids made fun of her Yorkshire speech and looked upon her as a common little thing, and sat and whispered among themselves. Martha liked to talk, and the strange child who had lived in India, and been waited upon by "blacks," was **novelty** enough to attract her.

She sat down on the hearth herself without waiting to be asked.

"Art tha' thinkin' about that garden yet?" she said. "I **knew** tha' would. That was just the way with me when I first heard about it."

Thesaurus

buried: (*adj*) hidden, covert, interred, underground, inhumed, profound, covered, ulterior; (*v*) perdu, imbed, embed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) explicit, overt.

crowded: (*adj*) compact, congested, full, packed, busy, dense, populous, jammed, cramped, tight; (*adj, n*) thronged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sparse, deserted, uncrowded, loose.

dull: (*adj*) dreary, dense, sluggish, dismal, slack, torpid; (*adj, v*) blunt,

stupid; (*v*) deaden, dampen; (*adj, n*) cold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lively, sharp, stimulating, exciting, lustrous, interesting, exhilarating, varied, glossy, glittery, luminous.

hungry: (*adj*) eager, avid, famished, starving, esurient, greedy, ravenous, desirous, meager, starveling; (*v*) starve. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) full, satiated, sated, thirsty, unconcerned, moderate, healthy, disinterested.

knew: (*adj*) known; (*v*) recognize, wist.

languid: (*adj*) lazy, dull, indolent, feeble, lethargic, lackadaisical, sluggish, faint, torpid, inert, apathetic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) active, lively, exciting, vigorous.

novelty: (*adj*) news; (*n*) freshness, mutation, newness, trinket, curiosity, originality, oddity, bauble; (*n, v*) change, difference.

waken: (*v*) stir, awaken, wake, wake up, arouse, awake, excite, call, kindle, evoke, provoke.

“Why did he hate it?” Mary persisted.

Martha tucked her feet under her and made herself quite comfortable.

“Listen to th’ wind wutherin’ round the house,” she said. “You could bare stand up on the moor if you was out on it tonight.”

Mary did not know what “wutherin’” meant until she listened, and then she understood. It must mean that **hollow shuddering** sort of **roar** which rushed round and round the house as if the **giant** no one could see were **buffeting** it and **beating** at the walls and windows to try to break in. But one knew he could not get in, and somehow it made one feel very safe and warm inside a room with a red coal fire.

“But why did he hate it so?” she asked, after she had listened. She intended to know if Martha did.

Then Martha gave up her store of knowledge.

“Mind,” she said, “Mrs. Medlock said it’s not to be talked about. There’s lots o’ things in this place that’s not to be talked over. That’s Mr. Craven’s orders. His troubles are none servants’ business, he says. But for th’ garden he wouldn’t be like he is. It was Mrs. Craven’s garden that she had made when first they were married an’ she just loved it, an’ they used to ‘tend the flowers themselves. An’ none o’ th’ gardeners was ever let to go in. Him an’ her used to go in an’ shut th’ door an’ stay there hours an’ hours, readin’ and talkin’. An, she was just a bit of a girl an’ there was an old tree with a branch **bent** like a seat on it. An’ she made roses grow over it an’ she used to sit there. But one day when she was sittin’ there th’ branch broke an’ she fell on th’ ground an’ was hurt so bad that next day she died. Th’ doctors thought he’d go out o’ his mind an’ die, too. That’s why he hates it. No one’s never gone in since, an’ he won’t let any one talk about it.”

Mary did not ask any more questions. She looked at the red fire and listened to the wind “wutherin’.” It seemed to be “wutherin’” louder than ever. At that moment a very good thing was happening to her. Four good things had happened to her, in fact, since she came to Misselthwaite Manor. She had felt as

Thesaurus

beating: (*n*) reverse, defeat, whipping, thrashing, battery, flogging, pounding, pulsation, pulse, rout; (*adj*) pulsing. ANTONYMS: (*n*) victory, win.

bent: (*adj*) curved, arched, deformed, crooked; (*n*) propensity, inclination, fancy, leaning, flair, gift, curvature. ANTONYMS: (*n*) weakness, inability, aversion; (*adj*) undetermined, undecided, uncurved, uncaring, rigid, unbent.

buffeting: (*n*) pounding, concussion; (*adj*) rough.

giant: (*adj*) gigantic, colossal, jumbo, gargantuan, elephantine, huge, immense, large; (*n*) behemoth, Goliath, colossus. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tiny, miniature, insignificant, short; (*n*) dwarf.

hollow: (*adj, n*) blank; (*n*) cavity, depression, cave, dell; (*adj*) empty, false; (*adj, n, v*) concave; (*n, v*) excavate, dent, scoop. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) convex, sincere, true, full, meaningful, cramped, valid; (*n*) hump, bump, hill, lump.

roar: (*n, v*) bellow, cry, shout, howl, bark, clatter, holler; (*adj, n, v*) thunder; (*v*) bawl; (*adj, v*) bluster; (*adj, n*) peal. ANTONYMS: (*v*) cry, weep.

shuddering: (*adj, n*) quivering, shaking; (*adv*) shudderingly; (*n*) cold sweat, tremor; (*adj*) rough, shaky, jumpy, quaking, shivery, bumpy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) smooth.

if she had understood a robin and that he had understood her; she had run in the wind until her blood had grown warm; she had been **healthily** hungry for the first time in her life; and she had found out what it was to be sorry for some one.

But as she was listening to the wind she began to listen to something else. She did not know what it was, because at first she could scarcely distinguish it from the wind itself. It was a curious sound--it seemed almost as if a child were crying somewhere. Sometimes the wind **sounded** rather like a child crying, but **presently** Mistress Mary felt quite sure this sound was inside the house, not outside it. It was far away, but it was inside. She turned round and looked at Martha.

"Do you hear any one crying?" she said.

Martha suddenly looked confused.

"No," she answered. "It's th' wind. Sometimes it sounds like as if some one was lost on th' moor an' wailin'. It's got all sorts o' sounds."

"But listen," said Mary. "It's in the house--down one of those long corridors."

And at that very moment a door must have been opened somewhere downstairs; for a great **rushing** draft blew along the passage and the door of the room they sat in was blown open with a crash, and as they both jumped to their feet the light was blown out and the crying sound was swept down the far corridor so that it was to be heard more **plainly** than ever.

"There!" said Mary. "I told you so! It is some one crying--and it isn't a **grown-up** person."

Martha ran and shut the door and turned the key, but before she did it they both heard the sound of a door in some far passage **shutting** with a **bang**, and then everything was quiet, for even the wind ceased "wutherin'" for a few moments.

"It was th' wind," said Martha stubbornly. "An' if it wasn't, it was little Betty Butterworth, th' scullery-maid. She's had th' **toothache** all day."

Thesaurus

bang: (*n, v*) slam, hit, beat, strike, knock, smash, boom, thud, bump; (*adv, n, v*) smack, slap. ANTONYMS: (*n*) silence; (*v*) tiptoe.

grown-up: (*adj*) mature, big, full-grown, ripe, grown, full-fledged.

healthily: (*adv*) salubriously, wholesomely, robustly, healthfully, salutarily, lustily, welly, wholly, heartily, vigorously, strongly.

plainly: (*adv*) evidently, manifestly, clearly, distinctly, openly, obviously,

patently, overtly, definitely; (*adj, adv*) frankly, honestly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) imperceptibly, vaguely, obscurely, figuratively, unclearly, politely, incoherently, implicitly, finely, ambiguously, covertly.

presently: (*adv*) instantly, directly, currently, before long, shortly, soon, now, at present, readily, just, actually. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) later, now, formerly.

rushing: (*adv*) rushingly; (*n*) haste,

hurry, hurrying, running, hastening, flush, movement; (*adj*) flowing, headlong, moving.

shutting: (*n*) closing, conclusion, end, closure, ending, finish, mop up, culmination, closedown; (*adj*) confining, claudent. ANTONYM: (*n*) opening.

sounded: (*adj*) measured, oral.

toothache: (*v*) tic douloureux, torticollis, tormina; (*n*) aerodontalgia.

But something **troubled** and **awkward** in her **manner** made Mistress Mary stare very **hard** at her. She did not believe she was **speaking** the truth.

Thesaurus

awkward: (*adj*) inconvenient, clumsy, embarrassing, uncomfortable, ungainly, untoward, crude, inept, sticky, left-handed, heavy.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) graceful, easy, adroit, manageable, straightforward, simple, dexterous, rotund, convenient, helpful, skillful.
hard: (*adj, n*) austere, rough; (*adj, v*) grave, severe, acute; (*adj*) bad, difficult, strong, callous, cruel, tough.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) easy, kind, soggy,

tender, merciful, yielding, simple; (*adv*) lightly, gently, lackadaisically; (*adj, adv*) flexible.
manner: (*adj, n*) kind; (*n*) bearing, demeanor, method, form, appearance, carriage, way; (*n, v*) custom, style, habit.
speaking: (*n*) talk, discourse, speech, public speaking, reading, oral presentation, recital, recitation, disputation; (*v*) speak; (*adj*) expressive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

nonspeaking, silent.
troubled: (*adj, v*) concerned, solicitous; (*adj*) distressed, anxious, worried, uneasy, uncomfortable, disconcerted, upset, apprehensive, restless.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unconcerned, composed, calm, easy, relaxed, tranquil, assured, carefree, brave, stable, unaffected.

CHAPTER VI

“THERE WAS SOME ONE CRYING—THERE WAS!”

The next day the rain **poured** down in **torrents** again, and when Mary looked out of her window the moor was almost hidden by gray **mist** and cloud. There could be no going out today.

“What do you do in your cottage when it **rains** like this?” she asked Martha.

“Try to keep from under each other’s feet mostly,” Martha answered. “Eh! there does seem a lot of us then. Mother’s a good-tempered woman but she **gets** fair moithered. The biggest ones goes out in th’ cow-shed and plays there. Dickon he doesn’t mind th’ wet. He goes out just th’ same as if th’ sun was shinin’. He says he sees things on **rainy** days as doesn’t show when it’s fair weather. He once found a little fox cub half **drowned** in its hole and he brought it home in th’ **bosom** of his **shirt** to keep it warm. Its mother had been **killed** nearby an’ th’ hole was swum out an’ th’ rest o’ th’ **litter** was dead. He’s got it at home now. He found a half-drowned young **crow** another time an’ he brought it home, too, an’ **tamed** it. It’s named Soot because it’s so black, an’ it **hops** an’ flies about with him everywhere.”

Thesaurus

bosom: (*n*) heart, interior, boob, thorax, chest, bust, tit; (*n, v*) embrace; (*v*) cherish, hug; (*adj*) intimate.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) outside, exteriority.
crow: (*n, v*) brag, cry, snigger; (*v*) exult, triumph, cackle, chuckle, talk big; (*n*) gasconade, crowing; (*adj*) raven.
drowned: (*adj*) prostrate, sunken; (*v*) drenched, drent.
gets: (*n*) getting.
hops: (*n*) bine, leaps, beer, common

hops, common hop.
killed: (*n*) casualty; (*adj*) fallen.
litter: (*adj, n*) brood, jumble; (*n*) bedding, stretcher, waste, refuse, junk, trash, mess; (*n, v*) clutter; (*adj*) disarray. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) clean; (*n*) space.
mist: (*n, v*) cloud; (*v*) blur, cover, obscure, befog, drizzle, bedim; (*n*) haze, vapor, brume; (*adj*) misty.
poured: (*adj*) concrete.
rains: (*n*) wet.

rainy: (*adj*) moist, pluvial, damp, pluvios, stormy, juicy, dirty, soppy, raining, drizzly; (*adj, v*) showery.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) pleasant.
shirt: (*n*) Jersey, chemise, blouse, hair shirt, dress shirt, evening shirt, polo shirt.
tamed: (*adj*) tame, broken, domesticated, under control, tamer, meek, gentle, domestic, docile, controlled, cultivated.
torrents: (*n*) white water, rapids.

The time had come when Mary had forgotten to **resent** Martha's familiar talk. She had even begun to find it interesting and to be sorry when she stopped or went away. The **stories** she had been told by her Ayah when she lived in India had been quite unlike those Martha had to tell about the **moorland** cottage which held **fourteen** people who lived in four little rooms and never had quite enough to eat. The children seemed to tumble about and amuse themselves like a litter of rough, good-natured **collie** puppies. Mary was most **attracted** by the mother and Dickon. When Martha told stories of what "mother" said or did they always sounded comfortable.

"If I had a **raven** or a fox cub I could play with it," said Mary. "But I have nothing."

Martha looked **perplexed**.

"Can tha' knit?" she asked.

"No," answered Mary.

"Can tha' sew?"

"No."

"Can tha' read?"

"Yes."

"Then why doesn't tha, read somethin', or learn a bit o' spellin'? Tha'st old enough to be learnin' thy book a good bit now."

"I haven't any books," said Mary. "Those I had were left in India."

"That's a pity," said Martha. "If Mrs. Medlock'd let thee go into th' library, there's thousands o' books there."

Mary did not ask where the library was, because she was suddenly **inspired** by a new idea. She made up her mind to go and find it herself. She was not troubled about Mrs. Medlock. Mrs. Medlock seemed always to be in her comfortable housekeeper's sitting-room downstairs. In this queer place one scarcely ever saw any one at all. In fact, there was no one to see but the servants, and when their master was away they lived a **luxurious** life below stairs, where

Thesaurus

attracted: (*adj*) paying attention, concerned, enamored, enthusiastic, interested, involved, amatory.

collie: (*n*) Colley.

fourteen: (*adj, n*) XIV.

inspired: (*adj*) ingenious, adopted, elysian, creative, imaginative, elected, inventive, unearthly, brilliant, stimulated, enthusiastic.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bland, unimaginative, abysmal, mediocre.

luxurious: (*adj*) voluptuous, costly,

deluxe, lavish, sumptuous, epicurean, grand, luscious, opulent, magnificent; (*adj, n*) lush.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) meager, frugal, poor, Spartan, austere, humble, unpleasant, ascetic, impoverished.

moorland: (*n*) field, heath, Moreland, champaign, plain, Morland; (*adj*) upland.

perplexed: (*adj*) confused, puzzled, baffled, confounded, doubtful, distracted, disconcerted; (*adj, v*)

intricate, complicated, lost, involved. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unperplexed, assured, clear, knowing.

raven: (*v*) guttle, feed, devour, gulp, harry, eat; (*n*) crow, plunder; (*adj*) black, jet; (*n, v*) gorge.

resent: (*v*) resentful, envy, grudge, begrudge, embittered, angry, abhor, take offense, take umbrage, take exception, loathe. ANTONYMS: (*v*) welcome, wish, accept.

stories: (*n*) tale.

there was a huge kitchen hung about with **shining brass** and **pewter**, and a large servants' hall where there were four or five **abundant** meals **eaten** every day, and where a great deal of **lively romping** went on when Mrs. Medlock was out of the way.

Mary's meals were served regularly, and Martha waited on her, but no one troubled themselves about her in the least. Mrs. Medlock came and looked at her every day or two, but no one inquired what she did or told her what to do. She supposed that perhaps this was the English way of **treating** children. In India she had always been attended by her Ayah, who had followed her about and waited on her, hand and foot. She had often been tired of her company. Now she was followed by nobody and was learning to dress herself because Martha looked as though she thought she was silly and stupid when she wanted to have things handed to her and put on.

"Hasn't tha' got good sense?" she said once, when Mary had stood waiting for her to put on her **gloves** for her. "Our Susan Ann is twice as sharp as thee an' she's only four year' old. Sometimes tha' looks fair soft in th' head."

Mary had worn her contrary **scowl** for an hour after that, but it made her think several entirely new things.

She stood at the window for about ten minutes this morning after Martha had swept up the hearth for the last time and gone downstairs. She was thinking over the new idea which had come to her when she heard of the library. She did not care very much about the library itself, because she had read very few books; but to hear of it brought back to her mind the hundred rooms with closed doors. She wondered if they were all really locked and what she would find if she could get into any of them. Were there a hundred really? Why shouldn't she go and see how many doors she could count? It would be something to do on this morning when she could not go out. She had never been taught to ask permission to do things, and she knew nothing at all about authority, so she would not have thought it necessary to ask Mrs. Medlock if she might walk about the house, even if she had seen her.

Thesaurus

abundant: (*adj, n*) lush, luxuriant; (*adj*) generous, thick, plenty, affluent, liberal, fruitful, teeming, fertile, ample. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sparse, meager, scanty, infertile, scant, arid, rare, empty, skimpy, lacking, fruitless.

brass: (*n, v*) face; (*adj, n*) boldness; (*n*) nerve, cheek, administration, audaciousness, insolence, arrogance; (*adj*) bronze; (*v*) assurance, impudence.

eaten: (*v*) eat.

gloves: (*n*) gauntlet, mitten, mittens, gauntlets, scarf, ornament, handbag, belt, batting glove, boxing glove, baseball mitt.

lively: (*adj, adv*) jolly, sprightly; (*adj, v*) active, cheerful; (*adj*) energetic, agile, keen, busy, gay, fresh, jovial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lethargic, listless, inactive, unexciting, lifeless, awkward, sad, gentle, tired, insipid, subdued.

pewter: (*n*) chowchow, solder, alloy.

romping: (*n*) fun; (*adj*) rollicking.

scowl: (*n, v*) glare, grimace, roar, sneer; (*v*) glower, pout, lower, sulk; (*adj*) black looks, mumps; (*n*) growl. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) grin.

shining: (*adj, v*) brilliant; (*adj*) lustrous, radiant, glossy, luminous, glorious, glowing; (*adj, n*) lucid, resplendent, clear; (*v*) shine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, pale, blemished.

treating: (*adj*) remedial.

She opened the door of the room and went into the corridor, and then she began her **wanderings**. It was a long corridor and it **branched** into other corridors and it led her up short flights of steps which mounted to others again. There were doors and doors, and there were pictures on the walls. Sometimes they were pictures of dark, curious landscapes, but oftenest they were portraits of men and women in queer, grand costumes made of **satins** and **velvet**. She found herself in one long gallery whose walls were covered with these portraits. She had never thought there could be so many in any house. She walked slowly down this place and stared at the faces which also seemed to stare at her. She felt as if they were wondering what a little girl from India was doing in their house. Some were pictures of children--little girls in thick satin frocks which reached to their feet and stood out about them, and boys with **puffed** sleeves and lace collars and long hair, or with big **ruffs** around their necks. She always stopped to look at the children, and wonder what their names were, and where they had gone, and why they wore such odd clothes. There was a **stiff**, plain little girl rather like herself. She wore a green **brocade** dress and held a green **parrot** on her finger. Her eyes had a sharp, curious look.

"Where do you live now?" said Mary aloud to her. "I wish you were here."

Surely no other little girl ever spent such a queer morning. It seemed as if there was no one in all the huge **rambling** house but her own small self, wandering about upstairs and down, through narrow passages and wide ones, where it seemed to her that no one but herself had ever walked. Since so many rooms had been built, people must have lived in them, but it all seemed so empty that she could not quite believe it true.

It was not until she climbed to the second floor that she thought of turning the handle of a door. All the doors were shut, as Mrs. Medlock had said they were, but at last she put her hand on the handle of one of them and turned it. She was almost frightened for a moment when she felt that it turned without difficulty and that when she pushed upon the door itself it slowly and heavily opened. It was a massive door and opened into a big bedroom. There were embroidered **hangings** on the wall, and **inlaid** furniture such as she had seen in

Thesaurus

branched: (*adj*) bifurcate, branching, ramous, ramose, divided, biramous, branchy, prongy, bearing branches, split, pronged.

brocade: (*n*) brocatelle, cloth, fabric, fringe, galloon, lace, trapping, edging, embroidery.

hangings: (*n*) long curtains.

inlaid: (*adj*) decorated.

parrot: (*n, v*) mimic; (*n*) popinjay, poll, parakeet, macaw, copycat, cockateel, Amazon, cockatiel, cockatoo; (*v*) ape.

puffed: (*adj*) puff, bloated, distended, puffy, tumid, turgid, swell, breathless, be-puffed, overflowing, out of breath.

rambling: (*adj*) disjointed, incoherent, desultory, discursive, erratic, excursive, meandering, diffuse, loose, errant; (*adj, n*) wandering.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) coherent, abrupt, conclusive, pithy, taciturn, compact.

ruffs: (*n*) Philomachus.

satins: (*adj*) glossy, sleek, velvet, down,

silky, silklike, silken, satiny, velure; (*n*) cloth, fabric.

stiff: (*adj*) hard, formal, inflexible, difficult, rigorous, numb, firm, sturdy; (*adj, n*) stark, severe; (*n*) corpse. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soft, supple, flexible, floppy, pliable, free, easy, loose, informal, mild, pliant.

velvet: (*adj, n*) velvety, down; (*n*) profit, gain, velour, velours, revenue, prosperity, receipts, satin, wealth.

wanderings: (*n*) peregrination.

India stood about the room. A broad window with **leaded** panes looked out upon the moor; and over the **mantel** was another portrait of the stiff, plain little girl who seemed to stare at her more **curiously** than ever.

"Perhaps she slept here once," said Mary. "She stares at me so that she makes me feel queer."

After that she opened more doors and more. She saw so many rooms that she became quite tired and began to think that there must be a hundred, though she had not counted them. In all of them there were old pictures or old tapestries with strange scenes worked on them. There were curious pieces of furniture and curious **ornaments** in nearly all of them.

In one room, which looked like a lady's sitting-room, the hangings were all embroidered velvet, and in a cabinet were about a hundred little **elephants** made of **ivory**. They were of different sizes, and some had their mahouts or palanquins on their backs. Some were much bigger than the others and some were so tiny that they seemed only **babies**. Mary had seen **carved** ivory in India and she knew all about elephants. She opened the door of the cabinet and stood on a **footstool** and played with these for quite a long time. When she got tired she set the elephants in order and shut the door of the cabinet.

In all her wanderings through the long corridors and the empty rooms, she had seen nothing alive; but in this room she saw something. Just after she had closed the cabinet door she heard a tiny rustling sound. It made her jump and look around at the sofa by the **fireplace**, from which it seemed to come. In the corner of the sofa there was a **cushion**, and in the velvet which covered it there was a hole, and out of the hole peeped a tiny head with a pair of **tightened** eyes in it.

Mary crept softly across the room to look. The bright eyes belonged to a little gray mouse, and the mouse had eaten a hole into the cushion and made a comfortable nest there. Six baby mice were cuddled up asleep near her. If there was no one else alive in the hundred rooms there were seven mice who did not look lonely at all.

Thesaurus

babies: (*n*) children, babes, babe, babying, offspring.
carved: (*adj*) cut, incised, sculptured; (*v*) graven, engraved, stamped, fixed, imprinted. ANTONYM: (*adj*) uncarved.
curiously: (*adv*) inquisitively, peculiarly, unusually, strangely, nosily, pryingly, queerly, funnily, weirdly; (*adj, adv*) singularly, particularly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) ordinarily, typically.

cushion: (*n, v*) pad, buffer; (*v*) insulate, soften, protect, bolster, mollify; (*n*) shock absorber, mat, pincushion; (*adj, n*) wadding. ANTONYMS: (*v*) harm, hurt, injure, exacerbate, expose.
elephants: (*n*) Elephantidae.
fireplace: (*n*) chimney, fire, hearth, oven, stove, fire place, fireside, kitchen, niche, recess, furnace.
footstool: (*n*) footrest, hassock, footboard, Ottoman.
ivory: (*n*) tusk, dentin, whiteness,

elephant, teeth, yellow, dentine; (*adj*) chalk, lily, milk, paper.
leaded: (*adj*) fixed.
mantel: (*n*) mantelpiece, mantlepiece, chimneypiece, lintel, mantelshelf, mantle piece, mantleself, shelf, drapery, drape, curtain.
ornaments: (*n*) stuff, trim, ornamentation, equipments, dress, disposition, custom, curios, condition, clothing, gaudery.
tightened: (*adj*) secure, securer, firm.

"If they wouldn't be so frightened I would take them back with me," said Mary.

She had wandered about long enough to feel too tired to wander any **farther**, and she turned back. Two or three times she lost her way by turning down the wrong corridor and was obliged to ramble up and down until she found the right one; but at last she reached her own floor again, though she was some distance from her own room and did not know exactly where she was.

"I believe I have taken a wrong turning again," she said, standing still at what seemed the end of a short passage with tapestry on the wall. "I don't know which way to go. How still everything is!"

It was while she was standing here and just after she had said this that the **stillness** was broken by a sound. It was another cry, but not quite like the one she had heard last night; it was only a short one, a fretful **childish whine muffled** by passing through walls.

"It's nearer than it was," said Mary, her heart beating rather faster. "And it is crying."

She put her hand **accidentally** upon the tapestry near her, and then sprang back, feeling quite startled. The tapestry was the covering of a door which fell open and showed her that there was another part of the corridor behind it, and Mrs. Medlock was coming up it with her bunch of keys in her hand and a very cross look on her face.

"What are you doing here?" she said, and she took Mary by the arm and pulled her away. "What did I tell you?"

"I turned round the wrong corner," explained Mary. "I didn't know which way to go and I heard some one crying." She quite hated Mrs. Medlock at the moment, but she hated her more the next.

"You didn't hear anything of the sort," said the housekeeper. "You come along back to your own nursery or I'll box your ears."

And she took her by the arm and half pushed, half pulled her up one passage and down another until she pushed her in at the door of her own room.

Thesaurus

accidentally: (*adv*) incidentally, casually, fortuitously, by chance, coincidentally, adventitiously, unintentionally, contingently, haphazardly, occasionally, inadvertently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) deliberately, knowingly, purposely, unfortunately, correctly.
childish: (*adj*) childlike, naive, babyish, immature, simple, puerile, infantile, juvenile, silly, frivolous, young. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible,

old, wise, adult, jaded.
farther: (*adj, adv, prep*) beyond; (*adj*) additional, more, distant; (*adv*) furthermore, besides, abroad, in addition, too; (*adj, prep*) outside; (*pron*) another. ANTONYMS: (*prep*) within; (*adv*) nearer, closer.
muffled: (*adj*) hushed, muted, hollow, inarticulate, faint, soft, subdued, low, quiet; (*v*) allusive, covert. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clear, distinct, audible, slight.

stillness: (*n*) hush, calmness, immobility, serenity, silence, quietness, peacefulness; (*adj, n*) calm, quiet, peace, still. ANTONYMS: (*n*) bustle, movement, uproar, motion, turbulence, turmoil, vigor, disturbance, chaos, agitation.
whine: (*n, v*) groan, cry, whimper, grumble, sigh, wail, squeal, screech; (*v*) complain, howl; (*n*) complaint. ANTONYMS: (*n*) happiness; (*v*) praise, compliment.

"Now," she said, "you stay where you're told to stay or you'll find yourself **locked up**. The master had better get you a governess, same as he said he would. You're one that needs some one to look **sharp** after you. I've got enough to do."

She went out of the room and **slammed** the door after her, and Mary went and sat on the hearth-rug, **pale** with **rage**. She did not cry, but ground her teeth.

"There was some one crying--there was--there was!" she said to herself.

She had heard it twice now, and **sometime** she would find out. She had found out a great deal this morning. She felt as if she had been on a long **journey**, and at any rate she had had something to amuse her all the time, and she had played with the ivory elephants and had seen the gray **mouse** and its babies in their **nest** in the velvet cushion.

Thesaurus

journey: (*n, v*) jaunt, go, travel, cruise, fare; (*n*) excursion, way, expedition, trip, passage, voyage. ANTONYM: (*v*) settle.

locked: (*adj*) bolted, closed, fast, barred, blocked, fixed, guaranteed, barricaded, safe, protected, fastened.

mouse: (*v*) sneak, creep, steal, snoop, seek; (*n*) track, hunt, field mouse, fieldmouse, trace; (*adj*) small fry.

nest: (*n*) den, lair, hole, burrow, home, beehive; (*adj*) brood, hive, litter; (*adj*,

n) herd; (*v*) embed.

pale: (*adj*) faint, wan, dull, weak, light, bloodless, pallid; (*adj, v*) dim; (*n*) boundary, confine; (*v*) blanch.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) strong, rosy, brown, well, glowing, vivid, healthy, clear, colorful; (*v*) redden, darken.

rage: (*adj, n, v*) fume, bluster; (*adj, n*) wrath, indignation, frenzy, mania; (*n*) passion, anger, craze, exasperation; (*n, v*) storm. ANTONYMS: (*n*) gentleness, composure, calm,

equanimity, pleasure, serenity.

sharp: (*adj, n, v*) keen, acute, bitter; (*adj*) intelligent, intense, incisive; (*adj, v*) biting, acid, acrid, severe, harsh.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, mild, gentle, sweet, rounded, bland, round, smooth, blurred, naive, kind.

slammed: (*adj*) tight.

sometime: (*adv*) someday, once, one day, formerly, sooner or later; (*adj*) quondam, erstwhile, former, old, late; (*adj, adv*) sometimes.

CHAPTER VII

THE KEY TO THE GARDEN

Two days after this, when Mary opened her eyes she sat upright in bed immediately, and called to Martha.

“Look at the moor! Look at the moor!”

The **rainstorm** had ended and the gray mist and **clouds** had been swept away in the night by the wind. The wind itself had ceased and a brilliant, deep blue sky **arched** high over the moorland. Never, never had Mary dreamed of a sky so blue. In India **skies** were hot and **blazing**; this was of a deep cool blue which almost seemed to **sparkle** like the waters of some lovely **bottomless** lake, and here and there, high, high in the arched **blueness** floated small clouds of snow-white **fleece**. The far-reaching world of the moor itself looked softly blue instead of gloomy purple-black or awful dreary gray.

“Aye,” said Martha with a cheerful grin. “Th’ storm’s over for a bit. It does like this at this time o’ th’ year. It goes off in a night like it was pretendin’ it had never been here an’ never meant to come again. That’s because th’ springtime’s on its way. It’s a long way off yet, but it’s comin’.”

“I thought perhaps it always rained or looked dark in England,” Mary said.

Thesaurus

arched: (*adj, v*) bowed, arcuate; (*adj*) bent, vaulted, convex, arciform, arced, domed, hooked, hunched, crooked.

blazing: (*adj, v*) flaming, afire, burning, ardent, aflame, glaring, bright, blatant, alight, passionate; (*n*) blaze. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) freezing, quiet.

blueness: (*n*) blue, aqua, aquamarine, navy, obscenity, turquoise, blueing, Amytal, blue air, blue angel; (*adj*) bluishness.

bottomless: (*adj*) limitless, infinite, deep, unlimited, profound, immeasurable, fathomless, boundless, unfounded, groundless, unplumbed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shallow, bottomed, limited, restricted.

clouds: (*n*) exhaust, fumes, gas, smoke, vapors.

fleece: (*v*) extort, bilk, pluck, deceive, rip off, swindle, strip, pigeon, shear; (*adj, v*) bleed; (*n*) wool.

rainstorm: (*n*) shower, storm, tempest, downfall, hurricane, torrent, cloudburst, deluge, equinoctial storm, line storm, pouring rain. ANTONYM: (*n*) shower.

skies: (*n*) heavens, firmament, expanse.

sparkle: (*n, v*) flicker, flash, shimmer, spark, shine, blaze, fizz, gleam, glitter; (*v*) blink, glare. ANTONYMS: (*n*) apathy, dullness, lifelessness.

“Eh! no!” said Martha, sitting up on her heels among her black lead brushes. “Nowt o’ th’ soart!”

“What does that mean?” asked Mary seriously. In India the natives spoke different dialects which only a few people understood, so she was not surprised when Martha used words she did not know.

Martha laughed as she had done the first morning.

“There now,” she said. “I’ve talked broad Yorkshire again like Mrs. Medlock said I mustn’t. ‘Nowt o’ th’ soart’ means ‘nothin’-of-the-sort,’” slowly and carefully, “but it takes so long to say it. Yorkshire’s th’ sunniest place on earth when it is **sunny**. I told thee tha’d like th’ moor after a bit. Just you wait till you see th’ gold-colored gorse blossoms an’ th’ blossoms o’ th’ broom, an’ th’ heather flowerin’, all purple **bells**, an’ hundreds o’ **butterflies** flutterin’ an’ **bees** hummin’ an’ skylarks soarin’ up an’ singin’. You’ll want to get out on it as **sunrise** an’ live out on it all day like Dickon does.” “Could I ever get there?” asked Mary **wistfully**, looking through her window at the far-off blue. It was so new and big and wonderful and such a **heavenly** color.

“I don’t know,” answered Martha. “Tha’s never used tha’ legs since tha’ was born, it seems to me. Tha’ couldn’t walk five mile. It’s five mile to our cottage.”

“I should like to see your cottage.”

Martha stared at her a moment curiously before she took up her polishing brush and began to rub the grate again. She was thinking that the small plain face did not look quite as sour at this moment as it had done the first morning she saw it. It looked just a trifle like little Susan Ann’s when she wanted something very much.

“I’ll ask my mother about it,” she said. “She’s one o’ them that nearly always sees a way to do things. It’s my day out today an’ I’m goin’ home. Eh! I am glad. Mrs. Medlock thinks a lot o’ mother. Perhaps she could talk to her.”

“I like your mother,” said Mary.

“I should think tha’ did,” agreed Martha, polishing away.

Thesaurus

bees: (*n*) Apoidea, superfamily Apoidea.

bells: (*n*) addition, approval, matrimony, marriage, approbation, wedding.

butterflies: (*adj*) anxious, apprehensive, frightened; (*n*) trepidation, nervousness, anxiety.

far-off: (*adj*) distant, far, faraway, outlying, extreme, inaccessible, last, long, obscure, unknown, wide.

heavenly: (*adj*) celestial, blissful,

ethereal, delightful, angelic, blessed, elysian, holy, unearthly, godlike, sacred. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) worldly, miserable, infernal, hellish, unappealing, dreadful, turbulent.

sunny: (*adj*) bright, clear, gay, cheerful, merry, blithe, shiny, shining, radiant, brilliant, fair. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) overcast, dull, shady, unhappy, cloudy, sad, miserable, gloomy, unpleasant.

sunrise: (*n*) dawn, sunup, daybreak,

daylight, aurora, first light, dayspring, twilight, dawning, break of day, crack of dawn. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sunset, sundown, nightfall.

wistfully: (*adv*) pensively, meditatively, desirously, longingly, yearningly, broodingly, reflectively, wishfully, melancholy, thoughtfully, nostalgically. ANTONYM: (*adv*) contentedly.

"I've never seen her," said Mary.

"No, tha' hasn't," replied Martha.

She sat up on her heels again and **rubbed** the end of her nose with the back of her hand as if puzzled for a moment, but she ended quite positively.

"Well, she's that sensible an' hard workin' an' goodnatured an' clean that no one could help likin' her whether they'd seen her or not. When I'm goin' home to her on my day out I just jump for joy when I'm crossin' the moor."

"I like Dickon," added Mary. "And I've never seen him."

"Well," said Martha stoutly, "I've told thee that th' very birds **likes** him an' th' **rabbits** an' wild sheep an' ponies, an' th' foxes themselves. I wonder," staring at her **reflectively**, "what Dickon would think of thee?"

"He wouldn't like me," said Mary in her stiff, cold little way. "No one does."

Martha looked reflective again.

"How does tha' like thyself?" she inquired, really quite as if she were curious to know.

Mary hesitated a moment and thought it over.

"Not at all--really," she answered. "But I never thought of that before."

Martha grinned a little as if at some **homely recollection**.

"Mother said that to me once," she said. "She was at her wash-tub an' I was in a bad temper an' talkin' ill of folk, an' she turns round on me an' says: 'Tha' young **vixen**, tha'! There tha' stands sayin' tha' doesn't like this one an' tha' doesn't like that one. How does tha' like thyself?' It made me laugh an' it brought me to my senses in a minute."

She went away in high spirits as soon as she had given Mary her breakfast. She was going to walk five **miles** across the moor to the cottage, and she was going to help her mother with the washing and do the week's **baking** and enjoy herself thoroughly.

Mary felt lonelier than ever when she knew she was no longer in the house. She went out into the garden as quickly as possible, and the first thing she did

Thesaurus

baking: (*adj*) hot, scorching, roasting, burning, boiling, sweltering, torrid; (*n*) cookery, cooking, stoving, firing. ANTONYM: (*adj*) fresh.

homely: (*adj*) plain, common, rustic, artless, home, snug, homelike, domestic; (*adj, adv*) ugly; (*adv*) plainly, simply. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sophisticated, striking, uncomfortable, bleak.

likes: (*n*) kind, sort, type.

miles: (*adj*) far.

rabbits: (*n*) order Lagomorpha, pikas, Lagomorpha.

recollection: (*n, v*) mind; (*n*) reminiscence, recall, anamnesis, remembrance, recognition, memento, memorial, commemoration, memoir, retrospect.

reflective: (*adj, v*) thoughtful, meditative; (*adj*) contemplative, musing, wistful, brooding, reflexive, ruminative, museful, reflecting, broody. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

superficial, satisfied, shallow.

reflectively: (*adv*) contemplatively, meditatively, wistfully, thoughtfully, speculatively, ruminatively, studiously, regretfully, sadly, longingly, reflexively.

rubbed: (*adj*) polished, refined, terse, attrite, marked, accomplished, fretten.

vixen: (*adj, n*) shrew; (*n*) virago, termagant, fury, harpy, hag, fox, reynard, hellcat, hart, harpy eagle.

was to run round and round the fountain flower garden ten times. She counted the times carefully and when she had finished she felt in better spirits. The **sunshine** made the whole place look different. The high, deep, blue sky arched over Misselthwaite as well as over the moor, and she kept lifting her face and looking up into it, trying to imagine what it would be like to lie down on one of the little snow-white clouds and **float** about. She went into the first kitchen-garden and found Ben Weatherstaff working there with two other gardeners. The change in the weather seemed to have done him good. He spoke to her of his own **accord**. "Springtime's comin'," he said. "Cannot tha' smell it?"

Mary sniffed and thought she could.

"I smell something nice and fresh and damp," she said.

"That's th' good rich earth," he answered, digging away. "It's in a good **humor** makin' ready to grow things. It's glad when plantin' time comes. It's dull in th' winter when it's got nowt to do. In th' flower gardens out there things will be stirrin' down below in th' dark. Th' sun's warmin' 'em. You'll see **bits** o' green **spikes** stickin' out o' th' black earth after a bit."

"What will they be?" asked Mary.

"Crocuses an' snowdrops an' daffydowndillys. Has tha' never seen them?"

"No. Everything is hot, and wet, and green after the rains in India," said Mary. "And I think things grow up in a night."

"These won't grow up in a night," said Weatherstaff. "Tha'll have to wait for 'em. They'll poke up a bit higher here, an' push out a spike more there, an' **uncurl** a leaf this day an' another that. You watch 'em."

"I am going to," answered Mary.

Very soon she heard the soft rustling flight of **wings** again and she knew at once that the robin had come again. He was very **pert** and lively, and hopped about so close to her feet, and put his head on one side and looked at her so **slyly** that she asked Ben Weatherstaff a question.

"Do you think he remembers me?" she said.

Thesaurus

accord: (*n*) agreement, consensus, harmony; (*n, v*) consent, concord, assent; (*adj, v*) agree; (*v*) give, bestow, suit, grant. ANTONYMS: (*n*) discord, strife, antagonism, hostility, friction, dissidence, dissension; (*n, v*) conflict; (*v*) withhold, question, oppose.
bits: (*n*) odds and ends, scraps, debris.
float: (*v*) drift, swim, waft, hover, ride, fly; (*n, v*) buoy, blow; (*n*) raft, floater, bobber. ANTONYM: (*v*) reject.
humor: (*n, v*) caprice, freak, humour;

(*n*) temper, mood, disposition, wit; (*v*) indulge, gratify; (*adj, n*) spirit, frame of mind. ANTONYMS: (*n*) seriousness, gravity, solemnity; (*v*) displease.
pert: (*adj*) impertinent, bold, impudent, insolent, forward, fresh, brazen, saucy, malapert, irreverent, cheeky. ANTONYM: (*adj*) listless.
slyly: (*adv*) craftily, artfully, secretly, furtively, silyly, cleverly, surreptitiously, astutely, foxily,

knavishly, sly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) brazenly.
spike: (*n*) pin, barb, ear, needle, prickle; (*adj, n*) point; (*v*) pierce, nail, transfix, spear, lace.
sunshine: (*n*) sunlight, sun, day, light, fair weather, gladness, shine, glee, sunbeam, delight, brightness.
uncurl: (*adj, v*) unfold; (*adj*) unwrap, unravel; (*v*) straighten, change posture, displat, make straight.
wings: (*n*) insignia, agency.

"Remembers thee!" said Weatherstaff indignantly. "He knows every **cabbage stump** in th' **gardens**, let alone th' people. He's never seen a little wench here before, an' he's bent on findin' out all about thee. Tha's no need to try to hide anything from him."

"Are things stirring down below in the dark in that garden where he lives?" Mary inquired.

"What garden?" grunted Weatherstaff, becoming surly again.

"The one where the old rose-trees are." She could not help asking, because she wanted so much to know. "Are all the flowers dead, or do some of them come again in the summer? Are there ever any roses?"

"Ask him," said Ben Weatherstaff, hunching his shoulders **toward** the robin. "He's the only one as knows. No one else has seen inside it for ten year'."

Ten years was a long time, Mary thought. She had been born ten years ago.

She walked away, slowly thinking. She had begun to like the garden just as she had begun to like the robin and Dickon and Martha's mother. She was beginning to like Martha, too. That seemed a good many people to like--when you were not used to **liking**. She thought of the robin as one of the people. She went to her walk outside the long, ivy-covered wall over which she could see the tree-tops; and the second time she walked up and down the most interesting and exciting thing happened to her, and it was all through Ben Weatherstaff's robin.

She heard a chirp and a twitter, and when she looked at the bare flower-bed at her left side there he was **hopping** about and **pretending** to **peck** things out of the earth to persuade her that he had not followed her. But she knew he had followed her and the surprise so filled her with delight that she almost trembled a little.

"You do remember me!" she cried out. "You do! You are prettier than anything else in the world!"

She chirped, and talked, and coaxed and he hopped, and flirted his tail and twittered. It was as if he were talking. His red **waistcoat** was like satin and he puffed his tiny breast out and was so fine and so grand and so pretty that it was

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cabbage: (*v*) filch, swipe, prig, crib, nim, purloin, bag; (*n*) kale, Cole, kail, dough.

gardens: (*n*) garden, grounds, grove, residences, private grounds, precincts.

hopping: (*n*) jump, jumping, leaping; (*adv*) leapingly.

liking: (*n, v*) inclination; (*n*) fancy, appetite, taste, fondness, predilection, affection, partiality, admiration, approval, appreciation.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) dislike, aversion, hatred, indifference, detachment, dissatisfaction, antipathy.

peck: (*n, v*) nibble; (*v*) beak, pick, kiss, pick up; (*n*) pile, plenty, mass, slew, lot, mint.

pretending: (*n, v*) pretense; (*n*) affectation, appearance, acting, pretence, mannerism, dissembling, pretension, deception, deceit; (*adv*) pretendingly.

stump: (*n*) stub, end, pulpit; (*v*)

confuse, stamp, baffle, perplex, nonplus, puzzle, bewilder, mystify. ANTONYM: (*v*) explain.

toward: (*prep*) to, towards, approaching, headed for, just before, of, in the direction of; (*adv, prep*) on; (*adv*) about, around, by.

ANTONYMS: (*prep*) from, away.

waistcoat: (*n*) CHUDDER, barbe, garment, jerkin, jubbah, oilskins, pilot jacket, pajamas, cardigan, singlet, talma jacket.

really as if he were showing her how important and like a human person a robin could be. Mistress Mary forgot that she had ever been contrary in her life when he allowed her to draw closer and closer to him, and bend down and talk and try to make something like robin sounds.

Oh! to think that he should actually let her come as near to him as that! He knew nothing in the world would make her put out her hand toward him or **startle** him in the least **tiniest** way. He knew it because he was a real person--only nicer than any other person in the world. She was so happy that she scarcely dared to breathe.

The flower-bed was not quite bare. It was bare of flowers because the **perennial** plants had been cut down for their winter rest, but there were tall **shrubs** and low ones which grew together at the back of the bed, and as the robin hopped about under them she saw him hop over a small pile of **freshly** turned up earth. He stopped on it to look for a **worm**. The earth had been turned up because a dog had been trying to dig up a **mole** and he had **scratched** quite a deep hole.

Mary looked at it, not really knowing why the hole was there, and as she looked she saw something almost buried in the newly-turned soil. It was something like a ring of **rusty** iron or brass and when the robin flew up into a tree nearby she put out her hand and picked the ring up. It was more than a ring, however; it was an old key which looked as if it had been buried a long time.

Mistress Mary stood up and looked at it with an almost frightened face as it hung from her finger.

"Perhaps it has been buried for ten years," she said in a **whisper**. "Perhaps it is the key to the garden!"

Thesaurus

freshly: (*adv*) recently, lately, saucily, impertinently, lively, modernly, fresh, new, sweetly, greenly, rawly.
mole: (*n*) jetty, freckle, spy, bulwark, nevus, mol, groyne, blemish, birthmark; (*adj, v*) mound; (*v*) embankment.
perennial: (*adj*) lasting, eternal, continual, constant, abiding, durable, perpetual, permanent, enduring, ceaseless; (*adj, v*) evergreen.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) biennial,

occasional.
rusty: (*adj*) ancient, out of practice, intractable, old, corroded, deaf to reason, exceptionous, cantankerous; (*v*) moldy, raw, mildewed.
scratched: (*adj*) hurt, abraded, sgraffito, raw, dented, spoiled, damaged, injured.
shrubs: (*n*) undergrowth.
startle: (*n, v*) start, jump; (*v*) frighten, scare, astonish, shock, astound, amaze, shake, threaten, electrify.

ANTONYM: (*v*) soothe.
tiniest: (*adj*) minimum, smallest possible, least possible, lowest, lowest possible, smallest.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) maximum.
whisper: (*n, v*) murmur, hum, mumble, suggestion, hint, inkling; (*v*) breathe, hiss; (*n*) rustle, trace, breath.
 ANTONYM: (*n*) information.
worm: (*v*) squirm, wriggle, twist, spiral, helix, writhe; (*n*) helminth, maggot; (*adj*) emmet, midge, fly.

CHAPTER VIII

THE ROBIN WHO SHOWED THE WAY

She looked at the key quite a long time. She turned it over and over, and thought about it. As I have said before, she was not a child who had been trained to ask permission or **consult** her elders about things. All she thought about the key was that if it was the key to the closed garden, and she could find out where the door was, she could perhaps open it and see what was inside the walls, and what had happened to the old rose-trees. It was because it had been **shut** up so long that she wanted to see it. It seemed as if it must be different from other **places** and that something strange must have happened to it during ten years. Besides that, if she liked it she could go into it every day and shut the door behind her, and she could make up some play of her own and play it quite alone, because nobody would ever know where she was, but would think the door was still locked and the key buried in the earth. The thought of that pleased her very much.

Living as it were, all by herself in a house with a hundred **mysteriously** closed rooms and having nothing whatever to do to amuse herself, had set her **inactive** brain to working and was actually **awakening** her **imagination**. There is no doubt that the fresh, strong, pure air from the moor had a great deal to do with it. Just as it had given her an **appetite**, and fighting with the wind had

Thesaurus

appetite: (*n, v*) desire; (*n*) appetence, appetency, relish, inclination, stomach, taste, thirst, passion, liking, gusto. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dislike, repulsion, revulsion, apathy, distaste.
awakening: (*n*) arousal, waking up, revival, disenchantment, awakenment, introduction, provocation; (*adj*) arousing, moving, animating; (*v*) awake. ANTONYM: (*n*) suppression.
consult: (*v*) consider, negotiate,

deliberate, advise, refer, discuss, ask, reason, look up, canvass; (*n, v*) talk. ANTONYMS: (*v*) ignore, bypass.
imagination: (*n*) vision, fancy, image, dream, conceit, imagery, originality, invention, resource, reflection, phantasy.
inactive: (*adj*) dead, dull, inert, dormant, sluggish, slow, passive, still, stagnant, slack, torpid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) active, lively, moving, dormant, extinct, working,

energetic, live, diligent, proactive, creative.
mysteriously: (*adv*) enigmatically, strangely, obscurely, secretly, uncannily, mystically, darkly, puzzlingly, weirdly, abstrusely, occultly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) normally.
places: (*n*) chairs, seating, spaces.
shut: (*v*) seal, bar, fasten, obstruct, lock, exclude; (*adj*) closed, cut; (*n*) shutting, end, finish. ANTONYMS: (*v*) admit, undo.

stirred her blood, so the same things had stirred her mind. In India she had always been too hot and languid and weak to care much about anything, but in this place she was beginning to care and to want to do new things. Already she felt less “contrary,” though she did not know why.

She put the key in her pocket and walked up and down her walk. No one but herself ever seemed to come there, so she could walk slowly and look at the wall, or, rather, at the ivy growing on it. The ivy was the **baffling** thing. **Howsoever** carefully she looked she could see nothing but thickly growing, **glossy**, dark green leaves. She was very much disappointed. Something of her **contrariness** came back to her as she paced the walk and looked over it at the tree-tops inside. It seemed so silly, she said to herself, to be near it and not be able to get in. She took the key in her pocket when she went back to the house, and she made up her mind that she would always carry it with her when she went out, so that if she ever should find the hidden door she would be ready.

Mrs. Medlock had allowed Martha to sleep all night at the cottage, but she was back at her work in the morning with **cheeks** redder than ever and in the best of spirits.

“I got up at four o’clock,” she said. “Eh! it was pretty on th’ moor with th’ birds gettin’ up an’ th’ rabbits scamperin’ about an’ th’ sun risin’. I didn’t walk all th’ way. A man gave me a ride in his **cart** an’ I did enjoy myself.”

She was full of stories of the **delights** of her day out. Her mother had been glad to see her and they had got the baking and washing all out of the way. She had even made each of the children a doughcake with a bit of brown sugar in it.

“I had ‘em all pipin’ hot when they came in from playin’ on th’ moor. An’ th’ cottage all **smelt** o’ nice, clean hot bakin’ an’ there was a good fire, an’ they just **shouted** for joy. Our Dickon he said our cottage was good enough for a king.”

In the evening they had all sat round the fire, and Martha and her mother had **sewed** patches on torn clothes and mended stockings and Martha had told them about the little girl who had come from India and who had been waited on

Thesaurus

baffling: (*adj*) knotty, incomprehensible, puzzling, inexplicable, unaccountable, unfathomable, baffle, bewildering, confusing, perplexing, difficult.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) apparent, enlightening, explicable, simple.
cart: (*n*) car, carriage, handcart, barrow, appcart, wagon; (*v*) haul, drag, bear, take, transfer.
cheeks: (*n*) Gemini, twins, couple, posterior, pair, deuce, two, duet.

contrariness: (*n*) cussedness, perversity, perverseness, fractiousness, wilfulness, incongruity, contrariety, inconsistency, obstinacy, opposition, difference. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) obedience, cooperation.
delights: (*n*) delices.
glossy: (*adj, v*) sleek; (*adj*) smooth, bright, glazed, brilliant, flat, glistening, burnished, resplendent, lustrous, glassy. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*)

dull, rough, coarse, shoddy.
howsoever: (*adv*) however, although, though, howso.
sewed: (*adj*) stitched, sewn, sew, sewen, seamed.
shouted: (*adj*) screamed, loud.
smelt: (*v*) fuse, temper, anneal, to smelt, distill, refine, heat; (*n*) sparkling, capelan, caplin, capelin.
stirred: (*adj*) excited, agitated, moved, affected, aroused, emotional, aflame, Stirn, horny, susceptible, stirred up.

all her life by what Martha called “blacks” until she didn’t know how to put on her own stockings.

“Eh! they did like to hear about you,” said Martha. “They wanted to know all about th’ blacks an’ about th’ ship you came in. I couldn’t tell ‘em enough.”

Mary reflected a little.

“I’ll tell you a great deal more before your next day out,” she said, “so that you will have more to talk about. I **dare** say they would like to hear about **riding** on elephants and **camels**, and about the **officers** going to hunt tigers.”

“My word!” cried **delighted** Martha. “It would set ‘em clean off their heads. Would tha’ really do that, Miss? It would be same as a wild **beast** show like we heard they had in York once.”

“India is quite different from Yorkshire,” Mary said slowly, as she thought the matter over. “I never thought of that. Did Dickon and your mother like to hear you talk about me?”

“Why, our Dickon’s eyes nearly started out o’ his head, they got that round,” answered Martha. “But mother, she was put out about your seemin’ to be all by yourself like. She said, ‘Hasn’t Mr. Craven got no governess for her, nor no nurse?’ and I said, ‘No, he hasn’t, though Mrs. Medlock says he will when he thinks of it, but she says he mayn’t think of it for two or three years.’”

“I don’t want a governess,” said Mary sharply.

“But mother says you ought to be learnin’ your book by this time an’ you ought to have a woman to look after you, an’ she says: ‘Now, Martha, you just think how you’d feel yourself, in a big place like that, wanderin’ about all alone, an’ no mother. You do your best to **cheer** her up,’ she says, an’ I said I would.”

Mary gave her a long, steady look.

“You do cheer me up,” she said. “I like to hear you talk.”

Presently Martha went out of the room and came back with something held in her hands under her **apron**.

Thesaurus

apron: (*n*) skirt, proscenium, pall, pontificals, lawn sleeves, pinafore, petticoat, gathering head, wife, jupe, farthingale.

beast: (*n*) animal, monster, swine, fiend, creature, scavenger, savage, critter, animate being, barbarian; (*adj*) bear. ANTONYMS: (*n*) man.

camels: (*n*) suborder Ruminantia, Camelidae, caravan, bison, Ruminantia, antelopes.

cheer: (*v*) animate, applaud, amuse,

hearten, inspire, lighten; (*n, v*) comfort, delight, cry; (*adj, v*) embolden; (*n*) consolation.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) sadness, boo, uncheerfulness, hiss, pessimism, raspberry; (*v*) depress, discourage, dissuade, complain, jeer.

dare: (*n, v*) venture; (*v*) defy, brave, hazard, confront, risk, resist, make bold; (*n*) adventure, daring, defiance.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) avoid, flee, pass, refrain, retreat, obey.

delighted: (*adj*) glad, cheerful, blissful, jubilant, happy, overjoyed, joyful, captivated, pleasant; (*adj, v*) pleased, elated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shocked, unhappy, sorrowful, depressed, melancholy, miserable, desolate, sorry, sad, down.

officers: (*n*) executive committee, staff.
riding: (*n*) ride, horseback riding, travel, hundred, tithing, soke, travelling, manege, athletics; (*v*) horsemanship; (*adj*) awheel.

"What does tha' think," she said, with a cheerful grin. "I've brought thee a present."

"A present!" exclaimed Mistress Mary. How could a cottage full of fourteen hungry people give any one a present!

"A man was drivin' across the moor peddlin'," Martha explained. "An' he stopped his cart at our door. He had pots an' pans an' odds an' ends, but mother had no money to buy anythin'. Just as he was goin' away our 'Lizabeth Ellen called out, 'Mother, he's got **skippin'**-ropes with red an' blue handles.' An' mother she calls out quite sudden, 'Here, stop, mister! How much are they?' An' he says 'Tuppence', an' mother she began fumblin' in her pocket an' she says to me, 'Martha, tha's brought me thy wages like a good **lass**, an' I've got four places to put every penny, but I'm just goin' to take **tuppence** out of it to buy that child a skippin'-rope,' an' she bought one an' here it is."

She brought it out from under her apron and **exhibited** it quite proudly. It was a strong, slender rope with a **striped** red and blue handle at each end, but Mary Lennox had never seen a **skipping**-rope before. She gazed at it with a **mystified** expression.

"What is it for?" she asked curiously.

"For!" cried out Martha. "Does tha' mean that they've not got skippin'-ropes in India, for all they've got elephants and **tigers** and camels! No wonder most of 'em's black. This is what it's for; just watch me."

And she ran into the middle of the room and, taking a handle in each hand, began to skip, and skip, and skip, while Mary turned in her chair to stare at her, and the queer faces in the old portraits seemed to stare at her, too, and wonder what on earth this common little **cottager** had the **impudence** to be doing under their very noses. But Martha did not even see them. The interest and curiosity in Mistress Mary's face delighted her, and she went on skipping and counted as she skipped until she had reached a hundred.

Thesaurus

cottager: (*n*) cottar, denizen, dweller, inhabitant, peasant, cottier, cotter.

exhibited: (*adj*) ostensible, avowed, apparent, declared.

impudence: (*adj, n*) boldness, brass; (*n*) cheek, gall, audacity, impertinence, insolence, face, cheekiness, effrontery, assurance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, reticence.

lass: (*n*) girl, lassie, damsel, young woman, young girl, fille, miss, Jeune fille, bobbysocker, bobbysoxer,

woman.

mystified: (*adj*) metagrobolized, puzzled, perplexed, metagrobolized, bemused, unclear, at a loss, metagrobolised, baffled, flummoxed, having difficulties. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) enlightened, clear.

skip: (*n, v*) bound, leap, hop, caper, trip; (*v*) dance, bounce, prance, skim; (*adj, v*) miss; (*n*) omission. ANTONYMS: (*v*) attend, trudge, include.

skipping: (*n*) jumping, leaping, absenteeism; (*adv*) skippingly, leapingly.

striped: (*adj*) stripy, brindled, variegated, lined, banded, virgated, zoned, paled, with stripes.

tigers: (*n*) raccoons, snow leopards, Carnivora, skunks, Tamil tigers, bears, cheetahs, cats, order Carnivora, dogs, jackals.

tuppence: (*n*) twopence.

"I could skip longer than that," she said when she stopped. "I've skipped as much as five hundred when I was twelve, but I wasn't as fat then as I am now, an' I was in practice."

Mary got up from her chair beginning to feel **excited** herself.

"It looks nice," she said. "Your mother is a kind woman. Do you think I could ever skip like that?"

"You just try it," urged Martha, handing her the skipping-**rope**. "You can't skip a hundred at first, but if you practice you'll mount up. That's what mother said. She says, 'Nothin' will do her more good than skippin' rope. It's th' sensiblest toy a child can have. Let her play out in th' fresh air skippin' an' it'll stretch her legs an' arms an' give her some strength in 'em.'"

It was plain that there was not a great deal of strength in Mistress Mary's arms and legs when she first began to skip. She was not very clever at it, but she liked it so much that she did not want to stop.

"Put on tha' things and run an' skip out o' doors," said Martha. "Mother said I must tell you to keep out o' doors as much as you could, even when it rains a bit, so as tha' **wrap** up warm."

Mary put on her coat and hat and took her skipping-rope over her arm. She opened the door to go out, and then suddenly thought of something and turned back rather slowly.

"Martha," she said, "they were your wages. It was your two-pence really. Thank you." She said it stiffly because she was not used to **thanking** people or **noticing** that they did things for her. "Thank you," she said, and held out her hand because she did not know what else to do.

Martha gave her hand a **clumsy** little shake, as if she was not **accustomed** to this sort of thing either. Then she laughed.

"Eh! th' art a queer, old-womanish thing," she said. "If tha'd been our 'Lizabeth Ellen tha'd have given me a kiss."

Mary looked stiffer than ever.

Thesaurus

accustomed: (*adj, n*) habitual; (*adj*) familiar, normal, wonted, usual, natural, everyday, ordinary, habituated, common, traditional.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unusual, green, unseasoned, unconventional, untrained, abnormal, uncharacteristic, exceptional.
clumsy: (*adj*) stumbling, bungling, cumbersome, unwieldy, rude, inept, inapt, maladroit, gawky, unskilled, wooden. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) graceful,

dexterous, clever, skillful, deft, adroit, elegant, coordinated, expert, athletic, agile.
excited: (*adj, v*) animated, ardent; (*adj*) ablaze, enthusiastic, emotional, frantic, warm, heated, delirious, fervent, passionate. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) cool, unexcited, bored, tranquil, easygoing, disappointed, despairing, comatose, apathetic, sedate, composed.
noticing: (*n*) observation, look; (*adj*)

conscious.
rope: (*n, v*) lasso, leash, tie, tape; (*n*) lariat, noose, hawser, line, string, cord, thread.
thanking: (*n*) curtain call, appreciation, acknowledgement, blessing.
wrap: (*v*) envelop, cover, roll, wind, shroud, unfold, enclose, drape; (*n, v*) cloak, swathe; (*n*) wrapping. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) uncover, undo, unwind, expose, reveal.

“Do you want me to kiss you?”

Martha laughed again.

“Nay, not me,” she answered. “If tha’ was different, p’raps tha’d want to thyself’. But tha’ isn’t. Run off outside an’ play with thy rope.”

Mistress Mary felt a little awkward as she went out of the room. Yorkshire people seemed strange, and Martha was always rather a **puzzle** to her. At first she had **disliked** her very much, but now she did not. The skipping-rope was a wonderful thing. She counted and skipped, and skipped and counted, until her cheeks were quite red, and she was more interested than she had ever been since she was born. The sun was shining and a little wind was blowing--not a rough wind, but one which came in **delightful** little gusts and brought a fresh **scent** of newly turned earth with it. She skipped round the fountain garden, and up one walk and down another. She skipped at last into the kitchen-garden and saw Ben Weatherstaff digging and talking to his robin, which was hopping about him. She skipped down the walk toward him and he lifted his head and looked at her with a **curious** expression. She had wondered if he would notice her. She wanted him to see her skip.

“Well!” he exclaimed. “Upon my word. P’raps tha’ art a young ‘un, after all, an’ p’raps tha’s got child’s blood in thy veins instead of sour **buttermilk**. Tha’s skipped red into thy cheeks as sure as my name’s Ben Weatherstaff. I wouldn’t have believed tha’ could do it.”

“I never skipped before,” Mary said. “I’m just beginning. I can only go up to twenty.”

“Tha’ keep on,” said Ben. “Tha’ shapes well enough at it for a young ‘un that’s lived with **heathen**. Just see how he’s watchin’ thee,” jerking his head toward the robin. “He followed after thee yesterday. He’ll be at it again today. He’ll be bound to find out what th’ skippin’-rope is. He’s never seen one. Eh!” shaking his head at the bird, “tha’ curiosity will be th’ death of thee sometime if tha’ doesn’t look sharp.”

Thesaurus

buttermilk: (*n*) milk.

curious: (*adj*) odd, unusual, abnormal, strange, peculiar, interested, quizzical, quaint, queer, inquiring, inquisitive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) incurious, ordinary, apathetic, uninterested, unconcerned, typical, indifferent, everyday, disinterested, conventional, common.

delightful: (*adj*) delicious, delectable, charming, pleasing, grateful, blissful, amiable, adorable, lovely, nice,

gorgeous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unpleasant, unwelcome, hateful, miserable, unhappy, unappealing, horrific, horrible, disagreeable, depressing, annoying.
disliked: (*adj*) hated, detested, averse, lousy, loath, undesirable, companionless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) popular, liked.

heathen: (*adj, n*) gentile, ethnic; (*n*) infidel, idolater, paynim, heretic; (*adj*) heathenish, irreligious, giaour,

godless, barbaric.

puzzle: (*adj, v*) perplex, confuse, embarrass; (*n*) enigma, riddle, mystery, maze; (*n, v*) nonplus; (*v*) confound, mystify, baffle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) clarify, placate, explain; (*n*) explanation.
scent: (*n, v*) fragrance, smell, odor, essence, nose; (*n*) aroma, bouquet, redolence, odour; (*adj, n*) savor, flavor. ANTONYMS: (*n*) stench, stink.

Mary skipped round all the gardens and round the orchard, resting every few minutes. At length she went to her own special walk and made up her mind to try if she could skip the whole length of it. It was a good long skip and she began slowly, but before she had gone half-way down the path she was so hot and breathless that she was obliged to stop. She did not mind much, because she had already counted up to thirty. She stopped with a little laugh of pleasure, and there, lo and **behold**, was the robin **swaying** on a long branch of ivy. He had followed her and he greeted her with a chirp. As Mary had skipped toward him she felt something heavy in her pocket strike against her at each jump, and when she saw the robin she laughed again.

"You showed me where the key was yesterday," she said. "You ought to show me the door today; but I don't believe you know!"

The robin flew from his swinging spray of ivy on to the top of the wall and he opened his beak and sang a loud, lovely **trill**, merely to show off. Nothing in the world is quite as **adorably** lovely as a robin when he shows off--and they are nearly always doing it.

Mary Lennox had heard a great deal about Magic in her Ayah's stories, and she always said that what happened almost at that moment was Magic.

One of the nice little **gusts** of wind rushed down the walk, and it was a stronger one than the rest. It was strong enough to wave the branches of the trees, and it was more than strong enough to sway the trailing sprays of **untrimmed** ivy hanging from the wall. Mary had **stepped** close to the robin, and suddenly the gust of wind swung aside some loose ivy trails, and more suddenly still she jumped toward it and caught it in her hand. This she did because she had seen something under it--a round **knob** which had been covered by the leaves hanging over it. It was the knob of a door.

She put her hands under the leaves and began to pull and push them aside. Thick as the ivy hung, it nearly all was a loose and swinging curtain, though some had crept over wood and iron. Mary's heart began to **thump** and her hands to shake a little in her delight and excitement. The robin kept singing and **twittering** away and tilting his head on one side, as if he were as excited as she

Thesaurus

adorably: (*adv*) delightfully.

behold: (*v*) see, view, contemplate, regard, perceive, observe, look, consider, discern, descry, watch.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) Miss, disregard, ignore, overlook.

gust: (*n*) eruption, flurry, blow, blast, puff, flare, explosion, gale, storm, breeze; (*adj, n*) whiff.

knob: (*n*) button, swelling, hump, knop, protuberance, grip, nub, lump, node, bump; (*adj, n*) bulb.

stepped: (*v*) advanced, gone, stopen.

sway: (*n, v*) command, rule, control, rock, stagger, roll; (*v*) oscillate, reel, lurch, shake; (*n*) reign. ANTONYMS: (*v*) stay, dissuade, discourage.

swaying: (*adj*) swinging, convincing, oscillating, influential, persuasive, moving, liltng, groggy; (*n*) floating, manipulation.

thump: (*n, v*) thud, bang, bump, knock, hit, strike, cuff, punch, crash, crack; (*v*) pound. ANTONYM: (*v*)

tiptoe.

trill: (*v*) warble, quaver, sing, hum, drip, drop, dribble, chirp, cheep, spirtle; (*n, v*) shake.

twittering: (*n*) chirping, peeping, tweeting.

untrimmed: (*adj*) unready, unprovided, unornamented, unorganized, unfurnished, unequipped, undecked, unbegun, unarranged, unadorned, uncut. ANTONYM: (*adj*) trimmed.

was. What was this under her hands which was square and made of iron and which her fingers found a hole in?

It was the **lock** of the door which had been closed ten years and she put her hand in her pocket, drew out the key and found it **fitted** the **keyhole**. She put the key in and turned it. It took two hands to do it, but it did turn.

And then she took a long breath and looked behind her up the long walk to see if any one was coming. No one was coming. No one ever did come, it seemed, and she took another long breath, because she could not help it, and she held back the swinging **curtain** of ivy and pushed back the door which opened slowly--slowly.

Then she slipped through it, and shut it behind her, and stood with her back against it, looking about her and **breathing** quite fast with **excitement**, and wonder, and **delight**.

She was standing inside the secret garden.

Thesaurus

breathing: (*adj*) animate, live, living, respiratory, alive, above ground; (*v*) breathe, respire; (*n*) respiration, instant, moment. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inanimate, breathless, dead.

curtain: (*n, v*) cover; (*n*) barrier, drapery, blind, screen, mantle, mask, shade, pall, shroud; (*v*) hide.

delight: (*n*) joy, pleasure, amusement, rejoicing, gladness; (*v*) ravish, amuse, please, captivate, transport, enrapture. ANTONYMS: (*n*) misery,

dismay, dissatisfaction, sadness, nuisance, discontent; (*v*) depress, displease, sadden, irk; (*n, v*) bore.

excitement: (*n*) commotion, emotion, animation, agitation, disturbance, elation, enthusiasm, eagerness, taking, excitation, tumult.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) dullness, boredom, tediousness, desolation, apathy, bore, dormancy, indifference, somnolence, despondency, lifelessness.

fitted: (*adj*) capable, efficient,

competent, able, finished, qualified, trained, primed, outfitted, initiated; (*adj, v*) convenient.

keyhole: (*n*) hole, mousehole, pigeonhole, porthole, loophole, free throw line, peephole, knothole, pinhole, small hole.

lock: (*n, v*) bar, hug; (*v*) close, latch, fasten, engage, hold; (*adj, n*) hair; (*n*) curl, padlock, hook. ANTONYMS: (*v*) open, undo, disengage, flex; (*n*) key; (*adv*) partially, partly.

CHAPTER IX

THE STRANGEST HOUSE ANY ONE EVER
LIVED IN

It was the sweetest, most **mysterious**-looking place any one could imagine. The high walls which shut it in were covered with the **leafless** stems of climbing roses which were so thick that they were **matted** together. Mary Lennox knew they were roses because she had seen a great many roses in India. All the ground was covered with grass of a wintry brown and out of it grew clumps of bushes which were surely rosebushes if they were alive. There were numbers of standard roses which had so spread their branches that they were like little trees. There were other trees in the garden, and one of the things which made the place look strangest and loveliest was that climbing roses had run all over them and swung down long tendrils which made light swaying curtains, and here and there they had caught at each other or at a **far-reaching** branch and had crept from one tree to another and made lovely bridges of themselves. There were neither leaves nor roses on them now and Mary did not know whether they were dead or alive, but their thin gray or brown branches and sprays looked like a sort of **hazy** mantle **spreading** over everything, walls, and trees, and even brown grass, where they had fallen from their fastenings and run along the ground. It was this hazy **tangle** from tree to tree which made it all look so mysterious. Mary

Thesaurus

far-reaching: (*adj*) comprehensive, far-flung, broad, widespread, wide, extensive, extended, expansive, momentous, serious, vast.

hazy: (*adj*) fuzzy, cloudy, vague, blurred, foggy, nebulous, misty, indistinct, blurry, faint, dull. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bright, distinct, precise, sunny, thick, detailed, definite, strong.

leafless: (*adj*) bald, bare, aphyllous, leaveless, hairless. ANTONYM: (*adj*)

leafy.

matted: (*adj*) entangled, tangled, knotted, flat, matt, matte, knotty, fixed, kinky, twisted; (*v*) crossed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, straight, free.

mysterious: (*adj*) inscrutable, incomprehensible, deep, eerie, inexplicable, obscure, abstruse, dark, cryptic, secret, arcane. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) known, apparent, normal, open, explicable, facile, obvious, simple,

legible, familiar, transparent.

spreading: (*n*) dissemination, propagation, dispersion, circulation, spread, dispersal, extension, scatter, distribution; (*adj*) scattering, diffusing.

tangle: (*v*) entangle, embroil, enmesh, embrangle, ruffle, mat; (*n*) maze, confusion; (*n, v*) jumble, muddle, knot. ANTONYMS: (*n*) order, line, peace; (*v*) unravel, undo, untangle, straighten.

had thought it must be different from other gardens which had not been left all by themselves so long; and indeed it was different from any other place she had ever seen in her life.

“How still it is!” she **whispered**. “How still!”

Then she waited a moment and listened at the stillness. The robin, who had flown to his **treetop**, was still as all the rest. He did not even **flutter** his wings; he sat without stirring, and looked at Mary.

“No wonder it is still,” she whispered again. “I am the first person who has spoken in here for ten years.”

She moved away from the door, **stepping** as **softly** as if she were afraid of awakening some one. She was glad that there was grass under her feet and that her steps made no sounds. She walked under one of the fairy-like gray **arches** between the trees and looked up at the sprays and tendrils which formed them. “I wonder if they are all quite dead,” she said. “Is it all a quite dead garden? I wish it wasn’t.”

If she had been Ben Weatherstaff she could have told whether the wood was alive by looking at it, but she could only see that there were only gray or brown sprays and **branches** and none showed any signs of even a tiny leaf-bud anywhere.

But she was inside the wonderful garden and she could come through the door under the ivy any time and she felt as if she had found a world all her own.

The sun was shining inside the four walls and the high arch of blue sky over this particular piece of Misselthwaite seemed even more brilliant and soft than it was over the moor. The robin flew down from his tree-top and hopped about or flew after her from one bush to another. He chirped a good deal and had a very busy air, as if he were showing her things. Everything was strange and silent and she seemed to be hundreds of miles away from any one, but somehow she did not feel **lonely** at all. All that troubled her was her wish that she knew whether all the roses were dead, or if perhaps some of them had lived and might put out leaves and buds as the weather got **warmer**. She did not want it to be a

Thesaurus

arch: (*n, v*) curve, bow, bend; (*n*) dome, curvature, acute; (*adj*) wily, shrewd, sly; (*v*) vault; (*adj, n, v*) round. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) smallest, petty, modest, minor, frank, least, lesser, inferior, forthright, guileless, humble.
branches: (*n*) branch, brushwood.
flutter: (*adj, n, v*) bustle, flurry; (*n, v*) beat, palpitate, flap, wave, waver, quiver; (*v*) flit, flutter; (*n*) excitement.
lonely: (*adj*) deserted, lone, dreary,

solitary, forsaken, desert; (*adj, n*) isolated, alone; (*adv*) lonesomely, solely, solitarily. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sheltered, populous, cheerful, nearby; (*n*) foe.
softly: (*adv*) quietly, mildly, lightly, tenderly, delicately, gently, soft, quiet, silently, kindly, slowly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hoarsely, roughly, loudly, clearly, harshly, forte, severely, strongly, heavily, convincingly, brightly.

stepping: (*n*) steps.
treetop: (*n*) crown, capitulum, peak, crest, head, pate, pennant, poll, spike, summit, tip.
warmer: (*n*) stove, oilstove, deicer, defroster, brasier, radiator, brazier, warming, warmed, demister, gas heater.
whispered: (*adj*) low, voiceless, unvoiced, nonvocal, weak, unheard, surd, supposed, sharp, thought, quiet.

quite dead garden. If it were a quite alive garden, how wonderful it would be, and what **thousands** of roses would grow on every side!

Her skipping-rope had **hung** over her arm when she came in and after she had walked about for a while she thought she would skip round the whole garden, **stopping** when she wanted to look at things. There seemed to have been grass paths here and there, and in one or two **corners** there were alcoves of **evergreen** with stone seats or tall moss-covered flower urns in them.

As she came near the second of these alcoves she stopped skipping. There had once been a **flowerbed** in it, and she thought she saw something **sticking** out of the black earth-- some sharp little pale green points. She remembered what Ben Weatherstaff had said and she knelt down to look at them.

"Yes, they are tiny growing things and they might be crocuses or snowdrops or daffodils," she whispered.

She bent very close to them and sniffed the fresh scent of the **damp** earth. She liked it very much.

"Perhaps there are some other ones coming up in other places," she said. "I will go all over the garden and look."

She did not skip, but walked. She went slowly and kept her eyes on the ground. She looked in the old border beds and among the grass, and after she had gone round, trying to miss nothing, she had found ever so many more sharp, pale green points, and she had become quite excited again.

"It isn't a quite dead garden," she cried out softly to herself. "Even if the roses are dead, there are other things alive."

She did not know anything about **gardening**, but the grass seemed so thick in some of the places where the green points were pushing their way through that she thought they did not seem to have room enough to grow. She searched about until she found a rather sharp piece of wood and knelt down and dug and **weeded** out the **weeds** and grass until she made nice little clear places around them.

Thesaurus

corners: (*adj*) cornered.

damp: (*adj*) moist, muggy, clammy, cool, dank; (*v*) check, chill, deaden, break; (*n*) moisture, dampness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dryness; (*adj*) parched, arid, dried, fresh, hard.

evergreen: (*n*) tracheophyte, evergreen plant, pet, favorite; (*adj*) immortal, unfading, sempervirent, indeciduous, amaranthine; (*v*) macrobiotic, longeval. ANTONYM: (*adj*) deciduous.

flowerbed: (*n*) bed, bed of flowers, plot, bed of roses.

gardening: (*n*) cultivation, horticulture, agronomy, floriculture, agriculture, husbandry, spade husbandry, vintage, landscape gardening, flower gardening, landscaping.

hung: (*n*) hanging; (*v*) Heng; (*adj*) fatigued, puzzled, decorated.

sticking: (*n*) soldering, adhesion; (*adj*) adhering, clinging, glutinous,

viscous, stuck, projected, tenacious, closefisted, cohesive.

stopping: (*n*) stoppage, cessation, shutdown, padding, fillet, suspension, stay, discontinuance, abeyance, interruption; (*adv*) haltingly.

thousands: (*n*) myriad, much, many. **weeded:** (*adj*) weedless.

weeds: (*n*) viduity, mourning band, garment, cypress, widowhood, dress; (*adj*) willow.

“Now they look as if they could breathe,” she said, after she had finished with the first ones. “I am going to do ever so many more. I’ll do all I can see. If I haven’t time today I can come tomorrow.”

She went from place to place, and dug and weeded, and enjoyed herself so **immensely** that she was led on from bed to bed and into the grass under the trees. The exercise made her so warm that she first threw her coat off, and then her hat, and without knowing it she was smiling down on to the grass and the pale green points all the time.

The robin was **tremendously** busy. He was very much pleased to see gardening begun on his own estate. He had often wondered at Ben Weatherstaff. Where gardening is done all sorts of delightful things to eat are turned up with the soil. Now here was this new kind of **creature** who was not half Ben’s size and yet had had the sense to come into his garden and begin at once.

Mistress Mary worked in her garden until it was time to go to her **midday** dinner. In fact, she was rather late in remembering, and when she put on her coat and hat, and picked up her skipping-rope, she could not believe that she had been working two or three hours. She had been actually happy all the time; and **dozens** and dozens of the tiny, pale green points were to be seen in cleared places, looking twice as cheerful as they had looked before when the grass and weeds had been **smothering** them.

“I shall come back this afternoon,” she said, looking all round at her new kingdom, and speaking to the trees and the rose-bushes as if they heard her.

Then she ran lightly across the grass, pushed open the slow old door and slipped through it under the ivy. She had such red cheeks and such bright eyes and ate such a dinner that Martha was delighted.

“Two pieces o’ meat an’ two helps o’ **rice** puddin’!” she said. “Eh! mother will be pleased when I tell her what th’ skippin’-rope’s done for thee.”

In the course of her digging with her pointed stick **Mistress** Mary had found herself digging up a sort of white root rather like an **onion**. She had put it back

Thesaurus

creature: (*n*) being, brute, animal, tool, individual, person, body, entity, human, puppet, somebody.

dozens: (*n*) scores, dozen, tons, taunt, stacks, slews, scads, rafts, lots, loads, lashings.

immensely: (*adv*) highly, infinitely, greatly, enormously, tremendously, extremely, mightily, hugely, massively, immeasurably, monstrously.

midday: (*n*) noon, noonday, noontide,

afternoon, twelve noon, hour; (*adj*) meridian, meridional; (*adj, n*) culmination.

mistress: (*n*) dame, concubine, madame, innamorata, lady, lover, fancy woman, doxy, girl, kept woman, missis.

onion: (*n*) Allium CEPA, bulb, scallion, caviare, eschalot, pickle, vegetable, veggie, leek, alliaceous plant, chive.

rice: (*adj*) meal, bran, farina, flour,

sporule; (*n*) paddy, Oryza, cereal, grain, food grain, cereal grass.

smothering: (*adj*) choking, suffocative, suffocating, tight, sultry, breathless; (*adv*) smotheringly; (*v*) suffocate.

tremendously: (*adv*) hugely, awfully, greatly, terrifically, wonderfully, immensely, marvelously, vastly, dreadfully, excellently; (*adj, adv*) severely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) insignificantly, somewhat, hardly, abysmally.

in its place and patted the earth carefully down on it and just now she wondered if Martha could tell her what it was.

"Martha," she said, "what are those white roots that look like onions?"

"They're bulbs," answered Martha. "Lots o' spring flowers grow from 'em. Th' very little ones are snowdrops an' crocuses an' th' big ones are narcissuses an' jonquils and daffydowndillys. Th' biggest of all is **lilies** an' **purple flags**. Eh! they are nice. Dickon's got a whole lot of 'em planted in our bit o' garden."

"Does Dickon know all about them?" asked Mary, a new idea taking possession of her.

"Our Dickon can make a flower grow out of a brick walk. Mother says he just whispers things out o' th' ground."

"Do bulbs live a long time? Would they live years and years if no one helped them?" inquired Mary **anxiously**.

"They're things as helps themselves," said Martha. "That's why poor folk can afford to have 'em. If you don't trouble 'em, most of 'em'll work away underground for a lifetime an' spread out an' have little 'uns. There's a place in th' park woods here where there's snowdrops by thousands. They're the prettiest sight in Yorkshire when th' spring comes. No one knows when they was first planted."

"I wish the spring was here now," said Mary. "I want to see all the things that grow in England."

She had finished her dinner and gone to her **favorite** seat on the hearth-rug.

"I wish--I wish I had a little spade," she said. "Whatever does tha' want a spade for?" asked Martha, laughing. "Art tha' goin' to take to diggin'? I must tell mother that, too."

Mary looked at the fire and pondered a little. She must be careful if she meant to keep her secret kingdom. She wasn't doing any harm, but if Mr. Craven found out about the open door he would be **fearfully** angry and get a new key and lock it up **forevermore**. She really could not bear that.

Thesaurus

anxiously: (*adv*) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly.
favorite: (*adj, n*) darling, favourite, dear, number one; (*adj*) favored, beloved, popular; (*n*) pet, choice, pick, preference. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*)

indifference, superior, underdog; (*adj*) unwanted, despised, disliked, hated, unusual.
fearfully: (*adv*) timidly, timorously, awfully, apprehensively, horrendously, hideously, anxiously, appallingly, terribly; (*adj, adv*) shockingly, dreadfully. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) bravely, calmly, confidently, wonderfully, rationally, unconcernedly.
flags: (*n*) streamer, streamers,

sidewalk, trottoir, pavement, walk, footpath, bunting; (*adj*) wood pavement, flagstone.
forevermore: (*adj, adv*) forever; (*adv*) eternally, forever and a day, everlastingly, always; (*adj*) for aye, for ever, till the end of the universe.
lilies: (*n*) lily.
purple: (*adj*) violet, lilac, imperial, regal, royal; (*adj, n*) empurpled; (*v*) empurple; (*n*) magenta, purpleness, ermine, pall.

"This is such a big lonely place," she said slowly, as if she were turning matters over in her mind. "The house is lonely, and the park is lonely, and the gardens are lonely. So many places seem shut up. I never did many things in India, but there were more people to look at--natives and **soldiers marching** by--and sometimes **bands** playing, and my Ayah told me stories. There is no one to talk to here except you and Ben Weatherstaff. And you have to do your work and Ben Weatherstaff won't speak to me often. I thought if I had a little spade I could dig somewhere as he does, and I might make a little garden if he would give me some seeds."

Martha's face quite lighted up.

"There now!" she exclaimed, "if that wasn't one of th' things mother said. She says, 'There's such a lot o' room in that big place, why don't they give her a bit for herself, even if she doesn't plant nothin' but **parsley** an' radishes? She'd dig an' **rake** away an' be right down happy over it.' Them was the very words she said."

"Were they?" said Mary. "How many things she knows, doesn't she?"

"Eh!" said Martha. "It's like she says: 'A woman as brings up twelve children learns something **besides** her A B C. Children's as good as 'rithmetic to set you findin' out things.'"

"How much would a spade cost--a little one?" Mary asked.

"Well," was Martha's reflective answer, "at Thwaite village there's a shop or so an' I saw little garden sets with a spade an' a rake an' a **fork** all **tied** together for two **shillings**. An' they was stout enough to work with, too."

"I've got more than that in my purse," said Mary. "Mrs. **Morrison** gave me five shillings and Mrs. Medlock gave me some money from Mr. Craven."

"Did he remember thee that much?" exclaimed Martha.

"Mrs. Medlock said I was to have a shilling a week to spend. She gives me one every Saturday. I didn't know what to spend it on."

Thesaurus

bands: (*n*) cords, stripes.

besides: (*adv*) as well, moreover, too, furthermore, again, as well as, anyway, additionally; (*prep*) apart from, beside; (*adj, adv*) more.

fork: (*n*) crotch, bifurcation, turn, branching; (*n, v*) branch, bend; (*v*) diverge, split, branch off, separate, divide. ANTONYM: (*v*) converge.

marching: (*n*) walking, mar, drill; (*adj*) ongoing, moving.

morrison: (*n*) Jim Morrison, James

Douglas Morrison.

parsley: (*n*) *Petroselinum crispum*, herb, pot herbs, aromatic plant, basil, genus *Petroselinum*, herbaceous plant, rosemary, *Petroselinum*, thyme, sage.

rake: (*n, v*) tilt; (*adj, v*) comb; (*v*) hoe, harrow, graze, draw, plow; (*n*) debauchee, roue, slant, blood. ANTONYM: (*v*) glance.

shilling: (*n*) York shilling, Tanzanian shilling, British shilling, Kenyan

shilling, Ugandan shilling, Somalian shilling, dock, cork, farthing, coin, cheat.

soldiers: (*n*) military, troop, force, the military, troops, defense force, military service, militia, soldiery, Territorial Army, armed forces.

tied: (*adj*) bound, connected, laced, united, fixed, even, liable, tight, spiked, responsible, attached. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untied, unlaced.

"My word! that's riches," said Martha. "Tha' can buy anything in th' world tha' **wants**. Th' rent of our cottage is only one an' threepence an' it's like pullin' eye-teeth to get it. Now I've just thought of somethin'," putting her hands on her hips.

"What?" said Mary **eagerly**.

"In the shop at Thwaite they sell **packages** o' flower-seeds for a **penny** each, and our Dickon he knows which is th' prettiest ones an, how to make 'em grow. He walks over to Thwaite many a day just for th' fun of it. Does tha' know how to print letters?" suddenly.

"I know how to write," Mary answered.

Martha shook her head.

"Our Dickon can only read printin'. If tha' could print we could write a letter to him an' ask him to go an' buy th' garden tools an' th' seeds at th' same time."

"Oh! you're a good girl!" Mary cried. "You are, really! I didn't know you were so nice. I know I can print letters if I try. Let's ask Mrs. Medlock for a pen and ink and some paper."

"I've got some of my own," said Martha. "I bought 'em so I could print a bit of a letter to mother of a Sunday. I'll go and get it." She ran out of the room, and Mary stood by the fire and **twisted** her thin little hands together with **sheer** pleasure.

"If I have a spade," she whispered, "I can make the earth nice and soft and dig up weeds. If I have seeds and can make flowers grow the garden won't be dead at all--it will come alive."

She did not go out again that afternoon because when Martha returned with her pen and ink and paper she was **obliged** to clear the table and carry the **plates** and **dishes** downstairs and when she got into the kitchen Mrs. Medlock was there and told her to do something, so Mary waited for what seemed to her a long time before she came back. Then it was a serious piece of work to write to Dickon. Mary had been taught very little because her governesses had disliked her too much to stay with her. She could not spell particularly well but she

Thesaurus

dishes: (*n*) food, meal, crockery, dinner service, dishware, menu, plates.

eagerly: (*adv*) zealously, readily, keenly, fervently, avidly, greedily, enthusiastically, intently, earnestly, impatiently, actively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) apathetically, nonchalantly, grudgingly, patiently, halfheartedly, reluctantly, unenthusiastically.

obliged: (*adj*) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable,

compelled; (*adj, v*) bound, under obligation; (*adj, prep*) indebted; (*v*) oblige, binding. ANTONYM: (*adj*) ungrateful.

packages: (*n*) correspondence, freight, letters.

penny: (*n*) change, coin, centime, copper, groat, subunit, money, mite, doit, small change, denomination.

plates: (*n*) dishes, tableware, flake powder, dishware, dinner service.

sheer: (*adj*) pure, filmy, bold,

transparent, gauzy, simple, diaphanous, gossamer; (*adj, n*) complete, mere, perfect.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thick, gentle, opaque, heavy, gradual, robust, partial.

twisted: (*adj*) perverted, deformed, bent, distorted, misshapen, coiled, twined, curved, wry, contorted; (*adj, v*) winding. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, normal, perfect, wholesome.

wants: (*n*) need, necessities.

found that she could print letters when she tried. This was the letter Martha **dictated** to her:

“My Dear Dickon:

This comes **hoping** to find you well as it leaves me at present. Miss Mary has plenty of money and will you go to Thwaite and buy her some **flower** seeds and a set of garden tools to make a flower-bed. Pick the prettiest ones and easy to grow because she has never done it before and lived in India which is different. Give my love to mother and every one of you. Miss Mary is going to tell me a lot more so that on my next day out you can hear about elephants and camels and **gentlemen** going **hunting lions** and tigers.

“Your **loving** sister,
Martha Phoebe Sowerby.”

“We’ll put the money in th’ **envelope** an’ I’ll get th’ **butcher** boy to take it in his cart. He’s a great friend o’ Dickon’s,” said Martha.

“How shall I get the things when Dickon buys them?”

“He’ll bring ‘em to you himself. He’ll like to walk over this way.”

“Oh!” exclaimed Mary, “then I shall see him! I never thought I should see Dickon.”

“Does tha’ want to see him?” asked Martha suddenly, for Mary had looked so pleased.

“Yes, I do. I never saw a boy foxes and crows loved. I want to see him very much.”

Martha gave a little start, as if she remembered something. “Now to think,” she broke out, “to think o’ me forgettin’ that there; an’ I thought I was goin’ to tell you first thing this mornin’. I asked mother--and she said she’d ask Mrs. Medlock her own self.”

“Do you mean--” Mary began.

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butcher: (*v*) slaughter, kill, murder, slay; (*n, v*) massacre, botch; (*n*) assassin, bungler, slaughterer, meatman, murderer. ANTONYMS: (*v*) develop, create, grow, build.
dictated: (*adj*) set, hard-and-fast, compulsive; (*n*) contumely, blameworthy, abuse.
envelope: (*n, v*) covering, cloak, blanket; (*n*) casing, container, pack, case, coating, jacket, integument, vesicle.

flower: (*n, v*) blossom, blow; (*v*) effloresce, flourish; (*adj, n*) prime; (*n*) efflorescence, elite, cream, bouquet, floret, florescence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) residue; (*v*) wither.
gentlemen: (*n*) sirs, messieurs.
hoping: (*adj*) desirous, expectant, optimistic, eager.
hunting: (*n, v*) chase; (*v*) battue; (*n*) exploration, pursuit, search, ducking, beagling, coursing, frisking, ventry, shooting.

lions: (*n*) dogs, order Carnivora, leopards, jackals, bears, Felidae, family Felidae, cheetahs, cats, Carnivora.
loving: (*adj*) fond, devoted, amorous, kind, friendly, ardent, attached, admiring, gentle, fatherly; (*adj, v*) tender. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cold, uncaring, malicious, cruel, unloving, rough, paternal, indifferent, distant, disapproving, callous.

"What I said Tuesday. Ask her if you might be driven over to our cottage some day and have a bit o' mother's hot oat cake, an' butter, an' a glass o' milk."

It seemed as if all the interesting things were happening in one day. To think of going over the moor in the **daylight** and when the sky was blue! To think of going into the cottage which held twelve children!

"Does she think Mrs. Medlock would let me go?" she asked, quite anxiously.

"Aye, she thinks she would. She knows what a **tidy** woman mother is and how clean she keeps the cottage."

"If I went I should see your mother as well as Dickon," said Mary, thinking it over and liking the idea very much. "She doesn't seem to be like the mothers in India."

Her work in the garden and the excitement of the afternoon **ended** by making her feel quiet and **thoughtful**. Martha stayed with her until tea-time, but they sat in comfortable quiet and talked very little. But just before Martha went downstairs for the tea-tray, Mary asked a question.

"Martha," she said, "has the scullery-maid had the toothache again today?"

Martha certainly started slightly.

"What makes thee ask that?" she said.

"Because when I waited so long for you to come back I opened the door and walked down the corridor to see if you were coming. And I heard that far-off **crying** again, just as we heard it the other night. There isn't a wind today, so you see it couldn't have been the wind."

"Eh!" said Martha **restlessly**. "Tha' mustn't go walkin' about in corridors an' listenin'. Mr. Craven would be that there angry there's no knowin' what he'd do."

"I wasn't listening," said Mary. "I was just waiting for you--and I heard it. That's three times."

Thesaurus

crying: (*adj, v*) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (*adj*) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (*n*) weeping; (*v*) weep; (*adj, n*) sniveling.
daylight: (*n*) dawn, daybreak, light, morning, sunrise, clearance, sunup, daytime, broad daylight, first light, afternoon. ANTONYMS: (*n*) night, sunset, dusk, dark, sundown, twilight, darkness, nightfall.
ended: (*adj*) concluded, finished, over, done, completed, closed, through,

terminated, consummate, all over; (*adj, v*) past.
restlessly: (*adv*) fidgetily, apprehensively, agitatedly, fretfully, unquietly, sleeplessly, nervously, restively, edgily, anxiously, disturbedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) peacefully, unconcernedly.
thoughtful: (*adj, v*) serious, solemn, grave; (*adj*) kind, careful, pensive, heedful, attentive, discreet, sensible, courteous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

thoughtless, careless, heedless, uncaring, unkind, tactless, superficial, stupid, negligent, idiotic, unthinking.
tidy: (*adj, v*) clean, trim; (*adj*) spruce, shipshape, respectable, natty; (*v*) clear, straighten, clear up, clean up, arrange. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) knotted, disheveled, disorganized, messy, slovenly, hairy, unsubstantial, dense; (*v*) litter, disorganize, disorder.

“My **word!** There’s Mrs. Medlock’s bell,” said Martha, and she almost ran out of the room.

“It’s the strangest house any one ever lived in,” said Mary **drowsily**, as she **dropped** her head on the cushioned **seat** of the **armchair** near her. Fresh air, and digging, and skipping-rope had made her feel so **comfortably tired** that she fell **asleep**.

Thesaurus

armchair: (*n*) fauteuil, easy-chair, seat, easy chair, chair, lounge, recliner, elbowchair.

asleep: (*adj*) sleeping, deceased, sleepy, dormant, numb, dead, sound asleep, snoozing, slumbering, napping, gone. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) up, attentive, alert, conscious.

comfortably: (*adv*) easily, pleasantly, cosily, conveniently, easy, snugly, richly, advantageously, leisurely, well, wealthily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*)

uncomfortably, awkwardly, unpleasantly.

dropped: (*adj*) dropping, fallen, decreased, drop, fall, degraded, dead, born, abandoned.

drowsily: (*adv*) sleepily, lethargically, somnolently, lazily, dozily, indolently, sluggishly, soporifically, slowly, dreamily, languorously. ANTONYM: (*adv*) vigorously.

seat: (*n*) bench, base, behind, bottom, buttocks, location, position, post,

posterior; (*v*) locate, put.

tired: (*adj, v*) fatigued, weary, exhausted, stale; (*adj*) threadbare, commonplace, trite, banal, haggard, stock, jaded. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) invigorated, alert, refreshed, energetic, original, strong, awake, energized, lively, rested, relaxed.

word: (*n*) news, tidings, password, expression, report, vocable, statement, term; (*v*) formulate, phrase; (*n, v*) advice.

CHAPTER X

DICKON

The sun shone down for nearly a week on the **secret** garden. The Secret Garden was what Mary called it when she was thinking of it. She liked the name, and she liked still more the feeling that when its beautiful old walls shut her in no one knew where she was. It seemed almost like being shut out of the world in some **fairy** place. The few books she had read and liked had been fairy-story books, and she had read of secret gardens in some of the stories. Sometimes people went to sleep in them for a hundred years, which she had thought must be rather **stupid**. She had no intention of going to sleep, and, in fact, she was becoming wider **awake** every day which passed at Misselthwaite. She was beginning to like to be out of doors; she no longer **hated** the wind, but enjoyed it. She could run **faster**, and longer, and she could skip up to a hundred. The bulbs in the secret garden must have been much **astonished**. Such nice clear places were made round them that they had all the breathing space they wanted, and really, if Mistress Mary had known it, they began to cheer up under the dark earth and work tremendously. The sun could get at them and warm them, and when the rain came down it could reach them at once, so they began to feel very much alive.

Thesaurus

astonished: (*adj*) astonished, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, stunned, aghast, bewildered, astounded, taken aback, thunderstruck, astonished; (*v*) amaze.
awake: (*v*) wake, awaken, realize, waken; (*adj*) alive, alert, attentive, conscious, keen, intelligent; (*adj, v*) broad awake. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unconscious, sleeping, comatose, sleepy, relaxed; (*v*) deaden, lull, sleep.

fairy: (*n*) elf, sprite, brownie, fag, faggot, fagot, imp, pixie, pixy; (*adj, n*) faery, faerie. ANTONYM: (*n*) ogre.
faster: (*adv*) sooner, fleet, swift, quick, express, earlier.
hated: (*adj*) despised, disliked, not liked, reviled, scorned, unloved, unpopular. ANTONYM: (*adj*) precious.
secret: (*adj, v*) mysterious, hidden, covert, secluded, confidential; (*adj*) concealed, furtive, occult, obscure;

(*adj, n*) privacy, secrecy.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) known, public; (*adj*) open, overt, apparent, unrestricted, external, visible, outermost, transparent, blatant.
stupid: (*adj, n*) foolish, silly, simple, absurd; (*adj, adv, n*) dull; (*adj*) idiotic, ridiculous, senseless, fatuous, crass, insane. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wise, clever, bright, intelligent, shrewd, prudent, responsible, smart, great, sensitive, useful.

Mary was an odd, determined little person, and now she had something interesting to be determined about, she was very much absorbed, indeed. She worked and dug and pulled up weeds steadily, only becoming more pleased with her work every hour instead of **tiring** of it. It seemed to her like a fascinating sort of play. She found many more of the **sprouting** pale green points than she had ever hoped to find. They seemed to be starting up everywhere and each day she was sure she found tiny new ones, some so tiny that they barely peeped above the earth. There were so many that she remembered what Martha had said about the “snowdrops by the thousands,” and about bulbs spreading and making new ones. These had been left to themselves for ten years and perhaps they had spread, like the snowdrops, into thousands. She wondered how long it would be before they showed that they were flowers. Sometimes she stopped digging to look at the garden and try to imagine what it would be like when it was covered with thousands of lovely things in bloom. During that week of sunshine, she became more intimate with Ben Weatherstaff. She surprised him several times by **seeming** to start up beside him as if she sprang out of the earth. The truth was that she was afraid that he would pick up his tools and go away if he saw her coming, so she always walked toward him as silently as possible. But, in fact, he did not object to her as strongly as he had at first. Perhaps he was secretly rather **flattered** by her evident desire for his elderly company. Then, also, she was more civil than she had been. He did not know that when she first saw him she spoke to him as she would have spoken to a native, and had not known that a cross, sturdy old Yorkshire man was not accustomed to salaam to his **masters**, and be merely **commanded** by them to do things.

“Tha’rt like th’ robin,” he said to her one morning when he **lifted** his head and saw her standing by him. “I never knows when I shall see thee or which side tha’ll come from.”

“He’s friends with me now,” said Mary.

“That’s like him,” **snapped** Ben Weatherstaff. “Makin’ up to th’ women folk just for **vanity** an’ **flightiness**. There’s nothin’ he wouldn’t do for th’ sake o’

Thesaurus

commanded: (*adj*) lawful.

flattered: (*adj*) pleased.

flightiness: (*n*) levity, capriciousness, fickleness, frivolity, giddiness, instability, lightness, arbitrariness, irresponsibleness, flippancy, waywardness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dependability, responsibility, seriousness.

lifted: (*adj*) raised, elevated, lift, lofty, upraised, steep.

masters: (*n*) Edgar lee Masters.

seeming: (*adj*) ostensible, superficial, illusory, outward, probable, deceptive, specious; (*adj, n*) appearance, semblance; (*n*) aspect, show. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) actual, deep, inner.

snapped: (*adj*) torn.

sprouting: (*n*) germination, growth, shooting, ontogenesis, maturation; (*adj*) growing, evolving, green, embryonic, emergent, nascent.

tiring: (*adj*) tiresome, exhausting,

wearing, hard, laborious, arduous, grueling, boring, wearisome, onerous, strenuous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) easy, undemanding, light, refreshing, empty, interesting.

vanity: (*n*) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceitedness, pretension, pomposity; (*adj, n*) amour propre. ANTONYMS: (*n*) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness.

showin' off an' flirtin' his tail-feathers. He's as full o' pride as an egg's full o' meat."

He very seldom talked much and sometimes did not even answer Mary's questions except by a **grunt**, but this morning he said more than usual. He stood up and **rested** one **hobnailed** boot on the top of his spade while he looked her over.

"How long has tha' been here?" he jerked out.

"I think it's about a month," she answered.

"Tha's beginnin' to do Misselthwaite credit," he said. "Tha's a bit fatter than tha' was an' tha's not quite so **yeller**. Tha' looked like a young **plucked** crow when tha' first came into this garden. Thinks I to myself I never set eyes on an uglier, sourer faced young 'un."

Mary was not vain and as she had never thought much of her looks she was not greatly disturbed.

"I know I'm fatter," she said. "My stockings are getting tighter. They used to make **wrinkles**. There's the robin, Ben Weatherstaff."

There, indeed, was the robin, and she thought he looked nicer than ever. His red waistcoat was as glossy as satin and he flirted his wings and tail and **tilted** his head and hopped about with all sorts of lively graces. He seemed determined to make Ben Weatherstaff admire him. But Ben was **sarcastic**.

"Aye, there tha' art!" he said. "Tha' can put up with me for a bit sometimes when tha's got no one better. Tha's been reddenin' up thy waistcoat an' polishin' thy feathers this two weeks. I know what tha's up to. Tha's courtin' some bold young madam somewhere tellin' thy lies to her about bein' th' finest **cock** robin on Missel Moor an' ready to fight all th' rest of 'em."

"Oh! look at him!" exclaimed Mary.

The robin was evidently in a fascinating, bold mood. He hopped closer and closer and looked at Ben Weatherstaff more and more **engagingly**. He flew on to the nearest **currant** bush and tilted his head and sang a little song right at him.

Thesaurus

cock: (n) rooster, chicken, spigot, Peter, prick, cockerel, tool, stopcock, shaft; (n, v) stack; (v) ruffle.

ANTONYM: (v) uncock.

currant: (n) currant bush, shrub, black currant, red currant, raisin, Corinth, dried currant, bush, grape, berry.

engagingly: (adv) fascinatingly, engaging, interestingly, pleasingly, appealingly, fetchingly, winsomely, alluringly, winningly, charmingly, glamorously.

grunt: (v) growl, croak, mutter, complain, murmur, moan, clamor, mumble; (n, v) cry; (n) groan, cottonwick.

hobnailed: (adj) strong, rural.

plucked: (v) ploughed; (adj) pulled, unfeathered, featherless, moulting, pilled.

rested: (adj) comfortable.

sarcastic: (adj) sharp, poignant, caustic, bitter, biting, pungent, acid, acrimonious, ironical; (adj, v)

derisive, satirical. ANTONYMS: (adj) sympathetic, pleasant, approving, kind, complimentary, mild, respectful.

tilted: (adj) leaning, slanting, inclined, oblique, crooked, slanted, atilt, askew, sloping, at an angle, uneven. ANTONYM: (adj) upright.

wrinkles: (n) crow's feet.

yeller: (n) roarer, shouter, bawler, bellower, communicator, scorcher, screamer, screecher.

“Tha’ thinks tha’ll get over me by doin’ that,” said Ben, wrinkling his face up in such a way that Mary felt sure he was trying not to look pleased. “Tha’ thinks no one can stand out against thee--that’s what tha’ thinks.”

The robin spread his wings--Mary could scarcely believe her eyes. He flew right up to the handle of Ben Weatherstaff’s spade and alighted on the top of it. Then the old man’s face **wrinkled** itself slowly into a new expression. He stood still as if he were afraid to breathe--as if he would not have stirred for the world, lest his robin should start away. He spoke quite in a whisper.

“Well, I’m danged!” he said as softly as if he were saying something quite different. “Tha’ does know how to get at a chap--tha’ does! Tha’s fair **unearthly**, tha’s so knowin’.”

And he stood without stirring--almost without drawing his breath--until the robin **gave** another **flirt** to his wings and flew away. Then he stood looking at the handle of the spade as if there might be Magic in it, and then he began to dig again and said nothing for several minutes.

But because he kept breaking into a slow **grin** now and then, Mary was not afraid to talk to him.

“Have you a garden of your own?” she asked.

“No. I’m bachelder an’ **lodge** with Martin at th’ gate.”

“If you had one,” said Mary, “what would you plant?”

“Cabbages an’ ‘taters an’ onions.”

“But if you wanted to make a flower garden,” persisted Mary, “what would you plant?”

“Bulbs an’ sweet-smellin’ things--but mostly roses.”

Mary’s face lighted up.

“Do you like roses?” she said.

Ben Weatherstaff **rooted** up a **weed** and threw it aside before he answered.

“Well, yes, I do. I was learned that by a young lady I was gardener to. She had a lot in a place she was **fond** of, an’ she loved ‘em like they was children--or

Thesaurus

flirt: (*n, v*) coquette; (*v*) dally, coquet, toy, romance, trifle, spoon; (*n*) dalliance, vamp, tease, flirting.

fond: (*adj*) affectionate, caring, devoted, tender, loving, amorous, delicate, adoring, doting, ardent, attached. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) aversion, cold, rough.

gave: (*v*) deliver, allow, allot, provide, furnish, impart, administer; (*n*) gives.

grin: (*n, v*) beam; (*v*) laugh, sneer, leer, quip, quip, satire, skit; (*n*) smirk,

grinning, simper. ANTONYM: (*v*) frown.

lodge: (*n, v*) cabin, place, house; (*adj, v*) live, dwell, reside, inhabit; (*n*) cottage; (*v*) quarter, accommodate, fix. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dislodge, evict.

rooted: (*adj, v*) fixed; (*adj*) ingrained, immovable, inveterate, firm, set, frozen, riveted, irremovable; (*v*) imbedded, posited.

unearthly: (*adj*) weird, ghostly, uncanny, ethereal, unworldly,

preternatural, spectral, eerie, spiritual, strange, heavenly.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) natural, physical, acceptable, normal, human.

weed: (*n*) grass, marijuana, pot, plant, fireweed, smoke, ganja; (*v*) eliminate, hoe, plow; (*adj*) pick.

wrinkled: (*adj, n*) rough, rugged; (*adj*) puckered, creased, wrinkly, wizened, crumpled, lined, gnarled, unironed, crinkled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwrinkled, ironed, straight.

robins. I've seen her **bend** over an' kiss 'em." He **dragged** out another weed and scowled at it. "That were as much as ten year' ago."

"Where is she now?" asked Mary, much interested.

"Heaven," he answered, and drove his spade deep into the soil, "'cording to what **parson** says."

"What happened to the roses?" Mary asked again, more interested than ever.

"They was left to themselves."

Mary was becoming quite excited.

"Did they quite die? Do roses quite die when they are left to themselves?" she ventured.

"Well, I'd got to like 'em--an' I liked her--an' she liked 'em," Ben Weatherstaff admitted **reluctantly**. "Once or twice a year I'd go an' work at 'em a bit--prune 'em an' dig about th' roots. They run wild, but they was in rich soil, so some of 'em lived."

"When they have no leaves and look gray and brown and dry, how can you tell **whether** they are dead or alive?" inquired Mary.

"Wait till th' spring gets at 'em--wait till th' sun shines on th' rain and th' rain **falls** on th' sunshine an' then tha'll find out."

"How--how?" cried Mary, **forgetting** to be careful. "Look along th' **twigs** an' branches an' if tha' see a bit of a brown **lump swelling** here an' there, watch it after th' warm rain an' see what happens." He stopped suddenly and looked curiously at her eager face. "Why does tha' care so much about roses an' such, all of a sudden?" he demanded.

Mistress Mary felt her face grow red. She was almost afraid to answer.

"I--I want to play that--that I have a garden of my own," she stammered. "I--there is nothing for me to do. I have nothing--and no one."

"Well," said Ben Weatherstaff slowly, as he watched her, "that's true. Tha' hasn't."

Thesaurus

bend: (*n, v*) bow, turn, arch, arc, crook, twist, elbow; (*adj, n, v*) curve; (*v*) stoop, crouch; (*adj, v*) flex.

ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) square; (*v*) align, unbend, leave.

dragged: (*adj*) depressed, dejected, upset, unhappy, spent, dispirited, somber, melancholy, gloomy, joyless, low.

falls: (*n*) cataract, waterfall, chute, angel, torrent, Victoria, twin, force, body of water, Guaira, Niagara.

forgetting: (*v*) forget; (*adj*) oblivious; (*n*) disregard.

lump: (*n, v*) heap, knot, chunk, block; (*n*) gob, tumor, hunk, bit, bulge; (*adj, n*) clod; (*adj, n, v*) mass. ANTONYM: (*v*) divide.

parson: (*n*) cleric, clergyman, rector, pastor, curate, preacher, ecclesiastic, divine, priest, vicar, father.

reluctantly: (*adv*) loathly, aversely, grudgingly, backwardly, hesitantly, reluctant, slowly, unenthusiastically,

indisposedly, lothly, charily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) freely, wholeheartedly.

robins: (*n*) finches, Passeriformes, order Passeriformes.

swelling: (*n*) protuberance, lump, swell, intumescence, growth, projection, prominence, bulge, dropsy; (*adj, v*) inflated; (*adj*) growing. ANTONYM: (*n*) decline.

twigs: (*n*) sprays.

whether: (*pron*) where.

He said it in such an odd way that Mary wondered if he was actually a little sorry for her. She had never felt sorry for herself; she had only felt tired and cross, because she disliked people and things so much. But now the world seemed to be changing and getting nicer. If no one found out about the secret garden, she should enjoy herself always.

She stayed with him for ten or fifteen minutes longer and asked him as many questions as she dared. He answered every one of them in his queer **grunting** way and he did not seem really cross and did not pick up his spade and leave her. He said something about roses just as she was going away and it reminded her of the ones he had said he had been fond of.

"Do you go and see those other roses now?" she asked.

"Not been this year. My rheumatics has made me too stiff in th' joints."

He said it in his **grumbling** voice, and then quite suddenly he seemed to get angry with her, though she did not see why he should.

"Now look here!" he said sharply. "Don't tha' ask so many questions. Tha'rt th' worst wench for askin' questions I've ever come a cross. Get thee gone an' play thee. I've done talkin' for today."

And he said it so **crossly** that she knew there was not the least use in **staying** another minute. She went skipping slowly down the outside walk, thinking him over and saying to herself that, queer as it was, here was another person whom she liked in spite of his **crossness**. She liked old Ben Weatherstaff. Yes, she did like him. She always wanted to try to make him talk to her. Also she began to believe that he knew everything in the world about flowers.

There was a laurel-hedged walk which **curved** round the secret garden and ended at a gate which opened into a wood, in the park. She thought she would slip round this walk and look into the wood and see if there were any rabbits hopping about. She enjoyed the skipping very much and when she reached the little gate she opened it and went through because she heard a low, **peculiar whistling** sound and wanted to find out what it was.

Thesaurus

crossly: (*adv*) grumpily, grouchily, angrily, petulantly, sullenly, peevishly, sulkily, crabblily, contrarily, furiously, transversely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, contentedly, pleasantly, calmly, lightly.

crossness: (*n*) crabbedness, crabbiness, petulance, peevishness, testiness, irritability, cholera, annoyance, anger, ire, fury.

curved: (*adj*) crooked, arched, curve,

round, deformed, curvy, curving, rounded, hooked, tortuous; (*v*) bowed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) concave, flat, sharp, square, unbent.

grumbling: (*n*) grumble, growling, murmur, murmuring, mutter, muttering; (*adj, n*) rumbling; (*adv*) grumbly; (*adj*) grouchy, grumpy, irritable.

grunting: (*n*) inarticulate, grunting respiration, growl, grunt.

peculiar: (*adj*) particular, odd,

exceptional, different, extraordinary, curious, eccentric, characteristic, anomalous, abnormal, distinctive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) normal, typical, common, universal, explicable, conventional.

staying: (*n*) stays, arrest; (*adj*) continual, old, left.

whistling: (*n*) whistle, sound, tin whistle, music, pennywhistle, sign, signal, signaling.

It was a very strange thing indeed. She quite caught her breath as she stopped to look at it. A boy was sitting under a tree, with his back against it, playing on a rough wooden **pipe**. He was a funny looking boy about twelve. He looked very clean and his nose turned up and his cheeks were as red as poppies and never had Mistress Mary seen such round and such blue eyes in any boy's face. And on the trunk of the tree he leaned against, a brown **squirrel** was clinging and watching him, and from behind a bush nearby a cock **pheasant** was delicately stretching his neck to **peep** out, and quite near him were two rabbits sitting up and sniffing with **tremulous** noses--and actually it appeared as if they were all drawing near to watch him and listen to the strange low little call his pipe seemed to make.

When he saw Mary he held up his hand and spoke to her in a voice almost as low as and rather like his **piping**.

"Don't tha' move," he said. "It'd flight 'em." Mary remained motionless. He stopped playing his pipe and began to rise from the ground. He moved so slowly that it scarcely seemed as though he were moving at all, but at last he stood on his feet and then the squirrel scampered back up into the branches of his tree, the pheasant withdrew his head and the rabbits dropped on all fours and began to hop away, though not at all as if they were frightened.

"I'm Dickon," the boy said. "I know tha'rt Miss Mary."

Then Mary realized that somehow she had known at first that he was Dickon. Who else could have been charming rabbits and **pheasants** as the natives charm **snakes** in India? He had a wide, red, **curving** mouth and his smile spread all over his face.

"I got up slow," he explained, "because if tha' makes a quick move it startles 'em. A body 'as to move gentle an' speak low when wild things is about."

He did not speak to her as if they had never seen each other before but as if he knew her quite well. Mary knew nothing about boys and she spoke to him a little stiffly because she felt rather shy.

"Did you get Martha's letter?" she asked.

Thesaurus

curving: (*adj*) curved, winding, crooked, bowed, devious, falciform, smooth, serpentine; (*n*) bending, curve, curvature. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, jerky.

peep: (*n, v*) glance, peek, look, gaze, glint, squeal; (*n*) glimpse, cheep; (*v*) chirp, peer, pry. ANTONYMS: (*v*) stare, gaze; (*n*) examination.

pheasant: (*n*) monal, afropavo, peafowl, wildfowl, bird of Juno, golden pheasant, monaul, phasianid,

Argus pheasant, Argus.

pheasants: (*n*) Phasianidae, brush turkeys, chickens, curassows, family Phasianidae, Galliformes, grouse, hoatzins, order Galliformes, partridges.

pipe: (*n*) conduit, duct, flue, passage, pipeage; (*n, v*) channel, cry; (*v*) squeak, sing, peep, screech.

piping: (*n*) pipe, pipeage, conduit, line, chimneypot, drainpipe, main, edging; (*adj*) high, shrill, reedy.

snakes: (*n*) Ophidia, suborder Serpentes, subclass Lepidosauria, suborder Ophidia, Lepidosauria. **squirrel:** (*n*) hackee, spermophile, baranduki, burunduki, gopher, baronduki, barunduki, collector; (*v*) bank, conserve; (*adj*) courser.

tremulous: (*adj*) shaky, trembling, shaking, fearful, apprehensive, quavering, fidgety, shivering; (*n*) nervous, diffident, coy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stable, confident, steady.

He nodded his curly, rust-colored head. "That's why I come."

He **stooped** to pick up something which had been lying on the ground beside him when he piped.

"I've got th' garden tools. There's a little spade an' rake an' a fork an' hoe. Eh! they are good 'uns. There's a **trowel**, too. An' th' woman in th' shop threw in a packet o' white **poppy** an' one o' blue larkspur when I bought th' other seeds."

"Will you show the seeds to me?" Mary said.

She wished she could talk as he did. His speech was so quick and easy. It sounded as if he liked her and was not the least afraid she would not like him, though he was only a common moor boy, in **patched** clothes and with a funny face and a rough, rusty-red head. As she came closer to him she **noticed** that there was a clean fresh scent of heather and grass and leaves about him, almost as if he were made of them. She liked it very much and when she looked into his funny face with the red cheeks and round blue eyes she forgot that she had felt shy.

"Let us sit down on this log and look at them," she said.

They sat down and he took a clumsy little brown paper package out of his coat pocket. He **untied** the string and inside there were ever so many neater and smaller packages with a picture of a flower on each one.

"There's a lot o' **mignonette** an' poppies," he said. "Mignonette's th' sweetest smellin' thing as grows, an' it'll grow wherever you cast it, same as poppies will. Them as'll come up an' **bloom** if you just whistle to 'em, them's th' nicest of all." He stopped and turned his head quickly, his poppy-cheeked face lighting up.

"Where's that robin as is callin' us?" he said.

The chirp came from a thick **holly** bush, bright with scarlet berries, and Mary thought she knew whose it was.

"Is it really calling us?" she asked.

Thesaurus

bloom: (*adj, n, v*) flower; (*v*) prosper, flourish, thrive, burgeon; (*adj, v*) blow, fructify; (*n*) prime, blush, flush, bud. ANTONYMS: (*v*) shrivel, struggle, wane, die, deteriorate, decrease; (*n*) pallor, withering.
holly: (*n*) Charles Hardin Holley, common winterberry holly, buddy holly, deciduous holly, evergreen winterberry, flowering tree, gallberry, angiospermous tree.
mignonette: (*n*) *reseda odorata*,

reseda, sweet *reseda*; (*adj*) *reseda* green.
noticed: (*adj*) noted.
patched: (*adj*) mean, besmirched, old, damaged, ragged, flyblown.
poppy: (*n*) opiate, celandine, creamcups, opium poppy, *Papaver somniferum*, celandine poppy, swallowwort, corn poppy, field poppy, *bocconia*; (*v*) balm.
stooped: (*adj*) hunched, stoop, stooping, crooked, bended, not

straight, inclined, not erect, arched, asymmetrical, droopy.
trowel: (*n*) spatula, watch glass, dipper, transplanter, thimble, tablespoon, pointing trowel, plastering trowel, brick trowel, garden trowel; (*v*) delve.
untied: (*adj*) unfastened, unchained, unshackled, unlaced, unbound, unfettered, free, unsewed, open, unconnected, rambling.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tied, laced.

"Aye," said Dickon, as if it was the most natural thing in the world, "he's callin' some one he's friends with. That's same as sayin' 'Here I am. Look at me. I wants a bit of a chat.' There he is in the **bush**. Whose is he?"

"He's Ben Weatherstaff's, but I think he knows me a little," answered Mary.

"Aye, he knows thee," said Dickon in his low voice again. "An' he likes thee. He's took thee on. He'll tell me all about thee in a minute."

He moved quite close to the bush with the slow movement Mary had noticed before, and then he made a sound almost like the robin's own twitter. The robin listened a few seconds, **intently**, and then answered quite as if he were **replying** to a question.

"Aye, he's a friend o' yours," chuckled Dickon.

"Do you think he is?" cried Mary eagerly. She did so want to know. "Do you think he really likes me?"

"He wouldn't come near thee if he didn't," answered Dickon. "Birds is rare choosers an' a robin can **flout** a body worse than a man. See, he's making up to thee now. 'Cannot tha' see a chap?' he's sayin'."

And it really seemed as if it must be true. He so sidled and twittered and tilted as he hopped on his bush.

"Do you understand everything birds say?" said Mary.

Dickon's grin spread until he seemed all wide, red, curving mouth, and he rubbed his rough head.

"I think I do, and they think I do," he said. "I've lived on th' moor with 'em so long. I've watched 'em break **shell** an' come out an' **fledge** an' learn to fly an' begin to **sing**, till I think I'm one of 'em. Sometimes I think p'raps I'm a bird, or a fox, or a **rabbit**, or a squirrel, or even a **beetle**, an' I don't know it."

He laughed and came back to the log and began to talk about the flower seeds again. He told her what they looked like when they were flowers; he told her how to plant them, and watch them, and **feed** and water them.

Thesaurus

beetle: (*v*) project, jut, bulge; (*adj*) beetling, impend, bestride, mount, ride, protrusive; (*n*) mallet; (*adj, v*) hang over.

bush: (*n*) shrub, wild, jungle, hedge, outback, scrub, heath, plant, thicket, wilderness, chaparral.

feed: (*v*) eat, dine, browse, encourage, board, diet, nourish, fatten; (*n, v*) nurture, provender; (*n*) aliment. ANTONYMS: (*v*) thwart, crave, desire, sap.

fledge: (*v*) feather, accouter, array, betrim, dress, fettle, get, grow, flight, rig; (*adj, v*) flidge.

flout: (*n, v*) deride, jeer, gibe, taunt, scoff, mock, sneer; (*v*) defy, scorn, jest, scout. ANTONYMS: (*v*) observe, notice.

intently: (*adv*) fixedly, attentively, seriously, raptly, intensely, closely, steadily, eagerly, absorbedly, hard, steadfastly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) absently.

rabbit: (*n*) cony, hare, lapin, bunny, cottontail, leporide, shuttle, coward; (*adj*) milch cow, seed plot, warren.

replying: (*adj*) respondent, responsive. **shell:** (*n*) rind, sheath, case, casing, bullet, bark, shot, crust; (*n, v*) bomb, pod; (*v*) bombard. ANTONYM: (*n*) middle.

sing: (*v*) hymn, hum, chirp, drone, intone, vocalize, pipe, carol, snitch; (*n, v*) twitter, squeak.

"See here," he said suddenly, turning round to look at her. "I'll plant them for thee myself. Where is tha' garden?"

Mary's thin hands **clutched** each other as they lay on her lap. She did not know what to say, so for a whole minute she said nothing. She had never thought of this. She felt **miserable**. And she felt as if she went red and then pale.

"Tha's got a bit o' garden, hasn't tha'?" Dickon said.

It was true that she had turned red and then pale. Dickon saw her do it, and as she still said nothing, he began to be **puzzled**.

"Wouldn't they give thee a bit?" he asked. "Hasn't tha' got any yet?"

She held her hands tighter and turned her eyes toward him.

"I don't know anything about boys," she said slowly. "Could you keep a secret, if I told you one? It's a great secret. I don't know what I should do if any one found it out. I believe I should die!" She said the last sentence quite **fiercely**.

Dickon looked more puzzled than ever and even rubbed his hand over his rough head again, but he answered quite good-humoredly. "I'm keepin' **secrets** all th' time," he said. "If I couldn't keep secrets from th' other lads, secrets about foxes' cubs, an' birds' nests, an' wild things' holes, there'd be **naught** safe on th' moor. Aye, I can keep secrets."

Mistress Mary did not mean to put out her hand and clutch his **sleeve** but she did it.

"I've stolen a garden," she said very fast. "It isn't mine. It isn't anybody's. Nobody wants it, nobody cares for it, nobody ever goes into it. Perhaps everything is dead in it already. I don't know."

She began to feel hot and as contrary as she had ever felt in her life.

"I don't care, I don't care! Nobody has any right to take it from me when I care about it and they don't. They're letting it die, all shut in by itself," she ended **passionately**, and she threw her arms over her face and burst out crying-poor little Mistress Mary.

Thesaurus

clutch: (*n, v*) clasp, grip, clench, grasp, hold, clinch, gripe; (*v*) grab, grapple, embrace; (*adj, v*) catch. ANTONYMS: (*n*) loose; (*v*) release, unfasten.
fiercely: (*adv*) violently, bitterly, strongly, savagely, brutally, intensely, wildly, cruelly, vehemently, grimly, furiously.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) mildly, dully, tame, docilely, tamely, calmly, feebly.
miserable: (*adj, v*) forlorn, wretched, unhappy; (*adj*) mean, low, abject,

deplorable, downcast, bad, desolate; (*adj, adv*) meager. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) happy, generous, cheerful, cheery, bright, fortunate, hopeful, jubilant, luxurious, overjoyed, heavenly.
naught: (*n*) cipher, nothing, null, aught, nix, nought, zip, cypher, nada; (*adj, n, pron*) nil; (*n, pron*) zilch.
passionately: (*adv*) fervently, vehemently, violently, fiercely, eagerly, zealously, fervidly, fierily, enthusiastically, heatedly, stormily.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) mildly, apathetically, calmly, halfheartedly, impassively, jokingly, gently.
puzzled: (*adj*) bewildered, confused, baffled, nonplussed, doubtful, bemused, at a loss, curious, mystified, nonplused, dazed.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) clear.
secrets: (*n*) secrecy.
sleeve: (*n*) arm, liner, cover, cuff, wristband, collar, socket, skin, sheath; (*v*) plexus, skein.

Dickon's curious blue eyes grew **rounder** and rounder. "Eh-h-h!" he said, drawing his **exclamation** out slowly, and the way he did it meant both wonder and sympathy.

"I've nothing to do," said Mary. "Nothing belongs to me. I found it myself and I got into it myself. I was only just like the robin, and they wouldn't take it from the robin." "Where is it?" asked Dickon in a dropped voice.

Mistress Mary got up from the log at once. She knew she felt contrary again, and **obstinate**, and she did not care at all. She was imperious and Indian, and at the same time hot and **sorrowful**.

"Come with me and I'll show you," she said.

She led him round the **laurel** path and to the walk where the ivy grew so thickly. Dickon followed her with a queer, almost **pitying**, look on his face. He felt as if he were being led to look at some strange bird's nest and must move softly. When she stepped to the wall and lifted the **hanging** ivy he started. There was a door and Mary pushed it slowly open and they passed in together, and then Mary stood and **waved** her hand round defiantly.

"It's this," she said. "It's a secret garden, and I'm the only one in the world who wants it to be alive."

Dickon looked round and round about it, and round and round again.

"Eh!" he almost whispered, "it is a queer, pretty place! It's like as if a body was in a dream."

Thesaurus

exclamation: (*n*) clamor, ejaculation, exclaiming, utterance, whoop, interjection, shout, expletive, deuce, Dickens, ecphonesis.

hanging: (*n*) execution, curtain, arras, wall hanging; (*adj*) suspended, pendent, pendant, pendulous, hung, pending; (*n, v*) suspension.

laurel: (*n*) bays, honor, rose-laurel, cassia, cinnamon, sweet bay, Daphne, bay tree, palm, garland, fame.

obstinate: (*adj*) obdurate, inflexible,

intractable, determined, inveterate, disobedient, willful, stubborn, contrary, wayward, dogged.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flexible, amenable, irresolute, cooperative, easygoing, docile, biddable, agreeable, accommodating, malleable, gentle.

pitying: (*adj*) sympathetic, merciful, pity, pityingly, gloomy, meritless, pitiful, sorry, sorry for, humane, dreary.

rounder: (*n*) debauchee, debaucher, fornicator, libertine, philanderer, blood, rake, adulterer, ravisher, rip, seducer.

sorrowful: (*adj*) melancholy, doleful, sad, rueful, lugubrious, gloomy, dreary, grievous, piteous, unhappy, mournful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

cheerful, content, joyful, successful. **waved:** (*adj*) undulating, wavy, curly, not dated, undated.

CHAPTER XI

THE NEST OF THE MISSEL THRUSH

For two or three minutes he stood looking round him, while Mary watched him, and then he began to walk about softly, even more **lightly** than Mary had walked the first time she had found herself inside the four **walls**. His eyes seemed to be taking in everything--the gray trees with the gray **creepers climbing** over them and hanging from their branches, the tangle on the walls and among the grass, the evergreen alcoves with the stone seats and tall flower urns standing in them.

"I never thought I'd see this place," he said at last, in a whisper.

"Did you know about it?" asked Mary.

She had **spoken aloud** and he made a sign to her.

"We must talk low," he said, "or some one'll hear us an' wonder what's to do in here."

"Oh! I forgot!" said Mary, feeling **frightened** and putting her hand quickly against her mouth. "Did you know about the garden?" she asked again when she had **recovered** herself. Dickon nodded.

"Martha told me there was one as no one ever went inside," he answered. "Us used to wonder what it was like."

Thesaurus

aloud: (*adv*) loud, out loud, strong, out, audibly, hard, forte.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) softly, inaudibly, quietly.

climbing: (*n*) climb, ascension, mounting, mountain climbing, mountaineering, rock climbing, acclivity; (*v*) ascending, uprising, arise; (*adj*) scandent.

creepers: (*n*) Certhiidae.

frightened: (*adj*) fearful, timid, startled, terrified, scared, alarmed,

anxious, apprehensive, horrified, intimidated, restless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unimpressed, confident, brave, fearless, reassured.

lightly: (*adv*) slightly, airily, thinly, easily, gently, light, fairly, weakly, flimsily, delicately, wantonly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) seriously, heavily, thickly, sturdily, angrily, hard, harshly, densely, brightly, awkwardly.

recovered: (*adj*) cured, retrieved, well,

well again, healthier, aged, improved, whole, better, corned.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) worse.

spoken: (*adj*) verbal, expressed, speaking, speak, unwritten, vocal, voiced, talk, said, informal, conversational. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) written, unspoken, tacit, formal, silent.

walls: (*n*) brickwork, buttresses, defenses, masonry, ramparts, fortifications.

He stopped and looked round at the lovely gray tangle about him, and his round eyes looked **queerly** happy.

"Eh! the nests as'll be here come springtime," he said. "It'd be th' safest nestin' place in England. No one never comin' near an' tangles o' trees an' roses to build in. I wonder all th' birds on th' moor don't build here."

Mistress Mary put her hand on his arm again without knowing it.

"Will there be roses?" she whispered. "Can you tell? I thought perhaps they were all dead."

"Eh! No! Not them--not all of 'em!" he answered. "Look here!"

He stepped over to the nearest tree--an old, old one with gray **lichen** all over its **bark**, but **upholding** a curtain of tangled sprays and branches. He took a thick knife out of his Pocket and opened one of its blades.

"There's lots o' dead wood as ought to be cut out," he said. "An' there's a lot o' old wood, but it made some new last year. This here's a new bit," and he touched a shoot which looked **brownish** green instead of hard, dry gray. Mary touched it herself in an eager, **reverent** way.

"That one?" she said. "Is that one quite alive quite?"

Dickon curved his wide smiling mouth.

"It's as **wick** as you or me," he said; and Mary remembered that Martha had told her that "wick" meant "alive" or "lively."

"I'm glad it's wick!" she cried out in her whisper. "I want them all to be wick. Let us go round the garden and count how many wick ones there are."

She quite panted with **eagerness**, and Dickon was as eager as she was. They went from tree to tree and from bush to bush. Dickon carried his knife in his hand and showed her things which she thought wonderful.

"They've run wild," he said, "but th' strongest ones has fair thrived on it. The delicatest ones has died out, but th' others has growed an' growed, an' spread an' spread, till they's a wonder. See here!" and he pulled down a thick

Thesaurus

bark: (*n, v*) skin, yelp, snarl, cry, rind, shout; (*v*) growl, roar; (*n*) bay, peel, crust. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) whisper.

brownish: (*n*) bronze, tan; (*adj*) chromatic, subfuscous.

eagerness: (*n, v*) desire, aspiration; (*n*) enthusiasm, avidity, cupidity, readiness, passion, keenness, ambition, fervor, avidness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) indifference, unwillingness, aloofness, disinterest, lethargy, listlessness, patience,

gloom, reluctance.

lichen: (*n*) crotal, crotle, crottal, basidiolichen, mold, moss, arctic moss, conferva, beard lichen, beard moss, crottles.

queerly: (*adv*) curiously, funnily, fishily, strangely, peculiarly, singularly, comically, fantastically, fantastically, funny, suspiciously.

reverent: (*adj, v*) pious, devout, religious; (*adj*) respectful, holy, deferential, godly, reverential,

worshipful, pietistic; (*v*) devotional. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) blasphemous, disrespectful, impious, irreverent.

upholding: (*n*) advocacy, support, maintenance, continuance, avowal, avowance, continuation, defense, keeping, perpetuation; (*adj*) comforting. ANTONYMS: (*n*) end, destruction.

wick: (*n*) taper, candlewick, wax light, cord, candle, sleeve bearing wick, burner.

gray, dry-looking branch. "A body might think this was dead wood, but I don't believe it is--down to th' root. I'll cut it low down an' see."

He knelt and with his knife cut the lifeless-looking branch through, not far above the earth.

"There!" he said **exultantly**. "I told thee so. There's green in that wood yet. Look at it."

Mary was down on her knees before he spoke, gazing with all her might.

"When it looks a bit **greenish** an' juicy like that, it's wick," he explained. "When th' inside is dry an' breaks easy, like this here piece I've cut off, it's done for. There's a big root here as all this live wood sprung out of, an' if th' old wood's cut off an' it's dug round, and took care of there'll be--" he stopped and lifted his face to look up at the climbing and hanging sprays above him--"there'll be a fountain o' roses here this summer."

They went from bush to bush and from tree to tree. He was very strong and clever with his knife and knew how to cut the dry and dead wood away, and could tell when an **unpromising bough** or **twig** had still green life in it. In the course of half an hour Mary thought she could tell too, and when he cut through a lifeless-looking branch she would cry out **joyfully** under her breath when she caught sight of the least shade of **moist** green. The spade, and hoe, and fork were very useful. He showed her how to use the fork while he dug about roots with the spade and stirred the earth and let the air in.

They were working **industriously** round one of the biggest standard roses when he caught sight of something which made him utter an exclamation of surprise.

"Why!" he cried, pointing to the grass a few feet away. "Who did that there?"

It was one of Mary's own little clearings round the pale green points.

"I did it," said Mary.

"Why, I thought tha' didn't know nothin' about gardenin'," he exclaimed.

Thesaurus

bough: (*n*) arm, limb, bow, member, tigella, ramage, offshoot, ramification, spray, sprig, stem.

exultantly: (*adv*) exultingly, triumphantly, gleefully, victoriously, elatedly, delightedly, joyfully, proudly, rejoicingly, triumphally; (*adv, v*) happily.

greenish: (*adj*) green, virescent, viridescent, fleecy, envious, covetous, chromatic, porraceous.

industriously: (*adv*) diligently,

painstakingly, busily, sedulously, tirelessly, untiringly, eagerly, studiously, laboriously, carefully, conscientiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) wearily, carelessly.

joyfully: (*adv*) joyously, merrily, gaily, gleefully, buoyantly, cheerily, jubilantly, pleasantly, mirthfully; (*adv, v*) happily; (*adj, adv*) cheerfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) joylessly, miserably, despondently.

moist: (*adj*) damp, wet, muggy,

clammy, dank, damps, dampish, soggy, soppy, wettish, moisture. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dry, limp, fresh.

twig: (*n*) sprig, bough, limb, shoot, offshoot, spray, branchlet, scion, stalk; (*n, v*) stick; (*v*) grasp.

unpromising: (*adj*) unpropitious, hopeless, worrying, bleak, warning, bad, ominous, threatening, unattractive, unfavorable, gloomy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) optimistic, hopeful, encouraging.

"I don't," she answered, "but they were so little, and the grass was so thick and strong, and they looked as if they had no room to **breathe**. So I made a place for them. I don't even know what they are."

Dickon went and knelt down by them, smiling his wide smile.

"Tha' was right," he said. "A gardener couldn't have told thee better. They'll grow now like Jack's bean-stalk. They're crocuses an' **snowdrops**, an' these here is narcissuses," turning to another patch, "an here's daffydowndillys. Eh! they will be a sight."

He ran from one **clearing** to another.

"Tha' has done a lot o' work for such a little wench," he said, looking her over.

"I'm growing fatter," said Mary, "and I'm growing stronger. I used always to be tired. When I dig I'm not tired at all. I like to smell the earth when it's turned up."

"It's rare good for thee," he said, **nodding** his head **wisely**. "There's naught as nice as th' smell o' good clean earth, except th' smell o' fresh growin' things when th' rain falls on 'em. I get out on th' moor many a day when it's rainin' an' I lie under a bush an' listen to th' soft **swish** o' drops on th' heather an, I just **sniff** an, sniff. My nose end fair quivers like a rabbit's, mother says."

"Do you never catch cold?" inquired Mary, **gazing** at him **wonderingly**. She had never seen such a funny boy, or such a nice one.

"Not me," he said, **grinning**. "I never ketched cold since I was born. I wasn't brought up nesh enough. I've chased about th' moor in all weathers same as th' rabbits does. Mother says I've sniffed up too much fresh air for twelve year' to ever get to sniffin' with cold. I'm as tough as a white-thorn knobstick."

He was working all the time he was talking and Mary was following him and helping him with her fork or the trowel.

"There's a lot of work to do here!" he said once, looking about quite exultantly.

Thesaurus

breathe: (*n, v*) respire, subsist, imply; (*n*) breath, bespeak; (*adj, n, v*) live; (*v*) exhale, exist, emit, rest, be.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) suffocate, hide, choke, asphyxiate, drain, die, inhale.
clearing: (*n*) clarification, clearance, purgation, purging, purge, clear-melting, correction, tract, improvement, release, freeing.
drops: (*n*) tear.
gazing: (*adj*) fixed.
grinning: (*n*) grin, smile, facial

expression, facial gesture, smiling; (*adj*) beaming.
nodding: (*adj*) cernuous, drooping, dozy, dozing, somnolent, drugged, pendulous, drowsing, droopy, annuent, flagging. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) awake.
sniff: (*v*) nose, inhale, smell, breathe, breathe in, sniffle, smoke, smell out, despise; (*n, v*) snuff, whiff.
swish: (*adj*) classy, swanky, fashionable, smart, stylish, deluxe; (*v*)

lap, rustle, sizzle, whiz; (*n*) cyclic noise. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) unfashionable, inelegant, unstylish, Spartan, meager; (*n*) silence.
wisely: (*adv*) judiciously, prudently, sagaciously, cleverly, discreetly, shrewdly, smartly, learnedly, astutely, sharply, perspicaciously. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) stupidly, recklessly, imprudently, immaturely, illogically.
wonderingly: (*adv*) quizzically.

"Will you come again and help me to do it?" Mary begged. "I'm sure I can help, too. I can dig and **pull** up weeds, and do whatever you tell me. Oh! do come, Dickon!"

"I'll come every day if tha' wants me, rain or shine," he answered stoutly. "It's the best fun I ever had in my life-- shut in here an' wakenin' up a garden."

"If you will come," said Mary, "if you will help me to make it **alive** I'll--I don't know what I'll do," she ended **helplessly**. What could you do for a boy like that?

"I'll tell thee what tha'll do," said Dickon, with his happy grin. "Tha'll get fat an' tha'll get as hungry as a young fox an' tha'll learn how to talk to th' robin same as I do. Eh! we'll have a lot o' fun."

He began to walk about, looking up in the **trees** and at the walls and bushes with a thoughtful expression.

"I wouldn't want to make it look like a gardener's garden, all clipped an' **spick** an' **span**, would you?" he said. "It's nicer like this with things runnin' wild, an' swingin' an' catchin' hold of each other."

"Don't let us make it tidy," said Mary anxiously. "It wouldn't seem like a secret garden if it was tidy."

Dickon stood **rubbing** his rusty-red head with a rather puzzled look. "It's a secret garden sure enough," he said, "but seems like some one besides th' robin must have been in it since it was shut up ten year' ago."

"But the door was locked and the key was buried," said Mary. "No one could get in."

"That's true," he answered. "It's a queer place. Seems to me as if there'd been a bit o' prunin' done here an' there, later than ten year' ago."

"But how could it have been done?" said Mary.

He was **examining** a branch of a standard rose and he **shook** his head.

"Aye! how could it!" he murmured. "With th' door locked an' th' key buried."

Thesaurus

alive: (*adj*) live, vivacious, living, sensible, delicate, snappy, animated, lively, spry, responsive; (*n*) life.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) deceased, inanimate, unanimated, dispirited, dull, inactive, lethargic, lifeless, listless, nonfunctioning, sluggish.
examining: (*v*) examine, investigate; (*adj*) investigative, curious, disquisitive, exploratory, inquiring.
helplessly: (*adv*) weakly, powerlessly, lostly, destitutely, shiftlessly,

defenselessly, unprotectedly, ineffectively, wretchedly, incompetently, disabledly.
ANTONYM: (*adv*) powerfully.
pull: (*n, v*) draw, drag, pluck, tug, wrench, jerk; (*v*) draught, haul, attract, pick; (*n*) attraction.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) repel, shove, leave; (*n*) repulsion, repulsiveness.
rubbing: (*n*) friction, abrasion, grinding, detrition, rub, grip, resistance, chafe, sweat, travail,

massage. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) smoothness.
shook: (*adj*) shake, vibrate, addled, barrel, cask, confused, distressed, hurt, passionate, puzzled.
span: (*n*) length, distance, couple, range, period, extent, pair; (*n, v*) bridge, reach, stretch; (*v*) cross.
spick: (*adj*) immaculate, speckless, spotless, faultless, impeccable; (*n*) cleaner, spik.
trees: (*n*) foliage.

Mistress Mary always felt that however many years she lived she should never forget that first morning when her garden began to grow. Of course, it did seem to begin to grow for her that morning. When Dickon began to clear places to plant **seeds**, she remembered what Basil had **sung** at her when he wanted to tease her.

“Are there any flowers that look like bells?” she inquired.

“Lilies o’ th’ valley does,” he answered, digging away with the trowel, “an’ there’s Canterbury bells, an’ campanulas.”

“Let’s plant some,” said Mary. “There’s lilies o’ th, valley here already; I saw ‘em. They’ll have growed too close an’ we’ll have to separate ‘em, but there’s plenty. Th’ other ones takes two years to bloom from seed, but I can bring you some bits o’ plants from our **cottage** garden. Why does tha’ want ‘em?”

Then Mary told him about Basil and his brothers and sisters in India and of how she had hated them and of their **calling** her “Mistress Mary Quite Contrary.”

“They used to **dance** round and sing at me. They sang—

Mistress Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With **silver** bells, and cockle shells,
And marigolds all in a row.

I just remembered it and it made me wonder if there were really flowers like silver bells.”

She frowned a little and gave her trowel a rather **spiteful** dig into the earth.

“I wasn’t as contrary as they were.”

But Dickon laughed.

“Eh!” he said, and as he **crumbled** the rich black **soil** she saw he was sniffing up the scent of it. “There doesn’t seem to be no need for no one to be contrary

Thesaurus

calling: (*n*) business, occupation, call, avocation, job, trade, career, employment, walk, pursuit; (*n, v*) profession. ANTONYMS: (*n*) entertainment, hobby.

cottage: (*n*) cabin, bungalow, crib, hut, villa, lodge, shanty, chalet, country house, house, cot.

crumbled: (*adj*) rotten, fragmented.

dance: (*v*) caper, bop, to dance, cavort, play, skip, to show courage, step; (*n, v*) hop, jump, shake.

seed: (*n*) issue, posterity, root, progeny, offspring, origin, nucleus, brood, embryo; (*v*) inseminate, plant.

silver: (*n*) money, gold, bullion, precious Metals; (*adj*) silvery, argent, white, silvern, gray, neutral tint; (*v*) plate.

soil: (*adj, n*) dirt; (*adj, v*) smudge; (*v*) pollute, dirty, contaminate, mire; (*n, v*) grime; (*n*) land, dust, earth; (*adj, n, v*) blot. ANTONYMS: (*v*) wash, cleanse, purify; (*n*) sea.

spiteful: (*adj*) malicious, malevolent, sinister, nasty, malignant, venomous, spiteful, ill-natured, vindictive, cruel, hateful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) benevolent, harmless, merciful, kindhearted, friendly, pleasant, loving, benign, generous, gentle, flattering.

sung: (*v*) sing; (*n*) call, sung dynasty, strain, song dynasty, song, birdsong, birdcall; (*adj*) spoken, outspoken, choral.

when there's flowers an' such like, an' such lots o' friendly wild things runnin' about makin' homes for themselves, or buildin' nests an' singin' an' whistlin', does there?"

Mary, kneeling by him holding the seeds, looked at him and stopped frowning.

"Dickon," she said, "you are as nice as Martha said you were. I like you, and you make the fifth person. I never thought I should like five people."

Dickon sat up on his heels as Martha did when she was polishing the grate. He did look funny and delightful, Mary thought, with his round blue eyes and red cheeks and happy looking turned-up nose.

"Only five **folk** as tha' likes?" he said. "Who is th' other four?"

"Your mother and Martha," Mary **checked** them off on her fingers, "and the robin and Ben Weatherstaff."

Dickon laughed so that he was obliged to **stifle** the sound by putting his arm over his mouth.

"I know tha' thinks I'm a queer lad," he said, "but I think tha' art th' queerest little lass I ever saw."

Then Mary did a strange thing. She leaned forward and asked him a question she had never dreamed of asking any one before. And she tried to ask it in Yorkshire because that was his lan- guage, and in India a native was always **pleased** if you knew his speech.

"Does tha' like me?" she said.

"Eh!" he answered **heartily**, "that I does. I likes thee wonderful, an' so does th' robin, I do believe!"

"That's two, then," said Mary. "That's two for me."

And then they began to work **harder** than ever and more joyfully. Mary was startled and sorry when she heard the big **clock** in the **courtyard** strike the hour of her midday dinner.

Thesaurus

checked: (*adj*) checkered, chequered, check, plaid, examine, temperate, tartan, silent, safe, pent-up, numbered.

clock: (*n*) chronometer, horologe, alarm, alarm clock, clepsydra, ticker, cuckoo clock, clock radio; (*n, v*) time, stopwatch; (*v*) measure.

courtyard: (*n*) yard, area, square, backyard, atrium, forecourt, bailey, cloister, grounds, patio, quad.

folk: (*n*) family, common people,

nationality, nation, country, clan, tribe, race, persons, man; (*adj*) popular.

harder: (*adj*) serious.

heartily: (*adv*) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) feebly, languorously.

pleased: (*adj*) contented, glad, delighted, content, joyful, thankful,

gratified, appreciative, overjoyed, cheerful; (*adj, v*) elated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhappy, annoyed, angry, worried, ashamed, disappointed, frustrated, sad, unsatisfied, ungrateful, uncomplimentary.

stifle: (*v*) smother, suffocate, repress, dampen, muffle, extinguish, strangle, quell, hush up, asphyxiate, check. ANTONYMS: (*v*) express, arouse, stimulate, light, exacerbate, show.

"I shall have to go," she said **mournfully**. "And you will have to go too, won't you?"

Dickon grinned.

"My dinner's easy to carry about with me," he said. "Mother always lets me put a bit o' somethin' in my pocket."

He picked up his coat from the grass and brought out of a pocket a **lumpy** little bundle tied up in a quite clean, **coarse**, blue and white handkerchief. It held two thick **pieces** of bread with a slice of something laid between them.

"It's oftenest naught but bread," he said, "but I've got a fine slice o' fat bacon with it today."

Mary thought it looked a queer dinner, but he seemed ready to enjoy it.

"Run on an' get thy victuals," he said. "I'll be done with mine first. I'll get some more work done before I start back home."

He sat down with his back against a tree.

"I'll call th' robin up," he said, "and give him th' **rind** o' th' bacon to peck at. They likes a bit o' fat wonderful."

Mary could scarcely bear to leave him. Suddenly it seemed as if he might be a sort of wood fairy who might be gone when she came into the garden again. He seemed too good to be true. She went slowly half-way to the door in the wall and then she stopped and went back.

"Whatever happens, you--you never would tell?" she said.

His poppy-colored cheeks were **distended** with his first big bite of bread and bacon, but he managed to smile **encouragingly**.

"If tha' was a missel **thrush** an' showed me where thy nest was, does tha' think I'd tell any one? Not me," he said. "Tha' art as safe as a missel thrush."

And she was quite sure she was.

Thesaurus

coarse: (*adj*) vulgar, boorish, rough, brutal, crude, gross, common, earthy, blunt, bawdy; (*adj, v*) harsh.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sophisticated, refined, smooth, polite, soft, civil, cultured, delicate, fine, genteel, gentlemanly.
distended: (*adj*) inflated, bloated, turgid, puffed, bombastic, distent, expanded, enlarged; (*adj, v*) puffy; (*v*) blowzy, bigswoln.
encouragingly: (*adv*) promisingly,

inspiringly, encourage, hopefully, propitiously, positively, sympathetically, cheeringly, hortatorily, brightly, kindly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) negatively, inauspiciously.
lumpy: (*adj*) chunky, uneven, cumbersome, granular, knobby, unshapely, rude, indolent, gawky; (*v*) lumpish; (*n*) failure.
mournfully: (*adv*) sadly, sorrowfully, glumly, woefully, unhappily,

plaintively, grievously, funereally, dejectedly, dolorously, poignantly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, joyfully.
pieces: (*n*) debris, trash.
rind: (*n*) bark, crust, cortex, husk, coat, hull, paring, fur, hide, surface; (*n, v*) skin.
thrush: (*n*) mavis, ouzel, White-rumped thrush, candidiasis, blackbird, bluethroat, fieldfare, merl, moniliasis, ousel, philomel.

CHAPTER XII

“MIGHT I HAVE A BIT OF EARTH?”

Mary ran so fast that she was rather out of breath when she reached her room. Her hair was **ruffled** on her **forehead** and her cheeks were bright **pink**. Her dinner was waiting on the table, and Martha was waiting near it.

“Tha’s a bit late,” she said. “Where has tha’ been?”

“I’ve seen Dickon!” said Mary. “I’ve seen Dickon!”

“I knew he’d come,” said Martha exultantly. “How does tha’ like him?”

“I think--I think he’s beautiful!” said Mary in a determined voice.

Martha looked rather taken **aback** but she looked pleased, too.

“Well,” she said, “he’s th’ best lad as ever was born, but us never thought he was **handsome**. His nose turns up too much.”

“I like it to turn up,” said Mary.

“An’ his eyes is so round,” said Martha, a trifle **doubtful**. “Though they’re a nice color.” “I like them round,” said Mary. “And they are exactly the color of the sky over the moor.”

Martha beamed with **satisfaction**.

Thesaurus

aback: (*adv*) aft, astern, backward, abaft, backwards, short, sternmost, unawares, suddenly; (*adj*) back.

doubtful: (*adj*) dubious, debatable, distrustful, questionable, queer, suspicious, tentative, disputable, diffident, unsettled, unsure.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) trusting, convinced, reliable, confident, persuaded, provable, sure, hopeful, promising, likely, indubitable.

forehead: (*n*) brow, front, forehead,

lineament, mut, phiz, physiognomy, visage, eyebrow, skull; (*adv*) foremost.

handsome: (*adj*) fair, beautiful, fine, generous, charming, comely, attractive, bountiful, considerable, bonny, prepossessing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ugly, unattractive, meager, ungenerous, measly, plain.

pink: (*n*) rose, crimson, gillyflower, paragon; (*v*) knock, gore, impale, stab, spike, spear; (*adj*) flower.

ruffled: (*adj*) rippled, frilly, frilled, upset, disordered, excited, disconcerted, decorated, tousled, tangled, turbulent.

satisfaction: (*n, v*) pleasure, gratification, contentment, content; (*n*) enjoyment, joy, complacency, amends, reparation, redress, recompense. ANTONYMS: (*n*) displeasure, discontent, aggravation, sorrow, dismay, anxiety.

"Mother says he made 'em that color with always lookin' up at th' birds an' th' clouds. But he has got a big mouth, hasn't he, now?"

"I love his big mouth," said Mary **obstinately**. "I wish mine were just like it." Martha chuckled delightedly.

"It'd look rare an' funny in thy bit of a face," she said. "But I knowed it would be that way when tha' saw him. How did tha' like th' seeds an' th' garden **tools**?"

"How did you know he brought them?" asked Mary.

"Eh! I never thought of him not bringin' 'em. He'd be sure to bring 'em if they was in Yorkshire. He's such a **trusty** lad."

Mary was afraid that she might begin to ask difficult questions, but she did not. She was very much interested in the seeds and gardening tools, and there was only one moment when Mary was frightened. This was when she began to ask where the flowers were to be **planted**.

"Who did tha' ask about it?" she inquired.

"I haven't asked anybody yet," said Mary, **hesitating**. "Well, I wouldn't ask th' head gardener. He's too grand, Mr. **Roach** is."

"I've never seen him," said Mary. "I've only seen undergardeners and Ben Weatherstaff."

"If I was you, I'd ask Ben Weatherstaff," **advised** Martha. "He's not half as bad as he looks, for all he's so **crabbed**. Mr. Craven lets him do what he likes because he was here when Mrs. Craven was alive, an' he used to make her laugh. She **liked** him. Perhaps he'd find you a corner somewhere out o' the way."

"If it was out of the way and no one wanted it, no one could mind my having it, could they?" Mary said anxiously.

"There wouldn't be no reason," answered Martha. "You wouldn't do no harm."

Thesaurus

advised: (*adj*) studied, considered, premeditated, deliberate, calculated, intended; (*v*) determinate, express, designed.

crabbed: (*adj*) abstruse, sour, grumpy, morose, crusty, surly, churlish, moody, irritable, huffy; (*adj, n*) austere.

hesitating: (*adj*) indecisive, irresolute, undecided, doubtful, hesitate, reluctant, faltering, unwilling, hesitancy, backward, hesitatingly.

liked: (*adj*) popular, loved, favorite, preferred. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disliked.

obstinately: (*adv*) obdurately, mulishly, persistently, perversely, doggedly, refractorily, unyieldingly, willfully, pigheadedly, waywardly, firmly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) helpfully.

planted: (*adj*) ingrained, established, set, concealed.

roach: (*n*) rotch, stub, dace, oriental cockroach, blackbeetle, oriental roach, Mexican Valium, giant

cockroach, forget me drug, family Cyprinidae, dictyopterous insect.

tools: (*n*) tackle, apparatus, gear, appliance, machinery, utensil, rigging, knowledge, skill, factory, expertise.

trusty: (*adj*) trustworthy, honest, faithful, dependable, responsible, constant, loyal, true, authentic, solid, sure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untrustworthy, inconstant, corrupt, disloyal.

Mary ate her dinner as quickly as she could and when she rose from the table she was going to run to her room to put on her hat again, but Martha stopped her.

"I've got somethin' to tell you," she said. "I thought I'd let you eat your dinner first. Mr. Craven came back this mornin' and I think he wants to see you."

Mary turned quite pale.

"Oh!" she said. "Why! Why! He didn't want to see me when I came. I heard Pitcher say he didn't." "Well," explained Martha, "Mrs. Medlock says it's because o' mother. She was walkin' to Thwaite village an' she met him. She'd never spoke to him before, but Mrs. Craven had been to our cottage two or three times. He'd forgot, but mother hadn't an' she made **bold** to stop him. I don't know what she said to him about you but she said somethin' as put him in th' mind to see you before he goes away again, tomorrow."

"Oh!" cried Mary, "is he going away tomorrow? I am so glad!"

"He's goin' for a long time. He mayn't come back till **autumn** or winter. He's goin' to travel in foreign places. He's always doin' it."

"Oh! I'm so glad--so glad!" said Mary **thankfully**.

If he did not come back until winter, or even autumn, there would be time to watch the secret garden come alive. Even if he found out then and took it away from her she would have had that much at least.

"When do you think he will want to see--"

She did not finish the sentence, because the door opened, and Mrs. Medlock walked in. She had on her best black dress and cap, and her **collar** was **fastened** with a large **brooch** with a picture of a man's face on it. It was a colored **photograph** of Mr. Medlock who had died years ago, and she always wore it when she was **dressed** up. She looked nervous and excited.

"Your hair's rough," she said quickly. "Go and **brush** it. Martha, help her to slip on her best dress. Mr. Craven sent me to bring her to him in his study."

Thesaurus

autumn: (*n*) fall, season, downfall, descent, declivity, harvest.

bold: (*adj*) adventurous, audacious, manly, arrogant, intrepid, fearless, spirited, heroic, daring, courageous, stalwart. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) timid, modest, afraid, meek, shy, light, courteous, discreet, faint, fearful, abashed.

brooch: (*n*) broach, jewelry; (*n, v*) clasp; (*v*) fasten.

brush: (*n, v*) broom, touch, kiss; (*v*)

sweep, polish, graze, clean; (*n*) brushwood, conflict, copse, encounter.

collar: (*n, v*) arrest, catch, capture, pinch; (*n*) choker, ruff, lapel; (*v*) apprehend, nail, grab, clutch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) free, release.

dressed: (*adj*) attired, clad, garbed, appareled, spruced up, spiffed up, covered, polished, garmented; (*v*) clothed, habited.

fastened: (*adj*) tied, fast, buttoned,

closed, tight, secure, pinned, binding, empight, steady, firm. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfastened, unbuttoned.

photograph: (*n, v*) film; (*n*) picture, image, photo, likeness, print, portrait, copy, pic; (*v*) snap, shoot.

thankfully: (*adv*) gratefully, obligedly, beholdenly, indebtedly, pleasedly, fortunately, happily, unreservedly, with enthusiasm, with pleasure, freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unfortunately, unwillingly.

All the pink left Mary's cheeks. Her heart began to thump and she felt herself changing into a stiff, **plain**, silent child again. She did not even answer Mrs. Medlock, but turned and walked into her bedroom, followed by Martha. She said nothing while her dress was changed, and her hair **brushed**, and after she was quite tidy she followed Mrs. Medlock down the corridors, in silence. What was there for her to say? She was obliged to go and see Mr. Craven and he would not like her, and she would not like him. She knew what he would think of her.

She was taken to a part of the house she had not been into before. At last Mrs. Medlock knocked at a door, and when some one said, "Come in," they entered the room together. A man was sitting in an armchair before the fire, and Mrs. Medlock spoke to him.

"This is Miss Mary, sir," she said.

"You can go and leave her here. I will **ring** for you when I want you to take her away," said Mr. Craven.

When she went out and closed the door, Mary could only stand waiting, a plain little thing, **twisting** her thin hands together. She could see that the man in the chair was not so much a hunchback as a man with high, rather crooked shoulders, and he had black hair **streaked** with white. He turned his head over his high shoulders and spoke to her.

"Come here!" he said.

Mary went to him.

He was not ugly. His face would have been handsome if it had not been so miserable. He looked as if the sight of her **worried** and **fretted** him and as if he did not know what in the world to do with her.

"Are you well?" he asked.

"Yes," answered Mary.

"Do they take good care of you?"

"Yes."

He rubbed his forehead **fretfully** as he looked her over.

Thesaurus

brushed: (*adj*) napped, fleecy.
fretfully: (*adv*) restlessly, uneasily, anxiously, querulously, testily, snappishly, fractiously, petulantly, crossly, nervously, worriedly.
 ANTONYM: (*adv*) unconcernedly.
fretted: (*adj*) latticed, haggard, magged, latticelike, reticulated, reticular, interlaced. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unfretted.
plain: (*adj*) ordinary, comprehensible, intelligible, apparent, manifest,

obvious, clear, simple; (*adj, n*) flat, homely, humble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) elaborate, unclear, multicolored, mottled, ornate, concealed, attractive, confused, fussy, obscure, patterned.
ring: (*n, v*) encircle, peal, call, loop, jingle; (*v*) resound, echo, reverberate; (*n*) gang, band, rim.
streaked: (*adj*) veined, striped, streaky, brindled, lined, mottled, virgated, patterned; (*v*) areolar, cancellated, grated.

twisting: (*adj*) tortuous, winding, sinuous, crooked, zigzag, meandering; (*n*) distortion, turn, spin, torsion, overrefinement.
worried: (*adj*) uneasy, distressed, nervous, apprehensive, upset, anxious, disturbed, concerned, afraid, troubled, bothered. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) carefree, reassured, relaxed, untroubled, fearless, unworried, unconcerned, content, confident, serene.

"You are very thin," he said.

"I am getting fatter," Mary answered in what she knew was her stiffest way.

What an unhappy face he had! His black eyes seemed as if they scarcely saw her, as if they were seeing something else, and he could hardly keep his thoughts upon her.

"I forgot you," he said. "How could I remember you? I intended to send you a governess or a nurse, or some one of that sort, but I forgot."

"Please," began Mary. "Please--" and then the lump in her throat **choked** her.

"What do you want to say?" he inquired.

"I am--I am too big for a nurse," said Mary. "And please--please don't make me have a governess yet."

He rubbed his forehead again and stared at her.

"That was what the Sowerby woman said," he **muttered absentmindedly**.

Then Mary gathered a **scrap** of **courage**.

"Is she--is she Martha's mother?" she stammered.

"Yes, I think so," he replied.

"She knows about children," said Mary. "She has **twelve**. She knows."

He seemed to **rouse** himself.

"What do you want to do?"

"I want to play out of doors," Mary answered, hoping that her voice did not **tremble**. "I never liked it in India. It makes me hungry here, and I am getting fatter."

He was watching her.

"Mrs. Sowerby said it would do you good. Perhaps it will," he said. "She thought you had better get stronger before you had a governess."

"It makes me feel strong when I play and the wind comes over the moor," argued Mary.

Thesaurus

absentmindedly: (*adv*) absently, inattentively, distractedly, distantly, dreamily, forgetfully, vaguely, pensively, scattily, anxiously, thoughtlessly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, carefully.

choked: (*adj*) clogged, smothered, congested, annoyed, high-strung, strained, neurotic, tense, angry, anxious, insecure.

courage: (*n*) audacity, fortitude, boldness, nerve, spirit, backbone,

valor, heroism, gallantry, mettle, chivalry. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, faintheartedness, weakness, wimpiness, yellowness. **muttered:** (*adj*) garbled, incoherent, broken, inarticulate.

rouse: (*v*) provoke, excite, arouse, kindle, awaken, instigate, actuate, disturb, move, agitate, incite. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dampen, dishearten, suppress, douse, inhibit, stifle, quench.

scrap: (*n, v*) fight, brawl, clash, quarrel, junk; (*adj, n*) remnant, fragment; (*n*) end, remainder, bit, piece.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) keep, restore, preserve, adopt, insert; (*n*) chunk, lot. **tremble:** (*adj, n, v*) shiver; (*n, v*) quiver, shudder, thrill, palpitate; (*adj, v*) totter, quake; (*n*) throb; (*v*) flutter, quail, falter. ANTONYMS: (*v*) steady, calm.

twelve: (*adj, n*) dozen, XII; (*n*) boxcars, large integer.

"Where do you play?" he asked next.

"Everywhere," gasped Mary. "Martha's mother sent me a skipping-rope. I skip and run--and I look about to see if things are beginning to stick up out of the earth. I don't do any harm."

"Don't look so frightened," he said in a worried voice. "You could not do any harm, a child like you! You may do what you like."

Mary put her hand up to her throat because she was afraid he might see the excited lump which she felt jump into it. She came a step **nearer** to him.

"May I?" she said **tremulously**.

Her anxious little face seemed to worry him more than ever.

"Don't look so frightened," he exclaimed. "Of course you may. I am your **guardian**, though I am a poor one for any child. I cannot give you time or attention. I am too ill, and **wretched** and **distracted**; but I wish you to be happy and comfortable. I don't know anything about children, but Mrs. Medlock is to see that you have all you need. I sent for you to-day because Mrs. Sowerby said I ought to see you. Her daughter had talked about you. She thought you needed fresh air and freedom and running about."

"She knows all about children," Mary said again in spite of herself.

"She ought to," said Mr. Craven. "I thought her rather bold to stop me on the moor, but she said--Mrs. Craven had been kind to her." It seemed hard for him to speak his dead wife's name. "She is a **respectable** woman. Now I have seen you I think she said sensible things. Play out of doors as much as you like. It's a big place and you may go where you like and amuse yourself as you like. Is there anything you want?" as if a sudden thought had struck him. "Do you want toys, **books**, dolls?"

"Might I," quavered Mary, "might I have a bit of earth?"

In her eagerness she did not realize how queer the words would sound and that they were not the ones she had meant to say. Mr. Craven looked quite startled.

Thesaurus

books: (*n*) notebook, account, ledger, literature, accountancy.

distracted: (*adj*) demented, inattentive, abstracted, crazy, frenzied, distraught, preoccupied, distressed, confused; (*adj, v*) mad, disconcerted.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attentive, alert, assured, calm, mellow.

guardian: (*n*) guard, defender, champion, curator, warden, conservator, bodyguard, keeper; (*adj, n*) protector; (*adj*) protective,

custodial. ANTONYMS: (*n*) attacker, detractor.

nearer: (*adj*) adjacent, narre, hither; (*adv*) more rapidly, sooner, quicker, nigher, NER, faster, earlier, Neer.

respectable: (*adj*) considerable, decorous, fair, estimable, decent, honorable, good, proper, creditable, passable, honest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bad, small, sordid, scruffy, inadequate, unrespectable, paltry, discourteous, inappropriate, sinful,

unacceptable.

tremulously: (*adv*) fearfully, shiveringly, tremblingly, shakingly, quiveringly, quaveringly, fidgetily, vibrantly.

wretched: (*adj*) unfortunate, pitiful, sad, pitiable, woeful, pathetic, piteous, lamentable; (*adj, v*) poor, unhappy, forlorn. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fine, strong, fortunate, overjoyed, nice, admirable, good, cheery, joyous, lucky, comfortable.

"Earth!" he repeated. "What do you mean?"

"To plant seeds in--to make things grow--to see them come alive," Mary faltered.

He gazed at her a moment and then passed his hand quickly over his eyes.

"Do you--care about gardens so much," he said slowly.

"I didn't know about them in India," said Mary. "I was always ill and tired and it was too hot. I sometimes made littlebeds in the sand and **stuck** flowers in them. But here it is different."

Mr. Craven got up and began to walk slowly across the room.

"A bit of earth," he said to himself, and Mary thought that somehow she must have **reminded** him of something. When he stopped and spoke to her his dark eyes looked almost soft and kind.

"You can have as much earth as you want," he said. "You remind me of some one else who loved the earth and things that grow. When you see a bit of earth you want," with something like a smile, "take it, child, and make it come alive."

"May I take it from anywhere--if it's not wanted?"

"Anywhere," he answered. "There! You must go now, I am tired." He touched the bell to call Mrs. Medlock. "Good-by. I shall be away all summer."

Mrs. Medlock came so quickly that Mary thought she must have been waiting in the corridor.

"Mrs. Medlock," Mr. Craven said to her, "now I have seen the child I understand what Mrs. Sowerby meant. She must be less **delicate** before she begins **lessons**. Give her simple, healthy food. Let her run wild in the garden. Don't look after her too much. She needs **liberty** and fresh air and romping about. Mrs. Sowerby is to come and see her now and then and she may sometimes go to the cottage."

Mrs. Medlock looked pleased. She was **relieved** to hear that she need not "look after" Mary too much. She had felt her a **tiresome** charge and had indeed

Thesaurus

delicate: (*adj*) accurate, tender, dainty, refined, breakable, fragile, beautiful, brittle, soft, nice, frail. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inelegant, robust, heavy, sturdy, tough, careless, inaccurate, rough, well, substantial, unscrupulous.
lessons: (*n*) classes, coaching, tuition, schoolwork, revision, learning, education, training.
liberty: (*adj, n*) freedom, franchise; (*n*) license, leave, independence, autonomy, emancipation, latitude,

permission, scope, release. ANTONYMS: (*n*) slavery, domination, constraint, suppression, dependence.
relieved: (*adj*) alleviated, thankful, mitigated, prominent, pleased, joyful, fresh, delighted, comfortable, cheerful, happy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) worried.
remind: (*v*) recollect, prompt, recall, commemorate, call up, memorialize, hint, jog, inform, think; (*n, v*) mind.

stuck: (*adj*) stranded, jammed, delayed, fast; (*adj, adv*) aground; (*n*) stuck ware, thrust, sticking; (*v*) sticked, fasten, attach. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unstuck, loose.
tiresome: (*adj*) tedious, dull, laborious, irksome, monotonous, annoying, slow, dreary, bothersome; (*adj, v*) wearisome, troublesome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stimulating, fun, varied, soothing, pleasant, brisk, exciting, convenient, refreshing.

seen as little of her as she dared. In **addition** to this she was fond of Martha's mother.

"Thank you, sir," she said. "Susan Sowerby and me went to school together and she's as sensible and **good**-hearted a woman as you'd find in a day's walk. I never had any children myself and she's had twelve, and there never was **healthier** or better ones. Miss Mary can get no harm from them. I'd always take Susan Sowerby's advice about children myself. She's what you might call healthy-minded--if you understand me."

"I understand," Mr. Craven answered. "Take Miss Mary away now and send Pitcher to me."

When Mrs. Medlock left her at the end of her own corridor Mary flew back to her room. She found Martha waiting there. Martha had, in fact, **hurried** back after she had removed the dinner service.

"I can have my garden!" cried Mary. "I may have it where I like! I am not going to have a governess for a long time! Your mother is coming to see me and I may go to your cottage! He says a little girl like me could not do any harm and I may do what I like--anywhere!"

"Eh!" said Martha **delightedly**, "that was nice of him wasn't it?"

"Martha," said Mary **solemnly**, "he is really a nice man, only his face is so miserable and his forehead is all drawn together."

She ran as quickly as she could to the garden. She had been away so much longer than she had thought she should and she knew Dickon would have to set out early on his five-mile walk. When she slipped through the door under the ivy, she saw he was not working where she had left him. The gardening tools were **laid** together under a tree. She ran to them, looking all round the place, but there was no Dickon to be seen. He had gone away and the secret garden was empty--except for the robin who had just flown across the wall and sat on a standard rose-bush watching her. "He's gone," she said **woefully**. "Oh! was he--was he--was he only a wood fairy?"

Thesaurus

addition: (*n*) accession, accessory, increase, extension, addendum, accretion, attachment, appendage, annex, extra; (*n, prep*) accumulation. ANTONYMS: (*n*) removal, estimation, deduction, exclusion, decline, erosion, loss, setback.
delightedly: (*adv*) elatedly, jubilantly, pleasedly, overjoyedly, joyfully, exultantly, gleefully, entrancedly, joyously, cheerfully; (*adv, v*) happily.
good-hearted: (*adj*) benign, good-

natured, kindly, kindhearted.
healthier: (*adj*) fitter. ANTONYM: (*adj*) worse.
hurried: (*adj*) fast, sudden, speedy, rapid, quick, swift, headlong, abrupt, cursory, precipitate, prompt. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhurried, leisurely, considered, patient, meticulous, thorough.
laid: (*adj*) layed, lay, place, placed, put, situated, arranged, determined, dictated, hardened, ordered.

solemnly: (*adv*) earnestly, gravely, majestically, stately, sternly, staidly, thoughtfully, soberly, formally, ceremoniously, importantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, flippantly.
woefully: (*adv*) lamentably, deplorably, unhappily, mournfully, wretchedly, gloomily, ruefully; (*adj, adv*) grievously, dreadfully, piteously, miserably.

Something white fastened to the standard rose-bush **caught** her eye. It was a piece of paper, in fact, it was a piece of the letter she had **printed** for Martha to send to Dickon. It was fastened on the bush with a long **thorn**, and in a **minute** she knew Dickon had left it there. There were some **roughly** printed **letters** on it and a sort of picture. At first she could not tell what it was. Then she saw it was **meant** for a nest with a **bird** sitting on it. Underneath were the printed letters and they said:

“I will cum bak.”

Thesaurus

bird: (*n*) wench, poultry, fowl, girl, birdie, hen, chick, Bronx cheer, shuttlecock, archaeornis, archeopteryx.

caught: (*adj*) fixed, guilty, accomplished, wedged, trapped, interested, exposed, defenseless, culpable; (*v*) seize, get. ANTONYM: (*adj*) loose.

letters: (*n*) erudition, literature, correspondence, lore, script, scholarship, post, print, mail, letter,

polite literature.

meant: (*adj*) destined, implied, sincere, preordained, intentional, predestined; (*v*) intend, designate.

minute: (*n, v*) note; (*adj*) little, delicate, microscopic, small, atomic; (*n*) jiffy, flash, moment, second, memorandum. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) huge, big, gigantic, significant, cursory, immeasurable, tremendous, important, colossal, giant, large.

printed: (*adj*) written, imprinted,

stamped, pressed, embossed, on paper.

roughly: (*adv*) coarsely, harshly, violently, rudely, unevenly, hardly, severely, crudely; (*adj, adv*) nearly; (*adv, prep*) about; (*adj, adv, prep*) just about. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) softly, gently, smoothly, exactly, finely, lovingly, precisely, well, evenly.

thorn: (*n*) barb, prickle, bramble, spike, point, brier, pricker, needle, sticker, fang; (*adj, n*) sting.

CHAPTER XIII

“I AM COLIN”

Mary took the picture back to the house when she went to her supper and she showed it to Martha.

“Eh!” said Martha with great **pride**. “I never knew our Dickon was as **clever** as that. That there’s a picture of a missel thrush on her nest, as large as life an’ twice as natural.”

Then Mary knew Dickon had meant the picture to be a message. He had meant that she might be sure he would keep her secret. Her garden was her nest and she was like a missel thrush. Oh, how she did like that queer, common boy!

She hoped he would come back the very next day and she fell asleep looking forward to the morning.

But you never know what the **weather** will do in Yorkshire, particularly in the **springtime**. She was awakened in the night by the sound of rain beating with heavy drops against her window. It was **pouring** down in torrents and the wind was “wuthering” round the corners and in the **chimneys** of the huge old house. Mary sat up in bed and felt miserable and **angry**.

“The rain is as contrary as I ever was,” she said. “It came because it knew I did not want it.”

Thesaurus

angry: (*adj*) anger, furious, provoked, incensed, vehement, fierce, irate, raging, maddened, shirty, indignation. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleased, gentle, joyful, content, euphoric, mild, happy, resigned, joyous, gleeful, quiet.
chimneys: (*n*) chimney.
clever: (*adj*) capable, acute, intelligent, able, apt, expert, skillful, cunning, sharp; (*adj, v*) brilliant, smart. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clumsy,

unintelligent, dim, dull, inept, thick, naive, idiotic, moronic, incompetent, open.
pouring: (*adj*) gushing, teeming, flowing profusely, burbling, burbly; (*n*) casting, affusion, downpour, effusion, tapping, baptism. ANTONYM: (*adj*) light.
pride: (*n*) arrogance, conceit, egotism, vanity, lordliness, assumption, insolence, disdain, hauteur; (*n, v*) boast; (*v*) plume. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

modesty, sorrow, dregs, disgrace, shame, baseness.
springtime: (*n*) prime, springtide, youth, puberty, springiness, bounce, saltation, bound, outpouring, outflow, natural spring.
weather: (*v*) survive, withstand, resist, brave, stand, brave out, wear; (*n*) climate, atmospheric condition, downfall, inclemency. ANTONYMS: (*v*) succumb, reject.

She threw herself back on her **pillow** and buried her face. She did not cry, but she lay and hated the sound of the heavily beating rain, she hated the wind and its “wuthering.” She could not go to sleep again. The **mournful** sound kept her awake because she felt mournful herself. If she had felt happy it would probably have lulled her to sleep. How it “wuthered” and how the big **raindrops** poured down and beat against the **pane!**

“It sounds just like a person lost on the moor and wandering on and on crying,” she said.

She had been lying awake turning from side to side for about an hour, when suddenly something made her sit up in bed and turn her head toward the door listening. She listened and she listened.

“It isn’t the wind now,” she said in a loud whisper. “That isn’t the wind. It is different. It is that crying I heard before.”

The door of her room was **ajar** and the sound came down the corridor, a far-off faint sound of fretful crying. She listened for a few minutes and each minute she became more and more sure. She felt as if she must find out what it was. It seemed even stranger than the secret garden and the buried key. Perhaps the fact that she was in a **rebellious** mood made her bold. She put her foot out of bed and stood on the floor.

“I am going to find out what it is,” she said. “Everybody is in bed and I don’t care about Mrs. Medlock--I don’t care!”

There was a **candle** by her bedside and she took it up and went softly out of the room. The corridor looked very long and dark, but she was too excited to mind that. She thought she remembered the corners she must turn to find the short corridor with the door covered with tapestry--the one Mrs. Medlock had come through the day she lost herself. The sound had come up that passage. So she went on with her dim light, almost feeling her way, her heart beating so loud that she **fancied** she could hear it. The far-off faint crying went on and led her. Sometimes it stopped for a moment or so and then began again. Was this the right corner to turn? She stopped and thought. Yes it was. Down this passage

Thesaurus

ajar: (*v*) dissentient, unclosed, unstoppered, wide open, out of tune; (*adj*) open, gaping, partly open, not closed.

candle: (*n*) candela, light, taper, bougie, CD, candlepower, lamp, wax light, Standard candle; (*v*) examine, illuminate.

fancied: (*adj*) unreal, chimerical, fictional, fanciful, fictitious, fabricated, preferred, assumed, illusory, imagined, ideal.

mournful: (*adj*) sad, miserable, melancholy, funereal, dolorous, dark, pensive, gloomy, lugubrious, lamentable; (*adj, n*) plaintive.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) joyful, happy, emotionless.

pane: (*n*) window pane, paneling, pane of glass, panelling, windowpane, window-pane, board, square, sheet of glass, leaf, box.

pillow: (*v*) rest, breathe, lie, not move; (*adj*) wadding; (*n*) throw pillow,

Wanger, bed pillow, feather bed, long pillow, padding.

raindrops: (*n*) rain, raindrop.

rebellious: (*adj*) insubordinate, mutinous, disaffected, defiant, disobedient, contrary, contumacious, insurgent, stubborn, unruly, malcontent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) docile, conventional, obedient, conformist, content, conforming, cooperative, loyal, meek, submissive, obliging.

and then to the left, and then up two broad steps, and then to the right again. Yes, there was the tapestry door.

She pushed it open very gently and closed it behind her, and she stood in the corridor and could hear the crying quite plainly, though it was not loud. It was on the other side of the wall at her left and a few yards farther on there was a door. She could see a **glimmer** of light coming from beneath it. The Someone was crying in that room, and it was quite a young Someone.

So she walked to the door and pushed it open, and there she was standing in the room!

It was a big room with ancient, handsome furniture in it. There was a low fire **glowing faintly** on the hearth and a night light burning by the side of a carved four-posted bed hung with brocade, and on the bed was lying a boy, crying fretfully.

Mary wondered if she was in a real place or if she had fallen asleep again and was **dreaming** without knowing it.

The boy had a sharp, delicate face the color of ivory and he seemed to have eyes too big for it. He had also a lot of hair which **tumbled** over his forehead in heavy **locks** and made his thin face seem smaller. He looked like a boy who had been ill, but he was crying more as if he were tired and cross than as if he were in pain.

Mary stood near the door with her candle in her hand, holding her breath. Then she crept across the room, and, as she drew nearer, the light attracted the boy's attention and he turned his head on his pillow and stared at her, his gray eyes opening so wide that they seemed **immense**.

"Who are you?" he said at last in a half-frightened whisper. "Are you a ghost?"

"No, I am not," Mary answered, her own whisper **sounding** half frightened. "Are you one?"

Thesaurus

dreaming: (*n*) reverie, ambition, nightmare, conception, castle in the air; (*adj*) absent-minded, asleep, visionary, vacant, wistful, rapt.

faintly: (*adv*) dimly, vaguely, indistinctly, lightly, weakly, hazily, slightly, softly, shadowily, infirmly, palely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) clearly, intensely, distinctly, overpoweringly, harshly, considerably, powerfully, strongly, brightly, obviously, audibly.

glimmer: (*adj, n, v*) flicker, twinkle; (*n, v*) gleam, shimmer, flash, sparkle, beam, glow, shine; (*v*) blink; (*n*) gleaming.

glowing: (*adj, n*) enthusiastic, cordial, passionate; (*adj*) burning, fervent, blazing, flaming, fiery, dazzling; (*adj, v*) warm; (*adj, adv*) aglow. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pale, wan, unhappy, unenthusiastic, derogatory, dispassionate, unwell.

immense: (*adj*) vast, enormous, great,

gigantic, immeasurable, colossal, boundless, big, large, giant, infinite. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tiny, small, insignificant, miniature, slight, negligible, compact, narrow, short, minor.

locks: (*n*) hair, tresses, head of hair. **sounding:** (*n*) investigation, depth, exploration, test; (*adj*) resounding, resonant, looking, audible, sonant, voiceful, hollow.

tumbled: (*adj*) disordered.

He stared and stared and stared. Mary could not help noticing what strange eyes he had. They were **agate** gray and they looked too big for his face because they had black lashes all round them.

"No," he replied after waiting a moment or so. "I am Colin."

"Who is Colin?" she faltered.

"I am Colin Craven. Who are you?"

"I am Mary Lennox. Mr. Craven is my uncle."

"He is my father," said the boy.

"Your father!" gasped Mary. "No one ever told me he had a boy! Why didn't they?"

"Come here," he said, still keeping his strange eyes fixed on her with an **anxious** expression.

She came close to the bed and he put out his hand and **touched** her.

"You are real, aren't you?" he said. "I have such real dreams very often. You might be one of them."

Mary had slipped on a **woolen wrapper** before she left her room and she put a piece of it between his fingers.

"Rub that and see how **thick** and warm it is," she said. "I will **pinch** you a little if you like, to show you how real I am. For a minute I thought you might be a dream too."

"Where did you come from?" he asked.

"From my own room. The wind wuthered so I couldn't go to sleep and I heard some one crying and wanted to find out who it was. What were you crying for?"

"Because I couldn't go to sleep **either** and my head ached. Tell me your name again."

"Mary Lennox. Did no one ever tell you I had come to live here?"

Thesaurus

agate: (*n*) calcedony, heliotrope, carnelian, gagate, achate, chalcedony.

anxious: (*adj*) uneasy, alarmed, thoughtful, fearful, apprehensive, agitated, keen; (*adj, v*) nervous, tense, solicitous, jumpy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, carefree, confident, rational, unconcerned, undisturbed, untroubled, assured, comfortable, cool, apathetic.

either: (*adj*) whatever; (*adv*) too, also, neither, besides, likewise; (*n*) or; (*det*)

any; (*conj*) other.

pinch: (*n, v*) nip, arrest, twinge, squeeze; (*n*) emergency, crisis, exigency; (*v*) compress, lift, wring, constrict.

thick: (*adj*) compact, stupid, crowded, slow, opaque, dull, heavy, stocky, deep, close, familiar. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thin, intelligent, sparse, bright, slight, clever, transparent, diluted, fine, clear, runny.

touched: (*adj*) insane, cracked, tinged,

not right, daft, crazy, nutty; (*v*) compassionate, sympathetic, pitiful, mucid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

untouched, sane, unemotional, unmoved, well.

woolen: (*adj, n*) woollen; (*n*) fleece, tweed, fabric, cloth, woolen goods; (*adj*) woolly.

wrapper: (*n*) cover, wrap, cloak, peignoir, housecoat, negligé, envelope, wrapping, covering, dust cover, mantle.

He was still **fingering** the **fold** of her wrapper, but he began to look a little more as if he **believed** in her reality.

"No," he answered. "They daren't."

"Why?" asked Mary.

"Because I should have been afraid you would see me. I won't let people see me and talk me over."

"Why?" Mary asked again, feeling more mystified every moment.

"Because I am like this always, ill and having to lie down. My father won't let people talk me over either. The servants are not allowed to speak about me. If I live I may be a hunchback, but I shan't live. My father hates to think I may be like him."

"Oh, what a queer house this is!" Mary said. "What a queer house! Everything is a kind of secret. **Rooms** are locked up and gardens are locked up--and you! Have you been locked up?"

"No. I stay in this room because I don't want to be moved out of it. It **tires** me too much."

"Does your father come and see you?" Mary ventured.

"Sometimes. Generally when I am asleep. He doesn't want to see me."

"Why?" Mary could not help asking again.

A sort of angry **shadow** passed over the boy's face.

"My mother died when I was born and it makes him wretched to look at me. He thinks I don't know, but I've heard people talking. He almost hates me."

"He hates the garden, because she died," said Mary half speaking to herself.

"What garden?" the boy asked.

"Oh! just--just a garden she used to like," Mary stammered. "Have you been here always?" "Nearly always. Sometimes I have been taken to places at the **seaside**, but I won't stay because people stare at me. I used to **wear** an **iron** thing to keep my back straight, but a grand doctor came from London to see me and

Thesaurus

believed: (*adj*) whispered, alleged, thought, held.

fingering: (*n*) location, placement, feeling, emplacement.

fold: (*n, v*) crease, pucker, wrinkle, lap, double, roll, bend; (*v*) crumple, collapse, wrap; (*n*) flock.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) flatness, expose, open, create, thrive, smooth; (*n*) unfolding.

iron: (*v*) firm, flatten; (*n*) Fe, chain, cast iron, irons; (*adj*) hard, adamant, steel,

harsh, tenacious.

rooms: (*n*) flat, apartment, chamber, quarters, lodging, chambers, accommodation, cortege, suite, temporary housing, accommodations.

seaside: (*adj, n*) seaboard; (*n*) beach, seashore, shore, coastline, sand, sea, seabeach; (*adj*) seacoast, coastal, maritime.

shadow: (*n*) ghost, darkness, apparition, follower, gloom,

reflection; (*n, v*) eclipse, trace, tail, hint; (*v*) follow. ANTONYMS: (*v*) brighten, lead; (*n*) brightness, pallor. **tires:** (*v*) pressure release valve, safety valve.

wear: (*n*) clothing, clothes, apparel, attire, garb; (*v*) endure, fatigue, waste, bear, tire, fray. ANTONYMS: (*v*) refresh, reject, rebuild, please, freshen, disrobe, delight, cheer, refuse; (*n*) improvement.

said it was stupid. He told them to take it off and keep me out in the fresh air. I **hate** fresh air and I don't want to go out."

"I didn't when first I came here," said Mary. "Why do you keep looking at me like that?"

"Because of the **dreams** that are so real," he answered rather fretfully. "Sometimes when I open my eyes I don't believe I'm awake."

"We're both awake," said Mary. She glanced round the room with its high **ceiling** and **shadowy** corners and dim fire-light. "It looks quite like a dream, and it's the middle of the night, and everybody in the house is asleep--everybody but us. We are wide awake."

"I don't want it to be a dream," the boy said restlessly.

Mary thought of something all at once.

"If you don't like people to see you," she began, "do you want me to go away?"

He still held the fold of her wrapper and he gave it a little pull.

"No," he said. "I should be sure you were a dream if you went. If you are real, sit down on that big **footstool** and talk. I want to hear about you."

Mary put down her candle on the table near the bed and sat down on the cushioned stool. She did not want to go away at all. She wanted to stay in the mysterious hidden-away room and talk to the mysterious boy.

"What do you want me to tell you?" she said.

He wanted to know how long she had been at Misselthwaite; he wanted to know which corridor her room was on; he wanted to know what she had been doing; if she disliked the moor as he disliked it; where she had lived before she came to Yorkshire. She answered all these questions and many more and he lay back on his pillow and listened. He made her tell him a great deal about India and about her **voyage** across the **ocean**. She found out that because he had been an **invalid** he had not learned things as other children had. One of his nurses had

Thesaurus

ceiling: (*n*) cap, limit, maximum, overhead, upper limit, top, roof, limitation, confine, tile, thatch.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) minimum, floor.
dream: (*n*) aspiration, ambition, reverie, desire, fantasy, figment, nightmare; (*n, v*) vision, sleep; (*v*) muse, imagine. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) alertness, nightmare.
hate: (*v*) abhor, detest, loathe, abominate; (*n*) enmity, abhorrence, detestation, hatred, animosity,

antipathy, aversion. **ANTONYMS:** (*n, v*) like; (*v*) adore, cherish, admire; (*n*) attraction, liking, delight, adoration.
invalid: (*adj*) false, illogical, unreasonable, null, weak, void, unhealthy, sick, flawed; (*n*) infirm; (*v*) disable. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) valid, legitimate, current, healthy, true, watertight, correct.
ocean: (*n*) deep, brine, salt water, main, waves, watery waste, multitude, lot; (*adj*) oceanic, many,

marine.
shadowy: (*adj*) indistinct, misty, dark, faint, obscure, hazy, gloomy, vague, shady, insubstantial, dusky.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clear, palpable, light, distinct, open.
stool: (*n*) seat, bench, footstool, feces, dejection, faeces, ordure, fecal matter, droppings, bowel movement, form.
voyage: (*n, v*) travel, cruise, tour; (*n*) trip, passage, expedition, flight, crossing, quest; (*v*) sail, navigate.

taught him to read when he was quite little and he was always reading and looking at pictures in splendid books.

Though his father rarely saw him when he was awake, he was given all **sorts** of wonderful things to amuse himself with. He never seemed to have been **amused**, however. He could have anything he asked for and was never made to do anything he did not like to do. "Everyone is obliged to do what pleases me," he said **indifferently**. "It makes me ill to be angry. No one believes I shall live to grow up."

He said it as if he was so accustomed to the idea that it had ceased to matter to him at all. He seemed to like the sound of Mary's voice. As she went on talking he listened in a drowsy, interested way. Once or twice she wondered if he were not gradually falling into a **doze**. But at last he asked a question which opened up a new subject.

"How old are you?" he asked.

"I am ten," answered Mary, forgetting herself for the moment, "and so are you."

"How do you know that?" he **demand**ed in a surprised voice.

"Because when you were born the garden door was locked and the key was buried. And it has been locked for ten years."

Colin half sat up, turning toward her, **leaning** on his elbows.

"What garden door was locked? Who did it? Where was the key buried?" he exclaimed as if he were suddenly very much interested.

"It--it was the garden Mr. Craven hates," said Mary **nervously**. "He locked the door. No one--no one knew where he buried the key." "What sort of a garden is it?" Colin persisted eagerly.

"No one has been allowed to go into it for ten years," was Mary's careful answer.

But it was too late to be careful. He was too much like herself. He too had had nothing to think about and the idea of a hidden garden attracted him as it

Thesaurus

amused: (*adj*) amusing, smiling, tickled pink, pleased, diverted.

demanded: (*adj*) urgent, popular, requisitory.

doze: (*n, v*) snooze, sleep, slumber, drowse, siesta, forty winks, rest; (*v*) catnap, nod, coma, nod off.

ANTONYM: (*v*) wake.

indifferently: (*adv*) carelessly, coldly, nonchalantly, listlessly, unconcernedly, uninterestedly, neutrally, middlingly, casually,

unbiasedly, disinterestedly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) passionately, obsessively, carefully, eagerly, energetically, warmly, anxiously, enthusiastically, sympathetically.

leaning: (*adj, n*) bent, disposition, partiality; (*n*) propensity, bias, tendency, incline, lean; (*adj*) tilted, canted, inclined. ANTONYMS: (*n*) antipathy, dislike; (*adj*) upright.

nervously: (*adv*) edgily, anxiously, timidly, worriedly, uneasily,

restlessly, timorously, skittishly, excitedly, neurotically, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) confidently, boldly, fearlessly, unconcernedly, nonchalantly, trustingly.

sorts: (*n*) varieties, sorting, running pi, batter.

taught: (*adj*) instructed, educated, schooled, instruct, well-bred, scholarly, provided; (*v*) firm, fast, close, taut.

had attracted her. He asked question after question. Where was it? Had she never looked for the door? Had she never asked the gardeners?

"They won't talk about it," said Mary. "I think they have been told not to answer questions."

"I would make them," said Colin.

"Could you?" Mary faltered, beginning to feel frightened. If he could make people answer questions, who knew what might happen!

"Everyone is obliged to please me. I told you that," he said. "If I were to live, this place would sometime **belong** to me. They all know that. I would make them tell me."

Mary had not known that she herself had been spoiled, but she could see quite plainly that this mysterious boy had been. He thought that the whole world belonged to him. How peculiar he was and how **coolly** he **spoke** of not living.

"Do you think you won't live?" she asked, **partly** because she was curious and partly in hope of making him forget the garden.

"I don't suppose I shall," he answered as indifferently as he had spoken before. "Ever since I remember anything I have heard people say I shan't. At first they thought I was too little to understand and now they think I don't hear. But I do. My doctor is my father's **cousin**. He is quite poor and if I die he will have all Misselthwaite when my father is dead. I should think he wouldn't want me to live."

"Do you want to live?" inquired Mary.

"No," he answered, in a **cross**, tired **fashion**. "But I don't want to die. When I feel ill I lie here and think about it until I cry and cry."

"I have heard you crying three times," Mary said, "but I did not know who it was. Were you crying about that?" She did so want him to forget the garden.

"I dare say," he answered. "Let us talk about something else. Talk about that garden. Don't you want to see it?"

Thesaurus

belong: (*v*) appertain, pertain, lie, go, belong to, attach, dwell, consist, come, rank, stand. ANTONYMS: (*v*) separate, disagree, disassociate, leave, quit, differ.
coolly: (*adv*) quietly, composedly, coldly, collectedly, nonchalantly, placidly, serenely, chilly, steadily, frostily, frigidly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) nervously, anxiously, agitatedly, expressively, boisterously, enthusiastically.

cousin: (*n*) nephew, cousins, friend, cousinship, relation, akin, relative, full cousin, companion.
cross: (*adj*) crabby, angry, grumpy, grouchy, cantankerous; (*v*) intersect, cover, thwart, baffle; (*adj, v*) traverse; (*n*) crisscross. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, cheerful, happy; (*v*) uncross, assist, separate, remain, help, stay, unmix, aid.
fashion: (*n*) mode, craze, fad, manner, method, way; (*n, v*) cut, construct,

style; (*v*) contrive, make.
 ANTONYM: (*v*) destroy.
partly: (*adj*) half, semi, quasi; (*adv*) part, constitutively, in part, sidely, moderately, halfway, incompletely, relatively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) completely, wholly, entirely; (*adj*) fully.
spoke: (*n*) bar, rung, radius, rule, shoe, skid, rundle, line, clog, round; (*v*) said.

"Yes," answered Mary, in quite a low voice.

"I do," he went on **persistently**. "I don't think I ever really wanted to see anything before, but I want to see that garden. I want the key dug up. I want the door **unlocked**. I would let them take me there in my chair. That would be getting **fresh** air. I am going to make them open the door."

He had become quite excited and his strange eyes began to **shine** like **stars** and looked more immense than ever.

"They have to please me," he said. "I will make them take me there and I will let you go, too."

Mary's hands clutched each other. Everything would be spoiled--everything! Dickon would never come back. She would never again feel like a missel thrush with a safe-hidden nest.

"Oh, don't--don't--don't--don't do that!" she cried out.

He stared as if he thought she had gone **crazy**!

"Why?" he exclaimed. "You said you wanted to see it."

"I do," she answered almost with a sob in her throat, "but if you make them open the door and take you in like that it will never be a secret again."

He leaned still farther forward.

"A secret," he said. "What do you mean? Tell me."

Mary's words almost tumbled over one another.

"You see--you see," she panted, "if no one knows but ourselves--if there was a door, hidden somewhere under the ivy--if there was--and we could find it; and if we could slip through it together and shut it behind us, and no one knew any one was inside and we called it our garden and pretended that--that we were missel **thrushes** and it was our nest, and if we played there almost every day and dug and planted seeds and made it all come alive--"

"Is it dead?" he **interrupted** her.

"It soon will be if no one cares for it," she went on. "The bulbs will live but the roses--"

Thesaurus

crazy: (*adj*) wild, mad, brainsick, absurd, eccentric, silly, wacky, cracked, crazed, demented; (*adj, n*) madcap. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, sane, rational, indifferent, stable, reasonable, realistic, balanced, levelheaded, cool, calm.
fresh: (*adj*) clean, bracing, novel, bright, recent, original, airy, bold, pure, green; (*adj, v*) brisk. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stale, decayed, hot, tired, worn, rotten, off, musty,

muggy, humid, exhausted.
interrupted: (*adj*) discontinuous, fitful, intermittent, discontinued, disconnected, unsuccessful, intervallic, episodic, gaping, periodic; (*prep*) interrupt.
persistently: (*adv*) stubbornly, constantly, continually, firmly, tenaciously, unremittently, continuously, incessantly, insisently, doggedly, pertinaciously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sporadically,

acutely, aimlessly, inconsistently, spasmodically, halfheartedly.
shine: (*n, v*) light, sheen, flash, glitter, sparkle, polish, rub; (*v*) burnish, gleam, blaze; (*n*) radiance.
stars: (*n*) heavenly bodies, fate.
thrushes: (*n*) family Turdidae.
unlocked: (*adj*) unbarred, unlatched, unbolted, not closed, loose, unsecured, ajar, wide open, unguaranteed.

He stopped her again as excited as she was herself.

“What are bulbs?” he put in quickly.

“They are daffodils and lilies and snowdrops. They are working in the earth now--pushing up pale green points because the spring is coming.”

“Is the spring coming?” he said. “What is it like? You don’t see it in rooms if you are ill.”

“It is the sun shining on the rain and the rain falling on the sunshine, and things pushing up and working under the earth,” said Mary. “If the garden was a secret and we could get into it we could watch the things grow **bigger every** day, and see how many roses are alive. Don’t you. see? Oh, don’t you see how much nicer it would be if it was a secret?”

He dropped back on his pillow and lay there with an odd expression on his face.

“I never had a secret,” he said, “except that one about not living to grow up. They don’t know I know that, so it is a sort of secret. But I like this kind better.”

“If you won’t make them take you to the garden,” pleaded Mary, “perhaps--I feel almost sure I can find out how to get in sometime. And then--if the doctor wants you to go out in your chair, and if you can always do what you want to do, perhaps--perhaps we might find some boy who would push you, and we could go alone and it would always be a secret garden.”

“I should--like--that,” he said very slowly, his **eyes** looking **dreamy**. “I should like that. I should not mind fresh air in a secret garden.”

Mary began to **recover** her breath and feel safer because the idea of keeping the secret seemed to please him. She felt almost sure that if she kept on talking and could make him see the garden in his mind as she had **seen** it he would like it so much that he could not bear to think that everybody might **tramp** in to it when they **chose**.

“I’ll tell you what I think it would be like, if we could go into it,” she said. “It has been shut up so long things have grown into a tangle perhaps.”

Thesaurus

bigger: (*adj*) greater, larger, better, major, largest, biggest, big, large, great, vast, wide. ANTONYM: (*adj*) lesser.

chose: (*v*) choose, opt, decide; (*n*) thing.

dreamy: (*adj*) faraway, romantic, impractical, somnolent, visionary, sleepy, pensive, moony, idealistic, drowsy; (*v*) balmy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cynical, vigorous, pragmatic, practical, awake, alert, ordinary,

prosaic.

every: (*adj*) each, total, whole, any, thorough; (*n*) everybody, everyone, everything; (*adv*) apiece, either; (*pron*) every one.

eyes: (*n*) sight, eye, vision, view, baby blues, guard, propensity, eyen.

recover: (*v*) reclaim, get back, recuperate, retrieve, regain, pick up, get well, restore, heal, convalesce, mend. ANTONYMS: (*v*) lose, die, decline, aggravate, abandon, worsen,

scatter.

seen: (*adj*) visible, clad, beseen, accomplished, discovered, appearing; (*v*) observe, perceive, conceive, comprehend, understand.

tramp: (*n*) bum, hobo, beggar; (*n, v*) walk, trudge, vagabond, ramble, march; (*v*) roam, range, plod. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) loyalist; (*n*) resident.

He lay quite still and listened while she went on talking about the roses which might have clambered from tree to tree and hung down--about the many birds which might have built their nests there because it was so safe. And then she told him about the robin and Ben Weatherstaff, and there was so much to tell about the robin and it was so easy and safe to talk about it that she ceased to be afraid. The robin pleased him so much that he smiled until he looked almost beautiful, and at first Mary had thought that he was even plainer than herself, with his big eyes and heavy locks of hair.

"I did not know birds could be like that," he said. "But if you stay in a room you never see things. What a lot of things you know. I feel as if you had been inside that garden."

She did not know what to say, so she did not say anything. He **evidently** did not expect an answer and the next moment he gave her a surprise.

"I am going to let you look at something," he said. "Do you see that **rose-colored** silk curtain hanging on the wall over the mantel-piece?"

Mary had not noticed it before, but she looked up and saw it. It was a curtain of soft silk hanging over what seemed to be some picture.

"Yes," she answered.

"There is a **cord** hanging from it," said Colin. "Go and pull it."

Mary got up, much mystified, and found the cord. When she pulled it the silk curtain ran back on **rings** and when it ran back it **uncovered** a picture. It was the picture of a girl with a laughing face. She had bright hair tied up with a blue **ribbon** and her gay, lovely eyes were exactly like Colin's **unhappy** ones, agate gray and looking twice as big as they really were because of the black lashes all round them.

"She is my mother," said Colin **complainingly**. "I don't see why she died. Sometimes I hate her for doing it."

"How queer!" said Mary.

Thesaurus

complainingly: (*adv*) querulously, petulantly, grumpily, grouchily, peevishly, crabably, crossly, tetchily, cantankerously, crankily, complaining. ANTONYM: (*adv*) calmly.

cord: (*n*) band, bond, tie, twine, tape, whipcord, thread, yarn, lace, rope, leash.

evidently: (*adv*) clearly, patently, plainly, obviously, manifestly, openly, certainly, overtly, markedly,

conspicuously, palpably.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) doubtfully, imperceptibly, obscurely, questionably, actually, ambiguously, inconspicuously.

ribbon: (*n*) band, riband, tape, strip, shred, decoration, medal, ribband, thread, fascia, belt.

rings: (*n*) ornaments, necklaces, jewels, costume jewelry, charms, bracelets.

rose-colored: (*adj*) rosy, optimistic, hopeful, rose-coloured.

uncovered: (*adj*) naked, open, bare, nude, unclothed, bald, unreserved, unprotected, evident, frank, manifest.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indoor, concealed.

unhappy: (*adj*) gloomy, dismal, depressed, melancholy, sad, miserable, sorrowful, distressed, disconsolate, infelicitous, low.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) happy, cheerful, satisfied, pleased, glad, euphoric, fortunate, contented, joyful, timely, lucky.

"If she had lived I believe I should not have been ill always," he grumbled. "I dare say I should have lived, too. And my father would not have hated to look at me. I dare say I should have had a strong back. Draw the curtain again."

Mary did as she was told and returned to her footstool.

"She is much prettier than you," she said, "but her eyes are just like yours--at least they are the same **shape** and color. Why is the curtain drawn over her?"

He moved **uncomfortably**.

"I made them do it," he said. "Sometimes I don't like to see her looking at me. She smiles too much when I am ill and miserable. Besides, she is mine and I don't want everyone to see her." There were a few moments of silence and then Mary spoke.

"What would Mrs. Medlock do if she found out that I had been here?" she inquired.

"She would do as I told her to do," he answered. "And I should tell her that I wanted you to come here and talk to me every day. I am **glad** you came."

"So am I," said Mary. "I will come as often as I can, but"--she hesitated--"I shall have to look every day for the garden door."

"Yes, you must," said Colin, "and you can tell me about it afterward."

He lay thinking a few minutes, as he had done before, and then he spoke again.

"I think you shall be a secret, too," he said. "I will not tell them until they find out. I can always send the **nurse** out of the room and say that I want to be by myself. Do you know Martha?"

"Yes, I know her very well," said Mary. "She waits on me."

He nodded his head toward the **outer** corridor.

"She is the one who is asleep in the other room. The nurse went away yesterday to stay all night with her sister and she always makes Martha **attend** to me when she wants to go out. Martha shall tell you when to come here."

Thesaurus

attend: (*n, v*) tend, escort, nurse, conduct; (*v*) assist, serve, minister, aid, look, partake, follow.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) neglect, leave, ignore, disregard, desert, abandon.
glad: (*adj*) jubilant, cheerful, gay, blithe, delighted, festive, content, delightful, genial, bright, willing.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhappy, apologetic, dismayed, unwilling, disappointed, sorry.
least: (*n*) minimum; (*adj*) smallest,

minimal, littlest, lowest, insignificant, minutest, negligible; (*adj, n*) smallest amount; (*adv*) at least, fully.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) maximum, greatest; (*adj, adv*) most.
nurse: (*n, v*) nourish, nurture; (*v*) look after, entertain, attend, cherish, lactate, harbor, foster, cultivate, cradle.
outer: (*adj*) exterior, outward, outside, extrinsic, outdoor, outlying, peripheral, surface, utter, extraneous,

outmost. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) internal, inner, interior, inward, inside.
shape: (*n, v*) cast, mold, fashion, mould, model, make, design; (*n*) pattern, figure; (*v*) determine, influence.
uncomfortably: (*adv*) uneasily, grimly, agitatedly, apprehensively, cheerlessly, disagreeably, dismally, distastefully, embarrassingly, gloomily, illegally. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) comfortably, calmly, innocently.

Then Mary **understood** Martha's troubled look when she had asked questions about the crying.

"Martha knew about you all the time?" she said.

"Yes; she often attends to me. The nurse likes to get away from me and then Martha comes."

"I have been here a long time," said Mary. "Shall I go away now? Your eyes look sleepy."

"I wish I could go to sleep before you leave me," he said rather **shyly**.

"Shut your eyes," said Mary, **drawing** her footstool closer, "and I will do what my Ayah used to do in India. I will pat your hand and **stroke** it and sing something quite low."

"I should like that perhaps," he said drowsily.

Somehow she was sorry for him and did not want him to lie awake, so she leaned against the bed and began to stroke and pat his hand and sing a very low little **chanting song** in Hindustani.

"That is nice," he said more drowsily still, and she went on chanting and **stroking**, but when she looked at him again his black lashes were lying close against his cheeks, for his eyes were shut and he was fast asleep. So she got up softly, took her candle and crept away without making a sound.

Thesaurus

chanting: (*n*) cantillation, vocalizing, sing, singing, intonation.

drawing: (*n*) draft, delineation, picture, plan, cartoon, depiction, draught, draw, draftsmanship, painting, image.

shyly: (*adv*) timidly, shily, coyly, diffidently, timorously, with reserve, embarrassedly, clumsily, uncertainly, tentatively, unremarkably.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) boldly, brashly, brazenly, urbanely, conspicuously,

confidently, decisively.

somehow: (*adv*) anyhow, anyway, for some reason, somewhat, somehow, someways, a little, in some manner, in some way, very, somehow or other.

song: (*adj, v*) lay; (*n, v*) ditty, chant; (*n*) air, strain, cry, warble, canto, poem; (*v*) sing; (*adj*) ballad.

stroke: (*adj, n*) blow; (*n, v*) touch, caress, mark, buffet, lick, pat; (*n*) beat, hit, knock, bang.

stroking: (*v*) caress, strike, blow; (*n*) cam stroke, feeling, effleurage, diagonal, CVA, commendation, glide, slash.

understood: (*adj*) tacit, implicit, implied, silent, assumed, accepted, appreciated, unstated, undeclared; (*v*) of course, admitted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) explicit, spoken, written, explained.

CHAPTER XIV

A YOUNG RAJAH

The moor was **hidden** in mist when the morning came, and the rain had not stopped pouring down. There could be no going out of doors. Martha was so busy that Mary had no opportunity of talking to her, but in the afternoon she asked her to come and sit with her in the nursery. She came **bringing** the **stocking** she was always **knitting** when she was doing nothing else.

"What's the matter with thee?" she asked as soon as they sat down. "Tha' **looks** as if tha'd somethin' to say."

"I have. I have found out what the crying was," said Mary.

Martha let her knitting **drop** on her **knee** and gazed at her with startled eyes.

"Tha' hasn't!" she exclaimed. "Never!"

"I heard it in the night," Mary went on. "And I got up and went to see where it came from. It was Colin. I found him."

Martha's face became red with **fright**.

"Eh! Miss Mary!" she said half crying. "Tha' shouldn't have done it--tha' shouldn't! Tha'll get me in trouble. I never told thee nothin' about him--but tha'll get me in trouble. I shall lose my place and what'll mother do!"

Thesaurus

bringing: (*n*) delivery, consignment, serving, service, passage, post.

drop: (*n, v*) decline, dribble, deposit, decrease, jump, ebb; (*adj, n, v*) collapse; (*v*) droop, sink, cast, drip. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) increase; (*v*) lift, pour, sharpen, raise, recuperate; (*n*) growth, mass, lot, upswing, elevation.

fright: (*n, v*) dismay, alarm, scare, affright; (*n*) awe, fear, dread, terror, horror, consternation, apprehension.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) calm, fearlessness, courage, confidence, security.

hidden: (*adj*) clandestine, concealed, obscure, dark, secret, latent, covert, invisible, arcane, covered; (*adj, v*) confidential. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) exposed, open, active, noticeable, overt, revealing, known, explicit, mainstream, transparent, visible.

knee: (*n*) bracket, articulation, joint, kneel, knee joint, genu, articulatio genus, scythe, zigzag, sickle, bend.

knitting: (*n*) knitwork, needlework, needlecraft, knitted fabric, web, braid, weave, creating from raw materials, knit stitch.

looks: (*n*) aspect, countenance, expression, manner, complexion, fashion, costume, garb.

stocking: (*n*) hosiery, boothose, trunk hose, supplying, stocking level, tights, silk stocking, nylons, nylon stocking, rayon stocking; (*adj*) stockinged.

"You won't lose your place," said Mary. "He was glad I came. We talked and talked and he said he was glad I came."

"Was he?" cried Martha. "Art tha' sure? Tha' doesn't know what he's like when anything vexes him. He's a big lad to cry like a baby, but when he's in a passion he'll fair **scream** just to **frighten** us. He knows us daren't call our souls our own."

"He wasn't vexed," said Mary. "I asked him if I should go away and he made me stay. He asked me questions and I sat on a big footstool and talked to him about India and about the robin and gardens. He wouldn't let me go. He let me see his mother's picture. Before I left him I sang him to sleep."

Martha fairly gasped with amazement.

"I can scarcely believe thee!" she protested. "It's as if tha'd walked straight into a lion's den. If he'd been like he is most times he'd have thrown himself into one of his **tantrums** and **roused** th' house. He won't let **strangers** look at him."

"He let me look at him. I looked at him all the time and he looked at me. We stared!" said Mary.

"I don't know what to do!" cried **agitated** Martha. "If Mrs. Medlock finds out, she'll think I broke **orders** and told thee and I shall be **packed** back to mother."

"He is not going to tell Mrs. Medlock anything about it yet. It's to be a sort of secret just at first," said Mary firmly. "And he says everybody is obliged to do as he pleases."

"Aye, that's true enough--th' bad lad!" sighed Martha, wiping her forehead with her apron.

"He says Mrs. Medlock must. And he wants me to come and talk to him every day. And you are to tell me when he wants me."

"Me!" said Martha; "I shall lose my place--I shall for sure!"

"You can't if you are doing what he wants you to do and everybody is ordered to **obey** him," Mary argued.

Thesaurus

agitated: (*adj*) upset, excited, nervous, restive, tumultuous, distressed, tense, jumpy, overwrought, anxious, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, lethargic, tranquil, relaxed, assured, cool, still.

frighten: (*v*) cow, alarm, daunt, terrify, appall, scare, affright, intimidate, terrorize, appal; (*n, v*) fright. ANTONYMS: (*v*) comfort, reassure, soothe, calm.

obey: (*v*) comply, listen, keep, fulfill,

hear, conform, abide by, serve, comply with; (*n, v*) mind, heed. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disobey, defy, break, transgress, infringe, challenge, deny.

orders: (*n*) holy orders, information, preparation, remit, briefing, guidelines.

packed: (*adj*) full, compact, filled, jammed, overcrowded, crammed, dense, thick, congested, teeming, cramped. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

deserted, loose, open.

roused: (*adj*) excited, awake, susceptible, emotional, elated, interested.

scream: (*n, v*) shout, call, howl, yell, screech, shriek, wail; (*v*) cry out, roar, bellow, hollo. ANTONYM: (*n*) bore.

strangers: (*n*) stranger.

tantrums: (*n*) angry mood, acharnement, pet, fit, passion, grumpiness, tiff, towering passion, irritability, crabbiness, peevishness.

"Does tha' mean to say," cried Martha with wide open eyes, "that he was nice to thee!"

"I think he almost liked me," Mary answered.

"Then tha' must have **bewitched** him!" decided Martha, drawing a long breath.

"Do you mean Magic?" inquired Mary. "I've heard about Magic in India, but I can't make it. I just went into his room and I was so surprised to see him I stood and stared. And then he turned round and stared at me. And he thought I was a **ghost** or a dream and I thought perhaps he was. And it was so queer being there alone together in the middle of the night and not knowing about each other. And we began to ask each other questions. And when I asked him if I must go away he said I must not."

"Th' world's comin' to a end!" gasped Martha.

"What is the matter with him?" asked Mary.

"Nobody knows for sure and certain," said Martha. "Mr. Craven went off his head like when he was born. Th' doctors thought he'd have to be put in a 'sylum. It was because Mrs. Craven died like I told you. He wouldn't set eyes on th' baby. He just raved and said it'd be another hunchback like him and it'd better die."

"Is Colin a hunchback?" Mary asked. "He didn't look like one."

"He isn't yet," said Martha. "But he began all wrong. Mother said that there was enough trouble and **raging** in th' house to set any child wrong. They was afraid his back was weak an' they've always been **takin'** care of it--keepin' him lyin' down and not lettin' him walk. Once they made him wear a **brace** but he fretted so he was **downright** ill. Then a big doctor came to see him an' made them take it off. He talked to th' other doctor quite rough--in a **polite** way. He said there'd been too much **medicine** and too much lettin' him have his own way."

"I think he's a very spoiled boy," said Mary.

Thesaurus

bewitched: (*adj*) enchanted, fascinated, infatuated, magical, ensorcelled, doomed, captive, rapt, enamored, obsessed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disgusted.

brace: (*n, v*) prop, strengthen, support, invigorate; (*n*) strut, pair, duo, bitstock, tie; (*v*) clamp, bolster. ANTONYMS: (*v*) unfasten, sedate, loosen, flex.

downright: (*adj, n*) absolute; (*adj, v*) sheer, clear; (*adj*) dead, blunt, candid,

plain; (*adv*) absolutely, thoroughly, wholly, decidedly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) semi, limited, incomplete, questionable, slight; (*adv*) hardly.

ghost: (*n, v*) apparition, specter; (*n*) shade, spirit, demon, soul, spook, spectre, goblin, appearance, monster.

medicine: (*n*) drug, medication, medicament, therapy, physic, treatment, remedy, cathartic, medical science, preparation; (*v*) medicate.

polite: (*adj*) cultured, gentle, courtly,

civil, refined, proper, genteel, kind, attentive, friendly, complaisant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rude, discourteous, boorish, improper, abusive, common, authoritative, disobedient, uncivilized, uncivil, curt.

raging: (*adj*) hot, angry, fierce, irate, wild, infuriated, enraged, vehement, heated; (*adj, n*) mad, rabid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, mild, contained.

takin: (*n*) gnu goat, goat antelope.

"He's th' worst young nowt as ever was!" said Martha. "I won't say as he hasn't been ill a good bit. He's had coughs an' colds that's nearly killed him two or three times. Once he had **rheumatic fever** an' once he had **typhoid**. Eh! Mrs. Medlock did get a fright then. He'd been out of his head an' she was talkin' to th' nurse, thinkin' he didn't know nothin', an' she said, 'He'll die this time sure enough, an' best thing for him an' for everybody.' An' she looked at him an' there he was with his big eyes open, starin' at her as **sensible** as she was herself. She didn't know wha'd happen but he just stared at her an' says, 'You give me some water an' stop talkin'.'"

"Do you think he will die?" asked Mary.

"Mother says there's no reason why any child should live that gets no fresh air an' doesn't do nothin' but lie on his back an' read picture-books an' take medicine. He's weak and hates th' trouble o' bein' taken out o' doors, an' he gets cold so easy he says it makes him ill."

Mary sat and looked at the fire. "I wonder," she said slowly, "if it would not do him good to go out into a garden and watch things growing. It did me good."

"One of th' worst **fits** he ever had," said Martha, "was one time they took him out where the roses is by the fountain. He'd been readin' in a paper about people gettin' somethin' he called 'rose cold' an' he began to **sneeze** an' said he'd got it an' then a new gardener as didn't know th' rules passed by an' looked at him curious. He threw himself into a **passion** an' he said he'd looked at him because he was going to be a hunchback. He cried himself into a fever an' was ill all night."

"If he ever gets angry at me, I'll never go and see him again," said Mary.

"He'll have thee if he wants thee," said Martha. "Tha' may as well know that at th' start."

Very soon afterward a bell **rang** and she **rolled** up her knitting.

"I dare say th' nurse wants me to stay with him a bit," she said. "I hope he's in a good temper."

Thesaurus

fever: (*n*) malaria, delirium, pyrexia, heat, frenzy, feverishness, febricity, Bilious typhoid fever, Levant fever, Hectic infantile fever, Typhoid fever.
fits: (*v*) epilepsy, bustle, racket, fuss, hubbub, megrims, rout, subsultus, staggers.
passion: (*n*) affection, fire, fervor, love, feeling, anger, enthusiasm, heat, craving, desire; (*n, v*) ardor.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) apathy, hate, serenity, meekness, hatred, doubt,

dislike, calmness, moderation.
rang: (*n*) rung.
rheumatic: (*adj*) rheumatoid, creaky, arthrodynic, creaking, decrepit, palsied, stiff; (*n*) sufferer, rheumatism, diseased person.
rolled: (*adj*) rolling, furred, involute, scroll, coiled, resonant, trilled, reverberative, reverberating, resounding, spiral.
sensible: (*adj*) aware, sagacious, prudent, rational, judicious,

perceptible, sane, wise, intelligent, appreciable, sage. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ludicrous, crazy, unreasonable, stupid, silly, ridiculous, reckless, idiotic, outrageous, imprudent, mad.
sneeze: (*n*) sneezing, physiological reaction, reflex; (*v*) arrest, despise, loathe, act involuntarily, Neese, act reflexively.
typhoid: (*n*) typhomania, enteric fever, typhoid fever, infectious disease.

She was out of the room about ten minutes and then she came back with a puzzled expression.

"Well, tha' has bewitched him," she said. "He's up on his **sofa** with his picture-books. He's told the nurse to stay away until six o'clock. I'm to wait in the next room. Th' minute she was gone he called me to him an' says, 'I want Mary Lennox to come and talk to me, and remember you're not to tell any one.' You'd better go as quick as you can."

Mary was quite **willing** to go quickly. She did not want to see Colin as much as she wanted to see Dickon; but she wanted to see him very much.

There was a bright fire on the hearth when she entered his room, and in the daylight she saw it was a very beautiful room indeed. There were rich **colors** in the rugs and hangings and pictures and books on the walls which made it look glowing and comfortable even in spite of the gray sky and **falling** rain. Colin looked rather like a picture himself. He was **wrapped** in a velvet dressing-gown and sat against a big **brocaded** cushion. He had a red spot on each **cheek**.

"Come in," he said. "I've been thinking about you all morning."

"I've been thinking about you, too," answered Mary. "You don't know how frightened Martha is. She says Mrs. Medlock will think she told me about you and then she will be sent away."

He frowned.

"Go and tell her to come here," he said. "She is in the next room."

Mary went and brought her back. Poor Martha was shaking in her **shoes**. Colin was still frowning.

"Have you to do what I please or have you not?" he demanded.

"I have to do what you please, sir," Martha faltered, turning quite red.

"Has Medlock to do what I please?"

"Everybody has, sir," said Martha.

"Well, then, if I order you to bring Miss Mary to me, how can Medlock send you away if she finds it out?"

Thesaurus

brocaded: (*adj*) raised, decorated, kincob.

cheek: (*n*) audacity, nerve, brass, boldness, impertinence, face, lip, mouth, gall, insolence, impudence.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) respect, cowardice, timidity, humbleness, meekness, reticence, seriousness; (*v*) praise.

colors: (*n*) flag, colours, paints, banner, color, colour, ensign, pigment, tint, dye, paint.

falling: (*n*) descent, fall, downfall,

degradation, depreciation; (*adj*) descending, decreasing, declining, tumbling, ebb, down. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) standing, increasing, burgeoning.

shoes: (*n*) footwear, shoe, place, position, situation, post, plaza, property, lieu, home, blank space.

sofa: (*n*) couch, lounge, divan, bench, davenport, seat, squab, chair, form, convertible, daybed.

willing: (*adj, adv*) disposed; (*adj*)

spontaneous, voluntary, ready, amenable, inclined, prepared, enthusiastic, unforced, obliging; (*adj, v*) consenting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwilling, reluctant, compulsory, disagreeable, unprepared, forced, unenthusiastic, unhelpful.

wrapped: (*prep*) covered; (*adj*) clothed, draped, rapt, intent, absorbed, engrossed, mantled, packed, immersed; (*adj, prep*) cloaked.

"Please don't let her, sir," pleaded Martha.

"I'll send her away if she dares to say a word about such a thing," said Master Craven **grandly**. "She wouldn't like that, I can tell you."

"Thank you, sir," **bobbing** a **curtsy**, "I want to do my duty, sir."

"What I want is your duty" said Colin more grandly still. "I'll take care of you. Now go away."

When the door closed behind Martha, Colin found Mistress Mary gazing at him as if he had set her **wondering**.

"Why do you look at me like that?" he asked her. "What are you thinking about?"

"I am thinking about two things."

"What are they? Sit down and tell me."

"This is the first one," said Mary, **seating** herself on the big stool. "Once in India I saw a boy who was a Rajah. He had rubies and emeralds and **diamonds** stuck all over him. He spoke to his people just as you spoke to Martha. Everybody had to do everything he told them--in a minute. I think they would have been killed if they hadn't."

"I **shall** make you tell me about Rajahs presently," he said, "but first tell me what the second thing was."

"I was thinking," said Mary, "how different you are from Dickon."

"Who is Dickon?" he said. "What a queer name!"

She might as well tell him, she thought she could talk about Dickon without mentioning the secret garden. She had liked to hear Martha talk about him. Besides, she longed to talk about him. It would seem to bring him nearer.

"He is Martha's brother. He is twelve years old," she explained. "He is not like any one else in the world. He can **charm** foxes and **squirrels** and birds just as the natives in India charm snakes. He plays a very soft **tune** on a pipe and they come and listen."

Thesaurus

bobbing: (*n*) faggot, firewood, peat, turf.

charm: (*n, v*) allure, captivate, appeal, spell, fascinate, bewitch, conjure; (*adj, v*) attract; (*n*) amulet; (*v*) enchant, entrance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) ugliness, repulsion, repulsiveness, awkwardness, hatefulness, unpleasantness; (*v*) repulse, offend, irritate, disgust, bore.

curtsy: (*n, v*) bob, curtsy; (*adj, n, v*) courtesy, kowtow; (*v*) nod, kneel,

bow submission, recognize; (*n*) obeisance; (*adj*) salaam, kotow.

diamonds: (*n*) hearts, ice, spades, sparkler, clubs.

grandly: (*adv*) splendidly, gorgeously, magnificently, regally, majestically, beautifully, stately, grandiosely, illustriously, superbly, greatly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) simply, humbly.

seating: (*n*) room, circle, parterre, parquet, orchestra, service, way, base, footing, housing, stand.

shall: (*n*) must, necessity; (*v*) require, bequeath, leave.

squirrels: (*n*) squirrel, mice, beavers, agoutis, marmots, gophers, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, Rodentia, order Rodentia.

tune: (*n*) song, strain, air, harmony, note, concord; (*v*) adjust, regulate, string, tune up; (*n, v*) chant. ANTONYMS: (*n*) silence; (*v*) untune.

wondering: (*adj*) inquisitive, speculative, suspicious.

There were some big books on a table at his side and he dragged one suddenly toward him. "There is a picture of a snake-charmer in this," he exclaimed. "Come and look at it"

The book was a beautiful one with **superb** colored illustrations and he turned to one of them.

"Can he do that?" he asked eagerly.

"He played on his pipe and they listened," Mary explained. "But he doesn't call it Magic. He says it's because he lives on the moor so much and he knows their ways. He says he feels sometimes as if he was a bird or a rabbit himself, he likes them so. I think he asked the robin questions. It seemed as if they talked to each other in soft chirps."

Colin lay back on his cushion and his eyes grew larger and larger and the **spots** on his cheeks **burned**.

"Tell me some more about him," he said.

"He knows all about eggs and nests," Mary went on. "And he knows where foxes and **badgers** and **otters** live. He keeps them secret so that other boys won't find their **holes** and frighten them. He knows about everything that grows or lives on the moor."

"Does he like the moor?" said Colin. "How can he when it's such a great, bare, dreary place?"

"It's the most beautiful place," protested Mary. "Thousands of lovely things grow on it and there are thousands of little creatures all busy building nests and making holes and burrows and chipping or **singing** or **squeaking** to each other. They are so busy and having such fun under the earth or in the trees or heather. It's their world."

"How do you know all that?" said Colin, turning on his **elbow** to look at her.

"I have never been there once, really," said Mary suddenly remembering. "I only drove over it in the dark. I thought it was **hideous**. Martha told me about it first and then Dickon. When Dickon talks about it you feel as if you saw things

Thesaurus

badgers: (*n*) family Mustelidae, fissioned, fissioned mammal.

burned: (*adj*) baked, scorched, tempered, sore, hurt, heated, hardened, destroyed, bleak, parched, adust.

elbow: (*n, v*) poke, nudge, jolt; (*n*) cubitus, elbow joint, angle, articulation; (*v*) jostle, push, shove, crowd.

hideous: (*adj*) dreadful, frightful, fearful, ghastly, horrid, ugly,

repulsive, lurid, horrible, grisly, grim. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lovely, pleasant, beautiful, wonderful.

holes: (*n*) cavity, holes tow.

otters: (*n*) family Mustelidae, ferrets, fishers, martens, minks, Mustelidae.

singing: (*v*) sing; (*n*) chanting, caroling, crooning, hymnody, humming, intonation, scat, psalmody, harmonization; (*adj*) cantabile. ANTONYM: (*adj*) silent.

spots: (*n*) damp, drifter, floater,

floating policy, muscae volitantes, Musca volitans.

squeaking: (*adj*) creaking, squeaky, screechy, squeaky, squealing, creaky; (*n*) squeak.

superb: (*adj*) beautiful, brilliant, magnificent, exquisite, gorgeous, super, rich, marvelous, grand, excellent, glorious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) poor, inferior, terrible, meager, abysmal, dire, humble, inglorious, ugly, unattractive, unimpressive.

and heard them and as if you were standing in the heather with the sun shining and the gorse **smelling** like honey--and all full of bees and butterflies."

"You never see anything if you are ill," said Colin restlessly. He looked like a person listening to a new sound in the distance and wondering what it was.

"You can't if you stay in a room," said Mary.

"I couldn't go on the moor" he said in a **resentful** tone.

Mary was silent for a minute and then she said something bold.

"You might--sometime."

He moved as if he were startled.

"Go on the moor! How could I? I am going to die." "How do you know?" said Mary **unsympathetically**. She didn't like the way he had of talking about **dying**. She did not feel very sympathetic. She felt rather as if he almost boasted about it.

"Oh, I've heard it ever since I remember," he answered crossly. "They are always **whispering** about it and thinking I don't notice. They wish I would, too."

Mistress Mary felt quite contrary. She pinched her lips together.

"If they wished I would," she said, "I wouldn't. Who wishes you would?"

"The servants--and of course Dr. Craven because he would get Misselthwaite and be rich instead of poor. He daren't say so, but he always looks **cheerful** when I am worse. When I had typhoid fever his face got quite fat. I think my father wishes it, too."

"I don't believe he does," said Mary quite obstinately.

That made Colin turn and look at her again.

"Don't you?" he said.

And then he lay back on his cushion and was still, as if he were thinking. And there was quite a long silence. Perhaps they were both of them thinking strange things children do not usually think. "I like the grand doctor from

Thesaurus

cheerful: (*adj, v*) buoyant; (*adj*) breezy, merry, optimistic, pleasant, glad, blithe, carefree, bright, lively, happy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) depressed, gloomy, sad, depressing, grim, hopeless, miserable, morose, somber, dejected, unwelcoming.
dying: (*n*) death, demise, decease, mortality; (*adj*) vanishing, moribund, last, final, ultimate, failing, ebbing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thriving, well, opening, aborning, developing,

flourishing, growing, reviving, rejuvenating; (*n*) birth.
resentful: (*adj*) angry, indignant, malicious, resent, embittered, rancorous, envious, jealous, offended, hurt, mad. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) resigned, unresentful, willing, sweet, pleased.
smelling: (*n*) smell, flavor, scent, olfactory modality, sensing, sense of smell; (*adj*) redolent, scented, odorous, stinking, rotten.

unsympathetically: (*adv*) callously, unfeelingly, pitilessly, inconsiderately, hardheartedly, heartlessly, unemotionally, cruelly, firmly, unconcernedly, insensitively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) favorably, gently, sensitively, considerately, leniently.
whispering: (*n*) whisper, murmur, susurration, rustle, report, stage whisper; (*adj, n*) rustling; (*adj*) susurrant, tranquil, hoarse, susurrous.

London, because he made them take the iron thing off," said Mary at last "Did he say you were going to die?"

"No."

"What did he say?"

"He didn't whisper," Colin answered. "Perhaps he knew I hated whispering. I heard him say one thing quite aloud. He said, 'The lad might live if he would make up his mind to it. Put him in the humor.' It sounded as if he was in a temper."

"I'll tell you who would put you in the humor, perhaps," said Mary **reflecting**. She felt as if she would like this thing to be **settled** one way or the other. "I believe Dickon would. He's always talking about live things. He never talks about dead things or things that are ill. He's always looking up in the sky to watch birds flying--or looking down at the earth to see something growing. He has such round blue eyes and they are so wide open with looking about. And he **laughs** such a big laugh with his wide mouth--and his cheeks are as red--as red as cherries." She pulled her stool nearer to the sofa and her expression quite changed at the **remembrance** of the wide curving mouth and wide open eyes.

"See here," she said. "Don't let us talk about dying; I don't like it. Let us talk about living. Let us talk and talk about Dickon. And then we will look at your pictures."

It was the best thing she could have said. To talk about Dickon meant to talk about the moor and about the cottage and the fourteen people who lived in it on **sixteen** shillings a week--and the children who got fat on the moor **grass** like the wild ponies. And about Dickon's mother--and the skipping-rope--and the moor with the sun on it--and about pale green points sticking up out of the black sod. And it was all so alive that Mary talked more than she had ever talked before--and Colin both talked and listened as he had never done either before. And they both began to laugh over **nothings** as children will when they are happy together. And they laughed so that in the end they were making as much noise as if they had been two ordinary **healthy** natural ten-year-old creatures--instead

Thesaurus

grass: (*v*) denounce, betray; (*n*) forage, cannabis, hay, pasture, fink, sward, pasturage; (*adj, n*) green, marijuana.

ANTONYM: (*n*) patriot.

healthy: (*adj*) healthful, wholesome, salubrious, hale, good, fit, beneficial, whole, well, sound, hearty.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwell, harmful, unfit, soporific, dependent, fattening, infected, unwholesome, weak, ill, underfed.

laugh: (*n, v*) joke, giggle, chortle, titter,

snicker; (*v*) smile; (*n*) jest, gag, jape, laughter, cackle. ANTONYM: (*v*) weep.

laughs: (*n*) diversion, comedy, amusement, sport, recreation, merriment, entertainment, levity.

nothings: (*n*) honeyed words, conversation.

reflecting: (*adv*) reflectingly; (*adj*) reflective, thoughtful, calculating, reflected, shiny, shimmering, reflectant; (*n*) mirroring, reflection,

reflexion.

remembrance: (*n, v*) recollection, mind; (*n*) commemoration, memorial, recall, relic, monument, keepsake, reminiscence, recognition; (*adj, n*) memento.

settled: (*adj*) definite, set, firm, permanent, certain, calm, established, decided, formed, defined, finished. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unsettled, exciting, temporary.

sixteen: (*n*) large integer.

of a hard, little, **unloving** girl and a sickly boy who believed that he was going to die.

They enjoyed themselves so much that they forgot the pictures and they forgot about the time. They had been **laughing** quite loudly over Ben Weatherstaff and his robin, and Colin was actually sitting up as if he had forgotten about his weak back, when he suddenly remembered something. "Do you know there is one thing we have never once thought of," he said. "We are cousins."

It seemed so queer that they had talked so much and never remembered this simple thing that they laughed more than ever, because they had got into the humor to laugh at anything. And in the midst of the fun the door opened and in walked Dr. Craven and Mrs. Medlock.

Dr. Craven started in actual alarm and Mrs. Medlock almost fell back because he had accidentally bumped against her.

"Good Lord!" exclaimed poor Mrs. Medlock with her eyes almost starting out of her head. "Good Lord!"

"What is this?" said Dr. Craven, coming forward. "What does it mean?"

Then Mary was reminded of the boy Rajah again. Colin answered as if neither the doctor's alarm nor Mrs. Medlock's **terror** were of the **slightest** consequence. He was as little **disturbed** or frightened as if an elderly cat and dog had walked into the room.

"This is my cousin, Mary Lennox," he said. "I asked her to come and talk to me. I like her. She must come and talk to me whenever I send for her."

Dr. Craven turned **reproachfully** to Mrs. Medlock. "Oh, sir" she panted. "I don't know how it's happened. There's not a **servant** on the place tha'd dare to talk--they all have their orders."

"Nobody told her anything," said Colin. "She heard me crying and found me herself. I am glad she came. Don't be silly, Medlock."

Thesaurus

disturbed: (*adj, v*) concerned; (*adj*)

anxious, disquieted, upset, confused, worried, restless, disordered, unsettled, distressed, turbulent.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rational, relaxed, calm, sane, unaffected, unbroken, peaceful, stable, carefree, unconcerned, untroubled.

laughing: (*adj*) merry, smiling,

laughable, jolly, gay, lighthearted, frolicsome, playful, pleased, dizzy; (*adv*) laughingly. ANTONYM: (*adj*)

serious.

reproachfully: (*adv*) critically, abusively, admonitorily, vituperatively, disapprovingly, wearily, contemptuously, disparagingly, disdainfully, witheringly, shamefully.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) approvingly, hopefully.

servant: (*n*) manservant, domestic, lackey, maid, employee, flunkey, retainer, boy, footman, flunkey,

menial. ANTONYMS: (*n*) master, mistress.

slightest: (*adj*) minimal, first, smallest amount.

terror: (*n, v*) alarm, scare; (*adj, n*) dread, awe; (*n*) fear, dismay, consternation, horror, panic, apprehension, scourge.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) peace, security, delight, calm, confidence.

unloving: (*adj*) loveless.

Mary saw that Dr. Craven did not look pleased, but it was quite plain that he dare not **oppose** his patient. He sat down by Colin and felt his pulse.

"I am afraid there has been too much excitement. Excitement is not good for you, my boy," he said.

"I should be excited if she kept away," answered Colin, his eyes beginning to look **dangerously sparkling**. "I am better. She makes me better. The nurse must bring up her tea with mine. We will have tea together."

Mrs. Medlock and Dr. Craven looked at each other in a troubled way, but there was evidently nothing to be done.

"He does look rather better, sir," ventured Mrs. Medlock. "But"--thinking the matter over--"he looked better this morning before she came into the room."

"She came into the room last night. She **stayed** with me a long time. She sang a Hindustani song to me and it made me go to sleep," said Colin. "I was better when I wakened up. I wanted my breakfast. I want my tea now. Tell nurse, Medlock."

Dr. Craven did not stay very long. He talked to the nurse for a few minutes when she came into the room and said a few words of warning to Colin. He must not talk too much; he must not forget that he was ill; he must not forget that he was very easily tired. Mary thought that there seemed to be a number of **uncomfortable** things he was not to forget.

Colin looked fretful and kept his strange black-lashed eyes fixed on Dr. Craven's face.

"I want to forget it," he said at last. "She makes me forget it. That is why I want her."

Dr. Craven did not look happy when he left the room. He gave a puzzled glance at the little girl sitting on the large stool. She had become a stiff, silent child again as soon as he entered and he could not see what the **attraction** was. The boy actually did look brighter, however--and he sighed rather heavily as he went down the corridor.

Thesaurus

attraction: (*n*) allure, invitation, affinity, appeal, charm, allurements, lure, fascination, bait, draw, attractiveness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) repulsion, revulsion, disgust, aversion, repellant, drawback.
dangerously: (*adv*) hazardously, precariously, unsafely, riskily, seriously, insecurely, harmfully, pariously, severely, fatally; (*adj, adv*) gravely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) safely, securely, carefully, slightly.

oppose: (*v*) contest, contend, resist, contradict, controvert, contravene, counteract, fight, counter, disagree, dissent. ANTONYMS: (*v*) advocate, agree, back, advise, promote, accept, submit, encourage, correspond, approve, favor.
sparkling: (*adj, v*) effervescent; (*adj*) bright, brilliant, radiant, glittery, bubbly, glittering, scintillating, shining, scintillant; (*n*) sparkle. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, dirty,

lifeless, lethargic.
stayed: (*v*) staid, serious, philosophic, sedate, platonic, stoical; (*n*) stays; (*adj*) late.
uncomfortable: (*adj*) ill at ease, embarrassing, troubled, disagreeable, inconvenient, difficult, discomfited, anxious, uneasy, cheerless; (*v*) untoward. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, comfy, happy, untroubled, painless, content, easy, straightforward.

“They are **always wanting** me to eat **things** when I don’t want to,” said Colin, as the nurse brought in the tea and put it on the **table** by the sofa. “Now, if you’ll eat I will. Those muffins look so **nice** and hot. **Tell** me about Rajahs.”

Thesaurus

always: (*adv*) continuously, whenever, permanently, ever, usually, eternally, unceasingly; (*adj*) perpetual, still, eternal; (*adj, adv*) without exception. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) erratically, intermittently, temporarily.

nice: (*adj*) fastidious, dainty, fine, good, lovely, kind, likable, delicious, difficult, precise; (*adj, n*) neat. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) horrible, nasty, unlikable, rough, mean, loathsome, approximate, unsavory, unfriendly,

inelegant, bad.

table: (*n*) board, schedule, chart, stand, list, desk, plateau, platen; (*v*) defer, shelve, postpone. ANTONYMS: (*v*) decide, vote, withdraw.

tell: (*n, v*) disclose, impart, count; (*v*) relate, reveal, recount, divulge, explain, communicate; (*adj, v*) declare, express. ANTONYMS: (*v*) request, misunderstand, estimate, listen, figure, guess, withhold, conceal, suppress, confuse.

things: (*n*) gear, belongings, equipment, garb, garment, clothes, paraphernalia, goods, life, property, palliamant.

wanting: (*adj, v*) missing; (*adj*) deficient, lacking, absent, defective, short, failing, insufficient, devoid, poor, incomplete. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sufficient, satisfactory, adequate, full, present.

CHAPTER XV

NEST BUILDING

After another week of rain the high arch of blue sky **appeared** again and the sun which poured down was quite hot. Though there had been no chance to see either the secret garden or Dickon, Mistress Mary had enjoyed herself very much. The week had not seemed long. She had spent hours of every day with Colin in his room, talking about Rajahs or gardens or Dickon and the cottage on the moor. They had looked at the splendid books and pictures and sometimes Mary had read things to Colin, and sometimes he had read a little to her. When he was amused and interested she thought he scarcely looked like an invalid at all, except that his face was so **colorless** and he was always on the sofa.

"You are a sly young one to listen and get out of your bed to go following things up like you did that night," Mrs. Medlock said once. "But there's no saying it's not been a sort of **blessing** to the lot of us. He's not had a **tantrum** or a **whining** fit since you made friends. The nurse was just going to give up the case because she was so **sick** of him, but she says she doesn't mind staying now you've gone on duty with her," laughing a little.

In her talks with Colin, Mary had tried to be very **cautious** about the secret garden. There were certain things she wanted to find out from him, but she felt that she must find them out without asking him direct questions. In the first

Thesaurus

appeared: (*n*) appearing.

blessing: (*n*) benediction, approval, mercy, felicity, benison, benefit, luck, advantage, boon, bless, godsend.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) curse, misfortune, disaster, condemnation, adversity, desecration, refusal, veto, disadvantage.

cautious: (*adj*) guarded, conservative, prudent, watchful, attentive, reserved, shy, provident, judicious, circumspect, chary. **ANTONYMS:**

(*adj*) rash, open, impulsive, impetuous, careless, irresponsible, wasteful, incautious, thoughtless, imprudent, unwary.

colorless: (*adj*) achromatic, neutral, drab, dull, monotonous, wan, tame, pallid, bloodless, white, colourless. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) rosy, interesting, rich, vivid, brilliant, vibrant, stimulating, lively, glamorous, exciting, distinctive.

sick: (*adj*) ill, queasy, poorly, ailing,

weary, diseased, sickly, morbid; (*adj, v*) indisposed, unwell; (*adj, n*) invalid. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) healthy, fond, wholesome.

tantrum: (*n*) fit, rage, scene, mood, sulk, temper, anger, tiff, fit of anger, bad temper, conniption. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) peace, calm.

whining: (*adj*) whimpering, whiny, sniveling pitiful, Snively, tearful, whiney, singing, peevish; (*v*) fretful, lamenting; (*n*) sniveling.

place, as she began to like to be with him, she wanted to **discover** whether he was the kind of boy you could tell a secret to. He was not in the least like Dickon, but he was evidently so pleased with the idea of a garden no one knew anything about that she thought perhaps he could be **trusted**. But she had not known him long enough to be sure. The second thing she wanted to find out was this: If he could be trusted--if he really could--wouldn't it be possible to take him to the garden without **having** any one find it out? The grand doctor had said that he must have fresh air and Colin had said that he would not mind fresh air in a secret garden. Perhaps if he had a great deal of fresh air and knew Dickon and the robin and saw things growing he might not think so much about dying. Mary had seen herself in the glass sometimes **lately** when she had **realized** that she looked quite a different creature from the child she had seen when she arrived from India. This child looked nicer. Even Martha had seen a change in her.

"Th' air from th' moor has done thee good already," she had said. "Tha'rt not **nigh** so yellor and tha'rt not nigh so **scrawny**. Even tha' hair doesn't slamp down on tha' head so flat. It's got some life in it so as it **sticks** out a bit."

"It's like me," said Mary. "It's growing **stronger** and fatter. I'm sure there's more of it."

"It looks it, for sure," said Martha, ruffling it up a little round her face. "Tha'rt not half so ugly when it's that way an' there's a bit o' red in tha' cheeks."

If gardens and fresh air had been good for her perhaps they would be good for Colin. But then, if he hated people to look at him, perhaps he would not like to see Dickon.

"Why does it make you angry when you are looked at?" she inquired one day.

"I always hated it," he answered, "even when I was very little. Then when they took me to the seaside and I used to lie in my carriage everybody used to stare and ladies would stop and talk to my nurse and then they would begin to whisper and I knew then they were saying I shouldn't live to grow up. Then

Thesaurus

discover: (v) discern, disclose, ascertain, find, perceive, catch, expose, hear, determine, sense, detect. ANTONYMS: (v) overlook, ignore, disregard, confuse, conceal, lose.

having: (n) estate, possession, acceptance, enjoyment.

lately: (adv) tardily, newly, freshly, belatedly, slowly, latterly, deadily; (adj, adv) anew, late, afresh; (adj) recent.

nigh: (adj, adv, prep) near; (adj, adv) close, nearly, almost, nearby, most, all but, about, adjacent; (prep) by; (adj) approximate.

realized: (adj) accomplished, realised, completed, effected, fulfilled, caught, done, finished, highly skilled, established.

scrawny: (adj) skinny, emaciated, thin, gaunt, scraggy, meager, lanky, bony, angular, weedy, underweight. ANTONYMS: (adj) fat, strong, robust.

sticks: (n) backwoods, firewood, frontier, outskirts, suburb, town, wilderness, brushwood, high sticks; (adj) distant.

stronger: (adj) reprobate, insensible, reproof, iniquity, hardening, shameless, graceless, immoralities, ministry; (v) Milman, misery.

trusted: (adj) intimate, confidential, sure, bosom, beloved, cherished, familiar, trustworthy, indisputable, trusty, reliable.

sometimes the ladies would pat my cheeks and say 'Poor child!' Once when a lady did that I screamed out loud and bit her hand. She was so frightened she ran away."

"She thought you had gone mad like a dog," said Mary, not at all admiringly.

"I don't care what she thought," said Colin, frowning.

"I wonder why you didn't scream and bite me when I came into your room?" said Mary. Then she began to smile slowly.

"I thought you were a ghost or a dream," he said. "You can't bite a ghost or a dream, and if you scream they don't care."

"Would you hate it if--if a boy looked at you?" Mary asked **uncertainly**.

He lay back on his cushion and paused thoughtfully.

"There's one boy," he said quite slowly, as if he were thinking over every word, "there's one boy I believe I shouldn't mind. It's that boy who knows where the foxes live--Dickon."

"I'm sure you wouldn't mind him," said Mary.

"The birds don't and other animals," he said, still thinking it over, "perhaps that's why I shouldn't. He's a sort of animal **charmer** and I am a boy animal."

Then he laughed and she laughed too; in fact it ended in their both laughing a great deal and finding the idea of a boy animal **hiding** in his hole very funny indeed.

What Mary felt afterward was that she need not fear about Dickon.

On that first morning when the sky was blue again Mary wakened very early. The sun was pouring in slanting **rays** through the blinds and there was something so **joyous** in the sight of it that she jumped out of bed and ran to the window. She drew up the blinds and opened the window itself and a great **waft** of fresh, **scented** air blew in upon her. The moor was blue and the whole world looked as if something Magic had happened to it. There were tender little **fluting** sounds here and there and everywhere, as if scores of birds were

Thesaurus

charmer: (*n*) warlock, enchanter, sorcerer, person, mortal, soul, someone, somebody, phony, mage, individual.

fluting: (*n*) groove, chamfer, furrow, champagne flute, channel, flute glass.

hiding: (*n*) covering, concealment, concealing, beating, screening, thrashing, flogging, rout, burial, drubbing, ambush.

joyous: (*adj*) happy, gleeful, elated, jolly, glad, gay, jovial, merry, festive,

cheerful, jocund. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) despairing, joyless, miserable.

rays: (*n*) light, sunlight, Selachii, dogfishes, elasmobranch, Elasmobranchii, emission, daylight, sunshine, selachian, subclass Elasmobranchii.

scented: (*adj*) fragrant, perfumed, aromatic, balmy, sweet, redolent, odoriferous, spicy, savory, smelling, angelical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) scentless, smelly.

uncertainly: (*adv*) dubiously, doubtfully, unsurely, unsettledly, falteringly, unsteadily, waveringly, irresolutely, undecidedly, undeterminedly, unfixedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) firmly, determinedly, decisively, steadily, indisputably, boldly, certainly, admirably.

waft: (*v*) blow, float, drift, glide, wave, gust; (*n*) whiff, puff, vivda, vifda, pennoncelle.

beginning to tune up for a concert. Mary put her hand out of the window and held it in the sun.

"It's warm--warm!" she said. "It will make the green points push up and up and up, and it will make the bulbs and **roots** work and struggle with all their might under the earth."

She kneeled down and leaned out of the window as far as she could, breathing big breaths and sniffing the air until she laughed because she remembered what Dickon's mother had said about the end of his nose **quivering** like a rabbit's. "It must be very early," she said. "The little clouds are all pink and I've never seen the sky look like this. No one is up. I don't even hear the stable boys."

A sudden thought made her **scramble** to her feet.

"I can't wait! I am going to see the garden!"

She had learned to dress herself by this time and she put on her clothes in five minutes. She knew a small side door which she could **unbolt** herself and she flew downstairs in her stocking feet and put on her shoes in the hall. She **unchained** and **unbolted** and unlocked and when the door was open she sprang across the step with one bound, and there she was standing on the grass, which seemed to have turned green, and with the sun pouring down on her and warm sweet wafts about her and the fluting and twittering and singing coming from every bush and tree. She clasped her hands for pure joy and looked up in the sky and it was so blue and pink and **pearly** and white and flooded with springtime light that she felt as if she must **flute** and sing aloud herself and knew that thrushes and robins and skylarks could not possibly help it. She ran around the shrubs and paths towards the secret garden.

"It is all different already," she said. "The grass is greener and things are sticking up every- where and things are uncurling and green buds of leaves are showing. This afternoon I am sure Dickon will come."

The long warm rain had done strange things to the **herbaceous** beds which **bordered** the walk by the lower wall. There were things sprouting and pushing

Thesaurus

bordered: (*adj*) fringed, edged, delimited, surrounded.

flute: (*n*) wineglass, furrow, groove, fluting, tooth gap, champagne flute, corrugation, plow, wood, woodwind; (*v*) channel.

herbaceous: (*adj*) floral, nonwoody, spicy.

pearly: (*adj*) fair, iridescent, leaden, livid, drab, milky, dingy, dun, creamy, roan; (*n*) chopper.

quivering: (*adj, n*) trembling, tremor,

quaking, trepidation; (*n*) palpitation, quiver, vibration; (*adj*) flutter, quavering, shivering, tremulous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) steady.

roots: (*n*) heredity, family, origin, line, extraction, ancestry.

scramble: (*v*) clamber, beat, strive; (*n, v*) climb, struggle, bustle, jumble, scabble, rush; (*adj, n*) hurry; (*n*) haste. ANTONYMS: (*v*) descend; (*n*) descent.

unbolt: (*v*) unbar, loosen, disengage,

unlock, unfasten, undo, unhand, unharness, uncork, unclog, unclose. ANTONYMS: (*v*) bolt, fasten, close, lock.

unbolted: (*adj*) loose, open, unlatched, unlocked, unsecured.

unchained: (*adj*) unreined, unmuzzled, uncurbed, freed, unbound, unfettered, untied, unsubject, ungoverned, unenthralled, unenslaved.

out from the roots of clumps of plants and there were actually here and there glimpses of royal purple and yellow unfurling among the stems of crocuses. Six months before Mistress Mary would not have seen how the world was **waking** up, but now she missed nothing.

When she had reached the place where the door hid itself under the ivy, she was startled by a curious **loud** sound. It was the caw--caw of a crow and it came from the top of the wall, and when she looked up, there sat a big glossy-plumaged blue-black bird, looking down at her very wisely indeed. She had never seen a crow so close before and he made her a little nervous, but the next moment he spread his wings and flapped away across the garden. She hoped he was not going to stay inside and she pushed the door open wondering if he would. When she got fairly into the garden she saw that he probably did **intend** to stay because he had alighted on a **dwarf** apple-tree and under the apple-tree was lying a little **reddish** animal with a Bushy tail, and both of them were watching the **stooping** body and rust-red head of Dickon, who was kneeling on the grass working hard.

Mary flew across the grass to him.

"Oh, Dickon! Dickon!" she cried out. "How could you get here so early! How could you! The sun has only just got up!"

He got up himself, laughing and glowing, and **tousled**; his eyes like a bit of the sky.

"Eh!" he said. "I was up long before him. How could I have stayed abed! Th' world's all fair begun again this mornin', it has. An' it's workin' an' hummin' an' scratchin' an' pipin' an' nest-buildin' an' breathin' out scents, till you've got to be out on it 'stead o' lyin' on your back. When th' sun did jump up, th' moor went mad for joy, an' I was in the midst of th' heather, an' I run like mad myself, shoutin' an' singin'. An' I come straight here. I couldn't have stayed away. Why, th' garden was lyin' here waitin'!"

Mary put her hands on her chest, **panting**, as if she had been running herself.

"Oh, Dickon! Dickon!" she said. "I'm so happy I can scarcely breathe!"

Thesaurus

dwarf: (*adj, n*) midget, miniature; (*n*) gnome, fairy, brownie, manikin, pygmy; (*v*) overshadow; (*adj*) little, runt, baby. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) large, big, huge; (*v*) maximize.
intend: (*v*) destine, design, mean, aim, determine, denote, contemplate, plan, purpose, consider, believe. ANTONYM: (*v*) improvise.
loud: (*adj*) flashy, garish, gaudy, blatant, brassy, boisterous, high, jazzy, brazen, piercing; (*adj, adv*)

forte. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tasteful, gentle, quiet, subtle, subdued, low, muted, weak, tranquil, thin; (*adv*) softly.
panting: (*adj*) gasping, breathless, blown, winded, puffed; (*v*) palpitation; (*n*) heaving, gasp, asthma, heave, puff.
reddish: (*adj*) ruddy, rosy, crimson, cherry, rufescent, rufous, rubicund, scarlet, rubedinous, ruby, colorful.
stooping: (*adj*) hunched, crooked,

asymmetrical, not erect, not straight, corrupt; (*n*) patronage.
tousled: (*adj*) dishevelled, untidy, rumpled, unkempt, frowzled, uncombed, tangled, crumpled, knotted, disordered, entangled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, neat, ordered, kempt.
waking: (*adj*) wakeful; (*n*) awakening, wakefulness, consciousness.

Seeing him talking to a **stranger**, the little **bushy-tailed** animal rose from its place under the tree and came to him, and the **rook**, cawing once, flew down from its branch and settled quietly on his shoulder.

"This is th' little fox cub," he said, rubbing the little reddish animal's head. "It's named Captain. An' this here's Soot. Soot he flew across th' moor with me an' Captain he run same as if th' hounds had been after him. They both felt same as I did."

Neither of the creatures looked as if he were the least afraid of Mary. When Dickon began to walk about, Soot stayed on his shoulder and Captain trotted quietly close to his side.

"See here!" said Dickon. "See how these has pushed up, an' these an' these! An' Eh! Look at these here!"

He threw himself upon his **knees** and Mary went down beside him. They had come upon a whole **clump** of crocuses **burst** into purple and **orange** and gold. Mary bent her face down and kissed and kissed them.

"You never kiss a person in that way," she said when she lifted her head. "Flowers are so different."

He looked puzzled but smiled.

"Eh!" he said, "I've kissed mother many a time that way when I come in from th' moor after a day's roamin' an' she stood there at th' door in th' sun, lookin' so glad an' comfortable." They ran from one part of the garden to another and found so many wonders that they were obliged to remind themselves that they must whisper or speak low. He showed her swelling leafbuds on rose branches which had seemed dead. He showed her ten thousand new green points pushing through the **mould**. They put their eager young noses close to the earth and sniffed its **warmed** springtime breathing; they dug and pulled and laughed low with **rapture** until Mistress Mary's hair was as tumbled as Dickon's and her cheeks were almost as poppy red as his.

There was every joy on earth in the secret garden that morning, and in the midst of them came a delight more delightful than all, because it was more

Thesaurus

burst: (*adj, n, v*) crack; (*adj, v*) split, blow up, explode, splinter, detonate; (*n, v*) rupture, blast; (*adj, n*) flash; (*v*) break out, belch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) attach, join, connect, fasten, trickle.
bushy-tailed: (*adj*) healthy.
clump: (*n, v*) cluster, bundle; (*n*) lump, group, clot, knot, tuft, chunk, clod, ball; (*v*) plod.
knees: (*n*) knee.
mould: (*n, v*) mildew, cast, form, model; (*v*) make, frame, knead,

fashion, forge; (*n*) molding, matrix.
orange: (*n*) orangeness, orange tree, Methyl orange, bergamot, red and yellow, lemon, marmalade orange, orange river; (*adj, n*) reddish yellow; (*adj*) amber, ocher.
rapture: (*n*) joy, bliss, delight, happiness, exaltation, elation, exultation, enchantment; (*adj, n*) enthusiasm; (*n, v*) transport; (*adj, n, v*) passion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) indifference, boredom, misery,

gloom, agony, hell, despair.
rook: (*v*) defraud, con, swindle, bilk, noble, gyp, cheat, fleece, diddle, mulct; (*n*) crow.
stranger: (*n*) foreigner, outsider, newcomer, outlander, immigrant, intruder, unknown, tramontane, trespasser; (*adj*) foreign, strange. ANTONYMS: (*n*) pal, native, associate, resident, familiar.
warmed: (*adj*) warmer, warm, baked.

wonderful. Swiftly something flew across the wall and darted through the trees to a close grown corner, a little **flare** of red-breasted bird with something hanging from its beak. Dickon stood quite **still** and put his hand on Mary almost as if they had suddenly found themselves laughing in a church.

"We munnot stir," he whispered in broad Yorkshire. "We munnot **scarce** breathe. I knowed he was mate-huntin' when I seed him last. It's Ben Weatherstaff's robin. He's buildin' his nest. He'll stay here if us don't fight him." They settled down softly upon the grass and sat there without moving.

"Us mustn't seem as if us was watchin' him too close," said Dickon. "He'd be out with us for good if he got th' notion us was interferin' now. He'll be a good bit different till all this is over. He's settin' up housekeepin'. He'll be shyer an' readier to take things ill. He's got no time for visitin' an' gossipin'. Us must keep still a bit an' try to look as if us was grass an' trees an' bushes. Then when he's got used to seein' us I'll chirp a bit an' he'll know us'll not be in his way."

Mistress Mary was not at all sure that she knew, as Dickon seemed to, how to try to look like grass and trees and bushes. But he had said the queer thing as if it were the **simplest** and most natural thing in the world, and she felt it must be quite easy to him, and indeed she watched him for a few minutes carefully, wondering if it was possible for him to quietly turn green and put out branches and leaves. But he only sat **wonderfully** still, and when he spoke dropped his voice to such a **softness** that it was curious that she could hear him, but she could.

"It's part o' th' springtime, this nest-buildin' is," he said. "I warrant it's been goin' on in th' same way every year since th' world was begun. They've got their way o' thinkin' and doin' things an' a body had better not **meddle**. You can lose a friend in springtime easier than any other season if you're too curious."

"If we talk about him I can't help looking at him," Mary said as softly as possible. "We must talk of something else. There is something I want to tell you."

Thesaurus

flare: (*n, v*) blaze, flame, burst, glare; (*v*) burn, glint, blaze up, burn up; (*n*) fire; (*adj*) detonate, explode.
meddle: (*v*) intervene, interfere, intrude, monkey, interpose, fiddle, pry, dabble, interlope; (*n*) interference; (*adj*) moil. ANTONYM: (*v*) disregard.
scarce: (*adj*) rare, insufficient, deficient, infrequent, uncommon, scant, scanty, few, sparse; (*adv*) just, barely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) plentiful,

common, adequate, strong, usual, extensive.
simplest: (*adj*) rudimentary.
softness: (*n*) mildness, kindness, flabbiness, flaccidity, suavity, downiness, gentleness, tenderness, faintness; (*adj, n*) delicacy; (*adj*) smoothness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) rigidity, hoarseness, brightness, hardness, volume, harshness, tone, noise, heaviness, firmness, loudness.
till: (*conj, prep*) until, unto; (*v*) plow,

hoe, farm, dig; (*adj*) up to; (*n*) tiller, drawer; (*adv*) so far; (*prep*) to.
wonderfully: (*adv*) superbly, astonishingly, terrifically, magnificently, fantastically, marvellously, wondrously, amazingly, excellently; (*adj, adv*) strangely, famously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) awfully, unpleasantly, poorly, abysmally, unremarkably, mildly, horribly, badly, incompetently.

"He'll like it better if us **talks** o' somethin' else," said Dickon. "What is it tha's got to tell me?"

"Well--do you know about Colin?" she whispered.

He turned his head to look at her.

"What does tha' know about him?" he asked.

"I've seen him. I have been to talk to him every day this week. He wants me to come. He says I'm making him forget about being ill and dying," answered Mary.

Dickon looked actually relieved as soon as the **surprise** died away from his round face.

"I am glad o' that," he exclaimed. "I'm right down glad. It makes me easier. I knowed I must say nothin' about him an' I don't like havin' to hide things."

"Don't you like hiding the garden?" said Mary.

"I'll never tell about it," he answered. "But I says to mother, 'Mother,' I says, 'I got a secret to keep. It's not a bad 'un, tha' knows that. It's no worse than hidin' where a bird's nest is. Tha' doesn't mind it, does tha'?"

Mary always wanted to hear about mother.

"What did she say?" she asked, not at all **afraid** to hear.

Dickon grinned sweet-temperedly.

"It was just like her, what she said," he answered. "She give my head a bit of a rub an' laughed an' she says, 'Eh, lad, tha' can have all th' secrets tha' likes. I've knowed thee twelve year'."

"How did you know about Colin?" asked Mary.

"Everybody as knowed about Mester Craven knowed there was a little lad as was like to be a **cripple**, an' they knowed Mester Craven didn't like him to be talked about. Folks is sorry for Mester Craven because Mrs. Craven was such a **pretty** young lady an' they was so fond of each other. Mrs. Medlock **stops** in our cottage **whenever** she goes to Thwaite an' she doesn't mind talkin' to mother before us children, because she knows us has been brought up to be trusty. How

Thesaurus

afraid: (*adj*) fearful, timid, shy, apprehensive, anxious, worried, scared, frightened, nervous, terrified; (*adj, adv*) cowardly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) brave, venturesome, calm, confident, cool, courageous, eager, unafraid, valiant, bold, carefree.
cripple: (*adj, v*) maim, prostrate; (*v*) mutilate, enfeeble, injure, incapacitate, weaken, cripple; (*n, v*) damage; (*n*) invalid; (*adj*) paralyze. ANTONYMS: (*v*) support,

strengthen, invigorate, help, fortify, enable, aid.

pretty: (*adj*) fair, graceful, lovely, handsome, attractive, charming, good-looking, picturesque, dainty; (*n*) nice; (*adv*) very. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) plain, unattractive, modern, inelegant; (*adv*) extremely.

stops: (*n*) Chicago, Michigan, Newmarket, boodle, halts, stop, stoppages, stopped, stopping, card game, moolah.

surprise: (*n*) fright, amazement, wonder, astonishment; (*n, v*) alarm, shock, jolt; (*v*) amaze, startle, astonish, stun. ANTONYMS: (*n*) expectation; (*v*) encourage, comfort.
talks: (*n*) parley, discussion, dialogue, diplomacy, arbitration, mediation, conversation, discussions, conference, meeting, dialog.
whenever: (*n*) anytime, convenience; (*adv*) always, whene'er. ANTONYM: (*adv*) immediately.

did tha' find out about him? Martha was in fine trouble th' last time she came home. She said tha'd heard him frettin' an' tha' was askin' questions an' she didn't know what to say."

Mary told him her story about the **midnight** wuthering of the wind which had wakened her and about the **faint** far-off sounds of the **complaining** voice which had led her down the dark corridors with her candle and had ended with her **opening** of the door of the dimly lighted room with the **carven** four-posted bed in the corner. When she described the small ivory-white face and the strange black-rimmed eyes Dickon shook his head.

"Them's just like his mother's eyes, only **hers** was always laughin', they say," he said. "They say as Mr. Craven can't bear to see him when he's awake an' it's because his eyes is so like his mother's an' yet looks so different in his miserable bit of a face."

"Do you think he wants to die?" whispered Mary.

"No, but he **wishes** he'd never been born. Mother she says that's th' worst thing on earth for a child. Them as is not wanted scarce ever thrives. Mester Craven he'd buy anythin' as money could buy for th' poor lad but he'd like to forget as he's on earth. For one thing, he's afraid he'll look at him some day and find he's growed hunchback."

"Colin's so afraid of it himself that he won't sit up," said Mary. "He says he's always thinking that if he should feel a lump coming he should go crazy and scream himself to death."

"Eh! he oughtn't to lie there thinkin' things like that," said Dickon. "No lad could get well as thought them sort o' things."

The fox was **lying** on the grass close by him, looking up to ask for a pat now and then, and Dickon bent down and rubbed his neck softly and thought a few minutes in silence. Presently he lifted his head and looked round the garden.

"When first we got in here," he said, "it seemed like everything was gray. Look round now and tell me if tha' doesn't see a difference."

Mary looked and caught her **breath** a little.

Thesaurus

breath: (*n*) wind, air, inspiration, puff, soul, aspiration, respite, airflow; (*v*) breathe, respire; (*adj, n*) whisper.

carven: (*adj*) incised, engraved, lapidarian, graven, etched.

complaining: (*adj*) irritable, peevish, petulant, whining, moaning, complaintive, repining; (*adj, v*) querulous; (*n, v*) lamenting; (*adv*) complainingly; (*n*) plaintive.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, uncomplaining, cheerful, willing.

faint: (*adj, n, v*) swoon; (*adj*) dim, feeble, dizzy, indistinct, vague, soft, dull; (*adj, v*) weak; (*v*) languish, pass out. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) distinct, clear, obvious, loud, considerable, pungent, invigorated, hearty, energetic, defined; (*v*) revive.

hers: (*pron*) she, his; (*adj*) own.

lying: (*adj*) false, deceptive, mendacious, untrue, misleading, fraudulent; (*n*) lie, falsehood, fabrication, deceit, dishonesty.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) honesty, truthfulness; (*adj*) truthful.

midnight: (*n*) dark, noon, hour.

opening: (*n*) gap, break, aperture, beginning, door, commencement, entrance, hole, occasion, cleft; (*adj, n*) preliminary. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) final, last; (*adj, n*) closing; (*n*) exit, finale, finish, ending, shutting, postscript, conclusion.

wishes: (*n*) desires, requirements, requests, needs, will.

“Why!” she cried, “the gray wall is **changing**. It is as if a green mist were creeping over it. It’s almost like a green **gauze** veil.”

“Aye,” said Dickon. “An’ it’ll be greener and greener till th’ gray’s all gone. Can tha’ **guess** what I was thinkin’?”

“I know it was something nice,” said Mary eagerly. “I believe it was something about Colin.”

“I was thinkin’ that if he was out here he wouldn’t be watchin’ for **lumps** to grow on his back; he’d be watchin’ for buds to break on th’ rose-bushes, an’ he’d likely be healthier,” explained Dickon. “I was wonderin’ if us could ever get him in th’ humor to come out here an’ lie under th’ trees in his carriage.”

“I’ve been wondering that myself. I’ve thought of it almost every time I’ve talked to him,” said Mary. “I’ve wondered if he could keep a secret and I’ve wondered if we could bring him here without any one **seeing** us. I thought perhaps you could **push** his carriage. The doctor said he must have fresh air and if he wants us to take him out no one dare **disobey** him. He won’t go out for other people and perhaps they will be glad if he will go out with us. He could order the gardeners to keep away so they wouldn’t find out.”

Dickon was thinking very hard as he scratched Captain’s back.

“It’d be good for him, I’ll warrant,” he said. “Us’d not be thinkin’ he’d better never been born. Us’d be just two children watchin’ a garden grow, an’ he’d be another. Two lads an’ a little lass just lookin’ on at th’ springtime. I warrant it’d be better than doctor’s stuff.”

“He’s been lying in his room so long and he’s always been so afraid of his back that it has made him queer,” said Mary. “He knows a good many things out of books but he doesn’t know anything else. He says he has been too ill to notice things and he hates going out of doors and hates gardens and gardeners. But he likes to hear about this garden because it is a secret. I daren’t tell him much but he said he wanted to see it.”

“Us’ll have him out here sometime for sure,” said Dickon. “I could push his carriage well enough. Has tha’ noticed how th’ robin an’ his **mate** has been

Thesaurus

changing: (*adj*) unsettled, shifting, variable, dynamic, moving, choppy, uncertain, various, varying, inconstant, fickle. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) usual, fixed.

disobey: (*v*) violate, defy, infringe, disregard, contravene, ignore, resist, rebel, breach, transgress, counteract. ANTONYMS: (*v*) conform, regard, comply, mind, observe, behave, uphold.

gauze: (*n*) film, curtain, blind,

bandage, mask, mantle, muslin, screen, gauze bandage, shutter, daze.

guess: (*n, v*) surmise, estimate, forecast; (*v*) suppose, deem, reckon, divine, believe, foretell; (*n*) assumption, supposition.

lumps: (*n*) repulse, deserts, due, grit, punishment.

mate: (*n, v*) equal, partner, spouse; (*adj, n*) companion, comrade, fellow, associate, friend; (*n*) compeer, consort, husband.

push: (*n, v*) press, thrust, impel, jolt, force, jab, nudge, crowd, prod, poke; (*v*) jostle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) drag, haul, unpack, inhibit, leave, oppose, prevent, restrain, understate, calm; (*n*) apathy.

seeing: (*prep*) because; (*adj*) Seely, considering; (*n*) sight, vision, beholding, fusion, visual sense; (*v*) conceive, comprehend, perceive.

workin' while we've been sittin' here? Look at him perched on that branch wonderin' where it'd be best to put that twig he's got in his beak."

He made one of his low whistling calls and the robin turned his head and looked at him **inquiringly**, still holding his twig. Dickon spoke to him as Ben Weatherstaff did, but Dickon's **tone** was one of friendly advice.

"Wheres'ever tha' **puts** it," he said, "it'll be all right. Tha' knew how to build tha' nest before tha' came out o' th' egg. Get on with thee, lad. Tha'st got no time to lose."

"Oh, I do like to hear you talk to him!" Mary said, laughing delightedly. "Ben Weatherstaff scolds him and makes fun of him, and he hops about and looks as if he understood every word, and I know he likes it. Ben Weatherstaff says he is so conceited he would rather have stones **thrown** at him than not be noticed."

Dickon laughed too and went on talking.

"Tha' knows us won't trouble thee," he said to the robin. "Us is near bein' wild things ourselves. Us is nest-buildin' too, **bless** thee. Look out tha' doesn't tell on us."

And though the robin did not answer, because his beak was **occupied**, Mary knew that when he flew away with his twig to his own corner of the garden the **darkness** of his dew-bright eye meant that he would not tell their secret for the world.

Thesaurus

bless: (*v*) consecrate, celebrate, sanctify, anoint, eulogize, sign, praise, keep, grant, glorify; (*n*) blessing. ANTONYMS: (*v*) curse, condemn, disapprove, damn, disallow, deny.

darkness: (*n*) dark, shade, shadow, blindness, gloom, blackness, duskiness, murk, cloud, blackout, dimness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) brightness, lightness, glow, comprehension, knowledge, day,

clearness.

inquiringly: (*adv*) enquiringly, inquisitively, nosily, curiously, pryingly, interestedly, searchingly, inquiring, quizzically, intrusively.

occupied: (*adj*) busy, engaged, employed, diligent, active, absorbed, engrossed, working, industrious, affianced, betrothed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) empty, vacant, uninhabited, available, free, idle, liberated, unoccupied.

puts: (*n*) stocks, securities, preferred stock, common stock, bonds.

thrown: (*adj*) puzzled, confused, thrown and twisted, upset, disconcerted, unnerved, terrified, scared out of your wits, mystified, frightened; (*n*) reminder. ANTONYM: (*adj*) calm.

tone: (*n*) note, accent, timbre, spirit, tinge, shade, air, sound, tint, manner; (*n, v*) color. ANTONYMS: (*n*) atonicity, flaccidity; (*v*) jar.

CHAPTER XVI

“I WON’T!” SAID MARY

They found a great deal to do that morning and Mary was late in **returning** to the house and was also in such a **hurry** to get back to her work that she quite forgot Colin until the last moment.

“Tell Colin that I can’t come and see him yet,” she said to Martha. “I’m very **busy** in the garden.”

Martha looked rather frightened.

“Eh! Miss Mary,” she said, “it may put him all out of humor when I tell him that.”

But Mary was not as afraid of him as other people were and she was not a **self-sacrificing** person.

“I can’t stay,” she answered. “Dickon’s waiting for me;” and she ran away.

The afternoon was even lovelier and busier than the morning had been. Already nearly all the weeds were **cleared** out of the garden and most of the roses and trees had been pruned or dug about. Dickon had brought a spade of his own and he had taught Mary to use all her tools, so that by this time it was plain that though the lovely **wild** place was not likely to become a “gardener’s

Thesaurus

busy: (*adj*) brisk, engaged, assiduous, occupied, agile, meddlesome, industrious, crowded, officious, live; (*v*) occupy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) free, inactive, dodging, available, deserted, lazy, quiet, still, unengaged, avoiding, empty.

cleared: (*adj*) absolved, clean, empty, exculpated, bleak, innocent, exempt, vindicated, exonerated, guiltless, let off. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) full, uncleared, guilty.

hurry: (*n*) haste; (*n, v*) bustle, hasten, dispatch, flurry, rush; (*v*) scurry, dash, accelerate, expedite, run. ANTONYMS: (*n*) slowness, calmness, patience, unimportance; (*v*) dawdle, delay, linger, crawl, amble; (*intj*) wait.

returning: (*adj*) regressive, return, reversive, recurrent, coming back, ebbing, flowing back, new, newly appointed, newly elected, next. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) outgoing, unique,

occasional.

self-sacrificing: (*adj*) angelic, unselfish.

wild: (*adj, n, v*) waste, desert; (*adj, v*) fierce, violent, reckless, raging; (*adj*) boisterous, untamed, stormy, rude, desolate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, orderly, manageable, sane, domestic, cultivated, tame, restrained, mild, sensible, passive.

garden" it would be a wilderness of growing things before the springtime was over.

"There'll be apple blossoms an' cherry blossoms overhead," Dickon said, working away with all his might. "An' there'll be **peach** an' **plum** trees in bloom against th' walls, an' th' grass'll be a carpet o' flowers."

The little fox and the rook were as happy and busy as they were, and the robin and his mate flew **backward** and forward like tiny **streaks** of **lightning**. Sometimes the rook flapped his black wings and soared away over the tree-tops in the park. Each time he came back and perched near Dickon and cawed several times as if he were relating his **adventures**, and Dickon talked to him just as he had talked to the robin. Once when Dickon was so busy that he did not answer him at first, Soot flew on to his shoulders and gently tweaked his ear with his large beak. When Mary wanted to rest a little Dickon sat down with her under a tree and once he took his pipe out of his pocket and played the soft strange little notes and two squirrels appeared on the wall and looked and listened.

"Tha's a good bit stronger than tha' was," Dickon said, looking at her as she was digging. "Tha's beginning to look different, for sure."

Mary was glowing with exercise and good spirits.

"I'm getting fatter and fatter every day," she said quite exultantly. "Mrs. Medlock will have to get me some bigger dresses. Martha says my hair is growing thicker. It isn't so flat and stringy."

The sun was beginning to set and sending deep gold-colored rays slanting under the trees when they **parted**.

"It'll be fine tomorrow," said Dickon. "I'll be at work by sunrise."

"So will I," said Mary.

She ran back to the house as quickly as her **feet** would carry her. She wanted to tell Colin about Dickon's fox cub and the rook and about what the springtime had been doing. She felt sure he would like to hear. So it was not very pleasant when she opened the door of her room, to see Martha standing waiting for her with a **doleful** face.

Thesaurus

adventures: (*n*) experiences, fortunes, confessions, journal, life, biography, autobiography, personal narrative.

backward: (*adj, adv*) late, behindhand; (*adj*) tardy, retarded, reluctant, coy, slow, laggard, dilatory; (*adv*) behind, backwardly. ANTONYMS: (*adj, adv*) ahead; (*adv*) onward; (*adj*) quick, developing, advanced, confident, brilliant, bold.

doleful: (*adj*) mournful, sorrowful, sad, disconsolate, melancholy,

miserable, piteous, dolorous, somber, woeful; (*adj, v*) dolesome.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gleeful, happy, glad, cheery, elated, euphoric.

feet: (*v*) legs, pegs, pins, trotters; (*n*) foots, ft, fete, meter, rescue.

lightning: (*n*) levin, electricity, thunderbolt, Leven, ignis fatuus, heat lightning, forked lightning, fether, dart, chain lightning; (*adj*) wind.

parted: (*adj*) divided, separate, distributed, separated, divisible,

disunited, compounder, compound, dividable.

peach: (*v*) grass, denounce, blab, rat, declare, snitch; (*n*) apricot, Prunus persica, beauty, stunner, peach tree. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ugly, disagreeable, unpleasant.

plum: (*n*) damson, greengage, plum tree, prune, drupe, marmalade, lac, licorice; (*adv*) plumb, clean; (*adj*) mauve.

streaks: (*n*) stripes, cords.

"What is the matter?" she asked. "What did Colin say when you told him I couldn't come?"

"Eh!" said Martha, "I wish tha'd gone. He was nigh goin' into one o' his tantrums. There's been a nice to do all afternoon to keep him quiet. He would watch the clock all th' time."

Mary's lips pinched themselves together. She was no more used to **considering** other people than Colin was and she saw no reason why an ill-tempered boy should **interfere** with the thing she liked best. She knew nothing about the pitifulness of people who had been ill and **nervous** and who did not know that they could control their tempers and need not make other people ill and nervous, too. When she had had a **headache** in India she had done her best to see that everybody else also had a headache or something quite as bad. And she felt she was quite right; but of course now she felt that Colin was quite wrong.

He was not on his sofa when she went into his room. He was lying **flat** on his back in bed and he did not turn his head toward her as she came in. This was a bad beginning and Mary marched up to him with her stiff manner.

"Why didn't you get up?" she said.

"I did get up this morning when I thought you were coming," he answered, without looking at her. "I made them put me back in bed this afternoon. My back ached and my head ached and I was tired. Why didn't you come?" "I was working in the garden with Dickon," said Mary.

Colin frowned and condescended to look at her.

"I won't let that boy come here if you go and stay with him instead of coming to talk to me," he said.

Mary flew into a fine passion. She could fly into a passion without making a **noise**. She just grew sour and obstinate and did not care what happened.

"If you send Dickon away, I'll never come into this room again!" she retorted.

"You'll have to if I want you," said Colin.

Thesaurus

considering: (*conj, prep*) because, bearing in mind; (*conj*) as, since; (*adv*) whereas, enough; (*v*) consider; (*n*) consideration, thought, deliberation; (*prep*) in view of.

flat: (*n*) apartment; (*adj*) even, bland, insipid, level, tasteless, dreary, boring; (*adj, n*) plain, plane; (*adj, v*) uninteresting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bumpy, emotional, hilly, variable, sharp, negative, natural, lively, contrasty, choppy; (*adv*) indirectly.

headache: (*n*) cephalalgia, pain, encumbrance, bother, migraine, vexation, pest, head ache, worry; (*n, v*) twinge; (*v*) gripe.

ill-tempered: (*adj*) morose, sour, cross, crabby, churlish, moody, grouchy, mean, huffy, angry, hot.

interfere: (*n, v*) interpose; (*v*) intercede, obstruct, disturb, conflict, impede, hinder, meddle, intervene; (*n*) interference; (*adj, v*) intermeddle.

nervous: (*adj*) anxious, excitable,

afraid, uneasy, shy, fearful, apprehensive, firm; (*adj, v*) tense; (*adj, adv*) cowardly, excited. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) brave, relaxed, bold, composed, confident, fearless, untroubled, unflappable, still, unconcerned, carefree.

noise: (*n, v*) clatter, echo; (*n*) clamor, hubbub, racket, sound, disturbance, uproar, din, buzz, clang. ANTONYMS: (*n*) silence, quiet, quietness, sense.

"I won't!" said Mary.

"I'll make you," said Colin. "They shall drag you in."

"Shall they, Mr. Rajah!" said Mary fiercely. "They may drag me in but they can't make me talk when they get me here. I'll sit and **clench** my teeth and never tell you one thing. I won't even look at you. I'll stare at the floor!"

They were a nice **agreeable** pair as they glared at each other. If they had been two little street boys they would have sprung at each other and had a **rough-and-tumble** fight. As it was, they did the next thing to it.

"You are a **selfish** thing!" cried Colin.

"What are you?" said Mary. "Selfish people always say that. Any one is selfish who doesn't do what they want. You're more selfish than I am. You're the most selfish boy I ever saw."

"I'm not!" snapped Colin. "I'm not as selfish as your fine Dickon is! He keeps you playing in the dirt when he knows I am all by myself. He's selfish, if you like!"

Mary's eyes flashed fire.

"He's nicer than any other boy that ever lived!" she said. "He's--he's like an angel!" It might sound rather silly to say that but she did not care.

"A nice angel!" Colin sneered **ferociously**. "He's a common cottage boy off the moor!"

"He's better than a common Rajah!" retorted Mary. "He's a thousand times better!"

Because she was the stronger of the two she was beginning to get the better of him. The truth was that he had never had a fight with any one like himself in his life and, upon the whole, it was rather good for him, though neither he nor Mary knew anything about that. He turned his head on his pillow and shut his eyes and a big tear was squeezed out and ran down his cheek. He was beginning to feel **pathetic** and sorry for himself--not for any one else.

Thesaurus

agreeable: (*adj*) accordant, nice, sweet, consistent, suitable, amusing, enjoyable, affable; (*adj, v*) pleasant, desirable; (*adj, n*) acceptable.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disagreeable, discordant, unpleasant, nasty, unwilling, resistant, aggressive, repugnant, averse, stubborn, unacceptable.
clench: (*n, v*) clasp, grip, hold, clinch, grasp, gripe; (*v*) embrace, grapple, tighten, ratify; (*n*) clamp.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) release, flex, relax.
ferociously: (*adv*) brutally, wildly, savagely, inhumanly, severely, violently, vehemently, roughly, furiously, cruelly, atrociously.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly, tamely.
pathetic: (*adj*) deplorable, miserable, pitiful, wretched, forlorn, lamentable, tragic, distressing; (*adj, v*) touching, affecting, sad. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) strong, comical, effective, impressive,

admirable, spirited, praiseworthy, generous, fine, brilliant, decisive.
rough-and-tumble: (*adj*) scrimmage, scuffle, mix-up, stopgap.
selfish: (*adj*) mean, greedy, mercenary, egotistical, egotistic, egoistic, self-interested, stingy, egocentric, self-centered, covetous. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) selfless, altruistic, generous, altruism, considerate, philanthropic, thoughtful, constructive, concerned, abstemious, kind.

"I'm not as selfish as you, because I'm always ill, and I'm sure there is a lump coming on my back," he said. "And I am going to die besides."

"You're not!" contradicted Mary unsympathetically.

He opened his eyes quite wide with **indignation**. He had never heard such a thing said before. He was at once **furious** and slightly pleased, if a person could be both at one time.

"I'm not?" he cried. "I am! You know I am! Everybody says so."

"I don't believe it!" said Mary **sourly**. "You just say that to make people sorry. I believe you're proud of it. I don't believe it! If you were a nice boy it might be true--but you're too nasty!"

In spite of his invalid back Colin sat up in bed in quite a healthy rage.

"Get out of the room!" he shouted and he caught hold of his pillow and threw it at her. He was not strong enough to **throw** it far and it only fell at her feet, but Mary's face looked as pinched as a **nutcracker**.

"I'm going," she said. "And I won't come back!" She walked to the door and when she reached it she turned round and spoke again.

"I was going to tell you all sorts of nice things," she said. "Dickon brought his fox and his rook and I was going to tell you all about them. Now I won't tell you a single thing!"

She marched out of the door and closed it behind her, and there to her great **astonishment** she found the trained nurse standing as if she had been listening and, more amazing still--she was laughing. She was a big handsome young woman who ought not to have been a trained nurse at all, as she could not bear invalids and she was always making excuses to leave Colin to Martha or any one else who would take her place. Mary had never liked her, and she simply stood and gazed up at her as she stood **giggling** into her handkerchief..

"What are you laughing at?" she asked her.

"At you two young ones," said the nurse. "It's the best thing that could happen to the sickly **pampered** thing to have some one to stand up to him that's

Thesaurus

astonishment: (*n*) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, belief, contempt.

furious: (*adj, v*) fierce, violent, vehement, wild, rampant; (*adj*) frantic, enraged, ferocious, boisterous, raging, frenzied. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) happy, mild, gentle, pleased, mellow, quiet, slow.

giggling: (*n*) laughter.
indignation: (*n*) anger, resentment, displeasure, grudge, umbrage, rage, outrage, exasperation, cholera, dudgeon; (*adj, n*) wrath. ANTONYMS: (*n*) contentment, pleasure.

nutcracker: (*n*) cracker, nutbreaker, oscine, torque links, LG scissors, compound lever, common nutcracker, nuthatch, corvine bird.
pampered: (*adj*) indulged, spoiled,

soft, bad, fed luxuriously, luxurious.
sourly: (*adv*) bitterly, acidly, morosely, sullenly, sharply, unpleasantly, biting, harshly, caustically, crossly, gruffly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) graciously, sweetly, cheerfully, kindly.

throw: (*n, v*) cast, pitch, push; (*v*) shed, hurl, heave, chuck, flip, pass, hurtle; (*n*) shot. ANTONYMS: (*v*) explain, help, receive, clarify, encourage.

as spoiled as himself;" and she laughed into her **handkerchief** again. "If he'd had a young vixen of a sister to fight with it would have been the saving of him."

"Is he going to die?"

"I don't know and I don't care," said the nurse. "**Hysterics** and **temper** are half what ails him."

"What are hysterics?" asked Mary.

"You'll find out if you work him into a tantrum after this--but at any rate you've given him something to have hysterics about, and I'm glad of it."

Mary went back to her room not feeling at all as she had felt when she had come in from the garden. She was cross and disappointed but not at all sorry for Colin. She had looked forward to telling him a great many things and she had meant to try to make up her mind whether it would be safe to trust him with the great secret. She had been beginning to think it would be, but now she had changed her mind entirely. She would never tell him and he could stay in his room and never get any fresh air and die if he liked! It would serve him right! She felt so sour and **unrelenting** that for a few minutes she almost forgot about Dickon and the green **veil** creeping over the world and the soft wind **blowing** down from the moor.

Martha was waiting for her and the trouble in her face had been temporarily replaced by interest and curiosity. There was a wooden box on the table and its cover had been removed and revealed that it was full of neat packages.

"Mr. Craven sent it to you," said Martha. "It looks as if it had picture-books in it."

Mary remembered what he had asked her the day she had gone to his room. "Do you want anything--dolls--toys --books?" She opened the package wondering if he had sent a doll, and also wondering what she should do with it if he had. But he had not sent one. There were several beautiful books such as Colin had, and two of them were about gardens and were full of pictures. There were two or three games and there was a beautiful little writing-case with a gold **monogram** on it and a gold pen and **inkstand**.

Thesaurus

blowing: (*n*) processing, insufflation, bravado; (*v*) fanning, blow out; (*adj*) windy, breezy.

handkerchief: (*n*) hankie, kerchief, bandanna, cravat, hanky, wipe, bandana, collar, shawl; (*n, v*) napkin; (*v*) sudary.

hysterics: (*adj*) frenzy, hysterical, phrensy; (*n*) panic, mirth, emotional behavior, dramatics, paroxysm, rage, tantrum, affected behavior.

inkstand: (*n*) inkhorn.

monogram: (*n*) cipher, diagram, nameplate, character, name, graphic symbol, grapheme, emblem, device, badge, anagram.

temper: (*adj, v*) moderate, soften, mitigate, harden; (*n*) character, disposition, humor, nature; (*v*) modify, season, qualify.
ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) upset; (*v*) soften, agitate, excite, flex, bend, increase; (*n*) composure, happiness, wrath, equanimity.

unrelenting: (*adj, n*) harsh, hard, severe; (*adj*) stern, relentless, implacable, austere, cruel, grim, unforgiving, persistent.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) feeble, inexorable, sympathetic, temporary, merciful, compassionate, finite, gentle.
veil: (*n, v*) cover, hide, disguise, mask, cloud, shroud, camouflage; (*v*) cloak, conceal; (*n*) curtain, blind.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) disclose, unveil, expose.

Everything was so nice that her pleasure began to **crowd** her **anger** out of her mind. She had not expected him to remember her at all and her hard little heart grew quite warm.

"I can write better than I can print," she said, "and the first thing I shall write with that pen will be a letter to tell him I am much obliged."

If she had been friends with Colin she would have run to show him her presents at once, and they would have looked at the pictures and read some of the gardening books and perhaps tried playing the games, and he would have enjoyed himself so much he would never once have thought he was going to die or have put his hand on his **spine** to see if there was a lump coming. He had a way of doing that which she could not bear. It gave her an uncomfortable frightened feeling because he always looked so frightened himself. He said that if he felt even quite a little lump some day he should know his **hunch** had begun to grow. Something he had heard Mrs. Medlock whispering to the nurse had given him the idea and he had thought over it in secret until it was quite firmly fixed in his mind. Mrs. Medlock had said his father's back had begun to show its **crookedness** in that way when he was a child. He had never told any one but Mary that most of his "tantrums" as they called them grew out of his **hysterical** hidden fear. Mary had been sorry for him when he had told her.

"He always began to think about it when he was cross or tired," she said to herself. "And he has been cross today. Perhaps--perhaps he has been thinking about it all afternoon."

She stood still, looking down at the **carpet** and thinking.

"I said I would never go back again--" she hesitated, knitting her brows--"but perhaps, just perhaps, I will go and see--if he wants me--in the morning. Perhaps he'll try to throw his pillow at me again, but--I think--I'll go."

Thesaurus

anger: (*n*) fury, rage, displeasure, resentment, indignation; (*v*) incense, offend, irritate, exasperate; (*adj*) angry; (*n, v*) wrath. ANTONYMS: (*v*) placate, pacify, tickle; (*n*) pleasure, composure, glee, affection, serenity, goodwill, forbearance; (*n, v*) calm.
carpet: (*v*) cover, drape, rebuke, encase, row, chew out; (*n*) rug, carpeting, tapis, runner, covering.
crookedness: (*n*) dishonesty, contortion, indirectness, tortuosity,

deviousness, corruption, deformity, perversion, unfairness, obliqueness; (*adj*) obliquity. ANTONYM: (*n*) straightness.
crowd: (*n, v*) huddle, flock, swarm, press, squeeze, cluster, mob; (*n*) crew, collection, circle, army. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disperse, empty, retreat, scatter, desert; (*n*) dispersal, scattering, trickle, few.
hunch: (*n, v*) hump; (*n*) intuition, suspicion, foreboding, feeling,

premonition, presentiment, bunch, inkling; (*v*) bend, crouch.
hysterical: (*adj, n*) feverish; (*adj*) wild, violent, eccentric, frenzied, emotional, fitful, febrile, erratic; (*n*) fanatical, hysterics. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, composed, restrained.
spine: (*n*) backbone, prickle, quill, back, vertebral column, barb, rachis, spinal column, vertebra; (*adj, n*) point, spike.

CHAPTER XVII

A TANTRUM

She had got up very early in the morning and had worked hard in the garden and she was tired and **sleepy**, so as soon as Martha had brought her supper and she had eaten it, she was glad to go to bed. As she laid her head on the pillow she murmured to herself:

"I'll go out before breakfast and work with Dickon and then afterward--I believe--I'll go to see him."

She thought it was the middle of the night when she was awakened by such **dreadful** sounds that she jumped out of bed in an **instant**. What was it--what was it? The next minute she felt quite sure she knew. Doors were opened and shut and there were hurrying feet in the corridors and some one was crying and **screaming** at the same time, screaming and crying in a **horrible** way.

"It's Colin," she said. "He's having one of those tantrums the nurse called hysterics. How **awful** it sounds."

As she listened to the sobbing screams she did not wonder that people were so frightened that they gave him his own way in everything rather than hear them. She put her hands over her ears and felt sick and shivering.

Thesaurus

awful: (*adj*) fearful, dreadful, terrible, abominable, appalling, nasty, abhorrent, atrocious, bad, horrible, lousy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) excellent, wonderful, marvelous, great, lovely, nice, pleasant, beautiful, pleasing, good, minor.

dreadful: (*adj*) bad, awful, alarming, atrocious, fearful, terrible, abominable, appalling, direful, grisly; (*adj, v*) dread. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wonderful, great, lovely, fantastic,

marvelous, admirable, successful, nice, joyous, honorable, fair.

horrible: (*adj*) awful, fearful, frightful, abominable, grisly, formidable, dire, ghastly, dreadful, fearsome; (*adj, v*) horrid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wonderful, lovely, nice, lovable, fair, delightful, slight, appealing, minor, attractive, great.

instant: (*adj, n*) present; (*adj*) immediate, prompt; (*n*) flash, minute, jiffy, point, second; (*adj, v*) exigent;

(*adj, n, v*) pressing, urgent.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) age, eternity; (*adj*) considered, delayed, slow.

screaming: (*adv*) screamingly; (*n*) shrieking, shriek, screeching, screech, vociferation; (*adj*) garish, loud, uproarious, showy, noisy.

sleepy: (*adj*) drowsy, dozy, slow, lazy, hypnotic, inactive, comatose, dull, heavy, dreamy; (*adv*) asleep.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) awake, energetic, vigorous, clear, lively, refreshed.

"I don't know what to do. I don't know what to do," she kept saying. "I can't bear it."

Once she wondered if he would stop if she dared go to him and then she remembered how he had **driven** her out of the room and thought that perhaps the sight of her might make him worse. Even when she **pressed** her hands more **tightly** over her ears she could not keep the awful sounds out. She hated them so and was so **terrified** by them that suddenly they began to make her angry and she felt as if she should like to fly into a tantrum herself and frighten him as he was **frightening** her. She was not used to any one's tempers but her own. She took her hands from her ears and sprang up and **stamped** her foot.

"He ought to be stopped! Somebody ought to make him stop! Somebody ought to beat him!" she cried out.

Just then she heard feet almost running down the corridor and her door opened and the nurse came in. She was not laughing now by any means. She even looked rather pale.

"He's worked himself into hysterics," she said in a great hurry. "He'll do himself harm. No one can do anything with him. You come and try, like a good child. He likes you."

"He turned me out of the room this morning," said Mary, stamping her foot with excitement.

The stamp rather pleased the nurse. The truth was that she had been afraid she might find Mary crying and hiding her head under the bed-clothes.

"That's right," she said. "You're in the right humor. You go and **scold** him. Give him something new to think of. Do go, child, as quick as ever you can."

It was not until afterward that Mary realized that the thing had been funny as well as dreadful--that it was funny that all the grown-up people were so frightened that they came to a little girl just because they **guessed** she was almost as bad as Colin himself.

Thesaurus

driven: (*v*) drive, impel, operate, propel; (*adj*) impelled, compulsive, motivated, involuntary, dynamic, successful; (*n*) drove.

frightening: (*adj*) awesome, awful, menacing, alarming, fearsome, horrific, terrible, creepy, fearful, dread, formidable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) comfortable, soothing, pleasant, comforting, approachable, normal, hospitable.

guessed: (*adj*) rude, inscrutable.

pressed: (*adj*) compact, urgent, printed, pressing, press, stamped, pushed, impelled, incited, bound, driven.

scold: (*v*) reprimand, chide, berate, rebuke, abuse, lecture, reproach, rail, grouch; (*n, v*) nag; (*adj, n*) shrew. ANTONYMS: (*v*) praise, compliment, approve.

stamp: (*n, v*) print, imprint, mark, seal, brand, impress, cast, punch, shape; (*v*) trample; (*n*) impression.

stamped: (*adj*) beaten, marked, pressed, printed; (*v*) fixed, engraved.

terrified: (*adj*) afraid, frightened, fearful, panicky, panicked, aghast, timid, timorous, apprehensive, startled, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fearless, brave.

tightly: (*adv*) closely, steadily, tautly, strictly, securely, densely, stiffly, solidly, tipsily, stably, parsimoniously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) loosely, insecurely, sparsely.

She flew along the corridor and the nearer she got to the screams the higher her temper mounted. She felt quite wicked by the time she reached the door. She **slapped** it open with her hand and ran across the room to the four-posted bed.

"You stop!" she almost shouted. "You stop! I hate you! Everybody hates you! I wish everybody would run out of the house and let you scream yourself to death! You will scream yourself to death in a minute, and I wish you would!" A nice sympathetic child could neither have thought nor said such things, but it just happened that the shock of hearing them was the best possible thing for this hysterical boy whom no one had ever dared to **restrain** or **contradict**.

He had been lying on his face beating his pillow with his hands and he actually almost jumped around, he turned so quickly at the sound of the furious little voice. His face looked dreadful, white and red and **swollen**, and he was **gasping** and **choking**; but savage little Mary did not care an atom.

"If you scream another scream," she said, "I'll scream too --and I can scream louder than you can and I'll frighten you, I'll frighten you!"

He actually had stopped screaming because she had startled him so. The scream which had been coming almost choked him. The tears were streaming down his face and he shook all over.

"I can't stop!" he gasped and sobbed. "I can't--I can't!"

"You can!" shouted Mary. "Half that ails you is hysterics and temper--just hysterics--hysterics--hysterics!" and she stamped each time she said it.

"I felt the lump--I felt it," choked out Colin. "I knew I should. I shall have a hunch on my back and then I shall die," and he began to **writhe** again and turned on his face and sobbed and wailed but he didn't scream.

"You didn't feel a lump!" contradicted Mary fiercely. "If you did it was only a hysterical lump. Hysterics makes lumps. There's nothing the matter with your **horrid** back--nothing but hysterics! Turn over and let me look at it!"

She liked the word "hysterics" and felt somehow as if it had an effect on him. He was probably like herself and had never heard it before.

Thesaurus

choking: (*n*) strangulation, throttling, slugging, asphyxiation; (*adj*) suffocative, suffocating, smothering, breathless, clogging, bitter, blinding.
contradict: (*v*) deny, oppose, belie, conflict, confute, controvert, contravene, disprove, refute, invalidate, impugn. ANTONYMS: (*v*) agree, match, correspond, approve, corroborate, prove, support, reinforce.
gasping: (*adj*) panting, winded, blown,

out of breath, thirsty, palsy; (*v*) spavined, touched in the wind.
horrid: (*adj*) grisly, ghastly, ugly, gruesome, grim, fearful, dreadful, direful, dire, horrible, fearsome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lovely, nice, appealing, attractive, kind.
restrain: (*adj, v*) confine; (*v*) control, rein, hold, curb, bind, contain, prevent, limit, repress; (*n, v*) check. ANTONYMS: (*v*) encourage, promote, unleash, impel, release,

intensify, increase, free, extend, express, support.
slapped: (*adj*) mistreated.
swollen: (*adj, v*) inflated, distended; (*adj*) bombastic, puffy, turgid, puffed, high, egotistic, bulging; (*v*) blown; (*adj, prep*) pompous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) contracted, shrunken.
writhe: (*adj, v*) distort, wrest; (*v*) contort, wriggle, squirm, wrench, worm, coil, wiggle, thrash, warp.

"Nurse," she commanded, "come here and show me his back this minute!"

The nurse, Mrs. Medlock and Martha had been standing **huddled** together near the door staring at her, their mouths half open. All three had gasped with fright more than once. The nurse came forward as if she were half afraid. Colin was **heaving** with great breathless sobs.

"Perhaps he--he won't let me," she hesitated in a low voice.

Colin heard her, however, and he gasped out between two sobs:

"Sh-show her! She-she'll see then!"

It was a poor thin back to look at when it was **bared**. Every rib could be counted and every joint of the spine, though Mistress Mary did not count them as she bent over and examined them with a solemn savage little face. She looked so sour and **old-fashioned** that the nurse turned her head aside to hide the **twitching** of her mouth. There was just a minute's silence, for even Colin tried to hold his breath while Mary looked up and down his spine, and down and up, as intently as if she had been the great doctor from London.

"There's not a single lump there!" she said at last. "There's not a lump as big as a pin--except **backbone** lumps, and you can only feel them because you're thin. I've got backbone lumps myself, and they used to stick out as much as yours do, until I began to get fatter, and I am not fat enough yet to hide them. There's not a lump as big as a pin! If you ever say there is again, I shall laugh!"

No one but Colin himself knew what effect those crossly spoken childish words had on him. If he had ever had any one to talk to about his secret terrors--if he had ever dared to let himself ask questions--if he had had childish companions and had not **lain** on his back in the huge closed house, breathing an atmosphere heavy with the fears of people who were most of them ignorant and tired of him, he would have found out that most of his fright and illness was created by himself. But he had lain and thought of himself and his aches and **weariness** for hours and days and months and years. And now that an angry **unsympathetic** little girl insisted obstinately that he was not as ill as he thought he was he actually felt as if she might be speaking the truth.

Thesaurus

backbone: (*n*) back, strength, nerve, courage, mainstay, pluck, spine, vertebral column, grit, stamina; (*adj*, *n*) bottom. ANTONYMS: (*n*) powerlessness, spinelessness, timidity, weakness.

bared: (*adj*) naked, unclothed, exposed.

heaving: (*v*) tremor, twitter; (*adj*) swelling, full, full up, jammed; (*n*) murmur, forcing out, groan, grumble, mutter. ANTONYM: (*adj*) deserted.

huddled: (*adj*) crouched, crouching, hunkered down, hunkered.

lain: (*adj*) artless, unsophisticated, unaffected, naive, untutored, simple, pure, natural, native, inartificial.

old-fashioned: (*adj*) obsolete, antiquated, archaic, outmoded, outdated, ancient, old, musty, corny, behind the times, superannuated.

twitching: (*n*) tic, fibrillation, cramp, fasciculation, spasm, contraction, vellication, spasmodic tic.

unsympathetic: (*adj*) pitiless, callous, heartless, hard, hardhearted, unkind, unconcerned, obdurate, indifferent, closed, insensitive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sympathetic, kind, caring, favorable, merciful, concerned, considerate, easygoing, friendly, gentle, warmhearted.

weariness: (*n*) exhaustion, tiredness, lassitude, languor, asthenopia, defatigation, grogginess, listlessness, boredom, ennui, prostration.

"I didn't know," ventured the nurse, "that he thought he had a lump on his spine. His back is weak because he won't try to sit up. I could have told him there was no lump there." Colin gulped and turned his face a little to look at her.

"C-could you?" he said **pathetically**.

"Yes, sir."

"There!" said Mary, and she gulped too.

Colin turned on his face again and but for his long-drawn broken breaths, which were the dying down of his **storm** of sobbing, he lay still for a minute, though great tears streamed down his face and wet the pillow. Actually the tears meant that a curious great relief had come to him. Presently he turned and looked at the nurse again and **strangely** enough he was not like a Rajah at all as he spoke to her.

"Do you think--I could--live to grow up?" he said.

The nurse was neither clever nor **soft**-hearted but she could repeat some of the London doctor's words.

"You probably will if you will do what you are told to do and not give way to your temper, and stay out a great deal in the fresh air."

Colin's tantrum had **passed** and he was weak and **worn** out with crying and this perhaps made him feel gentle. He put out his hand a little toward Mary, and I am glad to say that, her own tantrum having passed, she was **softened** too and met him half-way with her hand, so that it was a sort of making up.

"I'll--I'll go out with you, Mary," he said. "I shan't hate fresh air if we can find--" He remembered just in time to stop himself from saying "if we can find the secret garden" and he ended, "I shall like to go out with you if Dickon will come and push my chair. I do so want to see Dickon and the fox and the crow."

The nurse remade the tumbled bed and shook and straightened the pillows. Then she made Colin a cup of beef tea and gave a cup to Mary, who really was very glad to get it after her excitement. Mrs. Medlock and Martha **gladly** slipped

Thesaurus

gladly: (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) gleefully, contentedly, cheerfully, fain, joyfully, jovially, cheerily, delightedly, gladsomely, readily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) reluctantly, unwillingly, sadly, resentfully, miserably.
passed: (*adj*) accepted, approved, legal, gone.
pathetically: (*adv*) pitifully, piteously, sorrowfully, wretchedly, pitiably, touchingly, sadly, poorly, miserably, plaintively, distressingly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) intelligently, convincingly.

softened: (*adj*) diffused, muffled, muted, quiet, slow, touched, sluggish, soften, pultaceous, subdued, low-key.

soft-hearted: (*adj*) sympathetic, tender, warm, lenient, compassionate, merciful, clement, sentimental.

storm: (*n, v*) rush, tempest, hail, attack, assault, charge; (*v*) fume; (*n*) shower, blizzard, hurricane, gust.

ANTONYM: (*n*) trickle.

strangely: (*adv*) curiously, queerly, unusually, funnily, peculiarly, weirdly, marvelously, uncommonly, extraordinarily, singularly, bizarrely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) typically, ordinarily, harmoniously.
worn: (*adj*) haggard, tired, tattered, threadbare, ragged, drawn, jaded, fatigued, exhausted, faded, wasted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) new, smart, unused, unworn, pristine, original.

away, and after everything was neat and calm and in order the nurse looked as if she would very gladly slip away also. She was a healthy young woman who resented being **robbed** of her sleep and she yawned quite **openly** as she looked at Mary, who had pushed her big footstool close to the four-posted bed and was **holding** Colin's hand.

"You must go back and get your sleep out," she said. "He'll drop off after a while--if he's not too upset. Then I'll lie down myself in the next room."

"Would you like me to sing you that song I learned from my Ayah?" Mary whispered to Colin.

His hand pulled hers gently and he turned his tired eyes on her **appealingly**.

"Oh, yes!" he answered. "It's such a soft song. I shall go to sleep in a minute."

"I will put him to sleep," Mary said to the **yawning** nurse. "You can go if you like."

"Well," said the nurse, with an attempt at **reluctance**. "If he doesn't go to sleep in half an hour you must call me."

"Very well," answered Mary.

The nurse was out of the room in a minute and as soon as she was gone Colin pulled Mary's hand again.

"I almost told," he said; "but I stopped myself in time. I won't talk and I'll go to sleep, but you said you had a whole lot of nice things to tell me. Have you--do you think you have found out anything at all about the way into the secret garden?"

Mary looked at his poor little tired face and swollen eyes and her heart relented.

"Ye-es," she answered, "I think I have. And if you will go to sleep I will tell you tomorrow." His hand quite trembled.

"Oh, Mary!" he said. "Oh, Mary! If I could get into it I think I should live to grow up! Do you suppose that instead of singing the Ayah song--you could just

Thesaurus

appealingly: (*adv*) beautifully, captivatingly, charmingly, prettily, engagingly, pleasantly, enchantingly, delightfully, imploringly, interestingly, fascinatingly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disgustingly, unappealingly, unattractively, unpleasantly.

holding: (*n*) keeping, belongings, hold, claim, property, asset, ownership, take, retention, capture; (*adj*) retaining.

openly: (*adv*) frankly, publicly, clearly, candidly, directly, straightforwardly, evidently, publically, plainly, outspokenly; (*adj, adv*) manifestly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) furtively, secretly, clandestinely, mysteriously, ambiguously, reticently, covertly, discreetly, affectedly, craftily, deceitfully.

reluctance: (*n*) aversion, hesitation, indisposition, distaste, disgust, dislike, opposition, unwillingness,

repugnance, diffidence, scruple.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) readiness, disposition, keenness, willingness, enthusiasm.

robbed: (*adj*) plundered, rubato, fleeced, borrowed, bereft.

yawning: (*adj, v*) gaping, oscitant; (*n*) yawn, hiation, pandiculation, oscitancy; (*adj*) cavernous, open, drowsy, profound, sleepy.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cramped, narrow.

tell me softly as you did that first day what you imagine it looks like inside? I am sure it will make me go to sleep."

"Yes," answered Mary. "Shut your eyes."

He closed his eyes and lay quite still and she held his hand and began to speak very slowly and in a very low voice.

"I think it has been left **alone** so long--that it has **grown** all into a lovely tangle. I think the roses have climbed and climbed and climbed until they **hang** from the branches and walls and **creep** over the ground--almost like a strange gray mist. Some of them have died but many--are alive and when the summer comes there will be **curtains** and fountains of roses. I think the ground is full of daffodils and snowdrops and lilies and **iris** working their way out of the dark. Now the spring has begun--perhaps--perhaps--"

The soft **drone** of her voice was making him stiller and stiller and she saw it and went on.

"Perhaps they are coming up through the grass--perhaps there are clusters of purple crocuses and **gold** ones--even now. Perhaps the leaves are beginning to break out and uncurl--and perhaps--the gray is changing and a green gauze veil is creeping--and creeping over--everything. And the birds are coming to look at it--because it is--so safe and still. And perhaps--perhaps--perhaps--" very softly and slowly indeed, "the robin has found a mate--and is building a nest."

And Colin was asleep.

Thesaurus

alone: (*adj*) forlorn, individual, lonely, lonesome; (*adj, adv*) only, apart; (*adv*) solely, entirely, exclusively, separately, individually.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) overshadowed, ordinary, mobbed, equaled, crowded, accompanied, common, grouped, surpassed; (*adv*) jointly; (*n*) foe.
creep: (*v*) grovel, sneak, steal, fawn, lurk, truckle, cringe; (*n*) creeping, crawling, toady, sycophant.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) race, dash, hasten,

hurry, speed, fly.
curtains: (*n*) passing, demise, finish, decease, tragedy, termination, calamity, cataclysm; (*adj*) last, ultimate, terminal.
drone: (*n, v*) hum, murmur; (*v*) whine, idler, purr; (*n*) dawdler, droning, laggard, sluggard, roll; (*adv, n*) bourdon.
gold: (*n*) Au, money, riches, wealth, bullion, treasure, yellow, amber; (*adj*) aureate, gilt, golden.

grown: (*adj*) mature, big, growed, grown-up, developed, ripe, grownup, fully grown, full-grown, growth, become. **ANTONYM:** (*adj*) unripe.
hang: (*adj, n, v*) suspend; (*v*) dangle, depend, drape, float, fall, hover, append, string up; (*n, v*) delay; (*adj*) hung.
iris: (*n*) diaphragm, flag, pupil, rainbow, gladdon, blue flag, white, tulip, comet, tortoise shell, peacock.

CHAPTER XVIII

“THA’ MUNNOT WASTE NO TIME”

Of course Mary did not waken early the next morning. She slept late because she was tired, and when Martha brought her breakfast she told her that though Colin was quite quiet he was ill and **feverish** as he always was after he had worn himself out with a fit of crying. Mary ate her breakfast slowly as she listened.

“He says he wishes tha’ would please go and see him as soon as tha’ can,” Martha said. “It’s queer what a **fancy** he’s took to thee. Tha’ did give it him last night for sure--didn’t tha? Nobody else would have dared to do it. Eh! poor lad! He’s been spoiled till **salt** won’t save him. Mother says as th’ two worst things as can happen to a child is never to have his own way--or always to have it. She doesn’t know which is th’ worst. Tha’ was in a fine temper tha’self, too. But he says to me when I went into his room, ‘Please ask Miss Mary if she’ll please come an, talk to me?’ Think o’ him saying please! Will you go, Miss?” “I’ll run and see Dickon first,” said Mary. “No, I’ll go and see Colin first and tell him--I know what I’ll tell him,” with a sudden **inspiration**.

She had her hat on when she appeared in Colin’s room and for a second he looked **disappointed**. He was in bed. His face was **pitifully** white and there were dark circles round his eyes.

Thesaurus

disappointed: (*adj*) despondent, disgruntled, regretful, dissatisfied, depressed, sad, unhappy, frustrated, disenchanted, dejected, disappoint. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleased, satisfied, composed, happy, triumphant, fulfilled, cheerful, idealistic.
fancy: (*n, v*) desire, fantasy, caprice, dream, wish, daydream; (*v*) imagine, consider; (*adj, v*) conceive; (*n*) conception, conceit. ANTONYMS: (*n*) reality, certainty, actuality,

conviction; (*adj*) unadorned, common; (*v*) hate, demonstrate, detest, disapprove, test.
feverish: (*adj*) febrile, feverous, fiery, frenzied, fevered, excited, sick, fanatical; (*adj, v*) hot, flushed; (*adj, n*) hysterical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, afebrile, collected, composed, mellow.
inspiration: (*n*) afflatus, encouragement, idea, incentive, revelation, breath, inhalation, notion;

(*n, v*) illumination, infusion; (*adj, n*) genius.

pitifully: (*adv*) sadly, piteously, wretchedly, sorrowfully, touchingly, distressingly, poorly, meanly, movingly, ruefully, woefully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, happily.

salt: (*adj*) salty, saline, briny, brackish, pungent; (*v*) cure, pickle; (*n*) salinity, common salt, alkali; (*adj, n*) spice.

"I'm glad you came," he said. "My head **aches** and I ache all over because I'm so tired. Are you going somewhere?"

Mary went and leaned against his bed.

"I won't be long," she said. "I'm going to Dickon, but I'll come back. Colin, it's--it's something about the garden."

His whole face brightened and a little color came into it.

"Oh! is it?" he cried out. "I dreamed about it all night I heard you say something about gray changing into green, and I dreamed I was standing in a place all filled with **trembling** little green leaves--and there were birds on nests everywhere and they looked so soft and still. I'll lie and think about it until you come back."

In five minutes Mary was with Dickon in their garden. The fox and the crow were with him again and this time he had brought two **tame** squirrels. "I came over on the pony this mornin'," he said. "Eh! he is a good little chap--Jump is! I brought these two in my pockets. This here one he's called Nut an' this here other one's called Shell."

When he said "Nut" one squirrel leaped on to his right shoulder and when he said "Shell" the other one leaped on to his left shoulder.

When they sat down on the grass with Captain **curled** at their feet, Soot solemnly listening on a tree and Nut and Shell nosing about close to them, it seemed to Mary that it would be scarcely **bearable** to leave such **delightfulness**, but when she began to tell her story somehow the look in Dickon's funny face gradually changed her mind. She could see he felt sorrier for Colin than she did. He looked up at the sky and all about him.

"Just listen to them birds--th' world seems full of 'em--all whistlin' an' pipin'," he said. "Look at 'em dartin' about, an' **hearken** at 'em callin' to each other. Come springtime seems like as if all th' world's callin'. The leaves is uncurlin' so you can see 'em--an', my word, th' nice smells there is about!" sniffing with his happy turned-up nose. "An' that poor lad lyin' shut up an' seein' so little that he gets to thinkin' o' things as sets him screamin'. Eh! my! we

Thesaurus

ache: (*n, v*) hunger, pain, hurt, yen; (*n*) twinge, thirst; (*v*) long, yearn, itch, smart, pine. ANTONYMS: (*v*) help, assist; (*n*) comfort, ease, health, relief, joy.

bearable: (*adj*) endurable, sufferable, supportable, livable, admissible, allowable, sustainable, possible, reasonable, permissible, acceptable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) insufferable, intolerable.

curled: (*adj*) coiled, curling, having

curls, round, braided, twisted, bowed, wreathy, Crull, curled up, tressed.

delightfulness: (*adj*) delight, dainty, critical niceness, daintiness; (*n*) joyfulness, pleasure, pleasantness, gratification, cuteness, attractiveness, appeal.

hearken: (*v*) hark, harken, attend, listen, hear, heed, list, listen in, listen to, regard, look out.

tame: (*v*) break, subdue, soften,

domesticate; (*adj*) meek, docile, bland, domestic, gentle, slow; (*adj, v*) moderate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

exciting, bright, unmanageable, interesting, untamed, inspiring, brilliant, colorful, rebellious, lively.

trembling: (*adj, n*) shaking; (*adj, n, v*) tremor; (*adj*) shaky, quaking, shivering, flutter; (*n*) palpitation, quiver, vibration, shiver, quake. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stable, steady.

mun get him out here--we mun get him watchin' an listenin' an' sniffin' up th' air an' get him just **soaked** through wi' sunshine. An' we munnot lose no time about it."

When he was very much interested he often spoke quite broad Yorkshire though at other times he tried to **modify** his **dialect** so that Mary could better understand. But she loved his broad Yorkshire and had in fact been trying to learn to speak it herself. So she spoke a little now.

"Aye, that we mun," she said (which meant "Yes, indeed, we must"). "I'll tell thee what us'll do first," she **proceeded**, and Dickon grinned, because when the little **wench** tried to twist her tongue into speaking Yorkshire it amused him very much. "He's took a graidely fancy to thee. He wants to see thee and he wants to see Soot an' Captain. When I go back to the house to talk to him I'll ax him if tha' **canna**' come an' see him tomorrow mornin'--an'. bring tha' creatures wi' thee--an' then--in a bit, when there's more leaves out, an' happen a bud or two, we'll get him to come out an' tha' shall push him in his chair an' we'll bring him here an' show him everything."

When she stopped she was quite proud of herself. She had never made a long speech in Yorkshire before and she had remembered very well.

"Tha' mun talk a bit o' Yorkshire like that to Mester Colin," Dickon chuckled. "Tha'll make him laugh an' there's **nowt** as good for ill folk as laughin' is. Mother says she believes as half a hour's good laugh every mornin' 'ud cure a **chap** as was makin' ready for **typhus** fever."

"I'm going to talk Yorkshire to him this very day," said Mary, **chuckling** herself.

The garden had reached the time when every day and every night it seemed as if Magicians were passing through it drawing **loveliness** out of the earth and the boughs with wands. It was hard to go away and leave it all, particularly as Nut had actually crept on to her dress and Shell had **scrambled** down the trunk of the apple-tree they sat under and stayed there looking at her with inquiring

Thesaurus

canna: (*n*) Indian shot, herb, achira.

chap: (*n*) fellow, blighter, guy, crevice, cranny, crack, lad, man, scissure, beau, chink.

chuckling: (*n*) laughter.

dialect: (*n*) language, speech, vernacular, tongue, accent, lingo, conversation, say, talk, patois, phraseology.

loveliness: (*n*) comeliness, fairness, grace, attractiveness, charm, glamour, pulchritude, beauteousness,

good looks, cuteness, fineness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) unattractiveness, unpleasantness, awkwardness.

modify: (*v*) qualify, adapt, change, limit, assuage, moderate, vary, convert, amend, restrict, adjust.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) leave, worsen, standardize, maintain.

nowt: (*n*) nothing, naught, nought, zilch, nada, nobody, cipher, bugger all, zero.

proceeded: (*v*) proceed, yode.

scrambled: (*adj*) twisted, snarled, miscellaneous, knotted, jumbled.

soaked: (*adj*) wet, drenched, sopping, soggy, soaking, drunk, wet through, soaking wet, damp, sloshed; (*adj, v*) sodden. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dry.

typhus: (*n*) typhinia, typhomania, typhus fever, rickettsial disease, spotted fever.

wench: (*n*) miss, damsel, strumpet, trollop, Trull, missy, quean, slut, nymph, dame; (*n, v*) drab.

eyes. But she went back to the house and when she sat down close to Colin's bed he began to sniff as Dickon did though not in such an experienced way.

"You smell like flowers and--and fresh things," he cried out quite **joyously**. "What is it you smell of? It's cool and warm and sweet all at the same time."

"It's th' wind from th' moor," said Mary. "It comes o' sittin' on th' grass under a tree wi' Dickon an' wi' Captain an' Soot an' Nut an' Shell. It's th' springtime an' out o' doors an' sunshine as smells so graidely."

She said it as broadly as she could, and you do not know how broadly Yorkshire sounds until you have heard some one speak it. Colin began to laugh.

"What are you doing?" he said. "I never heard you talk like that before. How funny it sounds."

"I'm givin' thee a bit o' Yorkshire," answered Mary **triumphantly**. "I canna' talk as graidely as Dickon an' Martha can but tha' sees I can shape a bit. Doesn't tha' understand a bit o' Yorkshire when tha' **hears** it? An' tha' a Yorkshire lad thysel' bred an' born! Eh! I wonder tha'rt not **ashamed** o' thy face."

And then she began to laugh too and they both laughed until they could not stop themselves and they laughed until the room echoed and Mrs. Medlock opening the door to come in **drew** back into the corridor and stood listening **amazed**.

"Well, upon my word!" she said, speaking rather broad Yorkshire herself because there was no one to hear her and she was so astonished. "Whoever heard th' like! Whoever on earth would ha' thought it!"

There was so much to talk about. It seemed as if Colin could never hear enough of Dickon and Captain and Soot and Nut and Shell and the pony whose name was Jump. Mary had run round into the wood with Dickon to see Jump. He was a tiny little **shaggy** moor pony with thick locks hanging over his eyes and with a pretty face and a nuzzling velvet nose. He was rather thin with living on moor grass but he was as tough and **wiry** as if the muscle in his little legs had been made of steel springs. He had lifted his head and whinnied softly the moment he saw Dickon and he had trotted up to him and put his head across his

Thesaurus

amazed: (*adj*) astounded, astonished, stunned, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, shocked, staggered, bewildered, surprised, thunderstruck, aghast.
ashamed: (*adj*) hangdog, guilty, embarrassed, sheepish, remorseful, regretful, bashful, disconcerted, contrite, chagrined; (*v*) dashed.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) proud, arrogant, unremorseful, unashamed, pleased, blatant, bold, happy, unabashed,

unrepentant.
drew: (*n*) move, John Drew.
hears: (*v*) hear.
joyously: (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) gaily, gleefully, mirthfully, cheerfully, gladly, merrily, festively, brightly, buoyantly, pleasantly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) joylessly.
shaggy: (*adj*) bushy, hirsute, hairy, bearded, shagged, pilous, brushy, unkempt, hispid; (*adj, n*) ragged; (*n*) rugged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sleek,

tidy.
triumphantly: (*adv*) exultantly, winningly, jubilantly, elatedly, proudly, successfully, triumphally, conqueringly, gleefully, delightedly, gloriously.
wiry: (*adj*) lean, muscular, sinewy, fibrous, brawny, stalwart, ropy, thin, supple, vigorous, rough.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, small, tiny, smooth, soft, stout, fat.

shoulder and then Dickon had talked into his ear and Jump had talked back in odd little whinnies and puffs and snorts. Dickon had made him give Mary his small front **hoof** and **kiss** her on her cheek with his velvet muzzle.

"Does he really understand everything Dickon says?" Colin asked.

"It seems as if he does," answered Mary. "Dickon says anything will understand if you're friends with it for sure, but you have to be friends for sure."

Colin lay quiet a little while and his strange gray eyes seemed to be staring at the wall, but Mary saw he was thinking.

"I wish I was friends with things," he said at last, "but I'm not. I never had anything to be friends with, and I can't bear people."

"Can't you bear me?" asked Mary.

"Yes, I can," he answered. "It's funny but I even like you."

"Ben Weatherstaff said I was like him," said Mary. "He said he'd warrant we'd both got the same **nasty** tempers. I think you are like him too. We are all three alike--you and I and Ben Weatherstaff. He said we were neither of us much to look at and we were as sour as we looked. But I don't feel as sour as I used to before I knew the robin and Dickon."

"Did you feel as if you hated people?"

"Yes," answered Mary without any **affectation**. "I should have **detested** you if I had seen you before I saw the robin and Dickon."

Colin put out his thin hand and touched her.

"Mary," he said, "I wish I hadn't said what I did about sending Dickon away. I hated you when you said he was like an **angel** and I laughed at you but--but perhaps he is."

"Well, it was rather funny to say it," she admitted **frankly**, "because his nose does turn up and he has a big mouth and his clothes have patches all over them and he talks broad Yorkshire, but--but if an angel did come to Yorkshire and live on the moor--if there was a Yorkshire angel--I believe he'd understand the green

Thesaurus

affectation: (*n*) pretension, feint, pose, display, airs, affectedness, ostentation, show, pretense, mannerism, sham. ANTONYMS: (*n*) artlessness, honesty, modesty.
angel: (*n, v*) sponsor, support; (*n*) backer, cherub, messenger, patron, benefactor, saint; (*adj*) Dulcinea, goddess; (*adj, n*) darling. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fiend, devil, jerk, demon.
detested: (*adj*) despised, unpopular,

disliked, loathed, not accepted, unloved, scorned, reviled, out of favor, not liked.

frankly: (*adv*) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (*adj, adv*) freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely.

hoof: (*n*) toe, sole, hooves, bottom, keel, root, leg, ungula, unguis, animal

foot; (*v*) step.

kiss: (*n, v*) caress, brush, embrace, touch; (*n*) osculation, salute, lip, Kiss of peace, kiss hands; (*v*) osculate, love.

nasty: (*adj*) dirty, foul, filthy, disgusting, awful, mean, repulsive, raw, hurtful, coarse; (*adj, n*) obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) agreeable, pleasant, nice, charitable, lovely, delightful, friendly, tasty, charming, safe, respectful.

things and know how to make them **grow** and he would know how to talk to the wild creatures as Dickon does and they'd know he was friends for sure."

"I shouldn't mind Dickon looking at me," said Colin; "I want to see him."

"I'm glad you said that," answered **Mary**, "because--because--"

Quite suddenly it came into her mind that this was the minute to tell him. Colin knew something new was coming.

"Because what?" he cried eagerly.

Mary was so anxious that she got up from her stool and came to him and caught hold of both his hands.

"Can I trust you? I trusted Dickon because **birds** trusted him. Can I trust you--for sure--for sure?" she implored.

Her face was so **solemn** that he almost whispered his answer.

"Yes--yes!"

"Well, Dickon will come to see you **tomorrow** morning, and he'll bring his creatures with him."

"Oh! Oh!" Colin cried out in delight.

"But that's not all," Mary went on, almost pale with solemn excitement. "The rest is better. There is a door into the garden. I found it. It is under the ivy on the wall."

If he had been a strong healthy boy Colin would probably have shouted "**Hooray!** Hooray! Hooray!" but he was **weak** and rather hysterical; his eyes grew bigger and bigger and he gasped for breath.

"Oh! Mary!" he cried out with a half sob. "Shall I see it? Shall I get into it? Shall I live to get into it?" and he clutched her hands and dragged her toward him.

"Of course you'll see it!" snapped Mary indignantly. "Of course you'll live to get into it! Don't be silly!"

Thesaurus

birds: (*n*) aves, class Aves, Craniata, flora and fauna, natural world, nature, subphylum Craniata, Subphylum Vertebrata, Vertebrata, amphibians.

grow: (*v*) expand, advance, augment, enlarge, come, emerge, spring, become, farm, turn, get.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) decrease, weaken, shrink, decline, drop, collapse, struggle, wane, plummet, dwindle, deteriorate.

hooray: (*int*) bravo, congratulations, well done.

mary: (*n*) Elizabeth, Virgin Mary, Blessed Virgin, bloody shame, Madonna Louise Ciccone, the Virgin; (*int*) marry.

solemn: (*adj, n, v*) serious; (*adj, v*) sober, important, sedate, devout, formal, demure; (*adj*) heavy, dignified, sacred; (*adj, n*) earnest.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) frivolous, cheerful, unceremonious, funny,

playful, flippant, relaxed.

tomorrow: (*adv*) kal, never; (*n*) solar day, mean solar day, time to come, day.

weak: (*adj, n*) frail; (*adj*) flat, watery, fragile, flimsy, faint, thin, light, sickly, soft, nerveless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) concentrated, firm, brave, safe, forceful, effective, healthy, intense, determined, powerful, robust.

And she was so un-hysterical and natural and childish that she brought him to his **senses** and he began to laugh at himself and a few minutes afterward she was sitting on her stool again **telling** him not what she imagined the secret garden to be like but what it really was, and Colin's aches and **tiredness** were **forgotten** and he was **listening** enraptured.

"It is just what you thought it would be," he said at last. "It sounds just as if you had really seen it. You know I said that when you told me first."

Mary hesitated about two minutes and then **boldly** spoke the truth.

"I had seen it--and I had been in," she said. "I found the key and got in weeks ago. But I daren't tell you--I daren't because I was so afraid I couldn't trust you--for sure!"

Thesaurus

boldly: (*adj, adv*) courageously, valiantly, heroically; (*adv*) fearlessly, daringly, bravely, intrepidly, impudently, audaciously, shamelessly, brashly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) discreetly, modestly, nervously, hesitantly, shyly, fearfully, meekly, submissively, secretly, respectfully, diffidently.

forgotten: (*adj*) lost, disregarded, elapsed, past, abandoned, gone, Gone With the Wind, irrecoverable,

lapsed, disoriented, no more.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) remembered.

listening: (*v*) listen, hear, obey; (*n*) auscultation, perception, sensing, audition, audience, earshot, auditory modality; (*adj*) attentive.

senses: (*adj*) sober senses, sound mind; (*n*) reason, mind, conception, consciousness, judgment, faculties, mother wit, right mind, sanity.

telling: (*adj, v*) significant; (*adj*) revealing, emphatic, impressive,

effectual, effective, pregnant, cogent; (*n*) relation, recounting, notice.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) secretive, unimportant, insignificant, hidden.

tiredness: (*n*) fatigue, lassitude, weariness, asthenopia, grogginess, staleness, unoriginality, triteness, temporary state, stupor, sleepiness.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) wakefulness, originality, alertness.

CHAPTER XIX

“IT HAS COME!”

Of course Dr. Craven had been sent for the morning after Colin had had his tantrum. He was always sent for at once when such a thing occurred and he always found, when he arrived, a white **shaken** boy lying on his bed, **sulky** and still so hysterical that he was ready to break into fresh sobbing at the least word. In fact, Dr. Craven **dreaded** and detested the difficulties of these visits. On this **occasion** he was away from Misselthwaite Manor until afternoon.

“How is he?” he asked Mrs. Medlock rather **irritably** when he arrived. “He will break a blood-vessel in one of those fits some day. The boy is half **insane** with **hysteria** and self-indulgence.”

“Well, sir,” answered Mrs. Medlock, “you’ll scarcely believe your eyes when you see him. That plain sour-faced child that’s almost as bad as himself has just bewitched him. How she’s done it there’s no telling. The Lord knows she’s nothing to look at and you scarcely ever hear her speak, but she did what none of us dare do. She just flew at him like a little cat last night, and stamped her feet and **ordered** him to stop screaming, and somehow she startled him so that he actually did stop, and this afternoon--well just come up and see, sir. It’s past crediting.”

Thesaurus

dreaded: (*adj*) awful, terrible, cowardly, causing horror, dire, direful, desperate, dreadful, fearful, fearsome; (*v*) drad.
hysteria: (*n*) delirium, frenzy, hysteric, madness, fury, craze, furor, panic, uterus, neuroticism, mania.
 ANTONYM: (*n*) order.
insane: (*adj*) foolish, daft, demented, mad, delirious, lunatic, fool, moonstruck, frantic, idiotic, nutty.
 ANTONYM: (*adj*) sensible.

irritably: (*adv*) splenetically, cholericly, cholericly, impatiently, angrily, heatedly, irately, pettishly, petulantly, snappily, sulkily.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly, cheerily, lightly.
occasion: (*n, v*) cause; (*n*) case, event, juncture, episode, incident; (*v*) bring about, create, beget, make, induce.
ordered: (*adj*) regular, arranged, methodical, trim, orderly, lawful, logical, consistent, coherent,

commanded, organized.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disordered, disarranged, inconsistent.
shaken: (*adj*) jolted, agitated, dilapidated, frayed; (*v*) passe, lame, broken, threadbare, wilted, shaky, vibrate.
sulky: (*adj*) gloomy, grouchy, morose, surly, peevish, moody, dismal, cross, petulant, crabby; (*adj, v*) glum.
 ANTONYMS: (*adj*) resigned, cheerful; (*n*) cheeriness.

The scene which Dr. Craven **beheld** when he entered his patient's room was indeed rather **astonishing** to him. As Mrs. Medlock opened the door he heard laughing and **chattering**. Colin was on his sofa in his dressing-gown and he was sitting up quite straight looking at a picture in one of the garden books and talking to the plain child who at that moment could scarcely be called plain at all because her face was so glowing with enjoyment.

"Those long spires of blue ones--we'll have a lot of those," Colin was **announcing**. "They're called Del-phin-iums."

"Dickon says they're larkspurs made big and grand," cried Mistress Mary. "There are clumps there already."

Then they saw Dr. Craven and stopped. Mary became quite still and Colin looked fretful.

"I am sorry to hear you were ill last night, my boy," Dr. Craven said a trifle nervously. He was rather a nervous man.

"I'm better now--much better," Colin answered, rather like a Rajah. "I'm going out in my chair in a day or two if it is fine. I want some fresh air."

Dr. Craven sat down by him and felt his **pulse** and looked at him curiously.

"It must be a very fine day," he said, "and you must be very careful not to **tire** yourself."

"Fresh air won't tire me," said the young Rajah.

As there had been occasions when this same young gentleman had shrieked aloud with rage and had insisted that fresh air would give him cold and **kill** him, it is not to be wondered at that his doctor felt somewhat startled.

"I thought you did not like fresh air," he said.

"I don't when I am by myself," replied the Rajah; "but my cousin is going out with me."

"And the nurse, of course?" suggested Dr. Craven.

"No, I will not have the nurse," so **magnificently** that Mary could not help remembering how the young native Prince had looked with his diamonds and

Thesaurus

announcing: (*n*) publicity, communication; (*adj*) annunciative.

astonishing: (*adj*) amazing, wonderful, stupendous, prodigious, strange, surprising, astounding, incredible, breathtaking; (*v*) astonish; (*adj, n*) marvelous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ordinary, humdrum, boring, mundane, dull, expected, predictable, usual, comforting.

beheld: (*adj*) visual.

chattering: (*n*) chatter, cackle, yak,

grabbing, claver; (*adj*) talkative, loquacious, noisy, gabby, garrulous; (*v*) natter.

kill: (*n, v*) assassinate, destroy; (*v*) erase, annihilate, eliminate, extinguish, finish, blast, decimate, execute, eradicate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) revitalize, revive; (*n*) hunter.

magnificently: (*adv*) beautifully, grandly, superbly, gloriously, majestically, gorgeously, sumptuously, marvelously,

wonderfully, fantastically, showily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) poorly, modestly, badly, abysmally, simply, meagerly, incompetently.

pulse: (*n, v*) throb; (*n*) pulsation, impulse, heartbeat, legume, rhythm, pounding, cadence; (*v*) pulsate, palpitate, pound.

tire: (*n, v*) bore, jade; (*adj, n, v*) fatigue; (*v*) exhaust, harass, fag, weary, wear, pall, prostrate; (*n*) tyre. ANTONYMS: (*v*) interest, invigorate, energize.

emeralds and **pearls** stuck all over him and the great rubies on the small dark hand he had waved to command his servants to approach with salaams and receive his orders.

"My cousin knows how to take care of me. I am always better when she is with me. She made me better last night. A very strong boy I know will push my carriage."

Dr. Craven felt rather **alarmed**. If this tiresome hysterical boy should chance to get well he himself would lose all chance of **inheriting** Misselthwaite; but he was not an **unscrupulous** man, though he was a weak one, and he did not intend to let him run into actual danger.

"He must be a strong boy and a steady boy," he said. "And I must know something about him. Who is he? What is his name?"

"It's Dickon," Mary spoke up suddenly. She felt somehow that everybody who knew the moor must know Dickon. And she was right, too. She saw that in a moment Dr. Craven's serious face **relaxed** into a relieved smile.

"Oh, Dickon," he said. "If it is Dickon you will be safe enough. He's as strong as a moor pony, is Dickon."

"And he's trusty," said Mary. "He's th' trustiest lad i' Yorkshire." She had been talking Yorkshire to Colin and she forgot herself.

"Did Dickon **teach** you that?" asked Dr. Craven, laughing outright.

"I'm learning it as if it was French," said Mary rather **coldly**. "It's like a native dialect in India. Very clever people try to learn them. I like it and so does Colin." "Well, well," he said. "If it amuses you perhaps it won't do you any harm. Did you take your **bromide** last night, Colin?"

"No," Colin answered. "I wouldn't take it at first and after Mary made me quiet she talked me to sleep--in a low voice--about the spring creeping into a garden."

Thesaurus

alarmed: (*adj*) afraid, scared, frightened, apprehensive, horrified, anxious, uneasy, agitated, shocked, terrified, concerned. ANTONYM: (*adj*) carefree.

bromide: (*n*) platitude, commonplace, cliché, bromure, bore, truism, sedative, remark, halide, downer, depressant.

coldly: (*adv*) frigidly, icily, coolly, indifferently, frostily, distantly, gelidly, reservedly, bleakly, wintrily,

frozenly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) warmly, affectionately, sympathetically, sensitively, kindly, cheerfully, emotionally.

inheriting: (*adj*) heritable.

pearls: (*n*) beads, jewelry, jewellery.

relaxed: (*adj*) loose, slack, composed, calm, comfortable, easy, cool, at ease, informal, easygoing, happy.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nervous, uncomfortable, stiff, anxious, formal, prim, strict, prudish, restless,

haggard, reserved.

teach: (*v*) enlighten, educate, instruct, coach, indoctrinate, drill, learn, lecture, school; (*adj, v*) guide, show.

unscrupulous: (*adj*) dishonest, unprincipled, unethical, immoral, dishonorable, crooked, unfair, unconscionable, sharp, unscrupulous, sly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) scrupulous, principled, ethical, honest, moral.

"That sounds soothing," said Dr. Craven, more perplexed than ever and glancing **sideways** at Mistress Mary sitting on her stool and looking down **silently** at the carpet. "You are evidently better, but you must remember--"

"I don't want to remember," interrupted the Rajah, **appearing** again. "When I lie by myself and remember I begin to have **pains** everywhere and I think of things that make me begin to scream because I hate them so. If there was a doctor **anywhere** who could make you forget you were ill instead of remembering it I would have him brought here." And he waved a thin hand which ought really to have been covered with royal **signet** rings made of rubies. "It is because my cousin makes me forget that she makes me better."

Dr. Craven had never made such a short stay after a "tantrum"; usually he was obliged to remain a very long time and do a great many things. This afternoon he did not give any medicine or leave any new orders and he was spared any disagreeable scenes. When he went downstairs he looked very thoughtful and when he talked to Mrs. Medlock in the library she felt that he was a much puzzled man.

"Well, sir," she ventured, "could you have believed it?"

"It is certainly a new state of affairs," said the doctor. "And there's no **denying** it is better than the old one."

"I believe Susan Sowerby's right--I do that," said Mrs. Medlock. "I stopped in her cottage on my way to Thwaite yesterday and had a bit of talk with her. And she says to me, 'Well, Sarah Ann, she mayn't be a good child, an' she mayn't be a pretty one, but she's a child, an' children needs children.' We went to school together, Susan Sowerby and me."

"She's the best sick nurse I know," said Dr. Craven. "When I find her in a cottage I know the **chances** are that I shall save my patient."

Mrs. Medlock smiled. She was fond of Susan Sowerby.

"She's got a way with her, has Susan," she went on quite **volubly**. "I've been thinking all morning of one thing she said yesterday. She says, 'Once when I was givin' th' children a bit of a **preach** after they'd been fightin' I ses to 'em all,

Thesaurus

anywhere: (*adv, n*) anyplace; (*adv*) someplace, wherever, everywhere.

appearing: (*adj*) seeming, beseen, emergent, accomplished; (*n*) coming into court; (*prep*) liking; (*adj, adv*) prima facie.

chances: (*n*) probability, odds, opportunities, possibility, state, circumstances.

denying: (*v*) deny; (*adv*) denyingly; (*adj*) opposed, recusative, unselfish, abnegative.

pains: (*n*) nisis, labor, trouble, effort, exertion, labour, pain, care, struggle, attempt, strain.

preach: (*v*) lecture, exhort, moralize, advocate, sermonize, urge, hold forth, admonish, evangelize, prophesy, moralise.

sideways: (*adj*) side, crabwise, crosswise, indirect; (*adv*) obliquely, laterally, sidelong, sideway, sidewise, sidwards; (*adj, adv*) aslant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) level, direct; (*adv*)

across.

signet: (*n*) sigil, completion, key, ratification, signature, imprint, talisman, mark, cachet, stamp, arms. **silently:** (*adv*) mutely, stilly, quietly, noiselessly, soundlessly, taciturnly, wordlessly, secretly, speechlessly, placidly, tacitly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) loudly, audibly, openly, brazenly.

volubly: (*adv*) enthusiastically, vociferously, vocally, loudly.

"When I was at school my jography told as th' world was **shaped** like a orange an' I found out before I was ten that th' whole orange doesn't belong to nobody. No one owns more than his bit of a quarter an' there's times it seems like there's not enow quarters to go round. But don't you--none o' you--think as you own th' whole orange or you'll find out you're **mistaken**, an' you won't find it out without hard knocks." `What children learns from children,' she says, 'is that there's no sense in grabbin' at th' whole orange--peel an' all. If you do you'll likely not get even th' pips, an' them's too bitter to eat.'"

"She's a **shrewd** woman," said Dr. Craven, putting on his coat.

"Well, she's got a way of saying things," ended Mrs. Medlock, much pleased. "Sometimes I've said to her, 'Eh! Susan, if you was a different woman an' didn't talk such broad Yorkshire I've seen the times when I should have said you was clever.'"

That night Colin slept without once awakening and when he opened his eyes in the morning he lay still and smiled without knowing it--smiled because he felt so curiously comfortable. It was actually nice to be awake, and he turned over and stretched his limbs **luxuriously**. He felt as if tight strings which had held him had **loosened** themselves and let him go. He did not know that Dr. Craven would have said that his **nerves** had relaxed and rested themselves. Instead of lying and staring at the wall and **wishing** he had not awakened, his mind was full of the plans he and Mary had made yesterday, of pictures of the garden and of Dickon and his wild creatures. It was so nice to have things to think about. And he had not been awake more than ten minutes when he heard feet running along the corridor and Mary was at the door. The next minute she was in the room and had run across to his bed, bringing with her a waft of fresh air full of the scent of the morning.

"You've been out! You've been out! There's that nice smell of leaves!" he cried.

She had been running and her hair was loose and blown and she was bright with the air and pink-cheeked, though he could not see it.

Thesaurus

loosened: (*adj*) disentangled, loose, freed, disengaged, extricated, unsnarled.

luxuriously: (*adv*) richly, sumptuously, extravagantly, opulently, magnificently, voluptuously, lushly, lavishly, palatially, sensually, gorgeously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meagerly, cheaply, simply.

mistaken: (*adj*) wrong, erroneous, false, misguided, inaccurate,

fallacious, untrue, misleading, confused, improper, error. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) accurate, wise, right.

nerves: (*n*) nervousness, jitters, jumpiness, jitteriness, restlessness, tension, strain, screaming meemies, apprehension, edginess, extreme nervousness. ANTONYM: (*n*) calm.

shaped: (*adj*) formed, fashioned, shapen, made, created, beaten, educated, featured, having features,

built, constructed.

shrewd: (*adj*) sharp, astute, keen, piercing, clever, cunning, bright; (*adj, v*) sagacious, knowing, crafty, prudent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) foolish, gullible, naive, soft, candid, dim, innocent, guileless, obtuse, indiscriminate.

wishing: (*n*) wish, want, velleity, option, need, privation, lack, deprivation, deficiency, choice; (*adj*) desirous.

"It's so beautiful!" she said, a little **breathless** with her speed. "You never saw anything so beautiful! It has come! I thought it had come that other morning, but it was only coming. It is here now! It has come, the Spring! Dickon says so!"

"Has it?" cried Colin, and though he really knew nothing about it he felt his heart beat. He actually sat up in bed.

"Open the window!" he added, laughing half with **joyful** excitement and half at his own fancy. "Perhaps we may hear golden trumpets!"

And though he laughed, Mary was at the window in a moment and in a moment more it was opened wide and **freshness** and softness and scents and birds' songs were pouring through.

"That's fresh air," she said. "Lie on your back and draw in long breaths of it. That's what Dickon does when he's lying on the moor. He says he feels it in his veins and it makes him strong and he feels as if he could live forever and ever. Breathe it and breathe it."

She was only **repeating** what Dickon had told her, but she caught Colin's fancy.

"Forever and ever"! Does it make him feel like that?" he said, and he did as she told him, drawing in long deep breaths over and over again until he felt that something quite new and delightful was happening to him.

Mary was at his bedside again.

"Things are **crowding** up out of the earth," she ran on in a hurry. "And there are flowers uncurling and buds on everything and the green veil has covered nearly all the gray and the birds are in such a hurry about their nests for fear they may be too late that some of them are even fighting for places in the secret garden. And the rose-bushes look as wick as wick can be, and there are primroses in the lanes and **woods**, and the seeds we planted are up, and Dickon has brought the fox and the crow and the squirrels and a new-born **lamb**."

And then she paused for breath. The new-born lamb Dickon had found three days before lying by its dead mother among the gorse bushes on the moor. It was not the first **motherless** lamb he had found and he knew what to do with it.

Thesaurus

breathless: (*adj, adv*) out of breath; (*adj*) panting, inanimate, breathtaking, winded, choking, puffing; (*v*) all agog, aghast; (*adj, n*) eager; (*n*) in hysterics. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, expected, boring.
crowding: (*n*) plough crowding, bunch, jostlement, overcrowding.
freshness: (*adj*) coolness; (*n*) impertinence, gall, greenness, impudence, insolence, newness, viridity, originality, crust, crispness.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) oldness, clutter, humidity, mustiness.
joyful: (*adj*) gay, glad, elated, cheerful, gleeful, cheery, delighted, joyous, jolly, blissful, blithe. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) miserable, sorrowful, unhappy, despairing, unpleasant, staid, sorry, disappointed, depressed, heavy.
lamb: (*n*) sheep, lambkin, dear, hogget, kid, mutton, inexperienced person, honey, white meat, pork; (*adj*) naive.

motherless: (*adj*) unparented, parentless, udderless.
repeating: (*n*) repeat, iteration, renewal, repetition, redundancy, copying, reduplication; (*adj*) repetitious, iterating, iterative, repetitive.
woods: (*n*) forest, woodland, grove, timber, jungle, sir Henry wood, vegetation, timberland, Natalie wood, virgin forest; (*adj*) wooden.

He had taken it to the cottage wrapped in his jacket and he had let it lie near the fire and had fed it with warm milk. It was a soft thing with a darling silly baby face and legs rather long for its body. Dickon had carried it over the moor in his arms and its feeding bottle was in his pocket with a squirrel, and when Mary had sat under a tree with its limp **warmness** huddled on her lap she had felt as if she were too full of strange joy to speak. A lamb—a lamb! A living lamb who lay on your lap like a baby!

She was describing it with great joy and Colin was listening and drawing in long breaths of air when the nurse entered. She started a little at the sight of the open window. She had sat **stifling** in the room many a warm day because her patient was sure that open windows gave people cold.

“Are you sure you are not **chilly**, Master Colin?” she inquired.

“No,” was the answer. “I am breathing long breaths of fresh air. It makes you strong. I am going to get up to the sofa for breakfast. My cousin will have breakfast with me.”

The nurse went away, **concealing** a smile, to give the order for two breakfasts. She found the servants’ hall a more amusing place than the invalid’s chamber and just now everybody wanted to hear the news from upstairs. There was a great deal of **joking** about the unpopular young **recluse** who, as the cook said, “had found his master, and good for him.” The servants’ hall had been very tired of the tantrums, and the butler, who was a man with a family, had more than once expressed his opinion that the invalid would be all the better “for a good hiding.”

When Colin was on his sofa and the breakfast for two was put upon the table he made an announcement to the nurse in his most Rajah-like manner.

“A boy, and a fox, and a crow, and two squirrels, and a new-born lamb, are coming to see me this morning. I want them brought upstairs as soon as they come,” he said. “You are not to begin playing with the animals in the servants’ hall and keep them there. I want them here.” The nurse gave a slight **gasp** and tried to conceal it with a **cough**.

Thesaurus

chilly: (*adj, adv*) unfriendly; (*adv*) coolly, frigidly; (*adj*) cool, bleak, algid, freezing, frozen, icy, frosty; (*adj, n*) cold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hot, tropical, responsive, mild, welcoming, friendly, balmy, torrid.
concealing: (*n*) covering, concealment, burial, stealing, stealth, screening, burying, screenings, activity; (*adj*) suppressive.
cough: (*v*) clear the throat, to cough, spit up, cough up, expectorate; (*n*)

expiration, exhalation, symptom, sneeze, breathing out.
gasp: (*n, v*) pant; (*v*) puff, blow, breathe, sigh, heave, wheeze, breathe heavily, gag; (*n*) inhalation, breath.
joking: (*n*) banter, fooling, fun; (*adj*) jocose, jocular, humorous, funny, kidding, playful, puckish, comical. ANTONYM: (*n*) seriousness.
recluse: (*n*) hermit, anchorite, solitary, ascetic, eremite, loner, troglodyte; (*adj*) reclusive, secluded, cloistered,

withdrawn. ANTONYM: (*n*) native.
stifling: (*adj*) close, oppressive, sweltering, stuffy, heavy, hot, torrid, sticky; (*n*) crushing, quelling, suppression. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, airy, cool, temperate.
warmness: (*n*) warmth, tepidity, affectionateness, warmheartedness, tepidness, fondness, high temperature, hotness, lovingness, lukewarmness, passion.

"Yes, sir," she answered.

"I'll tell you what you can do," added Colin, **waving** his hand. "You can tell Martha to bring them here. The boy is Martha's brother. His name is Dickon and he is an animal charmer."

"I hope the animals won't bite, Master Colin," said the nurse.

"I told you he was a charmer," said Colin **austerely**. "Charmers' animals never bite."

"There are snake-charmers in India," said Mary. "and they can put their snakes' heads in their mouths."

"Goodness!" shuddered the nurse.

They ate their breakfast with the morning air pouring in upon them. Colin's breakfast was a very good one and Mary watched him with serious interest.

"You will begin to get fatter just as I did," she said. "I never wanted my breakfast when I was in India and now I always want it."

"I wanted mine this morning," said Colin. "Perhaps it was the fresh air. When do you think Dickon will come?"

He was not long in coming. In about ten minutes Mary held up her hand.

"Listen!" she said. "Did you hear a caw?"

Colin listened and heard it, the oddest sound in the world to hear inside a house, a **hoarse** "caw-caw."

"Yes," he answered.

"That's Soot," said Mary. "Listen again. Do you hear a bleat--a tiny one?"

"Oh, yes!" cried Colin, quite **flushing**.

"That's the new-born lamb," said Mary. "He's coming."

Dickon's moorland **boots** were thick and clumsy and though he tried to walk **quietly** they made a **clumping** sound as he walked through the long corridors. Mary and Colin heard him marching--marching, until he passed through the tapestry door on to the soft carpet of Colin's own **passage**.

Thesaurus

austerely: (*adv*) seriously, harshly, sternly, strictly, rigorously, grimly, bleakly, hardly, starkly, rigidly, gravely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) leniently, negligently, gently, lightheartedly.

boots: (*n*) Bootes, bell boy, bootblack, counterjumper, boy, shoeblack, footwear.

clumping: (*n*) agglutination, clustering.

flushing: (*n*) rinsing, blush, flashing.

Flushing process, Flushing system, histamine flush, hushing, water Flushing.

hoarse: (*adj*) gruff, husky, raucous, grating, strident, guttural, rough, throaty; (*v*) coarse; (*adj, v*) hollow, sepulchral. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) smooth, mellow, velvety, high.

passage: (*n, v*) course, journey; (*n*) gangway, corridor, hall, channel, entry, way, entrance, lobby, duct. ANTONYMS: (*n*) rejection, room.

quietly: (*adv*) stilly, calmly, peacefully, silently, softly, smoothly, tranquilly, serenely, restfully, lully, moderately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) loudly, harshly, raucously, vociferously, anxiously, energetically, manically, unquietly, clearly, heavily, brashly.

waving: (*adj*) flying, aflare, fluttering, flaring, flared, curly, burning, blazing, billowy, palpitating; (*n*) wafture.

"If you please, sir," **announced** Martha, opening the door, "if you please, sir, here's Dickon an' his creatures."

Dickon came in smiling his nicest wide smile. The new-born lamb was in his arms and the little red fox trotted by his side. Nut sat on his left shoulder and Soot on his right and Shell's head and paws peeped out of his coat pocket.

Colin slowly sat up and stared and stared--as he had stared when he first saw Mary; but this was a stare of wonder and delight. The truth was that in spite of all he had heard he had not in the least understood what this boy would be like and that his fox and his crow and his squirrels and his lamb were so near to him and his **friendliness** that they seemed almost to be part of himself. Colin had never talked to a boy in his life and he was so overwhelmed by his own pleasure and curiosity that he did not even think of speaking.

But Dickon did not feel the least shy or awkward. He had not felt embarrassed because the crow had not known his language and had only stared and had not spoken to him the first time they met. Creatures were always like that until they found out about you. He walked over to Colin's sofa and put the new-born lamb quietly on his lap, and immediately the little creature turned to the warm velvet dressing-gown and began to **nuzzle** and nuzzle into its **folds** and **butt** its tight-curved head with soft **impatience** against his side. Of course no boy could have helped speaking then.

"What is it doing?" cried Colin. "What does it want?"

"It wants its mother," said Dickon, smiling more and more. "I brought it to thee a bit hungry because I knowed tha'd like to see it feed."

He knelt down by the sofa and took a feeding-bottle from his pocket.

"Come on, little 'un," he said, turning the small **woolly** white head with a gentle brown hand. "This is what tha's after. Tha'll get more out o' this than tha' will out o' silk velvet coats. There now," and he pushed the rubber tip of the bottle into the nuzzling mouth and the lamb began to **suck** it with **ravenous** ecstasy.

Thesaurus

announced: (*adj*) proclaimed, declared.

butt: (*v*) bunt, abut; (*n*) extremity, stump, grip, stub, rump, cask, rear, tail; (*n, v*) edge.

folds: (*n*) laps.

friendliness: (*n*) friendship, geniality, amiability, affability, amicability, affection, hospitality, cordiality, brotherhood, amicableness, accessibility. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cruelty, aloofness, nastiness, hostility,

aggression, resistance, resentment, frostiness, formality, contention, belligerence.

impatience: (*n*) annoyance, eagerness, anger, intolerance, restlessness, fidget, nervousness, fidgetiness, enthusiasm, edginess; (*adj*) nonendurance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, endurance, apathy.

nuzzle: (*v*) snuggle, cuddle, nose, caress, burrow, draw close, fondle, embrace, nurse, pry, scent.

ravenous: (*adj*) hungry, greedy, avid, famished, gluttonous, voracious, rapacious, insatiable, edacious, covetous, predatory. ANTONYM: (*adj*) moderate.

suck: (*v*) nurse, drink, imbibe, suckle, absorb, lactate, puff, drain, pull, suck up; (*n*) sucking. ANTONYM: (*v*) rock.

woolly: (*adj*) flocculent, fuzzy, hairy, downy, confused, woolly, hirsute, addled, befuddled, velvety; (*n*) Woolly bear. ANTONYM: (*adj*) clear.

After that there was no wondering what to say. By the time the lamb fell asleep questions poured **forth** and Dickon answered them all. He told them how he had found the lamb just as the sun was rising three mornings ago. He had been standing on the moor listening to a **skylark** and watching him **swing** higher and higher into the sky until he was only a **speck** in the **heights** of blue.

"I'd almost lost him but for his song an' I was wonderin' how a chap could hear it when it seemed as if he'd get out o' th' world in a minute--an' just then I heard somethin' else far off among th' gorse bushes. It was a weak bleatin' an' I knowed it was a new lamb as was hungry an' I knowed it wouldn't be hungry if it hadn't lost its mother somehow, so I set off searchin'. Eh! I did have a look for it. I went in an' out among th' gorse bushes an' round an' round an' I always seemed to take th' wrong turnin'. But at last I seed a bit o' white by a rock on top o' th' moor an' I climbed up an' found th' little 'un half dead wi' cold an' clemmin'." While he talked, Soot flew solemnly in and out of the open window and cawed **remarks** about the **scenery** while Nut and Shell made excursions into the big trees outside and ran up and down **trunks** and explored branches. Captain curled up near Dickon, who sat on the hearth-rug from preference.

They looked at the pictures in the gardening books and Dickon knew all the flowers by their country **names** and knew exactly which ones were already growing in the secret garden.

"I couldna' say that there name," he said, pointing to one under which was written "Aquilegia," "but us **calls** that a **columbine**, an' that there one it's a snapdragon and they both grow wild in hedges, but these is garden ones an' they're bigger an' grander. There's some big clumps o' columbine in th' garden. They'll look like a bed o' blue an' white butterflies flutterin' when they're out."

"I'm going to see them," cried Colin. "I am going to see them!"

"Aye, that tha' mun," said Mary quite seriously. "An' tha' munnot lose no time about it."

Thesaurus

calls: (*n*) securities, puts, bonds, preferred stock, common stock.

columbine: (*n*) buffo, buffoon, clown harlequin, aquilege, farceur, blue columbine, pantomimist, pantaloons, honeysuckle, grimacer, genus Aquilegia.

forth: (*adv*) away, along, onward, ahead, before, on, off, on the high road, on the road, on the way, under way.

heights: (*n*) place, elevation, high

places, high, heaven.

names: (*n*) calumny, defamation, hatchet job.

remarks: (*n*) commentary, explanation.

scenery: (*n*) scene, prospect, panorama, landscape, outlook, nature, picture, vista, set, backdrop, background.

skylark: (*v*) gambol, lark, romp, lark about, cavort, disport, frisk, run around, rollick, amuse; (*n*) *Alauda*

arvensis.

speck: (*adj, n*) point, atom, particle; (*n*) blot, flaw, smudge, blotch, blemish, grain, mote, dot. ANTONYM: (*n*) lot.

swing: (*n, v*) sway, sweep, turn, change, beat; (*v*) fluctuate, oscillate, dangle, rock, vibrate; (*adj, v*) hang.

trunks: (*n*) short pants, pants, luggage, Jockey shorts, Jamaica shorts, Bermuda shorts, bathing trunks, bathing suit, costume, drawers, swimming trunks.

CHAPTER XX

“I SHALL LIVE FOREVER—AND EVER—AND EVER!”

But they were obliged to wait more than a week because first there came some very **windy** days and then Colin was threatened with a cold, which two things happening one after the other would no doubt have thrown him into a rage but that there was so much careful and mysterious planning to do and almost every day Dickon came in, if only for a few minutes, to talk about what was happening on the moor and in the lanes and hedges and on the **borders** of streams. The things he had to tell about otters' and badgers' and water-rats' houses, not to mention birds' nests and field-mice and their burrows, were enough to make you almost tremble with excitement when you heard all the intimate details from an animal charmer and realized with what **thrilling** eagerness and anxiety the whole busy **underworld** was working.

“They're same as us,” said Dickon, “only they have to build their homes every year. An' it keeps 'em so busy they fair **scuffle** to get 'em done.”

The most **absorbing** thing, however, was the preparations to be made before Colin could be **transported** with sufficient secrecy to the garden. No one must see the chair-carriage and Dickon and Mary after they turned a certain corner of

Thesaurus

absorbing: (*adj*) fascinating, engrossing, charming, enthralling, gripping, captivating, riveting, absorbent, attractive, readable; (*adj, v*) exciting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, irksome, tedious, repellent, uninteresting.
borders: (*n*) confines, boundaries, limitations.
scuffle: (*n, v*) tussle, fight, scrap, struggle, disturbance, encounter; (*v*) grapple, shuffle; (*n*) melee, scramble,

fighting.
thrilling: (*adj, n*) electric; (*adj*) exciting, sensational, exhilarating, electrifying, emotional, rousing, gripping, stimulating; (*adj, v*) impressive; (*n, v*) swelling. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) boring, depressing, discouraging, upsetting, uninspiring.
transported: (*adj*) ecstatic, rapt, elated, inspirited, spellbound, exultant, puffed up, proud, delighted, elate; (*adv*) on cloud nine. ANTONYM:

(*adj*) dejected.
underworld: (*n*) Hades, Hel, netherworld, infernal region, gangland, inferno, perdition, sin, hereafter, Aidoneus; (*adj*) infernal.
windy: (*adj*) gusty, verbose, blowy, flatulent, wordy, breezy, tempestuous, empty, airy, prolix, bombastic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, still, straight, uncommunicative, unresponsive, airless, pleasant, direct.

the shrubbery and entered upon the walk outside the **ivied** walls. As each day passed, Colin had become more and more fixed in his feeling that the mystery surrounding the garden was one of its greatest **charms**. Nothing must spoil that. No one must ever suspect that they had a secret. People must think that he was simply going out with Mary and Dickon because he liked them and did not object to their looking at him. They had long and quite delightful talks about their route. They would go up this path and down that one and cross the other and go round among the fountain flower-beds as if they were looking at the “bedding-out plants” the head gardener, Mr. Roach, had been having arranged. That would seem such a rational thing to do that no one would think it at all mysterious. They would turn into the shrubbery walks and lose themselves until they came to the long walls. It was almost as serious and **elaborately** thought out as the plans of march made by great generals in time of war.

Rumors of the new and curious things which were **occurring** in the invalid’s apartments had of course **filtered** through the servants’ hall into the stable yards and out among the gardeners, but notwithstanding this, Mr. Roach was startled one day when he received orders from Master Colin’s room to the effect that he must report himself in the apartment no **outsider** had ever seen, as the invalid himself desired to speak to him.

“Well, well,” he said to himself as he **hurriedly** changed his coat, “what’s to do now? His Royal Highness that wasn’t to be looked at calling up a man he’s never set eyes on.”

Mr. Roach was not without curiosity. He had never caught even a glimpse of the boy and had heard a dozen exaggerated stories about his **uncanny** looks and ways and his insane tempers. The thing he had heard oftenest was that he might die at any moment and there had been numerous **fanciful** descriptions of a **humped** back and helpless limbs, given by people who had never seen him.

“Things are changing in this house, Mr. Roach,” said Mrs. Medlock, as she led him up the back staircase to the corridor on to which opened the hitherto mysterious chamber.

“Let’s hope they’re changing for the better, Mrs. Medlock,” he answered.

Thesaurus

charms: (*n*) trinkets, jewelry, jewels.

elaborately: (*adv*) detailedly, fancily, laboredly, complicatedly, minutely, extensively, flamboyantly, knottily, ornamentally, involvedly, ornately. ANTONYM: (*adv*) simply.

fanciful: (*adj*) mythical, fantastic, capricious, unreal, arbitrary, romantic, ideal, chimerical, notional, visionary; (*adj, v*) fancy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) prosaic, real, realistic, plausible, normal.

filtered: (*n*) clean, drinkable; (*adj*) refined.

humped: (*adj*) gibbous, hunchbacked, gibbose, crookback, crookbacked, humpy, bent, curved, hunchback, kyphotic, unfit.

hurriedly: (*adv*) rapidly, quickly, swiftly, abruptly, promptly, fast, in haste, suddenly, speedily, rashly, precipitately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, unhurriedly, patiently, carefully, gradually, thoroughly.

ivied: (*adj*) leafy.

occurring: (*adj*) going on.

outsider: (*n*) foreigner, stranger, layman, outlander, foreign, newcomer, unknown, immigrant, bystander, strangers, guest. ANTONYMS: (*n*) native, participant.

uncanny: (*adj*) weird, eerie, strange, ghostly, unearthly, unnatural, eldritch, mysterious, odd, frightful, hideous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) normal, common, ordinary.

"They couldn't well change for the worse," she continued; "and queer as it all is there's them as finds their duties made a lot easier to stand up under. Don't you be surprised, Mr. Roach, if you find yourself in the middle of a **menagerie** and Martha Sowerby's Dickon more at home than you or me could ever be."

There really was a sort of Magic about Dickon, as Mary always privately believed. When Mr. Roach heard his name he smiled quite leniently.

"He'd be at home in Buckingham Palace or at the bottom of a coal mine," he said. "And yet it's not impudence, either. He's just fine, is that lad."

It was perhaps well he had been prepared or he might have been startled. When the bedroom door was opened a large crow, which seemed quite at home perched on the high back of a carven chair, announced the entrance of a visitor by saying "Caw--Caw" quite loudly. In spite of Mrs. Medlock's warning, Mr. Roach only just **escaped** being sufficiently **undignified** to jump backward.

The young Rajah was **neither** in bed nor on his sofa. He was sitting in an armchair and a young lamb was standing by him shaking its tail in feeding-lamb fashion as Dickon knelt giving it milk from its bottle. A squirrel was perched on Dickon's bent back **attentively nibbling** a nut. The little girl from India was sitting on a big footstool looking on.

"Here is Mr. Roach, Master Colin," said Mrs. Medlock.

The young Rajah turned and looked his **servitor** over--at least that was what the head gardener felt happened.

"Oh, you are Roach, are you?" he said. "I sent for you to give you some very important orders."

"Very good, sir," answered Roach, wondering if he was to receive instructions to fell all the **oaks** in the park or to **transform** the orchards into water-gardens.

"I am going out in my chair this afternoon," said Colin. "If the fresh air agrees with me I may go out every day. When I go, none of the gardeners are to be anywhere near the Long Walk by the garden walls. No one is to be there. I

Thesaurus

attentively: (*adv*) carefully, mindfully, watchfully, observantly, heedfully, vigilantly, cautiously, considerably, diligently, alertly, obligingly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unhelpfully, neglectfully, abruptly, carelessly, hastily, casually.

escaped: (*adj*) at large, at liberty, loose, on the loose, runaway, easy, wild; (*n*) freer; (*v*) escaping.

menagerie: (*n*) zoo, vivarium, menage, manage, installation, facility,

collection, assemblage, aggregation, accumulation, menagery.

neither: (*conj*) either, no-one, not either, nor, nother.

nibbling: (*n*) rate cutting, feeding, eating.

oaks: (*n*) beech family, Castanopsis, Nothofagus, Lithocarpus, genus Quercus, Genera Castanea, family Fagaceae, Fagus, Fagaceae, chestnuts.

servitor: (*n*) retainer, henchman, manservant, follower, lackey,

footman, attache, housemaid, employe, maidservant; (*v*) beadle.

transform: (*v*) change, convert, alter, metamorphose, translate, turn, modify, become, transmute, transfigure, process. ANTONYMS: (*v*) preserve, maintain.

undignified: (*adj*) low, inappropriate, humiliating, rude, indign, impolite, demeaning, degrading, improper, debasing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dignified, distinguished, polite.

shall go out about two o'clock and everyone must keep away until I send word that they may go back to their work."

"Very good, sir," replied Mr. **Roach**, much relieved to hear that the oaks might remain and that the orchards were safe. "Mary," said Colin, turning to her, "what is that thing you say in India when you have finished talking and want people to go?"

"You say, 'You have my permission to go,'" answered Mary.

The Rajah waved his hand.

"You have my permission to go, Roach," he said. "But, remember, this is very important."

"Caw--Caw!" remarked the crow **hoarsely** but not **impolitely**.

"Very good, sir. Thank you, sir," said Mr. Roach, and Mrs. Medlock took him out of the room.

Outside in the corridor, being a rather good-natured man, he smiled until he almost laughed.

"My word!" he said, "he's got a fine **lordly** way with him, hasn't he? You'd think he was a whole Royal Family rolled into one--Prince Consort and all."

"Eh!" protested Mrs. Medlock, "we've had to let him **trample** all over every one of us ever since he had feet and he thinks that's what **folks** was born for."

"Perhaps he'll grow out of it, if he lives," suggested Mr. Roach.

"Well, there's one thing pretty sure," said Mrs. Medlock. "If he does live and that Indian child **stays** here I'll warrant she teaches him that the whole orange does not belong to him, as Susan Sowerby says. And he'll be likely to find out the size of his own quarter."

Inside the room Colin was leaning back on his cushions.

"It's all safe now," he said. "And this afternoon I shall see it--this afternoon I shall be in it!"

Dickon went back to the garden with his creatures and Mary stayed with Colin. She did not think he looked tired but he was very quiet before their lunch

Thesaurus

folks: (*n*) people, folk, tribe, relations, household, house, relatives, relative, kindred, lineage, kin.

hoarsely: (*adv*) roughly, huskily, raucously, gruffly, throatily, gratingly, stridently, gutturally, thickly, croakily, raggedly.
ANTONYM: (*adv*) smoothly.

impolitely: (*adv*) discourteously, insolently, indecorously, disrespectfully, uncivilly, indecently, impertinently, indelicately,

improperly, offensively, vulgarly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) respectfully, correctly.

lordly: (*adj, v*) dignified, proud, noble; (*adj*) haughty, grand, August, domineering, disdainful, arrogant, imperious, lofty. ANTONYM: (*adj*) humble.

roach: (*n*) roach, stub, dace, oriental cockroach, blackbeetle, oriental roach, Mexican Valium, giant cockroach, forget me drug, family

Cyprinidae, dictyopterous insect.

stays: (*n*) bodice, stay, girdle, panty girdle, stayed, staying, foundation, corselette, sash, slip, corselet.

trample: (*v*) oppress, stamp, squash, crush, tread, flatten, defeat, suppress, step, frustrate; (*n*) trampling.

came and he was quiet while they were **eating** it. She wondered why and asked him about it.

"What big eyes you've got, Colin," she said. "When you are thinking they get as big as **saucers**. What are you thinking about now?"

"I can't help thinking about what it will look like," he answered.

"The garden?" asked Mary.

"The springtime," he said. "I was thinking that I've really never seen it before. I scarcely ever went out and when I did go I never looked at it. I didn't even think about it."

"I never saw it in India because there wasn't any," said Mary.

Shut in and **morbid** as his life had been, Colin had more imagination than she had and at least he had spent a good deal of time looking at wonderful books and pictures.

"That morning when you ran in and said 'It's come! It's come!, you made me feel quite queer. It sounded as if things were coming with a great **procession** and big bursts and wafts of music. I've a picture like it in one of my books--crowds of lovely people and children with garlands and branches with blossoms on them, everyone laughing and **dancing** and crowding and playing on **pipes**. That was why I said, 'Perhaps we shall hear **golden trumpets**' and told you to throw open the window."

"How funny!" said Mary. "That's really just what it feels like. And if all the flowers and leaves and green things and birds and wild creatures danced past at once, what a crowd it would be! I'm sure they'd dance and sing and flute and that would be the wafts of music."

They both laughed but it was not because the idea was **laughable** but because they both so liked it.

A little later the nurse made Colin ready. She noticed that instead of lying like a log while his clothes were put on he sat up and made some efforts to help himself, and he talked and laughed with Mary all the time.

Thesaurus

dancing: (*n*) choreography,

Terpsichore, saltation, break dancing, ceremonial dance, galloping, hoofing, Pavan; (*adj*) morrice; (*adv*) adance; (*v*) saltant.

eating: (*n*) ingestion, intake, feeding, browsing, banqueting, food, lunching, supping, pica, repletion; (*v*) eat.

golden: (*adj*) aureate, fortunate, gilded, auspicious, gold, gilt, lucky, advantageous, fair, favorable,

avored. ANTONYM: (*adj*) inauspicious.

laughable: (*adj*) absurd, amusing, humorous, comical, ludicrous, ridiculous, farcical, droll, comic, foolish, jocular. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) serious, tragic, adequate, generous, impressive.

morbid: (*adj*) diseased, gruesome, macabre, corrupt, pathologic, unwholesome, peccant, sick, unhealthy, pathological; (*adj, v*)

sickly.

pipes: (*n*) musette, tubing, tubes, pipe, tube.

procession: (*n*) march, convoy, cortege, cavalcade, file, string, pageant, series, sequence, progress, column.

saucers: (*n*) tableware, plates, cups, dishware.

trumpets: (*n*) *Sarracenia flava*, yellow pitcher plant, pitcher plant, yellow trumpet.

"This is one of his good days, sir," she said to Dr. Craven, who dropped in to **inspect** him. "He's in such good spirits that it makes him stronger."

"I'll call in again later in the afternoon, after he has come in," said Dr. Craven. "I must see how the going out agrees with him. I wish," in a very low voice, "that he would let you go with him."

"I'd rather give up the case this moment, sir, than even stay here while it's suggested," answered the nurse. With sudden firmness.

"I hadn't really decided to suggest it," said the doctor, with his slight **nervousness**. "We'll try the experiment. Dickon's a lad I'd trust with a new-born child."

The strongest footman in the house carried Colin down stairs and put him in his **wheeled** chair near which Dickon waited outside. After the manservant had arranged his rugs and cushions the Rajah waved his hand to him and to the nurse.

"You have my permission to go," he said, and they both disappeared quickly and it must be **confessed** giggled when they were safely inside the house.

Dickon began to push the wheeled chair slowly and steadily. Mistress Mary walked beside it and Colin leaned back and lifted his face to the sky. The arch of it looked very high and the small **snowy** clouds seemed like white birds **floating** on **outspread** wings below its crystal blueness. The wind swept in soft big breaths down from the moor and was strange with a wild clear scented **sweetness**. Colin kept lifting his thin chest to draw it in, and his big eyes looked as if it were they which were listening--listening, instead of his **ears**.

"There are so many sounds of singing and **humming** and calling out," he said. "What is that scent the puffs of wind bring?"

"It's gorse on th' moor that's openin' out," answered Dickon. "Eh! th' bees are at it wonderful today."

Not a human creature was to be caught sight of in the paths they took. In fact every gardener or gardener's lad had been witched away. But they wound in and out among the shrubbery and out and round the fountain beds, following

Thesaurus

confessed: (*adj*) known.

ears: (*n*) antenna.

floating: (*adv*) afloat; (*adj, v*) buoyant; (*adj, adv*) aimless; (*adj*) current, loose, moving, fluid, in circulation, going about, flying, light.

humming: (*adj*) droning, zippy, reeking, bustling, grunting, stinking; (*n*) buzzing, vocalizing, sound, murmur, growling.

inspect: (*v*) overhaul, overlook, survey, watch, scrutinize, view,

explore, look, review, inquire, monitor. ANTONYMS: (*v*) skim, ignore.

nervousness: (*n*) nerves, trepidation, disquiet, tension, jumpiness, restlessness, jitters, agitation, worry, fearfulness, edginess. ANTONYMS: (*n*) boldness, confidence, reassurance, calm, relief, peace, equanimity.

outspread: (*adj*) spread, extended, widespread, dispersed, outstretched, stretched, broad, wide; (*v*) unfold.

snowy: (*adj*) white, pure, clean, blank, hoary, achromatic, snow-white, unblemished, wintry, wet, favorite.

sweetness: (*n*) sugariness, sweet, redolence, pleasantness, fragrance, aroma, charm, perfume, amenity, niceness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sourness, sharpness, unpleasantness, harshness, tastelessness, unkindness.

wheeled: (*adj*) on wheels. ANTONYM: (*adj*) wheelless.

their carefully planned route for the **mere** mysterious pleasure of it. But when at last they turned into the Long Walk by the ivied walls the excited sense of an **approaching thrill** made them, for some curious reason they could not have explained, begin to speak in whispers.

"This is it," **breathed** Mary. "This is where I used to walk up and down and wonder and wonder." "Is it?" cried Colin, and his eyes began to search the ivy with eager **curiousness**. "But I can see nothing," he whispered. "There is no door."

"That's what I thought," said Mary.

Then there was a lovely breathless silence and the chair wheeled on.

"That is the garden where Ben Weatherstaff works," said Mary.

"Is it?" said Colin.

A few yards more and Mary whispered again.

"This is where the robin flew over the wall," she said.

"Is it?" cried Colin. "Oh! I wish he'd come again!"

"And that," said Mary with solemn delight, pointing under a big **lilac** bush, "is where he perched on the little **heap** of earth and showed me the key."

Then Colin sat up.

"Where? Where? There?" he cried, and his eyes were as big as the wolf's in Red Riding-Hood, when Red Riding-Hood felt called upon to **remark** on them. Dickon stood still and the wheeled chair stopped.

"And this," said Mary, stepping on to the bed close to the ivy, "is where I went to talk to him when he chirped at me from the top of the wall. And this is the ivy the wind blew back," and she took hold of the hanging green curtain.

"Oh! is it--is it!" gasped Colin.

"And here is the handle, and here is the door. Dickon push him in--push him in quickly!"

And Dickon did it with one strong, steady, splendid push.

Thesaurus

approaching: (*adj*) future, forthcoming, impending, imminent, oncoming, near; (*adj, n*) coming; (*n, v*) approach; (*adv*) nearly, almost; (*prep*) toward.

breathed: (*adj*) unvoiced, inaudible, breathing, aphonic.

curiousness: (*n*) strangeness, eccentricity, inquisitiveness, oddness, alienage, alienism, wonder, quality, carefulness, oddity, peculiarity. ANTONYM: (*n*) normality.

heap: (*n, v*) pile, aggregate, amass; (*n*) collection, accumulation, mound, mass, group, lot; (*v*) bank, collect. ANTONYM: (*v*) tidy.

lilac: (*adj*) lavender, mauve, purple, violet, puce, chromatic; (*n*) shrub, heliotrope, ash, common lilac, family Oleaceae.

mere: (*adj, n*) entire; (*adj*) bare, simple, pure; (*n*) loch, tarn, boundary, absolute; (*n, v*) downright; (*adv*) merely; (*adj, v*) clear.

remark: (*n, v*) comment, notice, note, mention, regard, mind; (*adj, n, v*) observe; (*v*) perceive, mark, discern; (*n*) observation.

thrill: (*n, v*) delight, shudder, quiver, shiver; (*v*) excite, exhilarate, exalt, stir; (*n*) shake, excitement, chill. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dishearten, discourage, disappoint, displease; (*n*) depression, calm, boredom, agony, sorrow; (*n, v*) bore.

But Colin had actually dropped back against his cushions, even though he gasped with delight, and he had covered his eyes with his hands and held them there shutting out everything until they were inside and the chair stopped as if by **magic** and the door was closed. Not till then did he take them away and look round and round and round as Dickon and Mary had done. And over walls and earth and trees and swinging sprays and tendrils the fair green veil of **tender** little leaves had crept, and in the grass under the trees and the gray urns in the alcoves and here and there everywhere were touches or splashes of gold and purple and white and the trees were showing pink and **snow** above his head and there were **fluttering** of wings and faint sweet pipes and humming and scents and scents. And the sun fell warm upon his face like a hand with a lovely touch. And in wonder Mary and Dickon stood and stared at him. He looked so strange and different because a pink **glow** of color had actually crept all over him--ivory face and neck and hands and all.

"I shall get well! I shall get well!" he cried out. "Mary! Dickon! I shall get well! And I shall live **forever** and ever and ever!"

Thesaurus

fluttering: (*adj*) flying, palpitating, flittering, flaring, aflare, waving; (*n*) flutter, flapping, flicker, flitting; (*adv*) flutteringly.

forever: (*adv*) always, eternally, evermore, everlastingly, continually, permanently; (*adj*) eternal, permanent; (*n*) eternity; (*adj, adv*) interminably, ad infinitum.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) occasionally, never, sporadically; (*adv*) briefly, intermittently.

glow: (*n, v*) flush, gleam, shine, glimmer, glare, color, sparkle, beam; (*v*) burn, flare, kindle. ANTONYMS: (*n*) wanness, darkness, paleness; (*v*) pale, struggle.

magic: (*n*) incantation, charm, enchantment, sorcery, legerdemain, conjuring, glamour, black magic, illusion, theurgy; (*adj*) magical.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) dullness, science; (*adj*) everyday, prosaic, normal, natural.

snow: (*n*) cocaine, precipitation, snowfall, bark, barque; (*v*) overwhelm, beguile, hoodwink, bamboozle, lead by the nose, play false.

tender: (*n, v*) offer, proffer, bid; (*adj, v*) affectionate; (*adj*) painful, sensitive, soft, loving, sore; (*v*) propose, present. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hardhearted, rubbery, hard, rough, uncaring, healthy, mature, unfeeling, cold, experienced; (*v*) withdraw.

CHAPTER XXI

BEN WEATHERSTAFF

One of the strange things about living in the world is that it is only now and then one is quite sure one is going to live forever and ever and ever. One knows it sometimes when one gets up at the tender solemn dawn-time and goes out and stands alone and throws one's head far back and looks up and up and watches the pale sky slowly changing and flushing and **marvelous** unknown things happening until the East almost makes one cry out and one's heart stands still at the strange **unchanging majesty** of the rising of the sun--which has been happening every morning for thousands and thousands and thousands of years. One knows it then for a moment or so. And one knows it sometimes when one stands by oneself in a wood at **sunset** and the mysterious deep gold stillness slanting through and under the branches seems to be saying slowly again and again something one cannot quite hear, however much one tries. Then sometimes the immense quiet of the dark blue at night with millions of stars waiting and watching makes one sure; and sometimes a sound of far-off music makes it true; and sometimes a look in some one's eyes.

And it was like that with Colin when he first saw and heard and felt the Springtime inside the four high walls of a hidden garden. That afternoon the whole world seemed to **devote** itself to being perfect and **radiantly** beautiful and

Thesaurus

devote: (*n, v*) apply, destine, give, assign, vow; (*v*) consecrate, dedicate, commit, appropriate, allot; (*n*) devotion. ANTONYMS: (*v*) withhold, refuse.

majesty: (*adj, n*) grandeur, splendor, nobility; (*n*) dignity, loftiness, magnificence, stateliness, greatness, king, royalty, highness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) austerity, simplicity.

marvelous: (*adj*) wonderful, fantastic,

incredible, fabulous, extraordinary, tremendous, grand, astonishing, terrific, great; (*adj, v*) prodigious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ordinary, mundane, abysmal, bad, dreadful, unworthy, dire, humdrum, unimpressive, unremarkable, boring. **radiantly:** (*adv*) effulgently, brightly, beamingly, luminously, refulgently, shiningly, lucidly, sparkingly, sunnily, beautifully, lustrously. **sunset:** (*n*) dusk, sundown, nightfall,

twilight, night, sunsetting, periodic event, crepuscule, atmospheric phenomenon, hour, recurrent event. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sunrise, daybreak. **unchanging:** (*adj*) stable, permanent, steady, invariable, static, perpetual, fixed, consistent, uniform, changeless, immutable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inconstant, changeable, dynamic, flexible, perishable, irregular, temporary, unequal, variable, erratic.

kind to one boy. Perhaps out of pure heavenly goodness the spring came and crowned everything it possibly could into that one place. More than once Dickon paused in what he was doing and stood still with a sort of growing wonder in his eyes, shaking his head softly.

"Eh! it is graidely," he said. "I'm twelve goin' on thirteen an' there's a lot o' afternoons in thirteen years, but seems to me like I never seed one as graidely as this 'ere."

"Aye, it is a graidely one," said Mary, and she sighed for mere joy. "I'll warrant it's the graidelest one as ever was in this world."

"Does tha' think," said Colin with dreamy **carefulness**, "as happen it was made loike this 'ere all o' purpose for me?"

"My word!" cried Mary **admiringly**, "that there is a bit o' good Yorkshire. Tha'rt shapin' first-rate--that tha' art."

And delight reigned. They drew the chair under the plum-tree, which was snow-white with blossoms and musical with bees. It was like a king's canopy, a fairy king's. There were flowering cherry-trees near and apple-trees whose buds were pink and white, and here and there one had burst open wide. Between the **blossoming** branches of the canopy bits of blue sky looked down like wonderful eyes.

Mary and Dickon worked a **litle** here and there and Colin watched them. They brought him things to look at--buds which were opening, buds which were tight closed, bits of twig whose leaves were just showing green, the feather of a **woodpecker** which had dropped on the grass, the empty shell of some bird early **hatched**. Dickon pushed the chair slowly round and round the garden, stopping every other moment to let him look at wonders **springing** out of the earth or trailing down from trees. It was like being taken in state round the country of a magic king and queen and shown all the mysterious **riches** it contained.

"I wonder if we shall see the robin?" said Colin.

"Tha'll see him often enow after a bit," answered Dickon. "When th' eggs hatches out th' little chap he'll be kep' so busy it'll make his head swim. Tha'll

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admiringly: (*adv*) admire, lovingly, respectfully, reverently, approvingly, enthusiastically, affectionately, indulgently, kindly, dotingly, tenderly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disrespectfully, ill.

blossoming: (*n*) bloom, florescence, flowering, anthesis, blossom, efflorescence, inflorescence, ontogeny, ontogenesis; (*adj*) budding, growing. ANTONYM: (*adj*) failing.

carefulness: (*n*) care, precision,

conscientiousness, prudence, diligence, cautiousness, discretion, frugality, thrift, attentiveness, exactness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) recklessness, negligence, impulsiveness, incaution, extravagance, foolishness, neglect, messiness.

hatched: (*adj*) crosshatched, born, ruled.

litle: (*v*) to quiet title.

riches: (*n, v*) money; (*n*) affluence,

abundance, fortune, opulence, plenty, prosperity, exuberance, treasure, resources; (*v*) gold.

springing: (*v*) jumping, climbing, bounding, furious, conspicuous, prominent, ascending, projecting outwardly; (*n*) growth, suspension, emanation.

woodpecker: (*n*) redhead, ivorybill, pecker, piculet, nib, woodpeck, tool, Speight, Specht, shaft, redheaded woodpecker.

see him flyin' backward an' for'ard carryin' worms nigh as big as himsel' an' that much noise goin' on in th' nest when he gets there as fair flusters him so as he scarce knows which big mouth to drop th' first piece in. An' gapin' beaks an' squawks on every side. Mother says as when she sees th' work a robin has to keep them gapin' beaks **filled**, she feels like she was a lady with nothin' to do. She says she's seen th' little **chaps** when it seemed like th' **sweat** must be droppin' off 'em, though folk can't see it."

This made them **giggle** so delightedly that they were obliged to cover their mouths with their hands, remembering that they must not be heard. Colin had been **instructed** as to the law of whispers and low voices several days before. He liked the mysteriousness of it and did his best, but in the midst of excited **enjoyment** it is rather difficult never to laugh above a whisper.

Every moment of the afternoon was full of new things and every hour the sunshine grew more golden. The wheeled chair had been drawn back under the **canopy** and Dickon had sat down on the grass and had just drawn out his pipe when Colin saw something he had not had time to notice before.

"That's a very old tree over there, isn't it?" he said. Dickon looked across the grass at the tree and Mary looked and there was a brief moment of stillness.

"Yes," answered Dickon, after it, and his low voice had a very gentle sound.

Mary gazed at the tree and thought.

"The branches are quite gray and there's not a single **leaf** anywhere," Colin went on. "It's quite dead, isn't it?"

"Aye," admitted Dickon. "But them roses as has climbed all over it will near hide every bit o' th' dead wood when they're full o' leaves an' flowers. It won't look dead then. It'll be th' prettiest of all."

Mary still gazed at the tree and thought.

"It looks as if a big branch had been broken off," said Colin. "I wonder how it was done."

Thesaurus

canopy: (*n*) awning, baldachin, screen, tester, sunshade, marquee, blast deflector, shade, ceiling, cloth, cab shield.

chaps: (*n*) chops, fauces, crack.

enjoyment: (*n*) delight, appreciation, gratification, comfort, relish, satisfaction, happiness, delectation, gusto, amusement, diversion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dislike, abhorrence, antipathy, apathy, aversion, discomfort, displeasure,

dissatisfaction, misery, repulsion, sorrow.

filled: (*adj*) replete, packed, fraught, teeming, laden, abundant, congested, charged, stuffed; (*adj, adv*) crowded; (*n*) fuller. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lacking, clear.

giggle: (*n, v*) laugh, chuckle, titter, twitter, guffaw, gurgle, snort, hoot; (*v*) cackle, snicker, snigger.

instructed: (*adj*) taught, tutored, enlightened, intelligent, arranged,

instruct, experienced, qualified; (*v*) erudite, lettered, leaned.

leaf: (*n*) page, folio, foliage, petal, frond, leafage, slip, verdure, leaflet; (*n, v*) sheet; (*v*) leave.

sweat: (*n, v*) work, toil, struggle; (*v*) perspire, drudge, exude; (*n*) perspiration, lather, sudor, effort; (*adj*) perspiring. ANTONYMS: (*v*) ignore; (*n*) entertainment, ease, relaxation.

"It's been done many a year," answered Dickon. "Eh!" with a sudden relieved start and **laying** his hand on Colin. "Look at that robin! There he is! He's been foragin' for his mate."

Colin was almost too late but he just caught sight of him, the **flash** of red-breasted bird with something in his beak. He darted through the **greenness** and into the close-grown corner and was out of sight. Colin leaned back on his cushion again, laughing a little. "He's taking her tea to her. Perhaps it's five o'clock. I think I'd like some tea myself."

And so they were safe.

"It was Magic which sent the robin," said Mary **secretly** to Dickon afterward. "I know it was Magic." For both she and Dickon had been afraid Colin might ask something about the tree whose branch had broken off ten years ago and they had talked it over together and Dickon had stood and rubbed his head in a troubled way.

"We mun look as if it wasn't no different from th' other trees," he had said. "We couldn't never tell him how it broke, poor lad. If he says anything about it we mun--we mun try to look cheerful."

"Aye, that we mun," had answered Mary.

But she had not felt as if she looked cheerful when she gazed at the tree. She wondered and wondered in those few moments if there was any reality in that other thing Dickon had said. He had gone on rubbing his rust-red hair in a puzzled way, but a nice **comforted** look had begun to grow in his blue eyes.

"Mrs. Craven was a very lovely young lady," he had gone on rather **hesitatingly**. "An' mother she thinks maybe she's about Misselthwaite many a time lookin' after Mester Colin, same as all mothers do when they're took out o' th' world. They have to come back, tha' sees. Happen she's been in the garden an' happen it was her set us to work, an' told us to bring him here."

Mary had thought he meant something about Magic. She was a great **believer** in Magic. Secretly she quite believed that Dickon **worked** Magic, of course good Magic, on everything near him and that was why people liked him

Thesaurus

believer: (*adj, n*) convert; (*n*) apostle, supporter, devotee, worshipper, abiogenist, zealot, religionist, proselyte, layman; (*adj*) pietist.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) skeptic, nonbeliever, guru, God, leader, opponent.
comforted: (*adj*) thankful, pleased, comfortable, calmed.
flash: (*n, v*) flicker, blaze, shimmer, glitter, gleam, glimmer, blink, flame; (*adj, n, v*) twinkle; (*n*) instant; (*v*)

coruscate. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) tasteful; (*n*) age; (*v*) dawdle.
greenness: (*n*) green, freshness, viridity, verdure, greenery, verdancy, emerald, chartreuse, richness, immaturity, profuseness.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) ripeness, experience.
hesitatingly: (*adv*) indecisively, irresolutely, hesitating, waveringly, doubtfully, undecidedly, vacillatingly, falteringly.

ANTONYM: (*adv*) unhesitatingly.
laying: (*n*) egg laying, placing, parturition, place, repose, setting, put, position, lay, oyster park, oviposition.
secretly: (*adv*) privately, confidentially, quietly, stealthily, surreptitiously, furtively, in secret, darkly, secretively, clandestinely, occultly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) publicly, deliberately, brazenly.
worked: (*adj*) elaborated, beaten.

so much and wild creatures knew he was their friend. She wondered, indeed, if it were not possible that his gift had brought the robin just at the right moment when Colin asked that dangerous question. She felt that his Magic was working all the afternoon and making Colin look like an entirely different boy. It did not seem possible that he could be the crazy creature who had screamed and beaten and bitten his pillow. Even his ivory **whiteness** seemed to change. The faint glow of color which had shown on his face and neck and hands when he first got inside the garden really never quite died away. He looked as if he were made of flesh instead of ivory or wax.

They saw the robin carry food to his mate two or three times, and it was so **suggestive** of afternoon tea that Colin felt they must have some.

“Go and make one of the men servants bring some in a basket to the **rhododendron** walk,” he said. “And then you and Dickon can bring it here.”

It was an agreeable idea, easily carried out, and when the white cloth was spread upon the grass, with hot tea and buttered toast and **crumpets**, a **delightfully** hungry meal was eaten, and several birds on domestic **errands** paused to **inquire** what was going on and were led into investigating crumbs with great activity. Nut and Shell whisked up trees with pieces of cake and Soot took the entire half of a buttered crumpet into a corner and pecked at and examined and turned it over and made hoarse remarks about it until he decided to swallow it all joyfully in one **gulp**.

The afternoon was dragging towards its **mellow** hour. The sun was **deepening** the gold of its lances, the bees were going home and the birds were flying past less often. Dickon and Mary were sitting on the grass, the tea-basket was repacked ready to be taken back to the house, and Colin was lying against his cushions with his heavy locks pushed back from his forehead and his face looking quite a natural color.

“I don’t want this afternoon to go,” he said; “but I shall come back tomorrow, and the day after, and the day after, and the day after.”

Thesaurus

crumpet: (*n*) breadstuff, bread.

deepening: (*n*) amplification, aggravation.

delightfully: (*adv*) pleasantly, enchantingly, exquisitely, gladly, charmingly, finely, sweetly, deliciously, beautifully, merrily; (*adv, v*) happily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unattractively, horribly, disagreeably.

errands: (*n*) everyday Jobs, farm duties.

gulp: (*v*) gobble, devour, bolt, gorge,

sip, quaff, swallow, down; (*n, v*)

swig, gasp; (*n*) draft. ANTONYMS: (*v*) nibble, regurgitate, exhale.

inquire: (*v*) demand, ask, explore, enquire, inspect, research, consult, pry, request, wonder; (*n, v*) question. ANTONYM: (*v*) answer.

mellow: (*adj, v*) ripe, mollify, smooth, soften; (*adj*) gentle, luscious, mild, soft, juicy; (*v*) melt, ripen.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) harsh, frantic, fresh, bright, strict, young, frenetic.

rhododendron: (*adj*) geranium, anemone, asphodel, buttercup, daffodil, ranunculus, windflower, shrub, tulip, tiger lily, rosebay.

suggestive: (*adj, v*) expressive; (*adj*) obscene, spicy, allusive, graphic, smutty, significative, narrative, meaningful, epic, implicative.

whiteness: (*n*) paleness, ivory, chalk, pearl, bone, bleach, alabaster, frostiness, hoariness, pallor, innocence. ANTONYM: (*n*) black.

"You'll get plenty of fresh air, won't you?" said Mary. "I'm going to get nothing else," he answered. "I've seen the spring now and I'm going to see the summer. I'm going to see everything grow here. I'm going to grow here myself."

"That tha' will," said Dickon. "Us'll have thee walkin' about here an' diggin' same as other folk **afore** long."

Colin **flushed** tremendously.

"Walk!" he said. "Dig! Shall I?"

Dickon's glance at him was **delicately** cautious. Neither he nor Mary had ever asked if anything was the matter with his legs.

"For sure tha' will," he said stoutly. "Tha--tha's got legs o' thine own, same as other folks!"

Mary was rather frightened until she heard Colin's answer.

"Nothing really ails them," he said, "but they are so thin and weak. They shake so that I'm afraid to try to stand on them."

Both Mary and Dickon drew a relieved breath.

"When tha' stops bein' afraid tha'lt stand on 'em," Dickon said with **renewed** cheer. "An' tha'lt stop bein' afraid in a bit."

"I shall?" said Colin, and he lay still as if he were wondering about things.

They were really very quiet for a little while. The sun was dropping lower. It was that hour when everything stills itself, and they really had had a busy and exciting afternoon. Colin looked as if he were **resting** luxuriously. Even the creatures had ceased moving about and had drawn together and were resting near them. **Soot** had perched on a low branch and drawn up one leg and dropped the gray film drowsily over his eyes. Mary privately thought he looked as if he might **snore** in a minute.

In the midst of this stillness it was rather **startling** when Colin half lifted his head and exclaimed in a loud suddenly alarmed whisper:

"Who is that man?" Dickon and Mary scrambled to their feet.

"Man!" they both cried in low quick voices.

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afore: (*adv*) ahead, along, before, forwards, formerly, beforehand, previously; (*adj*) erewhile, beforehand, theretofore, preceding.

delicately: (*adv*) exquisitely, softly, tenderly, gracefully, subtly, sensitively, daintily, precisely, elegantly, ticklishly, weakly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) inelegantly, tactlessly, thickly, imprecisely, clumsily, ungracefully, unsubtly, heavily, carelessly, roughly, severely.

flushed: (*adj, n*) red, sanguine; (*adj*) feverish, glowing, aroused, aflame, burning, exultant, exulting; (*n*) flush, elated. ANTONYM: (*adj*) cool.

renewed: (*adj*) changed, born again, new, fresh, redintegrate, rehabilitated, transformed, regenerate, reformed, Renate.
resting: (*adj*) idle, quiescent, inactive, dormant, quiet, sleeping, reclining, obligatory, unemployed, asleep; (*n*) repose.

snore: (*n*) snoring; (*v*) snort, saw logs, snooze, siesta, hibernation, breathe, doze, saw wood, coma, dream.

soot: (*n*) smut, lampblack, carbon black, grime, carbon, crock, dirt; (*adj*) ink, ebony, coal pitch, jet.

startling: (*adj*) wonderful, shocking, surprising, striking, alarming, appalling, marvellous, dramatic, frightful, sensational, lurid.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unremarkable, soothing, comforting.

Colin pointed to the high wall. "Look!" he whispered **excitedly**. "Just look!"

Mary and Dickon wheeled about and looked. There was Ben Weatherstaff's indignant face glaring at them over the wall from the top of a ladder! He actually shook his **fist** at Mary.

"If I wasn't a bachelder, an' tha' was a wench o' mine," he cried, "I'd give thee a hidin'!"

He mounted another step **threateningly** as if it were his energetic intention to jump down and deal with her; but as she came toward him he evidently thought better of it and stood on the top step of his ladder shaking his fist down at her.

"I never thowt much o' thee!" he harangued. "I couldna' **abide** thee th' first time I set eyes on thee. A scrawny buttermilk-faced young **besom**, allus askin' questions an' pokin' tha' nose where it wasna, wanted. I never knowed how tha' got so thick wi' me. If it hadna' been for th' robin-- Drat him--"

"Ben Weatherstaff," called out Mary, finding her breath. She stood below him and called up to him with a sort of gasp. "Ben Weatherstaff, it was the robin who showed me the way!"

Then it did seem as if Ben really would scramble down on her side of the wall, he was so outraged.

"Tha' young bad 'un!" he called down at her. "Layin' tha' **badness** on a robin--not but what he's impidint enow for anythin'. Him showin' thee th' way! Him! Eh! tha' young nowt"--she could see his next words burst out because he was **overpowered** by curiosity-- "however i' this world did tha' get in?"

"It was the robin who showed me the way," she protested obstinately. "He didn't know he was doing it but he did. And I can't tell you from here while you're shaking your fist at me."

He stopped shaking his fist very suddenly at that very moment and his jaw actually dropped as he stared over her head at something he saw coming over the grass toward him.

Thesaurus

abide: (*v*) endure, bide, undergo, tolerate, take, suffer, stomach, bear, brook; (*adj, v*) stay, dwell.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) check, depart, disallow, disapprove, disbelieve, journey, dodge, leave, migrate, move, pass.
badness: (*n*) evil, wickedness, evilness, ill, naughtiness, disobedience, intensity, intensiveness, quality, roguishness, viciousness.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) goodness, decency,

good.
besom: (*n, v*) broom; (*n*) brush; (*v*) sieve, screen, shovel, rake, filter, mop, riddle.
excitedly: (*adv*) passionately, feverishly, wildly, frantically, nervously, ardently, enthusiastically, eagerly, animatedly, fervently, cheerfully. **ANTONYMS:** (*adv*) lifelessly, patiently, peacefully, nonchalantly, indifferently, despondently, unenthusiastically.

fist: (*n, v*) hand; (*n*) duke, clenched fist, feist, manus, grip, index; (*v*) finger, paw, neif, neaf.
overpowered: (*adj*) beaten, conquered, inundated, engulfed, flooded, routed, vanquished, subdued, subjugated, overflowing, mild.
threateningly: (*adv*) sinisterly, ominously, seriously, warningly, perilously, gloomily, dangerously, minatorily, grimly, minaciously, loweringly.

At the first sound of his **torrent** of words Colin had been so surprised that he had only sat up and listened as if he were **spellbound**. But in the midst of it he had recovered himself and beckoned **imperiously** to Dickon.

"Wheel me over there!" he commanded. "Wheel me quite close and stop right in front of him!"

And this, if you please, this is what Ben Weatherstaff beheld and which made his jaw drop. A wheeled chair with luxurious cushions and **robes** which came toward him looking rather like some sort of State Coach because a young Rajah leaned back in it with royal command in his great black-rimmed eyes and a thin white hand extended haughtily toward him. And it stopped right under Ben Weatherstaff's nose. It was really no wonder his mouth dropped open.

"Do you know who I am?" demanded the Rajah.

How Ben Weatherstaff stared! His red old eyes fixed themselves on what was before him as if he were seeing a ghost. He gazed and gazed and gulped a lump down his throat and did not say a word. "Do you know who I am?" demanded Colin still more imperiously. "Answer!"

Ben Weatherstaff put his **gnarled** hand up and passed it over his eyes and over his forehead and then he did answer in a queer **shaky** voice.

"Who tha' art?" he said. "Aye, that I do--wi' tha' mother's eyes starin' at me out o' tha' face. Lord knows how tha' come here. But tha'rt th' poor cripple."

Colin forgot that he had ever had a back. His face flushed **scarlet** and he sat bolt upright.

"I'm not a cripple!" he cried out furiously. "I'm not!"

"He's not!" cried Mary, almost shouting up the wall in her fierce indignation. "He's not got a lump as big as a pin! I looked and there was none there--not one!"

Ben Weatherstaff passed his hand over his forehead again and gazed as if he could never gaze enough. His hand shook and his mouth shook and his voice

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gnarled: (*adj*) knotty, knotted, gnarly, asperous, crisp, deformed, crabbed, roughhewn, wrinkled, unsmooth, unpolished. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) smooth, unknotted, straight.
imperiously: (*adv*) overbearingly, arrogantly, commandingly, magisterially, dictatorially, masterfully, haughtily, imperatively, authoritatively, domineeringly, insolently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meekly, feebly.

robes: (*n*) garb, fine clothes, costume, best clothes.
scarlet: (*adj*) crimson, ruddy, carmine, ruby, sanguine, rubicund, reddish, cerise; (*n*) vermilion, orange red, redness.
shaky: (*adj*) precarious, ramshackle, insecure, unsafe, unstable, unsteady, wobbly, tottery, trembling; (*adj, v*) crazy, broken. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) steady, stable, strong, watertight, sound, hard, composed, alert, safe,

secure, promising.
spellbound: (*adj*) fascinated, enchanted, mesmerized, captivated, charmed, bewitched, hypnotized, hypnotised, mesmerised, infatuated, enthralled. ANTONYM: (*adj*) uninterested.
torrent: (*n*) flood, cloudburst, overflow, stream, downpour, rain, shower, soaker, inundation; (*adj, n*) volley, eruption. ANTONYMS: (*n*) drought, trickle, shower.

shook. He was an ignorant old man and a **tactless** old man and he could only remember the things he had heard.

"Tha'--tha' hasn't got a crooked back?" he said hoarsely.

"No!" shouted Colin.

"Tha'--tha' hasn't got crooked legs?" quavered Ben more hoarsely yet. It was too much. The strength which Colin usually threw into his tantrums rushed through him now in a new way. Never yet had he been accused of crooked legs--even in whispers--and the perfectly simple belief in their existence which was revealed by Ben Weatherstaff's voice was more than Rajah flesh and blood could **endure**. His anger and **insulted** pride made him forget everything but this one moment and filled him with a power he had never known before, an almost **unnatural** strength.

"Come here!" he shouted to Dickon, and he actually began to **tear** the coverings off his lower limbs and **disentangle** himself. "Come here! Come here! This minute!"

Dickon was by his side in a second. Mary caught her breath in a short gasp and felt herself turn pale.

"He can do it! He can do it! He can do it! He can!" she gabbled over to herself under her breath as fast as ever she could.

There was a brief fierce scramble, the rugs were tossed on the ground, Dickon held Colin's arm, the thin legs were out, the thin feet were on the grass. Colin was standing upright--upright--as straight as an arrow and looking strangely tall--his head thrown back and his strange eyes **flashing** lightning. "Look at me!" he flung up at Ben Weatherstaff. "Just look at me--you! Just look at me!"

"He's as straight as I am!" cried Dickon. "He's as straight as any lad i' Yorkshire!"

What Ben Weatherstaff did Mary thought queer beyond measure. He choked and gulped and suddenly tears ran down his weather-wrinkled cheeks as he struck his old hands together.

Thesaurus

disentangle: (*v*) untangle, disengage, ravel, clear, extricate, disembroil, unwind, detach, comb; (*adj, v*) disencumber, disembarrass.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) entangle, tangle, entwine, twist, fasten, wind, snarl.

endure: (*adj, n, v*) continue, support; (*n, v*) bear, suffer, stand, be; (*v*) accept, undergo, allow, stay, tolerate.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) perish, die, break, fall, discontinue, crumble, end, enjoy, resign, quit, collapse.

flashing: (*adj*) bright, sparkling, blinking, meteoric, scintillating, light, brilliant, dazzling, gleaming; (*n*) flare, flashes.

insulted: (*adj*) affronted, offended, injured, huffy.

tactless: (*adj*) impolitic, maladroit, clumsy, tasteless, indiscreet, indelicate, blunt, thoughtless, awkward, insensitive, inept.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) diplomatic, thoughtful, discreet, considerate,

fitting, careful, tasteful, sensitive, urbane, appropriate, kind.

tear: (*n, v*) rip, break, split, rupture, crack, run, slit; (*v*) pull, rend, lacerate; (*adj, v*) rush. ANTONYMS: (*v*) wait, mend, idle, fix, amble, dawdle.

unnatural: (*adj*) affected, artificial, grotesque, supernatural, forced, abnormal, eccentric, uncanny, stilted, mannered, anomalous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) natural, normal, real, unaffected, commonplace, genuine, sincere.

“Eh!” he burst forth, “th’ lies folk tells! Tha’rt as thin as a **lath** an’ as white as a **wraith**, but there’s not a knob on thee. Tha’lt make a mon yet. God bless thee!”

Dickon held Colin’s arm strongly but the boy had not begun to **falter**. He stood straighter and straighter and looked Ben Weatherstaff in the face.

“I’m your master,” he said, “when my father is away. And you are to obey me. This is my garden. Don’t dare to say a word about it! You get down from that **ladder** and go out to the Long Walk and Miss Mary will meet you and bring you here. I want to talk to you. We did not want you, but now you will have to be in the secret. Be quick!”

Ben Weatherstaff’s crabbed old face was still wet with that one queer **rush** of **tears**. It seemed as if he could not take his eyes from thin straight Colin standing on his feet with his head thrown back.

“Eh! lad,” he almost whispered. “Eh! my lad!” And then remembering himself he suddenly touched his hat gardener fashion and said, “Yes, sir! Yes, sir!” and **obediently disappeared** as he **descended** the ladder.

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descended: (*v*) extraught.

disappeared: (*adj*) lost, missing, extinct, vanished, left. ANTONYM: (*adj*) remaining.

falter: (*n, v*) waver; (*v*) hesitate, stumble, stutter, stammer, halt, dither, bumble, doubt, teeter; (*n*) faltering. ANTONYMS: (*v*) persevere, persist, endure, remain.

ladder: (*n, v*) run; (*n*) stair, stepladder, steps, stairs, degree, washboard, flight of stairs, stile, stairway,

staircase.

lath: (*n*) fillet, spline, batten, plank, list, ribbon, strip, rod, flat timber, spill; (*v*) frame.

obediently: (*adv*) dutifully, yieldingly, compliantly, meekly, acquiescently, respectfully, tamely, subserviently, passively, loyally, devotedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) defiantly, assertively, wildly.

rush: (*n, v*) charge, flood, dash, flow, gush, race, run, speed, attack; (*adj, n,*

v) burst; (*n*) onrush. ANTONYMS: (*v*) delay, dawdle, linger, wander, amble, hesitate, crawl, trickle; (*n*) shortage, slowness, unimportance.

tears: (*n*) cry, crying, snivel, brine, weeping, activity, bawling, bodily function, bodily process, body process, lacerations.

wraith: (*n*) shade, specter, phantom, spook, apparition, spectre, spirit, vision, shadow, comb, fetch.

CHAPTER XXII

WHEN THE SUN WENT DOWN

When his head was out of sight Colin turned to Mary.

“Go and meet him,” he said; and Mary flew across the grass to the door under the ivy.

Dickon was **watching** him with sharp eyes. There were scarlet spots on his cheeks and he looked **amazing**, but he showed no **signs** of falling.

“I can stand,” he said, and his head was still held up and he said it quite grandly.

“I told thee tha’ could as soon as tha’ stopped bein’ afraid,” answered Dickon. “An’ tha’s stopped.”

“Yes, I’ve stopped,” said Colin.

Then suddenly he remembered something Mary had said.

“Are you making Magic?” he asked **sharply**.

Dickon’s curly mouth **spread** in a cheerful grin.

“Tha’s doin’ Magic thyself,” he said. “It’s same Magic as made these ‘ere work out o’ th’ earth,” and he touched with his thick **boot** a clump of crocuses in the grass. Colin looked down at them.

Thesaurus

amazing: (*adj*) astonishing, terrific, wonderful, incredible, awesome, astounding, breathtaking, extraordinary, fabulous, impressive, tremendous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ordinary, boring, predictable, unremarkable, modest, insignificant, comforting, dire, humdrum.
boot: (*n, v*) kick; (*n*) boots, Wellingtons, bang, gain, jackboot, buskin, kicking, charge, shoe, bootikin.

sharply: (*adj, adv*) piercingly, harshly, penetratingly; (*adv*) keenly, severely, abruptly, trenchantly, shrewdly, biting, cuttingly, bitterly.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) gently, kindly, sweetly, politely, gradually, pleasantly.
signs: (*n*) situation, indications, signage, appearances, cipher, cryptogram, discriminating marks, indicia, secret code, secret language, symbols.

spread: (*n, v*) scatter, stretch, increase; (*adj, n, v*) reach; (*v*) disperse, expand, propagate, disseminate, diffuse, circulate; (*adj, v*) extend.
 ANTONYMS: (*v*) suppress, gather, collect, fold, prevent, regress, shrink, specialize, concentrate; (*n*) decline; (*n, v*) decrease.
watching: (*n*) observation, stargazing, sighting, observance, watch, remark, notice, ambush, reflection, ceremonial occasion, ceremony.

"Aye," he said slowly, "there couldna' be bigger Magic than that there--there couldna' be."

He drew himself up straighter than ever.

"I'm going to walk to that tree," he said, pointing to one a few feet away from him. "I'm going to be standing when Weatherstaff comes here. I can rest against the tree if I like. When I want to sit down I will sit down, but not before. Bring a rug from the chair."

He walked to the tree and though Dickon held his arm he was wonderfully **steady**. When he stood against the tree trunk it was not too plain that he supported himself against it, and he still held himself so straight that he looked tall.

When Ben Weatherstaff came through the door in the wall he saw him standing there and he heard Mary muttering something under her breath.

"What art sayin'?" he asked rather **testily** because he did not want his attention distracted from the long thin straight boy figure and proud face.

But she did not tell him. What she was saying was this:

"You can do it! You can do it! I told you you could! You can do it! You can do it! You can!" She was saying it to Colin because she wanted to make Magic and keep him on his feet looking like that. She could not bear that he should give in before Ben Weatherstaff. He did not give in. She was **uplifted** by a sudden feeling that he looked quite beautiful in spite of his **thinness**. He fixed his eyes on Ben Weatherstaff in his funny imperious way.

"Look at me!" he commanded. "Look at me all over! Am I a hunchback? Have I got crooked legs?"

Ben Weatherstaff had not quite got over his **emotion**, but he had recovered a little and answered almost in his usual way.

"Not tha'," he said. "Nowt o' th' sort. What's tha' been doin' with thyself--hidin' out o' sight an' lettin' folk think tha' was cripple an' half-witted?"

"Half-witted!" said Colin **angrily**. "Who thought that?"

Thesaurus

angrily: (*adv*) irately, passionately, fiercely, indignantly, cholericly, resentfully, enragedly, infuriatedly, wrathfully, madly, crossly.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) warmly, lightly, calmly, cheerfully, gently, gladly.
emotion: (*n*) love, feeling, passion, heart, commotion, mood, paths, excitement, sensibility; (*n, v*) sensation; (*v*) impression.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) detachment, coldness, unfeelingness, calmness.

steady: (*adj, v*) steadfast, even, secure, resolute, regular, calm, sedate; (*adj, adv*) stable; (*adj*) constant, continual, fixed. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) shaky, wobbly, intermittent, unreliable, irregular, fluctuating, inconsistent, unbalanced, unstable, unfaithful; (*adv*) unsteadily.
testily: (*adv*) irritably, pettishly, peevishly, grumpily, fretfully, waspishly, tetchily, crankily, touchily, snappishly, cantankerously.

thinness: (*n*) slenderness, slimness, tenuity, leanness, rarity, narrowness, slightness, fluidity, fluidness, maceration, emaciation.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) plumpness, stoutness, width, thickness, fatness, roundness, coarseness, strength.
uplifted: (*adj*) high, raised, noble, not inverted, not prone, proud, undismayed, stately, lofty, sublime, animated.

"Lots o' fools," said Ben. "Th' world's full o' jackasses **brayin'** an' they never bray nowt but **lies**. What did tha' shut thysel' up for?"

"Everyone thought I was going to die," said Colin **shortly**. "I'm not!"

And he said it with such decision Ben Weatherstaff looked him over, up and down, down and up.

"Tha' die!" he said with dry **exultation**. "Nowt o' th' sort! Tha's got too much pluck in thee. When I seed thee put tha' legs on th' ground in such a hurry I knowed tha' was all right. Sit thee down on th' rug a bit young Mester an' give me thy orders."

There was a queer **mixture** of crabbed **tenderness** and shrewd understanding in his manner. Mary had poured out speech as **rapidly** as she could as they had come down the Long Walk. The chief thing to be remembered, she had told him, was that Colin was getting well--getting well. The garden was doing it. No one must let him remember about having humps and dying.

The Rajah condescended to seat himself on a rug under the tree.

"What work do you do in the gardens, Weatherstaff?" he inquired.

"Anythin' I'm told to do," answered old Ben. "I'm kep' on by favor--because she liked me."

"She?" said Colin.

"Tha' mother," answered Ben Weatherstaff.

"My mother?" said Colin, and he looked about him quietly. "This was her garden, wasn't it?"

"Aye, it was that!" and Ben Weatherstaff looked about him too. "She were main fond of it."

"It is my garden now. I am fond of it. I shall come here every day," announced Colin. "But it is to be a secret. My orders are that no one is to know that we come here. Dickon and my cousin have worked and made it come alive. I shall send for you sometimes to help--but you must come when no one can see you."

Thesaurus

bray: (*v*) blare, bruise, mash, crush, comminute, pound, abrade, scrape, grate, utter, emit.

exultation: (*n*) jubilation, joy, delight, ecstasy, elation, rejoicing, revelling, transport, joyousness, bliss, glee.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) depression, desolation, misery, sorrow.

lies: (*n*) fabrication, falsehood, lie, lying, deceit, defamation, denigration, dishonesty, slander, libel, treachery. ANTONYM: (*n*)

truth.

mixture: (*n*) mix, alloy, concoction, hodgepodge, blend, jumble, medley, assortment, miscellany, combination, commixture. ANTONYMS: (*n*) agitation, uniformity, likeness.

rapidly: (*adv*) promptly, speedily, swiftly, quick, fleetly, hastily, cursorily, readily, expeditiously, fast; (*adj, adv*) immediately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) permanently, gradually, thoroughly, eventually, later, now.

shortly: (*adv*) presently, curtly, before long, soon, concisely, brusquely, abruptly, tersely, succinctly; (*adj, adv*) immediately, summarily.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) politely, pleasantly, verbosely, later.

tenderness: (*n*) fondness, soreness, love, affection, sympathy; (*adj, n*) clemency, mildness, compassion, gentleness, softness, delicacy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) pleasure, dryness, hatred, strength, detachment.

Ben Weatherstaff's face twisted itself in a dry old smile.

"I've come here before when no one saw me," he said.

"What!" exclaimed Colin.

"When?"

"Th' last time I was here," rubbing his **chin** and looking round, "was about two year' ago."

"But no one has been in it for ten years!" cried Colin.

"There was no door!"

"I'm no one," said old Ben **dryly**. "An' I didn't come through th' door. I come over th' wall. Th' rheumatics held me back th' last two year'."

"Tha' come an' did a bit o' prunin'!" cried Dickon. "I couldn't make out how it had been done."

"She was so fond of it--she was!" said Ben Weatherstaff slowly. "An' she was such a pretty young thing. She says to me once, 'Ben,' says she laughin', 'if ever I'm ill or if I go away you must take care of my roses.' When she did go away th' orders was no one was ever to come nigh. But I come," with **grumpy obstinacy**. "Over th' wall I come--until th' rheumatics stopped me--an' I did a bit o' work once a year. She'd gave her order first."

"It wouldn't have been as wick as it is if tha' hadn't done it," said Dickon. "I did wonder."

"I'm glad you did it, Weatherstaff," said Colin. "You'll know how to keep the secret."

"Aye, I'll know, sir," answered Ben. "An, it'll be easier for a man wi' rheumatics to come in at th' door."

On the grass near the **tree** Mary had dropped her trowel. Colin **stretched** out his hand and took it up. An odd expression came into his face and he began to **scratch** at the earth. His thin hand was weak enough but presently as they watched him--Mary with quite breathless interest--he **drove** the end of the trowel into the soil and turned some over.

Thesaurus

chin: (*n*) jaw, Kuki, jawbone, lineament, rap, jowl; (*v*) elevate, speak, chin up, confer, bring up.
drove: (*adj, n*) flock, swarm, shoal; (*n*) horde, crowd, covey, mob, throng, multitude; (*adj*) bevy, driven.
dryly: (*adv*) coldly, sternly, sourly, sarcastically, laconically, huskily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) interestingly, warmly.
grumpy: (*adj*) grouchy, gruff, crabby, cantankerous, sulky, crabbed, fussy,

cranky, testy, touchy, grim. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheerful, courteous, friendly, happy, pleasant, stable.
obstinacy: (*n*) stubbornness, firmness, bullheadedness, determination, contumacy, mulishness, impenitence, resolve, resoluteness, impenitency, pertinacity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cooperation, compliance.
scratch: (*n, v*) mark, graze, notch, scrape, nick, scabble, dent, scar; (*v*)

rub, chafe, rake. ANTONYM: (*v*) soothe.
stretched: (*adj*) extended, stiff, tight, tense, stretched out, strained, expanded, outstretched, elongated, outspread, prolonged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) loose, short.
tree: (*n*) gallows, gibbet, stem, pedigree, kurchee, quandong, poon, platan, lemonwood, lancewood, lacebark.

"You can do it! You can do it!" said Mary to herself. "I tell you, you can!"

Dickon's round eyes were full of eager curiousness but he said not a word. Ben Weatherstaff looked on with interested face.

Colin persevered. After he had turned a few trowelfuls of soil he spoke exultantly to Dickon in his best Yorkshire.

"Tha' said as tha'd have me walkin' about here same as other folk--an' tha' said tha'd have me diggin'. I thowt tha' was just leein' to please me. This is only th' first day an' I've walked--an' here I am diggin'."

Ben Weatherstaff's mouth fell open again when he heard him, but he ended by chuckling.

"Eh!" he said, "that sounds as if tha'd got **wits** enow. Tha'rt a Yorkshire lad for sure. An' tha'rt diggin', too. How'd tha' like to plant a bit o' somethin'? I can get thee a rose in a pot."

"Go and get it!" said Colin, digging excitedly. "Quick! Quick!"

It was done quickly enough indeed. Ben Weatherstaff went his way forgetting rheumatics. Dickon took his spade and dug the **hole** deeper and wider than a new **digger** with thin white hands could make it. Mary slipped out to run and bring back a watering-can. When Dickon had **deepened** the hole Colin went on turning the soft earth over and over. He looked up at the sky, **flushed** and glowing with the strangely new exercise, **slight** as it was.

"I want to do it before the sun goes quite--quite down," he said.

Mary thought that perhaps the sun held back a few minutes just on purpose. Ben Weatherstaff brought the rose in its pot from the **greenhouse**. He hobbled over the grass as fast as he could. He had begun to be excited, too. He knelt down by the hole and **broke** the pot from the mould.

"Here, lad," he said, handing the plant to Colin. "Set it in the earth thysel' same as th' king does when he goes to a new place."

The thin white hands shook a little and Colin's flush grew deeper as he set the rose in the mould and held it while old Ben made firm the earth. It was filled

Thesaurus

broke: (*adj*) bankrupt, poor, insolvent, impecunious, penniless, impoverished, skint, bust, destitute, strapped, ruined. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) solvent, wealthy, affluent.

deepened: (*adj*) concentrated, gathered.

digger: (*n*) excavator, shovel, dredge, labourer, laborer, machine, miner, backhoe, power shovel, trencher, manager.

flush: (*adj, n, v*) blush, glow; (*adj*) flat,

affluent, rich; (*adj, v*) even, smooth, level; (*n*) bloom; (*n, v*) color; (*v*) redden. ANTONYMS: (*n*) pallor; (*v*) blanch, blench; (*adj*) empty, low, poor.

greenhouse: (*n*) conservatory, nursery, hothouse, hermitage, summerhouse, grotto, edifice, alcove, arbor, building.

hole: (*adj, n*) gap; (*n*) aperture, den, hollow, crack, pocket, break, lair, pit, fix, depression. ANTONYMS: (*n*)

mansion, mend.

slight: (*adj, adv*) light; (*adj*) thin, flimsy, slender, fragile, petty, little; (*adv, n, v*) neglect; (*n, v*) insult, scorn; (*v*) ignore. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) considerable, major, obvious, thickset, severe, wide, fat, intense, heavy, likely; (*v*) acknowledge.

wits: (*n*) intellect, mind, wit, brains, common sense, presence, percipience, observation, mother wit, right mind, judgment.

in and pressed down and made steady. Mary was leaning forward on her **hands** and knees. Soot had flown down and marched forward to see what was being done. Nut and Shell chattered about it from a cherry-tree.

“It’s planted!” said Colin at last. “And the sun is only **slipping** over the **edge**. Help me up, Dickon. I want to be **standing** when it goes. That’s part of the Magic.”

And Dickon helped him, and the Magic--or whatever it was--so gave him **strength** that when the sun did slip over the edge and end the strange **lovely** afternoon for them there he actually stood on his two feet--laughing.

Thesaurus

edge: (*n, v*) bound, verge, hem, skirt, line; (*n*) boundary, margin, brink, blade, extremity, limit. ANTONYMS: (*n*) center, disadvantage, obstacle, handicap, mainstream, end; (*v*) interior, dull, blunt, speed.
hands: (*n*) custody, keeping, personnel, safekeeping, hold, shift, workforce, men, manpower, guardianship, full complement.
lovely: (*adj*) beautiful, charming, lovable, enchanting, delightful,

handsome, alluring, elegant, endearing, gorgeous; (*adv*) comely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unpleasant, hideous, ugly, unattractive, horrifying, horrid, unappealing, repellent, detestable, dreadful, awkward.
slipping: (*n*) skidding, slippage; (*adj*) slithering, gliding, down, labent.
standing: (*n*) fame, position, importance, prestige, place, reputation, footing; (*adj*) erect,

motionless, continuance; (*n, v*) stand. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) seated, moving, horizontal, falling, temporary.
strength: (*n, v*) power; (*n*) energy, firmness, endurance, stability, potency, health, soundness; (*adj, n, v*) might; (*adj, n*) vigor, intensity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) frailty, shortcoming, flaw, faintness, powerlessness, moderation, limitation, instability, impotence, feebleness, disadvantage.

CHAPTER XXIII

MAGIC

Dr. Craven had been waiting some time at the house when they returned to it. He had indeed begun to wonder if it might not be wise to send some one out to **explore** the garden paths. When Colin was brought back to his room the poor man looked him over seriously.

"You should not have stayed so long," he said. "You must not **overexert** yourself."

"I am not tired at all," said Colin. "It has made me well. Tomorrow I am going out in the morning as well as in the afternoon."

"I am not sure that I can allow it," answered Dr. Craven. "I am afraid it would not be wise."

"It would not be wise to try to stop me," said Colin quite seriously. "I am going."

Even Mary had found out that one of Colin's chief peculiarities was that he did not know in the least what a **rude** little **brute** he was with his way of **ordering** people about. He had lived on a sort of **desert** island all his life and as he had been the king of it he had made his own **manners** and had had no one to compare himself with. Mary had indeed been rather like him herself and since

Thesaurus

brute: (*adj*) brutal, harsh, gruff, brutish; (*adj, n*) animal, savage; (*n*) barbarian, fiend, creature, monster; (*adv*) beastly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) weak, refined, mild, gentle; (*n*) gentleman.

desert: (*adj, n, v*) waste; (*v*) escape, forsake, relinquish, ditch, defect, leave; (*adj, v*) desolate; (*adj, n*) worth, merit; (*adj*) barren. ANTONYMS: (*v*) stay, support, remain, inhabit, assist, aid, help, keep; (*adj*) cultivated,

productive, fertile.

explore: (*v*) search, delve, research, enquire, discover, prospect, scrutinize, investigate, plumb, probe, view.

manners: (*n*) conduct, etiquette, propriety, behavior, deportment, manner, courtesy, custom, decorum, good manners, usage. ANTONYM: (*n*) vulgarity.

ordering: (*n*) disposition, sequence, order, disposal, grading, adjustment,

management, decree, configuration, classification; (*adj*) imperative.

overexert: (*v*) exert, exhaust, go beyond, strain, carry too far, do too much.

rude: (*adj, n*) rough, impudent, coarse, abrupt, bold; (*adj*) blunt, discourteous, impolite, brutal, crude, mean. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) polite, refined, courteous, chivalrous, civil, proper, decent, exact, clean, gentle, inoffensive.

she had been at Misselthwaite had gradually discovered that her own manners had not been of the kind which is usual or popular. Having made this discovery she naturally thought it of enough interest to **communicate** to Colin. So she sat and looked at him curiously for a few minutes after Dr. Craven had gone. She wanted to make him ask her why she was doing it and of course she did.

"What are you looking at me for?" he said.

"I'm thinking that I am rather sorry for Dr. Craven."

"So am I," said Colin **calmly**, but not without an air of some satisfaction. "He won't get Misselthwaite at all now I'm not going to die."

"I'm sorry for him because of that, of course," said Mary, "but I was thinking just then that it must have been very horrid to have had to be polite for ten years to a boy who was always rude. I would never have done it."

"Am I rude?" Colin inquired **undisturbedly**.

"If you had been his own boy and he had been a **slapping** sort of man," said Mary, "he would have slapped you."

"But he daren't," said Colin.

"No, he daren't," answered Mistress Mary, thinking the thing out quite without **prejudice**. "Nobody ever dared to do anything you didn't like--because you were going to die and things like that. You were such a poor thing."

"But," announced Colin stubbornly, "I am not going to be a poor thing. I won't let people think I'm one. I stood on my feet this afternoon."

"It is always having your own way that has made you so queer," Mary went on, thinking aloud.

Colin turned his head, frowning.

"Am I queer?" he demanded.

"Yes," answered Mary, "very. But you needn't be cross," she added **impartially**, "because so am I queer--and so is Ben Weatherstaff. But I am not as queer as I was before I began to like people and before I found the garden."

Thesaurus

calmly: (*adv*) stilly, tranquilly, coolly, serenely, placidly, sedately, smoothly, peacefully, easily, undisturbedly, steadily.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) anxiously, hysterically, nervously, agitatedly, uncontrollably, histrionically, restlessly, frantically, irritably, emotionally, tensely.

communicate: (*v*) express, impart, advertise, advise, carry, convey, transmit, commune, apprise; (*adj, v*)

announce, intimate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) excommunicate, conceal, suppress.

impartially: (*adv*) justly, dispassionately, neutrally, evenly, disinterestedly, objectively, unbiassedly, unprejudicedly, indifferently, evenhandedly, rightly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) unfairly.

prejudice: (*n, v*) harm, hurt, damage; (*v*) influence, predispose, injure; (*n*) disadvantage, partiality, preconceived notion, discrimination,

preconception. ANTONYMS: (*n*) tolerance, fairness, impartiality, justice, broadmindedness; (*v*) enhance.

slapping: (*adj*) slapper.

undisturbedly: (*adv*) quietly, peacefully, tranquilly, easily, stilly, smoothly, uninterruptedly, untroubledly, unmolestedly, composedly, unperturbedly.

"I don't want to be queer," said Colin. "I am not going to be," and he frowned again with determination.

He was a very proud boy. He lay thinking for a while and then Mary saw his beautiful smile begin and gradually change his whole face.

"I shall stop being queer," he said, "if I go every day to the garden. There is Magic in there--good Magic, you know, Mary. I am sure there is." "So am I," said Mary.

"Even if it isn't real Magic," Colin said, "we can **pretend** it is. Something is there--something!"

"It's Magic," said Mary, "but not black. It's as white as snow."

They always called it Magic and indeed it seemed like it in the months that followed--the wonderful months--the **radiant** months--the amazing ones. Oh! the things which happened in that garden! If you have never had a garden you cannot understand, and if you have had a garden you will know that it would take a whole book to describe all that came to pass there. At first it seemed that green things would never cease pushing their way through the earth, in the grass, in the beds, even in the crevices of the walls. Then the green things began to show buds and the buds began to **unfurl** and show color, every shade of blue, every shade of purple, every **tint** and hue of **crimson**. In its happy days flowers had been tucked away into every **inch** and hole and corner. Ben Weatherstaff had seen it done and had himself **scraped** out **mortar** from between the **bricks** of the wall and made pockets of earth for lovely **clinging** things to grow on. Iris and white lilies rose out of the grass in sheaves, and the green alcoves filled themselves with amazing armies of the blue and white flower lances of tall delphiniums or columbines or campanulas.

"She was main fond o' them--she was," Ben Weatherstaff said. "She liked them things as was allus pointin' up to th' blue sky, she used to tell. Not as she was one o' them as looked down on th' earth--not her. She just loved it but she said as th' blue sky allus looked so joyful."

Thesaurus

bricks: (*n*) walk, highway.

clinging: (*adj*) adhering, sticky, adherent, devoted, adhering closely, affectionate, dependent, tenacious, osculant; (*n*) coherence.

crimson: (*adj, n*) carmine, ruby, scarlet, maroon; (*v*) blush, flush, redden; (*adj*) bloody, ruddy, cherry; (*n*) deep red.

inch: (*n*) in, bit, column inch, morsel; (*v*) crawl, creep, ease; (*adj*) tatter, mite, seed, shive.

mortar: (*n*) howitzer, plaster, trench

mortar, field piece, glue, lute, heavy gun, gun, birdlime, gum, cannon.

pretend: (*adv, v*) assume; (*adj, v*) sham, counterfeit, fake, play; (*v*) dissimulate, dissemble, make believe, imagine, affect, act. ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) real; (*adj*) genuine, natural, sincere.

radiant: (*adj, v*) bright, glittering, lustrous, beamy, glorious; (*adj*) beaming, luminous, effulgent, lucid, glowing, beautiful. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) gloomy, dark, pale, unhappy.

scraped: (*adj*) scratched, worn out, worn, threadbare, frayed, hurt, skinned, damaged, raw.

tint: (*n, v*) color, tinge, hue, stain, dye, tinct; (*n*) shade, tincture, tone, cast; (*v*) paint. ANTONYMS: (*n*) white, pallor; (*v*) whiten, pale.

unfurl: (*v*) open, unroll, display, spread, expand, uncoil, unwind, unravel, open up, undo, untwine. ANTONYM: (*v*) fold.

The seeds Dickon and Mary had planted grew as if fairies had tended them. Satiny poppies of all tints danced in the breeze by the score, **gaily** defying flowers which had lived in the garden for years and which it might be confessed seemed rather to wonder how such new people had got there. And the roses--the roses! Rising out of the grass, **tangled** round the sun-dial, wreathing the tree trunks and hanging from their branches, climbing up the walls and spreading over them with long garlands falling in **cascades** --they came alive day by day, hour by hour. Fair fresh leaves, and buds--and buds--tiny at first but swelling and working Magic until they burst and uncurled into **cups** of scent delicately **spilling** themselves over their brims and filling the garden air.

Colin saw it all, watching each change as it took place. Every morning he was brought out and every hour of each day when it didn't rain he spent in the garden. Even gray days pleased him. He would lie on the grass "watching things growing," he said. If you watched long enough, he declared, you could see buds unsheath themselves. Also you could make the acquaintance of strange busy insect things running about on various unknown but evidently serious errands, sometimes carrying tiny **scraps** of straw or **feather** or food, or climbing blades of grass as if they were trees from whose tops one could look out to explore the country. A mole throwing up its **mound** at the end of its **burrow** and making its way out at last with the long-nailed paws which looked so like **elfish** hands, had absorbed him one whole morning. Ants' ways, **beetles'** ways, bees' ways, frogs' ways, birds' ways, plants' ways, gave him a new world to explore and when Dickon revealed them all and added foxes' ways, otters' ways, **ferrets'** ways, squirrels' ways, and trout' and water-rats' and badgers' ways, there was no end to the things to talk about and think over.

And this was not the half of the Magic. The fact that he had really once stood on his feet had set Colin thinking tremendously and when Mary told him of the spell she had worked he was excited and approved of it greatly. He talked of it constantly.

"Of course there must be lots of Magic in the world," he said wisely one day, "but people don't know what it is like or how to make it. Perhaps the beginning

Thesaurus

beetles: (*n*) Coleoptera.

burrow: (*adj, v*) delve, dig, gouge, mine; (*n, v*) tunnel, earth; (*n*) lair, den, hole, cavity; (*v*) nestle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fill, plant.

cascades: (*n*) Cascade Range.

cups: (*n*) plates, dishes, dishware, tableware.

elfish: (*adj*) elvish, elflike, puckish, playful, roguish, Elvin.

feather: (*n*) pen, feathering, pinion, nib, plumage, quill, kind, spline; (*n,*

v) plume; (*adj, n, v*) fringe; (*v*) fledge.

ferrets: (*n*) badgers, Mustelidae, family Mustelidae.

gaily: (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) gladly, jovially, joyfully, cheerfully, mirthfully, joyously, gleefully, sunnily, blithely, lively.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sadly, anxiously, dully, despondently.

mound: (*v*) embankment; (*adj, n*) knoll, hillock, hummock; (*n*) hill, mass, grave; (*n, v*) stack, bank, pile; (*adj*)

barrow. ANTONYM: (*n*) hollow.

scraps: (*n*) garbage, odds and ends, scrap, bits, food waste, leftover, trash, waste, oddments, leftovers, residue.

spilling: (*n*) betrayal, booming.

tangled: (*adj*) involved, complex, knotted, intricate, complicated, entangled, knotty, convoluted, disheveled, tousled, matted.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, straightforward, untangled, neat, simple.

is just to say nice things are going to happen until you make them happen. I am going to try and experiment"

The next morning when they went to the secret garden he sent at once for Ben Weatherstaff. Ben came as quickly as he could and found the Rajah standing on his feet under a tree and looking very grand but also very beautifully smiling.

"Good morning, Ben Weatherstaff," he said. "I want you and Dickon and Miss Mary to stand in a row and listen to me because I am going to tell you something very important."

"Aye, aye, sir!" answered Ben Weatherstaff, **touching** his forehead. (One of the long **concealed** charms of Ben Weatherstaff was that in his **boyhood** he had once run away to sea and had made voyages. So he could reply like a sailor.)

"I am going to try a scientific experiment," explained the Rajah. "When I grow up I am going to make great scientific discoveries and I am going to begin now with this experiment"

"Aye, aye, sir!" said Ben Weatherstaff **promptly**, though this was the first time he had heard of great scientific discoveries.

It was the first time Mary had heard of them, either, but even at this stage she had begun to **realize** that, queer as he was, Colin had read about a great many singular things and was somehow a very convincing sort of boy. When he held up his head and fixed his strange eyes on you it seemed as if you believed him almost in spite of yourself though he was only ten years old--going on eleven. At this moment he was especially convincing because he suddenly felt the **fascination** of actually making a sort of speech like a grown-up person.

"The great scientific discoveries I am going to make," he went on, "will be about Magic. Magic is a great thing and scarcely any one knows anything about it except a few people in old books--and Mary a little, because she was born in India where there are fakirs. I believe Dickon knows some Magic, but perhaps he doesn't know he knows it. He charms animals and people. I would never have let him come to see me if he had not been an animal charmer--which is a

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boyhood: (*n*) babyhood, adolescence, youth, youthhood, infancy, girlhood, age, boyism, puberty. ANTONYM: (*n*) adulthood.

concealed: (*adj*) covert, clandestine, blind, occult, secret, mysterious, obscure, buried, invisible, secreted, surreptitious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unconcealed, available, overt, open, divulged, Shown, revealed, disclosed, uncovered, noticeable, mainstream.

fascination: (*n*) charm, glamor, bewitchment, glamour, enchantment, enthrallment, charisma, magnetism, allure, magic, captivation. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disinterest, boredom, disenchantment, disenchantment, repulsion. **promptly:** (*adv*) instantly, readily, quickly, directly, rapidly, swiftly, speedily, forthwith, punctually, now, at once. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) slowly, late, eventually.

realize: (*v*) achieve, perform, discover, attain, appreciate, make, execute, complete, accomplish, know, sense. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fail, neglect.

touching: (*adj, v*) affecting; (*adj*) poignant, pitiful, pathetic, adjacent, adjoining, emotional; (*n*) touch, contact; (*prep*) concerning, about. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unaffection, everyday, heartwarming, unmoving, heartbreaking, emotionless, unemotional, impassive.

boy charmer, too, because a boy is an animal. I am sure there is Magic in everything, only we have not sense enough to get hold of it and make it do things for us--like **electricity** and **horses** and steam."

This sounded so **imposing** that Ben Weatherstaff became quite excited and really could not keep still. "Aye, aye, sir," he said and he began to stand up quite straight.

"When Mary found this garden it looked quite dead," the **orator** proceeded. "Then something began **pushing** things up out of the soil and making things out of nothing. One day things weren't there and another they were. I had never watched things before and it made me feel very curious. Scientific people are always curious and I am going to be scientific. I keep saying to myself, 'What is it? What is it?' It's something. It can't be nothing! I don't know its name so I call it Magic. I have never seen the sun rise but Mary and Dickon have and from what they tell me I am sure that is Magic too. Something pushes it up and draws it. Sometimes since I've been in the garden I've looked up through the trees at the sky and I have had a strange feeling of being happy as if something were pushing and drawing in my **chest** and making me breathe fast. Magic is always pushing and drawing and making things out of nothing. Everything is made out of Magic, leaves and trees, flowers and birds, badgers and foxes and squirrels and people. So it must be all around us. In this garden--in all the places. The Magic in this garden has made me stand up and know I am going to live to be a man. I am going to make the scientific **experiment** of trying to get some and put it in myself and make it push and draw me and make me strong. I don't know how to do it but I think that if you keep thinking about it and calling it perhaps it will come. Perhaps that is the first baby way to get it. When I was going to try to stand that first time Mary kept saying to herself as fast as she could, 'You can do it! You can do it!' and I did. I had to try myself at the same time, of course, but her Magic helped me--and so did Dickon's. Every morning and evening and as often in the **daytime** as I can remember I am going to say, 'Magic is in me! Magic is making me well! I am going to be as strong as Dickon, as strong as Dickon!'

Thesaurus

chest: (*n*) bosom, ark, bust, box, chest of drawers, case, hutch, bureau, caisson, casket, dresser.

daytime: (*n*) day, afternoon, period, eve, daylight hours, Clarence Shepard day Jr, Clarence day, light, eventide, evening. ANTONYM: (*n*) night.

electricity: (*adj*) light, voltaism, magnetism, electromagnetism, wind, Voltaic electricity, electrical; (*n*) electrical energy, electric current,

static electricity, tension.

experiment: (*n, v*) attempt, try, taste, venture; (*n*) essay, trial, tentative, examination, probation, experience; (*v*) examine.

horses: (*n*) stock, equidae, domestic animals, cattle, extinct animals, asses, pigs, sheep, family equidae, farm animals, force.

imposing: (*adj, n, v*) impressive; (*adj, n*) noble, commanding, solemn; (*adj*) dignified, grandiose, stately,

distinguished, regal, lofty, baronial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unimpressive, modest, unimposing, weak, undignified, lowly.

orator: (*n*) elocutionist, speechmaker, speaker, lecturer, Cicero, speechifier, demagog, demagogue, eulogist; (*v*) oratrix, oratress.

pushing: (*adj*) enterprising, pushy, pushful, ambitious, officious, adventurous; (*n*) push, propulsion, thrusting, actuation; (*v*) meddlesome.

And you must all do it, too. That is my experiment Will you help, Ben Weatherstaff?"

"Aye, aye, sir!" said Ben Weatherstaff. "Aye, aye!"

"If you keep doing it every day as regularly as soldiers go through **drill** we shall see what will happen and find out if the experiment succeeds. You **learn** things by saying them over and over and thinking about them until they stay in your mind forever and I think it will be the same with Magic. If you keep calling it to come to you and help you it will get to be part of you and it will stay and do things." "I once heard an officer in India tell my mother that there were fakirs who said words over and over thousands of times," said Mary.

"I've heard Jem Fettleworth's wife say th' same thing over thousands o' times--callin' Jem a **drunken** brute," said Ben Weatherstaff dryly. "Summat allus come o' that, sure enough. He gave her a good hidin' an' went to th' Blue Lion an' got as drunk as a lord."

Colin drew his **brows** together and thought a few minutes. Then he cheered up.

"Well," he said, "you see something did come of it. She used the wrong Magic until she made him beat her. If she'd used the right Magic and had said something nice perhaps he wouldn't have got as drunk as a lord and perhaps--perhaps he might have bought her a new bonnet."

Ben Weatherstaff chuckled and there was shrewd **admiration** in his little old eyes.

"Tha'rt a clever lad as well as a straight-legged one, Mester Colin," he said. "Next time I see Bess Fettleworth I'll give her a bit of a **hint** o' what Magic will do for her. She'd be rare an' pleased if th' sinetifik 'speriment worked --an' so 'ud Jem."

Dickon had stood listening to the **lecture**, his round eyes shining with curious delight. Nut and Shell were on his shoulders and he held a long-eared white rabbit in his arm and stroked and stroked it softly while it laid its ears along its back and enjoyed itself.

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admiration: (*n*) esteem, adoration, appreciation, reverence, estimation, amazement, liking, awe, compliment; (*adj, n*) regard; (*v*) laud.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) disdain, criticism, disapproval, contempt, abhorrence, loathing, disgust, despising, dishonor, disparagement, detestation.
brows: (*n*) brow.
drill: (*n, v*) practice, discipline; (*v*) bore, coach, pierce, train, tap,

educate; (*n*) auger, rehearsal, borer.
drunk: (*adj*) tipsy, wet, tight, blotto, drunken, inebriated; (*adj, n*) inebriate; (*n*) boozier, dipsomaniac, drunkard, drinker. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) straight, clearheaded; (*n*) teetotaler.
drunken: (*adj*) boozy, sottish, intoxicated, tipsy, tight, bibulous, groggy, intemperate, blotto, canned, pissed.
hint: (*v*) suggest; (*adj, n*) trace; (*n*) suggestion, intimation, inkling, cue,

allusion; (*n, v*) tip, touch, dash; (*adj, v*) intimate. **ANTONYM:** (*n*) overtone.
learn: (*v*) get, find, ascertain, hear, find out, have, determine, con, acquire, tell; (*n, v*) know. **ANTONYM:** (*v*) reject.
lecture: (*n, v*) discourse, harangue, reprimand, sermon, rebuke, talk, censure; (*n*) speech, oration; (*v*) chide, preach. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) praise; (*n*) compliment.

“Do you think the experiment will work?” Colin asked him, wondering what he was thinking. He so often wondered what Dickon was thinking when he saw him looking at him or at one of his “creatures” with his happy wide smile.

He smiled now and his smile was wider than usual.

“Aye,” he answered, “that I do. It’ll work same as th’ seeds do when th’ sun shines on ‘em. It’ll work for sure. Shall us begin it now?”

Colin was delighted and so was Mary. Fired by **recollections** of fakirs and devotees in illustrations Colin suggested that they should all sit cross-legged under the tree which made a canopy.

“It will be like sitting in a sort of temple,” said Colin. “I’m rather tired and I want to sit down.”

“Eh!” said Dickon, “tha’ mustn’t begin by sayin’ tha’rt tired. Tha’ might **spoil** th’ Magic.”

Colin turned and looked at him--into his innocent round eyes.

“That’s true,” he said slowly. “I must only think of the Magic.” It all seemed most **majestic** and mysterious when they sat down in their circle. Ben Weatherstaff felt as if he had somehow been led into appearing at a prayer-meeting. **Ordinarily** he was very fixed in being what he called “agen’ prayer-meetin’s” but this being the Rajah’s affair he did not resent it and was indeed inclined to be **gratified** at being called upon to assist. Mistress Mary felt solemnly **enraptured**. Dickon held his rabbit in his arm, and perhaps he made some charmer’s signal no one heard, for when he sat down, cross-legged like the rest, the crow, the fox, the squirrels and the lamb slowly drew near and made part of the circle, settling each into a place of rest as if of their own desire.

“The ‘creatures’ have come,” said Colin **gravely**. “They want to help us.”

Colin really looked quite beautiful, Mary thought. He held his head high as if he felt like a sort of priest and his strange eyes had a wonderful look in them. The light shone on him through the tree canopy.

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enraptured: (*adj*) rapt, rapturous, captive, bewitched, rhapsodic, ecstasy, confined, absorbed, jubilant, joyous, enamored.

gratified: (*adj*) glad, satisfied, pleased, delighted, happy, thankful, grateful, content, complacent, comfortable, cheerful.

gravely: (*adv*) seriously, soberly, severely, solemnly, badly, staidly, momentously, heavily, earnestly, weightily, grievously. ANTONYMS:

(*adv*) lightheartedly, mildly, slightly; (*adj*) soft.

majestic: (*adj*) grand, awesome, stately, imperial, royal, exalted, glorious, kingly, August; (*adj, v*) imposing; (*adj, adv*) regal.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pathetic, pitiful, modest, lowly, undignified.

ordinarily: (*adv*) generally, usually, regularly, normally, frequently, customarily, habitually, routinely, middlingly, plainly, familiarly.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unusually, rarely, strangely, exceptionally.

recollections: (*n*) memories, reminiscences, recollection, biography.

spoil: (*n, v*) ruin; (*v*) rot, corrupt, mar, deface, sack; (*adj, v*) impair, damage, injure, harm, indulge. ANTONYMS: (*v*) improve, conserve, enliven, help, abuse, beautify, deny, neglect, correct, respect, clean.

"Now we will begin," he said. "Shall we sway backward and forward, Mary, as if we were dervishes?"

"I canna' do no swayin' back'ard and for'ard," said Ben Weatherstaff. "I've got th' rheumatics."

"The Magic will take them away," said Colin in a High Priest tone, "but we won't sway until it has done it. We will only chant."

"I canna' do no chantin'" said Ben Weatherstaff a trifle testily. "They turned me out o' th' church **choir** th' only time I ever tried it."

No one smiled. They were all too much in **earnest**. Colin's face was not even **crossed** by a shadow. He was thinking only of the Magic.

"Then I will chant," he said. And he began, looking like a strange boy spirit. "The sun is shining--the sun is shining. That is the Magic. The flowers are growing--the roots are stirring. That is the Magic. Being alive is the Magic--being strong is the Magic. The Magic is in me--the Magic is in me. It is in me--it is in me. It's in every one of us. It's in Ben Weatherstaff's back. Magic! Magic! Come and help!"

He said it a great many times--not a thousand times but quite a **goodly** number. Mary listened **entranced**. She felt as if it were at once queer and beautiful and she wanted him to go on and on. Ben Weatherstaff began to feel **soothed** into a sort of dream which was quite agreeable. The humming of the bees in the blossoms **mingled** with the chanting voice and drowsily **melted** into a doze. Dickon sat cross-legged with his rabbit asleep on his arm and a hand resting on the lamb's back. Soot had pushed away a squirrel and huddled close to him on his shoulder, the gray film dropped over his eyes. At last Colin stopped.

"Now I am going to walk round the garden," he announced.

Ben Weatherstaff's head had just dropped forward and he lifted it with a **jerk**.

"You have been asleep," said Colin.

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choir: (*n*) quire, chancel, choral society, choral group, crypt, Golgotha, nave, transept, vestry, chorister, ensemble.

crossed: (*adj*) crossbred, mixed, hybrid, interbred, decussated, intercrossed; (*v*) matted, disconcerted dashed, unhinged, frustrated.

earnest: (*adj, v*) devout; (*adj*) eager, solemn, heartfelt, diligent, studious, sincere, intense, ardent, staid; (*n*) guarantee. ANTONYMS: (*adj*)

flippant, halfhearted, uncertain, insincere, unimportant, nonchalant, lethargic, apathetic, unenthusiastic, indifferent, frivolous.

entranced: (*adj*) delighted, captivated, fascinated, enthralled, enchanted, ecstatic, beguiled, enslaved, gripped; (*adv*) on cloud nine; (*v*) overjoyed.

goodly: (*adv*) benignly, kindly, strongly, rightly, graciously, virtuously, soundly, uprightly; (*adj*) sizable, handsome, respectable.

jerk: (*n, v*) jump, yank, shake, twitch, jar, tug, bump, heave, pull; (*v*) fling, flip. ANTONYM: (*v*) ease.

melted: (*adj*) molten, fluid, liquified, dissolved, liquefied, baked, fluent, touched, limpid, sorry, flowing.

mingled: (*adj*) miscellaneous, complex, indiscriminate, heterogeneous, medley, confused, eclectic, motley, different; (*v*) blended, blent.

soothed: (*adj*) composed.

"Nowt o' th' sort," mumbled Ben. "Th' sermon was good enow--but I'm bound to get out afore th' collection."

He was not quite awake yet.

"You're not in church," said Colin.

"Not me," said Ben, **straightening** himself. "Who said I were? I heard every bit of it. You said th' Magic was in my back. Th' doctor calls it rheumatics."

The Rajah waved his hand.

"That was the wrong Magic," he said. "You will get better. You have my permission to go to your work. But come back tomorrow."

"I'd like to see thee walk round the garden," grunted Ben.

It was not an **unfriendly** grunt, but it was a grunt. In fact, being a stubborn old party and not having entire faith in Magic he had made up his mind that if he were sent away he would climb his ladder and look over the wall so that he might be ready to **hobble** back if there were any stumbling.

The Rajah did not object to his staying and so the procession was formed. It really did look like a procession. Colin was at its head with Dickon on one side and Mary on the other. Ben Weatherstaff walked behind, and the "creatures" trailed after them, the lamb and the fox cub keeping close to Dickon, the white rabbit hopping along or stopping to **nibble** and Soot following with the **solemnity** of a person who felt himself in charge.

It was a procession which moved slowly but with dignity. Every few yards it stopped to rest. Colin leaned on Dickon's arm and privately Ben Weatherstaff kept a sharp **lookout**, but now and then Colin took his hand from its support and walked a few steps alone. His head was held up all the time and he looked very grand.

"The Magic is in me!" he kept saying. "The Magic is making me strong! I can feel it! I can feel it!"

It seemed very certain that something was upholding and **uplifting** him. He sat on the seats in the alcoves, and once or **twice** he sat down on the grass and

Thesaurus

hobble: (*n, v*) limp, hitch, fetter; (*v*) hamper, hopple, handcuff, bridle, manacle, hinder; (*adv*) toddle; (*adj*) scrape.

lookout: (*n, v*) guard, prospect, expectation; (*n*) scout, watch, sentry, sentinel, outlook, post, picture; (*v*) landscape.

nibble: (*n, v*) bite, nip, taste; (*v*) eat, munch, chew, browse, pick, gnaw, crunch, champ. ANTONYMS: (*v*) gobble, overeat, gulp, gorge.

solemnity: (*n*) seriousness, sobriety, earnestness, formality, ceremony, impressiveness, austerity, sedateness, display, pomp, grandeur.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) humor, levity, cheerfulness, understatement.

straightening: (*n*) tapping, straightening of a water course.

twice: (*adv*) doubly, bis, two times, in two ways, once more; (*adj*) twenty.

unfriendly: (*adj*) inimical, distant, adverse, antagonistic, unkind, cold,

inhospitable, icy; (*adj, adv*) chilly; (*adj, v*) unfavorable; (*adv*) hostilely.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) friendly, welcoming, warm, amiable, approachable, sociable, hospitable, kindly, nice, outgoing, pleasant.

uplifting: (*n*) ascent, exaltation, edification, upbuoyance; (*adj*) heartening, healing, gratifying, exhilarating, exalted, curative, cheering. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) deadly, ridiculous, heartbreaking.

several times he paused in the path and leaned on Dickon, but he would not give up until he had gone all round the garden. When he returned to the canopy tree his cheeks were flushed and he looked triumphant.

"I did it! The Magic worked!" he cried. "That is my first scientific discovery."

"What will Dr. Craven say?" broke out Mary.

"He won't say anything," Colin answered, "because he will not be told. This is to be the **biggest** secret of all. No one is to know anything about it until I have grown so strong that I can walk and run like any other boy. I shall come here every day in my chair and I shall be taken back in it. I won't have people whispering and asking questions and I won't let my father hear about it until the experiment has quite succeeded. Then sometime when he comes back to Misselthwaite I shall just walk into his study and say 'Here I am; I am like any other boy. I am quite well and I shall live to be a man. It has been done by a scientific experiment.'"

"He will think he is in a dream," cried Mary. "He won't believe his eyes."

Colin flushed triumphantly. He had made himself believe that he was going to get well, which was really more than half the battle, if he had been aware of it. And the thought which **stimulated** him more than any other was this **imagining** what his father would look like when he saw that he had a son who was as straight and strong as other fathers' sons. One of his darkest miseries in the **unhealthy** morbid past days had been his **hatred** of being a sickly weak-backed boy whose father was afraid to look at him.

"He'll be obliged to believe them," he said.

"One of the things I am going to do, after the Magic works and before I begin to make scientific discoveries, is to be an athlete."

"We shall have thee takin' to boxin' in a week or so," said Ben Weatherstaff. "Tha'lt end wi' winnin' th' Belt an' bein' **champion** prize-fighter of all England."

Colin fixed his eyes on him **sternly**.

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biggest: (*adj*) utmost, largest, bigger, greatest, major, most, best, superlative, top, big, main.

champion: (*n*) partisan, backer, hero, fighter, champ, warrior, victor, defender; (*adj, n*) ace; (*n, v*) support; (*v*) defend. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reject, counter; (*n*) loser, detractor, attacker, opponent; (*adj*) worst, poorest, lousy.

hatred: (*n, v*) detestation, enmity, animosity; (*n*) aversion, antipathy, disgust, abhorrence, grudge, anger,

abomination, hostility. ANTONYMS: (*n*) liking, adoration, affection, attraction, goodwill, kindness, delight, friendliness, admiration.

imagining: (*n*) conception, daydream, fantasy, opinion; (*v*) imagine; (*adj*) imaginant.

sternly: (*adv*) severely, strictly, austerely, harshly, rigidly, grimly, rigorously, stringently, seriously, relentlessly, solemnly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) leniently, lightheartedly, kindly,

warmly, cheerfully.

stimulated: (*adj*) excited, ablaze, intoxicated, aroused, roused, motivated, affected, aflame, angry, angry waves, randy.

unhealthy: (*adj*) harmful, sickly, insanitary, ailing, ill, noxious, injurious, insalubrious, sick, diseased; (*adj, v*) unsound. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, fit, hygienic, light, well, good, strong, luxuriant.

“Weatherstaff,” he said, “that is **disrespectful**. You must not take **liberties** because you are in the secret. However much the Magic **works** I shall not be a prize-fighter. I shall be a Scientific Discoverer.”

“Ax **pardon**--ax pardon, sir” answered Ben, touching his forehead in **salute**. “I **ought** to have seed it wasn’t a jokin’ matter,” but his eyes twinkled and secretly he was immensely pleased. He really did not mind being **snubbed since** the snubbing meant that the lad was **gaining** strength and spirit.

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disrespectful: (*adj*) impertinent, insolent, impolite, impious, irreverent, contemptuous, sacrilegious, audacious, uncivil, rude, bold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) deferential, gracious, reverent, courteous, mannered, mannerly, pious, polite.
gaining: (*n*) acceptance, acquisition, attainment, capture; (*adj*) ahead, fortunate. ANTONYM: (*n*) loss.
liberties: (*n*) freedoms, familiarity, intimacy.

ought: (*n, v*) need; (*v*) had better, should, have, possessed, owned, owed, behoove; (*n*) ought, zero, duty.
pardon: (*v*) excuse, condone, forgive, acquit, spare; (*n*) amnesty, forgiveness, grace; (*adj, v*) justify, exonerate, exculpate. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) blame; (*v*) punish, castigate, condemn, convict; (*n*) intolerance.
salute: (*v*) greet, hail, kiss, accost, acknowledge, buss; (*n*) salutation, bow, salaam; (*n, v*) address,

compliment.
since: (*adv, conj, prep*) because, seeing that; (*adv, prep*) afterwards, before; (*adv, conj*) for, as; (*adj, adv*) ago; (*conj*) whereas; (*prep*) from, of; (*adv*) after.
snubbed: (*adj*) upset, hurt, affronted, offended, slighted.
works: (*n*) plant, workings, mill, manufactory, deeds, whole caboodle, kit and caboodle, kit and boodle, industrial plant, full treatment, distillery.

CHAPTER XXIV

“LET THEM LAUGH”

The secret garden was not the only one Dickon worked in. Round the cottage on the moor there was a piece of ground enclosed by a low wall of rough stones. Early in the morning and late in the **fading twilight** and on all the days Colin and Mary did not see him, Dickon worked there **planting** or **tending potatoes** and cabbages, **turnips** and carrots and herbs for his mother. In the company of his “creatures” he did wonders there and was never tired of doing them, it seemed. While he dug or weeded he whistled or sang bits of Yorkshire moor songs or talked to Soot or Captain or the brothers and sisters he had taught to help him.

“We’d never get on as comfortable as we do,” Mrs. Sowerby said, “if it wasn’t for Dickon’s garden. Anything’ll grow for him. His ‘taters and cabbages is twice th’ size of any one else’s an’ they’ve got a **flavor** with ‘em as nobody’s has.”

When she found a moment to spare she liked to go out and talk to him. After supper there was still a long clear twilight to work in and that was her quiet time. She could sit upon the low rough wall and look on and hear stories of the day. She **loved** this time. There were not only vegetables in this garden. Dickon had bought penny packages of flower seeds now and then and **sown** bright **sweet-scented** things among **gooseberry** bushes and even cabbages and he grew

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fading: (*n*) attenuation, bleaching, discoloration, disappearance, evaporation, colour fading, decay; (*adj*) disappearing, paling, weakening, decaying. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thriving, increasing, growing.
flavor: (*n*) relish, tang, smell, aroma, salt; (*n, v*) taste, flavour, smack; (*v*) spice, season, sauce. ANTONYMS: (*n*) staleness, blandness, emptiness.
gooseberry: (*n*) fish story, Ribes grossularia, shrub, bush, gooseberry

bush, feaberry.
loved: (*adj*) beloved, pet, cherished, precious, liked, adored, respected, treasured, esteemed, valued; (*n*) darling. ANTONYM: (*adj*) hated.
planting: (*n*) plantation, positioning, position, cultivation, transplanting, set, planting system, husbandry, placement, locating, farming.
potatoes: (*n*) root crop.
sown: (*adj*) sowed, seeded, planted, sative.

sweet-scented: (*adj*) fragrant.
tending: (*n*) care, hairdressing, aid, treatment, attention, babysitting, incubation; (*adj*) apt, conducive, prone, disposed.
turnips: (*n*) root crop, brassica, genus brassica, cauliflowers, potatoes.
twilight: (*n*) nightfall, night, sunset, gloaming, evening, sundown, eventide, fall, decline, evenfall; (*adj*) aurora. ANTONYMS: (*n*) daybreak, sunrise.

borders of mignonette and pinks and pansies and things whose seeds he could save year after year or whose roots would bloom each spring and spread in time into fine clumps. The low wall was one of the prettiest things in Yorkshire because he had tucked moorland **foxglove** and ferns and rock-cress and **hedgerow** flowers into every **crevice** until only here and there glimpses of the stones were to be seen.

“All a chap’s got to do to make ‘em **thrive**, mother,” he would say, “is to be friends with ‘em for sure. They’re just like th’ `creatures.’ If they’re thirsty give ‘em drink and if they’re hungry give ‘em a bit o’ food. They want to live same as we do. If they died I should feel as if I’d been a bad lad and somehow treated them heartless.”

It was in these twilight hours that Mrs. Sowerby heard of all that happened at Misselthwaite Manor. At first she was only told that “Mester Colin” had taken a fancy to going out into the grounds with Miss Mary and that it was doing him good. But it was not long before it was agreed between the two children that Dickon’s mother might “come into the secret.” Somehow it was not **doubted** that she was “safe for sure.”

So one beautiful still evening Dickon told the whole story, with all the thrilling details of the buried key and the robin and the gray **haze** which had seemed like **deadness** and the secret Mistress Mary had planned never to reveal. The coming of Dickon and how it had been told to him, the doubt of Mester Colin and the final drama of his introduction to the hidden **domain**, combined with the incident of Ben Weatherstaff’s angry face **peering** over the wall and Mester Colin’s sudden indignant strength, made Mrs. Sowerby’s **nice**-looking face quite change color several times.

“My word!” she said. “It was a good thing that little lass came to th’ Manor. It’s been th’ makin’ o’ her an’ th’ **savin**, o’ him. Standin’ on his feet! An’ us all thinkin’ he was a poor **half-witted** lad with not a straight bone in him.”

She asked a great many questions and her blue eyes were full of deep thinking.

Thesaurus

crevice: (*n*) cleft, break, chink, cranny, chap, fissure, interstice, rift, gap, hole, fracture.

deadness: (*n*) inanimateness, inertia, coldness, numbness, lifelessness, inelasticity, indifference, dullness, tedium, marble, stock and stone.

domain: (*n*) department, realm, kingdom, area, arena, province, land, field, region, demesne, sphere.

doubted: (*adj*) distrusted, suspected.

foxglove: (*n*) digitalis, fingerroot, herb,

fairy bell, fingerflower, digitalis glycoside, common foxglove, digitalin.

half-witted: (*adj*) imbecile, idiotic, foolish, weak-minded, simple, half-baked, dull, retarded, dense.

haze: (*n*) fog, cloud, confusion, vapor, blur, daze, film, cloudiness, turbidity; (*n, v*) mist; (*v*) dim. ANTONYMS: (*n*) clarity, brightness.

hedgerow: (*n*) fence, fencing.

nice-looking: (*adj*) neat, attractive,

handsome.

peering: (*adj*) nosy, prying, snoopy.
savin: (*n*) sabine, Juniperus Sabina, dwarf juniper, juniper, red cedar, ground cedar.

thrive: (*adj, v*) prosper; (*v*) flourish, grow, advance, blossom, succeed, increase, bloom, get ahead, boom; (*adj*) luxuriate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) deteriorate, fail, languish, struggle, decrease.

"What do they make of it at th' Manor--him being so well an' cheerful an' never complainin'?" she inquired. "They don't know what to make of it," answered Dickon. "Every day as comes round his face looks different. It's fillin' out and doesn't look so sharp an' th' **waxy** color is goin'. But he has to do his bit o' complainin'," with a highly **entertained** grin.

"What for, i' Mercy's name?" asked Mrs. Sowerby.

Dickon chuckled.

"He does it to keep them from guessin' what's happened. If the doctor knew he'd found out he could stand on his feet he'd likely write and tell Mester Craven. Mester Colin's savin' th' secret to tell himself. He's goin' to **practise** his Magic on his legs every day till his father comes back an' then he's goin' to march into his room an' show him he's as straight as other lads. But him an' Miss Mary thinks it's best plan to do a bit o' groanin' an' frettin' now an' then to throw folk off th' scent."

Mrs. Sowerby was laughing a low **comfortable** laugh long before he had finished his last sentence.

"Eh!" she said, "that pair's enjoyin' their-selves I'll warrant. They'll get a good bit o' actin' out of it an' there's nothin' children likes as much as play actin'. Let's hear what they do, Dickon lad." Dickon stopped weeding and sat up on his heels to tell her. His eyes were **twinkling** with fun.

"Mester Colin is carried down to his chair every time he goes out," he explained. "An' he flies out at John, th' footman, for not carryin' him careful enough. He makes himself as **helpless** lookin' as he can an' never lifts his head until we're out o' sight o' th' house. An' he **grunts** an' frets a good bit when he's bein' settled into his chair. Him an' Miss Mary's both got to enjoyin' it an' when he groans an' complains she'll say, 'Poor Colin! Does it **hurt** you so much? Are you so weak as that, poor Colin?'--but th' trouble is that sometimes they can scarce keep from burstin' out laughin'. When we get safe into the garden they laugh till they've no breath left to laugh with. An' they have to stuff their faces

Thesaurus

comfortable: (*adj, v*) easy, snug; (*adj*) pleased, pleasing, prosperous, agreeable, pleasurable, congenial, rich, enjoyable, homely.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) poor, tense, formal, unpleasant, unhappy, unaccustomed, intimidating, difficult, anxious, broke, destitute.
entertained: (*adj*) diverted, pleased.
grunts: (*n*) family Haemulidae.
helpless: (*adj, v*) forlorn, destitute, abandoned; (*adj*) powerless, weak,

defenseless, disabled, impotent, feeble, hopeless, unable.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) strong, independent, capable, invulnerable, armed, powerful, impervious.
hurt: (*adj, n, v*) damage, detriment; (*adj, n*) evil; (*n, v*) wound, pain, ache, distress; (*n*) disadvantage, lesion; (*v*) afflict; (*adj, v*) injure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unharmed, unaffected, healed; (*v*) encourage, please, protect, repair, defend; (*n, v*) help; (*n*) reparation,

pleasure.
practise: (*v*) execute, practice, perform, exercise, drill, do, rehearse, learn, take, work out, read.
twinkling: (*n*) moment, jiffy, minute, second, flash, trice, twinkle, wink, split second, breath; (*adj*) sparkling. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dull.
waxy: (*adj*) waxen, soft, waxlike, impressionable, soapy, like wax, slippery, saponaceous, sallow, waxed, resembling wax.

into Mester Colin's cushions to keep the gardeners from hearin', if any of, 'em's about."

"Th' more they laugh th' better for 'em!" said Mrs. Sowerby, still laughing herself. "Good healthy child laughin's better than **pills** any day o' th' year. That pair'll plump up for sure."

"They are plumpin' up," said Dickon. "They're that hungry they don't know how to get enough to eat without makin' talk. Mester Colin says if he keeps sendin' for more food they won't believe he's an invalid at all. Miss Mary says she'll let him eat her share, but he says that if she goes hungry she'll get thin an' they mun both get fat at once."

Mrs. Sowerby laughed so heartily at the revelation of this difficulty that she quite rocked backward and forward in her blue cloak, and Dickon laughed with her.

"I'll tell thee what, lad," Mrs. Sowerby said when she could speak. "I've thought of a way to help 'em. When tha' goes to 'em in th' mornin's tha' shall take a **pail** o' good new milk an' I'll **bake** 'em a **crusty** cottage **loaf** or some **buns** wi' currants in 'em, same as you children like. Nothin's so good as fresh milk an' bread. Then they could take off th' edge o' their hunger while they were in their garden an' th, fine food they get **indoors** 'ud polish off th' corners."

"Eh! mother!" said Dickon admiringly, "what a wonder tha' art! Tha' always sees a way out o' things. They was quite in a **pother** yesterday. They didn't see how they was to manage without orderin' up more food--they felt that empty inside."

"They're two young 'uns growin' fast, an' health's comin' back to both of 'em. Children like that feels like young **wolves** an' food's **flesh** an' blood to 'em," said Mrs. Sowerby. Then she smiled Dickon's own curving smile. "Eh! but they're enjoyin' theirselves for sure," she said.

She was quite right, the comfortable wonderful mother creature--and she had never been more so than when she said their "play actin'" would be their joy. Colin and Mary found it one of their most thrilling sources of entertainment. The

Thesaurus

bake: (*v*) roast, broil, fire, fry, cook, stew, to bake, grill, scorch, toast, heat.
buns: (*n*) tush, rear, tail end, derriere, fanny, fundament, hind end, hindquarters, keister, buttocks, prat.
crusty: (*adj*) brusque, crotchety, crabbed, crusted, curt, gruff, cantankerous, cross, churlish, abrupt, rough. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soft, pleasant, bendable, cheerful, easygoing, elastic, flexible, happy, pliable, pliant, friendly.

flesh: (*adj*) carnality, concupiscence; (*n*) mortality, beef, form, figure, frame, person, mankind, humanity, meat.
indoors: (*adv*) at home, inwards, within, inwardly, internally, deep down, at heart, at bottom, in reality, arrived, here. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) out, outdoors.
loaf: (*adj, v*) lounge; (*v*) hang around, loiter, loll, linger, laze, mess about, be idle; (*adj, n*) block; (*adj*) lump, poke.

ANTONYM: (*v*) work.
pail: (*n*) bucketful, jug, tub, pailful, cannikin, pails, skeel, tankard, pot, pipkin, vessel.
pills: (*n*) medicine, tablets.
pother: (*adj, n, v*) bother; (*n, v*) flap, dither; (*n*) fuss, bustle, flurry, ado; (*adj, n*) trouble; (*v*) fret, plague; (*adj, v*) bore.
wolves: (*n*) jackals, skunks, raccoons, panthers, order Carnivora, lions, tigers, foxes, cats, Carnivora, Canis.

idea of protecting themselves from suspicion had been **unconsciously** suggested to them first by the puzzled nurse and then by Dr. Craven himself.

"Your appetite. Is improving very much, Master Colin," the nurse had said one day. "You used to eat nothing, and so many things disagreed with you."

"Nothing disagrees with me now" replied Colin, and then seeing the nurse looking at him curiously he suddenly remembered that perhaps he ought not to appear too well just yet. "At least things don't so often disagree with me. It's the fresh air."

"Perhaps it is," said the nurse, still looking at him with a mystified expression. "But I must talk to Dr. Craven about it."

"How she stared at you!" said Mary when she went away. "As if she thought there must be something to find out."

"I won't have her finding out things," said Colin. "No one must begin to find out yet." When Dr. Craven came that morning he seemed puzzled, also. He asked a number of questions, to Colin's great **annoyance**.

"You stay out in the garden a great deal," he suggested. "Where do you go?"

Colin put on his favorite air of **dignified** indifference to opinion.

"I will not let any one know where I go," he answered. "I go to a place I like. Every one has orders to keep out of the way. I won't be watched and stared at. You know that!"

"You seem to be out all day but I do not think it has done you harm--I do not think so. The nurse says that you eat much more than you have ever done before."

"Perhaps," said Colin, prompted by a sudden inspiration, "perhaps it is an unnatural appetite."

"I do not think so, as your food seems to agree with you," said Dr. Craven. "You are gaining flesh rapidly and your color is better."

"Perhaps--perhaps I am **bloated** and feverish," said Colin, assuming a **discouraging** air of gloom. "People who are not going to live are often--"

Thesaurus

annoyance: (*n*) anger, harassment, aggravation, disturbance, inconvenience, pain, bother, botheration, temper, displeasure, vexation. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calm, satisfaction, patience, calmness, delight, equanimity, advantage, balm.

bloated: (*adj*) swollen, inflated, distended, turgid, proud, supercilious, haughty, puffed, pompous, tumescent, tumid.

dignified: (*adj*) exalted, majestic, noble, grand, lofty, respectable, solemn, distinguished, lordly, high; (*adj, v*) great. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) undignified, foolish, dishonorable, boisterous, unceremonious, unseemly, vulgar, poor, lowly, modest, base.

discouraging: (*adj*) discouragingly, chill, disappointing, disheartening, bad, bleak, gloomy, sad, demoralizing, daunting, dispiriting.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) encouraging, uplifting, inspiring, heartening, comfortable, hopeful.

unconsciously: (*adv*) instinctively, unintentionally, unthinkingly, unwittingly, ignorantly, innocently, comatosely, automatically, obviously, unsuspectingly, inadvertently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) consciously, deliberately, knowingly, purposely.

different." Dr. Craven shook his head. He was holding Colin's **wrist** and he pushed up his sleeve and felt his arm.

"You are not feverish," he said thoughtfully, "and such flesh as you have **gained** is healthy. If you can keep this up, my boy, we need not talk of dying. Your father will be happy to hear of this remarkable improvement."

"I won't have him told!" Colin broke forth fiercely. "It will only **disappoint** him if I get worse again--and I may get worse this very night. I might have a raging fever. I feel as if I might be beginning to have one now. I won't have letters written to my father--I won't--I won't! You are making me angry and you know that is bad for me. I feel hot already. I hate being written about and being talked over as much as I hate being stared at!"

"Hush-h! my boy," Dr. Craven soothed him. "Nothing shall be written without your permission. You are too sensitive about things. You must not **undo** the good which has been done."

He said no more about writing to Mr. Craven and when he saw the nurse he privately warned her that such a possibility must not be **mentioned** to the patient.

"The boy is **extraordinarily** better," he said. "His advance seems almost abnormal. But of course he is doing now of his own free will what we could not make him do before. Still, he excites himself very easily and nothing must be said to **irritate** him." Mary and Colin were much alarmed and talked together anxiously. From this time dated their plan of "play actin'."

"I may be obliged to have a tantrum," said Colin **regretfully**. "I don't want to have one and I'm not miserable enough now to work myself into a big one. Perhaps I couldn't have one at all. That lump doesn't come in my throat now and I keep thinking of nice things instead of horrible ones. But if they talk about writing to my father I shall have to do something."

He made up his mind to eat less, but unfortunately it was not possible to carry out this brilliant idea when he wakened each morning with an amazing appetite and the table near his sofa was set with a breakfast of home-made bread

Thesaurus

disappoint: (*v*) fail, defeat, balk, baffle, disenchant, betray, circumvent, bilk, mock, foil; (*n, v*) put out.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) please, satisfy, encourage, fulfill, succeed, comfort, inspire.

extraordinarily: (*adv*) singularly, rarely, unusually, exceptionally, extremely, peculiarly, remarkably, phenomenally, uncommonly, exceedingly, especially.

ANTONYMS: (*adv*) slightly,

unremarkably, ordinarily.

gained: (*adj*) extrinsic.

irritate: (*adj, v*) incense; (*v*) gall, fret, chafe, harass, grate, displease, vex, goad, aggravate, anger.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) soothe, pacify, please, help, calm, encourage, placate.

mentioned: (*adj*) spoken.

regretfully: (*adv*) remorsefully,

repentantly, sadly, contritely, apologetically, penitently, unhappily,

sorribly, mournfully, sorrowfully, ashamedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unrepentantly, joyfully.

undo: (*v*) loosen, open, annul, cancel, separate, disentangle, untie, unfold, reverse, disconnect, nullify.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) attach, close, do, wrap, tangle, validate, knot, lock, permit, unite, approve.

wrist: (*n*) wrist joint, radiocarpal joint, neaf, gliding joint, fist, articulatio Plana, neif; (*v*) paw, hand, finger.

and fresh butter, snow-white eggs, **raspberry** jam and **clotted** cream. Mary always breakfasted with him and when they found themselves at the table--particularly if there were delicate slices of **sizzling** ham sending forth tempting odors from under a hot silver cover--they would look into each other's eyes in desperation.

"I think we shall have to eat it all this morning, Mary," Colin always ended by saying. "We can send away some of the lunch and a great deal of the dinner."

But they never found they could send away anything and the highly polished condition of the empty plates returned to the **pantry** awakened much comment.

"I do wish," Colin would say also, "I do wish the slices of ham were thicker, and one **muffin** each is not enough for any one."

"It's enough for a person who is going to die," answered Mary when first she heard this, "but it's not enough for a person who is going to live. I sometimes feel as if I could eat three when those nice fresh heather and gorse smells from the moor come pouring in at the open window."

The morning that Dickon--after they had been enjoying themselves in the garden for about two hours--went behind a big **rosebush** and brought forth two tin **pails** and revealed that one was full of rich new milk with cream on the top of it, and that the other held cottage-made currant buns folded in a clean blue and white napkin, buns so carefully tucked in that they were still hot, there was a riot of surprised **joyfulness**. What a wonderful thing for Mrs. Sowerby to think of! What a kind, clever woman she must be! How good the buns were! And what delicious fresh milk!

"Magic is in her just as it is in Dickon," said Colin. "It makes her think of ways to do things--nice things. She is a Magic person. Tell her we are grateful, Dickon--extremely grateful." He was given to using rather grown-up phrases at times. He enjoyed them. He liked this so much that he improved upon it.

"Tell her she has been most **bounteous** and our gratitude is extreme."

And then forgetting his grandeur he fell to and stuffed himself with buns and **drank** milk out of the pail in copious **draughts** in the manner of any hungry little

Thesaurus

bounteous: (*adj*) bountiful, liberal, ample, copious, plentiful, bighearted, generous, munificent, handsome, benevolent, affluent. ANTONYM: (*adj*) scarce.
clotted: (*n*) clammy, ropy, mastic, glutenous, gelatin; (*adj*) thick, clogged, grumous, bloody, choked, fleamy.
drank: (*v*) absorb.
draughts: (*n*) solitaire, go bang, backgammon, misere chess, chess,

dominos, board game.
joyfulness: (*n*) joy, exhilaration, delight, glee, enjoyment, exultation, happiness, merriment, joyousness, pleasure, ecstasy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sorrow, misery.
muffin: (*n*) gem, cake, jewel, gemstone, English muffin, bran muffin, corn muffin.
pails: (*n*) pail.
pantry: (*n*) buttery, store, basement, kitchen, stowage, scullery, store

cupboard, covey, storeroom, stomach, stillroom.
raspberry: (*n*) raspberry bush, razzing, boo, bird, blackcap, hoot, Bronx cheer, cloudberry, chick, bramble bush, dame.
rosebush: (*n*) Roser.
sizzling: (*adj*) hot, sweltering, burning, blistering, scorching, juicy, heated; (*v*) sizzle, peaceful, piping, hissing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cold, freezing.

boy who had been taking unusual exercise and breathing in moorland air and whose breakfast was more than two hours behind him.

This was the beginning of many agreeable incidents of the same kind. They actually awoke to the fact that as Mrs. Sowerby had fourteen people to provide food for she might not have enough to satisfy two extra appetites every day. So they asked her to let them send some of their shillings to buy things.

Dickon made the **stimulating** discovery that in the wood in the park outside the garden where Mary had first found him piping to the wild creatures there was a deep little hollow where you could build a sort of tiny oven with stones and **roast** potatoes and eggs in it. **Roasted** eggs were a previously unknown luxury and very hot potatoes with salt and fresh butter in them were fit for a woodland king --besides being **deliciously** satisfying. You could buy both potatoes and eggs and eat as many as you liked without feeling as if you were taking food out of the mouths of fourteen people.

Every beautiful morning the Magic was worked by the **mystic** circle under the plum-tree which provided a canopy of **thickening** green leaves after its brief blossom-time was ended. After the ceremony Colin always took his walking exercise and throughout the day he exercised his newly found power at intervals. Each day he grew stronger and could walk more steadily and cover more ground. And each day his belief in the Magic grew stronger--as well it might. He tried one experiment after another as he felt himself gaining strength and it was Dickon who showed him the best things of all.

"Yesterday," he said one morning after an absence, "I went to Thwaite for mother an' near th' Blue Cow Inn I seed Bob Haworth. He's the strongest chap on th' moor. He's the champion **wrestler** an' he can jump higher than any other chap an' throw th' hammer farther. He's gone all th' way to Scotland for th' sports some years. He's knowed me ever since I was a little 'un an' he's a friendly sort an' I axed him some questions. Th' **gentry** calls him a **athlete** and I thought o' thee, Mester Colin, and I says, 'How did tha' make tha' muscles stick out that way, Bob? Did tha' do anythin' extra to make thysel' so strong?' An' he says 'Well, yes, lad, I did. A strong man in a show that came to Thwaite once

Thesaurus

athlete: (*n*) gymnast, acrobat, sportsman, contestant, jock, amateur, contender, hurdler, sport, athletes, wrestler.

deliciously: (*adv*) delightfully, nicely, scrumptiously, tastily, goodly, sweetly, delicately, toothsomely, appetizingly, daintily, juicily.

gentry: (*n*) aristocracy, gentility, gentleness, nobility, elite, peerage, squirearchy, second estate, society, upper class.

mystic: (*adj, v*) secret, recondite; (*adj*) mysterious, occult, cryptical, cryptic, esoteric, inscrutable, weird, magical; (*adj, n*) psychic.

roast: (*v*) burn, grill, bake, joke, heat, quiz, fry, cook, scorch; (*n, v*) ridicule; (*n*) joint. ANTONYMS: (*v*) cool, praise.

roasted: (*adj*) fried, baked.

stimulating: (*adj*) exciting, rousing, stirring, thrilling, stimulant, interesting, brisk, bracing, irritating,

provocative, inspiring. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, soothing, calming, soporific, boring, conciliatory, relaxing, uninteresting.

thickening: (*n*) thickener, inspissation, growth, lymph node, pommel, indiscernibility, node, bodying up, lymph gland, knob, invisibility.

wrestler: (*n*) athlete, combatant, lightweight, grappler, matman, gladiator, prize fighter, pugilist, heavyweight, bruiser, the fancy.

showed me how to exercise my arms an' legs an' every muscle in my body. An' I says, 'Could a delicate chap make himself stronger with 'em, Bob?' an' he laughed an' says, 'Art tha' th' delicate chap?' an' I says, 'No, but I knows a young gentleman that's gettin' well of a long illness an' I wish I knowed some o' them **tricks** to tell him about.' I didn't say no names an, he didn't ask none. He's friendly same as I said an' he stood up an' showed me good-natured like, an' I **imitated** what he did till I knowed it by heart."

Colin had been listening excitedly.

"Can you show me?" he cried. "Will you?"

"Aye, to be sure," Dickon answered, getting up. "But he says tha' mun do 'em gentle at first an' be careful not to tire thyself'. Rest in between times an' take deep breaths an' don't overdo."

"I'll be careful," said Colin. "Show me! Show me! Dickon, you are the most Magic boy in the world!"

Dickon stood up on the grass and slowly went through a carefully practical but simple series of muscle exercises. Colin watched them with **widening** eyes. He could do a few while he was sitting down. Presently he did a few gently while he stood upon his already steadied feet. Mary began to do them also. Soot, who was watching the performance, became much disturbed and left his branch and hopped about restlessly because he could not do them too.

From that time the exercises were part of the day's duties as much as the Magic was. It became possible for both Colin and Mary to do more of them each time they tried, and such appetites were the results that but for the **basket** Dickon put down behind the bush each morning when he arrived they would have been lost. But the little oven in the hollow and Mrs. Sowerby's bounties were so **satisfying** that Mrs. Medlock and the nurse and Dr. Craven became mystified again. You can trifle with your breakfast and seem to **disdain** your dinner if you are full to the **brim** with roasted eggs and potatoes and **richly** frothed new milk and oatcakes and buns and heather honey and clotted cream.

Thesaurus

basket: (*n*) cage, hamper, basketful, creel, Corf, coop, bucket, spinner basket, bassinet, containerful, cradle.
brim: (*n*) rim, periphery, verge, edge, lip, hem, rand, margin, perimeter, brink, limit.
disdain: (*n, v*) despise, contemn, slight, ridicule; (*n*) contempt, derision, arrogance, haughtiness, pride; (*v*) scoff, disparage.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) humility, admiration, reverence, worship,

approval, regard; (*v*) approve, admire, praise, accept, participate.
imitated: (*adj*) mimical.
richly: (*adv*) wealthily, copiously, opulently, lavishly, abundantly, sumptuously, affluently, profusely, amply, plentifully, fully.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meagerly, poorly, simply, barely.
satisfying: (*adj*) satisfactory, pleasant, enjoyable, gratifying, pleasurable, welcome, good, comforting, hearty,

delightful, satisfy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unrewarding, disappointing, trying, light, frustrating, unwelcome, unflattering, insufficient, disagreeable.
tricks: (*n*) actions, behavior, thing, clowning around, fooling, magic, plunder, possession, activities.
widening: (*n*) growth, extension, amplification, change of shape, dilation, increment, output, outturn, turnout; (*adj*) cultural, increasing.

“They are eating next to nothing,” said the nurse. “They’ll die of starvation if they can’t be persuaded to take some **nourishment**. And yet see how they look.”

“Look!” exclaimed Mrs. Medlock indignantly. “Eh! I’m mothered to death with them. They’re a pair of young Satans. Bursting their jackets one day and the next turning up their noses at the best meals Cook can **tempt** them with. Not a mouthful of that lovely young **fowl** and bread sauce did they set a fork into yesterday--and the poor woman fair invented a pudding for them--and back it’s sent. She almost cried. She’s afraid she’ll be blamed if they **starve** themselves into their graves.”

Dr. Craven came and looked at Colin long and carefully, He wore an extremely worried expression when the nurse talked with him and showed him the almost untouched tray of breakfast she had saved for him to look at--but it was even more worried when he sat down by Colin’s sofa and examined him. He had been called to London on business and had not seen the boy for nearly two weeks. When young things begin to gain health they gain it rapidly. The **waxen tinge** had left, Colins skin and a warm rose showed through it; his beautiful eyes were clear and the hollows under them and in his cheeks and temples had filled out. His once dark, heavy locks had begun to look as if they sprang healthily from his forehead and were soft and warm with life. His lips were fuller and of a normal color. In fact as an imitation of a boy who was a confirmed invalid he was a **disgraceful** sight. Dr. Craven held his chin in his hand and thought him over.

“I am sorry to hear that you do not eat any- thing,” he said. “That will not do. You will lose all you have gained --and you have gained amazingly. You ate so well a short time ago.”

“I told you it was an unnatural appetite,” answered Colin.

Mary was sitting on her stool nearby and she suddenly made a very queer sound which she tried so violently to **repress** that she ended by almost choking.

“What is the matter?” said Dr. Craven, turning to look at her.

Mary became quite severe in her manner.

Thesaurus

disgraceful: (*adj*) dishonorable, scandalous, shocking, degrading, disreputable, infamous, base, ignominious, outrageous, black, ignoble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) admirable, honorable, reputable, exalted, commendable, respectable, noble, glorious.

fowl: (*n*) poultry, bird, domestic fowl, chick, cochin, birds, partlet, poult, hen, fowls, rooster.

nourishment: (*n*) food, alimentation,

meal, meat, diet, feeding, nutrition, repast, sustenance, edible, fuel.

repress: (*v*) inhibit, crush, quash, control, suppress, put down, bridle, keep down, subdue, restrain, reduce. ANTONYMS: (*v*) declare, liberate, incite.

starve: (*v*) fast, crave, lust, hunger, thirst, perish, be hungry, deprive, benumb; (*adj, v*) pinch; (*adj*) gripe. ANTONYMS: (*v*) feed, eat.

tempt: (*adj, v*) attract, allure; (*v*) entice,

decoy, charm, inveigle, invite, coax, seduce, fascinate, attempt. ANTONYMS: (*v*) discourage, appall, repel.

tinge: (*n, v*) color, hue, tint, dye, stain, touch, tincture; (*n*) shade, cast, undertone; (*adj, n, v*) dash. ANTONYMS: (*v*) whiten, pale; (*n*) white, information, pallor.

waxen: (*adj*) pale, waxy, white, colorless, wan, ashen, yielding, soft, gray, drawn, cereous.

"It was something between a sneeze and a cough," she replied with **reproachful dignity**, "and it got into my throat."

"But," she said afterward to Colin, "I couldn't stop myself. It just burst out because all at once I couldn't help remembering that last big **potato** you ate and the way your mouth stretched when you bit through that thick lovely **crust** with jam and clotted **cream** on it."

"Is there any way in which those children can get food secretly?" Dr. Craven inquired of Mrs. Medlock.

"There's no way unless they dig it out of the earth or pick it off the trees," Mrs. Medlock answered. "They stay out in the grounds all day and see no one but each other. And if they want anything different to eat from what's sent up to them they need only ask for it."

"Well," said Dr. Craven, "so long as going without food agrees with them we need not **disturb** ourselves. The boy is a new creature."

"So is the girl," said Mrs. Medlock. "She's begun to be downright pretty since she's filled out and lost her ugly little sour look. Her hair's grown thick and healthy looking and she's got a bright color. The glummiest, **ill-natured** little thing she used to be and now her and Master Colin laugh together like a pair of crazy young ones. Perhaps they're growing fat on that."

"Perhaps they are," said Dr. Craven. "Let them laugh."

Thesaurus

cream: (*n, v*) best, top, ream; (*v*) skim; (*adj, n*) prime, flower, milk; (*n*) ointment, balm, liniment, elite.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) trash, dregs, worst; (*v*) lose.
crust: (*n*) skin, peel, bark, cheekiness, gall, impertinence, covering, shell, cortex, coating, encrustation.
dignity: (*n*) degree, prestige, glory, decorum, face, distinction, honor, majesty, eminence, solemnity; (*adj, n*) decency. **ANTONYMS:** (*n*) lowliness,

indecency, impropriety, simplicity, cheerfulness, austerity.
disturb: (*v*) trouble, disorder, disconcert, distress, perturb, disquiet, distract, discompose, disrupt, upset, concern. **ANTONYMS:** (*v*) calm, please, soothe, smooth, order, reassure, sort, settle, respect, quiet, organize.
ill-natured: (*adj*) cantankerous, peevish, sour, surly, catty, crabbed, gruff, disagreeable, malignant,

malicious, malevolent.
potato: (*n*) murphy, white potato, tater, spud, potato-ball, *Solanum tuberosum*, vine, tuber, bittersweet, eggplant, white potato vine.
reproachful: (*adj, v*) condemnatory, disparaging, vituperative; (*adj*) admonitory, opprobrious, disgraceful, shameful, reproving, objurgatory, contumelious; (*v*) denunciatory.

CHAPTER XXV

THE CURTAIN

And the secret garden bloomed and bloomed and every morning revealed new miracles. In the robin's nest there were Eggs and the robin's mate sat upon them keeping them warm with her **feathery** little breast and careful wings. At first she was very nervous and the robin himself was indignantly **watchful**. Even Dickon did not go near the close-grown corner in those days, but waited until by the quiet working of some mysterious **spell** he seemed to have **conveyed** to the soul of the little pair that in the garden there was nothing which was not quite like themselves--nothing which did not understand the **wonderfulness** of what was happening to them--the immense, tender, terrible, heart-breaking beauty and solemnity of Eggs. If there had been one person in that garden who had not known through all his or her **innermost** being that if an Egg were taken away or hurt the whole world would **whirl** round and crash through space and come to an end--if there had been even one who did not feel it and act accordingly there could have been no **happiness** even in that golden springtime air. But they all knew it and felt it and the robin and his mate knew they knew it.

At first the robin watched Mary and Colin with sharp anxiety. For some mysterious reason he knew he need not watch Dickon. The first moment he set

Thesaurus

conveyed: (*v*) borne, sent.

feathery: (*adj*) light, fluffy, plummy, soft, downy, featherlike, plumose, plumelike, velvety, creamy, tender.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) rough.

happiness: (*n*) delight, merriment, ecstasy, welfare, gladness, luck, cheerfulness, blessedness, bliss, felicity, contentment. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sadness, despair, grief, misery, dissatisfaction, seriousness, dullness, discontent, dejection, gloominess,

displeasure.

innermost: (*adj*) inward, intimate, inner, interior, close, internal, middle, center, hint, hearty; (*adj, n*) inside.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) external, outermost, outer.

spell: (*n*) magic, fascination, bout, conjuration, period, incantation, sorcery, enchantment, turn, span, bewitchment. ANTONYM: (*n*) alertness.

watchful: (*adj*) alert, observant,

careful, cautious, wary, attentive, wakeful, mindful, circumspect, sleepless, awake. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inattentive, negligent, oblivious, forgetful, careless, asleep, trusting, unprepared, reckless.

whirl: (*n, v*) spin, turn, eddy, roll, wheel, twist, swirl; (*v*) reel, gyrate; (*n*) go, fling.

wonderfulness: (*n*) admirability, excellence, admirable excellence, marvelousness, strangeness.

his dew-bright black eye on Dickon he knew he was not a stranger but a sort of robin without beak or feathers. He could speak robin (which is a quite distinct language not to be mistaken for any other). To speak robin to a robin is like speaking French to a Frenchman. Dickon always spoke it to the robin himself, so the queer **gibberish** he used when he spoke to humans did not matter in the least. The robin thought he spoke this gibberish to them because they were not intelligent enough to understand **feathered** speech. His movements also were robin. They never startled one by being sudden enough to seem dangerous or threatening. Any robin could understand Dickon, so his presence was not even disturbing.

But at the **outset** it seemed necessary to be on guard against the other two. In the first place the boy creature did not come into the garden on his legs. He was pushed in on a thing with wheels and the **skins** of wild animals were thrown over him. That in itself was doubtful. Then when he began to stand up and move about he did it in a queer **unaccustomed** way and the others seemed to have to help him. The robin used to **secrete** himself in a bush and watch this anxiously, his head tilted first on one side and then on the other. He thought that the slow movements might mean that he was preparing to **pounce**, as cats do. When cats are preparing to pounce they creep over the ground very slowly. The robin talked this over with his mate a great deal for a few days but after that he decided not to speak of the subject because her terror was so great that he was afraid it might be **injurious** to the Eggs.

When the boy began to walk by himself and even to move more quickly it was an immense relief. But for a long time--or it seemed a long time to the robin--he was a source of some anxiety. He did not act as the other humans did. He seemed very fond of walking but he had a way of sitting or lying down for a while and then getting up in a disconcerting manner to begin again.

One day the robin remembered that when he himself had been made to learn to fly by his parents he had done much the same sort of thing. He had taken short flights of a few yards and then had been obliged to rest. So it occurred to him that this boy was learning to fly--or rather to walk. He mentioned this to his

Thesaurus

feathered: (*adj*) plummy, plumelike, featherlike, plumose, plumed, plumaged, fledged, plumigerous, flighted, decorated; (*v*) fledge.
gibberish: (*n*) jargon, jabber, drivel, gibber, gobbledygook, rubbish, bunkum, humbug, claptrap, abracadabra; (*adj, n*) nonsense.
injurious: (*adj*) evil, harmful, hurtful, destructive, bad, disadvantageous, detrimental, adverse, deleterious, inimical, damaging. ANTONYMS:

(*adj*) healing, favorable, healthy, helpful, advantageous, beneficial.
outset: (*n*) opening, beginning, onset, commencement, origin, birth, inception, start, threshold, offset, first. ANTONYM: (*n*) middle.
pounce: (*n*) talon; (*v*) leap, bound, dive, descend, swoop, stoop, charge, attack, seize; (*n, v*) jump.
secrete: (*v*) hide, excrete, cover, disguise, discharge, mask, cache, bury, emit, exude, screen.

ANTONYMS: (*v*) show, absorb, reveal, unearth.
skins: (*n*) cash, folding money.
unaccustomed: (*adj*) new, strange, unusual, inexperienced, unseasoned, unacquainted, uncustomary, rare, unfamiliar, unwonted; (*adj, v*) untrained. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) familiar, normal, ready, usual, prepared, knowledgeable, customary.

mate and when he told her that the Eggs would probably conduct themselves in the same way after they were **fledged** she was quite comforted and even became eagerly interested and derived great pleasure from watching the boy over the edge of her nest--though she always thought that the Eggs would be much cleverer and learn more quickly. But then she said **indulgently** that humans were always more clumsy and slow than Eggs and most of them never seemed really to learn to fly at all. You never met them in the air or on tree-tops.

After a while the boy began to move about as the others did, but all three of the children at times did unusual things. They would stand under the trees and move their arms and legs and heads about in a way which was neither walking nor running nor sitting down. They went through these movements at intervals every day and the robin was never able to explain to his mate what they were doing or **tying** to do. He could only say that he was sure that the Eggs would never **flap** about in such a manner; but as the boy who could speak robin so **fluently** was doing the thing with them, birds could be quite sure that the actions were not of a dangerous nature. Of course neither the robin nor his mate had ever heard of the champion wrestler, Bob Haworth, and his exercises for making the muscles stand out like lumps. Robins are not like human beings; their muscles are always **exercised** from the first and so they develop themselves in a natural manner. If you have to fly about to find every meal you eat, your muscles do not become **atrophied** (atrophied means wasted away through want of use).

When the boy was walking and running about and digging and weeding like the others, the nest in the corner was brooded over by a great peace and content. Fears for the Eggs became things of the past. Knowing that your Eggs were as safe as if they were locked in a bank vault and the fact that you could watch so many curious things going on made setting a most **entertaining** occupation. On wet days the Eggs' mother sometimes felt even a little dull because the children did not come into the garden.

But even on wet days it could not be said that Mary and Colin were dull. One morning when the rain streamed down **unceasingly** and Colin was

Thesaurus

atrophied: (*adj*) cadaverous, wasted, diminished; (*v*) shrivel. ANTONYM: (*adj*) hypertrophied.

entertaining: (*adj*) enjoyable, fun, funny, diverting, witty, merry, comical, laughable, convivial, humorous, droll. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, boring, heavy, slow, tiresome, tiring, unentertaining.

exercised: (*adj*) applied, distressed, proficient, veteran.

flap: (*v*) flop, wave, beat, brandish,

shake; (*n, v*) fuss, flutter, pother; (*n*) slap, disturbance, valve.

fledged: (*adj*) feathered, ripe, vanned, fledge, flidge.

fluently: (*adv*) easily, glibly, eloquently, liquidly, flowingly, articulately, clearly, persuasively, verbosely, talkatively, fluidly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) awkwardly.

indulgently: (*adv*) mildly, tolerantly, compliantly, forgivingly, tenderly, accommodatingly, mercifully,

compassionately, softly, kindly, permissively. ANTONYM: (*adv*) disapprovingly.

tying: (*n*) ligation, bundling, attachment, knotting, lacing; (*adj*) binding; (*v*) restrict.

unceasingly: (*adv*) incessantly, endlessly, ceaselessly, continually, unremittingly, unendingly, constantly, always, perpetually, uninterruptedly, eternally. ANTONYM: (*adv*) acutely.

beginning to feel a little **restive**, as he was obliged to remain on his sofa because it was not safe to get up and walk about, Mary had an inspiration.

“Now that I am a real boy,” Colin had said, “my legs and arms and all my body are so full of Magic that I can’t keep them still. They want to be doing things all the time. Do you know that when I waken in the morning, Mary, when it’s quite early and the birds are just **shouting** outside and everything seems just shouting for joy—even the trees and things we can’t really hear—I feel as if I must **jump** out of bed and shout myself. If I did it, just think what would happen!”

Mary giggled inordinately.

“The nurse would come running and Mrs. Medlock would come running and they would be sure you had gone crazy and they’d send for the doctor,” she said.

Colin giggled himself. He could see how they would all look—how **horrified** by his **outbreak** and how amazed to see him standing **upright**.

“I wish my father would come home,” he said. “I want to tell him myself. I’m always thinking about it—but we couldn’t go on like this much longer. I can’t stand lying still and pretending, and besides I look too different. I wish it wasn’t **raining** today.”

It was then Mistress Mary had her inspiration.

“Colin,” she began mysteriously, “do you know how many rooms there are in this house?”

“About a thousand, I suppose,” he answered.

“There’s about a hundred no one ever goes into,” said Mary. “And one rainy day I went and looked into ever so many of them. No one ever knew, though Mrs. Medlock nearly found me out. I lost my way when I was coming back and I stopped at the end of your corridor. That was the second time I heard you crying.”

Colin started up on his sofa.

Thesaurus

horrified: (*v*) horrify, chagrined, cut up, terrify, frighten; (*adj*) scared, dismayed, alarmed, frightened, aghast, terrified. ANTONYM: (*adj*) proud.
jump: (*n, v*) bound, start, bounce, hop, caper, startle, dive, rise; (*v*) spring, hurdle; (*adj, v*) skip. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) decrease; (*v*) surface, drop, hesitate.
outbreak: (*n*) explosion, eruption, onset, outburst, burst, mutiny, attack,

flood, rash, revolt, spate.
raining: (*adj*) rainy, showery, drizzly; (*n*) woe. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dry.
restive: (*adj*) obstinate, edgy, fidgety, jittery, impatient, jumpy, intractable, restless, uptight, perverse; (*adj, v*) skittish. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, patient.
shout: (*n, v*) cry, clamor, scream, yell, roar, call, bellow, screech; (*v*) bawl, holler; (*n*) cheer.
shouting: (*adj, n*) yelling; (*adj*) crying,

howling, vociferous; (*n*) clamor, calling, noise, cheering, vociferation, tumult; (*v*) bawl.
upright: (*adj*) perpendicular, erect, fair, good, righteous, just, virtuous, true, honorable, plumb; (*adj, n*) vertical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) prone, disreputable, degenerate, hanging, unwholesome, dishonest, dishonorable, lying, horizontal, falling; (*adv*) horizontally.

"A hundred rooms no one goes into," he said. "It sounds almost like a secret garden. Suppose we go and look at them. **wheel** me in my chair and **nobody** would know we went"

"That's what I was thinking," said Mary. "No one would dare to follow us. There are galleries where you could run. We could do our **exercises**. There is a little Indian room where there is a cabinet full of ivory elephants. There are all sorts of rooms."

"Ring the bell," said Colin.

When the nurse came in he gave his orders.

"I want my chair," he said. "Miss Mary and I are going to look at the part of the house which is not used. John can push me as far as the picture-gallery because there are some **stairs**. Then he must go away and leave us alone **until** I send for him again."

Rainy days lost their terrors that morning. When the footman had wheeled the chair into the picture-gallery and left the two together in **obedience** to orders, Colin and Mary looked at each other delighted. As soon as Mary had made sure that John was really on his way back to his own **quarters** below stairs, Colin got out of his chair.

"I am going to run from one end of the gallery to the other," he said, "and then I am going to jump and then we will do Bob Haworth's exercises."

And they did all these things and many **others**. They looked at the portraits and found the plain little girl dressed in green brocade and holding the parrot on her **finger**.

"All these," said Colin, "must be my relations. They lived a long time ago. That parrot one, I believe, is one of my great, great, great, great aunts. She looks rather like you, Mary--not as you look now but as you looked when you came here. Now you are a great deal fatter and better looking."

"So are you," said Mary, and they both laughed.

Thesaurus

exercises: (*n*) military exercises, athletics.

finger: (*v*) feel, handle, touch, thumb, indicate, point; (*n*) digit, dactyl, forefinger, pointer; (*n, v*) hand.
ANTONYM: (*v*) clear.

nobody: (*n*) cipher, naught, zero, nil, nothing, nonentity, cypher, zip, whippersnapper, none; (*n, pron*) no one. ANTONYMS: (*n*) celebrity, notable, somebody; (*pron*) everyone, anyone, everybody.

obedience: (*n*) meekness, submission, deference, obeisance, acquiescence, subordination, bow, observance, docility, loyalty, allegiance.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) disobedience, defiance, naughtiness, resistance, divergence, chaos, wildness.

others: (*n*) rest, cessation, lie, lave, LAN, ease, acquiesce, intermission.

quarters: (*n*) abode, domicile, lodging, residence, quarter, diggings, pad, digs, lodgings, accommodation,

barracks.

stairs: (*n*) stair, ladder, staircase, stairway, flight of steps, flight, steps, flight of stairs, escalator, companionway, backstairs.

until: (*prep, v*) to; (*conj, prep*) unto; (*adj*) up to; (*adv*) so far, yet, before, meanwhile; (*prep*) pending, while, during, awaiting.

wheel: (*v*) revolve, spin, trundle, gyrate, twirl; (*n, v*) turn, cycle, circle, bicycle, bike; (*n*) gear.

They went to the Indian room and amused themselves with the ivory elephants. They found the rose-colored brocade **boudoir** and the hole in the cushion the mouse had left, but the **mice** had grown up and run away and the hole was empty. They saw more rooms and made more discoveries than Mary had made on her first **pilgrimage**. They found new corridors and corners and flights of steps and new old pictures they liked and weird old things they did not know the use of. It was a curiously entertaining morning and the feeling of wandering about in the same house with other people but at the same time feeling as if one were miles away from them was a fascinating thing.

"I'm glad we came," Colin said. "I never knew I lived in such a big queer old place. I like it. We will ramble about every rainy day. We shall always be finding new queer corners and things."

That morning they had found among other things such good appetites that when they returned to Colin's room it was not possible to send the **luncheon** away **untouched**.

When the nurse carried the tray down-stairs she slapped it down on the kitchen **dresser** so that Mrs. Loomis, the cook, could see the highly **polished** dishes and plates.

"Look at that!" she said. "This is a house of mystery, and those two children are the greatest mysteries in it."

"If they keep that up every day," said the strong young footman John, "there'd be small wonder that he weighs twice as much to-day as he did a month ago. I should have to give up my place in time, for fear of doing my **muscles** an injury."

That afternoon Mary noticed that something new had happened in Colin's room. She had noticed it the day before but had said nothing because she thought the change might have been made by chance. She said nothing today but she sat and looked **fixedly** at the picture over the mantel. She could look at it because the curtain had been drawn aside. That was the change she noticed.

Thesaurus

boudoir: (*n*) bedchamber, bedroom, master bedroom.

dresser: (*n*) cabinet, chest of drawers, bureau, commode, chest, sideboard, chiffonier, toilet table, assistant, dressing table, table.

fixedly: (*adv*) steadily, steadfastly, regularly, intently, stably, setly, permanently, rigidly, unwaveringly, surely, resolutely.

luncheon: (*n*) meal, tiffin, dejeuner, dinner, repast, party; (*v*) nunchion.

mice: (*n*) rats, agoutis, guinea pigs, beavers, gophers, order Rodentia, marmots, hamsters, pests, Rodentia, vermin.

muscles: (*n*) sinew, strength.

pilgrimage: (*n, v*) expedition, excursion; (*v*) trip, tour, peregrination, ramble, discursion, circuit; (*n*) hajj, haj, career.

polished: (*adj*) glossy, cultured, finished, refined, smooth, lustrous, genteel, courtly; (*adj, v*) courteous,

civil, polite. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rough, coarse, shoddy, unpolished, amateur, awkward, unsophisticated.

untouched: (*adj*) intact, unharmed, unmoved, unscathed, virgin, whole, unhurt, new, impervious, imperturbable, impassive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) affected, touched, refined, vulnerable, used, spoiled, partial, injured, marred, tainted, impure.

"I know what you want me to tell you," said Colin, after she had stared a few minutes. "I always know when you want me to tell you something. You are wondering why the curtain is drawn back. I am going to keep it like that."

"Why?" asked Mary.

"Because it doesn't make me angry any more to see her laughing. I wakened when it was **bright moonlight** two **nights** ago and **felt** as if the Magic was **filling** the room and making everything so **splendid** that I couldn't lie still. I got up and looked out of the window. The room was quite light and there was a **patch** of moonlight on the curtain and somehow that made me go and pull the cord. She looked right down at me as if she were laughing because she was glad I was standing there. It made me like to look at her. I want to see her laughing like that all the time. I think she must have been a sort of Magic person perhaps."

"You are so like her now," said Mary, "that sometimes I think perhaps you are her ghost made into a boy."

That idea seemed to **impress** Colin. He thought it over and then answered her slowly.

"If I were her ghost--my father would be fond of me."

"Do you want him to be fond of you?" inquired Mary.

"I used to hate it because he was not fond of me. If he grew fond of me I think I should tell him about the Magic. It might make him more cheerful."

Thesaurus

bright: (*adj*) alive, vivid, intelligent, apt, shining, brilliant, lustrous, luminous, light, beaming, shiny.

ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cloudy, stupid, gloomy, dim, unintelligent, dreary, dark, overcast, shadowy, thick, leaden.

felt: (*v*) mat, tangle, snarl, braid, entangle, lace, perceive; (*adj*) sensed, perceived, conscious, sensible.

filling: (*n*) filler, weft, contents, loading, plug, packing, pad,

replenishment, padding, impletion, stuffing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) light, insufficient.

impress: (*n, v*) mark, print, stamp; (*v*) move, affect, inscribe, instill, touch, emboss, inculcate; (*n*) impression.

moonlight: (*adj, n*) moonshine; (*n*) moonbeam, moonglade, occupation, lunation, lunar month, labor; (*n, v*) work; (*v*) pilfer, do work; (*adj*) moonshiny.

nights: (*adj*) nightly; (*n*) night.

patch: (*v*) piece; (*n*) plot, fleck, darn, blot, freckle, bed, maculation, field; (*n, v*) botch, repair.

splendid: (*adj, n, v*) illustrious, glorious; (*adj*) gorgeous, beautiful, royal, gallant, proud; (*adj, n*) magnificent, noble, grand; (*adj, v*) brilliant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unimpressive, modest, humble, ordinary, undistinguished, meager, awful, dire, lowly, inglorious, shabby.

CHAPTER XXVI

“IT’S MOTHER!”

Their belief in the Magic was an **abiding** thing. After the morning’s incantations Colin sometimes gave them Magic lectures.

“I like to do it,” he explained, “because when I grow up and make great scientific discoveries I shall be obliged to lecture about them and so this is practise. I can only give short lectures now because I am very young, and besides Ben Weatherstaff would feel as if he were in church and he would go to sleep.”

“Th’ best thing about lecturin’,” said Ben, “is that a chap can get up an’ say **ought** he pleases an’ no other chap can answer him back. I wouldn’t be agen’ lecturin’ a bit mysel’ sometimes.”

But when Colin held forth under his tree old Ben fixed **devouring** eyes on him and kept them there. He looked him over with critical **affection**. It was not so much the lecture which interested him as the legs which looked straighter and stronger each day, the **boyish** head which held itself up so well, the once sharp chin and hollow cheeks which had filled and **rounded** out and the eyes which had begun to hold the light he remembered in another pair. Sometimes when Colin felt Ben’s earnest gaze meant that he was much **impressed** he wondered

Thesaurus

abiding: (*adj*) immortal, stable, constant, everlasting, lasting, enduring, perpetual, eternal, perennial, continuing, imperishable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ephemeral, fleeting, impermanent, temporary, passing, mortal, erratic, inconstant.

affection: (*n*) charity, attachment, fondness, heart, love, disease, nature, feeling, affectionateness, tenderness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disgust, neglect, malice, loathing, dislike,

detachment, coldness, roughness.

ought: (*n*) nil, zero, anything, ought, cypher, nix, cipher, naught, null, zip; (*adj*) any.

boyish: (*adj*) young, puerile, adolescent, youthful, babyish, childish, girlish, kittenish, boylike, callow, immature. ANTONYM: (*adj*) mature.

devouring: (*adv*) devouringly; (*adj*) esurient, edacious, avid, greedy, voraginous, ravenous; (*n*) fire.

impressed: (*adj*) touched, bewildered, amazed, susceptible, stupefied, stunned, confused, bemused; (*v*) imprinted, stamped, carved. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unimpressed.

rounded: (*adj*) round, curved, circular, orbicular, full, globular, rotund, spherical, blunt, fat, obtuse. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, sharp, bony, concave, angular, thin.

what he was reflecting on and once when he had seemed quite entranced he questioned him.

"What are you thinking about, Ben Weatherstaff?" he asked.

"I was thinkin'" answered Ben, "as I'd warrant tha's, gone up three or four pound this week. I was lookin' at tha' calves an' tha' shoulders. I'd like to get thee on a pair o' scales."

"It's the Magic and--and Mrs. Sowerby's buns and **milk** and things," said Colin. "You see the scientific experiment has succeeded."

That morning Dickon was too late to hear the lecture. When he came he was **ruddy** with running and his funny face looked more twinkling than usual. As they had a good deal of weeding to do after the rains they fell to work. They always had plenty to do after a warm deep **sinking** rain. The **moisture** which was good for the flowers was also good for the weeds which **thrust** up tiny blades of grass and points of leaves which must be pulled up before their roots took too firm hold. Colin was as good at weeding as any one in these days and he could lecture while he was doing it. "The Magic works best when you work, yourself," he said this morning. "You can feel it in your **bones** and muscles. I am going to read books about bones and muscles, but I am going to write a book about Magic. I am making it up now. I keep finding out things."

It was not very long after he had said this that he laid down his trowel and stood up on his feet. He had been **silent** for several minutes and they had seen that he was thinking out lectures, as he often did. When he dropped his trowel and stood upright it seemed to Mary and Dickon as if a sudden strong thought had made him do it. He stretched himself out to his tallest **height** and he threw out his arms exultantly. Color glowed in his face and his strange eyes widened with joyfulness. All at once he had realized something to the full.

"Mary! Dickon!" he cried. "Just look at me!"

They stopped their weeding and looked at him.

"Do you remember that first morning you brought me in here?" he demanded.

Thesaurus

bones: (*n*) bone, frame, corpse, dry bones, framework, maraca, physician, finger cymbals, tymbal, wreck, timbrel.

height: (*n*) apex, crest, altitude, pinnacle, peak, top, culmination, level, zenith, summit, climax. ANTONYMS: (*n*) shortness, nadir, depth, trough, deepness, base, dip.

milk: (*v*) squeeze, drain, tap, bleed, anodyne, balm; (*n*) buttermilk, colostrum, foremilk; (*adj*) gluten,

chalk.

moisture: (*n*) damp, dampness, wet, humid, moist, moistness, vapor, moisture content, moisten, dank, dampen.

ruddy: (*adj*) cherry, rubicund, rosy, flushed, florid, sanguine, reddish, glowing, blooming, crimson; (*adj, adv*) blushing.

silent: (*adj, adv*) motionless; (*adj*) dumb, tacit, mute, noiseless, reserved, placid, reticent, mum,

taciturn, hush. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) spoken, talkative, loud, explicit, open, live, forthcoming, verbal, audible, talking, moving.

sinking: (*n*) sinkage, settling, fall, descent, foundering, depression, immersion, submersion, submergence; (*v*) decrease, decline. ANTONYM: (*adj*) rising.

thrust: (*n, v*) poke, stab, jab, drive, shove, force, punch, boost, cast, dig; (*v*) ram. ANTONYM: (*n*) inertia.

Dickon was looking at him very hard. Being an animal charmer he could see more things than most people could and many of them were things he never talked about. He saw some of them now in this boy. "Aye, that we do," he answered.

Mary looked hard too, but she said nothing.

"Just this minute," said Colin, "all at once I remembered it myself--when I looked at my hand digging with the trowel--and I had to stand up on my feet to see if it was real. And it is real! I'm well--I'm well!"

"Aye, that th' art!" said Dickon.

"I'm well! I'm well!" said Colin again, and his face went quite red all over.

He had known it before in a way, he had hoped it and felt it and thought about it, but just at that minute something had rushed all through him--a sort of **rapturous** belief and **realization** and it had been so strong that he could not help calling out.

"I shall live forever and ever and ever!" he cried grandly. "I shall find out thousands and thousands of things. I shall find out about people and creatures and everything that grows--like Dickon--and I shall never stop making Magic. I'm well! I'm well! I feel--I feel as if I want to shout out something--something **thankful**, joyful!"

Ben Weatherstaff, who had been working near a rose-bush, glanced round at him.

"Tha' might sing th' Doxology," he **suggested** in his dryest grunt. He had no opinion of the Doxology and he did not make the **suggestion** with any particular **reverence**.

But Colin was of an **exploring** mind and he knew nothing about the Doxology.

"What is that?" he inquired.

"Dickon can sing it for thee, I'll warrant," replied Ben Weatherstaff.

Dickon answered with his all-perceiving animal charmer's smile.

Thesaurus

exploring: (*adj*) indagative, emissary, excursive.

rapturous: (*adj*) overjoyed, enraptured, rapt, delighted, rhapsodic, blissful; (*adj, v*) ravishing; (*v*) ardent, passionate, fond, erotic. ANTONYM: (*adj*) down.

realization: (*n*) accomplishment, awareness, fulfillment, implementation, comprehension, realisation, fruition, actualization, completion, grasp, performance.

ANTONYMS: (*n*) failure, unconsciousness, abandonment, ignorance.

reverence: (*n, v*) respect, regard, fear, worship, honor, esteem, adore; (*n*) deference, adoration, admiration, awe. ANTONYMS: (*n*) despise, disrespect, irreverence, disdain, disparagement, contempt; (*v*) dishonor.

suggested: (*adj*) advisable, proposed, tacit, optional, not compulsory,

nominal, implied.

suggestion: (*n*) advice, intimation, proposal, counsel, allusion, sign, trace, proposition, recommendation; (*n, v*) touch, dash. ANTONYMS: (*n*) warning, practice.

thankful: (*adj*) appreciative, indebted, beholden, obliged, contented, pleased, gratified, relieved, under obligation, appreciatory, welcome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) worried, unappreciative, unthankful, sorry.

"They sing it i' church," he said. "Mother says she believes th' skylarks sings it when they gets up i' th' mornin'."

"If she says that, it must be a nice song," Colin answered. "I've never been in a church myself. I was always too ill. Sing it, Dickon. I want to hear it."

Dickon was quite simple and **unaffected** about it. He understood what Colin felt better than Colin did himself. He understood by a sort of **instinct** so natural that he did not know it was understanding. He pulled off his cap and looked round still smiling.

"Tha' must take off tha' cap," he said to Colin, "an' so mun tha', Ben--an' tha' mun stand up, tha' knows."

Colin took off his cap and the sun shone on and warmed his thick **hair** as he watched Dickon intently. Ben Weatherstaff scrambled up from his knees and bared his head too with a sort of puzzled half-resentful look on his old face as if he didn't know exactly why he was doing this remarkable thing.

Dickon stood out among the trees and rose-bushes and began to sing in quite a simple **matter-of-fact** way and in a nice strong boy voice:

"Praise God from whom all **blessings flow**,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen."

When he had finished, Ben Weatherstaff was standing quite still with his **jaws** set obstinately but with a disturbed look in his eyes fixed on Colin. Colin's face was thoughtful and **appreciative**.

"It is a very nice song," he said. "I like it. Perhaps it means just what I mean when I want to shout out that I am thankful to the Magic." He stopped and thought in a puzzled way. "Perhaps they are both the same thing. How can we know the exact names of everything? Sing it again, Dickon. Let us try, Mary. I

Thesaurus

appreciative: (*adj*) grateful, supportive, indebted, appreciatory, complimentary, sympathetic, understanding, sensitive, discriminating, pleased, obliged.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unkind, derogatory, uncomplimentary, disapproving, unsympathetic, negative.

blessings: (*n*) blessing, godsend.
flow: (*n, v*) stream, course, flux, surge, run, jet; (*n*) current, discharge; (*v*)

float, emanate, well. ANTONYMS: (*n*) drought; (*v*) trickle.

hair: (*n*) coat, coma, haircloth, pile, locks, filament, fleece, fur, hairbreadth, down, forelock.

instinct: (*n*) impulse, urge, aptitude, gift, feeling, sixth sense, inherent aptitude, knack, inspiration, talent, genius.

jaws: (*n*) jaw, chops, fauces, chaps, mandible, maw, lips, holding device; (*v*) mazard.

matter-of-fact: (*adj*) prosaic, practical, dry, commonplace, common, normal, ordinary, regular, pragmatic, trivial, realistic.

unaffected: (*adj*) sincere, artless, natural, plain, real, genuine, unimpressed, ingenuous, naive, untouched, honest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unnatural, sophisticated, refined, pretentious, moved, hurt, disturbed, changed, vulnerable, dishonest, emotional.

want to sing it, too. It's my song. How does it begin? 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow?'

And they sang it again, and Mary and Colin lifted their voices as **musically** as they could and Dickon's **swelled** quite loud and beautiful--and at the second line Ben Weatherstaff **raspingly** cleared his throat and at the third line he joined in with such **vigor** that it seemed almost savage and when the "Amen" came to an end Mary observed that the very same thing had happened to him which had happened when he found out that Colin was not a cripple--his chin was twitching and he was staring and **winking** and his **leathery** old cheeks were wet.

"I never seed no sense in th' Doxology afore," he said hoarsely, "but I may change my mind i' time. I should say tha'd gone up five pound this week Mester Colin--five on 'em!"

Colin was looking across the garden at something attracting his attention and his expression had become a startled one.

"Who is coming in here?" he said quickly. "Who is it?"

The door in the ivied wall had been pushed gently open and a woman had entered. She had come in with the last line of their song and she had stood still listening and looking at them. With the ivy behind her, the sunlight drifting through the trees and dappling her long blue cloak, and her nice fresh face smiling across the **greenery** she was rather like a softly colored illustration in one of Colin's books. She had wonderful affectionate eyes which seemed to take everything in--all of them, even Ben Weatherstaff and the "creatures" and every flower that was in bloom. Unexpectedly as she had appeared, not one of them felt that she was an **intruder** at all. Dickon's eyes lighted like lamps.

"It's mother--that's who it is!" he cried and went across the grass at a run.

Colin began to move toward her, too, and Mary went with him. They both felt their pulses beat faster.

"It's mother!" Dickon said again when they met halfway. "I knowed tha' wanted to see her an' I told her where th' door was hid."

Thesaurus

greenery: (*n*) verdure, foliage, leaf, leafage, verdancy, greenness, undergrowth, scrub, shrubbery, underbrush, vegetable kingdom.
intruder: (*n*) trespasser, interloper, encroacher, raider, invader, aggressor, go between, gatecrasher, stalker, boarder; (*adj, n*) stranger.
leathery: (*adj*) stringy, coriaceous, leatherlike, gristly cartilaginous, leathered, tough as whiteleather, hard, stiff, gristly, gnarled, rugged.

musically: (*adv*) harmoniously, melodiously, sweetly, melodically, dulcetly, euphoniously, pleasingly, canorously, pleasantly, rhythmically, metrically. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) harshly, unmusically.
raspingly: (*adv*) harshly, roughly, hoarsely, raucously, huskily, stridently.
swelled: (*adj*) big, inflated, bloated, swollen, adult, boastful, bighearted, bad, fully grown, crowing, elder.

vigor: (*n, v*) energy; (*adj, n*) intensity; (*n*) spirit, vitality, force, life, strength, power, might, vim, stamina.
 ANTONYMS: (*n*) weakness, apathy, frailty, laziness, enervation, inactivity, indifference, illness, lifelessness, sluggishness, tardiness.
winking: (*n*) twinkling, wink, blink, New York minute, jiffy, instant, nictation, nictitation, trice, blink of an eye; (*adj*) pink ribbons.

Colin held out his hand with a sort of flushed royal **shyness** but his eyes quite **devoured** her face.

"Even when I was ill I wanted to see you," he said, "you and Dickon and the secret garden. I'd never wanted to see any one or anything before."

The sight of his uplifted face brought about a sudden change in her own. She flushed and the corners of her mouth shook and a mist seemed to sweep over her eyes.

"Eh! dear lad!" she broke out tremulously. "Eh! dear lad!" as if she had not known she were going to say it. She did not say, "Mester Colin," but just "dear lad" quite suddenly. She might have said it to Dickon in the same way if she had seen something in his face which touched her. Colin liked it.

"Are you surprised because I am so well?" he asked. She put her hand on his shoulder and smiled the mist out of her eyes. "Aye, that I am!" she said; "but tha'rt so like thy mother tha' made my heart jump."

"Do you think," said Colin a little **awkwardly**, "that will make my father like me?"

"Aye, for sure, dear lad," she answered and she gave his shoulder a soft quick pat. "He mun come home--he mun come home."

"Susan Sowerby," said Ben Weatherstaff, getting close to her. "Look at th' lad's legs, **wilt** tha'? They was like drumsticks i' stockin' two month' ago--an' I heard folk tell as they was **bandy** an' knock-kneed both at th' same time. Look at 'em now!"

Susan Sowerby laughed a comfortable laugh.

"They're goin' to be fine strong lad's legs in a bit," she said. "Let him go on playin' an' workin' in the garden an' eatin' **heartly** an' drinkin' plenty o' good sweet milk an' there'll not be a finer pair i' Yorkshire, thank God for it."

She put both hands on Mistress Mary's shoulders and looked her little face over in a **motherly** fashion.

Thesaurus

awkwardly: (*adv*) gawkily, ineptly, ungracefully, embarrassingly, maladroitly, stiffly, gracelessly, inopportunistly, bunglingly, inelegantly, unwieldily.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) gracefully, elegantly, usefully, urbanely, contentedly, coherently, calmly, conveniently, agilely, expertly, amenably.

bandy: (*v*) exchange, agitate, band, shuttlecock, argue, debate, shuffle,

brandish, change bands, flap; (*n*) bander.

devoured: (*adj*) eaten up.

heartly: (*adj*) heartfelt, healthy, genial, sturdy, cheering, fervent, wholehearted, lusty, enthusiastic, convivial; (*adj, n*) well. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhealthy, frail, old, weak, sluggish, unwholesome, meager.

motherly: (*adj*) tender, fatherly, warm, sisterly, loving, affectionate; (*adv*) maternally; (*v*) ardent, fond, devoted,

erotic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) paternal.

shyness: (*n*) diffidence, modesty, bashfulness, humility, shame, timidity, coyness, pudency, timorousness, backwardness, timidness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sociability, brashness, confidence, urbanity, arrogance.

wilt: (*v*) flag, shrivel, sag, weaken, fade, languish, dry, wither, collapse, tire; (*n*) wilting. ANTONYMS: (*v*) flourish, rise, rally.

"An' thee, too!" she said. "Tha'rt grown near as hearty as our 'Lisabeth Ellen. I'll warrant tha'rt like thy mother too. Our Martha told me as Mrs. Medlock heard she was a pretty woman. Tha'lt be like a **blush** rose when tha' grows up, my little lass, bless thee."

She did not **mention** that when Martha came home on her "day out" and **described** the plain sallow child she had said that she had no confidence whatever in what Mrs. Medlock had heard. "It doesn't stand to reason that a pretty woman could be th' mother o' such a fou' little lass," she had added obstinately.

Mary had not had time to pay much attention to her changing face. She had only known that she looked "different" and seemed to have a great deal more hair and that it was growing very **fast**. But remembering her pleasure in looking at the Mem Sahib in the past she was glad to hear that she might some day look like her.

Susan Sowerby went round their garden with them and was told the whole story of it and shown every bush and tree which had come alive. Colin walked on one side of her and Mary on the other. Each of them kept looking up at her comfortable rosy face, secretly curious about the delightful feeling she gave them--a sort of warm, **supported** feeling. It seemed as if she understood them as Dickon understood his "creatures." She stooped over the flowers and talked about them as if they were children. Soot followed her and once or twice cawed at her and flew upon her shoulder as if it were Dickon's. When they told her about the robin and the first flight of the young ones she laughed a motherly little mellow laugh in her **throat**.

"I suppose learnin' 'em to fly is like learnin' children to walk, but I'm feared I should be all in a worrit if **mine** had wings instead o' legs," she said.

It was because she seemed such a **wonderful** woman in her nice moorland cottage way that at last she was told about the Magic.

"Do you believe in Magic?" asked Colin after he had explained about Indian fakirs. "I do hope you do."

Thesaurus

blush: (*n, v*) glow, color; (*v*) redden, crimson; (*n*) red, bloom, rosiness, ruddiness, redness; (*adj*) bashful; (*adv*) blushinglly. ANTONYMS: (*v*) blanch, pale, blench; (*n*) paleness.
described: (*adj*) delineate, detailed, delineated, alleged.
fast: (*adj, v*) firm; (*adj*) dissolute, instant, agile, staunch, quick, hurried, fixed, rapid; (*adv*) soon, hard. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) slowly, loosely, sluggishly; (*n*) binge; (*adj*) sluggish,

loose, unattached, plodding; (*adj, adv*) leisurely; (*v*) gorge, eat.
mention: (*n, v*) comment, name, remark, call, hint; (*v*) cite, observe, commend; (*n*) allusion, citation, reference. ANTONYM: (*v*) conceal.
mine: (*adj, v*) excavate, sap; (*n*) excavation, pit, fund, land mine, vein; (*v*) exploit, burrow; (*adj*) my, delve.
supported: (*adj*) sustained, backed, bolstered, based; (*v*) borne, carried,

conveyed, supporting; (*adv*) on.
throat: (*n*) orifice, pharynx, gorge, mouth, muzzle, nozzle, sucker, shaft, quarl, throat depth, nostril.
wonderful: (*adj, n*) marvelous, astonishing, incredible; (*adj*) excellent, remarkable, phenomenal, amazing, fantastic, great, grand, super. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) terrible, unpleasant, dreadful, poor, rotten, abysmal, mundane, devastating, lousy, dire, ordinary.

"That I do, lad," she answered. "I never knowed it by that name but what does th' name matter? I warrant they call it a different name i' France an' a different one i' Germany. Th' same thing as set th' seeds swellin' an' th' sun shinin' made thee a well lad an' it's th' Good Thing. It isn't like us poor fools as think it matters if us is called out of our names. Th' Big Good Thing doesn't stop to worrit, bless thee. It goes on makin' worlds by th' million--worlds like us. Never thee stop believin' in th' Big Good Thing an' knowin' th' world's full of it--an' call it what tha' likes. Tha' wert singin' to it when I come into th' garden."

"I felt so joyful," said Colin, opening his beautiful strange eyes at her. "Suddenly I felt how different I was--how strong my arms and legs were, you know--and how I could dig and stand--and I jumped up and wanted to shout out something to anything that would listen."

"Th' Magic listened when tha' sung th' Doxology. It would ha' listened to anything tha'd sung. It was th' joy that mattered. Eh! lad, lad--what's names to th' Joy Maker," and she gave his shoulders a **quick** soft pat again.

She had packed a basket which held a regular **feast** this morning, and when the hungry hour came and Dickon brought it out from its hiding place, she sat down with them under their tree and watched them **devour** their food, laughing and quite **gloating** over their appetites. She was full of fun and made them laugh at all sorts of odd things. She told them stories in broad Yorkshire and taught them new words. She laughed as if she could not help it when they told her of the in-**creasing** difficulty there was in pretending that Colin was still a fretful invalid.

"You see we can't help laughing nearly all the time when we are together," explained Colin. "And it doesn't sound ill at all. We try to **choke** it back but it will burst out and that sounds worse than ever."

"There's one thing that comes into my mind so often," said Mary, "and I can scarcely ever hold in when I think of it suddenly. I keep thinking suppose Colin's face should get to look like a full **moon**. It isn't like one yet but he gets a **tiny** bit fatter every day--and suppose some morning it should look like one--what should we do!"

Thesaurus

choke: (*v*) asphyxiate, block, stifle, back up, clog up, gag, suffocate, foul, strangle, smother, obstruct. ANTONYMS: (*v*) free, open, release, unblock.
creasing: (*n*) scoring.
devour: (*v*) eat, bolt, gulp, demolish, guzzle, swallow, gorge, ingurgitate, gobble, use up, absorb. ANTONYMS: (*v*) avoid, abstain, regurgitate, nibble, fast, sip.
feast: (*n, v*) junket, fete; (*n*)

entertainment, dinner, binge, spread, celebration, jamboree, carousal; (*v*) feed, eat. ANTONYMS: (*v*) abstain, starve; (*n*) snack.
gloating: (*n*) glee, gloatingly, satisfaction, gleefulness, exultation.
moon: (*adj*) lunar; (*n*) month, moonshine, satellite, moonlight, luck, lunar month, GHURRY, epoch, orb of night; (*v*) daydream.
quick: (*adj*) bright, hasty, agile, nimble, intelligent, clever, speedy,

active, immediate, instant; (*adj, v*) prompt. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) leisurely, dull, dim, thick, unintelligent, thorough, inept, unobservant, lengthy, long, permanent.
tiny: (*adj*) minute, minuscule, small, diminutive, petty, infinitesimal, midget, teeny, puny, petite, slight. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) huge, enormous, vast, gigantic, large, big, considerable, roomy, significant, giant, immeasurable.

"Bless us all, I can see tha' has a good bit o' play actin' to do," said Susan Sowerby. "But tha' won't have to keep it up much longer. Mester Craven'll come home."

"Do you think he will?" asked Colin. "Why?"

Susan Sowerby chuckled softly.

"I suppose it 'ud nigh break thy heart if he found out before tha' told him in tha' own way," she said. "Tha's laid awake nights plannin' it."

"I couldn't bear any one else to tell him," said Colin. "I think about different ways every day, I think now I just want to run into his room." "That'd be a fine start for him," said Susan Sowerby. "I'd like to see his face, lad. I would that! He mun come back --that he mun."

One of the things they talked of was the visit they were to make to her cottage. They **planned** it all. They were to drive over the moor and **lunch** out of doors among the heather. They would see all the twelve children and Dickon's garden and would not come back until they were tired.

Susan Sowerby got up at last to return to the house and Mrs. Medlock. It was time for Colin to be wheeled back also. But before he got into his chair he stood quite close to Susan and **fixed** his eyes on her with a kind of **bewildered adoration** and he suddenly caught hold of the fold of her blue **cloak** and held it fast.

"You are just what I--what I wanted," he said. "I wish you were my mother--as well as Dickon's!"

All at once Susan Sowerby bent down and drew him with her warm arms close against the bosom under the blue cloak--as if he had been Dickon's brother. The quick mist swept over her eyes.

"Eh! dear lad!" she said. "Thy own mother's in this 'ere very garden, I do believe. She couldna' keep out of it. Thy father mun come back to thee--he mun!"

Thesaurus

adoration: (*n*) admiration, adulation, cult, appreciation, reverence, glorification, idolization, homage, praise; (*adj, n*) devotion, passion.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) hatred, detestation, despising, disparagement, revulsion, repulsion, disgust, disdain.
bewildered: (*adj*) bemused, confused, confounded, perplexed, befuddled, puzzled, dumbfounded, taken aback, addled, disoriented; (*adj, v*) lost.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unimpressed,

clear, oriented, precise, understanding, alert.
cloak: (*n, v*) veil, mask, camouflage, wrap, masquerade, screen, pall; (*n*) cape; (*v*) conceal, dissemble, hide.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) reveal, uncloak, unmask; (*n, v*) uncover.
fixed: (*adj, v*) determined, durable; (*adj, adv, v*) stable; (*adj*) definite, intent, fast, determinate, certain, set; (*adj, adv, n*) steady; (*adj, n, v*) constant.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flexible, separate,

adaptable, adjustable, changeable, movable, variable, compliant, temporary, removable, portable.
lunch: (*v*) dine, eat, take tea, sup; (*n*) luncheon, tiffin, meal, dinner, dejeuner, brunch, noon.
planned: (*adj*) deliberate, intentional, calculated, designed, aforethought, scheduled, premeditated, plotted, prepared, future, studied.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) spontaneous, unplanned, ingenuous, accidental.

CHAPTER XXVII

IN THE GARDEN

In each century since the beginning of the world wonderful things have been discovered. In the last century more amazing things were found out than in any century before. In this new century hundreds of things still more **astounding** will be brought to light. At first people **refuse** to believe that a strange new thing can be done, then they begin to hope it can be done, then they see it can be done--then it is done and all the world wonders why it was not done **centuries** ago. One of the new things people began to find out in the last century was that thoughts--just mere thoughts--are as powerful as electric batteries--as good for one as **sunlight** is, or as bad for one as **poison**. To let a sad thought or a bad one get into your mind is as dangerous as **letting** a scarlet fever **germ** get into your body. If you let it stay there after it has got in you may never get over it as long as you live.

So long as Mistress Mary's mind was full of disagreeable thoughts about her dislikes and sour opinions of people and her determination not to be pleased by or interested in anything, she was a yellow-faced, sickly, **bored** and wretched child. Circumstances, however, were very kind to her, though she was not at all aware of it. They began to push her about for her own good. When her mind gradually filled itself with robins, and moorland cottages crowded with children,

Thesaurus

astounding: (*adj*) amazing, miraculous, wonderful, incredible, tremendous, spectacular, sensational, breathtaking, awesome, staggering, prodigious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unremarkable, comforting, predictable, boring, insignificant.
bored: (*adj*) weary, boring, blase, uninterested, bore, listless, jaded, sick, fed up, annoyed, indifferent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) energetic, fresh.
centuries: (*n*) century.

germ: (*n*) beginning, bacterium, bud, sprout, kernel, microbe, embryo, egg, bacillus, root, seed.
letting: (*n*) lease, rental, let, renting, hire, leasing, rent, belongings, permission; (*adj*) lenient.
poison: (*adj, v*) contaminate, taint; (*n, v*) envenom, drug, empoison; (*adj*) toxic, poisonous; (*v*) defile, intoxicate; (*n*) bane, venom. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cure; (*v*) clean.
refuse: (*v*) deny, reject, decline,

disallow, rebuff, turn down; (*adj, n*) waste, trash; (*n*) offal, litter; (*n, v*) dross. ANTONYMS: (*v*) allow, receive, permit, offer, dedicate, approve, agree, admit, choose, pass, affirm.
sunlight: (*n*) sunshine, daylight, the sun, positive, solar, sunbeam, brightness, sunbeams, rays, shaft, beam.

with queer crabbed old gardeners and common little Yorkshire housemaids, with springtime and with secret gardens coming alive day by day, and also with a moor boy and his "creatures," there was no room left for the disagreeable thoughts which affected her liver and her digestion and made her yellow and tired.

So long as Colin shut himself up in his room and thought only of his fears and weakness and his **detestation** of people who looked at him and reflected **hourly** on humps and early death, he was a hysterical half-crazy little **hypochondriac** who knew nothing of the sunshine and the spring and also did not know that he could get well and could stand upon his feet if he tried to do it. When new beautiful thoughts began to push out the old hideous ones, life began to come back to him, his blood ran healthily through his veins and strength poured into him like a flood. His scientific experiment was quite practical and simple and there was nothing weird about it at all. Much more surprising things can happen to any one who, when a disagreeable or discouraged thought comes into his mind, just has the sense to remember in time and push it out by putting in an agreeable **determinedly** courageous one. Two things cannot be in one place.

"Where, you tend a rose, my lad,
A **thistle** cannot grow."

While the secret garden was coming alive and two children were coming alive with it, there was a man wandering about certain far-away beautiful places in the Norwegian fiords and the valleys and mountains of Switzerland and he was a man who for ten years had kept his mind filled with dark and heart-broken thinking. He had not been courageous; he had never tried to put any other thoughts in the place of the dark ones. He had wandered by blue lakes and thought them; he had lain on mountain-sides with **sheets** of deep blue gentians **blooming** all about him and flower breaths filling all the air and he had thought them. A terrible sorrow had fallen upon him when he had been happy and he had let his soul fill itself with **blackness** and had refused obstinately to allow any

Thesaurus

blackness: (*n*) black, darkness, sable, gloom, nigritude, night, inkiness, dark, murk, murkiness, obscurity.

blooming: (*adj*) rosy, thriving, flourishing, healthy, prosperous, ruddy, booming, blossoming, cherry, verdant, green. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) arid, pale.

determinedly: (*adv*) firmly, purposefully, fixedly, resolvedly, obstinately, stubbornly, steadfastly, steadily, decidedly, definitely,

doggedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hesitantly, wearily, unambitiously, amenably, halfheartedly, irresolutely, feebly.

detestation: (*n*) abomination, hatred, odium, antipathy, aversion, repulsion, dislike, execration, loathing, revulsion; (*n, v*) hate. ANTONYM: (*n*) adoration.

hourly: (*adv*) always, by the hour, daily, often, constantly, continually, frequently; (*adj*) horary, continual,

ephemeral; (*n*) an hour.

hypochondriac: (*adj*) malade imaginaire, seek sorrow, afflictive, heavy, gloomy, downhearted, doleful, dispirited, dismal, disconsolate; (*n*) atrabilarian.

sheets: (*n*) rain, bed linen.

thistle: (*adj*) porcupine, beard, hedgehog, feather, mote, chevaux de frise, dust, down, brier; (*n*) nodding thistle, carline thistle.

rift of light to **pierce** through. He had forgotten and deserted his home and his duties. When he **traveled** about, darkness so brooded over him that the sight of him was a wrong done to other people because it was as if he **poisoned** the air about him with gloom. Most strangers thought he must be either half mad or a man with some hidden crime on his soul. He, was a tall man with a drawn face and crooked shoulders and the name he always entered on hotel **registers** was, "Archibald Craven, Misselthwaite Manor, Yorkshire, England."

He had traveled far and wide since the day he saw Mistress Mary in his study and told her she might have her "bit of earth." He had been in the most beautiful places in Europe, though he had remained nowhere more than a few days. He had chosen the quietest and **remotest** spots. He had been on the tops of mountains whose heads were in the clouds and had looked down on other mountains when the sun rose and touched them with such light as made it seem as if the world were just being born.

But the light had never seemed to touch himself until one day when he realized that for the first time in ten years a strange thing had happened. He was in a wonderful valley in the Austrian Tyrol and he had been walking alone through such beauty as might have lifted, any man's soul out of shadow. He had walked a long way and it had not lifted his. But at last he had felt tired and had thrown himself down to rest on a carpet of **moss** by a stream. It was a clear little stream which ran quite **merrily** along on its narrow way through the **luscious** damp greenness. Sometimes it made a sound rather like very low laughter as it bubbled over and round stones. He saw birds come and dip their heads to drink in it and then **flick** their wings and fly away. It seemed like a thing alive and yet its tiny voice made the stillness seem deeper. The valley was very, very still.

As he sat gazing into the clear running of the water, Archibald Craven gradually felt his mind and body both grow quiet, as quiet as the valley itself. He wondered if he were going to sleep, but he was not. He sat and gazed at the **sunlit** water and his eyes began to see things growing at its edge. There was one lovely mass of blue forget-me-nots growing so close to the stream that its leaves were wet and at these he found himself looking as he remembered he had looked

Thesaurus

flick: (*n*) film, motion picture, moving picture, movie, show, picture; (*v*) flip, click, jerk, snap, flicker.

luscious: (*adj*) juicy, appetizing, delicious, delectable, scrumptious, rich, dulcet, succulent, yummy, mellow, voluptuous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tasteless, unappetizing.

merrily: (*adv*) gaily, cheerfully, blithely, cheerily, gladly, gleefully, mirthfully, brightly, jovially, joyfully, gayly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sadly,

anxiously, miserably, unhappily, carefully, despondently.

moss: (*n*) lichen, marsh, bog, morass, marish, fen, bryophyte, quagmire, swamp, Bryace; (*adj*) byssus.

pierce: (*n, v*) cut, prick, stick; (*v*) perforate, bore, enter, thrust, puncture, penetrate; (*adj, v*) stab, wound. ANTONYM: (*v*) seal.

poisoned: (*adj, v*) tainted; (*v*) peccant, morbid, tabid; (*adj*) venenate, made virulent, rabid, resentful, sour,

mangy, leprous.

registers: (*n*) archive, chronicles.

remotest: (*adj*) furthest, uttermost, endmost, extreme, last, utmost.

rift: (*n, v*) breach, fissure, split; (*n*) gap, break, chasm, crack, crevice, cleft, misunderstanding, rupture. ANTONYM: (*n*) unity.

sunlit: (*adj*) bright, light, sunstruck, lighter. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dark.

traveled: (*adj*) travel, passable, cultured, cosmopolitan.

at such things years ago. He was actually thinking **tenderly** how lovely it was and what wonders of blue its hundreds of little blossoms were. He did not know that just that simple thought was slowly filling his mind--filling and filling it until other things were softly pushed aside. It was as if a sweet clear spring had begun to rise in a **stagnant** pool and had risen and risen until at last it swept the dark water away. But of course he did not think of this himself. He only knew that the valley seemed to grow quieter and quieter as he sat and stared at the bright delicate blueness. He did not know how long he sat there or what was **happening** to him, but at last he moved as if he were awakening and he got up slowly and stood on the moss carpet, drawing a long, deep, soft breath and wondering at himself. Something seemed to have been **unbound** and released in him, very quietly.

"What is it?" he said, almost in a whisper, and he passed his hand over his forehead. "I almost feel as if--I were alive!"

I do not know enough about the wonderfulness of **undiscovered** things to be able to explain how this had happened to him. Neither does any one else yet. He did not understand at all himself--but he remembered this strange hour months afterward when he was at Misselthwaite again and he found out quite by accident that on this very day Colin had cried out as he went into the secret garden:

"I am going to live forever and ever and ever!"

The singular **calmness** remained with him the rest of the evening and he slept a new **reposeful** sleep; but it was not with him very long. He did not know that it could be kept. By the next night he had opened the doors wide to his dark thoughts and they had come trooping and rushing back. He left the valley and went on his wandering way again. But, strange as it seemed to him, there were minutes--sometimes half-hours--when, without his knowing why, the black burden seemed to lift itself again and he knew he was a living man and not a dead one. Slowly--slowly--for no reason that he knew of--he was "coming alive" with the garden.

Thesaurus

calmness: (*n*) calm, composure, quietness, poise, serenity, stillness, quiet, silence, placidity, peace; (*adj*, *n*) coolness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) anxiety, nervousness, restlessness, panic, fury, unrest, intensity, discomposure, bustle, annoyance, noise.
happening: (*n*) incident, episode, circumstance, contingency, affair, event, fact, occurrence, experience, occasion, eventuality.
reposeful: (*adj*) restful, relaxing, calm,

quieter.
stagnant: (*adj*) quiet, motionless, inert, dead, slow, still, standing, immobile, inactive, stagnate, stationary. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) active, moving.
tenderly: (*adv*) softly, kindly, delicately, affectionately, fondly, warmly, painfully, sensitively, caringly, sympathetically, gently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) roughly, severely, disapprovingly, harshly.
unbound: (*adj*) uncontrolled,

unconstrained, open, untied, untrammelled, exempt, unchained, released, unfettered, unobstructed; (*v*) unencumbered. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bound, restricted.
undiscovered: (*v*) solved, undeveloped, unexplained, untraced; (*adj*) unnoticed, remote, unexplored, unheard-of, silly, unacquainted with, foolish.

As the golden summer changed into the deep golden autumn he went to the Lake of Como. There he found the loveliness of a dream. He spent his days upon the crystal blueness of the lake or he walked back into the soft thick **verdure** of the **hills** and tramped until he was tired so that he might sleep. But by this time he had begun to sleep better, he knew, and his dreams had ceased to be a terror to him.

“Perhaps,” he thought, “my body is growing stronger.”

It was growing stronger but—because of the rare peaceful hours when his thoughts were changed—his soul was slowly growing stronger, too. He began to think of Misselthwaite and wonder if he should not go home. Now and then he wondered vaguely about his boy and asked himself what he should feel when he went and stood by the carved four-posted bed again and looked down at the sharply **chiseled** ivory-white face while it slept and, the black lashes rimmed so **startlingly** the close-shut eyes. He **shrank** from it.

One **marvel** of a day he had walked so far that when he returned the moon was high and full and all the world was purple shadow and silver. The stillness of lake and shore and wood was so wonderful that he did not go into the villa he lived in. He walked down to a little bowered terrace at the water’s edge and sat upon a seat and breathed in all the heavenly scents of the night. He felt the strange calmness **stealing** over him and it grew deeper and deeper until he fell asleep.

He did not know when he fell asleep and when he began to dream; his dream was so real that he did not feel as if he were dreaming. He remembered afterward how **intensely** wide awake and alert he had thought he was. He thought that as he sat and breathed in the scent of the late roses and listened to the **lapping** of the water at his feet he heard a voice calling. It was sweet and clear and happy and far away. It seemed very far, but he heard it as distinctly as if it had been at his very side.

“Archie! Archie! Archie!” it said, and then again, sweeter and clearer than before, “Archie! Archie!”

Thesaurus

chiseled: (*adj*) distinct, rigid.

hills: (*n*) home, dry land, foothills, earth, ground.

intensely: (*adj, adv*) extremely; (*adv*) strongly, powerfully, severely, violently, vehemently, acutely, keenly, brightly, profoundly, fiercely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) mildly, calmly, gently, dully, indifferently, impassively, jokingly, slightly, hardly, superficially, unexceptionally.

lapping: (*n*) overlapping, imbrication, facetting, surprinting, wash, covering.

marvel: (*n, v*) wonder; (*n*) prodigy, curiosity, phenomenon, amazement, miracle, portent, marvel, surprise, admiration; (*v*) admire. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disregard; (*n*) nightmare.

shrank: (*v*) minify.

startlingly: (*adv*) wonderfully, astonishingly, amazingly, astoundingly, shockingly,

remarkably, unexpectedly, staggeringly, marvelously, alarmingly, strikingly.

stealing: (*n*) pilferage, larceny, theft, steal, burglary, misappropriation, embezzlement, stolen, thievery, pilfering, thieving.

verdure: (*adj, n*) greenness; (*n*) greenery, foliage, verdancy, viridity, green, leafage, flora, freshness, strength, vegetable kingdom.

He thought he sprang to his feet not even startled. It was such a real voice and it seemed so natural that he should hear it.

"Lilias! Lilias!" he answered. "Lilias! where are you?"

"In the garden," it came back like a sound from a golden flute. "In the garden!"

And then the dream ended. But he did not **awaken**. He slept **soundly** and **sweetly** all through the lovely night. When he did awake at last it was brilliant morning and a servant was standing staring at him. He was an Italian servant and was accustomed, as all the servants of the **villa** were, to accepting without question any strange thing his foreign master might do. No one ever knew when he would go out or come in or where he would choose to sleep or if he would **roam** about the garden or lie in the boat on the lake all night. The man held a **salver** with some letters on it and he waited quietly until Mr. Craven took them. When he had gone away Mr. Craven sat a few moments holding them in his hand and looking at the lake. His strange calm was still upon him and something more--a **lightness** as if the cruel thing which had been done had not happened as he thought--as if something had changed. He was remembering the dream--the real--real dream.

"In the garden!" he said, wondering at himself. "In the garden! But the door is locked and the key is buried deep."

When he glanced at the letters a few minutes later he saw that the one lying at the top of the rest was an English letter and came from Yorkshire. It was directed in a plain woman's hand but it was not a hand he knew. He opened it, scarcely thinking of the writer, but the first words attracted his attention at once.

"Dear Sir:

I am Susan Sowerby that made bold to speak to you once on the moor. It was about Miss Mary I spoke. I will make bold to speak again. Please, sir, I would come home if I was you. I think you would be glad

Thesaurus

awaken: (*v*) arouse, wake, rouse, call, stir, kindle, get up, raise, wake up, waken, revive. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dampen, calm, retire, suppress, spoil, quench, douse, stifle.
lightness: (*n*) brightness, buoyancy, frivolity, flightiness, delicacy, airiness, agility, levity, light, nimbleness, flippancy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) darkness, gravity, weight, harshness, seriousness.
roam: (*adj, v*) stray; (*v*) wander,

gallivant, meander, range, gad, walk, drift, tramp, journey, stroll.
 ANTONYMS: (*v*) rush, settle.
salver: (*n*) waiter, server, epergne, tazza, platter, plate, serving dish, patella, urn, attendant, patera.
soundly: (*adv*) sound, fully, solidly, thoroughly, deeply, substantially, validly, strongly, stably, fastly, safely.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) harmfully, halfheartedly, fitfully, unconvincingly.

sweetly: (*adv*) pleasantly, sweet, mildly, melodically, melodiously, softly, syrupily, beautifully, pleasingly, dulcetly, fairly.
 ANTONYMS: (*adv*) discordantly, horribly, sharply, harshly, unkindly.
villa: (*n*) country house, cottage, house, chateau, home, holiday home, Francisco villa, estate, detached house, council house, castle.

to come and--if you will excuse me, sir--I think your lady would ask you to come if she was here.

Your **obedient** servant,
Susan Sowerby."

Mr. Craven read the letter twice before he put it back in its envelope. He kept thinking about the dream.

"I will go back to Misselthwaite," he said. "Yes, I'll go at once."

And he went through the garden to the villa and ordered Pitcher to prepare for his return to England.

In a few days he was in Yorkshire again, and on his long **railroad** journey he found himself thinking of his boy as he had never thought in all the ten years past. During those years he had only wished to forget him. Now, though he did not intend to think about him, memories of him constantly drifted into his mind. He remembered the black days when he had raved like a **madman** because the child was alive and the mother was dead. He had refused to see it, and when he had gone to look at it at last it had been, such a weak wretched thing that everyone had been sure it would die in a few days. But to the surprise of those who took care of it the days passed and it lived and then everyone believed it would be a **deformed** and **crippled** creature.

He had not meant to be a bad father, but he had not felt like a father at all. He had supplied doctors and nurses and luxuries, but he had **shrunk** from the mere thought of the boy and had buried himself in his own misery. The first time after a year's absence he returned to Misselthwaite and the small miserable looking thing **languidly** and indifferently lifted to his face the great gray eyes with black lashes round them, so like and yet so horribly unlike the happy eyes he had adored, he could not bear the sight of them and turned away pale as death. After that he scarcely ever saw him except when he was asleep, and all he knew of him was that he was a confirmed invalid, with a vicious, hysterical, half-insane temper. He could only be kept from **furies** dangerous to himself by being given his own way in every detail.

Thesaurus

crippled: (*adj*) deformed, lame, exhausted, broken, decrepit, crooked, halt, impotent; (*n*) limping; (*v*) drooping, flagging. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, functioning, fit.
deformed: (*adj*) distorted, misshapen, bent, malformed, ugly, crippled, contorted, warped, shapeless, twisted, deform. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) beautiful, flawless, unflawed, perfect, straight.
furies: (*n*) Eumenides.

languidly: (*adv*) languorously, listlessly, wearily, lethargically, slowly, dreamily, limply, weakly, torpidly, indolently, impassively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) dynamically, vigorously.
madman: (*n*) bedlamite, maniac, crazy, loony, nut, madcap, looney, loco, sufferer, raver, nutcase.
obedient: (*adj*) submissive, compliant, good, conformable, tame, acquiescent, dutiful, meek, biddable,

amenable, subservient. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) defiant, assertive, rebellious, crooked, intractable, naughty, wild, resistant.
railroad: (*n*) railway, railway system, tram road, tramway, rails, doctrine; (*v*) dragoon, push, coerce, bully, dispatch.
shrunk: (*adj*) contracted, wizened, withered, shrivelled, shriveled, wizen, insipid, drawn grain, wearish.

All this was not an uplifting thing to recall, but as the train whirled him through mountain passes and golden plains the man who was “coming alive” began to think in a new way and he thought long and steadily and deeply.

“Perhaps I have been all wrong for ten years,” he said to himself. “Ten years is a long time. It may be too late to do anything—quite too late. What have I been thinking of!”

Of course this was the wrong Magic—to begin by saying “too late.” Even Colin could have told him that. But he knew nothing of Magic—either black or white. This he had yet to learn. He wondered if Susan Sowerby had taken courage and written to him only because the motherly creature had realized that the boy was much worse—was **fatally** ill. If he had not been under the spell of the curious calmness which had taken possession of him he would have been more wretched than ever. But the calm had brought a sort of courage and hope with it. Instead of giving way to thoughts of the worst he actually found he was trying to believe in better things.

“Could it be possible that she sees that I may be able to do him good and control him?” he thought. “I will go and see her on my way to Misselthwaite.”

But when on his way across the moor he stopped the carriage at the cottage, seven or eight children who were playing about gathered in a group and bobbing seven or eight friendly and polite curtsies told him that their mother had gone to the other side of the moor early in the morning to help a woman who had a new baby. “Our Dickon,” they volunteered, was over at the Manor working in one of the gardens where he went several days each week.

Mr. Craven looked over the collection of **sturdy** little **bodies** and round red-cheeked faces, each one grinning in its own particular way, and he awoke to the fact that they were a healthy **likable** lot. He smiled at their friendly **grins** and took a golden **sovereign** from his pocket and gave it to “our ‘Lizabeth Ellen” who was the **oldest**.

“If you **divide** that into eight parts there will be half a crown for each of you,” he said.

Thesaurus

bodies: (*n*) people, public.

divide: (*n, v*) cut, part, distribute, share, split; (*v*) dissociate, dismember, separate, dispense, disconnect, detach. ANTONYMS: (*v*) unite, join, connect, combine, multiply, lump, link, keep, hold, gather, disarrange.

fatally: (*adv*) lethally, fatefully, perniciously, disastrously, destructively, terminally, deadly, pestilently, killingly, calamitously;

(*adj, adv*) dangerously.

grins: (*n*) merriment, amusement, entertainment, fun, gaiety, levity, diversion, mirth, recreation, sport.

likable: (*adj*) likeable, pleasant, pleasing, amiable, engaging, lovable, sympathetic, appealing, congenial, genial, lovely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disagreeable, unlikable, unsympathetic, unfriendly, repulsive, abominable, forgettable.

oldest: (*n*) elder, doyen; (*adj*) older.

sovereign: (*n*) ruler, king, lord, emperor; (*adj*) independent, autonomous, imperial, royal, free, regal; (*adj, n*) prince. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dependent, ineffective, useless.

sturdy: (*adj*) strong, stout, solid, rugged, firm, mighty, robust, healthy, muscular; (*adj, n*) burly, brawny. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flimsy, puny, fragile, rickety, slight, ramshackle, infirm, frail, feeble, delicate, soft.

Then amid grins and chuckles and bobbing of curtsies he drove away, leaving **ecstasy** and nudging elbows and little **jumps** of joy behind.

The drive across the wonderfulness of the moor was a **soothing** thing. Why did it seem to give him a sense of **homecoming** which he had been sure he could never feel again--that sense of the beauty of land and sky and purple bloom of distance and a **warming** of the heart at drawing, nearer to the great old house which had held those of his blood for six hundred years? How he had driven away from it the last time, shuddering to think of its closed rooms and the boy lying in the four-posted bed with the brocaded hangings. Was it possible that perhaps he might find him changed a little for the better and that he might overcome his **shrinking** from him? How real that dream had been--how wonderful and clear the voice which called back to him, "In the garden--In the garden!"

"I will try to find the key," he said. "I will try to open the door. I must--though I don't know why."

When he arrived at the Manor the servants who received him with the usual ceremony noticed that he looked better and that he did not go to the remote rooms where he usually lived attended by Pitcher. He went into the library and sent for Mrs. Medlock. She came to him somewhat excited and curious and **flustered**.

"How is Master Colin, Medlock?" he inquired. "Well, sir," Mrs. Medlock answered, "he's--he's different, in a manner of speaking."

"Worse?" he suggested.

Mrs. Medlock really was flushed.

"Well, you see, sir," she tried to explain, "neither Dr. Craven, nor the nurse, nor me can exactly make him out."

"Why is that?"

"To tell the truth, sir, Master Colin might be better and he might be changing for the worse. His appetite, sir, is past understanding--and his ways--"

Thesaurus

ecstasy: (*n*) delight, rapture, joy, bliss, delirium, happiness, trance, enthusiasm, exaltation, elation; (*n, v*) transport. ANTONYMS: (*n*) desolation, gloom, downheartedness, melancholy, depression, dejection, anguish, sadness, despair, agony, bore.

flustered: (*adj*) nervous, disconcerted, perturbed, unsettled, anxious, troubled, upset, bewildered, hurried, ill at ease; (*n*) groggy.

homecoming: (*n*) repatriation, arrival, comeback, reunification, reappearance, reunion, getting even, coming back.

jumps: (*n*) fit, nervousness, tension, anxiety, jitters.

shrinking: (*n*) contraction, recoil, reduction, decrease, condensation; (*n, v*) lessening; (*adj*) timid, fearful, shy, bashful; (*adj, adv*) cowardly.

ANTONYM: (*adj*) confident.

soothing: (*adj*) calming, soft, smooth,

pacifying, quiet, restful, bland, calm, assuasive; (*adj, n*) softening; (*n*) alleviation. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) upsetting, disturbing, hostile, scary, worrying, stimulating, exasperating, annoying, invigorating, painful, intimidating.

warming: (*n*) thaw, melt, melting, warm, thawing, warmer, heat, heating system, temperature change, radiant heating; (*adj*) caleficient.

"Has he become more--more peculiar?" her master, asked, knitting his brows anxiously.

"That's it, sir. He's growing very peculiar--when you **compare** him with what he used to be. He used to eat nothing and then suddenly he began to eat something enormous --and then he stopped again all at once and the **meals** were sent back just as they used to be. You never knew, sir, perhaps, that out of doors he never would let himself be taken. The things we've gone through to get him to go out in his chair would leave a body trembling like a leaf. He'd throw himself into such a state that Dr. Craven said he couldn't be responsible for **forcing** him. Well, sir, just without warning--not long after one of his worst tantrums he suddenly insisted on being taken out every day by Miss Mary and Susan Sowerby's boy Dickon that could push his chair. He took a fancy to both Miss Mary and Dickon, and Dickon brought his tame animals, and, if you'll credit it, sir, out of doors he will stay from morning until night."

"How does he look?" was the next question.

"If he took his food natural, sir, you'd think he was **putting** on flesh--but we're afraid it may be a sort of **bloat**. He laughs sometimes in a queer way when he's alone with Miss Mary. He never used to laugh at all. Dr. Craven is coming to see you at once, if you'll allow him. He never was as puzzled in his life."

"Where is Master Colin now?" Mr. Craven asked.

"In the garden, sir. He's always in the garden--though not a human creature is allowed to go near for fear they'll look at him."

Mr. Craven scarcely heard her last words.

"In the garden," he said, and after he had sent Mrs. Medlock away he stood and **repeated** it again and again. "In the garden!"

He had to make an effort to bring himself back to the place he was standing in and when he felt he was on earth again he turned and went out of the room. He took his way, as Mary had done, through the door in the shrubbery and among the **laurels** and the fountain beds. The fountain was playing now and was **encircled** by beds of brilliant autumn flowers. He crossed the **lawn** and turned

Thesaurus

bloat: (*v*) distend, swell, inflate, expand, bulge, billow, blow up, tumefy, puff out; (*adj*) bloated; (*n*) puffiness. ANTONYMS: (*v*) deflate, contract, shrink, shrivel.
compare: (*adj, v*) liken; (*v*) confront, equate, to compare, associate, contrast, correlate, equalize, resemble, equal; (*n, v*) comparison. ANTONYMS: (*v*) imbalance, contrast.
encircled: (*adj*) enclosed, bounded, circinate, circular, decorated,

delimited, ringed, wreathed, bordered, annulated, annular.
forcing: (*adj*) pressing, constraining, penetrating, compulsory; (*n*) push.
laurels: (*n*) honor, laurel, accolade, fame, garland, award, trophy, decoration, glory, citation, glorification. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dishonor, criticism.
lawn: (*n*) grassplot, field, green, park, meadow, grassplat, plot, lea, turfs, turves, turf.

meals: (*n*) nourishment, fare, food, meal, the food we eat, provisions.
putting: (*n*) placing, putt, botong, swing, puts, miniature golf, golf stroke, golf shot, placing into standby.
repeated: (*adj*) continual, recurrent, frequent, persistent, repeat, double, habitual, chronic, again, common, continuous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) temporary, rare, unique, alternate, unusual, spasmodic.

into the Long Walk by the ivied walls. He did not walk quickly, but slowly, and his eyes were on the path. He felt as if he were being drawn back to the place he had so long **forsaken**, and he did not know why. As he drew near to it his step became still more slow. He knew where the door was even though the ivy hung thick over it--but he did not know exactly where it lay--that buried key.

So he stopped and stood still, looking about him, and almost the moment after he had paused he started and listened--asking himself if he were walking in a dream.

The ivy hung thick over the door, the key was buried under the shrubs, no human being had passed that **portal** for ten lonely years--and yet inside the garden there were sounds. They were the sounds of running scuffling feet seeming to chase round and round under the trees, they were strange sounds of lowered suppressed voices--exclamations and **smothered** joyous cries. It seemed actually like the laughter of young things, the **uncontrollable** laughter of children who were trying not to be heard but who in a moment or so--as their excitement mounted--would burst forth. What in heaven's name was he dreaming of--what in heaven's name did he hear? Was he losing his reason and thinking he heard things which were not for human ears? Was it that the far clear voice had meant?

And then the moment came, the uncontrollable moment when the sounds forgot to **hush** themselves. The feet ran faster and faster--they were **nearing** the garden door--there was quick strong young breathing and a wild outbreak of laughing shows which could not be contained--and the door in the wall was flung wide open, the sheet of ivy swinging back, and a boy burst through it at full speed and, without seeing the outsider, dashed almost into his arms.

Mr. Craven had extended them just in time to save him from falling as a result of his **unseeing** dash against him, and when he held him away to look at him in amazement at his being there he truly gasped for breath.

He was a tall boy and a handsome one. He was glowing with life and his running had sent splendid color **leaping** to his face. He threw the thick hair back from his forehead and lifted a pair of strange gray eyes--eyes full of boyish

Thesaurus

forsaken: (*adj*) deserted, abandoned, lonely, forlorn, derelict, desert, empty, solitary, friendless; (*adj, v*) jilted; (*v*) crossed in love.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) unforsaken.
hush: (*adj, n, v*) calm, silence, quiet, still, lull; (*n*) peace; (*v*) shut up, gag, quieten, muffle; (*adj, v*) soothe.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) noise, turmoil; (*v*) Louden.
leaping: (*n*) jump, bounce, bound, leap, spring, saltation, bouncing; (*v*)

jumping; (*adj, v*) bounding; (*adj*) springing; (*adv*) leapingly.
nearing: (*n*) approach; (*adj*) impending, forthcoming, oncoming, coming, imminent, looming; (*prep*) on the verge of, toward.
portal: (*n*) gate, door, mouth, gateway, porch, entry, entrance, inlet, portals, entree, lips.
smothered: (*adj*) strangled, stifled, smothers, pent-up, covered.
uncontrollable: (*adj*) unruly,

incontrollable, ungovernable, unmanageable, intractable, undisciplined, disobedient, indocile, overwhelming, boisterous; (*adj, v*) uncontrolled. **ANTONYMS:** (*adj*) controllable, imperceptible, orderly, biddable, weak.
unseeing: (*adj*) sightless, eyeless, unobservant, blinder, inattentive, lacking sight, unsighted, unperceiving.

laughter and rimmed with black lashes like a fringe. It was the eyes which made Mr. Craven gasp for breath. "Who--What? Who!" he stammered.

This was not what Colin had expected--this was not what he had planned. He had never thought of such a meeting. And yet to come **dashing** out--winning a race--perhaps it was even better. He drew himself up to his very tallest. Mary, who had been running with him and had **dashed** through the door too, believed that he managed to make himself look taller than he had ever looked before--inches taller.

"Father," he said, "I'm Colin. You can't believe it. I scarcely can myself. I'm Colin."

Like Mrs. Medlock, he did not understand what his father meant when he said hurriedly:

"In the garden! In the garden!"

"Yes," hurried on Colin. "It was the garden that did it--and Mary and Dickon and the creatures--and the Magic. No one knows. We kept it to tell you when you came. I'm well, I can beat Mary in a race. I'm going to be an athlete."

He said it all so like a healthy boy--his face flushed, his words **tumbling** over each other in his eagerness--that Mr. Craven's **soul** shook with **unbelieving** joy.

Colin put out his hand and laid it on his father's arm.

"Aren't you glad, Father?" he ended. "Aren't you glad? I'm going to live forever and ever and ever!"

Mr. Craven put his hands on both the boy's shoulders and held him still. He knew he dared not even try to speak for a moment.

"Take me into the garden, my boy," he said at last. "And tell me all about it."

And so they led him in.

The place was a wilderness of autumn gold and purple and **violet** blue and **flaming** scarlet and on every side were sheaves of late lilies standing together--lilies which were white or white and **ruby**. He remembered well when the first of them had been planted that just at this season of the year their late glories

Thesaurus

dashed: (*v*) ashamed, cut up, sunk; (*adj*) broken, done for, dejected, discouraged, dotted.

dashing: (*adj*) stylish, dapper, gallant, showy, smart, snappy, impetuous, rakish, raffish, brave; (*adj, n*) spruce. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) boring, unstylish, dull, bumbling, bland, awkward, drab, graceless.

flaming: (*adj, n*) burning, ardent, glowing, passionate; (*adj*) blazing, ablaze, aflame, hot; (*n*) enthusiastic,

flame, fire. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) extinguished, placid, gentle, quiet.

ruby: (*adj, n*) red, crimson; (*adj*) jewel, ruddy, scarlet, diamond, pearl, precious stone, bijou; (*n*) carbuncle, deep red.

soul: (*n*) creature, human, person, personification, ghost, individual, mind, essence, life, self; (*adj, n*) heart. ANTONYMS: (*n*) surface, body.

tumbling: (*adj*) falling, billowing, dropping, rolled; (*adj, adv*) plunging;

(*n*) gymnastics, acrobatics, stunting, stunt flying, rumbling; (*adv*) headfirst.

unbelieving: (*adj*) incredulous, disbelieving, sceptical, suspicious, atheistical, nescient, irreligious, atheistic, faithless, unconverted, distrustful.

violet: (*adj, n*) mauve, lavender; (*adj*) empurpled, lilac, purplish; (*n*) viola, purpleness, indigo, sweet violet, reddish blue, pansy.

should reveal themselves. Late roses climbed and hung and **clustered** and the sunshine deepening the hue of the **yellowing** trees made one feel that one, stood in an embowered temple of gold. The newcomer stood silent just as the children had done when they came into its grayness. He looked round and round.

"I thought it would be dead," he said."

"Mary thought so at first," said Colin. "But it came alive."

Then they sat down under their tree--all but Colin, who wanted to stand while he told the story.

It was the strangest thing he had ever heard, Archibald Craven thought, as it was poured forth in **headlong** boy fashion. Mystery and Magic and wild creatures, the weird midnight meeting--the coming of the spring--the passion of insulted pride which had dragged the young Rajah to his feet to **defy** old Ben Weatherstaff to his face. The odd **companionship**, the play acting, the great secret so carefully kept. The **listener** laughed until tears came into his eyes and sometimes tears came into his eyes when he was not laughing. The Athlete, the Lecturer, the Scientific Discoverer was a laughable, **lovable**, healthy young human thing.

"Now," he said at the end of the story, "it need not be a secret any more. I dare say it will frighten them nearly into fits when they see me--but I am never going to get into the chair again. I shall walk back with you, Father--to the house."

Ben Weatherstaff's duties rarely took him away from the gardens, but on this occasion he made an excuse to carry some vegetables to the kitchen and being **invited** into the servants' hall by Mrs. Medlock to drink a glass of beer he was on the spot--as he had hoped to be--when the most dramatic event Misselthwaite Manor had seen during the present generation actually took place. One of the windows looking upon the courtyard gave also a glimpse of the lawn. Mrs. Medlock, knowing Ben had come from the gardens, hoped that he might have caught sight of his master and even by chance of his meeting with Master Colin.

"Did you see either of them, Weatherstaff?" she asked.

Thesaurus

clustered: (*adj*) agglomerated, agglomerative, bunched, bunchy, gregarious, concentrated, conglomerate, collective.

companionship: (*n*) company, society, fellowship, camaraderie, partnership, friendship, fraternity, amity, coexistence, brotherhood, communion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) animosity, enmity, solitude.

defy: (*n, v*) dare; (*v*) brave, resist, ignore, confront, revolt, oppose,

withstand, disobey, contradict; (*n*) defiance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) obey, acquiesce, surrender, yield, comply, accept.

headlong: (*adj, adv*) headfirst; (*adv*) directly, hastily, precipitately; (*adj*) rash, hurried, desperate, precipitous, impetuous, sudden, precipitate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cautiously, considered; (*adv*) carefully.

invited: (*adj*) welcomer, wanted, cherished.

listener: (*n, v*) auditor; (*n*) eavesdropper, audience, observer, perceiver, hearkener, attender, attendee, attendant, beholder.

lovable: (*adj*) delightful, charming, likable, engaging, sweet, taking, adorable, friendly, kindly, delectable, lovely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) horrible, unappealing, unlovable, detestable, despicable.

yellowing: (*n*) discoloration, tint, staining, mark, stain, streak.

Ben took his beer-mug from his mouth and wiped his lips with the back of his hand.

"Aye, that I did," he answered with a **shrewdly** significant air.

"Both of them?" suggested Mrs. Medlock.

"Both of 'em," returned Ben Weatherstaff. "Thank ye **kindly**, ma'am, I could sup up another mug of it."

"Together?" said Mrs. Medlock, **hastily** overfilling his beer-mug in her excitement.

"Together, ma'am," and Ben gulped down half of his new mug at one gulp.

"Where was Master Colin? How did he look? What did they say to each other?"

"I didna' hear that," said Ben, "along o' only bein' on th' **stepladder** lookin, over th' wall. But I'll tell thee this. There's been things goin' on outside as you house people knows nowt about. An' what tha'll find out tha'll find out soon."

And it was not two minutes before he **swallowed** the last of his beer and waved his mug solemnly toward the window which took in through the shrubbery a piece of the lawn.

"Look there," he said, "if tha's curious. Look what's comin' across th' grass."

When Mrs. Medlock looked she threw up her hands and gave a little **shriek** and every man and woman servant within hearing **bolted** across the servants' hall and stood looking through the window with their eyes almost starting out of their heads.

Across the lawn came the Master of Misselthwaite and he looked as many of them had never seen him. And by his side with his head up in the air and his eyes full of laughter walked as strongly and steadily as any boy in Yorkshire--Master Colin.

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bolted: (*adj*) barred, Bolten, secured, firm, barricaded, blockaded, bolted attachment, fast, fastened, latched, tight.

hastily: (*adv*) hurriedly, rapidly, quickly, rashly, promptly, suddenly, thoughtlessly, impetuously, swiftly, imprudently, speedily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) carefully, unhurriedly, industriously, sensibly, prudently, late, calmly, thoroughly, patiently, gradually, cautiously.

kindly: (*adj*) kind, amiable, genial, charitable; (*adv*) sympathetically, benevolently, tenderly; (*adj, n*) benign, gentle, sympathetic, benevolent. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) harshly, nastily, callously, cruelly, sharply, disagreeably, grumpily, malevolently; (*adj*) upsetting, unfeeling, sour.

shrewdly: (*adv*) sagaciously, smartly, brightly, sharply, craftily, cunningly, perceptively, cleverly, artfully,

cannily, wisely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) foolishly, innocently, ineptly, naively.

shriek: (*n, v*) screech, cry, shout, call, howl, yell, yowl, scream; (*v*) bellow, caterwaul, shrill. ANTONYM: (*v*) sigh.

stepladder: (*n*) steps, step ladder.

swallowed: (*adj*) engulfed, gulped, inundated, overcome, overwhelmed, flooded, overpowered, enclosed.

GLOSSARY

aback: (adv) aft, astern, backward, abaft, backwards, short, sternmost, unawares, suddenly; (adj) back

abide: (v) endure, bide, undergo, tolerate, take, suffer, stomach, bear, brook; (adj, v) stay, dwell.

ANTONYMS: (v) check, depart, disallow, disapprove, disbelieve, journey, dodge, leave, migrate, move, pass

abiding: (adj) immortal, stable, constant, everlasting, lasting,

enduring, perpetual, eternal,

perennial, continuing, imperishable. ANTONYMS: (adj) ephemeral, fleeting, impermanent, temporary, passing, mortal, erratic, inconstant

able: (adj) dexterous, competent, clever, ingenious, accomplished, gifted, effective, fit, expert; (adj, n) talented, efficient. ANTONYMS:

(adj) incapable, incompetent, weak, untrained, inept, delicate, feeble, infirm, clumsy, ineffective, ineffectual

abnormal: (adj) aberrant, uncommon, unusual, odd, unnatural, strange, anomalous, perverted, irregular, atypical, monstrous. ANTONYMS:

(adj) typical, usual, Standard, unexceptional, straight, regular, average, ordinary, natural, customary, conventional

above: (adv, prep) beyond, aloft, on, in excess of; (adv) up, supra, on top; (adj) preceding, former; (adj, prep) past; (prep) surpassing.

ANTONYMS: (prep) beneath, under, deficient, underneath; (adj) inferior, following

absence: (n) absenteeism, deficiency, lack, default, dearth, want, nonattendance, scarcity, paucity, shortage, privation. ANTONYMS:

(n) attendance, existence, fulfillment, inclusion, occurrence, abundance, glut, confirmation,

supply, excess

absentmindedly: (adv) absently, inattentively, distractedly, distantly, dreamily, forgetfully, vaguely, pensively, scattily, anxiously, thoughtlessly. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, carefully

absorbed: (adj) rapt, intent, immersed, fixed, deep, engaged, preoccupied, pensive, fascinated, enthralled, held. ANTONYMS: (adj) bored, disinterested, distracted, restless, unfocused, uninterested, indifferent, shallow, superficial, detached

absorbing: (adj) fascinating, engrossing, charming, enthralling, gripping, captivating, riveting, absorbent, attractive, readable; (adj, v) exciting. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, irksome, tedious, repellent, uninteresting

abundant: (adj, n) lush, luxuriant; (adj) generous, thick, plenty, affluent, liberal, fruitful, teeming, fertile, ample. ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, meager, scanty, infertile, scant, arid, rare, empty, skimpy, lacking, fruitless

accent: (v) emphasize, emphasise, punctuate, accentuate; (n) dialect, emphasis, idiom, importance, speech, articulation, pronunciation. ANTONYMS: (v) attenuate, downplay, hide, ignore, lessen, minimize, slight

accepting: (adj) tolerant, sympathetic, thoughtful, understanding, willing to help, yielding, lenient, acceptant, obliging, soft, permissive. ANTONYMS: (adj) resistant, uncooperative, unforgiving, severe, unsympathetic

accident: (n) casualty, crash, coincidence, fortune, smash, incident, hazard, hap, luck, event, fortuity. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty,

design, intention, intent, calculation

accidentally: (adv) incidentally, casually, fortuitously, by chance, coincidentally, adventitiously, unintentionally, contingently, haphazardly, occasionally, inadvertently. ANTONYMS: (adv) deliberately, knowingly, purposely, unfortunately, correctly

accord: (n) agreement, consensus, harmony; (n, v) consent, concord, assent; (adj, v) agree; (v) give, bestow, suit, grant. ANTONYMS:

(n) discord, strife, antagonism, hostility, friction, dissidence, dissension; (n, v) conflict; (v) withhold, question, oppose

accordingly: (adv) therefore, thus, so, then, ergo, as a result, correspondingly, according, appropriately, as a consequence, properly. ANTONYM: (adv) unsuitable

accused: (n) panel, defendant, prisoner, respondent, suspect, suspected person

accustomed: (adj, n) habitual; (adj) familiar, normal, wonted, usual, natural, everyday, ordinary, habituated, common, traditional.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, green, unseasoned, unconventional, untrained, abnormal, uncharacteristic, exceptional

ache: (n, v) hunger, pain, hurt, yen; (n) twinge, thirst; (v) long, yearn, itch, smart, pine. ANTONYMS: (v) help, assist; (n) comfort, ease, health, relief, joy

acquaintance: (n) connection, friend, acquaintanceship, mate, awareness, associate, buddy, friendship, intercourse, companion; (n, v) knowledge. ANTONYMS: (n) ignorance, inexperience, unfamiliarity, animosity, enemy

across: (adv) crossways, crosswise,

- sideways, traverse, diagonally; (adj) crossed; (prep) cross, athwart, above, thwart; (adv, prep) overthwart. ANTONYMS: (adv) along, lengthways; (adj) uncrossed
- acting:** (adj) interim, active, temporary, pro Tem, provisional, agent, substitute; (n) drama, business, portrayal, playing
- actions:** (n) proceedings, behaviour, deeds, deportment, background, behavior, events, activities
- activity:** (n) liveliness, play, exercise, activeness, job, occupation, agility, work, enterprise, agency, vigor. ANTONYMS: (n) inaction, inactiveness, stillness, inertia, lifelessness, sloth, work
- actual:** (adj, n) true; (adj) absolute, genuine, factual, authentic, precise, literal, tangible, indisputable, existent; (adj, adv) de facto. ANTONYMS: (adj) hypothetical, false, supposed, nominal, potential, unreal, theoretical, seeming, fictitious, pretended, past
- actually:** (adv) genuinely, substantially, positively, authentically, certainly, truly, physically, presently, absolutely, exactly, in reality. ANTONYMS: (adv) seemingly, falsely, hypothetically, nominally, mentally
- added:** (adj) additional, further, extra, more, supplementary, accessorial, adscititious, supplemental, ancillary, other, new. ANTONYM: (adj) subtracted
- addition:** (n) accession, accessory, increase, extension, addendum, accretion, attachment, appendage, annex, extra; (n, prep) accumulation. ANTONYMS: (n) removal, estimation, deduction, exclusion, decline, erosion, loss, setback
- admiration:** (n) esteem, adoration, appreciation, reverence, estimation, amazement, liking, awe, compliment; (adj, n) regard; (v) laud. ANTONYMS: (n) disdain, criticism, disapproval, contempt, abhorrence, loathing, disgust, despising, dishonor, disparagement, detestation
- admire:** (v) revere, look up to, idolize, appreciate, adore, wonder, praise, worship, admiring, esteem, honor. ANTONYMS: (v) despise, loathe, scorn, hate, condemn, abhor, disrespect, detest, disregard, disapprove, deprecate
- admiringly:** (adv) admire, lovingly, respectfully, reverently, approvingly, enthusiastically, affectionately, indulgently, kindly, dotingly, tenderly. ANTONYMS: (adv) disrespectfully, ill
- admitted:** (v) admitting, understood, of course; (adj) acknowledged, undisputed, known, orthodox
- adorably:** (adv) delightfully
- adoration:** (n) admiration, adulation, cult, appreciation, reverence, glorification, idolization, homage, praise; (adj, n) devotion, passion. ANTONYMS: (n) hatred, detestation, despising, disparagement, revulsion, repulsion, disgust, disdain
- adored:** (adj) loved, respected, precious, idolized, idolised, acclaimed, blessed, favorite, dearly loved, beloved, venerated
- advance:** (v) accelerate, proceed, encourage, lend; (adv, v) further; (adj, v) promote; (n, v) rise, approach, raise, offer; (n) improvement. ANTONYMS: (v) recede, demote, regress, delay, retard, prevent, reverse; (n) deterioration, recession; (n, v) decrease, downgrade
- adventures:** (n) experiences, fortunes, confessions, journal, life, biography, autobiography, personal narrative
- advice:** (n) warning, counsel, caution, report, exhortation, council, tidings, counselling, notice, intelligence, instruction. ANTONYMS: (n) misrepresentation, deceit, deception, lie, falsehood, betrayal, warning
- advised:** (adj) studied, considered, premeditated, deliberate, calculated, intended; (v) determinate, express, designed
- affair:** (n) occurrence, event, business, concern, occasion, job, topic, duty, subject, amour, thing
- affectation:** (n) pretension, feint, pose, display, airs, affectedness, ostentation, show, pretense, mannerism, sham. ANTONYMS: (n) artlessness, honesty, modesty
- affected:** (adj) unnatural, pretentious, stilted, pompous, pedantic, studied, feigned, pretended, factitious, exaggerated, strained. ANTONYMS: (adj) unchanged, natural, genuine, calm, modest, unswayed, untouched, untroubled, unmoved; (adv) modestly
- affection:** (n) charity, attachment, fondness, heart, love, disease, nature, feeling, affectionateness, tenderness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (n) disgust, neglect, malice, loathing, dislike, detachment, coldness, roughness
- affectionate:** (adj) fond, tender, kind, mild, devoted, ardent, warm, cordial, caring, brotherly; (adj, adv) fatherly. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncaring, callous, undemonstrative, aloof, cool, disapproving, reserved, antagonistic, paternal, rough
- afford:** (v) offer, yield, provide, give, supply, get, furnish, impart, deliver, originate, sustain. ANTONYM: (v) withhold
- afore:** (adv) ahead, along, before, forwards, formerly, beforehand, previously; (adj) erewhile, beforehand, theretofore, preceding
- afraid:** (adj) fearful, timid, shy, apprehensive, anxious, worried, scared, frightened, nervous, terrified; (adj, adv) cowardly. ANTONYMS: (adj) brave, venturesome, calm, confident, cool, courageous, eager, unafraid, valiant, bold, carefree
- afternoon:** (n) Pm, farewell, greeting, P, salutation, in the afternoon, daytime, noon, postmeridian, midday, daylight. ANTONYMS: (n) morning, nighttime
- afterward:** (adv, conj) then, after that; (adv) thereafter, afterwards, later, subsequently, later on, next, soon; (adj) following; (n) future. ANTONYMS: (adv) now, previously, before
- again:** (adv) more, then, repeatedly, anew, encore, furthermore, yet, also, often, once again, once more
- against:** (adj, adv) counter; (prep) toward, versus, from; (pref) by; (v) oppose; (adv, prep) on; (n) opposition; (adj) unwilling, repugnant; (adv) athwart. ANTONYMS: (prep) for; (adj) eager
- agate:** (n) calcedony, heliotrope, carnelian, gagate, achate, chalcedony
- ages:** (n) time out of mind, time immemorial, oon's age, blue moon, month of Sundays
- agitated:** (adj) upset, excited, nervous, restive, tumultuous, distressed, tense, jumpy, overwrought, anxious, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, lethargic, tranquil, relaxed, assured, cool, still
- agree:** (v) admit, acknowledge, acquiesce, adjust, concord, bargain, suit, accede, harmonize, fit; (n, v)

coincide. ANTONYMS: (v) oppose, differ, argue, refuse, object, refute, conflict, fight, dispute, decline, contend

agreeable: (adj) accordant, nice, sweet, consistent, suitable, amusing, enjoyable, affable; (adj, v) pleasant, desirable; (adj, n) acceptable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) disagreeable, discordant, unpleasant, nasty, unwilling, resistant, aggressive, repugnant, averse, stubborn, unacceptable

agreed: (adj) unanimous, approved, set, united, in agreement, accepted, agreeable; (adv, int) all right; (int) okay; (v) content; (adv) no question. ANTONYMS: (adj) changing, individual

ahead: (adv) in advance, formerly, beforehand, previously, along, onward, beyond, in the van; (adj) front; (adj, adv) forward; (v) precede. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) late; (adv) subsequently, following, back, before, after, ago, backward, losing, later; (adj) behindhand

ajar: (v) dissentient, unclosed, unstopped, wide open, out of tune; (adj) open, gaping, partly open, not closed

alarm: (n, v) alert, scare, awe, panic; (n) consternation, alarm clock, fright, alarm, terror; (v) agitate, horrify. ANTONYMS: (n, v) comfort; (v) reassure, soothe, assure; (n) reassurance, composure, nonchalance, assurance, bravery, confidence, order

alarmed: (adj) afraid, scared, frightened, apprehensive, horrified, anxious, uneasy, agitated, shocked, terrified, concerned. ANTONYM: (adj) carefree

alert: (adj) active, agile, quick, lively, intelligent, aware, vigilant, clever, animated, ready; (adj, v) awake. ANTONYMS: (adj) drowsy, absentminded, dazed, tired, sleepy, unconscious, slow, asleep, unobservant, forgetful, dim

alive: (adj) live, vivacious, living, sensible, delicate, snappy, animated, lively, spry, responsive; (n) life.

ANTONYMS: (adj) deceased, inanimate, unanimated, dispirited, dull, inactive, lethargic, lifeless, listless, nonfunctioning, sluggish

allow: (adj, v) admit, accord; (v) agree, permit, grant, accede, acquiesce, afford, authorize, bear; (n, v) give. ANTONYMS: (v) prohibit,

deny, reject, refuse, keep, prevent, disallow, disapprove, withstand, hold, outlaw

allowed: (adj) allowable, legal, admissible, sanctioned, authorized, legitimate, free, accepted, tolerable; (v) allow, warranted. ANTONYMS: (adj) unacceptable, unlawful, constrained

almost: (adj, adv, prep) about; (adj, adv) nearly, all but, near, nigh; (adv, prep) just about, approximately; (adv) just, mostly, virtually, most. ANTONYMS: (adv) surely, exactly, definitely, certainly

alone: (adj) forlorn, individual, lonely, lonesome; (adj, adv) only, apart; (adv) solely, entirely, exclusively, separately, individually.

ANTONYMS: (adj) overshadowed, ordinary, mobbed, equaled, crowded, accompanied, common, grouped, surpassed; (adv) jointly; (n) foe

along: (adv) ahead, alongside, forwards, forth, throughout, lengthwise, onward, before; (prep) beside, from; (n) at. ANTONYMS: (adv) across, separate, apart, far

aloud: (adv) loud, out loud, strong, out, audibly, hard, forte. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, inaudibly, quietly

already: (adv) beforehand, previously, before, formerly, even now, just now, at present, once, heretofore, yet, in advance

alter: (v) change, adapt, move, convert, adjust, amend, affect, transform, correct, vary, shift.

ANTONYMS: (v) continue, keep, leave, preserve, worsen, retain, standardize, straighten, clarify

alternately: (adv) alternatively, by turns, in turn, secondarily, reciprocally, mutually, off-and-on, rather, anthemwise, secondly; (adj, adv) on and off

always: (adv) continuously, whenever, permanently, ever, usually, eternally, unceasingly; (adj) perpetual, still, eternal; (adj, adv) without exception. ANTONYMS: (adv) erratically, intermittently, temporarily

amazed: (adj) astounded, astonished, stunned, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, shocked, staggered, bewildered, surprised, thunderstruck, aghast

amazement: (n) admiration, wonder, surprise, consternation,

stupefaction, stupor, wonderment, feeling, alarm, jolt; (v) amaze.

ANTONYMS: (n) preparation, indifference, expectation, coolness, cool, composure, calmness, contempt, belief

amazing: (adj) astonishing, terrific, wonderful, incredible, awesome, astounding, breathtaking, extraordinary, fabulous, impressive, tremendous. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, boring, predictable, unremarkable, modest, insignificant, comforting, dire, humdrum

amazingly: (adj, adv) wonderfully, stupendously, awfully; (adv) surprisingly, astoundingly, extraordinarily, spectacularly, marvelously, fabulously, terrifically, terrifically. ANTONYMS: (adv) predictably, mildly

amen: (adj) right, correct; (n) Amon; (adv) positively, yes

amid: (adv, prep) among, amongst; (prep) between, amidst, mid, during, in the midst of, with, surrounded by, stuck between; (n) midst. ANTONYMS: (prep) outside, separate

among: (prep) between, amidst, mid, in, amongst, in the middle of, inter, in the midst of, with, within, middle. ANTONYM: (prep) outside

amuse: (v) please, beguile, absorb, entertain, enjoy, disport, distract, delight, occupy, recreate, rejoice. ANTONYMS: (v) bore, dull, tire, annoy, anger, cloy, depress, weary, disappoint

amused: (adj) amusing, smiling, tickled pink, pleased, diverted

amusement: (n) pleasure, recreation, entertainment, distraction, diversion, sport, pastime, laughter, enjoyment, joy, hobby. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, boredom, work, tedium, business, despondency, discomfort, displeasure

amusing: (adj) humorous, fun, pleasant, entertaining, risible, comical, diverting, enjoyable, laughable, agreeable, pleasing. ANTONYMS: (adj) tragic, boring, unpleasant, unfunny, tiring, grim, depressing, sad, annoying, heavy, serious

ancestors: (n) family, ancestor, lineage, pedigree, parents, majority, intimates, genealogy, family tree, associates, relatives

ancient: (adj) old, obsolete,

- antiquated, former, past, archaic, antique, primitive, bygone, hoary; (adj, n) elder. ANTONYMS: (adj) contemporary, young, recent, fresh, new, present, youthful, current
- angel:** (n, v) sponsor, support; (n) backer, cherub, messenger, patron, benefactor, saint; (adj) Dulcinea, goddess; (adj, n) darling. ANTONYMS: (n) fiend, devil, jerk, demon
- anger:** (n) fury, rage, displeasure, resentment, indignation; (v) incense, offend, irritate, exasperate; (adj) angry; (n, v) wrath. ANTONYMS: (v) placate, pacify, tickle; (n) pleasure, composure, glee, affection, serenity, goodwill, forbearance; (n, v) calm
- angrily:** (adv) irately, passionately, fiercely, indignantly, cholericly, resentfully, enragedly, infuriatedly, wrathfully, madly, crossly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, lightly, calmly, cheerfully, gently, gladly
- angry:** (adj) anger, furious, provoked, incensed, vehement, fierce, irate, raging, maddened, shirty, indignation. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, gentle, joyful, content, euphoric, mild, happy, resigned, joyous, gleeful, quiet
- animal:** (adj, n) brute; (n) beast, organism, living thing, being, fauna; (adj, adv) fleshly; (adj) bodily, carnal, corporeal, physical. ANTONYMS: (adj) refined, mineral, genteel, mental, rational, intellectual, vegetable, delicate, factual, spiritual; (n) plant
- animals:** (n) beast, nature, natural world, flora and fauna, stock, animal kingdom
- announced:** (adj) proclaimed, declared
- announcement:** (n) annunciation, advertisement, declaration, release, statement, communication, report, proclamation, promulgation, pronouncement, intimation. ANTONYM: (n) request
- announcing:** (n) publicity, communication; (adj) annunciative
- annoyance:** (n) anger, harassment, aggravation, disturbance, inconvenience, pain, bother, botheration, temper, displeasure, vexation. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, satisfaction, patience, calmness, delight, equanimity, advantage, balm
- another:** (adj) second, more, alternative, additional, new, further, fresh, extra; (adj, v) other; (adj, pron) some other; (n) the other. ANTONYMS: (n, pron) same
- answer:** (n, v) respond, retort; (v) counter, serve, resolve, acknowledge, correspond; (n) solution, defence, return, reaction. ANTONYMS: (n, v) question; (v) ask, differ, fail, ignore; (n) request, problem, invitation, poison
- ants:** (n) family Formicidae, Formicidae, hymenoptera, impatience, order hymenoptera, restlessness, tension
- anxiety:** (n) disquiet, trouble, fear, care, alarm, anxiousness, uneasiness, worry, anguish, concern; (adj, n) solicitude. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, bravery, confidence, reassurance, security, relaxation, indifference, serenity, tranquility, peace, satisfaction
- anxious:** (adj) uneasy, alarmed, thoughtful, fearful, apprehensive, agitated, keen; (adj, v) nervous, tense, solicitous, jumpy. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, carefree, confident, rational, unconcerned, undisturbed, untroubled, assured, uncomfortable, cool, apathetic
- anxiously:** (adv) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly
- anybody:** (adv) any, each; (n, pron) any person, a person; (n) everyone, somebody, nobody, everybody, someone; (pron) whoever
- anyone:** (n) one, someone, everybody, everyone, somebody, any person, individual, human being; (adv) any, each; (pron) whoever. ANTONYM: (pron) nobody
- anything:** (adv) any, somewhat; (n) thing, aught, everything, something, any part; (adj) whatsoever; (pron) suchlike
- anywhere:** (adv, n) anyplace; (adv) someplace, wherever, everywhere
- apart:** (adj, adv) aloof; (adv) aside, asunder, especially; (adj) alone, distant, detached, isolated, only; (adj, v) separate; (v) segregate. ANTONYMS: (adv) adjoining, near, surrounded; (adj) connected, nearby
- apartment:** (n) residence, lodging, suite, place, dwelling, chamber, room, abode, house, home, accommodation
- appalling:** (adj, v) shocking, grim, terrific; (adj) alarming, dire, ghastly, dreadful, frightful, terrible, atrocious, vile. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasant, admirable, lovely, encouraging, laudable, comforting, pleasing, agreeable, honorable, appealing, humane
- apparent:** (adj, adv) visible; (adj) discernible, patent, plain, open, obvious, ostensible, clear, definite, evident, perceptible. ANTONYMS: (adj) unclear, real, obscure, mysterious, hidden, ambiguous, unlikely, questionable, uncertain, imperceptible, doubtful
- apparently:** (adv) manifestly, evidently, patently, obviously, clearly, plainly, supposedly, conspicuously, overtly, outwardly, allegedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unclearly, actually, doubtfully, questionably, uncertainly, underneath, unlikely, truly, equivocally, imperceptibly
- appealingly:** (adv) beautifully, captivantly, charmingly, prettily, engagingly, pleasantly, enchantingly, delightfully, imploringly, interestingly, fascinatingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) disgustingly, unappealingly, unattractively, unpleasantly
- appear:** (v) occur, seem, sound, come out, turn up, show, emerge, break, arrive, feel, arise. ANTONYMS: (v) vanish, hide, stop, sink, recede, go, depart
- appeared:** (n) appearing
- appearing:** (adj) seeming, beseen, emergent, accomplished; (n) coming into court; (prep) liking; (adj, adv) prima facie
- appetite:** (n, v) desire; (n) appetite, appetency, relish, inclination, stomach, taste, thirst, passion, liking, gusto. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, repulsion, revulsion, apathy, distaste
- apple:** (n) Malus pumila, pome, earth, city, world, orchard apple tree; (v) apple slump, ball; (adj) green
- appreciative:** (adj) grateful, supportive, indebted, appreciatory, complimentary, sympathetic, understanding, sensitive, discriminating, pleased, obliged. ANTONYMS: (adj) unkind, derogatory, uncomplimentary,

- disapproving, unsympathetic, negative
- approach:** (n) access, entry, means, advent, coming, entrance, arrival; (n, v) advance; (v) accost, address; (adv, v) near. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, withdrawal, leaving, distancing; (v) end, withdraw, finish, distance, depart, conclude, close
- approaching:** (adj) future, forthcoming, impending, imminent, oncoming, near; (adj, n) coming; (n, v) approach; (adv) nearly, almost; (prep) toward
- approval:** (n) applause, approbation, acclaim, agreement, recognition, admiration, acquiescence, praise, acknowledgment, appreciation, permission. ANTONYMS: (n) rejection, condemnation, scorn, criticism, refusal, caution, dissatisfaction, disrespect, denial, veto, opposition
- approved:** (adj) sanctioned, certified, allowed, authorized, accredited, agreed, regular, conventional, standard, orthodox, official. ANTONYMS: (adj) informal, disapproved, incorrect, unorthodox
- apron:** (n) skirt, proscenium, pall, pontificals, lawn sleeves, pinafore, petticoat, gathering head, wife, jupe, farthingale
- arch:** (n, v) curve, bow, bend; (n) dome, curvature, acute; (adj) wily, shrewd, sly; (v) vault; (adj, n, v) round. ANTONYMS: (adj) smallest, petty, modest, minor, frank, least, lesser, inferior, forthright, guileless, humble
- arched:** (adj, v) bowed, arcuate; (adj) bent, vaulted, convex, arciform, arced, domed, hooked, hunched, crooked
- armchair:** (n) fauteuil, easy-chair, seat, easy chair, chair, lounge, recliner, elbowchair
- armor:** (n, v) armour, mask; (n) armature, defense, security, guard, protection, safeguard, crust, shell, skin
- arms:** (n) armament, coat of arms, weaponry, ammunition, shield, ordnance, order, munition, hardware, blazon; (adj) armed
- around:** (adv) approximately, almost, roughly, just about, some; (adv, prep) round, encompassing; (adj) near; (n) vicinity; (prep) all round, encircling
- arranged:** (adj) settled, regular, prepared, orderly, fixed, organized, ready, tidy, straight, ordered, neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) disorderly, disorganized, changing, unprepared, untidy
- arrived:** (adv) here, at home; (adj) accepted
- arrow:** (n) missile, bolt, dart, barb, gun, spear, bullet, cursor; (adj, n) rocket; (adj) hydrargyrum, quicksilver
- ashamed:** (adj) hangdog, guilty, embarrassed, sheepish, remorseful, regretful, bashful, disconcerted, contrite, chagrined; (v) dashed. ANTONYMS: (adj) proud, arrogant, unremorseful, unashamed, pleased, blatant, bold, happy, unabashed, unrepentant
- ashy:** (adj) wan, ashen, pale, sallow, pallid, grey, livid, gray, cadaverous, pasty, white
- aside:** (adv) apart, away, beside, alongside, in reserve, off, abreast; (adj, adv) by; (n) digression, divagation, parenthesis. ANTONYMS: (adv) erectly, uprightly, vertically
- asking:** (v) ask; (n) invitation, prayer, suit, application, begging, supplication, entreaty, billing; (adj) interrogatory, interrogative
- asleep:** (adj) sleeping, deceased, sleepy, dormant, numb, dead, sound asleep, snoozing, slumbering, napping, gone. ANTONYMS: (adj) up, attentive, alert, conscious
- assist:** (n, v) aid, help, support; (v) abet, serve, contribute, boost, relieve, encourage, to help, facilitate. ANTONYMS: (n, v) impede, oppose; (v) thwart, disrupt, hamper, hurt, stop, worsen, shun; (n) hindrance, counteract
- assuming:** (adj) arrogant, uppish, forward, bloated, contumelious, pretentious, bold, pompous; (conj) if; (n) assumption; (v) assume. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, modest
- astonished:** (adj) astonish, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, stunned, aghast, bewildered, astounded, taken aback, thunderstruck, astonied; (v) amaze
- astonishing:** (adj) amazing, wonderful, stupendous, prodigious, strange, surprising, astounding, incredible, breathtaking; (v) astonish; (adj, n) marvelous. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, humdrum, boring, mundane, dull, expected, predictable, usual, comforting
- astonishment:** (n) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle. ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, belief, contempt
- astounding:** (adj) amazing, miraculous, wonderful, incredible, tremendous, spectacular, sensational, breathtaking, awesome, staggering, prodigious. ANTONYMS: (adj) unremarkable, comforting, predictable, boring, insignificant
- athlete:** (n) gymnast, acrobat, sportsman, contestant, jock, amateur, contender, hurdler, sport, athletes, wrestler
- atmosphere:** (n) ambiance, mood, aura, feel, environment, feeling, background, quality, medium, setting
- atom:** (n) grain, speck, molecule, particle, mite, bit, mote, monad, crumb, corpuscle, iota
- atrophied:** (adj) cadaverous, wasted, diminished; (v) shrivel. ANTONYM: (adj) hypertrophied
- attempt:** (n, v) endeavor, offer, struggle, assay, essay, attack; (n) effort, trial; (v) undertake, chance, aim. ANTONYMS: (n) success, fulfillment, achievement, accomplishment; (v) succeed, fulfill, achieve, accomplish, perform
- attempted:** (adj) unsuccessful
- attend:** (n, v) tend, escort, nurse, conduct; (v) assist, serve, minister, aid, look, partake, follow. ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, leave, ignore, disregard, desert, abandon
- attended:** (adj) attent, fraught, tended to
- attention:** (n) mind, heed, notice, alertness, care, advertency, aid, consideration, ear, attentiveness, precision. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect, negligence, thoughtlessness, abandonment, abstraction, discourtesy, disregard, oversight, indifference, insensibility, carelessness
- attentively:** (adv) carefully, mindfully, watchfully, observantly, heedfully, vigilantly, cautiously, considerably, diligently, alertly, obligingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unhelpfully, neglectfully, abruptly, carelessly, hastily, casually
- attract:** (v) charm, beguile, tempt, enamor, invite, entice, captivate,

- draw, arrest, beckon; (adj, v) allure. ANTONYMS: (v) disgust, repulse, dismiss, appall, shun, exude
- attracted:** (adj) paying attention, concerned, unmoved, enthusiastic, interested, involved, amatory
- attracting:** (adj) alluring, tempting, attractive, tractive, winning, taking, prepossessing, allicient, seductive; (n) drawing; (v) attrahent
- attraction:** (n) allure, invitation, affinity, appeal, charm, allurements, lure, fascination, bait, draw, attractiveness. ANTONYMS: (n) repulsion, revulsion, disgust, aversion, repellent, drawback
- ought:** (n) nil, zero, anything, ought, cypher, nix, cipher, naught, null, zip; (adj) any
- austerely:** (adv) seriously, harshly, sternly, strictly, rigorously, grimly, bleakly, hardly, starkly, rigidly, gravely. ANTONYMS: (adv) leniently, negligently, gently, lightheartedly
- austrian:** (adj) cisleithan
- authority:** (n) ascendancy, sanction, warrant, administration, authorization, professional, judge, hold, domination, dominance; (adj, n) rule. ANTONYMS: (n) novice, neophyte, weakness, apprentice, servility, servitude, refusal, powerlessness, insecurity, inferiority, indecisiveness
- autumn:** (n) fall, season, downfall, descent, declivity, harvest
- avenue:** (n) road, route, sort, path, passage, approach, way, means, boulevard, course, lane
- awake:** (v) wake, awaken, realize, waken; (adj) alive, alert, attentive, conscious, keen, intelligent; (adj, v) broad awake. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconscious, sleeping, comatose, sleepy, relaxed; (v) deaden, lull, sleep
- awaken:** (v) arouse, wake, rouse, call, stir, kindle, get up, raise, wake up, waken, revive. ANTONYMS: (v) dampen, calm, retire, suppress, spoil, quench, douse, stifle
- awakened:** (adj) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested
- awakening:** (n) arousal, waking up, revival, disenchantment, awakenment, introduction, provocation; (adj) arousing, moving, animating; (v) awake. ANTONYM: (n) suppression
- aware:** (adj) awake, attentive, conscious, realize, vigilant, perceive, mindful, heedful, alive, sentient, sensible. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconscious, insensitive, ignorant, unfamiliar, unwitting, incognizant, unmindful, unconcerned, unprepared, oblivious, indifferent
- away:** (adj, adv) abroad, absent; (adj, adv, int) out; (adj) distant; (adv) aside, aloof, afar, way, by, forth; (adv, int) off. ANTONYMS: (adj) adjacent, neighboring, nearby, near, close; (adv) intermittently, haltingly, discontinuously, in
- awful:** (adj) fearful, dreadful, terrible, abominable, appalling, nasty, abhorrent, atrocious, bad, horrible, lousy. ANTONYMS: (adj) excellent, wonderful, marvelous, great, lovely, nice, pleasant, beautiful, pleasing, good, minor
- awfully:** (adv) atrociously, hideously, appallingly, frightfully, fearfully, ghastly, terribly, horrifically, horrendously, badly; (adj, adv) amazingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, hardly, little, mildly, satisfactorily, slightly, well, adequately, superbly, somewhat
- awkward:** (adj) inconvenient, clumsy, embarrassing, uncomfortable, ungainly, untoward, crude, inept, sticky, left-handed, heavy. ANTONYMS: (adj) gracefully, easy, adroit, manageable, straightforward, simple, dexterous, rotund, convenient, helpful, skillful
- awkwardly:** (adv) gawkily, ineptly, ungracefully, embarrassingly, maladroitly, stiffly, gracelessly, inopportunistly, bunglingly, inelegantly, unwildly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gracefully, elegantly, usefully, urbanely, contentedly, coherently, calmly, conveniently, agilely, expertly, amenably
- awoke:** (adj) awakened
- ayah:** (n) bonne, nurse, housemaid, domestic, biddy
- babies:** (n) children, babes, babe, babying, offspring
- baby:** (n) babe, child, darling; (v) pamper, indulge, coddle, mollycoddle, spoil; (adj, n) miniature, young; (adj) small. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, neglect; (adj) large, mature, big; (n) parent, adolescent, adult, grownup
- backbone:** (n) back, strength, nerve, courage, mainstay, pluck, spine, vertebral column, grit, stamina; (adj, n) bottom. ANTONYMS: (n) powerlessness, spinelessness, timidity, weakness
- backward:** (adj, adv) late, behindhand; (adj) tardy, retarded, reluctant, coy, slow, laggard, dilatory; (adv) behind, backwardly. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) ahead; (adv) onward; (adj) quick, developing, advanced, confident, brilliant, bold
- bacon:** (n) Francis bacon, statesman, solon, philosopher, lard, gammon, livelihood, pay, middlings, Roger bacon, salary
- badgers:** (n) family Mustelidae, fispiped, fispiped mammal
- badness:** (n) evil, wickedness, evilsness, ill, naughtiness, disobedience, intensity, intensiveness, quality, roguishness, viciousness. ANTONYMS: (n) goodness, decency, good
- baffling:** (adj) knotty, incomprehensible, puzzling, inexplicable, unaccountable, infathomable, baffle, bewildering, confusing, perplexing, difficult. ANTONYMS: (adj) apparent, enlightening, explicable, simple
- bake:** (v) roast, broil, fire, fry, cook, stew, to bake, grill, scorch, toast, heat
- baking:** (adj) hot, scorching, roasting, burning, boiling, sweltering, torrid; (n) cookery, cooking, stoving, firing. ANTONYM: (adj) fresh
- bald:** (adj) hairless, simple, austere, meager, raw, barefaced, stark, plain, nude, naked; (adj, v) threadbare. ANTONYMS: (adj) ornate, furry, hirsute, woolly, embellished, adorned, decorated
- bands:** (n) cords, stripes
- bandy:** (v) exchange, agitate, band, shuttlecock, argue, debate, shuffle, brandish, change bands, flap; (n) bander
- bang:** (n, v) slam, hit, beat, strike, knock, smash, boom, thud, bump; (adv, n, v) smack, slap. ANTONYMS: (n) silence; (v) tiptoe
- bank:** (n) dam, coast, limit, stack; (n, v) store, slope, gradient, embankment, heap, hill; (v) deposit. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, spend, align, disburse, distrust, plumb, straighten; (n) hollow
- bare:** (adj) naked, austere, bald, stark, bleak, exposed, desolate, plain; (adj, v) empty, vacant; (v) show. ANTONYMS: (adj) cultivated, ornate, concealed, elaborate,

- adorned, decorated, dressed, clothed, embellished; (v) cover, conceal
- bared:** (adj) naked, unclothed, exposed
- barely:** (adv) merely, just, nakedly, scantily, simply, nudely, baldly, purely, narrowly; (adj, adv) scarcely, only. ANTONYMS: (adj) enough, amply, sufficiently, abundantly; (adv) much, thoroughly, well, easily, obviously, clearly, strongly
- bark:** (n, v) skin, yelp, snarl, cry, rind, shout; (v) growl, roar; (n) bay, peel, crust. ANTONYMS: (n, v) whisper
- barney:** (v) altercation, high words, snarl, spat, words, squabble, tiff, tracasserie, quarrel
- bars:** (n) grinding media, gymnastics, parallel bars
- basil:** (n) common basil, herb, sheepskin, Ocimum, genus Ocimum, basan, aromatic plant
- basket:** (n) cage, hamper, basketful, creel, Corf, coop, bucket, spinner basket, bassinet, containerful, cradle
- battle:** (n, v) fight, struggle, combat, contest, war, conflict, clash, brawl; (v) wrestle; (n) fighting, warfare. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, agreement, truce, concord, armistice, accord, surrender
- beak:** (n) neb, snout, bill, nose, prow, snoot, rostrum, proboscis, nib, pecker; (v) peck
- bear:** (v) accept, take, stand, acquit, abide, allow, wear, comport, tolerate, convey, team. ANTONYMS: (v) release, avoid, destroy, dodge, take, eradicate, evade, kill, refuse, erase; (n) bull
- bearable:** (adj) endurable, sufferable, supportable, livable, admissible, allowable, sustainable, possible, reasonable, permissible, acceptable. ANTONYMS: (adj) insufferable, intolerable
- beast:** (n) animal, monster, swine, fiend, creature, scavenger, savage, critter, animate being, barbarian; (adj) bear. ANTONYM: (n) man
- beat:** (n, v) pulse, throb, tick, flap, knock; (v) batter, whip, trounce, pulsate, bat; (n) round. ANTONYMS: (v) protect, help, divide, cede, aid, separate, surrender; (adj) invigorated, energized; (n) caress, pat
- beaten:** (adj) overpowered, routed, conquered, overcome, prostrate, frothy, trounced, worsted; (v) beat, lose, fail. ANTONYMS: (adj) heartened, uplifted, triumphant, encouraged, loose
- beating:** (n) reverse, defeat, whipping, thrashing, battery, flogging, pounding, pulsation, pulse, rout; (adj) pulsing. ANTONYMS: (n) victory, win
- beautiful:** (adj) attractive, good-looking, bright, neat, beauteous, pleasant, picturesque, fine, pretty, lovely; (n) beauty. ANTONYMS: (adj) unattractive, homely, grotesque, plain, repulsive, awkward, ordinary, dull
- beautifully:** (adv) exquisitely, nicely, gorgeously, splendidly, handsomely, attractively, superbly, charmingly, divinely, grandly, elegantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unappealingly, tastelessly, abysmally, harshly, horribly, badly
- beauty:** (n) attractiveness, beaut, charm, pulchritude, loveliness, exquisiteness, grace, grandeur, looker, good looks; (adj) beautiful. ANTONYMS: (n) hag, plainness, shortcoming, flaw, witch, dog, disadvantage, detraction, repulsiveness, eyesore, awkwardness
- become:** (v) grow, suit, be, match, come about, arise, get, sit, to become, fall; (adj) becoming. ANTONYMS: (v) halt, stay, lower, stop, reduce, clash
- becoming:** (adj, v) seemly, proper, befitting; (adj) decorous, decent, adequate, apposite, due, agreeable, fit, relevant. ANTONYMS: (adj) inappropriate, unattractive, unflattering, improper, unbecoming, unsuitable, ugly, unseemly
- bedroom:** (n) bedchamber, dormitory, sleeping room, apartment, assembly, berth, boudoir, master bedroom; (adj) sexy
- beef:** (n, v) grumble, moan, grouse, squawk, groan; (n) complaint, ox, fuss, beeves; (v) grouch, complain. ANTONYMS: (n) impotence, praise; (v) rejoice
- beer:** (v) wine, heavy wet, stingo, spirits; (n) lager, ale, brewage, malt liquor, suds, alcoholic beverage, alcoholic drink
- bees:** (n) Apoidea, superfamily Apoidea
- beetle:** (v) project, jut, bulge; (adj) beetling, impend, bestride, mount, ride, protrusive; (n) mallet; (adj, v) hang over
- beetles:** (n) Coleoptera
- before:** (adv) ahead, ago, in front, previously, already, forth; (adv, prep) fore, afore; (adj) preceding, prior; (adj, adv) earlier. ANTONYMS: (adv, prep) later, behind, afterward, after; (adv) subsequently, ahead; (adj) subsequent
- began:** (v) Gan
- begin:** (v) commence, arise, initiate, become, enter, rise, originate, undertake, create, dawn, set out. ANTONYMS: (v) end, stop, cease, terminate, die, delay, complete, conclude
- beginning:** (n) commencement, derivation, birth, start, opening, origin, begin, onset, debut, kickoff; (adj) original. ANTONYMS: (n) finish, finale, conclusion, demise, ending, culmination, closing, departure, expiration, termination, middle
- begun:** (adj) present
- beheld:** (adj) visual
- behind:** (adj, n) back, rear; (adj, adv) backward, late; (adv) backwards, later, aback, beyond; (n) backside, can; (prep) abaft. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) early; (adv) fore; (adj) prompt
- behold:** (v) see, view, contemplate, regard, perceive, observe, look, consider, discern, descry, watch. ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, disregard, ignore, overlook
- belief:** (n) feeling, doctrine, supposition, opinion, idea, thought, impression, trust, view, confidence, assumption. ANTONYMS: (n) unbelief, doubt, disavowal, distrust, denial, rejection, uncertainty, independence, innovation
- believe:** (n) belief, believing; (v) assume, conceive, consider, reckon, guess, accredit, to believe, understand; (n, v) trust. ANTONYMS: (v) distrust, doubt, question, suspect, reject, discredit, deny, despair
- believed:** (adj) whispered, alleged, thought, held
- believer:** (adj, n) convert; (n) apostle, supporter, devotee, worshipper, abiogenist, zealot, religionist, proselyte, layman; (adj) pietist. ANTONYMS: (n) skeptic, nonbeliever, guru, God, leader, opponent
- bell:** (n, v) chime; (n) gong, Alexander Graham Bell, ring, doorbell, handbell, tocsin, alarm, Alexander Bell, buzz, angelus

- bells:** (n) addition, approval, matrimony, marriage, approbation, wedding
- belong:** (v) appertain, pertain, lie, go, belong to, attach, dwell, consist, come, rank, stand. ANTONYMS: (v) separate, disagree, disassociate, leave, quit, differ
- below:** (adv, prep) under, underneath; (adj) low; (adj, adv) after; (adv) down, infra, downstairs, at a lower place, downwards, down below; (prep) less than. ANTONYMS: (adv, prep) over; (prep) more; (adv) upstairs
- belt:** (n, v) band, hit, whack, wallop; (n) area, strap, strip, zone, fascia, baldric; (v) beat
- bend:** (n, v) bow, turn, arch, arc, crook, twist, elbow; (adj, n, v) curve; (v) stoop, crouch; (adj, v) flex. ANTONYMS: (n, v) square; (v) align, unbend, leave
- beneath:** (adv, prep) below, under; (adj) low, inferior; (adv) downward, infra, at a lower place; (prep) lower than, less than, unworthy of, unbecoming. ANTONYMS: (adv, prep) over; (adv) higher
- bent:** (adj) curved, arched, deformed, crooked; (n) propensity, inclination, fancy, leaning, flair, gift, curvature. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, inability, aversion; (adj) undetermined, undecided, uncurved, uncaring, rigid, unbent
- beside:** (adv) on, abreast, aside, closely, nearby; (prep) about; (adv, prep) besides; (adj) adjacent; (n) while, at; (adj, prep) near
- besides:** (adv) as well, moreover, too, furthermore, again, as well as, anyway, additionally; (prep) apart from, beside; (adj, adv) more
- besom:** (n, v) broom; (n) brush; (v) sieve, screen, shovel, rake, filter, mop, riddle
- best:** (adj, n) supreme, most, elite; (adj) superior, great, leading, choice, superlative; (v) beat, outdo; (adj, n, v) top. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) worst; (v) lose, surrender; (adj) minimum, lowest, least, inferior, incorrect, fewest; (n) loser; (adv) insincerely
- better:** (adj, v) improve, mend; (adj, adv, v) best; (v) recover, ameliorate, emend, reform, advance, enhance, surpass; (n) better. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) worse; (adj, n) inferior; (v) worsen, deteriorate; (adj) lesser, lower, tinier, ill, unhealthy, smaller, sicker
- betty:** (n) henhussy, cot Betty, old woman, cotquean, sissy
- bewildered:** (adj) bemused, confused, confounded, perplexed, befuddled, puzzled, dumbfounded, taken aback, addled, disoriented; (adj, v) lost. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, clear, oriented, precise, understanding, alert
- bewilderment:** (n) astonishment, quandary, confusion, surprise, wonder, bemusement, maze, chaos, jumble, mess; (adj, n) perplexity. ANTONYMS: (n) order, clarity
- bewitched:** (adj) enchanted, fascinated, infatuated, magical, ensorcelled, doomed, captive, rapt, enamored, obsessed. ANTONYM: (adj) disgusted
- beyond:** (adj, prep) across; (adv, prep) above, without, besides, over; (adj, adv) further; (adv) away, by, more, farther, abroad. ANTONYMS: (prep) below; (adv) close, inside
- bigger:** (adj) greater, larger, better, major, largest, biggest, big, large, great, vast, wide. ANTONYM: (adj) lesser
- biggest:** (adj) utmost, largest, bigger, greatest, major, most, best, superlative, top, big, main
- bird:** (n) wench, poultry, fowl, girl, birdie, hen, chick, Bronx cheer, shuttlecock, archaornis, archeopteryx
- birds:** (n) aves, class Aves, Craniata, flora and fauna, natural world, nature, subphylum Craniata, Subphylum Vertebrata, Vertebrata, amphibians
- biscuits:** (n) biscuit, cracker; (adj) crackers
- bite:** (n, v) nip, cut, taste, hurt, pain; (v) pinch, chew, erode, gnaw, eat; (n) morsel. ANTONYMS: (n) lot, whole, mildness
- bits:** (n) odds and ends, scraps, debris
- bitten:** (adj) stung, rabid, annoyed; (v) smitten
- bitter:** (adj, v) acrimonious, acrid; (adj) sharp, acid, malicious, caustic, virulent, sour, resentful, keen, acerbic. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, charitable, hot, sugary, kind, wonderful, warm, pleasant, nice, agreeable, gentle
- black:** (adj) sable, dark, ebony, colored, bleak, dirty, evil, nigger, darkie, unclean; (adj, n) blackamoor. ANTONYMS: (v) whiten; (adj) spotless, snowy, saintly, pale, optimistic, merry, light, angelic, ivory, bright
- blackness:** (n) black, darkness, sable, gloom, nigritude, night, inkiness, dark, murk, murkiness, obscurity
- blade:** (n) knife, beak, foil, falchion, cutlass, sword, leaf, shaft, razor, brand, steel
- blamed:** (adj) goddamned, goddamn, damned, goddam, infernal, damnable, ageless, answerable, beatified, blessed, aeonian
- blazing:** (adj) flaming, afire, burning, ardent, aflame, glaring, bright, blatant, alight, passionate; (n) blaze. ANTONYMS: (adj) freezing, quiet
- bleak:** (adj) austere, bare, barren, cold, dreary, murky, black, desolate, raw, bald, bitter. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, lush, sunny, hopeful, encouraging, cheery, bright, sheltered, soulful, cozy, populated
- bles:** (v) consecrate, celebrate, sanctify, anoint, eulogize, sign, praise, keep, grant, glorify; (n) blessing. ANTONYMS: (v) curse, condemn, disapprove, damn, disallow, deny
- blessing:** (n) benediction, approval, mercy, felicity, benison, benefit, luck, advantage, boon, bless, godsend. ANTONYMS: (n) curse, misfortune, disaster, condemnation, adversity, desecration, refusal, veto, disadvantage
- blessings:** (n) blessing, godsend
- bloat:** (v) distend, swell, inflate, expand, bulge, billow, blow up, tumefy, puff out; (adj) bloated; (n) puffiness. ANTONYMS: (v) deflate, contract, shrink, shrivel
- bloated:** (adj) swollen, inflated, distended, turgid, proud, supercilious, haughty, puffed, pompous, tumescent, tumid
- blood:** (n) birth, gore, nature, origin, kindred, lineage, descent, family, beau, pedigree; (adj) juice
- bloom:** (adj, n, v) flourish; (v) prosper, flourish, thrive, burgeon; (adj, v) blow, fructify; (n) prime, blush, flush, bud. ANTONYMS: (v) shrivel, struggle, wane, die, deteriorate, decrease; (n) pallor, withering
- blooming:** (adj) rosy, thriving, flourishing, healthy, prosperous, ruddy, booming, blossoming, cherry, verdant, green. ANTONYMS: (adj) arid, pale
- blossoming:** (n) bloom, florescence, flowering, anthesis, blossom, efflorescence, inflorescence, ontogeny, ontogenesis; (adj)

- budding, growing. ANTONYM: (adj) failing
- blow**: (n) beat, knock, shock, wallop, gust, jolt; (adj, n, v) gasp, puff; (n, v) blast, slap; (v) squander. ANTONYMS: (n, v) calm; (v) save, conserve, store, stillness, inhale, come, arrive; (n) luck, comfort, caress
- blowing**: (n) processing, insufflation, bravado; (v) fanning, blow out; (adj) windy, breezy
- blown**: (adj) puffy, panting, swollen, winded, inflated, moving, high, haughty lofty, late; (v) puffing and blowing; (n) blown
- blue**: (adj) depressed, down, gloomy, low, spicy, livid, naughty, sapphire, sad, downhearted, downcast. ANTONYMS: (adj) clean, happy, joyous, refined, moral, decent, upbeat, joyful, gay, cheerful, cheery
- blueness**: (n) blue, aqua, aquamarine, navy, obscenity, turquoise, blueing, Amytal, blue air, blue angel; (adj) bluishness
- blunt**: (adj, v) dull, deaden; (adj) bluff, plain, direct, forthright, frank, candid, outspoken, round, abrupt. ANTONYMS: (v) hone, sharpen, point, accentuate, needle; (adj) devious, pointed, thoughtful, polite, guarded, gentle
- blush**: (n, v) glow, color; (v) redden, crimson; (n) red, bloom, rosiness, ruddiness, redness; (adj) bashful; (adv) blushing. ANTONYMS: (v) blanch, pale, blench; (n) paleness
- boat**: (n) yacht, steamship, ark, scull, craft, steamboat, dinghy, pinnace, ship, gondola, hoy
- bobbing**: (n) faggot, firewood, peat, turf
- bodies**: (n) people, public
- body**: (n) cadaver, corpse, organization, cluster, set, carcass, figure, consistency, aggregate, association; (adj, n) mass. ANTONYMS: (n) handful, mind, minority, soul, few
- bold**: (adj) adventurous, audacious, manly, arrogant, intrepid, fearless, spirited, heroic, daring, courageous, stalwart. ANTONYMS: (adj) timid, modest, afraid, meek, shy, light, courteous, discreet, faint, fearful, abashed
- boldly**: (adj, adv) courageously, valiantly, heroically; (adv) fearlessly, daringly, bravely, intrepidly, impudently, audaciously, shamelessly, brashly. ANTONYMS:
- (adv) discreetly, modestly, nervously, hesitantly, shyly, fearfully, meekly, submissively, secretly, respectfully, diffidently
- bolt**: (v) bar, gobble, abscond, fasten; (n) arrow; (adj, n) pin; (n, v) dash, lock, latch, escape; (adv) bang. ANTONYMS: (v) nibble, unbolt, loosen, amble, snack, wait, open, unfasten, stroll, saunter, unscrew
- bolted**: (adj) barred, Bolten, secured, firm, barricaded, blockaded, bolted attachment, fast, fastened, latched, tight
- bone**: (n) framework, os, skeleton, anatomy, ivory, astragal, true middlings; (adj, n, v) cartilage; (v) swot, gristle, prepare
- bones**: (n) bone, frame, corpse, dry bones, framework, maraca, physician, finger cymbals, tymbal, wreck, timbre
- bonnet**: (n) cap, protection, chapeau, tile, wimple, beret, lid, cowl, castor, poke bonnet, sunbonnet
- book**: (v) order, reserve, inscribe, apply, write; (n) account book, pamphlet, journal, volume; (n, v) list, record. ANTONYMS: (v) free, exonerate
- books**: (n) notebook, account, ledger, literature, accountancy
- boot**: (n, v) kick; (n) boots, Wellingtons, bang, gain, jackboot, buskin, kicking, charge, shoe, bootikin
- boots**: (n) Bootes, bell boy, bootblack, counterjumper, boy, shoeblack, footwear
- border**: (n, v) verge, skirt; (n) margin, fringe, brink, extremity, bed, boundary, limit; (v) surround, abut. ANTONYMS: (n) middle, inside, interior, mainstream
- bordered**: (adj) fringed, edged, delimited, surrounded
- border**: (n) confines, boundaries, limitations
- bored**: (adj) weary, boring, blase, uninterested, bore, listless, jaded, sick, fed up, annoyed, indifferent. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, fresh
- born**: (adj) native, natural, congenital, inbred, inborn, innate, inherent, untutored; (v) be born, to be born, arise. ANTONYMS: (adj) learned, unborn, acquired, trained
- bosom**: (n) heart, interior, boob, thorax, chest, bust, tit; (n, v) embrace; (v) cherish, hug; (adj) intimate. ANTONYMS: (n) outside, exteriority
- bottle**: (n) container, jug, flask, cruet, vial, pot, phial, jar, decanter, carboy; (n, v) can
- bottom**: (n) basis, backside, bed, behind, foot, footing, back, foundation, posterior, floor; (n, v) ground. ANTONYMS: (n) pinnacle, summit, peak, roof, apex, ceiling, middle; (adj) highest
- bottomless**: (adj) limitless, infinite, deep, unlimited, profound, immeasurable, fathomless, boundless, unfounded, groundless, unplumbed. ANTONYMS: (adj) shallow, bottomed, limited, restricted
- boudoir**: (n) bedchamber, bedroom, master bedroom
- bough**: (n) arm, limb, bow, member, tigella, ramage, offshoot, ramification, spray, sprig, stem
- bought**: (n) crook, hook
- bound**: (n, v) leap, jump, border, bounce, limit, edge, vault, recoil; (n) boundary, barrier, compass. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, amble, crawl, limp, permit; (adj) permitted, released, unbound, allowed, unlikely
- bounteous**: (adj) bountiful, liberal, ample, copious, plentiful, bighearted, generous, munificent, handsome, benevolent, affluent. ANTONYM: (adj) scarce
- bow**: (n) basin, plate, hollow, stadium, container, arena, depression, porringer; (v) hurl, toss, troll
- boyhood**: (n) babyhood, adolescence, youth, youthhood, infancy, girlhood, age, boyism, puberty. ANTONYM: (n) adulthood
- boyish**: (adj) young, puerile, adolescent, youthful, babyish, childish, girlish, kittenish, boylike, callow, immature. ANTONYM: (adj) mature
- brace**: (n, v) prop, strengthen, support, invigorate; (n) strut, pair, duo, bitstock, tie; (v) clamp, bolster. ANTONYMS: (v) unfasten, sedate, loosen, flex
- brain**: (n) mastermind, genius, head, mind, reason, wit, psyche, noddle, intelligence, nous, brains. ANTONYMS: (n) emotion, moron, body, dummy, imbecile, idiot, physicality
- branch**: (n, v) fork; (n) wing, jump, affiliate, ramus, member, stem, limb, agency, stick, subdivision. ANTONYMS: (n) composite, trunk;

- (v) converge, merge
- branched:** (adj) bifurcate, branching, ramous, ramose, divided, biramous, branchy, prongy, bearing branches, split, pronged
- branches:** (n) branch, brushwood
- brass:** (n, v) face; (adj, n) boldness; (n) nerve, cheek, administration, audaciousness, insolence, arrogance; (adj) bronze; (v) assurance, impudence
- bray:** (v) blare, bruise, mash, crush, comminute, pound, abrade, scrape, grate, utter, emit
- bread:** (n) livelihood, bun, maintenance, cash, currency, loot, dough, pelf, food, sustenance, kale
- break:** (n, v) crack, fracture, breach, burst, rupture, stop, pause; (n) interruption, respite, suspension; (v) infringe. ANTONYMS: (v) obey, honor, lose, make, observe, resume, stay, strengthen; (n, v) mend; (n) continuation, misfortune
- breakfast:** (n) repast, banquet, dejeuner, mealtime, feast, meal; (v) sup, take tea, eat, have a meal, dine
- breaking:** (n) breakage, breach, violation, infringement, contravention, smash, rift, scutching, shift, intermission; (v) deaden
- breaks:** (n) lot, destiny, opportunity, chance
- breast:** (n) boob, udder, tit, titty, chest, knocker, mamma, bust, pap, heart; (n, v) front
- breath:** (n) wind, air, inspiration, puff, soul, aspiration, respite, airflow; (v) breathe, respire; (adj, n) whisper
- breath:** (n, v) respire, subsist, imply; (n) breath, bespeak; (adj, n, v) live; (v) exhale, exist, emit, rest, be. ANTONYMS: (v) suffocate, hide, choke, asphyxiate, drain, die, inhale
- breathed:** (adj) unvoiced, inaudible, breathing, aphonic
- breathing:** (adj) animate, live, living, respiratory, alive, above ground; (v) breathe, respire; (n) respiration, instant, moment. ANTONYMS: (adj) inanimate, breathless, dead
- breathless:** (adj, adv) out of breath; (adj) panting, inanimate, breathtaking, winded, choking, puffing; (v) all agog, aghast; (adj, n) eager; (n) in hysterics. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, expected, boring
- breeze:** (n) breath, air, gust, gale, flurry, zephyr, rumor, wind, blow, bise; (v) move
- brick:** (n) adobe, block, rough diamond, ugly duckling, lump, unit, red; (adj) trump, concrete; (v) pot, terra cotta
- bricks:** (n) walk, highway
- bridge:** (n, v) span, stretch; (n) pontoon, tie, nosepiece, footbridge, crossing; (v) bridge over, connect, link, traverse. ANTONYMS: (n) split, separation, chasm, break, division; (v) unlink, detach, disjoin
- brief:** (adj) concise, transient, little, abridge, short-lived, abrupt; (adj, n) abstract, summary; (n) epitome, report; (v) notify. ANTONYMS: (adj) permanent, lengthy, rambling, wordy, prolonged, extended, lasting, civil; (adv) civilly; (v) secrete, hide
- bright:** (adj) alive, vivid, intelligent, apt, shining, brilliant, lustrous, luminous, light, beaming, shiny. ANTONYMS: (adj) cloudy, stupid, gloomy, dim, unintelligent, dreary, dark, overcast, shadowy, thick, leaden
- brilliant:** (adj, v) splendid, glorious, illustrious, smart; (adj) sunny, intelligent, magnificent, luminous, spectacular, vivid, beautiful. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, dim, awful, dark, unexceptional, typical, tarnished, grimy, unintelligent, normal, useless
- brim:** (n) rim, periphery, verge, edge, lip, hem, rand, margin, perimeter, brink, limit
- bring:** (v) convey, get, take, bear, carry, put, conduct, return, reduce, set, bring in. ANTONYMS: (v) drop, free, leave, lose, remove, avoid
- bringing:** (n) delivery, consignment, serving, service, passage, post
- brisk:** (adj) bracing, agile, alive, bright, lively, acute, alert, energetic, sprightly; (adj, v) quick, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) soporific, sluggish, hesitant, tedious, temperate, inactive, civil, torpid, slack, serious, lethargic
- briskly:** (adv) busily, energetically, vigorously, quickly, freshly, actively, sharply, rapidly, vividly, brightly, merrily. ANTONYMS: (adv) seriously, laboriously, civilly, pleasantly, languorously
- broad:** (adj) wide, sweeping, comprehensive, vast, general, extensive, large, ample, free, big; (n) female. ANTONYMS: (adj) specific, thin, restricted, polite, minor, limited, exclusive, dogmatic, decent, cultured, confined
- broadly:** (adv) widely, extensively, largely, comprehensively, fully, spaciouly, thickly, expansively, freely, extendedly, roomily. ANTONYMS: (adv) narrowly, slightly, specifically
- brocade:** (n) brocattelle, cloth, fabric, fringe, galloon, lace, trapping, edging, embroidery
- brocaded:** (adj) raised, decorated, kincomb
- broke:** (adj) bankrupt, poor, insolvent, impecunious, penniless, impoverished, skint, bust, destitute, strapped, ruined. ANTONYMS: (adj) solvent, wealthy, affluent
- broken:** (adj) torn, tame, damaged, intermittent, uneven, imperfect, rugged, rough, out of order; (adj, v) busted, ruined. ANTONYMS: (adj) unbroken, intact, wild, whole, working, uplifted, uninterrupted, triumphant, running, indomitable, incessant
- bromide:** (n) platitude, commonplace, cliché, bromuret, bore, truism, sedative, remark, halide, downer, depressant
- brooch:** (n) broach, jewelry; (n, v) clasp; (v) fasten
- brood:** (n, v) breed; (v) sulk, think, incubate; (n) offspring, issue, progeny, young, posterity, family; (adj, n) herd. ANTONYMS: (v) reassure, delight, console
- broom:** (v) sweep, to sweep, bream, shovel, rake, screen, sieve; (n) brush, Scots heather, Calluna vulgaris, heath
- brother:** (n) fellow, blood brother, associate, counterpart, crony, comrade, buddy, peer, chum, sidekick, monk. ANTONYMS: (n) enemy, opposer, opponent
- brougham:** (n) rig, sedan, coach, landau, equipage, carriage, barouche, break, curricule, mail phaeton, phaeton
- brown:** (adj, n) brunette; (adj) tanned, swarthy, dark; (v) sear, cook, fry; (n) tan, coffee, brownness, mahogany
- brownish:** (n) bronze, tan; (adj) chromatic, subfuscous
- brows:** (n) brow
- brush:** (n, v) broom, touch, kiss; (v) sweep, polish, graze, clean; (n) brushwood, conflict, copse, encounter
- brushed:** (adj) napped, fleecy
- brute:** (adj) brutal, harsh, gruff, brutish; (adj, n) animal, savage; (n)

- barbarian, fiend, creature, monster; (adv) beastly. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, refined, mild, gentle; (n) gentleman
- buffeting:** (n) pounding, concussion; (adj) rough
- build:** (n, v) make, shape; (v) erect, establish, raise, rise, found, base, fabricate, fashion; (n) frame. ANTONYMS: (v) destroy, dismantle, raze, overturn, obliterate, decrease, decelerate, ruin, disassemble
- building:** (n) architecture, establishment, construction, fabrication, house, fabric, dwelling, assembly, structure, erection; (n, v) pile
- built:** (v) establish, create; (adj) made, shapely, robust, curvaceous, reinforced, improved, heavy, buxom, assembled
- bunch:** (n, v) crowd, clump, pack, bundle, group, huddle; (n) batch, lot, band, troop, gang. ANTONYMS: (v) spread, separate, scatter; (n) individual
- bundle:** (n, v) pack, cluster, clump, wad; (n) sheaf, pile, batch, stack, package, group, heap. ANTONYMS: (v) scatter, separate, disperse, divide
- bungalow:** (n) cottage, building, home, chalet, house, lodge, villa, cabin, kiosk, small house, log cabin
- buns:** (n) tush, rear, tail end, derriere, fanny, fundament, hind end, hindquarters, keister, buttocks, prat
- burden:** (n, v) bother, weight, pack, burthen, trouble, clog, strain; (n) anxiety, bale, responsibility; (v) afflict. ANTONYMS: (v) relieve, lighten, free, disburden, alleviate, relax; (n, v) help; (n) tranquility, relaxation, peace, pleasure
- buried:** (adj) hidden, covert, interred, underground, inhumed, profound, covered, ulterior; (v) perdu, imbed, embed. ANTONYMS: (adj) explicit, overt
- burly:** (adj) rugged, beefy, brawny, strapping, hefty, muscular, husky, stout, strong; (adv) beefily, sturdily. ANTONYMS: (adj) slight, skinny, thin, slim, small, anorexic, feeble, delicate, weak
- burned:** (adj) baked, scorched, tempered, sore, hurt, heated, hardened, destroyed, bleak, parched, adust
- burning:** (adj) blazing, ablaze, boiling, afire, flaming, hot; (n) combustion, firing; (adj, n) passionate, zealous, glowing. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, trivial, cool, out, painless, quenched, soothing, unimportant, apathetic, insignificant, unconvicted
- burrow:** (adj, v) delve, dig, gouge, mine; (n, v) tunnel, earth; (n) lair, den, hole, cavity; (v) nestle. ANTONYMS: (v) fill, plant
- burst:** (adj, n, v) crack; (adj, v) split, blow up, explode, splinter, detonate; (n, v) rupture, blast; (adj, n) flash; (v) break out, belch. ANTONYMS: (v) attach, join, connect, fasten, trickle
- bursting:** (adj) explosive, teeming, chock-full, full, complete, paroxysmal, exploding, disruptive, detonating, crowded; (n) outbreak. ANTONYM: (adj) hungry
- bush:** (n) shrub, wild, jungle, hedge, outback, scrub, heath, plant, thicket, wilderness, chaparral
- bushes:** (n) underbrush, thicket, undergrowth, minor league
- bushy:** (adj) dense, shagged, shaggy, hairy, bearded, brushy, gross, bushies, pilous, pappous, hispid. ANTONYMS: (adj) bald, neat, unhealthy, tidy, thin, sparse, sleek
- bushy-tailed:** (adj) healthy
- busily:** (adv) actively, occupiedly, briskly, industriously, engagedly, energetically, assiduously, lively, officiously, fussily, meddlesomely. ANTONYM: (adv) inactively
- business:** (n) subject, matter, event, vocation, job, profession, affair, work, corporation, occupation; (adj, n) trade. ANTONYMS: (adj) charitable, private; (n) pleasure, avocation, fun, entertainment, hobby
- busy:** (adj) brisk, engaged, assiduous, occupied, agile, meddlesome, industrious, crowded, officious, live; (v) occupy. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, inactive, dodging, available, deserted, lazy, quiet, still, unengaged, avoiding, empty
- butcher:** (v) slaughter, kill, murder, slay; (n, v) massacre, botch; (n) assassin, bungler, slaughterer, meatman, murderer. ANTONYMS: (v) develop, create, grow, build
- butler:** (n) waiter, pantryman, attendant, valet de chambre, livery servant, steward, flunkey, footman, lackey, manservant, valet
- butt:** (v) bunt, abut; (n) extremity, stump, grip, stub, rump, cask, rear, tail; (n, v) edge
- butter:** (v) gloze, slaver, flatter; (adj)
- butyraceous, dough, pudding; (n) fat, scrapper, fighter, oil, tallow
- butterflies:** (adj) anxious, apprehensive, frightened; (n) trepidation, nervousness, anxiety
- buttermilk:** (n) milk
- button:** (n, v) knob; (adj, n) tie; (n) knob, push button, push, key, fastening, clasp, bud, buckle; (v) fasten
- buttons:** (n) bellboy, peyote
- cabbage:** (v) filch, swipe, prig, crib, nim, purloin, bag; (n) kale, Cole, kail, dough
- cabinet:** (n) closet, locker, press, cupboard, chamber, sideboard, dresser, console, council, board, file
- cake:** (n) biscuit, cookie, bar, block, pastry, lump, pie, pancake, griddlecake; (v) set, harden
- call:** (n, v) appeal, shout, bellow, name, yell, howl, request, appoint; (v) bid, summon; (n) call option. ANTONYMS: (v) whisper, mutter, cancel, listen, stop, suppose, murmur; (n) dismissal, give, grant, silence
- called:** (adj) named, titled, chosen, known as; (v) nempt, ycleped
- calling:** (n) business, occupation, call, avocation, job, trade, career, employment, walk, pursuit; (n, v) profession. ANTONYMS: (n) entertainment, hobby
- calls:** (n) securities, puts, bonds, preferred stock, common stock
- calm:** (adj, n, v) assuage, appease, lull; (adj, v) cool, pacify, peaceful, easy, steady; (adj, adv, n, v) still; (n, v) allay; (v) mollify. ANTONYMS: (adj) agitated, wild, stormy, nervous, angry, scared, terrified, tense; (v) agitate, provoke; (adj, v) upset
- calmly:** (adv) stilly, tranquilly, coolly, serenely, placidly, sedately, smoothly, peacefully, easily, undisturbedly, steadily. ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, hysterically, nervously, agitatedly, uncontrollably, histrionically, restlessly, frantically, irritably, emotionally, tensely
- calmness:** (n) calm, composure, quietness, poise, serenity, stillness, quiet, silence, placidity, peace; (adj, n) coolness. ANTONYMS: (n) anxiety, nervousness, restlessness, panic, fury, unrest, intensity, discomposure, bustle, annoyance, noise
- came:** (v) arrive, come

- camels:** (n) suborder Ruminantia, Camelidae, caravan, bison, Ruminantia, antelopes
- candle:** (n) candela, light, taper, bougie, CD, candlepower, lamp, wax light, Standard candle; (v) examine, illuminate
- canna:** (n) Indian shot, herb, achira
- canopy:** (n) awning, baldachin, screen, tester, sunshade, marquee, blast deflector, shade, ceiling, cloth, cab shield
- canterbury:** (n) safe, till, bookcase, cabinet, chest on chest, buffet, highboy, sideboard, secretary, secretaire, cupboard
- captain:** (n) head, master, leader, guide, commodore, commander, boss, skipper, chieftain; (v) govern, manage. ANTONYM: (n) minion
- care:** (adj, n, v) anxiety; (n, v) attention, charge, worry; (n) caution, bother, concern, apprehension, aid, custody; (v) attend. ANTONYMS: (n) carelessness, recklessness, thoughtlessness, rashness, negligence, vagueness, unconcern; (n, v) disregard, dislike; (v) loathe, abhor
- careful:** (adj, v) attentive, anxious; (adj) thrifty, thoughtful, frugal, mindful, prudent, deliberate, alert, economical, guarded. ANTONYMS: (adj) reckless, slapdash, neglectful, wasteful, unconcerned, tactless, stupid, spendthrift, rash, negligent, inaccurate
- carefully:** (adv) scrupulously, thoroughly, deliberately, charily, warily, watchfully, prudently, painstakingly, guardedly, thriftily, meticulously. ANTONYMS: (adv) hastily, recklessly, rashly, inaccurately, unhelpfully, incautiously, indifferently, thoughtlessly, abstractedly, clumsily, unwisely
- carefulness:** (n) care, precision, conscientiousness, prudence, diligence, cautiousness, discretion, frugality, thrift, attentiveness, exactness. ANTONYMS: (n) recklessness, negligence, impulsiveness, incaution, extravagance, foolishness, neglect, messiness
- carpet:** (v) cover, drape, rebuke, encase, row, chew out; (n) rug, carpeting, tapis, runner, covering
- carriage:** (n) attitude, conveyance, cab, air, walk, position, mien, shipping; (n, v) transport, behavior, port
- carried:** (adj) conveyed, imported
- carry:** (v) convey, bring, take, conduct, acquit, behave, accept, transport, comport, hold, pack. ANTONYMS: (v) withhold, lose, censor, fail, hold, conceal
- carrying:** (n) transport, conveyance, carriage, transportation, haulage, hauling, shipping; (adj) bearing, gerent; (v) convey, bring
- cart:** (n) car, carriage, handcart, barrow, applegate, wagon; (v) haul, drag, bear, take, transfer
- carved:** (adj) cut, incised, sculptured; (v) graven, engraved, stamped, fixed, imprinted. ANTONYM: (adj) uncarved
- carven:** (adj) incised, engraved, lapidarian, graven, etched
- cascades:** (n) Cascade Range
- case:** (n) example, box, bin, cover, jacket, shell, bag, affair, briefcase, business; (adj, n) eccentric
- cast:** (n, v) throw, stamp, form, fling, shape, figure; (v) shed, pitch, chuck; (n) casting, appearance. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, receive, subtract, reject, take, gather, catch, retain, keep
- castle:** (n) fortification, stronghold, castling, fort, palace, mansion, tower, house; (n, v) fortress, citadel, keep. ANTONYMS: (n) shack, cottage
- catch:** (n, v) capture, hook, haul, hitch, trick, grab, snatch; (v) get, apprehend, intercept; (n) pawl. ANTONYMS: (n, v) release; (v) misunderstand, unhitch, mistake, Miss, misinterpret, free, give, lose; (n) advantage, boon
- cats:** (n) Felidae, cates, public, people, order Carnivora, fissioned mammal, fissioned, Carnivora, bears, badgers, family Felidae
- caught:** (adj) fixed, guilty, accomplished, wedged, trapped, interested, exposed, defenseless, culpable; (v) seize, get. ANTONYM: (adj) loose
- cause:** (n) case, action, account; (n, v) occasion, allow; (v) breed, do, induce, beget, motivate, provoke. ANTONYMS: (n) effect, result, outcome; (v) foil, deter, forestall, prevent, stop, halt, quell, retard
- cautious:** (adj) guarded, conservative, prudent, watchful, attentive, reserved, shy, provident, judicious, circumspect, chary. ANTONYMS: (adj) rash, open, impulsive, impetuous, careless, irresponsible, wasteful, incautious, thoughtless, imprudent, unwary
- ceased:** (n, v) end, finish, stop; (v) quit, terminate, break, break off, close, conclude, discontinue, abstain. ANTONYMS: (v) begin, start, commence, persist, stay
- ceased:** (adj) finished
- ceiling:** (n) cap, limit, maximum, overhead, upper limit, top, roof, limitation, confine, tile, thatch. ANTONYMS: (n) minimum, floor
- center:** (n, v) centre, focus; (adj, n) middle; (n) heart, core, pivot, midst, kernel, substance, seat; (v) concentrate. ANTONYMS: (n) edge, outside, exterior, circumference; (adj, n) border; (adj) extreme, right, left; (v) scatter, dissipate, disperse
- centuries:** (n) century
- century:** (n) age, centenary, hundred, centred, centuries, millennium, era, period, centennial, c, hecatomb
- ceremony:** (n) courtesy, celebration, ceremonial, parade, pomp, rite, ceremonies, manners, custom, ritual, pageant. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, understatement
- certain:** (adj) definite, sure, assured, absolute, reliable, indisputable, dependable, unquestionable, undeniable, unavoidable, unequivocal. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsure, doubtful, questionable, hesitant, debatable, erratic, faulty, indistinct, vague, doubting, undecided
- certainly:** (adv) assuredly, definitely, positively, clearly, necessarily, undoubtedly, actually, securely, confidently, absolutely; (adj, adv) really. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtful, possibly, equivocally, perhaps
- chair:** (n, v) chairman; (n) bench, president, chairperson, throne, couch, armchair, electric chair, chairwoman; (v) moderate, lead
- chairs:** (n) seats
- chamber:** (n) hall, bedchamber, cavity, cell, council, compartment, assembly, apartment, ventricle, dormitory, cubicle
- champion:** (n) partisan, backer, hero, fighter, champ, warrior, victor, defender; (adj, n) ace; (n, v) support; (v) defend. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, counter; (n) loser, detractor, attacker, opponent; (adj) worst, poorest, lousy
- chance:** (n, v) hazard, adventure, risk,

- venture, bet; (n) fortune, probability, opportunity; (adj) accidental; (adj, n) contingency; (v) befall.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) intentional, deliberate, designed, arranged, planned, foreseeable; (n, v) plan; (n) predictability, misfortune, certainty; (v) protect
- chances:** (n) probability, odds, opportunities, possibility, state, circumstances
- change:** (n, v) shift, barter, twist, cash; (v) alter, alternate, adapt, convert; (n) alteration, modification, variation. ANTONYMS: (v) leave, maintain, idle, hold, establish, standardize; (n) stability, bills, constancy, preservation, uniformity
- changed:** (adj) transformed, varied, switched, change, transform, converted, distorted, affected, changeling, disguised, inverse.
 ANTONYM: (adj) unchanged
- changing:** (adj) unsettled, shifting, variable, dynamic, moving, choppy, uncertain, various, varying, inconstant, fickle. ANTONYMS: (adj) usual, fixed
- chant:** (v) cantillate, sing, recite, intone, intonate, utter, vociferate; (n) hymn, song, melody; (n, v) chaunt
- chanting:** (n) cantillation, vocalizing, sing, singing, intonation
- chap:** (n) fellow, blighter, guy, crevice, cranny, crack, lad, man, scissure, beau, chink
- chaps:** (n) chops, fauces, crack
- chapter:** (n) volume, branch, department, part, convocation, section, stage, head, article, caput, installment
- charge:** (n, v) blame, care, burden, commission, command, attack, bill, load, tax; (n) accusation; (v) bid.
 ANTONYMS: (v) request, discharge, plead, beg, compensate, aid, credit, calm; (n, v) retreat, absolve, unload
- charm:** (n, v) allure, captivate, appeal, spell, fascinate, bewitch, conjure; (adj, v) attract; (n) amulet; (v) enchant, entrance. ANTONYMS: (n) ugliness, repulsion, repulsiveness, awkwardness, hatefulness, unpleasantness; (v) repulse, offend, irritate, disgust, bore
- charmer:** (n) warlock, enchanter, sorcerer, person, mortal, soul, someone, somebody, phony, mage, individual
- charming:** (adj) beautiful, lovely, captivating, winning, attractive, enchanting, delightful, pleasing, nice, magic, cute. ANTONYMS: (adj) repellent, unpleasant, unappealing, repulsive, charmless, disgusting, gross, irritating, offensive, uninteresting, annoying
- charms:** (n) trinkets, jewelry, jewels
- chase:** (v) pursue, trail, follow, track, stalk, expel, banish, go after; (n, v) hunt, search; (n) game.
 ANTONYMS: (v) escape, lead, find, precede
- chat:** (n, v) converse, talk, chatter, chitchat, confab, prattle; (n) conversation, causerie, gab; (v) confabulate, chaffer
- chattering:** (n) chatter, cackle, yak, grabbing, claver; (adj) talkative, loquacious, noisy, gabby, garrulous; (v) natter
- checked:** (adj) checkered, chequered, check, plaid, examine, temperate, tartan, silent, safe, pent-up, numbered
- cheek:** (n) audacity, nerve, brass, boldness, impertinence, face, lip, mouth, gall, insolence, impudence. ANTONYMS: (n) respect, cowardice, timidity, humbleness, meekness, reticence, seriousness; (v) praise
- cheeks:** (n) Gemini, twins, couple, posterior, pair, deuce, two, duet
- cheeky:** (adj) brash, audacious, nervy, rude, presumptuous, brazen, insolent, impertinent, impudent, disrespectful, forward. ANTONYM: (adj) shy
- cheer:** (v) animate, applaud, amuse, hearten, inspire, lighten; (n, v) comfort, delight, cry; (adj, v) embolden; (n) consolation.
 ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, boo, uncheerfulness, hiss, pessimism, raspberry; (v) depress, discourage, dissuade, complain, jeer
- cheerful:** (adj, v) buoyant; (adj) breezy, merry, optimistic, pleasant, glad, blithe, carefree, bright, lively, happy. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressed, gloomy, sad, depressing, grim, hopeless, miserable, morose, somber, dejected, unwelcoming
- cheerfully:** (adj, adv) gladly; (adv, v) happily; (adv) merrily, readily, brightly, jovially, cheerily, genially, chirpily, lively, blithely.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) bleakly, dismally, grimly, sullenly, unhappily, somberly, sadly, grudgingly, gloomily, dourly, forlornly
- cherry:** (adj, n) cerise, red; (n) cherry tree, capulin, virgin; (adj) ruddy, crimson, ruby, scarlet, rubicund, blooming
- chest:** (n) bosom, ark, bust, box, chest of drawers, case, hutch, bureau, caisson, casket, dresser
- chicken:** (n) fowl, hen, broiler, coward, cock, poultry, weakling, nestling; (adj) yellow, fearful, chicken-hearted. ANTONYM: (n) daredevil
- chief:** (adj, n) principal, head, cardinal, capital, arch, essential, paramount; (n) administrator, boss, executive, leader. ANTONYMS: (adj) associate, secondary, junior, smallest, inessential, unimportant, least, trivial; (n) subordinate, underling, inferior
- child:** (n) baby, babe, bairn, infant, kid, toddler, tot, girl, brat, juvenile, minor. ANTONYMS: (n) ancestor, parent
- childish:** (adj) childlike, naive, babyish, immature, simple, puerile, infantile, juvenile, silly, frivolous, young. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, old, wise, adult, jaded
- children:** (n) child, offspring, descendant, family, seed, boy, babies, descendants, birth, relatives, people
- chilly:** (adj, adv) unfriendly; (adv) coolly, frigidly; (adj) cool, bleak, algid, freezing, frozen, icy, frosty; (adj, n) cold. ANTONYMS: (adj) hot, tropical, responsive, mild, welcoming, friendly, balmy, torrid
- chimneys:** (n) chimney
- chin:** (n) jaw, Kuki, jawbone, lineament, rap, jawl; (v) elevate, speak, chin up, confer, bring up
- chirp:** (n, v) chirrup, peep; (v) sing, trill, chitter, warble, carol, emit, whistle, utter; (adj) take heart
- chiseled:** (adj) distinct, rigid
- choir:** (n) quire, chancel, choral society, choral group, crypt, Golgotha, nave, transept, vestry, chorister, ensemble
- choke:** (v) asphyxiate, block, stifle, back up, clog up, gag, suffocate, foul, strangle, smother, obstruct. ANTONYMS: (v) free, open, release, unblock
- choked:** (adj) clogged, smothered, congested, annoyed, high-strung, strained, neurotic, tense, angry, anxious, insecure
- choking:** (n) strangulation, throttling, slugging, asphyxiation; (adj) suffocative, suffocating, smothering,

- breathless, clogging, bitter, blinding
cholera: (n) Asiatic cholera, asphyxia, epidemic cholera
choose: (v) adopt, elect, select, pick, prefer, take, appoint, assign, decide, excerpt; (n) picking. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, waver, decline, forgo, spurn, dislike, elect
chose: (v) choose, opt, decide; (n) thing
chosen: (adj, n) elect; (adj) preferred, select, favored, named; (adj, v) designate, desired, designated; (n) deary, ducky, dearie. ANTONYMS: (adj) ignored, involuntary
chuckle: (n, v) snicker, snigger, giggle, chortle, titter, crow; (v) chuck, laugh, cackle, exult; (n) laughter
chuckling: (n) laughter
church: (n) cathedral, abbey, chapel, meetinghouse, denomination, minster, place of worship, kirk, Fane, Christian church, Christianity
cinders: (n) cinder, dust, ash, flue dust, powder, residue, slag; (adj) mother, scoriae, precipitate
circle: (n) association, field, range, beat, set; (n, v) ring, band, compass, turn, whirl; (v) encircle
circumstances: (n) state, position, condition, circumstance, case, state of affairs, status, predicament, plight, environment, fortune
civil: (adj) courteous, civic, gracious, affable, obliging, municipal, mannerly, public, civilised, courtly, domestic. ANTONYMS: (adj) abrupt, impolite, critical, unrefined, sidereal, uncivil, unkind, barbaric, discourteous, private
clean: (adj, adv) fair; (v) cleanse, brush, bathe, disinfect; (adj) antiseptic, blank, pure, chaste, unblemished; (n, v) wash. ANTONYMS: (adj) filthy, unclean, muddy, unhygienic, tainted, unwholesome, syrupy, full; (v) soil, contaminate, pollute
clear: (adj) clean, certain, distinct; (adj, v) acquit, absolute, free, net, absolve, empty; (adj, n) open; (v) exculpate. ANTONYMS: (adj) opaque, cloudy, incomprehensible, uncertain, dark, hazy, vague, fuzzy, obscure, confused, puzzling
cleared: (adj) absolved, clean, empty, exculpated, bleak, innocent, exempt, vindicated, exonerated, guiltless, let off. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, uncleared, guilty
clearing: (n) clarification, clearance, purgation, purging, purge, clear-melting, correction, tract, improvement, release, freeing
clench: (n, v) clasp, grip, hold, clinch, grasp, gripe; (v) embrace, grapple, tighten, ratify; (n) clamp. ANTONYMS: (v) release, flex, relax
clergyman: (n) minister, chaplain, priest, pastor, churchman, preacher, parson, rector, dominie, vicar; (adj) divine. ANTONYMS: (n) layman, layperson
clever: (adj) capable, acute, intelligent, able, apt, expert, skillful, cunning, sharp; (adj, v) brilliant, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) clumsy, unintelligent, dim, dull, inept, thick, naive, idiotic, moronic, incompetent, open
climb: (v) ascend, arise, scale, escalate, go up, scramble; (n, v) clamber, mount, increase; (n) ascent, jump. ANTONYMS: (n, v) drop; (n) descent; (v) wane, dismount, plummet
climbing: (n) climb, ascension, mounting, mountain climbing, mountaineering, rock climbing, acclivity; (v) ascending, uprise, arise; (adj) scandent
clinging: (adj) adhering, sticky, adherent, devoted, adhering closely, affectionate, dependent, tenacious, osculant; (n) coherence
clipped: (adj) cut, short, curt, shorn, docked, tonsured, terse, snappish, cropped, light, active. ANTONYM: (adj) unclipped
cloak: (n, v) veil, mask, camouflage, wrap, masquerade, screen, pall; (n) cape; (v) conceal, dissemble, hide. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, uncloak, unmask; (n, v) uncover
clock: (n) chronometer, horologe, alarm, alarm clock, clepsydra, ticker, cuckoo clock, clock radio; (n, v) time, stopwatch; (v) measure
clod: (adj, n) lump; (n) oaf, glebe, ball, clay, yokel, gawk, agglomeration, lout, clump; (adj) block. ANTONYM: (n) intellect
close: (n, v) end, stop, finish; (adj, adv, prep) nearby; (adj, adv) adjacent, tight; (adj, v) compact, approximate; (adj) accurate; (adv, prep) by; (n) conclusion. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) open; (n, v) start; (adj) distant, airy, loose, fresh, far, inaccurate, unfamiliar; (v) begin, unlock
closed: (v) close, tight; (adj) blind, finished, blocked, shut, congested, enclosed, folded, fastened, not open. ANTONYMS: (adj) beginning, running, started, starting, welcoming, continuing
closely: (adv) nearly, narrowly, intimately, strictly, exactly, thickly, firmly, securely, confidentially, solidly, familiarly. ANTONYMS: (adv) loosely, thoughtlessly, heedlessly, carelessly, approximately, inconveniently, sparsely, casually, lightly, inaccurately
closer: (adv) nearer, closest, more rapidly; (adj) close, approximate, near, dear, good, nigh; (n) finisher, finale
cloth: (n) drapery, fabric, clothes, clothing, rag, stuff, linen, tapestry, silk, flannel; (v) napkin
clothes: (n) apparel, clothing, dress, garb, wardrobe, vestment, garment, cloth, thing, gown, wear
clotted: (n) clammy, ropy, mastic, glutinous, gelatin; (adj) thick, clogged, grumous, bloody, choked, fleamy
cloud: (n, v) mist, blur; (v) becloud, obscure, eclipse, blacken, taint, befog, overshadow; (adj, n) swarm; (n) haze. ANTONYMS: (v) clear, refine, accentuate, illuminate, explain, clarify, unveil
clouds: (n) exhaust, fumes, gas, smoke, vapors
clump: (n, v) cluster, bundle; (n) lump, group, clod, knot, tuft, chunk, clod, ball; (v) plod
clumping: (n) agglutination, clustering
clumsy: (adj) bumbling, bungling, cumbersome, unwieldy, rude, inept, inapt, maladroit, gawky, unskilled, wooden. ANTONYMS: (adj) graceful, dexterous, clever, skillful, deft, adroit, elegant, coordinated, expert, athletic, agile
clustered: (adj) agglomerated, agglomerative, bunched, bunchy, gregarious, concentrated, conglomerate, collective
clutch: (n, v) clasp, grip, clench, grasp, hold, clinch, gripe; (v) grab, grapple, embrace; (adj, v) catch. ANTONYMS: (n) loose; (v) release, unfasten
clutched: (adj) tense, worried, anxious, neurotic
coach: (adj, v) prime; (n) trainer, teacher, instructor, stagecoach, charabanc, carriage, autobus, bus; (v) train, educate. ANTONYMS: (v)

- listen, learn; (n) pupil, student
- coachman:** (n) teamster, cabman, charioteer, carter, carman, Jehu, postboy, drayman, wagoner, postilion; (v) whip
- coal:** (n) ember, bituminous coal, carbon, lignite, anthracite, wallsend, culm, oil, petroleum, firewood; (adj) black
- coarse:** (adj) vulgar, boorish, rough, brutal, crude, gross, common, earthy, blunt, bawdy; (adj, v) harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) sophisticated, refined, smooth, polite, soft, civil, cultured, delicate, fine, genteel, gentlemanly
- coat:** (v) cloak, blanket; (n, v) sheath, plaster; (n) coating, fur, film, crust, jacket, layer, bark. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, expose
- coax:** (n, v) wheedle, allure, entice, charm, tempt, seduce; (v) cajole, beguile, blarney, blandish; (n) coaxial cable. ANTONYMS: (v) bully, compel, allow, dissuade
- coaxing:** (n) blarney, flattery, sweet talk, temptation, enticement, soft soap; (adv) coaxingly; (adj) ingratiatory, persuasive, oily
- cock:** (n) rooster, chicken, spigot, Peter, prick, cockerel, tool, stopcock, shaft; (n, v) stack; (v) ruffle. ANTONYM: (v) uncock
- cockle:** (v) ruffle, pucker, rumple, crinkle, ripple, undulate, crumple, coax, cocker; (n, v) fold; (n) wheat nematode
- cold:** (n) chilliness, chill; (adj) chilly, frigid, distant, indifferent, aloof, callous, icy, apathetic, impassive. ANTONYMS: (adj) warm, friendly, hot, prepared, burning, affectionate, loving, soporific, fervid; (n) heat, warmth
- coldly:** (adv) frigidly, icily, coolly, indifferently, frostily, distantly, gelidly, reservedly, bleakly, wintrily, frozenly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, affectionately, sympathetically, sensitively, kindly, cheerfully, emotionally
- collar:** (n, v) arrest, catch, capture, pinch; (n) choker, ruff, lapel; (v) apprehend, nail, grab, clutch. ANTONYMS: (v) free, release
- collected:** (adj) calm, accumulated, amassed, tranquil, sober, assembled, cool, poised, unflappable, peaceful; (adj, v) composed. ANTONYMS: (adj) nervous, worried, upset, uncollected, flustered, scatterbrained, anxious, excitable
- collection:** (n) accumulation, set, assortment, gathering, bundle, heap, variety, pile, cluster, bunch; (n, v) assemblage. ANTONYMS: (n) individual, single
- collie:** (n) Colley
- colonel:** (n) captain, coronel
- color:** (n, v) flush, blush, tint, tinge, paint, stain; (adj, n, v) colour; (v) redden; (n) guise, complexion; (adj, n) tone. ANTONYMS: (v) discolor, pale, show, whiten, untwist, denote, depict, represent, blanch, blench
- colored:** (adj) chromatic, black, tinged, tinted, colorful, dyed, coloured, partial, dark, bleached, biased. ANTONYMS: (adj) truthful, white, uncolored, unbiased, pale, objective, honest, genuine, real
- colorless:** (adj) achromatic, neutral, drab, dull, monotonous, wan, tame, pallid, bloodless, white, colourless. ANTONYMS: (adj) rosy, interesting, rich, vivid, brilliant, vibrant, stimulating, lively, glamorous, exciting, distinctive
- colors:** (n) flag, colours, paints, banner, color, colour, ensign, pigment, tint, dye, paint
- columbine:** (n) buffo, buffoon, clown harlequin, aquilege, farceur, blue columbine, pantomimist, pantaloone, honeysuckle, grimacer, genus Aquilegia
- combined:** (adj) united, collective, cooperative, amalgamated, aggregate, concerted, conjoint, incorporate, conjunct, joined, conjunctive. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, solitary, uncombined, disjointed
- comfortable:** (adj, v) easy, snug; (adj) pleased, pleasing, prosperous, agreeable, pleasurable, congenial, rich, enjoyable, homely. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, tense, formal, unpleasant, unhappy, unaccustomed, intimidating, difficult, anxious, broke, destitute
- comfortably:** (adv) easily, pleasantly, cosily, conveniently, easy, snugly, richly, advantageously, leisurely, well, wealthily. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncomfortably, awkwardly, unpleasantly
- comforted:** (adj) thankful, pleased, comfortable, calmed
- comforting:** (adj) soothing, consoling, consolatory, satisfying, gratifying, encouraging, restful, placatory, tranquil, appeasing; (n) relief. ANTONYMS: (adj) hostile,
- discomforting, disconcerting, distressing, disturbing, overwhelming, surprising, troublesome, irritating, tense, upsetting
- coming:** (n) advent, approach, appearance, arrival, return; (adj, n) approaching; (adj) forthcoming, imminent, future, impending; (adj, v) instant. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, exit, leaving, departing; (adj) distant, retreating, past
- command:** (n, v) order, charge, call, control, decree; (n) instruction, bidding, direction, behest; (v) direct, commission. ANTONYMS: (v) obey, follow, contradict, countermand, revoke, recall, oppose; (n) beg, plead, plea
- commanded:** (adj) lawful
- comment:** (n) annotation, commentary, critique, note, explanation, interpretation, mention; (n, v) remark, gloss, censure, notice. ANTONYM: (n) confirmation
- common:** (adj) coarse, mutual, vulgar, mean, mediocre, ignoble, plebeian, base; (adj, n) cheap, habitual; (adj, n, v) usual. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncommon, rare, unusual, characteristic, specific, unique, extraordinary, exclusive, aristocratic, infrequent, refined
- communicate:** (v) express, impart, advertise, advise, carry, convey, transmit, commune, apprise; (adj, v) announce, intimate. ANTONYMS: (v) excommunicate, conceal, suppress
- companion:** (adj, n) associate; (n) colleague, buddy, mate, peer, chum, partner, fellow, comrade, assistant, brother. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, stranger, adversary
- companions:** (n) circle, entourage, people
- companionship:** (n) company, society, fellowship, camaraderie, partnership, friendship, fraternity, amity, coexistence, brotherhood, communion. ANTONYMS: (n) animosity, enmity, solitude
- company:** (adj, n) society, business; (n) band, association, collection, cohort, brigade, troop, club, partnership; (v) accompany. ANTONYMS: (n) isolation, enmity, host, hostess, absence
- compare:** (adj, v) liken; (v) confront, equate, to compare, associate, contrast, correlate, equalize, resemble, equal; (n, v) comparison.

- ANTONYMS: (v) imbalance, contrast
- complaining:** (adj) irritable, peevish, petulant, whining, moaning, plaintive, repining; (adj, v) querulous; (n, v) lamenting; (adv) complainingly; (n) plaintive. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, uncomplaining, cheerful, willing
- complainingly:** (adv) querulously, petulantly, grumpily, grouchy, peevishly, crabby, crossly, tetchily, cantankerously, crankily, complaining. ANTONYM: (adv) calmly
- compound:** (n, v) blend, mix, compromise; (adj, n) complex, composite; (v) combine, amalgamate; (n) mixture, amalgam, combination, concoction. ANTONYMS: (v) divide, separate, simplify, unmix; (n) element; (adj) few
- conceal:** (v) hide, disguise, bury, screen, cloak, smother, shield, suppress, mask, obscure; (n, v) veil. ANTONYMS: (v) reveal, show, expose, divulge, clarify, uncover, disclose, tell, admit, spotlight, flaunt
- concealed:** (adj) covert, clandestine, blind, occult, secret, mysterious, obscure, buried, invisible, secreted, surreptitious. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconcealed, available, overt, open, divulged, shown, revealed, disclosed, uncovered, noticeable, mainstream
- concealing:** (n) covering, concealment, burial, stealing, stealth, screening, burying, screenings, activity; (adj) suppressive
- conceited:** (adj) arrogant, cocky, vain, boastful, proud, smug, affected, assuming, egotistical, haughty, pompous. ANTONYMS: (adj) modest, insecure, meek, selfless, unassuming
- concert:** (n) agreement, tune, consonance, performance, recital, concordance, harmony, concord, unison; (v) contrive, arrange. ANTONYMS: (n) discord, disharmony, disunity
- condition:** (n) position, status, provision, standing, clause, circumstances, term, predicament, rank; (n, v) aspect; (v) provide. ANTONYMS: (v) disqualify; (n) option
- conduct:** (v) bring, direct, carry, show; (n, v) act, administration, manage, administer, carriage, bearing; (adj, v) acquit. ANTONYMS: (v) mismanage, leave, follow
- confess:** (adj) known
- confidence:** (n) assurance, certainty, certitude, belief, faith, hope, nerve, credit, conviction, reliance, expectation. ANTONYMS: (n) insecurity, doubt, nervousness, anxiety, diffidence, distrust, fear, timidity, hopelessness, aimlessness, embarrassment
- confirmed:** (adj) inveterate, assured, habitual, constant, settled, definite, established, affirmed, fixed, ingrained, corroborated. ANTONYMS: (adj) unproven, unconfirmed, undecided, uncommitted, questionable, infrequent, dubious, mild, unfaithful
- confused:** (adj) abashed, baffled, befuddled, bemused, dizzy, chaotic, confounded, deranged, incoherent, disjointed, indistinct. ANTONYMS: (adj) enlightened, orderly, alert, clearheaded, organized, oriented, precise, systematic, ordered, unimpressed, methodical
- confusion:** (n) commotion, chaos, disarray, bedlam, pandemonium, disorder, disturbance, distraction, clutter, tumult, agitation. ANTONYMS: (n) clarity, understanding, tidiness, systematization, enlightenment, peace, organization, lucidity, neatness, space, calm
- consequence:** (n) effect, outcome, import, result, importance, product, account, concern, event, aftermath; (n, v) weight. ANTONYMS: (n) cause, inconsequence, insignificance, antecedent, unimportance, triviality, source, meaninglessness
- considering:** (conj, prep) because, bearing in mind; (conj) as, since; (adv) whereas, enough; (v) consider; (n) consideration, thought, deliberation; (prep) in view of
- consort:** (n, v) associate, husband; (n) companion; (v) agree, affiliate, assort, accord, mix, keep company, socialize, group. ANTONYMS: (v) disagree, estrange, differ, dissociate, avoid; (n) foe, rival, antagonist, enemy
- constantly:** (adv) continually, firmly, incessantly, eternally, steadily, endlessly, unremittingly, ceaselessly, steadfastly; (adj, adv) always, forever. ANTONYMS: (adv) inconsistently, intermittently, acutely, erratically, infrequently
- consult:** (v) consider, negotiate, deliberate, advise, refer, discuss, ask, reason, look up, canvass; (n, v) talk. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, bypass
- contained:** (adj) implicit, unspoken, unexpressed, latent, understood, numbered, inside, confined to a small area, being within, limited to a small area. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrestrained, generalized, pervasive
- containing:** (adj) including, comprehensive
- content:** (n) meaning, matter, capacity, contents, subject; (n, v) contentment; (v) appease, please, satisfy, suffice; (adj) happy. ANTONYMS: (n, v) discontent; (adj) tormented, unhappy, dissatisfied, rebellious, discontented, troubled; (adj, v) upset; (n) unhappiness, sadness; (v) trouble
- continued:** (adj) extended, continual, constant, unremitting, serial, sequential, unbroken, persistent, nonstop, lasting, incessant. ANTONYM: (adj) discontinued
- contradict:** (v) deny, oppose, belie, conflict, confute, controvert, contravene, disprove, refute, invalidate, impugn. ANTONYMS: (v) agree, match, correspond, approve, corroborate, prove, support, reinforce
- contrariness:** (n) cussedness, perversity, perverseness, fractiousness, wilfulness, incongruity, contrariety, inconsistency, obstinacy, opposition, difference. ANTONYMS: (n) obedience, cooperation
- contrary:** (adj, n) contradictory, reverse; (adj) adverse, conflicting, unfavorable, perverse, cross, disobedient, alien, different, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) similar, harmonious, helpful, obliging, compatible, complaisant, concordant, parallel, agreeable, cooperative, favorable
- control:** (n, v) command, curb, check, bridle, handle, sway, hold, influence, conduct; (adj, n) authority; (n) care. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, unrestraint, expression, excess; (v) share, intensify, rush, risk, resign, relinquish, forsake
- conveyed:** (v) borne, sent
- convincing:** (adj) cogent, forceful, persuasive, compelling, believable,

- probable, impressive, likely, credible, valid, plausible.
ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, unrealistic, unpersuasive, questionable, dubious, doubtful, unbelievable, disputable, inaccurate, hesitant, unreliable
- cook:** (v) boil, prepare, brew, bake, make, stew, simmer, grill, falsify, concoct; (n) chef
- cool:** (adj, v) chill, assuage, soothe; (adj) chilly, cold, collected, composed, fine, aloof; (v) quench; (n) poise. **ANTONYMS:** (v) heat; (adj) hot, agitated, excited, friendly, feverish, enthusiastic, tepid, temperate, bad, upset
- coolly:** (adv) quietly, composedly, coldly, collectedly, nonchalantly, placidly, serenely, chilly, steadily, frostily, frigidly. **ANTONYMS:** (adv) nervously, anxiously, agitatedly, expressively, boisterously, enthusiastically
- copious:** (adj) bountiful, ample, affluent, plentiful, rich, plenteous, much, many, generous, large; (adj, n) luxuriant. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) small, meager, sparse, lacking, rare, scant, scanty, thin, few; (adv) partially
- cord:** (n) band, bond, tie, twine, tape, whipcord, thread, yarn, lace, rope, leash
- corner:** (n) bend, angle, nook, dilemma, recess, hole, coign, predicament, niche; (n, v) turn; (adj) angular. **ANTONYMS:** (v) free; (n) solution
- corners:** (adj) cornered
- corridor:** (n) aisle, lobby, hall, lane, hallway, vestibule, artery, alley, gallery, way; (n, v) passage
- cottage:** (n) cabin, bungalow, crib, hut, villa, lodge, shanty, chalet, country house, house, cot
- cottager:** (n) cottar, denizen, dweller, inhabitant, peasant, cottier, cotter
- cough:** (v) clear the throat, to cough, spit up, cough up, expectorate; (n) expiration, exhalation, symptom, sneeze, breathing out
- count:** (v) compute, weigh, consider, estimate, matter; (n, v) calculate, tally, number, total; (n) calculation, computation. **ANTONYMS:** (v) guess, except, estimate, disregard, dismiss, abandon, ignore, subtract
- country:** (n) nation, home, land, place, area, territory, commonwealth, soil, kingdom, realm; (adj) rustic. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) urban, metropolitan; (adj, n) city; (n) metropolis
- courage:** (n) audacity, fortitude, boldness, nerve, spirit, backbone, valor, heroism, gallantry, mettle, chivalry. **ANTONYMS:** (n) cowardice, faintheartedness, weakness, wimpiness, yellowness
- courageous:** (adj, n) bold; (adj) audacious, fearless, valiant, gallant, intrepid, spirited, heroic, undaunted, manly, confident. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) timid, wimpy, weak, spineless, pusillanimous, fearful, fainthearted, afraid, despicable
- course:** (n, v) stream, flow; (n) bearing, route, career, track, path, road, channel; (adj, n) current; (v) chase. **ANTONYM:** (v) trickle
- court:** (n) forum, bar, close, field, tribunal, passage, judicatory, judge; (v) romance, attract; (n, v) invite. **ANTONYMS:** (v) shun, reject, ignore, spurn, disregard, discourage
- courtyard:** (n) yard, area, square, backyard, atrium, forecourt, bailey, cloister, grounds, patio, quad
- cousin:** (n) nephew, cousins, friend, cousinship, relation, akin, relative, full cousin, companion
- cover:** (n, v) coat, top, conceal, screen, cloak, veil, shield, spread; (v) bury; (n) blanket, binding. **ANTONYMS:** (v) reveal, expose, uncover, exclude, ignore, abandon, strip, free, forget, omit; (n) exposure
- covered:** (adj) veiled, concealed, covert, coated, secret, wrapped, thick, obscured, masked, shrouded; (adj, prep) cloaked. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) bare, uncovered, open, plain, exposed, outdoor, empty
- covering:** (n) cover, coating, blanket, coat, casing, wrapper, case, concealment, awning; (adj, n, v) clothing; (n, v) apparel. **ANTONYMS:** (prep) exactly, beneath
- crabbed:** (adj) abstruse, sour, grumpy, morose, crusty, surly, churlish, moody, irritable, huffy; (adj, n) austere
- crash:** (n) collision; (n, v) clash, collapse, bang, clank, dash, clang, fall, crack, clatter; (v) break. **ANTONYMS:** (n) silence; (v) raise, repair, skyrocket, increase, fix, restore, mend, work, thrive
- craven:** (n) coward, poltroon, chicken; (adj, n) recreant, apostate, renegade; (adj) base, gutless, yellow, spineless, fearful. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) brave, fearless, courageous, daring, heroic, strong
- crawford:** (n) Joan Crawford
- crazy:** (adj) wild, mad, brainsick, absurd, eccentric, silly, wacky, cracked, crazed, demented; (adj, n) madcap. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) sensible, sane, rational, indifferent, stable, reasonable, realistic, balanced, levelheaded, cool, calm
- cream:** (n, v) best, top, ream; (v) skim; (adj, n) prime, flower, milk; (n) ointment, balm, liniment, elite. **ANTONYMS:** (n) trash, dregs, worst; (v) lose
- creasing:** (n) scoring
- created:** (adj) create, composed, shaped, produced, wrought, legendary, mythical, fictitious, bent, romantic, fashioned
- creature:** (n) being, brute, animal, tool, individual, person, body, entity, human, puppet, somebody
- credit:** (n) credence, recognition, belief, commendation, appreciation, advance, fame; (v) accredit; (n, v) reputation; (adj, n) worth, merit. **ANTONYMS:** (n, v) discredit; (n) cash, blame, fault, disrepute, disgrace, withdrawal; (v) disbelieve, question, mistrust, distrust
- crediting:** (n) attribution
- creep:** (v) grovel, sneak, steal, fawn, lurk, truckle, cringe; (n) creeping, crawling, toady, sycophant. **ANTONYMS:** (v) race, dash, hasten, hurry, speed, fly
- creepers:** (n) Certhiidae
- creeping:** (n) creep, crawl, locomotion, spreading; (v) lenter; (adj) reptile, slow, repentant, reptatory, serpiginous, moving
- crepe:** (n, v) crape; (n) French pancake, pancake, battercake, crepe paper, marocain; (v) frizzly, wreathy
- crevice:** (n) cleft, break, chink, cranny, chap, fissure, interstice, rift, gap, hole, fracture
- crime:** (n, v) guilt, blame; (n) injustice, transgression, villainy, evil, vice, delinquency, misdemeanor, wickedness, sin. **ANTONYMS:** (n) goodness, kindness, virtue, uprightness
- crimson:** (adj, n) carmine, ruby, scarlet, maroon; (v) blush, flush, redden; (adj) bloody, ruddy, cherry; (n) deep red
- cripple:** (adj, v) maim, prostrate; (v) mutilate, enfeeble, injure, incapacitate, weaken, cripple; (n,

- v) damage; (n) invalid; (adj) paralyze. ANTONYMS: (v) support, strengthen, invigorate, help, fortify, enable, aid
- crippled:** (adj) deformed, game, exhausted, broken, decrepit, crooked, halt, impotent; (n) limping; (v) drooping, flagging. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, functioning, fit
- critical:** (adj) important, decisive, severe, ticklish, vital, acute, delicate, momentous, minute, particular; (adj, n) urgent. ANTONYMS: (adj) complimentary, positive, insignificant, flattering, approving, unimportant, praising, noncritical, minor, mild, uncritical
- crooked:** (adj) bent, corrupt, dishonest, curved, unfair, deformed; (adj, n, v) awry; (adj, v) irregular, askew, wry, indirect. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, honest, principled, even, aboveboard, lawful, level, moral, flat, aligned, honorable
- crookedness:** (n) dishonesty, contortion, indirectness, thuggosity, deviousness, corruption, deformity, perversion, unfairness, obliqueness; (adj) obliquity. ANTONYM: (n) straightness
- cross:** (adj) crabby, angry, grumpy, grouchy, cantankerous; (v) intersect, cover, thwart, baffle; (adj, v) traverse; (n) crisscross. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, cheerful, happy; (v) uncross, assist, separate, remain, help, stay, unmix, aid
- crossed:** (adj) crossbred, mixed, hybrid, interbred, decussated, intercrossed; (v) matted, disconcerted dashed, unhinged, frustrated
- crossly:** (adv) grumpily, grouchily, angrily, petulantly, sullenly, peevishly, sulkily, crabbily, contrarily, furiously, transversely. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerfully, contentedly, pleasantly, calmly, lightly
- crossness:** (n) crabbedness, crabbiness, petulance, peevishness, testiness, irritability, cholera, annoyance, anger, ire, fury
- crow:** (n, v) brag, cry, snigger; (v) exult, triumph, cackle, chuckle, talk big; (n) gasconade, crowing; (adj) raven
- crowd:** (n, v) huddle, flock, swarm, press, squeeze, cluster, mob; (n) crew, collection, circle, army. ANTONYMS: (v) disperse, empty,
- retreat, scatter, desert; (n) dispersal, scattering, trickle, few
- crowded:** (adj) compact, congested, full, packed, busy, dense, populous, jammed, cramped, tight; (adj, n) thronged. ANTONYMS: (adj) sparse, deserted, uncrowded, loose
- crowding:** (n) plough crowding, bunch, jostlement, overcrowding
- crow:** (n, v) top, cover; (v) cap, complete; (n) apex, pinnacle, crest, summit, peak, kingdom, acme. ANTONYMS: (n) base, bottom; (v) dishonor, dethrone, begin, commence, start, depose
- crowned:** (adj) laureled, fulfilled, browbound, incoronate, successful
- cruel:** (adj, v) hard, harsh, sharp, severe; (adj) barbarous, unkind, brutal, bloody, bitter, savage, atrocious. ANTONYMS: (adj) merciful, gentle, sympathetic, humane, liberal, compassionate, charitable, friendly, caring, considerate, libertarian
- crumbled:** (adj) rotten, fragmented
- crumpet:** (n) breadstuff, bread
- crushed:** (adj) beaten, subdued, low, conquered, flattened, dispirited, compressed, overwhelmed, shattered; (v) victimized; (n) crushing. ANTONYMS: (adj) victorious, euphoric
- crust:** (n) skin, peel, bark, cheekiness, gall, impertinence, covering, shell, cortex, coating, encrustation
- crustily:** (adv) gruffly, abruptly, curtly, morosely, surly, grumpily, brusquely, snappishly, sternly, peevishly, crotchety
- crusty:** (adj) brusque, crotchety, crabbed, crusted, curt, gruff, cantankerous, cross, churlish, abrupt, rough. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, pleasant, bendable, cheerful, easygoing, elastic, flexible, happy, pliable, pliant, friendly
- crying:** (adj, v) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (adj) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (n) weeping; (v) weep; (adj, n) sniveling
- crystal:** (adj) clear, bright, translucent, pebble, crag, stone; (n) watch glass, quartz, gem, vitrite; (adj, n) rock. ANTONYMS: (adj) foggy, murky
- cups:** (n) plates, dishes, dishware, tableware
- cure:** (n, v) correct, medicine, help; (n) antidote, salve, therapy, treatment; (v) treat, pickle, preserve, restore. ANTONYMS: (n) poison; (v) injure, hurt, harm, wound, damage,
- exacerbate
- curiosity:** (n) curiousness, rarity, interest, curio, oddity, prying, nosiness, peculiarity, novelty, marvel; (adj, n) prodigy. ANTONYMS: (n) emotionlessness, indifference, disinterest
- curious:** (adj) odd, unusual, abnormal, strange, peculiar, interested, quizzical, quaint, queer, inquiring, inquisitive. ANTONYMS: (adj) incurious, ordinary, apathetic, uninterested, unconcerned, typical, indifferent, everyday, disinterested, conventional, common
- curiously:** (adv) inquisitively, peculiarly, unusually, strangely, nosily, pryingly, queerly, funnily, weirdly; (adj, adv) singularly, particularly. ANTONYMS: (adv) ordinarily, typically
- curiousness:** (n) strangeness, eccentricity, inquisitiveness, oddness, alienage, alienism, wonder, quality, carefulness, oddity, peculiarity. ANTONYM: (n) normality
- curled:** (adj) coiled, curling, having curls, round, braided, twisted, bowed, wreathy, Crull, curled up, tressed
- curly:** (adj) crinkly, kinky, curled, crimped, frizzed, permed, curved; (adv) wavily, kinkily, curledly, curlingly. ANTONYMS: (adj) unbent, uncoiled, flat
- currant:** (n) currant bush, shrub, black currant, red currant, raisin, Corinth, dried currant, bush, grape, berry
- curtain:** (n, v) cover; (n) barrier, drapery, blind, screen, mantle, mask, shade, pall, shroud; (v) hide
- curtains:** (n) passing, demise, finish, decease, tragedy, termination, calamity, cataclysm; (adj) last, ultimate, terminal
- curtsy:** (n, v) bob, curtsy; (adj, n, v) courtesy, kowtow; (v) nod, kneel, bow submission, recognize; (n) obeisance; (adj) salaam, kowtow
- curved:** (adj) crooked, arched, curve, round, deformed, curvy, curving, rounded, hooked, tortuous; (v) bowed. ANTONYMS: (adj) concave, flat, sharp, square, unbent
- curving:** (adj) curved, winding, crooked, bowed, devious, falciform, smooth, serpentine; (n) bending, curve, curvature. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, jerky
- cushion:** (n, v) pad, buffer; (v)

- insulate, soften, protect, bolster, mollify; (n) shock absorber, mat, pincushion; (adj, n) wadding. ANTONYMS: (v) harm, hurt, injure, exacerbate, expose
- cushioned:** (adj) spongy, cushiony
- custom:** (n) habit, convention, usage, practice, consuetude, fashion, method, mores; (n, v) use, accustom; (adj) bespoke. ANTONYMS: (n) fad, innovation, phenomenon, rage, rarity
- damp:** (adj) moist, muggy, clammy, cool, dank; (v) check, chill, deaden, break; (n) moisture, dampness. ANTONYMS: (n) dryness; (adj) parched, arid, dried, fresh, hard
- dance:** (v) caper, bop, to dance, cavort, play, skip, to show courage, step; (n, v) hop, jump, shake
- dancing:** (n) choreography, Terpsichore, saltation, break dancing, ceremonial dance, galloping, hoofing, Pavan; (adj) morrice; (adv) adance; (v) saltant
- danger:** (n) risk, peril, hazard, chance, jeopardy, threat, trouble, precariousness, slipperiness, disaster, insecurity. ANTONYMS: (n) security, ease, privilege
- dangerous:** (adj, n) critical; (adj) severe, serious, grave, adventurous, unhealthy, precarious, hazardous, perilous, threatening, chancy. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, secure, protected, unhazardous, slight, weak, harmless, friendly, favorable, calm, pleasant
- dangerously:** (adv) hazardously, precariously, unsafely, riskily, seriously, insecurely, harmfully, pariously, severely, fatally; (adj, adv) gravely. ANTONYMS: (adv) safely, securely, carefully, slightly
- dare:** (n, v) venture; (v) defy, brave, hazard, confront, risk, resist, make bold; (n) adventure, daring, defiance. ANTONYMS: (v) avoid, flee, pass, refrain, retreat, obey
- dark:** (adj) dismal, black, cheerless, obscure, dim, mysterious, murky, gloomy; (n) evening, night, shadow. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, sunny, fair, sunlit, clear, pallid, pale, cheerful, white, versed; (n) day
- darkness:** (n) dark, shade, shadow, blindness, gloom, blackness, duskiness, murk, cloud, blackout, dimness. ANTONYMS: (n) brightness, lightness, glow, comprehension, knowledge, day, clearness
- darling:** (adj, n) beloved, pet, favorite, sweet; (adj) costly, cute, pretty; (adj, v) precious; (n) love, deary, angel. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, rival
- darting:** (adj) arrowy, moving; (v) Sally
- dash:** (adj, n, v) rush; (n, v) touch, sprint, strike, splash, jog; (v) dart, break; (n) tinge, beat; (adj, n) animation. ANTONYMS: (v) dawdle, inspirit, languish, saunter, encourage, linger; (n) stagnation, languor, listlessness, mass, dullness
- dashed:** (v) ashamed, cut up, sunk; (adj) broken, done for, dejected, discouraged, dotted
- dashing:** (adj) stylish, dapper, gallant, showy, smart, snappy, impetuous, rakish, raffish, brave; (adj, n) spruce. ANTONYMS: (adj) boring, unstylish, dull, bumbling, bland, awkward, drab, graceless
- dated:** (adj) archaic, outmoded, obsolete, outdated, old-fashioned, dowdy, behind the times, antediluvian, ancient, unfashionable, old. ANTONYMS: (adj) contemporary, new, trendy, fresh, fashionable, chic, modern, in
- daughter:** (n) child, son, maiden, young woman, daughterly, lass, unmarried woman, damsel, miss, missy, virgin
- dawning:** (n) daybreak, sunrise, start, beginning, aurora, cockcrow, dayspring, morning, birth, first light, break of day. ANTONYM: (n) sunset
- daylight:** (n) dawn, daybreak, light, morning, sunrise, clearance, sunup, daytime, broad daylight, first light, afternoon. ANTONYMS: (n) night, sunset, dusk, dark, sundown, twilight, darkness, nightfall
- days:** (n) period, life, time, age, existence, generation, years, being, era, living, lifetime
- daytime:** (n) day, afternoon, period, eve, daylight hours, Clarence Shepard day Jr, Clarence day, light, eventide, evening. ANTONYM: (n) night
- dead:** (adj) lifeless, defunct, cold, inanimate, idle, gone, fallen, numb, deceased, vapid; (adv) right. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) living; (adj) alive, animate, live, spirited, responsive, working, partial, operative; (adv) partly, partially
- deadness:** (n) inanimateness, inertia, coldness, numbness, lifelessness, inelasticity, indifference, dullness, tedium, marble, stock and stone
- deal:** (v) administer, allot, conduct, truck, distribute, apportion; (n, v) buy, trade, contract; (n) agreement, arrangement. ANTONYMS: (n) purchase; (v) misdirect, receive, neglect, mishandle, mismanage, take, ignore, hold, gather, disregard
- dear:** (adj, adv) close, near; (adj, n) darling; (adj) costly, expensive, lovely, precious, affectionate, adorable, cherished; (n) love. ANTONYMS: (adj) worthless, inexpensive, valueless, despised, modest, loathed, hateful, distant; (n) rival, foe, enemy
- death:** (n) expiration, end, close, exit, fate, mortality, departure, cessation, decease, dissolution; (adj) quietus. ANTONYMS: (n) existence, delivery, living, nascency, being, survival, life, beginning
- decide:** (v) choose, adjudicate, resolve, conclude, settle, try, judge, arbitrate, decree, arrange; (adj, v) determine. ANTONYMS: (v) waver, postpone, waffle, vacillate, defer, fluctuate, balk, ponder, open, speculate, change
- decided:** (adj, v) decisive, absolute, unmistakable, distinct, clear, positive, unequivocal, emphatic; (adj) determined, resolute, conclusive. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, hesitant, unsure, questionable, indefinite, postponing, doubtful, unresolved, vague, flipant, indecisive
- decision:** (n) conclusion, determination, verdict, sentence, arbitration, ruling, choice, will, constancy; (n, v) judgment, award. ANTONYMS: (n) indecision, indecisiveness, tie, changeableness, indeterminateness, stalemate, standoff, deadlock, draw, coercion
- declared:** (adj) stated, apparent, state, public, professed, proclaimed, explicit, ostensible, expressed, confirmed, alleged
- deep:** (adj) thick, profound, strong, rich, broad, sound, absorbed, wide, abstruse, dark; (adj, v) intense. ANTONYMS: (adj) superficial, high, weak, soft, light, open, frivolous, lightweight, narrow, straightforward, simple
- deepened:** (adj) concentrated, gathered
- deepening:** (n) amplification, aggravation
- deeply:** (adv) strongly, heavily,

- intensely, deep, thickly, highly, soundly, greatly, gravely, extremely, richly. ANTONYMS: (adv) slightly, mildly, unemotionally, fitfully, moderately, thinly, hardly, barely, lightly
- defiantly:** (adv) insubordinately, insolently, rebelliously, disobediently, boldly, obstinately, recalcitrantly, brazenly, mutinously, audaciously, stubbornly.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) passively, submissively, respectfully, loyally, discreetly, amenably, meekly
- deformed:** (adj) distorted, misshapen, bent, malformed, ugly, crippled, contorted, warped, shapeless, twisted, deform. ANTONYMS: (adj) beautiful, flawless, unflawed, perfect, straight
- defy:** (n, v) dare; (v) brave, resist, ignore, confront, revolt, oppose, withstand, disobey, contradict; (n) defiance. ANTONYMS: (v) obey, acquiesce, surrender, yield, comply, accept
- delicate:** (adj) accurate, tender, dainty, refined, breakable, fragile, beautiful, brittle, soft, nice, frail. ANTONYMS: (adj) inelegant, robust, heavy, sturdy, tough, careless, inaccurate, rough, well, substantial, unscrupulous
- delicately:** (adv) exquisitely, softly, tenderly, gracefully, subtly, sensitively, daintily, precisely, elegantly, ticklishly, weakly.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) inelegantly, tactlessly, thickly, imprecisely, clumsily, ungracefully, unsubtly, heavily, carelessly, roughly, severely
- delicious:** (adj, v) delicate; (adj) tasteful, pleasing, delightful, appetizing, agreeable, sweet, toothsome, savory, enjoyable, dainty. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteless, distasteful, yucky, unsavory, unpleasant, unappetizing, revolting, nauseating, inedible, gross, dry
- deliciously:** (adv) delightfully, nicely, scrumptiously, tastily, goodly, sweetly, delicately, toothsomely, appetizingly, daintily, juicily
- delight:** (n) joy, pleasure, amusement, rejoicing, gladness; (v) ravish, amuse, please, captivate, transport, enrapture. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, dismay, dissatisfaction, sadness, nuisance, discontent; (v) depress, displease, sadden, irk; (n, v) bore
- delighted:** (adj) glad, cheerful, blissful, jubilant, happy, overjoyed, joyful, captivated, pleasant; (adj, v) pleased, elated. ANTONYMS: (adj) shocked, unhappy, sorrowful, depressed, melancholy, miserable, desolate, sorry, sad, down
- delightedly:** (adv) elatedly, jubilantly, pleasedly, overjoyedly, joyfully, exultantly, gleefully, entrancedly, joyously, cheerfully; (adv, v) happily
- delightful:** (adj) delicious, delectable, charming, pleasing, grateful, blissful, amiable, adorable, lovely, nice, gorgeous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, unwelcome, hateful, miserable, unhappy, unappealing, horrific, horrible, disagreeable, depressing, annoying
- delightfully:** (adv) pleasantly, enchantingly, exquisitely, gladly, charmingly, finely, sweetly, deliciously, beautifully, merrily; (adv, v) happily. ANTONYMS: (adv) unattractively, horribly, disagreeably
- delightfulness:** (adj) delight, dainty, critical niceness, daintiness; (n) joyfulness, pleasure, pleasantness, gratification, cuteness, attractiveness, appeal
- delights:** (n) delices
- demand:** (adj) urgent, popular, requisitory
- dense:** (adj, v) compact, close; (adj) thick, crowded, deep, heavy, stupid, impenetrable, solid, crass, dim. ANTONYMS: (adj) insightful, bright, loose, sparse, simple, readable, clever, intelligent, sharp, thin, alert
- deny:** (v) deny; (adv) denyingly; (adj) opposed, recusative, unselfish, abnegative
- derived:** (adj) secondary, calculated, variant, resulting, resultant, plagiaristic, imitative, derivate, deliberate, copied, calculable
- described:** (v) extraught
- describe:** (v) represent, report, delineate, state, depict, outline, relate, draw, qualify, designate, name
- described:** (adj) delineate, detailed, delineated, alleged
- describing:** (n) telling, unfolding, relating, recounting, recitation
- descriptions:** (n) images
- desert:** (adj, n, v) waste; (v) escape, forsake, relinquish, ditch, defect, leave; (adj, v) desolate; (adj, n) worth, merit; (adj) barren. ANTONYMS: (v) stay, support, remain, inhabit, assist, aid, help, keep; (adj) cultivated, productive, fertile
- desert:** (adj) desert, solitary, empty, lonely, isolated, forsaken, lonesome, desolate, bleak, vacant; (adj, v) forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) occupied, packed, crowded, mobbed, populated, populous, overcrowded
- deserve:** (v) rate, warrant, gain, earn, to deserve, demand, justify, bear; (n, v) reward; (n) richly deserve, worth
- desire:** (n) ambition, aspiration, craving, dream; (adv, n, v) will; (n, v) fancy, wish, aim; (v) want, aspire, seek. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dislike, hate; (n) aversion, reality, revulsion, apathy; (v) spurn, abhor, answer, command, insist
- desired:** (adj) coveted, desirable, favorite, wanted, welcome, needed, beloved, required, most wanted; (adj, v) chosen; (v) consenting
- desolate:** (adj, v) desert, forlorn; (adj) bare, barren, alone, bleak, deserted, cheerless, disconsolate; (v) devastate, destroy. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, inhabited, happy, sheltered, mobbed, overcrowded, ecstatic, hopeful; (v) create, construct, build
- desperation:** (adj, n) despair, fury, rage; (n) recklessness, foolhardiness, desperateness, burst, confusion, trouble, misery; (adj) raving. ANTONYMS: (n) optimism, confidence, hopefulness, hope, happiness, caution, prudence, calmness
- detail:** (v) describe, enumerate, relate, appoint, itemize, recite, cast, assign; (n) point, feature, item. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, withhold, generalize, guess, approximate; (n) total, sum, emptiness, aggregate
- details:** (adj, n) particulars; (n) facts, contents, info, crux of the matter, register, inside information, statement; (adj) minutiae, small fry, minor details
- determination:** (n) conclusion, definition, resolution, decisiveness, resolve, will, tenacity, appointment, assessment, constancy; (v) award. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, compliance, indecisiveness, feebleness, vacillation, irresolution, cowardice, indetermination, hesitation, flexibility, rashness
- determined:** (adj) constant, definite, decided, stubborn, certain,

inflexible, decisive, determinate, ambitious, set; (adj, v) resolved. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncertain, irresolute, unmotivated, feeble, indecisive, waffling, undetermined, undecided, wavering, vacillating, fickle

determinedly: (adv) firmly, purposefully, fixedly, resolutely, obstinately, stubbornly, steadfastly, steadily, decidedly, definitely, doggedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) hesitantly, wearily, unambitiously, amenably, halfheartedly, irresolutely, feebly

detestation: (n) abomination, hatred, odium, antipathy, aversion, repulsion, dislike, excretion, loathing, revulsion; (n, v) hate. ANTONYM: (n) adoration

detested: (adj) despised, unpopular, disliked, loathed, not accepted, unloved, scorned, reviled, out of favor, not liked

develop: (v) advance, bring up, expand, grow, educate, breed, contract, increase, work up, cultivate, come. ANTONYMS: (v) regress, neglect, erupt, narrow, die, struggle, stop, shrivel, shrink, lessen, compress

devote: (n, v) apply, destine, give, assign, vow; (v) consecrate, dedicate, commit, appropriate, allot; (n) devotion. ANTONYMS: (v) withhold, refuse

devour: (v) eat, bolt, gulp, demolish, guzzle, swallow, gorge, ingurgitate, gobble, use up, absorb.

ANTONYMS: (v) avoid, abstain, regurgitate, nibble, fast, sip

devoured: (adj) eaten up

devouring: (adv) devouringly; (adj) esurient, edacious, avid, greedy, voraginous, ravenous; (n) fire

dewdrop: (n) bead, pearl, drip, droplet, globule

dialect: (n) language, speech, vernacular, tongue, accent, lingo, conversation, say, talk, patois, phraseology

diamonds: (n) hearts, ice, spades, sparkler, clubs

dictated: (adj) set, hard-and-fast, compulsive; (n) contumely, blameworthy, abuse

difference: (n) conflict, disagreement, controversy, contention, distinction, discrepancy, dissimilarity, divergence, quarrel, discord; (n, v) change. ANTONYMS: (n) sameness, resemblance, correspondence,

agreement, concurrence, understanding, parity, normality, likeness, accord, consistency

different: (adj) dissimilar, various, assorted, unusual, alien, miscellaneous, new, fresh, discrete, diverse; (v) differ. ANTONYMS: (adj) identical, corresponding, equal, like, typical, same, conventional, familiar, unified, uniform, Standard

difficult: (adj) awkward, demanding, burdensome, complicated, uphill, knotty, fastidious, hard, delicate, finicky, intricate. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, straightforward, rewarding, clear, accommodating, amenable, easygoing, manageable, uncomplicated, satisfying, undemanding

difficulties: (n) hardships, problems, trouble, difficulty, troubles, necessity, privation, bother, lack

difficultly: (n) trouble, bother, asperity, jam, barrier, difficultness, fix, hardship; (n, v) hindrance, obstacle; (adj, n) strait.

ANTONYMS: (n) simplicity, advantage, help, assurance, easiness, accommodation, effortlessness, gentleness, reassurance, agreement, resolution

digestion: (n, v) concoction; (n) assimilation, chemical change, coction, biological process, chemical process, digestion; (v) classification, analysis, clustering; (adj) digestive

digger: (n) excavator, shovel, dredge, labourer, laborer, machine, miner, backhoe, power shovel, trencher, manager

digging: (n) excavation, excavating, digs, dug, excavate, take, locality, mining, barb, creating by removal, attack reception

dignified: (adj) exalted, majestic, noble, grand, lofty, respectable, solemn, distinguished, lordly, high; (adj, v) great. ANTONYMS: (adj) undignified, foolish, dishonorable, boisterous, unceremonious, unseemly, vulgar, poor, lowly, modest, base

dignity: (n) degree, prestige, glory, decorum, face, distinction, honor, majesty, eminence, solemnity; (adj, n) decency. ANTONYMS: (n)

lowliness, indecency, impropriety, simplicity, cheerfulness, austerly

dimly: (adv) obscurely, darkly, faintly, dully, duskily, vaguely, shadowily, hazily, gloomily, somberly; (adj, adv) palely.

ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, strongly, distinctly

dining-room: (n) canteen, restaurant

dinner: (n) banquet, lunch, dinner party, meal, party, beanfeast, spread; (v) tiffin, dejeuner, beverage; (adj) dinnerly

direct: (v) aim, address, charge, dictate, head; (n, v) channel, command, control; (adj, adv) straight; (adj, v) level; (adj) immediate. ANTONYMS: (adj) roundabout, circuitous, oblique, sideways, unplanned, devious, dishonest; (v) request, follow, divert, get

directed: (adj) oriented, manageable, destined, concentrating, intent, formal, absorbed, prescript, focussed; (v) instruct; (adv) under

dirty: (n, v) soil, grime; (n) filth, dust, scandal, garbage, ground, earth, crap, mire, contamination.

ANTONYMS: (n) cleanness, purity, luxury, cleanliness, newness

disagree: (v) differ, dissent, argue, conflict, squabble, discord, diverge, vary, bicker; (n, v) clash, discord. ANTONYMS: (v) consent, match, concur, harmonize, conform

disagreeable: (adj) nasty, offensive, uncomfortable, distasteful, cantankerous, cross, ungrateful, abhorrent, horrible, bad, painful.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasant, friendly, amiable, inoffensive, acceptable, desirable, easygoing, happy, pleasing, sweet, nice

disappeared: (adj) lost, missing, extinct, vanished, left. ANTONYM: (adj) remaining

disappoint: (v) fail, defeat, balk, baffle, disenchant, betray, circumvent, balk, mock, foil; (n, v) put out. ANTONYMS: (v) please, satisfy, encourage, fulfill, succeed, comfort, inspire

disappointed: (adj) despondent, disgruntled, regretful, dissatisfied, depressed, sad, unhappy, frustrated, disenchanting, dejected, disappoint.

ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, satisfied, composed, happy, triumphant, fulfilled, cheerful, idealistic

disappointedly: (adv) unhappily, despondently, discouragedly, depressedly, thwartedly, dissatisfiedly, despondingly, disheartenedly, regretfully, sadly, upsetly

discomfited: (adj) uncomfortable, ill

- at ease, disappointed, embarrassed, frustrated, thwarted, self-conscious, mortified, humiliated, unsuccessful; (adj, n) defeated
- disconcerting:** (adj) disquieting, upsetting, baffling, alarming, disconcertingly, disturbing, worrying, embarrassing, discomfiting, shocking, confusing. ANTONYMS: (adj) soothing, comforting, pleasing
- discouraged:** (adj) despondent, downhearted, downcast, demoralized, dejected, dispirited, disheartened, frustrated, crestfallen, pessimistic, depressed. ANTONYMS: (adj) uplifted, heartened, cheered, inspired, cheerful, encouraged, hopeful, happy, calm, positive, enthusiastic
- discouraging:** (adj) discouragingly, chill, disappointing, disheartening, bad, bleak, gloomy, sad, demoralizing, daunting, dispiriting. ANTONYMS: (adj) encouraging, uplifting, inspiring, heartening, comfortable, hopeful
- discover:** (v) discern, disclose, ascertain, find, perceive, catch, expose, hear, determine, sense, detect. ANTONYMS: (v) overlook, ignore, disregard, confuse, conceal, lose
- discovered:** (adj) revealed, disclosed, exposed, naked, detected, determined, observed, open, unconcealed, bare. ANTONYM: (adj) concealed
- discoverer:** (n) inventor, finder, creator, bell, explorer, scout, observer, perceiver, originator, spotter, patentee
- discovery:** (n) detection, disclosure, breakthrough, finding, revelation, catching, revealing, invention, find, development, exploration
- disdain:** (n, v) despise, contemn, slight, ridicule; (n) contempt, derision, arrogance, haughtiness, pride; (v) scoff, disparage. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, admiration, reverence, worship, approval, regard; (v) approve, admire, praise, accept, participate
- disdainfully:** (adv) contemptuously, superciliously, haughtily, proudly, cavalierly, derogatorily, contumeliously, sneeringly, arrogantly, insultingly, condescendingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) humbly, hopefully
- disentangle:** (v) untangle, disengage, ravel, clear, extricate, disembroil, unwind, detach, comb; (adj, v) disencumber, disembarrass. ANTONYMS: (v) entangle, tangle, entwine, twist, fasten, wind, snarl
- disgraceful:** (adj) dishonorable, scandalous, shocking, degrading, disreputable, infamous, base, ignominious, outrageous, black, ignoble. ANTONYMS: (adj) admirable, honorable, reputable, exalted, commendable, respectable, noble, glorious
- disgracefully:** (adv) shamefully, infamously, ingloriously, scandalously, shockingly, discredibly, outrageously, opprobriously, offensively, dishonorably, indecently. ANTONYMS: (adv) reputably, politely, commendably
- dishes:** (n) food, meal, crockery, dinner service, dishware, menu, plates
- disliked:** (adj) hated, detested, averse, lousy, loath, undesirable, companionless. ANTONYMS: (adj) popular, liked
- disobey:** (v) violate, defy, infringe, disregard, contravene, ignore, resist, rebel, breach, transgress, counteract. ANTONYMS: (v) conform, regard, comply, mind, observe, behave, uphold
- displeased:** (adj) disgruntled, dissatisfied, angry, annoyed, unhappy, peeved, irritated, disgusted, indignant; (v) pained, afflicted. ANTONYMS: (adj) contented, satisfied, calm
- disrespectful:** (adj) impertinent, insolent, impolite, impious, irreverent, contemptuous, sacrilegious, audacious, uncivil, rude, bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) deferential, gracious, reverent, courteous, mannered, mannerly, pious, polite
- distance:** (n, v) remove; (n) space, way, gap, aloofness, interval, altitude, measure, mileage; (adj, n) length; (v) dissociate. ANTONYMS: (v) associate, attach, involve; (n) proximity, nearness, intimacy, closeness, warmth, bias, lovingness
- distended:** (adj) inflated, bloated, turgid, puffed, bombastic, distent, expanded, enlarged; (adj, v) puffy; (v) blowzy, bigswoln
- distinct:** (adj) different, discrete, articulate, distinctive, palpable, definite, apparent, dissimilar, tangle; (adj, prep) separate; (adj, v) marked. ANTONYMS: (adj) indistinct, similar, unclear, vague, shapeless, inaudible, connected, general, resembling, associated, amorphous
- distinctly:** (adv) clearly, particularly, evidently, expressly, obviously, markedly, definitely, precisely, manifestly, separately, decidedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) inaudibly, faintly, vaguely, silently, imperceptibly, poorly
- distinguish:** (v) discriminate, perceive, know, describe, make out, discover, descry, behold, identify, recognize, separate. ANTONYMS: (v) mistake, confound, ignore, Miss, unite, demean
- distracted:** (adj) demented, inattentive, abstracted, crazy, frenzied, distraught, preoccupied, distressed, confused; (adj, v) mad, disconcerted. ANTONYMS: (adj) attentive, alert, assured, calm, mellow
- disturb:** (v) trouble, disorder, disconcert, distress, perturb, disquiet, distract, discompose, disrupt, upset, concern. ANTONYMS: (v) calm, please, soothe, smooth, order, reassure, sort, settle, respect, quiet, organize
- disturbed:** (adj, v) concerned; (adj) anxious, disquieted, upset, confused, worried, restless, disordered, unsettled, distressed, turbulent. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, relaxed, calm, sane, unaffected, unbroken, peaceful, stable, carefree, unconcerned, untroubled
- disturbing:** (adj) disquieting, alarming, disconcerting, worrying, bothersome, worrisome, upsetting, unsettling, troubling, troublesome, distressful. ANTONYMS: (adj) soothing, comforting, pleasing, pleasant
- divide:** (n, v) cut, part, distribute, share, split; (v) dissociate, dismember, separate, dispense, disconnect, detach. ANTONYMS: (v) unite, join, connect, combine, multiply, lump, link, keep, hold, gather, disarrange
- doctor:** (v) cure, mend, repair, remedy, attend, adulterate, fix, heal; (n) doc, Dr; (adj) doctory. ANTONYMS: (v) purify, clean, distill, harm, hurt, injure, wound
- dogs:** (n) foxes, Canidae, Carnivora,

cats, family Canidae, forceps, order Carnivora, bears; (adj) dogging
doing: (n) act, do, deed, making, performance, execution, perpetration, acting; (v) to make, to do; (adj) current. ANTONYM: (n) failure
doleful: (adj) mournful, sorrowful, sad, disconsolate, melancholy, miserable, piteous, dolorous, somber, woeful; (adj, v) dolesome. ANTONYMS: (adj) gleeful, happy, glad, cheery, elated, euphoric
doll: (n) baby, chick, figurine, girl, dolly, dummy, marionette, toy, blockhead-board, bird, dame
domain: (n) department, realm, kingdom, area, arena, province, land, field, region, demesne, sphere
domestic: (adj, v) home; (adj) civil, native, internal, household, familiar, inland, national; (n) maid, servant; (adj, n) homely. ANTONYMS: (adj) foreign, wild, external, public, office, professional, imported, global, alien, undomestic
done: (adj, adv) finished, ended; (adj) complete, completed, over, made, gone, accomplished, concluded, through, cooked. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsettled, disapproved, incomplete, rare, raw, rejected, uncooked, undone, unfulfilled, unsanctioned
door: (n) threshold, mouth, entrance, doorway, entry, opening, access, entryway, way out, portal, hatch. ANTONYM: (n) entrance
doubt: (n, v) suspicion, question, query, dispute; (n) disbelief, misgiving, incertitude, apprehension, uncertainty; (adj, n) skepticism; (v) suspect. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, confidence, conclusiveness, belief, certitude, faith, approval; (v) accept, believe, consider, swallow
doubted: (adj) distrusted, suspected
doubtful: (adj) dubious, debatable, distrustful, questionable, queer, suspicious, tentative, disputable, diffident, unsettled, unsure. ANTONYMS: (adj) trusting, convinced, reliable, confident, persuaded, provable, sure, hopeful, promising, likely, indubitable
downright: (adj, n) absolute; (adj, v) sheer, clear; (adj) dead, blunt, candid, plain; (adv) absolutely, thoroughly, wholly, decidedly. ANTONYMS: (adj) semi, limited, incomplete, questionable, slight; (adv) hardly

downstairs: (adv) beneath, below, underneath, down the stairs, downward, infra, at a lower place, downhill, on a lower floor; (adj) downstairs; (n) floor. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) upstairs
downward: (adv) underneath, under, below, downwards, downwardly, beneath, down below; (adj) downcast, sloping, depressed, downright. ANTONYMS: (adv) up; (adj) rising
doxology: (n) hosanna, hymn, grace, praise, glorification, anthem
doze: (n, v) snooze, sleep, slumber, drowse, siesta, forty winks, rest; (v) catnap, nod, coma, nod off. ANTONYM: (v) wake
dozen: (adj, n) XII; (n) dozens, boxcars
dozens: (n) scores, dozen, tons, taunt, stacks, slews, scads, rafts, lots, loads, lashings
draft: (n, v) draught, outline, design, sketch, blueprint; (n) bill, conscription, drawing, bill of exchange; (v) recruit, compose. ANTONYMS: (v) release, expel, destroy
drag: (v) attract, draw, lug, cart, heave, tow; (n, v) pull, puff; (adv, v) trail; (n) bother; (adj) dragging. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure; (v) hasten, hurry, shove, speed, rush, propel, fly
dragged: (adj) depressed, dejected, upset, unhappy, spent, dispirited, somber, melancholy, gloomy, joyless, low
dragging: (n) pulled wire, stemming, haulage; (adj) slow, sickly, slack, unfit, sluggish, tardy, tedious; (v) involve. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, energizing, exciting, prompt, short
drama: (n) show, tragedy, performance, dramatic event, theater, acting, spectacle, comedy, emotionalism, emotionality, episode
dramatic: (adj) spectacular, impressive, scenic, stagy, sudden, sensational, striking, exciting, thespian, moving, tense. ANTONYMS: (adj) undramatic, prosaic, normal, unexciting, unmoving, lyric, dull, blah, modest, natural, restrained
drank: (v) absorb
draughts: (n) solitaire, go bang, backgammon, misere chess, chess, dominos, board game
draw: (n, v) drag, pull, delineate, tie,

design, puff; (v) depict, describe, derive, bring; (n) attraction. ANTONYMS: (v) repel, deposit, shove, shorten, thrust, cut, curtain, contract, alienate; (n) repulsion, win
drawing: (n) draft, delineation, picture, plan, cartoon, depiction, draught, draw, draftsmanship, painting, image
drawn: (adj) careworn, worn, drew, pinched, gaunt, taut, tired, cadaverous, thin, tense, withdraw. ANTONYMS: (adj) rested, robust, refreshed, hale, fresh, vigorous, carefree
dreaded: (adj) awful, terrible, cowardly, causing horror, dire, direful, desperate, dreadful, fearful, fearsome; (v) dread
dreadful: (adj) bad, awful, alarming, atrocious, fearful, terrible, abominable, appalling, direful, grisly; (adj, v) dread. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, great, lovely, fantastic, marvelous, admirable, successful, nice, joyous, honorable, fair
dreadfully: (adj, adv) frightfully, shockingly; (adv) fearfully, appallingly, hideously, horrendously, horribly, atrociously, ghastly, tremendously, horridly. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, wonderfully, happily, hardly, superbly, well
dream: (n) aspiration, ambition, reverie, desire, fantasy, figment, nightmare; (n, v) vision, sleep; (v) muse, imagine. ANTONYMS: (n) alertness, nightmare
dreaming: (n) reverie, ambition, nightmare, conception, castle in the air; (adj) absent-minded, asleep, visionary, vacant, wistful, rapt
dreamy: (adj) faraway, romantic, impractical, somnolent, visionary, sleepy, pensive, moony, idealistic, drowsy; (v) balmy. ANTONYMS: (adj) cynical, vigorous, pragmatic, practical, awake, alert, ordinary, prosaic
dreary: (adj) depressing, drab, dull, cheerless, drear, miserable, gloomy, dark, dismal, stuffy, disconsolate. ANTONYMS: (adj) interesting, cheerful, sunny, brilliant, lively, light, exciting, clear, cheery, pleasant, exotic
dress: (n, v) attire, costume, clothe, apparel, clothing, array, trim, garb, rig, cover; (n) dressing. ANTONYMS: (n, v) undress; (v)

- uncover, disrobe, rumple, strip, wrinkle
- ressed:** (adj) attired, clad, garbed, appareled, spruced up, spiffed up, covered, polished, garmented; (v) clothed, habited
- dresser:** (n) cabinet, chest of drawers, bureau, commode, chest, sideboard, chiffonier, toilet table, assistant, dressing table, table
- dressing:** (n) bandage, stuffing, fertilization, binding, bandaging, scolding, fertilizer, manure, compress, preparation, farce
- drew:** (n) move, John Drew
- drifting:** (adj, adv) aimless, wandering; (adv) adrift; (adj) floating, nomadic, vagabond, rootless, roaming, wayfaring, migratory; (n) running with the regulator closed. ANTONYM: (adj) resident
- drill:** (n, v) practice, discipline; (v) bore, coach, pierce, train, tap, educate; (n) auger, rehearsal, borer
- drink:** (n, v) beverage, draught, swallow; (n) alcohol, brew, potion, intoxicant; (v) booze, carouse, bib, swig. ANTONYMS: (v) regurgitate, sip, abstain
- dripping:** (adj) wet, damp, drenched, sodden, soaked, soggy; (adj, adv) sopping, soaking; (adj, v) reeking; (n) dribble, a drop. ANTONYM: (adj) lacking
- drive:** (n, v) ride, push, force, crusade, urge, thrust, campaign, cause; (v) compel, chase, actuate. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, inertia, lethargy, walk, indifference; (v) discourage, repress, stop, prevent, inhibit, dissuade
- driven:** (v) drive, impel, operate, propel; (adj) impelled, compulsive, motivated, involuntary, dynamic, successful; (n) drove
- driving:** (adj) energetic, impulsive, enterprising, pushing, vigorous; (n) drive, travel, drove, direction, motoring, push. ANTONYMS: (adj) lethargic, weak, light
- drone:** (n, v) hum, murmur; (v) whine, idler, purr; (n) dawdler, droning, laggard, sluggard, roll; (adv, n) bourdon
- drop:** (n, v) decline, dribble, deposit, decrease, jump, ebb; (adj, n, v) collapse; (v) droop, sink, cast, drip. ANTONYMS: (n, v) increase; (v) lift, pour, sharpen, raise, recuperate; (n) growth, mass, lot, upswing, elevation
- dropped:** (adj) dropping, fallen, decreased, drop, fall, degraded, dead, born, abandoned
- dropping:** (adj) dropped, down, fatigued, plunging, plummeting, dipping; (n) sagging, reducing, sinking, dropping of the launcher stages, dispatching
- drops:** (n) tear
- drove:** (adj, n) flock, swarm, shoal; (n) horde, crowd, covey, mob, throng, multitude; (adj) bevy, driven
- drowned:** (adj) prostrate, sunken; (v) drenched, drent
- drowsily:** (adv) sleepily, lethargically, somnolently, lazily, dozily, indolently, sluggishly, soporifically, slowly, dreamily, languorously. ANTONYM: (adv) vigorously
- drowsy:** (adj, n) sleepy; (adj) lazy, comatose, somnolent, slow, lethargic, sluggish, dull, indolent, soporific, listless. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, awake, lively, vigorous, vivacious, refreshed
- drunk:** (adj) tipsy, wet, tight, blotto, drunken, inebriated; (adj, n) inebriate; (n) boozier, dipsomaniac, drunkard, drinker. ANTONYM: (adj) straight, clearheaded; (n) teetotaler
- drunken:** (adj) boozy, sottish, intoxicated, tipsy, tight, bibulous, groggy, intemperate, blotto, canned, pissed
- dryly:** (adv) coldly, sternly, sourly, sarcastically, laconically, huskily. ANTONYMS: (adv) interestingly, warmly
- dull:** (adj) dreary, dense, sluggish, dismal, slack, torpid; (adj, v) blunt, stupid; (v) deaden, dampen; (adj, n) cold. ANTONYMS: (adj) lively, sharp, stimulating, exciting, lustrous, interesting, exhilarating, varied, glossy, glittery, luminous
- during:** (prep) within, on, by, of, for, pending, inside; (adv) whilst, while; (adj) throughout; (n) at. ANTONYM: (prep) out
- duties:** (n) service, occupation, place, work, vocation, charge, diversion, activities, avocation, registration fee
- duty:** (n) function, commitment, obligation, chore, assignment, office, dues, job, responsibility, must; (n, v) charge. ANTONYMS: (n) disobedience, option
- dwarf:** (adj, n) midget, miniature; (n) gnome, fairy, brownie, manikin, pygmy; (v) overshadow; (adj) little, runt, baby. ANTONYMS: (adj) large, big, huge; (v) maximize
- dying:** (n) death, demise, decease, mortality; (adj) vanishing, moribund, last, final, ultimate, failing, ebbing. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, well, opening, aborning, developing, flourishing, growing, reviving, rejuvenating; (n) birth
- each:** (adv) apiece, either, individually; (adj) every, various, singular; (adj, det) any; (n) anyone, an, anybody, everyone
- eager:** (adj) avid, ardent, agog, acute, zealous, enthusiastic, keen, ambitious, industrious, studious; (adj, n) earnest. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, unconcerned, apathetic, disinterested, unwilling, unenthusiastic, lukewarm, patient, reluctant, listless, bored
- eagerly:** (adv) zealously, readily, keenly, fervently, avidly, greedily, enthusiastically, intently, earnestly, impatiently, actively. ANTONYMS: (adv) apathetically, nonchalantly, grudgingly, patiently, halfheartedly, reluctantly, unenthusiastically
- eagerness:** (n, v) desire, aspiration; (n) enthusiasm, avidity, cupidity, readiness, passion, keenness, ambition, fervor, avidness. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, unwillingness, aloofness, disinterest, lethargy, listlessness, patience, gloom, reluctance
- early:** (adv) betimes, soon; (adj) initial, primitive, young, prompt, first, quick; (n) beginning, morning, prior. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) late, later; (adj) delayed, slow, tardy, conclusive, latter, middle; (adv) belatedly, tardily, expectedly
- earnest:** (adj, v) devout; (adj) eager, solemn, heartfelt, diligent, studious, sincere, intense, ardent, staid; (n) guarantee. ANTONYMS: (adj) flippant, halfhearted, uncertain, insincere, unimportant, nonchalant, lethargic, apathetic, unenthusiastic, indifferent, frivolous
- ears:** (n) antenna
- earth:** (n) world, dust, ground, land, lair, dry land, terra firma, clay, creation, ball, country
- easily:** (adv) lightly, smoothly, facily, fluently, readily, plainly, comfortably, uncomplicatedly, calmly, slowly, conveniently. ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, unquestionably, laboriously, difficultly, barely, arduously,

- affectedly, inconveniently, seriously, formally
- east:** (n) orient, e, Levant, easting, east side, EST, cardinal compass point; (adj) eastern; (adv) eastwards. ANTONYM: (adj) west
- easy:** (adj) convenient, gentle, familiar, graceful, at ease, light, lenient, clear, contented, cozy; (adj, adv) soft. ANTONYMS: (adj) arduous, laborious, demanding, hard, strenuous, particular, burdensome, tough, uneasy, awkward, testing
- eaten:** (v) eat
- eating:** (n) ingestion, intake, feeding, browsing, banqueting, food, lunching, supping, pica, repletion; (v) eat
- eats:** (n) grub, chuck, food, meat, meal, diet, nurture, eat, dinner, board, feed
- ecstasy:** (n) delight, rapture, joy, bliss, delirium, happiness, trance, enthusiasm, exaltation, elation; (n, v) transport. ANTONYMS: (n) desolation, gloom, downheartedness, melancholy, depression, dejection, anguish, sadness, despair, agony, bore
- edge:** (n, v) bound, verge, hem, skirt, line; (n) boundary, margin, brink, blade, extremity, limit. ANTONYMS: (n) center, disadvantage, obstacle, handicap, mainstream, end; (v) interior, dull, blunt, speed
- effect:** (n, prep) consequence; (v) accomplish, achieve, bring about, create, complete, cause, do; (n) product, sequel; (n, v) result. ANTONYMS: (n) reason, cause; (v) impede, fail
- effort:** (n) exertion, trouble, application, trial, try, endeavor, struggle, drive, diligence, bid, great effort. ANTONYMS: (n) inaction, lackadaisicalness, laziness, negligence, lethargy
- efforts:** (n) pains
- eggs:** (n) seed, ball, ballock, roe, bollock
- eight:** (n) eighter, eleven, nine, ten, team, queen, ogdoad, octonary, octet, ace, octad
- either:** (adj) whatever; (adv) too, also, neither, besides, likewise; (n) or; (det) any; (conj) other
- elaborately:** (adv) detailedly, fancily, laboredly, complicatedly, minutely, extensively, flamboyantly, knottily, ornamentally, involvedly, ornately.
- ANTONYM: (adv) simply
- elbow:** (n, v) poke, nudge, jolt; (n) cubitus, elbow joint, angle, articulation; (v) jostle, push, shove, crowd
- elderly:** (adj) old, elder, senior, older, antiquated, geriatric; (adv) superiorly, bigly, eldestly, anciently, adultly. ANTONYMS: (adj) immature, youthful
- electric:** (n) electricity; (adj) exciting, electrical, galvanic, emotional, hasty, stimulating, restless; (v) eagle winged, telegraphic; (adj, v) mercurial. ANTONYMS: (adj) boring, uncharged, unexciting
- electricity:** (adj) light, voltaism, magnetism, electromagnetism, wind, Voltaic electricity, electrical; (n) electrical energy, electric current, static electricity, tension
- elephants:** (n) Elephantidae
- eleven:** (adj, n) xi; (n) eight, squad, football team, team
- elfish:** (adj) elvish, elflike, puckish, playful, roguish, Elvin
- else:** (adv) besides, yet, to boot, in addition, moreover; (pron) another; (n) or; (adj) different, other, further, additional
- elsewhere:** (adj, adv) away; (adj) worried, lost in thought, abroad, anxious; (adv) off, elsewhere, thence, somewhere. ANTONYMS: (adj) carefree; (adv) in
- embarrassed:** (adj) awkward, abashed, uncomfortable, disconcerted, bashful, sheepish, shy, shamefaced, mortified, discomfited, chagrined. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, unabashed, natural, talkative
- embroidered:** (adj) ornate, inflated, exaggerated, bewrought, decorated
- emotion:** (n) love, feeling, passion, heart, commotion, mood, pathos, excitement, sensibility; (n, v) sensation; (v) impression. ANTONYMS: (n) detachment, coldness, unfeelingness, calmness
- employed:** (adj) engaged, working, occupied, hired, used, made use of, rapt, affianced, earnest, betrothed. ANTONYMS: (adj) unemployed, unoccupied, idle
- empty:** (adj, v) clear, discharge, destitute, void; (adj) hollow, bare, blank, barren, abandoned; (v) deplete, pour. ANTONYMS: (adj) crowded, meaningful, packed, occupied, inhabited, swarming, brimming, laden, filled, cultivated; (v) fill
- encircled:** (adj) enclosed, bounded, circinate, circular, decorated, delimited, ringed, wreathed, bordered, annulated, annular
- enclosed:** (adj) surrounded, bounded, covered, limited, encircled, enveloped, besieged, closed, controlled; (v) contain; (adv) herewith. ANTONYMS: (adj) exposed, open, pervasive, outdoor
- encouragingly:** (adv) promisingly, inspiringly, encourage, hopefully, propitiously, positively, sympathetically, cheeringly, hortatorily, brightly, kindly. ANTONYMS: (adv) negatively, inauspiciously
- ended:** (adj) concluded, finished, over, done, completed, closed, through, terminated, consummate, all over; (adj, v) past
- endless:** (adj) constant, perpetual, interminable, continuous, ceaseless, eternal, uninterrupted, everlasting, incessant, vast, unrelenting. ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, restricted, limited, intermittent, ending, finishing, sporadic, mortal, inconstant, few, slight
- ends:** (n) tops, crook, band, bend, bind, limits, clippings, curve, trimmings, boundaries
- endure:** (adj, n, v) continue, support; (n, v) bear, suffer, stand, be; (v) accept, undergo, allow, stay, tolerate. ANTONYMS: (v) perish, die, break, fall, discontinue, crumble, end, enjoy, resign, quit, collapse
- energetic:** (adj) animated, brisk, busy, driving, dynamic, powerful, strong, effective, agile, emphatic, forcible. ANTONYMS: (adj) sluggish, lazy, weary, languid, inactive, exhausted, indolent, apathetic, dull, indifferent, listless
- engagingly:** (adv) fascinatingly, engaging, interestingly, pleasingly, appealingly, fetchingly, winsomely, alluringly, winningly, charmingly, glamorously
- england:** (n) Britain, British, UK, United Kingdom, Albion, British Empire
- english:** (n) English language, Englishwoman, Britain, Englishman, side, the English, English people; (adj) Anglican; (v) Anglify
- enjoy:** (v) hold, have, relish, bask, appreciate, own, rejoice, revel, love, experience; (adj, v) like.

- ANTONYMS: (v) need, suffer, loathe, lack, hate, detest, despise, want
- enjoying:** (n) relish, enjoyment; (adj) comfortable, fruitive
- enjoyment:** (n) delight, appreciation, gratification, comfort, relish, satisfaction, happiness, delectation, gusto, amusement, diversion. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, abhorrence, antipathy, apathy, aversion, discomfort, displeasure, dissatisfaction, misery, repulsion, sorrow
- enormous:** (adj) huge, big, colossal, vast, prodigious, excessive, exorbitant, great, large, tremendous, stupendous. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, minute, insignificant, miniature, measly, diminutive, affordable, little, slim, ordinary, minor
- enough:** (adj) ample, adequate, competent, decent; (n) adequacy, sufficiency, fill; (adv) rather, amply, adequately; (adv, n) plenty. ANTONYMS: (adj) insufficient, deficient, wanting, scant; (adv) insufficiently, inadequately; (n) insufficiency, deficiency, inadequacy, shortage
- enraptured:** (adj) rapt, rapturous, captive, bewitched, rhapsodic, ecstasy, confined, absorbed, jubilant, joyous, enamored
- entertained:** (adj) diverted, pleased
- entertaining:** (adj) enjoyable, fun, funny, diverting, witty, merry, comical, laughable, convivial, humorous, droll. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, boring, heavy, slow, tiresome, tiring, unentertaining
- entertainment:** (n) distraction, diversion, enjoyment, show, pleasure, recreation, fun, reception, pastime; (adj, n) party; (n, v) regalement. ANTONYMS: (n) job, boredom, discomfort
- entire:** (adj, n) absolute, complete; (adj) total, all, integral, whole, utter, perfect, clean, undivided, unbroken. ANTONYMS: (adj) incomplete, limited, part, unfinished, narrow, imperfect
- entirely:** (adv) fully, absolutely, utterly, wholly, altogether, all, thoroughly, perfectly, clean, solely; (adj, adv) completely. ANTONYMS: (adv) partially, incompletely, unenthusiastically, hardly, slightly, somewhat
- entrance:** (v) enchant, charm, captivate, bewitch, enrapture; (n) access, entry, admittance, threshold, arrival, door. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, exit, egress, egression, exiting, exclusion, retirement; (v) bore, repel, repulse
- entranced:** (adj) delighted, captivated, fascinated, enthralled, enchanted, ecstatic, beguiled, enslaved, gripped; (adv) on cloud nine; (v) overjoyed
- envelope:** (n, v) covering, cloak, blanket; (n) casing, container, pack, case, coating, jacket, integument, vesicle
- equals:** (n) classmates, colleagues, contemporaries, generation, age group
- errands:** (n) everyday Jobs, farm duties
- escaped:** (adj) at large, at liberty, loose, on the loose, runaway, easy, wild; (n) freer; (v) escaping
- especially:** (adv) particularly, chiefly, expressly, peculiarly, specifically, above all, exceedingly, principally, exceptionally, extraordinarily, unusually. ANTONYMS: (adv) unexceptionally, customarily, usually, commonly, frequently, generally
- estate:** (n) land, order, demesne, rank, domain, property, acres, substance, state, asset, assets
- europa:** (n) Io, Europa, EC, Eleusine indica, goose grass, silverweed, wild strawberry, wild hop, starry saxifrage, star saxifrage, east Asia
- evening:** (n) even, dusk, dark, eve, twilight, sunset, eventide, nightfall, sundown, night, period. ANTONYMS: (n) daybreak, sunrise, sunup, morning
- event:** (n) effect, case, consequence, occurrence, incident, result, contingency, product, fact, happening, circumstance. ANTONYM: (n) insignificance
- events:** (n) athletics, plot, activities, actions
- ever:** (adj, adv) always, continually; (adj) constantly, still, forever; (adv) never, e'er, before, once, perpetually; (n) Evers. ANTONYM: (adv) erratically
- evergreen:** (n) tracheophyte, evergreen plant, pet, favorite; (adj) immortal, unfading, sempervirent, indecious, amaranthine; (v) macrobiotic, longeval. ANTONYM: (adj) deciduous
- every:** (adj) each, total, whole, any, thorough; (n) everybody, everyone, everything; (adv) apiece, either; (pron) every one
- everybody:** (adv) each, any; (n, pron) anyone, anybody; (n) every person, world, everything, horde, throng; (pron) any person, someone. ANTONYMS: (n, pron) nobody
- everyone:** (n) all, everything, world, public; (n, pron) anyone, anybody; (pron) everybody, someone, a person, any person; (adv) any. ANTONYM: (pron) nobody
- everything:** (pron) anything, something, whatever thing, no matter which; (n) whole, everyone, all things, everybody, entirety, universe, thing
- everywhere:** (adv) everyplace, all over, far and wide, overall, somewhere, far and near, about, where; (adv, pron) anywhere; (adv, n) anyplace; (adj) throughout. ANTONYM: (adv) nowhere
- evident:** (adj) obvious, distinct, discernible, clear, manifest, conspicuous, patent, plain, noticeable, open, certain. ANTONYMS: (adj) unnoticed, obscure, concealed, hidden, inconspicuous, uncertain, unknown, imperceptible, disputable, ambiguous, undetectable
- evidently:** (adv) clearly, patently, plainly, obviously, manifestly, openly, certainly, overtly, markedly, conspicuously, palpably. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, imperceptibly, obscurely, questionably, actually, ambiguously, inconspicuously
- exact:** (adj, n) correct; (v) demand, claim, command, ask; (n, v) require; (adj, v) close, direct; (adj) precise, detailed, faithful. ANTONYMS: (adj) wrong, vague, imprecise, approximate, inexact, rough, careless, thoughtless, indeterminate; (v) tender, give
- exactly:** (adv) correctly, punctually, rightly, accurately, strictly, perfectly, definitely, directly, truly, right, absolutely. ANTONYMS: (adv) inaccurately, randomly, figuratively, wrongly, vaguely, roughly, inexactly, indirectly, imprecisely, around; (adv, prep) about
- exaggerated:** (adj) extravagant, theatrical, immoderate, inflated, overdone, hyperbolic, magnified, pretentious, overstated, excessive; (adj, v) hypertrophied.

- ANTONYMS: (adj) restrained, unembellished, minimized
- examined:** (adj) qualified, studied, considered
- examining:** (v) examine, investigate; (adj) investigative, curious, disquisitive, exploratory, inquiring
- except:** (adj, conj, prep) save; (v) exclude, demur, omit, elide; (adv, conj, prep) but; (adv, prep) besides; (prep) excepting, excluding, aside from; (conj, n) without.
- ANTONYMS: (prep) including; (v) receive, admit
- excited:** (adj, v) animated, ardent; (adj) ablaze, enthusiastic, emotional, frantic, warm, heated, delirious, fervent, passionate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cool, unexcited, bored, tranquil, easygoing, disappointed, despairing, comatose, apathetic, sedate, composed
- excitedly:** (adv) passionately, feverishly, wildly, frantically, nervously, ardently, enthusiastically, eagerly, animatedly, fervently, cheerfully.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) lifelessly, patiently, peacefully, nonchalantly, indifferently, despondently, unenthusiastically
- excitement:** (n) commotion, emotion, animation, agitation, disturbance, elation, enthusiasm, eagerness, taking, excitation, tumult.
- ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, boredom, tediousness, desolation, apathy, bore, dormancy, indifference, somnolence, despondency, lifelessness
- exciting:** (adj) provocative, breathtaking, impressive, stirring, exhilarating, moving, rousing, dramatic, emotional, agitated; (adv) excitingly. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, bland, monotonous, insipid, uninteresting, unexciting, uninspiring, listless, unenthusiastic, staid, somnolent
- exclamation:** (n) clamor, ejaculation, exclaiming, utterance, whoop, interjection, shout, expletive, deuce, Dickens, ecphonesis
- excuse:** (n, v) pardon, palliate; (v) absolve, exculpate, condone, acquit, justify, forgive; (n) alibi, pretext, evasion. ANTONYMS: (v) blame, accuse, chide, discipline, include, reprimand, castigate; (n) accusation
- exercise:** (n, v) employ, practice, use, discipline; (v) apply, train, exert; (n) employment, application, play, movement. ANTONYMS: (n) avoid, idleness, inactiveness, inactivity, work; (v) ignore, neglect, overlook, perform, conserve
- exercised:** (adj) applied, distressed, proficient, veteran
- exercises:** (n) military exercises, athletics
- exhibited:** (adj) ostensible, avowed, apparent, declared
- existence:** (n) being, entity, life, subsistence, living, essence, lifetime, aliveness, actuality, occurrence, availability. ANTONYMS: (n) nonbeing, nonexistence, absence, extinction
- expanse:** (n) breadth, expansion, space, region, compass, extent, orbit, latitude, acreage, dilation, length.
- ANTONYM: (n) closeness
- expect:** (v) assume, anticipate, demand, understand, hope, think, suppose, calculate, await, abide, conceive. ANTONYMS: (v) fear, despair
- expected:** (adj) likely, expect, predictable, prospective, anticipated, usual, conventional, intended, due, assumed, hoped-for.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, surprising, unconventional, unexpected, unlikely, exceptional
- expecting:** (adj) educated, capable, expert, trained, competent, skillful, sophisticated, knowledgeable, proficient, practiced, old.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) naive, immature, unsophisticated, unseasoned, unknowledgeable, ignorant, green, untrained, inept, unqualified, coarse
- experiment:** (n, v) attempt, try, taste, venture; (n) essay, trial, tentative, examination, probation, experience; (v) examine
- explain:** (v) comment, interpret, account, define, decipher, clarify, solve, gloss, excuse, expound, explicate. ANTONYMS: (v) complicate, perplex, obfuscate, puzzle, outline
- explore:** (v) search, delve, research, enquire, discover, prospect, scrutinize, investigate, plumb, probe, view
- exploring:** (adj) indagative, emissary, excursive
- expressed:** (adj) express, spoken, phrased, explicit, voiced, expressed, verbal, verbalized, verbalised, unequivocal, graphic
- expression:** (n) phrase, voice, aspect, appearance, demonstration, declaration, manifestation, articulation, express, face, style.
- ANTONYMS: (n) hint, suggestion, smile, insinuation, concealment, misconstruction
- extend:** (v) enlarge, broaden, widen, dilate, amplify, augment, go, continue, spread, draw out; (adj, v) stretch. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, shorten, narrow, shrink, limit, contract, curtail, hold, reduce, abridge, keep
- extended:** (adj) broad, expanded, ample, extensive, wide, long, protracted, lengthened, prolonged, elongated, enlarged. ANTONYMS: (adj) brief, unextended, condensed, contracted, shortened, reduced, narrow, partial, abridged, abbreviated, tiny
- extra:** (adj) additional, odd, extraordinary; (adj, adv) over, more; (adj, n) excess, supernumerary; (n) accessory; (adj, adv, n) plus; (adv) especially; (v) additive.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) basic, less, enough, main, sufficient, lacking; (n) lack, shortfall, normal; (adv) barely, scarcely
- extraordinarily:** (adv) singularly, rarely, unusually, exceptionally, extremely, peculiarly, remarkably, phenomenally, uncommonly, exceedingly, especially.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) slightly, unremarkably, ordinarily
- extreme:** (adj) deep, excessive, enormous, supreme, terrible, uttermost, ultimate, utmost, intense, immoderate; (n) edge. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) mild, slight; (adj) middle, reasonable, near, limited, close, conventional, ordinary, normal, insignificant
- extremely:** (adv) enormously, excessively, greatly, extraordinarily, utterly, severely, hugely, intensely, desperately; (adj, adv) highly, very.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) quite, fairly, slightly, moderately, unremarkably, sensibly, hardly, somewhat, commonly, reasonably, insufficiently
- exultantly:** (adv) exultingly, triumphantly, gleefully, victoriously, elatedly, delightedly, joyfully, proudly, rejoicingly, triumphantly; (adv, v) happily
- exultation:** (n) jubilation, joy, delight, ecstasy, elation, rejoicing, revelling, transport, joyousness, bliss, glee.
- ANTONYMS: (n) depression,

- desolation, misery, sorrow
eyes: (n) sight, eye, vision, view, baby blues, guard, propensity, eyen
face: (adj, n, v) front; (v) confront, audacity; (n, v) look, aspect, top; (n) side, expression, countenance, exterior, facade. ANTONYMS: (n, v) back; (n) timidity, nobody, underside, shyness, rear; (v) evade, elude, hide, withdraw, submit
fact: (n) event, detail, truth, particular, reality, point, thing, occurrence, experience, actuality; (n, v) deed. ANTONYMS: (n) guesswork, fallacy, conjecture, report, falsehood, fiction, concept, fabrication, fantasy, illusion, lie
fading: (n) attenuation, bleaching, discoloration, disappearance, evaporation, colour fading, decay; (adj) disappearing, paling, weakening, decaying. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, increasing, growing
faint: (adj, n, v) swoon; (adj) dim, feeble, dizzy, indistinct, vague, soft, dull; (adj, v) weak; (v) languish, pass out. ANTONYMS: (adj) distinct, clear, obvious, loud, considerable, pungent, invigorated, hearty, energetic, defined; (v) revive
faintly: (adv) dimly, vaguely, indistinctly, lightly, weakly, hazily, slightly, softly, shadowily, infirmly, palely. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, intensely, distinctly, overpoweringly, harshly, considerably, powerfully, strongly, brightly, obviously, audibly
fair: (adj) clear, beautiful, sweet, reasonable, dispassionate, average, fine, impartial; (adj, v) bright; (adj, adv) clean; (n) blonde. ANTONYMS: (adj) biased, unjust, exceptional, dark, partial, mismatched, unwarranted, foul, imbalanced, prejudiced, poor
fairly: (adj, adv) justly; (adv) moderately, honestly, completely, purely, impartially, somewhat, righteously, lightly, rightly, squarely. ANTONYMS: (adv) unjustly, extremely, subjectively, very, dishonestly, unreasonably, completely, entirely, unlawfully, excessively, wholly
fairy: (n) elf, sprite, brownie, fag, fagot, fagot, imp, pixie, pixy; (adj, n) faery, faerie. ANTONYM: (n) ogre
faith: (n) confidence, belief, conviction, trust, credence, credit, creed, assurance, cult, expectation, dependence. ANTONYMS: (n) disbelief, distrust, dubiousity, skepticism, despair, uncertainty, doubt, independence
fall: (n, v) decline, dip, rain, decrease, plunge, dive; (n) downfall, descent, autumn; (v) descend, sink. ANTONYMS: (n, v) increase, win, climb, triumph; (n) ascent, improvement, rising; (v) ascend, advance, conquer, elevate
fallen: (adj) drop, decline, prostrate, flat, destroyed, down, lapsed, alight, degenerate, lose, get. ANTONYMS: (adj) esteemed, honorable, honored, lauded, prestigious
falling: (n) descent, fall, downfall, degradation, depreciation; (adj) descending, decreasing, declining, tumbling, ebb, down. ANTONYMS: (adj) standing, increasing, burgeoning
falls: (n) cataract, waterfall, chute, angel, torrent, Victoria, twin, force, body of water, Guaira, Niagara
falter: (n, v) waver; (v) hesitate, stumble, stutter, stammer, halt, dither, bumble, doubt, teeter; (n) faltering. ANTONYMS: (v) persevere, persist, endure, remain
familiar: (adj) conversant, everyday, usual, ordinary, commonplace; (adj, n) customary, common, intimate, habitual, accustomed; (n) companion. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfamiliar, strange, foreign, unaccustomed, new, unknown, ignorant, formal, shy, rare, distant
familiarly: (adv) intimately, usually, ordinarily, nearly, frequently, commonly, regularly, informally, closely, acquaintedly, conventionally. ANTONYM: (adv) distantly
family: (adj, n) household, descent, home; (n) name, genus, house, people, breed, brood, kin, lineage
fancied: (adj) unreal, chimerical, fictional, fanciful, fictitious, fabricated, preferred, assumed, illusory, imagined, ideal
fanciful: (adj) mythical, fantastic, capricious, unreal, arbitrary, romantic, ideal, chimerical, notional, visionary; (adj, v) fancy. ANTONYMS: (adj) prosaic, real, realistic, plausible, normal
fancy: (n, v) desire, fantasy, caprice, dream, wish, daydream; (v) imagine, consider; (adj, v) conceive; (n) conception, conceit. ANTONYMS: (n) reality, certainty, actuality, conviction; (adj) unadorned, common; (v) hate, demonstrate, detest, disapprove, test
fantastically: (adv) wonderfully, fabulously, tremendously, marvelously, extraordinarily, strangely, queerly, magnificently, grotesquely, whimsically, peculiarly. ANTONYMS: (adv) plausibly, abysmally
far-off: (adj) distant, far, faraway, outlying, extreme, inaccessible, last, long, obscure, unknown, wide
far-reaching: (adj) comprehensive, far-flung, broad, widespread, wide, extensive, extended, expansive, momentous, serious, vast
farther: (adj, adv, prep) beyond; (adj) additional, more, distant; (adv) furthermore, besides, abroad, in addition, too; (adj, prep) outside; (pron) another. ANTONYMS: (prep) within; (adj) nearer, closer
fascinating: (adj, v) captivating, charming, engaging, interesting; (adj) engrossing, absorbing, attractive, delightful, alluring, bewitching, seductive. ANTONYMS: (adj) boring, dull, repellent, unappealing, repulsive
fascination: (n) charm, glamor, bewitchment, glamour, enchantment, enthralment, charisma, magnetism, allure, magic, captivation. ANTONYMS: (n) disinterest, boredom, disenchantment, disenchantment, repulsion
fashion: (n) mode, craze, fad, manner, method, way; (n, v) cut, construct, style; (v) contrive, make. ANTONYM: (v) destroy
fast: (adj, v) firm; (adj) dissolute, instant, agile, staunch, quick, hurried, fixed, rapid; (adv) soon, hard. ANTONYMS: (adv) slowly, loosely, sluggishly; (n) binge; (adj) sluggish, loose, unattached, plodding; (adj, adv) leisurely; (v) gorge, eat
fastened: (adj) tied, fast, buttoned, closed, tight, secure, pinned, binding, empight, steady, firm. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfastened, unbuttoned
fast: (adv) sooner, fleet, swift, quick, express, earlier
fatal: (adj) deadly, pestilent, lethal, disastrous, destructive, dangerous, deathly, fateful, murderous, critical; (adj, v) mortal. ANTONYMS: (adj) harmless, nourishing, healthful,

- benign, uncritical, mild
fatally: (adv) lethally, fatefully, perniciously, disastrously, destructively, terminally, deadly, pestilently, killingly, calamitously; (adj, adv) dangerously
father: (n) dad, begetter, creator, abba, patriarch, beginner, founder, padre; (n, v) sire; (v) engender, generate. ANTONYMS: (n) disciple, follower
favorite: (adj, n) darling, favourite, dear, number one; (adj) favored, beloved, popular; (n) pet, choice, pick, preference. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, superior, underdog; (adj) unwanted, despised, disliked, hated, unusual
fear: (n) awe, dismay, alarm, fright, consternation, care, anguish; (n, v) apprehension, doubt, concern, reverence. ANTONYMS: (n) fearlessness, reassurance, confidence, courage, valor, calm, boldness, security, equanimity, peace; (v) brave
fearily: (adv) timidly, timorously, awfully, apprehensively, horrendously, hideously, anxiously, appallingly, terribly; (adj, adv) shockingly, dreadfully.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) bravely, calmly, confidently, wonderfully, rationally, unconcernedly
fears: (n) worries, uncertainties, doubts, qualms, misgivings
feast: (n, v) junket, fete; (n) entertainment, dinner, binge, spread, celebration, jamboree, carousal; (v) feed, eat. ANTONYMS: (v) abstain, starve; (n) snack
feather: (n) pen, feathering, pinion, nib, plumage, quill, kind, spline; (n, v) plume; (adj, n, v) fringe; (v) fledge
feathered: (adj) plummy, plumelike, featherlike, plumose, plumed, plumaged, fledged, plumigerous, flighted, decorated; (v) fledge
feathers: (n) plumage, fur, indument, garment, garb, fine hair, clothing, dress, apparel, attire, array
feathery: (adj) light, fluffy, plummy, soft, downy, featherlike, plumose, plumelike, velvety, creamy, tender.
 ANTONYM: (adj) rough
features: (n) face, characteristics, aspect, appearance, character, facial appearance, trait, complexion, nature; (adj) declensions; (v) lineaments
feed: (v) eat, dine, browse, encourage, board, diet, nourish, fatten; (n, v) nurture, provender; (n) aliment. ANTONYMS: (v) thwart, crave, desire, sap
feeding: (n) alimentation, eating, nourishment, grazing, dining, browsing, feed supply, banqueting, supplying, ingestion, intake
feel: (v) experience, finger, handle, consider, find; (n, v) sense, sound; (n) feeling, texture, atmosphere, air. ANTONYMS: (v) observe, doubt, question, mistrust, ignore, disregard, disbelieve, challenge
feeling: (n) affection, feel, emotion, sensitivity, mood, hunch, opinion, belief, impression, atmosphere; (adj, n) sentiment. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, overtone, insensibility, certainty, insensitivity, hatred, trust; (adj) unfeeling
feet: (v) legs, pegs, pins, trotters; (n) foots, ft, fete, meter, rescue
fell: (v) cut, chop, bring down, drop, cut down; (adj) barbarous, cruel; (adj, v) prostrate, floor, knock down; (n) skin. ANTONYMS: (v) construct, erect, raise, build
fellow: (adj, n) comrade, associate; (n) boy, equal, brother, peer, chap, colleague, compeer, buddy; (adj, n, v) concomitant. ANTONYMS: (n) female, woman, girl, foe, enemy, antagonist, competitor
felt: (v) mat, tangle, snarl, braid, entangle, lace, perceive; (adj) sensed, perceived, conscious, sensible
ferociously: (adv) brutally, wildly, savagely, inhumanly, severely, violently, vehemently, roughly, furiously, cruelly, atrociously.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, tamely
ferrets: (n) badgers, Mustelidae, family Mustelidae
fever: (n) malaria, delirium, pyrexia, heat, frenzy, feverishness, febricity, Bilious typhoid fever, Levant fever, Hectic infantile fever, Typhoid fever
feverish: (adj) febrile, feverous, fiery, frenzied, fevered, excited, sick, fanatical; (adj, v) hot, flushed; (adj, n) hysterical. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, afebrile, collected, composed, mellow
fields: (n) field, domains, plain, notification fields, rotation, alternation of crops, grounds
fierce: (adj) bitter, acute, cruel, ferocious, brutal, grim, nasty, intense, ardent; (adj, v) savage, furious. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, mild, calm, quiet, tame, docile, weak, peaceful, pleasant
fiercely: (adv) violently, bitterly, strongly, savagely, brutally, intensely, wildly, cruelly, vehemently, grimly, furiously.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, dully, tame, docilely, tamely, calmly, feebly
fifth: (n) interval, twenty percent, common fraction, fifth part; (adv) fifthly; (v) decimate
fight: (n, v) battle, dispute, contest, quarrel, engagement, feud, squabble, argue, struggle, clash; (adj, n, v) brawl. ANTONYMS: (n, v) withdrawal, retreat; (n) fear, surrender, agreement; (v) compromise, favor, submit
fighting: (adj) belligerent, militant; (n) fight, contest, combat, action, affray, strife, engagement, war; (n, v) conflict. ANTONYMS: (adj) peaceful, meek; (n) calm, withdrawal, retreat, friendliness, agreement, peace, surrender
figure: (n, v) form, design, cast, estimate, shape, image; (v) count, cipher; (adj, n) appearance; (n) character, cost. ANTONYM: (v) estimate
figures: (n) statistics, numbers, information, facts, poll
fill: (v) block, clog, stuff, line, charge, execute, accomplish, complete, brim, fulfill; (n) crowd. ANTONYMS: (v) empty, free, deplete, unpack, unload, notch, deflate, desert
filled: (adj) replete, packed, fraught, teeming, laden, abundant, congested, charged, stuffed; (adj, adv) crowded; (n) fuller.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) lacking, clear
filling: (n) filler, weft, contents, loading, plug, packing, pad, replenishment, padding, impletion, stuffing. ANTONYMS: (adj) light, insufficient
film: (n, v) mist; (n) coating, cloud, skin, show, movie, layer, haze, covering, cinema, coat
filtered: (n) clean, drinkable; (adj) refined
final: (adj) conclusive, definite, extreme, latter, decisive, definitive, ultimate, last, irrevocable, decided, net. ANTONYMS: (adj) opening, preliminary, initial, inconclusive, foremost, introductory, beginning, fore, impermanent, flexible, provisional
find: (v) catch, detect, encounter, come across, feel, attain, ascertain;

- (n) detection, disclosure, search, discovery. ANTONYMS: (v) misplace, search, fail; (n) loss
- finding:** (n) detection, judgment, determination, discovery, verdict, ruling, breakthrough, resolution, doom, decree, find
- fine:** (adj) delicate, dainty, agreeable, nice, thin, elegant, capital, excellent, brave; (n) penalty; (v) punish. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, thick, wide, coarse, unsatisfactory, substantial, wretched, unpleasant, unimpressive, dark, cloudy
- finer:** (adj) superior, advanced, bigger, higher, more, greater
- finest:** (adj, n) elite; (adj) top, select, excellent, most favorable, most excellent, most advantageous, exclusive, classic, best possible; (n) cream
- finger:** (v) feel, handle, touch, thumb, indicate, point; (n) digit, dactyl, forefinger, pointer; (n, v) hand. ANTONYM: (v) clear
- fingering:** (n) location, placement, feeling, emplacement
- finish:** (n, v) close, complete, consummate; (v) achieve, execute, discontinue, cease, accomplish, determine; (n) conclusion, death. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning, opening, inception, middle, creation; (v) begin, continue, sustain, save, renew, conserve
- finished:** (adj, adv) ended, completed; (adj) complete, consummate, absolute, accomplished, ruined, spent, ripe, polished; (adj, v) done. ANTONYMS: (adj) incomplete, remaining, rough, leftover, uncultured
- finishing:** (n) completion, close, accomplishment, conclusion, end, coating; (adj, n) ending; (adj) closing, last, final, ultimate. ANTONYMS: (n) beginning; (adj) first
- fire:** (v) eject, dismiss, kindle, ignite; (n, v) discharge, blaze, flame, explode; (n) ardor, conflagration, fervor. ANTONYMS: (v) hire, defuse, deflate, employ, dampen, detain; (n) laziness
- fired:** (adj) discharged, unemployed, passionate, interested, heated, enthusiastic, ablaze, zealous
- fireplace:** (n) chimney, fire, hearth, oven, stove, fire place, fireside, kitchen, niche, recess, furnace
- firm:** (adj, adv) hard; (adj, v) stable, compact, determined, close, resolute; (adj) fixed, steadfast, solid, strong; (adj, n) steady. ANTONYMS: (adj) irresolute, weak, soft, hesitant, limp, liquid, soggy, lenient, indefinite, loose, inconstant
- firmly:** (adv) solidly, steadfastly, securely, resolutely, strongly, steadily, unwaveringly, stably, fixedly, robustly, rigidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) weakly, loosely, uncertainly, halfheartedly, leniently, unsteadily, shakily, yielding, indefinitely, irresolutely, feebly
- firmness:** (adj, n) constancy; (n) determination, resolution, assurance, consistency, obstinacy, steadfastness, resolve, confidence, courage, backbone. ANTONYMS: (n) softness, instability, vacillation, unsteadiness, yielding, irresoluteness, droopiness, indefiniteness, indecisiveness, indecision, leniency
- fist:** (n, v) hand; (n) duke, clenched fist, feist, manus, grip, index; (v) finger, paw, neif, neaf
- fits:** (v) epilepsy, bustle, racket, fuss, hubbub, megrims, rout, subsultus, staggers
- fitted:** (adj) capable, efficient, competent, able, finished, qualified, trained, primed, outfitted, initiated; (adj, v) convenient
- five:** (n) fives, quintuplet, quint, Phoebe, basketball team, fin, squad, ace, digit; (adj, n) v; (adj) quinary
- fixed:** (adj, v) determined, durable; (adj, adv, v) stable; (adj) definite, intent, fast, determinate, certain, set; (adj, adv, n) steady; (adj, n, v) constant. ANTONYMS: (adj) flexible, separate, adaptable, adjustable, changeable, movable, variable, compliant, temporary, removable, portable
- fixedly:** (adv) steadily, steadfastly, regularly, intently, stably, setly, permanently, rigidly, unwaveringly, surely, resolutely
- flags:** (n) streamer, streamers, sidewalk, trottoir, pavement, walk, footpath, bunting; (adj) wood pavement, flagstone
- flaming:** (adj, n) burning, ardent, glowing, passionate; (adj) blazing, ablaze, aflame, hot; (n) enthusiastic, flame, fire. ANTONYMS: (adj) extinguished, placid, gentle, quiet
- flap:** (v) flop, wave, beat, brandish, shake; (n, v) fuss, flutter, pother; (n) slap, disturbance, valve
- flare:** (n, v) blaze, flame, burst, glare; (v) burn, glint, blaze up, burn up; (n) fire; (adj) detonate, explode
- flash:** (n, v) flicker, blaze, shimmer, glitter, gleam, glimmer, blink, flame; (adj, n, v) twinkle; (n) instant; (v) coruscate. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful; (n) age; (v) dawdle
- flashing:** (adj) bright, sparkling, blinking, meteoric, scintillating, light, brilliant, dazzling, gleaming; (n) flare, flashes
- flat:** (n) apartment; (adj) even, bland, insipid, level, tasteless, dreary, boring; (adj, n) plain, plane; (adj, v) uninteresting. ANTONYMS: (adj) bumpy, emotional, hilly, variable, sharp, negative, natural, lively, contrasty, choppy; (adv) indirectly
- flattered:** (adj) pleased
- flavor:** (n) relish, tang, smell, aroma, salt; (n, v) taste, flavour, smack; (v) spice, season, sauce. ANTONYMS: (n) staleness, blandness, emptiness
- fledge:** (v) feather, accouter, array, betrim, dress, fettle, get, grow, flight, rig; (adj, v) fledge
- fledged:** (adj) feathered, ripe, vanned, fledge, flidge
- fledgling:** (n) fledgeling, freshman, neophyte, novice, recruit, entrant, enlistee, rookie, chick, chicken; (adj) young. ANTONYM: (n) expert
- fleece:** (v) extort, bilk, pluck, deceive, rip off, swindle, strip, pigeon, shear; (adj, v) bleed; (n) wool
- flesh:** (adj) carnality, concupiscence; (n) mortality, beef, form, figure, frame, person, mankind, humanity, meat
- flick:** (n) film, motion picture, moving picture, movie, show, picture; (v) flip, click, jerk, snap, flicker
- flight:** (adj, n) herd, flying, bevy, drove; (n) escape, run, exodus, evasion, elopement, departure; (n, v) avolation
- flightiness:** (n) levity, capriciousness, fickleness, frivolity, giddiness, instability, lightness, arbitrariness, irresponsibility, flippancy, waywardness. ANTONYMS: (n) dependability, responsibility, seriousness
- flirt:** (n, v) coquette; (v) dally, coquet, toy, romance, trifle, spoon; (n) dalliance, vamp, tease, flirting
- float:** (v) drift, swim, waft, hover, ride, fly; (n, v) buoy, blow; (n) raft, floater, bobber. ANTONYM: (v) reject

floating: (adv) afloat; (adj, v) buoyant; (adj, adv) aimless; (adj) current, loose, moving, fluid, in circulation, going about, flying, light
flood: (n, v) flow, torrent, pour, stream, glut, rush, gush; (v) drench, inundate, drown; (n, prep) tide. ANTONYMS: (n) drought, shortage, slump, deficit; (v) disperse, dry
flooded: (adj) swamped, inundated, engulfed, afloat, submerged, waterlogged, soaked, busy, weak, teeming, swarming. ANTONYMS: (adj) idle, clear
floor: (n, v) level; (n) layer, earth, base, bottom, soil, platform; (v) stun, dump, deck; (adj, v) prostrate. ANTONYMS: (v) clarify; (n) ceiling
flout: (n, v) deride, jeer, gibe, taunt, scoff, mock, sneer; (v) defy, scorn, jest, scout. ANTONYMS: (v) observe, notice
flow: (n, v) stream, course, flux, surge, run, jet; (n) current, discharge; (v) float, emanate, well. ANTONYMS: (n) drought; (v) trickle
flower: (n, v) blossom, blow; (v) effloresce, flourish; (adj, n) prime; (n) efflorescence, elite, cream, bouquet, floret, florescence. ANTONYMS: (n) residue; (v) wither
flowerbed: (n) bed, bed of flowers, plot, bed of roses
flowering: (adj) blooming, abloom, efflorescent, flourishing; (n) bloom, blossom, flower, anthesis, inflorescence, efflorescence, florescence
flowers: (n) analecta, anthology
fluently: (adv) easily, glibly, eloquently, liquidly, flowingly, articulately, clearly, persuasively, verbosely, talkatively, fluidly. ANTONYM: (adv) awkwardly
flush: (adj, n, v) blush, glow; (adj) flat, affluent, rich; (adj, v) even, smooth, level; (n) bloom; (n, v) color; (v) redden. ANTONYMS: (n) pallor; (v) blanch, blench; (adj) empty, low, poor
flushed: (adj, n) red, sanguine; (adj) feverish, glowing, aroused, aflame, burning, exultant, exulting; (n) flush, elated. ANTONYM: (adj) cool
flushing: (n) rinsing, blush, flashing, Flushing process, Flushing system, histamine flush, hushing, water Flushing
flustered: (adj) nervous, disconcerted, perturbed, unsettled, anxious, troubled, upset,

bewildered, hurried, ill at ease; (n) groggy
flute: (n) wineglass, furrow, groove, fluting, tooth gap, champagne flute, corrugation, plow, wood, woodwind; (v) channel
fluted: (n) groove, chamfer, furrow, champagne flute, channel, flute glass
flutter: (adj, n, v) bustle, flurry; (n, v) beat, palpitate, flap, wave, waver, quiver; (v) flit, flutter; (n) excitement
fluttering: (adj) flying, palpitating, fluttering, flaring, aflare, waving; (n) flutter, flapping, flicker, flitting; (adv) flutteringly
flying: (adj) fast, quick, rapid, swift, moving, flaring, aflare; (n) fly, flight, aviation, ballooning
fold: (n, v) crease, pucker, wrinkle, lap, double, roll, bend; (v) crumple, collapse, wrap; (n) flock. ANTONYMS: (v) flatness, expose, open, create, thrive, smooth; (n) unfolding
folded: (adj) plaited, pleated, doubled, artful, braided, corrugated, doubled over, fluted
folds: (n) laps
folk: (n) family, common people, nationality, nation, country, clan, tribe, race, persons, man; (adj) popular
folks: (n) people, folk, tribe, relations, household, house, relatives, relative, kindred, lineage, kin
follow: (v) chase, adopt, adhere, succeed, accompany, abide by, comprehend, ensue, track; (adj, v) catch, grasp. ANTONYMS: (v) guide, lead, head, disobey, deny, ignore, misunderstand, predate, exceed, defy, break
following: (adj) consequent, ensuing, subsequent, consecutive, succeeding; (adj, v) consequential; (n) entourage, pursuit, followers; (adv) under, after. ANTONYMS: (adj) leading, previous, alternate, earlier; (n) nonbelievers
fond: (adj) affectionate, caring, devoted, tender, loving, amorous, delicate, adoring, dotting, ardent, attached. ANTONYMS: (adj) aversion, cold, rough
food: (n, v) fare; (n) edible, board, nourishment, diet, sustenance, aliment, dish, foodstuff, meat, nurture
fool: (n) blockhead, dunce, clown, idiot, ass, booby, buffoon; (v) deceive, bamboozle; (n, v) joke, gull.

ANTONYM: (n) savant
foot: (n) base, feet, foundation, footing, pes, paw, basis, leg, measure; (v) hoof, pay. ANTONYMS: (v) owe; (n) head
footman: (n) attendant, butler, follower, flunkey, flunky, varlet, servitor, valet de chambre, boy, knave; (n, v) lackey
footsteps: (n) road, footprints, way, trail, path, track, footpath
footstool: (n) footrest, hassock, footboard, Ottoman
forcing: (adj) pressing, constraining, penetrating, compulsory; (n) push
forehead: (n) brow, front, forehead, lineament, mut, phiz, physiognomy, visage, eyebrow, skull; (adv) foremost
foreign: (adj) extraneous, extrinsic, alien, exterior, external, exotic, strange, overseas, adventitious, unfamiliar, stranger. ANTONYMS: (adj) familiar, domestic, internal, relevant, national, natural
forest: (v) afforest, reforest; (n) woodland, jungle, wood, timberland, woods, grove, greenwood, bush, coppice
forever: (adv) always, eternally, evermore, everlastingly, continually, permanently; (adj) eternal, permanent; (n) eternity; (adj, adv) interminably, ad infinitum. ANTONYMS: (adj) occasionally, never, sporadically; (adv) briefly, intermittently
forevermore: (adj, adv) forever; (adv) eternally, forever and a day, everlastingly, always; (adj) for aye, for ever, till the end of the universe
forget: (v) leave, miss, blank out, bury, to forget, overlook, neglect, ignore, fail, unlearn, abandon. ANTONYMS: (v) mind, attend
forgetting: (v) forget; (adj) oblivious; (n) disregard
forgotten: (adj) lost, disregarded, elapsed, past, abandoned, gone, Gone With the Wind, irrecoverable, lapsed, disoriented, no more. ANTONYM: (adj) remembered
fork: (n) crotch, bifurcation, turn, branching; (n, v) branch, bend; (v) diverge, split, branch off, separate, divide. ANTONYM: (v) converge
form: (n, v) make, fashion, design, build, arrange, shape; (adj, n) figure; (v) establish, constitute, do; (n) ceremony. ANTONYMS: (v) deform, destroy
formed: (adj) shaped, settled,

- defined, characterized, conceived, affected, fashioned, established, constructed, definite, firm
- fornad:** (adv) ahead, fore, forrard, forwards, frontwards, forward.
- ANTONYM: (adv) back
- forsaken:** (adj) deserted, abandoned, lonely, forlorn, derelict, desert, empty, solitary, friendless; (adj, v) jilted; (v) crossed in love.
- ANTONYM: (adj) unforsaken
- forth:** (adv) away, along, onward, ahead, before, on, off, on the high road, on the road, on the way, under way
- forward:** (adj, prep) bold; (adj, adv) onward; (adj) audacious; (adj, n, v) promote; (v) expedite, dispatch; (adv) fore, along, ahead; (adv, n, v) further; (adj, adv, n) early.
- ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) backward; (adj) posterior, timid, reverse, abashed, late, formal; (adv) behind, rearward, back, aft
- found:** (v) erect, build, base, form, construct, constitute, appoint, institute, set up, create, ground.
- ANTONYMS: (v) abolish, disband; (adj) lost
- fountain:** (n, v) fount, well; (n) jet, font, source, reservoir, origin, derivation, repository, root, squirt
- four:** (n) quaternary, foursome, tetrad, quaternion, quadruplet, square, quarter, quad, air, age of man; (adj, n) IV
- fourteen:** (adj, n) XIV
- fowl:** (n) poultry, bird, domestic fowl, chick, cochin, birds, partlet, poul, hen, fowls, rooster
- foxes:** (n) dogs, Canidae, family Canidae, Vulpes, genus Vulpes
- foxtail:** (n) digitalis, fingerroot, herb, fairy bell, fingerflower, digitalis glycoside, common foxglove, digitalin
- frames:** (n) framework, ribs
- france:** (n) Frances, Jacques Anatole Francois Thibault, regional operations in Germany, Anatole France
- frankly:** (adv) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (adj, adv) freely.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely
- frankness:** (n) honesty, truth, forthrightness, candidness, freedom, sincerity, candour, plainness,
- bluffness, outspokenness, ingenuousness. ANTONYMS: (n) cunning, tact, delicacy, deceit, conformity, reticence, indirectness, evasiveness
- free:** (adj, v) exempt, liberate, discharge; (adj, adv, v) loose; (v) excuse, extricate, relieve, disentangle, ease; (adj, n) frank; (adj) liberal. ANTONYMS: (adj) restricted, imprisoned, repressive, secure, strict, stuck, confined, tangled, compelled, dependent; (v) confine
- freedom:** (adj, n) franchise, immunity; (n) deliverance, autonomy, release, discharge, emancipation, escape, liberty, right; (adj) frankness. ANTONYMS: (n) imprisonment, restriction, captivity, suppression, dependence, restraint, capture, chance, conformity, inclusion
- french:** (adj) Gallic, Frankish, Gallican, Gallian; (v) to take French leave; (n) Frenchman, romance language, French people, Daniel Chester French, profanity, the French
- frenchman:** (n) French person, Gaul, frog, Norman, Parisian, Frenchwoman, savoyard, Breton, Angevine, Angevin, monsieur
- fresh:** (adj) clean, bracing, novel, bright, recent, original, airy, bold, pure, green; (adj, v) brisk.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) stale, decayed, hot, tired, worn, rotten, off, musty, muggy, humid, exhausted
- freshly:** (adv) recently, lately, saucily, impertinently, lively, modernly, fresh, new, sweetly, greenly, rawly
- freshness:** (adj) coolness; (n) impertinence, gall, greenness, impudence, insolence, newness, viridity, originality, crust, crispness.
- ANTONYMS: (n) oldness, clutter, humidity, mustiness
- fratful:** (adj, v) querulous; (adj) restless, anxious, testy, sullen, irritable, impatient, uneasy, petulant, fidgety, crabbed.
- ANTONYM: (adj) carefree
- fratfully:** (adv) restlessly, uneasily, anxiously, querulously, testily, snappishly, fractiously, petulantly, crossly, nervously, worriedly.
- ANTONYM: (adv) unconcernedly
- fretted:** (adj) latticed, haggard, magedd, latticelike, reticulated, reticular, interlaced. ANTONYM: (adj) unfretted
- friend:** (adj, n) associate, comrade, companion, fellow, ally; (n) acquaintance, colleague, boyfriend, crony, brother, mate. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, stranger, rival, nemesis, adversary, antagonist
- friendliness:** (n) friendship, geniality, amiability, affability, amicability, affection, hospitality, cordiality, brotherhood, amicableness, accessibility. ANTONYMS: (n) cruelty, aloofness, nastiness, hostility, aggression, resistance, resentment, frostiness, formality, contention, belligerence
- friendly:** (adj, n) favorable; (adj) amiable, affectionate, decent, good-natured, kind, convivial, companionable, benevolent, amicable; (adj, adv) comradely.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) unfriendly, distant, disagreeable, aggressive, aloof, formal, frosty, belligerent, curt, reserved, impersonal
- friends:** (n) circle, associates, connections, links, support group, acquaintances
- fright:** (n, v) dismay, alarm, scare, affright; (n) awe, fear, dread, terror, horror, consternation, apprehension.
- ANTONYMS: (n) calm, fearlessness, courage, confidence, security
- frighten:** (v) cow, alarm, daunt, terrify, appall, scare, affright, intimidate, terrorize, appal; (n, v) fright. ANTONYMS: (v) comfort, reassure, soothe, calm
- frightened:** (adj) fearful, timid, startled, terrified, scared, alarmed, anxious, apprehensive, horrified, intimidated, restless. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, confident, brave, fearless, reassured
- frightening:** (adj) awesome, awful, menacing, alarming, fearsome, horrific, terrible, creepy, fearful, dread, formidable. ANTONYMS: (adj) comfortable, soothing, pleasant, comforting, approachable, normal, hospitable
- frightfully:** (adv) awfully, ghastly, dreadfully, fearfully, hideously, terribly, gruesomely, terrifically, atrociously, horrendously, awful
- fringe:** (n) brim, brink, boundary, periphery, rim, lip, bound; (n, v) edge, hem, skirt; (adj, n, v) feather.
- ANTONYMS: (adj, n) mainstream; (n) center
- frogs:** (n) adornment, point frogs, class Amphibia, caecilians, batrachian, amphibia, anuran

front: (v) confront, look; (n) countenance, forefront, appearance, facade, forehead, frontage; (adj, n) head; (n, v) disguise; (adj) fore. ANTONYMS: (adj, n, v) back; (adj, n) end; (adj) posterior; (v) follow

frowning: (adj) dismal, dark, gloomy, lowering, scowling, frowny, clouded; (adv) frowningly; (n) austere, boisterous, coarse

fruit: (n) crop, outgrowth, product, fruitage, progeny, acorn, production, yield, aftermath; (n, v) result; (v) return

full: (adj, n) complete, absolute, entire; (adj) abundant, flush, broad, extensive, ample, total, enough; (adj, adv, n) crowded. ANTONYMS: (adj) lacking, starving, hungry, sketchy, incomplete, thin, deserted, partial, restricted, weak; (v) wane

fuller: (adj) rotund; (n) roller; (v) tucker

funny: (adj) amusing, strange, peculiar, facetious, droll, eccentric, fishy, diverting, queer, suspicious, unusual. ANTONYMS: (adj) serious, grave, obvious, tragic, ordinary, normal, easy, dull

furies: (n) Eumenides

furious: (adj, v) fierce, violent, vehement, wild, rampant; (adj) frantic, enraged, ferocious, boisterous, raging, frenzied. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, mild, gentle, pleased, mellow, quiet, slow

furiously: (adv) irately, angrily, fiercely, wildly, violently, ragingly, wrathfully, infuriatedly, rabidly, impetuously, frantically.

ANTONYM: (adv) sluggishly

furniture: (n) fitment, equipment, appliance, fixture, appointments, furnishings, goods, dresser, article of furniture, cabinet; (v) stuff

gaily: (adv, v) happily; (adv) gladly, jovially, joyfully, cheerfully, mirthfully, joyously, gleefully, sunnily, blithely, lively. ANTONYMS: (adv) sadly, anxiously, dully, despondently

gain: (n, v) profit, benefit, win, catch, advance; (v) derive, earn, get, attain, reach; (n) earnings. ANTONYMS: (n) loss, deficit, disadvantage, setback; (n, v) decrease; (v) reduce, scatter, collapse

gained: (adj) extrinsic

gaining: (n) acceptance, acquisition, attainment, capture; (adj) ahead, fortunate. ANTONYM: (n) loss

gallery: (n) balcony, veranda, drift,

audience, art gallery, circle, picture gallery, porch, terrace, verandah, corridor

games: (n) athletics, gaming, fun, amusement, sports instruction, sports education, recreation, tournament, exercise

garden: (v) farm, cultivate, tend; (n) field, bed, plantation, orchard, grove, grounds, park; (adj) gardenly

gardener: (n) horticulturist, farmer, florist, employee, hedger, husbandman, transplant

gardening: (n) cultivation, horticulture, agronomy, floriculture, agriculture, husbandry, spade husbandry, vintage, landscape gardening, flower gardening, landscaping

gardens: (n) garden, grounds, grove, residences, private grounds, precincts

gasp: (n, v) pant; (v) puff, blow, breathe, sigh, heave, wheeze, breathe heavily, gag; (n) inhalation, breath

gasping: (adj) panting, winded, blown, out of breath, thirsty, pury; (v) spavined, touched in the wind

gate: (n) door, mouth, entry, doorway, port, exit, goal, barrier, approach, inlet, threshold

gates: (n) bill Gates

gathered: (adj) deepened, congregated, accumulated, amassed, assembled, concentrated, equanimous, congregated, collective

gauze: (n) film, curtain, blind, bandage, mask, mantle, muslin, screen, gauze bandage, shutter, daze

gave: (v) deliver, allow, allot, provide, furnish, impart, administer; (n) gives

gaze: (n, v) stare, regard, look, behold; (v) gape, see, contemplate, face, pry, view, glance. ANTONYMS: (v) glance, peek

gazing: (adj) fixed

generally: (adj, adv) usually; (adv) commonly, broadly, regularly, ordinarily, altogether, approximately, generically, normally, comprehensively, popularly. ANTONYMS: (adv) rarely, specifically, locally, occasionally, particularly, unusually

generation: (n) creation, epoch, era, tribe, offspring, formation, contemporaries, time, period, day; (n, v) genesis

gentle: (adj) easy, friendly, soft, kind, affable, balmy, mild, feeble,

compassionate; (adj, adv) calm; (adj, v) tame. ANTONYMS: (adj) harsh, loud, fierce, caustic, violent, rough, hardhearted, abrupt, heavy, steep, sheer

gentleman: (n) gent, Mr, male, patrician, sir, adult male, esquire, sahib, gentlemen; (adj) gentilhomme, gentlemanly

gentlemen: (n) sirs, messieurs

gently: (adv) tenderly, slowly, mildly, soft, slow, kindly, delicately, softly, lightly, meekly, quietly. ANTONYMS: (adv) sharply, fiercely, forcefully, harshly, abruptly, violently, severely, roughly, intensely, meanly, heavily

gentry: (n) aristocracy, gentility, gentlefolk, nobility, elite, peerage, squirearchy, second estate, society, upper class

germ: (n) beginning, bacterium, bud, sprout, kernel, microbe, embryo, egg, bacillus, root, seed

germany: (n) Federal Republic of Germany, Deutschland, FRG

gets: (n) getting

getting: (n) acquiring, reception, acquisition, attainment, contracting, appropriation, taking, reaching; (prep) receiving; (v) acquire, receive. ANTONYM: (n) rejection

ghost: (n, v) apparition, specter; (n) shade, spirit, demon, soul, spook, spectre, goblin, appearance, monster

giant: (adj) gigantic, colossal, jumbo, gargantuan, elephantine, huge, immense, large; (n) behemoth, Goliath, colossus. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, miniature, insignificant, short; (n) dwarf

gibberish: (n) jargon, jabber, drivel, gibber, gobbledygook, rubbish, bunkum, humbug, claptrap, abracadabra; (adj, n) nonsense

gift: (adj, n, v) endowment, faculty, ability, talent; (n) donation, flair, bestowal; (n, v) award, present, boon; (adj, n) capacity. ANTONYMS: (n) penalty, forfeiture, failing

giggle: (n, v) laugh, chuckle, titter, twitter, guffaw, gurgle, snort, hoot; (v) cackle, snicker, snigger

giggling: (n) laughter

girl: (n) damsel, gal, lady, young woman, maid, lass, fille, wench, daughter, bride, virgin. ANTONYMS: (n) son, boy

give: (v) extend, commit, donate, endow, contribute, dispense, deliver, convey, grant; (adj, v)

- bestow, accord. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, take, withhold, retain, receive, keep, get, hide, conceal, starve, withstand
- given:** (adj) apt, disposed, prone, specified, liable, inclined, granted, fixed, conditional; (n) assumption, particular. ANTONYMS: (adj) taken, unwilling
- gives:** (n) give, offer, provide, grant, accord
- giving:** (n) endowment, donation, presentation, bestowal, disposal; (adj) liberal, generous, charitable, bighearted, big, humanitarian. ANTONYMS: (adj) nasty, tightfisted, malevolent, mean, stiff, stingy
- glad:** (adj) jubilant, cheerful, gay, blithe, delighted, festive, content, delightful, genial, bright, willing. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, apologetic, dismayed, unwilling, disappointed, sorry
- gladly:** (adv, v) happily; (adv) gleefully, contentedly, cheerfully, fain, joyfully, jovially, cheerily, delightedly, gladsomely, readily. ANTONYMS: (adv) reluctantly, unwillingly, sadly, resentfully, miserably
- glance:** (n, v) look, peek, flash, peep; (n) gaze, glimpse, coup d'oeil, gander; (v) bounce, glint, ricochet. ANTONYMS: (n, v) study; (n) examination, perusal; (v) stick, stare
- glancing:** (adj) passing
- glaring:** (adj) conspicuous, bright, blatant, egregious, obvious, plain, flaming, garish, crying, gross, glary. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, inconspicuous, dull, minor
- glass:** (n) bottle, drink, goblet, cup, drinking glass, spectacles, glasses, field glass, bowl; (v) glaze; (adj, n) ice
- gleam:** (n, v) glance, beam, blaze, shine, glimmer, glow, flash, flicker, sparkle, glitter; (v) twinkle
- gliding:** (adj) sliding, flying, slipping, labent, elusory; (n) sailing, soaring, flight, glissando; (v) slither; (adv) glidingly
- glimmer:** (adj, n, v) flicker, twinkle; (n, v) gleam, shimmer, flash, sparkle, beam, glow, shine; (v) blink; (n) gleaming
- glimpse:** (n, v) look, peek; (v) blink, see, notice, spy, spot, espy; (n) coup d'oeil, view, peep. ANTONYMS: (n) scrutiny, observation, perusal; (v) scrutinize, survey, Miss, study
- glistening:** (adj) shining, glossy, shiny, glisten, brilliant, beaming, sleek, lustrous, sparkling, reflecting light, gleaming. ANTONYM: (adj) dull
- gloating:** (n) glee, gloatingly, satisfaction, gleefulness, exultation
- gloom:** (n) desolation, dark, darkness, blackness, depression, dimness, dusk, dreariness, despair, dejection; (n, v) cloud. ANTONYMS: (n) brightness, happiness, cheerfulness, glee, ecstasy, joy, optimism, cheer
- gloomy:** (adj) black, desolate, dejected, cheerless, depressing, dismal, downcast, disconsolate, melancholy, funereal, downhearted. ANTONYMS: (adj) encouraging, cheery, cheerful, bright, hopeful, light, promising, uplifting, joyful, sunny, clear
- glossy:** (adj, v) sleek; (adj) smooth, bright, glazed, brilliant, flat, glistening, burnished, resplendent, lustrous, glassy. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, rough, coarse, shoddy
- gloves:** (n) gauntlet, mitten, mittens, gauntlets, scarf, ornament, handbag, belt, batting glove, boxing glove, baseball mitt
- glow:** (n, v) flush, gleam, shine, glimmer, glare, color, sparkle, beam; (v) burn, flare, kindle. ANTONYMS: (n) wanness, darkness, paleness; (v) pale, struggle
- glowing:** (adj, n) enthusiastic, cordial, passionate; (adj) burning, fervent, blazing, flaming, fiery, dazzling; (adj, v) warm; (adj, adv) aglow. ANTONYMS: (adj) pale, wan, unhappy, unenthusiastic, derogatory, dispassionate, unwell
- gnarled:** (adj) knotty, knotted, gnarly, asperous, crisp, deformed, crabbed, roughhewn, wrinkled, unsmooth, unpolished. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, unknotted, straight
- going:** (n) exit, leaving, parting, expiration, disappearance, action; (v) go, course, to go; (adj) working, running. ANTONYMS: (n) arrival, Reunion
- gold:** (n) Au, money, riches, wealth, bullion, treasure, yellow, amber; (adj) aureate, gilt, golden
- golden:** (adj) aureate, fortunate, gilded, auspicious, gold, gilt, lucky, advantageous, fair, favorable, favored. ANTONYM: (adj) inauspicious
- gone:** (adj, prep) past; (adj) deceased, bygone, departed, desperate, lost, late; (adj, v) exhausted, extinct; (adj, adv) absent, away. ANTONYMS: (adj) present, remaining, found, alive
- good-hearted:** (adj) benign, good-natured, kindly, kindhearted
- goodly:** (adv) benignly, kindly, strongly, rightly, graciously, virtuously, soundly, uprightly; (adj) sizable, handsome, respectable
- good-natured:** (adj) kindly, friendly, kind, obliging, gracious, kindhearted, genial, good, bland, sweet, good-tempered
- good-naturedly:** (adv) friendly, obligingly, graciously, nicely, kindheartedly, genially, agreeably
- goodness:** (adj, n) generosity, kindness, gentleness; (n) good, excellence, benefit, virtue, worth, morality; (adj) favor, beneficence. ANTONYMS: (n) evil, wickedness, badness, corruptness, bad, immorality, corruption
- good-tempered:** (adj) good-natured, easy, complaisant, good-humored
- gooseberry:** (n) fish story, Ribes grossularia, shrub, bush, gooseberry bush, feaberry
- gorse:** (n) whin, Ulex europaeus, Irish gorse, shrub, Goss, dyeweed, bush, brush, bramble, Genista tinctoria
- governess:** (n) chaperon, preceptress, nanny, trainer, tutor, professor, lecturer, rectoress, educator, rectrix, instructress
- government:** (n, v) administration, management, conduct; (adj, n) authority, control, empire, rule; (n) command, dominion, governance, cabinet
- gradually:** (adv) bit by bit, slowly, inchmeal, progressively, unhurriedly, moderately, gently, little by little, increasingly, step by step; (adj, adv) piecemeal. ANTONYMS: (adv) abruptly, midstream, quickly, rapidly, conspicuously, obviously
- grand:** (adj, n) glorious, excellent; (adj, n, v) noble; (adj) gorgeous, August, superb, important, majestic, exalted; (adj, v) great, dignified. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, humble, modest, unimportant, poor, base, inferior, limited, incomplete, restricted, small
- grandeur:** (n) dignity, splendor, magnitude, brilliance, glory, pomp, elegance, majesty, magnificence, grandness; (adj, n) solemnity. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty,

- simplicity
- grandly:** (adv) splendidly, gorgeously, magnificently, regally, majestically, beautifully, stately, grandiosely, illustriously, superbly, greatly. ANTONYMS: (adv) simply, humbly
- grass:** (v) denounce, betray; (n) forage, cannabis, hay, pasture, fink, sward, pasturage; (adj, n) green, marijuana. ANTONYM: (n) patriot
- grate:** (v) grind, creak, scrape, abrade, gall, gnash, fret, rub, aggravate, provoke; (n) lattice
- grateful:** (adj, n) welcome; (adj) agreeable, appreciative, beholden, pleasing, pleasant, acceptable, indebted, obliged, pleasurable; (v) appreciate. ANTONYMS: (adj) ungrateful, unwelcome, unappreciative
- gratified:** (adj) glad, satisfied, pleased, delighted, happy, thankful, grateful, content, complacent, comfortable, cheerful
- gratitude:** (n) appreciation, thanks, thank, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, appreciativeness, feeling, appreciate, grateful, thanksgiving, kindness. ANTONYMS: (n) ingratitude, ungratefulness
- grave:** (adj) solemn, serious, critical, earnest, dangerous, sedate, sad, grand; (adj, v) severe, acute; (v) engrave. ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, funny, cheerful, carefree, slight, nonchalant, trivial, stable, minor, insignificant, favorable
- gravely:** (adv) seriously, soberly, severely, solemnly, badly, staidly, momentarily, heavily, earnestly, weightily, grievously. ANTONYMS: (adv) lightheartedly, mildly, slightly; (adj) soft
- graves:** (n) Robert Graves, Robert Ranke Graves
- gray:** (adj) dull, dim, bleak, gloomy, pale, grizzled, hoary, leaden, old, overcast; (n) grizzle. ANTONYMS: (adj) sunny, cheerful, clear, youthful
- grayness:** (n) gray, greyness, grey, charcoal, discoloration, silver, griminess, gray clothing, gloom, drabness, ash gray
- great:** (adj) eminent, gigantic, big, distinguished, large, extensive, extreme, grand, chief, ample, massive. ANTONYMS: (adj) awful, insignificant, tiny, mild, poor, minor, useless, ordinary, slight, weak, unknown
- greatest:** (adj) top, superlative, biggest, utmost, largest, extreme, first; (adj, n) maximum, most; (adj, v) paramount, supreme. ANTONYMS: (adj) inferior, secondary
- greatly:** (adv) badly, enormously, considerably, extremely, highly, vastly, immensely, mightily, hugely; (adj, adv) far, deeply. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, hardly, superficially, poorly, lightly, insignificantly, barely, moderately
- green:** (adj) callow, immature, young, jealous, youthful, emerald, crude, juvenile, gullible, inexperienced; (adj, v) raw. ANTONYMS: (adj) ripe, urban, withering, sophisticated, seasoned, old, arid, mature, limp, artificial
- greenery:** (n) verdure, foliage, leaf, leafage, verdancy, greenness, undergrowth, scrub, shrubbery, underbrush, vegetable kingdom
- greenhouse:** (n) conservatory, nursery, hothouse, hermitage, summerhouse, grotto, edifice, alcove, arbor, building
- greenish:** (adj) green, virescent, viridescent, fleecy, envious, covetous, chromatic, porraceous
- greenness:** (n) green, freshness, viridity, verdure, greenery, verdancy, emerald, chartreuse, richness, immaturity, profuseness. ANTONYMS: (n) ripeness, experience
- grew:** (v) become, develop; (adj) grown
- grin:** (n, v) beam; (v) laugh, sneer, leer, quib, quip, satire, skit; (n) smirk, grinning, simper. ANTONYM: (v) frown
- grinding:** (v) cutting, excruciating, consuming, corroding; (n) abrasion, friction, sharpening, detrition; (adj) grating, extortionate, hard
- grinning:** (n) grin, smile, facial expression, facial gesture, smiling; (adj) beaming
- grins:** (n) merriment, amusement, entertainment, fun, gaiety, levity, diversion, mirth, recreation, sport
- ground:** (n, v) base, land, floor; (v) found, establish; (adj, n, v) bottom; (n) earth, reason, field, soil, dirt. ANTONYMS: (n) sea, figure; (v) launch, top
- grounds:** (n) cause, reason, account, basis, motive, justification, foundation, evidence, field, rationale; (adj, n) dregs.
- ANTONYM: (n) effect
- group:** (n) gang, collection, brigade, crowd, company; (n, v) flock, class, rank, sort, cluster, assemblage. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) individual; (n) trickle; (v) disperse, dismiss, lump
- grow:** (v) expand, advance, augment, enlarge, come, emerge, spring, become, farm, turn, get. ANTONYMS: (v) decrease, weaken, shrink, decline, drop, collapse, struggle, wane, plummet, dwindle, deteriorate
- growing:** (n) development, growth; (adj, adv) increasing; (adj) flourishing, thriving, blossoming, expanding, swelling, progressive; (adj, n) developing; (v) grow. ANTONYMS: (adj) dwindling, decreasing, downward; (n) nondevelopment
- grown:** (adj) mature, big, grewed, grown-up, developed, ripe, grownup, fully grown, full-grown, growth, become. ANTONYM: (adj) unripe
- grown-up:** (adj) mature, big, full-grown, ripe, grown, full-fledged
- grumbling:** (n) grumble, growling, murmur, murmuring, mutter, muttering; (adj, n) rumbling; (adv) grumblingly; (adj) grouchy, grumpy, irritable
- grumpy:** (adj) grouchy, gruff, crabby, cantankerous, sulky, crabbed, fussy, cranky, testy, touchy, grim. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, courteous, friendly, happy, pleasant, stable
- grunt:** (v) growl, croak, mutter, complain, murmur, moan, clamor, mumble; (n, v) cry; (n) groan, cottonwick
- grunting:** (n) inarticulate, grunting respiration, growl, grunt
- grunts:** (n) family Haemulidae
- guard:** (n) defense, protection, escort, bulwark, watchman, custody, fender; (n, v) care, shield, cover; (adj, n, v) ward. ANTONYMS: (v) endanger, expose, neglect, reveal; (n) attacker
- guardian:** (n) guard, defender, champion, curator, warden, conservator, bodyguard, keeper; (adj, n) protector; (adj) protective, custodial. ANTONYMS: (n) attacker, detractor
- guess:** (n, v) surmise, estimate, forecast; (v) suppose, deem, reckon, divine, believe, foretell; (n) assumption, supposition

- guessed:** (adj) rude, inscrutable
- gulp:** (v) gobble, devour, bolt, gorge, sip, quaff, swallow, down; (n, v) swig, gasp; (n) draft. ANTONYMS: (v) nibble, regurgitate, exhale
- gust:** (n) eruption, flurry, blow, blast, puff, flare, explosion, gale, storm, breeze; (adj, n) whiff
- habit:** (n) clothing, practice, dress, garb, attire, convention, character, ritual, addiction, clothes; (n, v) use. ANTONYM: (n) innovation
- hair:** (n) coat, coma, haircloth, pile, locks, filament, fleece, fur, hairbreadth, down, forelock
- half:** (adj) moiety, part, short, defective; (n) semi, mediety, halve, division, piece, first half; (adv) partly. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) all; (adj) fully, complete
- halfway:** (adj, n) middle; (adj) central, center, intermediate, partial, mean, median; (adv) partly, imperfectly, nearly; (prep) between. ANTONYM: (adj) extreme
- half-witted:** (adj) imbecile, idiotic, foolish, weak-minded, simple, half-baked, dull, retarded, dense
- hall:** (n) mansion, vestibule, lobby, foyer, auditorium, court, entrance hall, anteroom, concourse; (n, v) corridor, passage
- hammer:** (v) strike, beat, knock, bang, tap, forge, thrash, hit; (n, v) pound, club; (n) gavel
- hand:** (v) give, pass, commit, bestow, afford, communicate, consign; (n) deal, worker, aid, applause. ANTONYMS: (n) boss, foot; (v) take
- handkerchief:** (n) hankie, kerchief, bandanna, cravat, hanky, wipe, bandana, collar, shawl; (n, v) napkin; (v) sudary
- handle:** (n, v) conduct, administer; (v) feel, wield, deal, treat, touch, control, manipulate, direct; (n) clutch. ANTONYMS: (n) blade, head; (v) mishandle, bungle, conceal, crumble, avoid
- hands:** (n) custody, keeping, personnel, safekeeping, hold, shift, workforce, men, manpower, guardianship, full complement
- handsome:** (adj) fair, beautiful, fine, generous, charming, comely, attractive, bountiful, considerable, bonny, prepossessing. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, unattractive, meager, ungenerous, measly, plain
- hang:** (adj, n, v) suspend; (v) dangle, depend, drape, float, fall, hover, append, string up; (n, v) delay; (adj) hung
- hanging:** (n) execution, curtain, arras, wall hanging; (adj) suspended, pendent, pendant, pendulous, hung, pending; (n, v) suspension
- hangings:** (n) long curtains
- happen:** (n, v) betide; (v) arise, befall, develop, go, come, fall, chance, come about, occur, get. ANTONYM: (v) disappear
- happening:** (n) incident, episode, circumstance, contingency, affair, event, fact, occurrence, experience, occasion, eventuality
- happiness:** (n) delight, merriment, ecstasy, welfare, gladness, luck, cheerfulness, blessedness, bliss, felicity, contentment. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, despair, grief, misery, dissatisfaction, seriousness, dullness, discontent, dejection, gloominess, displeasure
- happy:** (adj) felicitous, contented, gay, buoyant, content, gleeful, gratified, pleasant, glad, carefree; (adj, n) auspicious. ANTONYMS: (adj) sad, depressed, dejected, sorrowful, miserable, unlucky, sorry, reluctant, irritable, unfortunately, gloomy
- hard:** (adj, n) austere, rough; (adj, v) grave, severe, acute; (adj) bad, difficult, strong, callous, cruel, tough. ANTONYMS: (adj) easy, kind, soggy, tender, merciful, yielding, simple; (adv) lightly, gently, lackadaisically; (adj, adv) flexible
- harder:** (adj) serious
- hardly:** (adj, adv) barely, scarcely; (adv) severely, harshly, roughly, badly, toughly, laboriously, arduously, cruelly, heavily. ANTONYMS: (adv) extremely, fully, well, easily
- harm:** (adj, n, v) damage, hurt; (adj, n) evil, detriment, injury; (n, v) abuse, wound, blemish, disadvantage; (n) bruise; (adj, v) injure. ANTONYMS: (n, v) benefit, respect, help; (n) reparation, service; (v) enable, spoil, protect, defend, repair
- harmless:** (adj) safe, benign, inoffensive, hurtless, innocent, innoxious, intact, simple; (n) silly; (adj, n) foolish; (v) weaponless. ANTONYMS: (adj) lethal, damaging, destructive, poisonous, toxic, serious, offensive, malicious, hurtful, noxious, unpleasant
- hastily:** (adv) hurriedly, rapidly, quickly, rashly, promptly, suddenly, thoughtlessly, impetuously, swiftly, imprudently, speedily. ANTONYMS: (adv) carefully, unhurriedly, industriously, sensibly, prudently, late, calmly, thoroughly, patiently, gradually, cautiously
- hatched:** (adj) crosshatched, born, ruled
- hate:** (v) abhor, detest, loathe, abominate; (n) enmity, abhorrence, detestation, hatred, animosity, antipathy, aversion. ANTONYMS: (n, v) like; (v) adore, cherish, admire; (n) attraction, liking, delight, adoration
- hated:** (adj) despised, disliked, not liked, reviled, scorned, unloved, unpopular. ANTONYM: (adj) precious
- hatred:** (n, v) detestation, enmity, animosity; (n) aversion, antipathy, disgust, abhorrence, grudge, anger, abomination, hostility. ANTONYMS: (n) liking, adoration, affection, attraction, goodwill, kindness, delight, friendliness, admiration
- haughtily:** (adv) proudly, loftily, superciliously, imperiously, overbearingly, scornfully, condescendingly, snobbishly, disdainfully, superiorly, pompously. ANTONYMS: (adv) humbly, modestly, feebly, meekly
- having:** (n) estate, possession, acceptance, enjoyment
- hawks:** (n) Falconiformes, caracaras, order Falconiformes, harriers
- haworth:** (n) sir Walter Norman Haworth
- haze:** (n) fog, cloud, confusion, vapor, blur, daze, film, cloudiness, turbidity; (n, v) mist; (v) dim. ANTONYMS: (n) clarity, brightness
- hazy:** (adj) fuzzy, cloudy, vague, blurred, foggy, nebulous, misty, indistinct, blurry, faint, dull. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, distinct, precise, sunny, thick, detailed, definite, strong
- head:** (n) captain, boss, froth, foam, crown, chieftain; (n, v) point, lead; (adj, n, v) front; (v) capital, direct. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) subordinate; (n) end, beginning, foot, mouth, rear, tail, body, underling, base; (adj) minor
- headache:** (n) cephalalgia, pain, emburance, bother, migraine, vexation, pest, head ache, worry; (n, v) twinge; (v) gripe

headlong: (adj, adv) headfirst; (adv) directly, hastily, precipitately; (adj) rash, hurried, desperate, precipitous, impetuous, sudden, precipitate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautiously, considered; (adv) carefully

heads: (n) conspectus, contents, prospectus, syllabus, synopsis, public, textbook, people, outlines, head stick

health: (n) condition, fitness, welfare, pledge, strength, form, hygiene, sanitation, salubrity, shape; (adj) sanitary

healthier: (adj) fitter. ANTONYM: (adj) worse

healthily: (adv) salubriously, wholesomely, robustly, healthfully, salutarily, lustily, welly, wholly, heartily, vigorously, strongly

healthy: (adj) healthful, wholesome, salubrious, hale, good, fit, beneficial, whole, well, sound, hearty.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unwell, harmful, unfit, sporific, dependent, fattening, infected, unwholesome, weak, ill, underfed

heap: (n, v) pile, aggregate, amass; (n) collection, accumulation, mound, mass, group, lot; (v) bank, collect. ANTONYM: (v) tidy

heaps: (adj, n) lots, much; (n) masses, oodles, piles, stacks, many, tons, plenty, lot, accumulation.

ANTONYM: (adj) inadequate

hear: (int, v) attend; (v) find out, discover, understand, apprehend, hark, learn, try, examine, listen; (adj) heard

heard: (n) hearing

hearing: (n) audition, ear, auditory sense, trial, consultation, reach, auscultation, inquiry; (n, v) earshot, sound; (adj, n) audience

hearken: (v) hark, harken, attend, listen, hear, heed, list, listen in, listen to, regard, look out

hears: (v) hear

heart: (adj, n) core, gist, marrow; (n) spirit, center, essence, basis, kernel, crux, breast, hub. ANTONYMS: (n) body, surface

hearth: (n) fire, oven, fireside, stove, chimney, focus, furnace, dwelling, kiln, home, abode

heartily: (adv) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly. ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, languorously

heartless: (adj) hardhearted, ruthless, cruel, pitiless, obdurate, merciless, unfeeling, unkind, stony, insensitive, grim. ANTONYMS:

(adj) kind, caring, hearted, warmhearted, compassionate, softhearted, merciful, sympathetic, concerned, flattering, generous

heartly: (adj) heartfelt, healthy, genial, sturdy, cheering, fervent, wholehearted, lusty, enthusiastic, convivial; (adj, n) well.

ANTONYMS: (adj) unhealthy, frail, old, weak, sluggish, unwholesome, meager

heathen: (adj, n) gentile, ethnic; (n) infidel, idolater, paynim, heretic; (adj) heathenish, irreligious, gjaour, godless, barbaric

heather: (n) heath, ling, Calluna vulgaris, broom, Scots heather, field, greensward, burbot, Hadder, eelpout, cusk

heavenly: (adj) celestial, blissful, ethereal, delightful, angelic, blessed, elysian, holy, unearthly, godlike, sacred. ANTONYMS: (adj) worldly, miserable, infernal, hellish, unappealing, dreadful, turbulent

heavily: (adv) seriously, weightily, severely, ponderously, hard, firmly, thickly, grievously, sadly, strongly, compactly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, nimbly, briskly, sparsely, thinly, slightly

heaving: (v) tremor, twitter; (adj) swelling, full, full up, jammed; (n) murmur, forcing out, groan, grumble, mutter. ANTONYM: (adj) deserted

heavy: (adj, n) dull; (adj) deep, fat, dense, grave, dark, full, gross, thick, bulky; (adj, adv) hard.

ANTONYMS: (adj) slim, easy, thin, slight, skinny, puny, gentle, insubstantial, animated, nimble, entertaining

hedgerow: (n) fence, fencing

height: (n) apex, crest, altitude, pinnacle, peak, top, culmination, level, zenith, summit, climax.

ANTONYMS: (n) shortness, nadir, depth, trough, deepness, base, dip

heights: (n) place, elevation, high places, high, heaven

held: (adj) absorbed, confined, kept, apprehended, seized, supposed, reputed, tenable, thought, trapped; (v) detain

help: (n, v) assist, assistance, support, benefit, favor, avail, cure, assistant; (v) facilitate, ease, alleviate.

ANTONYMS: (n) hindrance, detriment, interference, damage, disadvantage, disservice, manager; (v) worsen, aggravate, halt, hurt

helped: (adj) aided, assisted; (v) HALP

helping: (n) portion, share, plateful, serving, part, quota, drumstick; (adj) auxiliary, assistant, aiding, assisting

helpless: (adj, v) forlorn, destitute, abandoned; (adj) powerless, weak, defenseless, disabled, impotent, feeble, hopeless, unable.

ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, independent, capable, invulnerable, armed, powerful, impervious

helplessly: (adv) weakly, powerlessly, lostly, destitutely, shiftlessly, defenselessly, unprotectedly, ineffectively, wretchedly, incompetently, disabledly. ANTONYM: (adv) powerfully

herbaceous: (adj) floral, nonwoody, spicy

hers: (pron) she, his; (adj) own

herself: (adj) oneself, self, himself, myself, yourself, yourselves, themselves, ourselves, itself

hesitate: (adj, n, v) pause, delay; (adj, v) linger; (v) fluctuate, halt, waver, vacillate, demur, boggle, procrastinate; (n, v) doubt.

ANTONYMS: (v) rush, decide

hesitating: (adj) indecisive, irresolute, undecided, doubtful, hesitate, reluctant, faltering, unwilling, hesitancy, backward, hesitatingly

hesitatingly: (adv) indecisively, irresolutely, hesitating, waveringly, doubtfully, undecidedly, vacillatingly, falteringly.

ANTONYM: (adv) unhesitatingly

hibiscus: (n) Swamp rose-mallow, roselle kemp, roselle, cotton rose, common rose mallow, blue mahoe, bladder ketmia, bimli hemp, majagua, Deccan hemp, mahoe

hidden: (adj) clandestine, concealed, obscure, dark, secret, latent, covert, invisible, arcane, covered; (adj, v) confidential. ANTONYMS: (adj) exposed, open, active, noticeable, overt, revealing, known, explicit, mainstream, transparent, visible

hide: (n, v) cover, disguise, shelter, veil; (adj, v) obscure; (n) fur, fell, coat; (v) bury, mask; (adj, n, v) darken. ANTONYMS: (v) show, expose, express, divulge, unearth, amplify, advertise, clarify

hideous: (adj) dreadful, frightful,

- fearful, ghastly, horrid, ugly, repulsive, lurid, horrible, grisly, grim. ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, pleasant, beautiful, wonderful
- hiding:** (n) covering, concealment, concealing, beating, screening, thrashing, flogging, rout, burial, drubbing, ambush
- high:** (adj, v) elevated; (adj) great, expensive, distinguished, lofty, tall, exalted, heavy, dear; (n) chief; (v) bad. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) low; (adj) deep, short, sober, reasonable, sad, resonant, lowly, husky, unimportant; (n) depression
- higher:** (adj) greater, upper, major, senior, over, more, better, advanced, bigger; (prep) above, upon. ANTONYMS: (adj) basic, junior, lower
- highly:** (adv) greatly, extremely, much, loftily, exceedingly, mightily, eminently, toweringly, too, largely; (adj, adv) very. ANTONYMS: (adv) insignificantly, poorly, simply, slightly, ill
- highness:** (n) excellency, altitude, loftiness, nobility, greatness, eminence, size, stateliness, majesty, high, grandeur
- highroad:** (n) main road, trunk road, a highway
- hills:** (n) home, dry land, foothills, earth, ground
- hilly:** (adj) steep, rugged, mountainous, cragged, rough, rocky, lofty, irregular, tumulous, knobby, unsmooth. ANTONYM: (adj) flat
- himself:** (pron) herself, themselves, yourself, itself; (adj) myself; (n) yourselves
- hindustani:** (n) Esperanto, Kitchen Kaffir, Hinduostani, Brahmin, Hindoo, Hindu, Kshatriya, Hindostani, Volapuk, Brahman
- hint:** (v) suggest; (adj, n) trace; (n) suggestion, intimation, inkling, cue, allusion; (n, v) tip, touch, dash; (adj, v) intimate. ANTONYM: (n) overtone
- hitherto:** (adv) as yet, yet, so far, up to now, until now, thus far, before, hereunto, to date, still, all the same
- hoarse:** (adj) gruff, husky, raucous, grating, strident, guttural, rough, throaty; (v) coarse; (adj, v) hollow, sepulchral. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, mellow, velvety, high
- hoarsely:** (adv) roughly, huskily, raucously, gruffly, throatily, gratingly, stridently, gutturally, thickly, croakily, raggedly. ANTONYM: (adv) smoothly
- hobble:** (n, v) limp, hitch, fetter; (v) hamper, hobble, handcuff, bridle, manacle, hinder; (adv) toddle; (adj) scrape
- hobnailed:** (adj) strong, rural
- hold:** (n, v) keep, grip, grasp, entertain; (v) endure, detain, adhere, bear, have, contain, comprise. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, disagree, lose, free, deny, remove, lack; (n) separation, repulsion
- holding:** (n) keeping, belongings, hold, claim, property, asset, ownership, take, retention, capture; (adj) retaining
- hole:** (adj, n) gap; (n) aperture, den, hollow, crack, pocket, break, lair, pit, fix, depression. ANTONYMS: (n) mansion, mend
- holes:** (n) cavity, holes tow
- hollow:** (adj, n) blank; (n) cavity, depression, cave, dell; (adj) empty, false; (adj, n, v) concave; (n, v) excavate, dent, scoop. ANTONYMS: (adj) convex, sincere, true, full, meaningful, cramped, valid; (n) hump, bump, hill, lump
- holly:** (n) Charles Hardin Holley, common winterberry holly, buddy holly, deciduous holly, evergreen winterberry, flowering tree, gallberry, angiospermous tree
- holy:** (adj) devout, divine, heavenly, religious, blessed, hallowed, spiritual, devotional, pure; (adj, adv) saintly; (adv) sacredly. ANTONYMS: (adj) irreligious, unholy
- home:** (n) domicile, abode, house, residence, base, place, dwelling, family, habitation; (adj) domestic; (adj, n) household. ANTONYMS: (adj) external, national, public, away, foreign; (adv) out
- homecoming:** (n) repatriation, arrival, comeback, reunification, reappearance, reunion, getting even, coming back
- homely:** (adj) plain, common, rustic, artless, home, snug, homelike, domestic; (adj, adv) ugly; (adv) plainly, simply. ANTONYMS: (adj) sophisticated, striking, uncomfortable, bleak
- honey:** (n) dear, love, beloved, nectar, sweetheart, dearest, duck, molasses, sugar, baby; (v) sweeten
- hoof:** (n) toe, sole, hooves, bottom, keel, root, leg, ungula, unguis, animal foot; (v) step
- hooray:** (int) bravo, congratulations, well done
- hope:** (n, v) trust, desire; (n) aspiration, faith, belief, expectation, confidence, expectancy, anticipation; (v) confide, anticipate. ANTONYMS: (n) reality, past, pessimism, distrust, independence
- hoping:** (adj) desirous, expectant, optimistic, eager
- hopping:** (n) jump, jumping, leaping; (adv) leapingly
- hops:** (n) bine, leaps, beer, common hops, common hop
- horrible:** (adj) awful, fearful, frightful, abominable, grisly, formidable, dire, ghastly, dreadful, fearsome; (adj, v) horrid. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, lovely, nice, lovable, fair, delightful, slight, appealing, minor, attractive, great
- horribly:** (adv) horrifically, awfully, terrifically, hideously, atrociously, appallingly; (adj, adv) frightfully, terribly, fearfully, shockingly; (adj) ghastly. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, wonderfully, kindly, sweetly
- horrid:** (adj) grisly, ghastly, ugly, gruesome, grim, fearful, dreadful, direful, dire, horrible, fearsome. ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, nice, appealing, attractive, kind
- horrified:** (v) horrify, chagrined, cut up, terrify, frighten; (adj) scared, dismayed, alarmed, frightened, aghast, terrified. ANTONYM: (adj) proud
- horses:** (n) stock, equidae, domestic animals, cattle, extinct animals, asses, pigs, sheep, family equidae, farm animals, force
- host:** (n) horde, flock, army, mob, troop, multitude, throng, emcee, mass, swarm; (adj, n) legion. ANTONYMS: (n) guest, few
- hotel:** (n) lodge, house, guesthouse, hostelry, inn, tavern, hospice, court, restaurant, spa, khan
- hour:** (n) clock, o'clock, hours, time, hr, term, nonce, moment, occasion, dawn, dusk
- hourly:** (adv) always, by the hour, daily, often, constantly, continually, frequently; (adj) horary, continual, ephemeral; (n) an hour
- hours:** (n) period, duty period; (adv) o'clock
- house:** (adj, n, v) family; (adj, n) home; (v) accommodate; (n) dwelling, firm, abode, domicile,

edifice, habitation, housing; (n, v) lodge. ANTONYM: (adj) public

housekeeper: (n) factotum, mistress, shepherd, householder, housewife, domestic, cleaning woman, croupier, domestic help, seneschal, house servant

housemaid: (n) amah, maid, handmaiden, handmaid, maidservant, cleaning woman, girl, ayah, charwoman, biddy, maiden

however: (adv, conj, prep) but; (adj, adv, conj) although; (adv) nevertheless, anyway, nonetheless, how, notwithstanding; (adv, conj) though, yet; (conj) albeit; (n) while

howsoever: (adv) however, although, though, howso

huddled: (adj) crouched, crouching, hunkered down, hunkered

huge: (adj) vast, immense, large, gigantic, enormous, extensive, great, colossal, elephantine, major, considerable. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, miniature, small, affordable, compact, measly, minor, minute, slight, slim

human: (n) person, man, human being, homo, gay, party; (adj, adv) fleshly; (adj) humane, earthly, corporeal, worldly. ANTONYMS: (adj) nonhuman, otherworldly, heavenly, immortal

humans: (n) humanity, humankind, human, man, mankind, people, human beings, human being, humanness, gentleman, adult male

humiliation: (n) degradation, disgrace, chagrin, abjection, comedown, indignity, embarrassment, mortification, dishonor, discredit; (adj, n) shame. ANTONYMS: (n) glorification, aggrandizement, pride, success, making

humming: (adj) droning, zippy, reeking, bustling, grunting, stinking; (n) buzzing, vocalizing, sound, murmur, growling

humor: (n, v) caprice, freak, humour; (n) temper, mood, disposition, wit; (v) indulge, gratify; (adj, n) spirit, frame of mind. ANTONYMS: (n) seriousness, gravity, solemnity; (v) displease

humped: (adj) gibbous, hunchbacked, gibbose, crookback, crookbacked, humpy, bent, curved, hunchback, kyphotic, unfit

hunch: (n, v) hump; (n) intuition, suspicion, foreboding, feeling, premonition, presentiment, bunch,

inkling; (v) bend, crouch

hunchback: (n) humpback, hump, kyphosis, humpback whale; (adj) humpbacked, hunchbacked, humped, crookbacked, kyphotic, gibbose, gibbous

hundred: (adj) a hundred, one hundred, many; (adj, n) c; (n) cent, centred, riding, lathe, soke, tithing, carbon

hung: (n) hanging; (v) Heng; (adj) fatigued, puzzled, decorated

hunger: (n, v) thirst, want, wish, itch; (n) craving, appetite, eagerness, famine; (v) crave, ache; (adj) hungry. ANTONYMS: (n) moderation, aversion, dislike, apathy

hungry: (adj) eager, avid, famished, starving, esurient, greedy, ravenous, desirous, meager, starveling; (v) starve. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, satiated, sated, thirsty, unconcerned, moderate, healthy, disinterested

hunt: (n, v) search; (v) course, follow, hound, rummage, forage, prey, dog, go after, persecute; (n) battue. ANTONYMS: (v) find, precede

hunting: (n, v) chase; (v) battue; (n) exploration, pursuit, search, ducking, beagling, coursing, frisking, venery, shooting

hurried: (adj) fast, sudden, speedy, rapid, quick, swift, headlong, abrupt, cursory, precipitate, prompt. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurried, leisurely, considered, patient, meticulous, thorough

hurriedly: (adv) rapidly, quickly, swiftly, abruptly, promptly, fast, in haste, suddenly, speedily, rashly, precipitately. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, unhurriedly, patiently, carefully, gradually, thoroughly

hurry: (n) haste; (n, v) bustle, hasten, dispatch, flurry, rush; (v) scurry, dash, accelerate, expedite, run. ANTONYMS: (n) slowness, calmness, patience, unimportance; (v) dawdle, delay, linger, crawl, amble; (infj) wait

hurrying: (n) hastening, speed, quickening, rushing, early, speeding, speeding up, stepping up, amphetamine, forward, eager

hurt: (adj, n, v) damage, detriment; (adj, n) evil; (n, v) wound, pain, ache, distress; (n) disadvantage, lesion; (v) afflict; (adj, v) injure. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurt, unaffected, healed; (v) encourage, please, protect, repair, defend; (n, v) help; (n) reparation, pleasure

hush: (adj, n, v) calm, silence, quiet, still, lull; (n) peace; (v) shut up, gag, quieten, muffle; (adj, v) soothe. ANTONYMS: (n) noise, turmoil; (v) Louden

husky: (adj) hoarse, gruff, burly, big, dry, raucous, beefy, strapping, brawny, sturdy; (n) Eskimo dog. ANTONYMS: (adj) high, puny, small, smooth, soft

hypochondriac: (adj) malade imaginaire, seek sorrow, afflictive, heavy, gloomy, downhearted, doleful, dispirited, dismal, desconsolate; (n) atrabiliarian

hysteria: (n) delirium, frenzy, hysteric, madness, fury, craze, furor, panic, uterus, neuroticism, mania. ANTONYM: (n) order

hysterical: (adj, n) feverish; (adj) wild, violent, eccentric, frenzied, emotional, fitful, febrile, erratic; (n) fanatical, hysterics. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, composed, restrained

hysterics: (adj) frenzy, hysterical, phrensy; (n) panic, mirth, emotional behavior, dramatics, paroxysm, rage, tantrum, affected behavior

idea: (n) meaning, belief, opinion, concept, estimation, fancy, plan, impression, apprehension, notion, conception. ANTONYM: (n) certainty

ignorance: (n) illiteracy, nescience, folly, unwisdom, innocence, denseness, ignorancy, stupidity, obtuseness, tabula rasa, unawareness. ANTONYMS: (n) intelligence, acquaintance, education

ignorant: (adj) unconscious, unwitting, rude, illiterate, uneducated, blind, dull, unaware, uninformed, unlearned, innocent. ANTONYMS: (adj) conscious, versed, cultured, educated, informed, wary, literate, aware, polite

ill-natured: (adj) cantankerous, peevish, sour, surly, catty, crabbed, gruff, disagreeable, malignant, malicious, malevolent

illness: (n, v) ailment, disorder, distemper; (n) sickness, complaint, malady, attack, affliction, pain, bug, trouble. ANTONYMS: (n) wellness, health

ill-tempered: (adj) morose, sour, cross, crabby, churlish, moody, grouchy, mean, huffy, angry, hot

illustration: (n) example, case, depiction, chart, instance, exemplification, figure, description,

- demonstration, drawing, case in point
- imagination:** (n) vision, fancy, image, dream, conceit, imagery, originality, invention, resource, reflection, phantasy
- imagine:** (v) believe, conjecture, fancy, conceive, daydream, assume, guess, consider, fantasize; (conj, v) suppose; (n, v) dream
- imagined:** (adj) fanciful, notional, unreal, fancied, fictitious, nonexistent, unseen, hypothetical, feigned, dubious, doubtful
- imagining:** (n) conception, daydream, fantasy, opinion; (v) imagine; (adj) imaginant
- imitated:** (adj) mimical
- imitation:** (adj, n) fake, sham, reproduction; (n) dummy, forgery, mockery, copy, emulation; (n, v) parody; (adj) false, bogus.
- imitation:** (adj) genuine, real, natural; (n) original, formalism
- immediately:** (adv) instantly, presently, readily, rapidly, quickly, promptly, instantaneously, speedily, right; (adj, adv) at once, forthwith. ANTONYMS: (adv) slowly, whenever, gradually, now, eventually
- immense:** (adj) vast, enormous, great, gigantic, immeasurable, colossal, boundless, big, large, giant, infinite. ANTONYMS: (adj) tiny, small, insignificant, miniature, slight, negligible, compact, narrow, short, minor
- immensely:** (adv) highly, infinitely, greatly, enormously, tremendously, extremely, mightily, hugely, massively, immeasurably, monstrously
- impartially:** (adv) justly, dispassionately, neutrally, evenly, disinterestedly, objectively, unbiasedly, unprejudicedly, indifferently, evenhandedly, rightly. ANTONYM: (adv) unfairly
- impatience:** (n) annoyance, eagerness, anger, intolerance, restlessness, fidget, nervousness, fidgetiness, enthusiasm, edginess; (adj) nonendurance. ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, endurance, apathy
- imperious:** (adj) haughty, domineering, authoritative, arbitrary, imperative, masterful, dictatorial, commanding, lordly, magisterial, despotic. ANTONYM: (adj) subservient
- imperiously:** (adv) overbearingly, arrogantly, commandingly, magisterially, dictatorially, masterfully, haughtily, imperatively, authoritatively, domineeringly, insolently. ANTONYMS: (adv) meekly, feebly
- imploringly:** (adv) beseechingly, pleadingly, importunately, beggingly, suppliantly, appealingly
- impolitely:** (adv) discourteously, insolently, indecorously, disrespectfully, uncivilly, indecently, impertinently, indelicately, improperly, offensively, vulgarly. ANTONYMS: (adv) respectfully, correctly
- important:** (adj, v) grave; (adj) fundamental, significant, crucial, key, serious, remarkable, chief, earnest, central, heavy. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, trivial, minor, irrelevant, low, worthless, frivolous, secondary, little, superfluous, inconsequential
- imposing:** (adj, n, v) impressive; (adj, n) noble, commanding, solemn; (adj) dignified, grandiose, stately, distinguished, regal, lofty, baronial. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, modest, unimposing, weak, undignified, lowly
- impress:** (n, v) mark, print, stamp; (v) move, affect, inscribe, instill, touch, emboss, inculcate; (n) impression
- impressed:** (adj) touched, bewildered, amazed, susceptible, stupefied, stunned, confused, bemused; (v) imprinted, stamped, carved. ANTONYM: (adj) unimpressed
- improve:** (v) advance, heal, help, emend, amend, ameliorate, correct, reform, gain, educate, restore. ANTONYMS: (v) deteriorate, regress, spoil, lower, impair, downgrade, brutalize, ruin, diminish, exacerbate, hinder
- improved:** (adj) enhanced, new, reformed, finer, enlarged, greater, greater than before, more, higher, increased, transformed. ANTONYMS: (adj) inferior, lesser, unimproved
- improvement:** (n, v) advancement; (n) amelioration, betterment, correction, repair, development, amendment, gain, enhancement, adjustment, advance. ANTONYMS: (n) deterioration, downgrade, knock, setback, slump, worsening, decrease, disadvantage, retreat
- improving:** (adv) recuperating, getting better; (adj) edifying, progressive, civilizing, cosmetic, evincing progress, helpful, moralistic, advancing; (v) improve
- impudence:** (adj, n) boldness, brass; (n) cheek, gall, audacity, impertinence, insolence, face, cheekiness, effrontery, assurance. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, reticence
- impudent:** (adj, n) bold, daring; (adj) disrespectful, audacious, impertinent, brassy, barefaced, brazen, insolent, brash, cheeky. ANTONYMS: (adj) polite, cowardly
- inactive:** (adj) dead, dull, inert, dormant, sluggish, slow, passive, still, stagnant, slack, torpid. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, lively, moving, dormant, extinct, working, energetic, live, diligent, proactive, creative
- inch:** (n) in, bit, column inch, morsel; (v) crawl, creep, ease; (adj) tatter, mite, seed, shive
- incident:** (n) fact, experience, circumstance, occasion, adventure, happening, occurrence, episode, instance, case, contingency. ANTONYMS: (adj) basic; (n) defense
- inclined:** (adj, v) given; (adj) prone, willing, oblique, apt, predisposed, ready, minded, likely, liable, bowed. ANTONYMS: (adj) reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, horizontal, unbiased, vertical, impervious
- included:** (adj) inclusive, incorporated, numbered, enclosed; (adv) under
- increased:** (adj) more, increasing, enlarged, greater, redoubled, augmented, exaggerated, enhanced, multiplied, plus, puffy. ANTONYM: (adj) lesser
- incredulously:** (adv) skeptically, disbelievingly, distrustfully, suspiciously, dubiously, doubtfully, questioningly, uncertainly, mistrustfully, doubtfully, cynically
- indeed:** (adv) certainly, exactly, in reality, surely, of course, assuredly, as a matter of fact, admittedly; (adj, adv) really, much; (n) yes. ANTONYMS: (adv) possibly, doubtfully
- india:** (n) Indian, crotalaria spectabilis, Africa, Bharat, Dovyalis, genus Dovyalis, IND, Indian rattlebox
- indian:** (n) American Indian, Red Indian, redskin, India, Amerindian,

- Shoshones, Aleut, squaw, sannup, creeks; (adj, n) Amerind
- indifference:** (adj, n) coldness, phlegm; (n) detachment, impassiveness, disregard, aloofness, nonchalance, neglect, unconcern, impassivity, disinterest. ANTONYMS: (n) fervor, interest, eagerness, dedication, sympathy, favorite, compassion, anxiety, responsiveness, forcefulness, care
- indifferently:** (adv) carelessly, coldly, nonchalantly, listlessly, unconcernedly, uninterestedly, neutrally, middlingly, casually, unbiassedly, disinterestedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) passionately, obsessively, carefully, eagerly, energetically, warmly, anxiously, enthusiastically, sympathetically
- indignant:** (adj) angry, incensed, furious, enraged, wrathful, hurt, rage, provoked, hot, anger, irate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cool, content, unaffected
- indignantly:** (adv) irately, angrily, wrathfully, enragedly, sorely, acrimoniously, cynically, sulkily, hotly, exasperatedly, furiously
- indignation:** (n) anger, resentment, displeasure, grudge, umbrage, rage, outrage, exasperation, cholera, dudgeon; (adj, n) wrath. ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, pleasure
- indoors:** (adv) at home, inwards, within, inwardly, internally, deep down, at heart, at bottom, in reality, arrived, here. ANTONYMS: (adv) out, outdoors
- indulgently:** (adv) mildly, tolerantly, compliantly, forgivingly, tenderly, accommodatingly, mercifully, compassionately, softly, kindly, permissively. ANTONYM: (adv) disapprovingly
- industriously:** (adv) diligently, painstakingly, busily, sedulously, tirelessly, untiringly, eagerly, studiously, laboriously, carefully, conscientiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) wearily, carelessly
- inheriting:** (adj) heritable
- injurious:** (adj) evil, harmful, hurtful, destructive, bad, disadvantageous, detrimental, adverse, deleterious, inimical, damaging. ANTONYMS: (adj) healing, favorable, healthy, helpful, advantageous, beneficial
- injury:** (n, v) harm, grievance, detriment, damage, hurt; (n) disservice, wound, impairment, ill, bruise, affront. ANTONYMS: (n) reparation, justice, help, defense, benefit
- inkstand:** (n) inkhorn
- inlaid:** (adj) decorated
- innermost:** (adj) inward, intimate, inner, interior, close, internal, middle, center, hint, hearty; (adj, n) inside. ANTONYMS: (adj) external, outermost, outer
- innocent:** (adj) chaste, artless, clear, ingenuous, innocuous, guileless, guiltless, ignorant, unsophisticated, spotless, naive. ANTONYMS: (adj) culpable, responsible, wicked, wary, experienced, corrupt, worldly, unfair, meaningful, offensive, jaded
- inordinately:** (adv) excessively, exorbitantly, extraordinarily, outrageously, extravagantly, exceedingly, overly, too; (adj, adv) immoderately, monstrously, preposterously
- inquire:** (v) demand, ask, explore, enquire, inspect, research, consult, pry, request, wonder; (n, v) question. ANTONYM: (v) answer
- inquiring:** (adj) inquisitive, quizzical, interested, analytical, probing, intrusive; (adj, n) questioning; (v) inquire; (n) enquiry, question, examination. ANTONYM: (adj) uninquiring
- inquiringly:** (adv) enquiringly, inquisitively, nosily, curiously, pryingly, interestedly, searchingly, inquiring, quizzically, intrusively
- insane:** (adj) foolish, daft, demented, mad, delirious, lunatic, fool, moonstruck, frantic, idiotic, nutty. ANTONYM: (adj) sensible
- insect:** (n) worm, flea, hymenopteran, hymenopteron, earwig, dirt ball, homopteran, hemipteran, gallfly, fish, biting louse
- insects:** (n) Arthropoda, phylum Arthropoda, Insecta, Hexapoda, crustaceans, class Insecta, class Hexapoda, centipedes
- inside:** (adj, n) interior, middle, center; (adj) internal, indoor; (prep) per; (adv) inwardly, indoors, within, at heart, inwards. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) exterior; (adj) free, external, outdoor, public; (adj, adv) outer; (prep) out; (adv) outwardly; (n) edge
- inspect:** (v) overhaul, overlook, survey, watch, scrutinize, view, explore, look, review, inquire, monitor. ANTONYMS: (v) skim, ignore
- inspiration:** (n) afflatus, encouragement, idea, incentive, revelation, breath, inhalation, notion; (n, v) illumination, infusion; (adj, n) genius
- inspired:** (adj) ingenious, adopted, elysian, creative, imaginative, elected, inventive, unearthly, brilliant, stimulated, enthusiastic. ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, unimaginative, abysmal, mediocre
- instant:** (adj, n) present; (adj) immediate, prompt; (n) flash, minute, jiffy, point, second; (adj, v) exigent; (adj, n, v) pressing, urgent. ANTONYMS: (n) age, eternity; (adj) considered, delayed, slow
- instead:** (adv) instead of, alternatively, as an alternative, in place of, more willingly, to compensate for, sooner, preferably, otherwise, on the other hand; (n) lieu
- instinct:** (n) impulse, urge, aptitude, gift, feeling, sixth sense, inherent aptitude, knack, inspiration, talent, genius
- instructed:** (adj) taught, tutored, enlightened, intelligent, arranged, instruct, experienced, qualified; (v) erudite, lettered, leaned
- instructions:** (n) direction, injunction, directions, charge, instruction, orders, book of instructions, guide, instruction manual, commission, directive
- insult:** (n, v) contumely, affront, abuse, flout, outrage, wound, taunt; (n) disgrace, indignity, contempt; (v) cut. ANTONYMS: (n, v) compliment, praise; (v) flatter, consecrate; (n) privilege
- insulted:** (adj) affronted, offended, injured, huffy
- intelligent:** (adj) intellectual, astute, sensible, alert, rational, quick-witted, bright, cunning, gifted, knowledgeable, brilliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) dim, thick, slow, stupid, dull, foolish
- intend:** (v) destiny, design, mean, aim, determine, denote, contemplate, plan, purpose, consider, believe. ANTONYM: (v) improvise
- intended:** (adj) deliberate, calculated, destined, knowing, meant, planned, premeditated, prospective, willful, designed; (adj, v) voluntary. ANTONYMS: (adj) accidental, involuntary, unintended, spontaneous, unconscious

- intensely:** (adj, adv) extremely; (adv) strongly, powerfully, severely, violently, vehemently, acutely, keenly, brightly, profoundly, fiercely. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, calmly, gently, dully, indifferently, impassively, jokingly, slightly, hardly, superficially, unexceptionally
- intention:** (n) idea, intent, goal, purpose, cause, motive, mind; (n, v) aim, end, design, drift
- intently:** (adv) fixedly, attentively, seriously, raptly, intensely, closely, steadily, eagerly, absorbedly, hard, steadfastly. ANTONYM: (adv) absently
- interest:** (n, v) advantage, care, benefit; (adj, v) engage; (n) affair, account, gain, hobby, eagerness, enthusiasm, sake. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, apathy, boredom, distraction, hostility, detachment, inattention, repulsion; (v) repel, appall
- interested:** (adj) concerned, involved, inquiring, inquisitive, keen, interesting, attentive, fascinated, responsive, partial, eager. ANTONYMS: (adj) uninterested, bored, indifferent, unconcerned, hostile
- interesting:** (adj) entertaining, amusing, attractive, absorbing, delightful, fascinating, exciting, readable, diverting; (adj, v) charming, engaging. ANTONYMS: (adj) boring, dull, unremarkable, unappealing, repulsive, repellent, normal, ordinary
- interfere:** (n, v) interpose; (v) intercede, obstruct, disturb, conflict, impede, hinder, meddle, intervene; (n) interference; (adj, v) intermeddle
- interrupted:** (adj) discontinuous, fitful, intermittent, discontinued, disconnected, unsuccessful, intervallic, episodic, gaping, periodic; (prep) interrupt
- intimate:** (adj, adv, v) close; (n, v) express, imply; (v) hint, indicate, allude, suggest; (adj) informal, inner, internal; (adj, v) confidential. ANTONYMS: (adj) formal, cold, unfriendly, external, outermost, public, superficial
- introduction:** (n) preface, foreword, insertion, beginning, entrance, preamble, preliminary, prelude, initiation, entry; (adj, n) presentation. ANTONYMS: (n) postscript, export, afterword,
- appendix, conclusion, departure, end, retirement
- intruder:** (n) trespasser, interloper, encroacher, raider, invader, aggressor, go between, gatecrasher, stalker, boarder; (adj, n) stranger
- invalid:** (adj) false, illogical, unreasonable, null, weak, void, unhealthy, sick, flawed; (n) infirm; (v) disable. ANTONYMS: (adj) valid, legitimate, current, healthy, true, watertight, correct
- invented:** (adj) fictional, fabricated, imaginary, unreal, fake, mythical, legendary, fictive, fancied, fabulous, ben trovato. ANTONYMS: (adj) genuine, factual, true, actual
- investigating:** (n) detection, enumeration, calibration, examination, analysis, counting, reckoning, tabulation, detecting, testing, surveillance
- invited:** (adj) welcomer, wanted, cherished
- involuntary:** (adj) instinctive, unconscious, unintentional, forced, mechanical, unthinking, reluctant, unwilling, compulsory, inadvertent, accidental. ANTONYMS: (adj) voluntary, intentional, intended, willing
- iris:** (n) diaphragm, flag, pupil, rainbow, gladdon, blue flag, white, tulip, comet, tortoise shell, peacock
- iron:** (v) firm, flatten; (n) Fe, chain, cast iron, irons; (adj) hard, adamant, steel, harsh, tenacious
- irritably:** (adv) splenetically, cholericly, cholericly, impatiently, angrily, heatedly, irately, pettishly, petulantly, snappily, sulkily. ANTONYMS: (adv) pleasantly, cheerily, lightly
- irritate:** (adj, v) incense; (v) gall, fret, chafe, harass, grate, displease, vex, goad, aggravate, anger. ANTONYMS: (v) soothe, pacify, please, help, calm, encourage, placate
- island:** (n, v) isle; (n) islet, reef, safety zone, Cebu, Papua; (v) insulate, isolate, segregate, sequester, separate
- italian:** (n) dago, romance language, Oscan, Guinea, greaseball, Etruscan, Italian cloth; (adj) Ausonian
- itself:** (adj) herself, self, oneself, personally, myself, themselves, yourself
- ivied:** (adj) leafy
- ivory:** (n) tusk, dentin, whiteness, elephant, teeth, yellow, dentine;
- (adj) chalk, lily, milk, paper
- jacket:** (n) sheath, cover, case, covering, envelope, coat, blazer, doublet, dust cover, skin, shield
- jaws:** (n) jaw, chops, fauces, chaps, mandible, maw, lips, holding device; (v) mazard
- jerk:** (n, v) jump, yank, shake, twitch, jar, tug, bump, heave, pull; (v) fling, flip. ANTONYM: (v) ease
- jerking:** (adj) arrhythmic, arrhythmic, jerky, unsteady; (n) movement, jolt, dork, jar
- jewels:** (n) jewelry, gems, wealth, hoops, Perrie, riches, studs, fortune, fineness, earrings, decoration
- john:** (n) can, bathroom, convenience, customer, privy, loo, lav, lavatory, Saint John the Apostle, Saint John; (adj, n) toilet
- joined:** (adj) coupled, united, allied, connected, joint, associated, linked, amalgamated, concerted, incorporated; (n) joining. ANTONYMS: (adj) disjointed, rival
- joint:** (n) seam, articulation, hinge, connection; (n, v) join; (adj) mutual, communal, common, collective, cooperative; (v) articulate. ANTONYMS: (adj) individual, unilateral, private, separate, solitary
- joking:** (n) banter, fooling, fun; (adj) jocose, jocular, humorous, funny, kidding, playful, puckish, comical. ANTONYM: (n) seriousness
- jolt:** (n, v) jerk, shake, jog, jar, bump, push, knock, thrust, shock; (n) hustle; (v) agitate
- journey:** (n, v) jaunt, go, travel, cruise, fare; (n) excursion, way, expedition, trip, passage, voyage. ANTONYM: (v) settle
- joyful:** (adj) gay, glad, elated, cheerful, gleeful, cheery, delighted, joyous, jolly, blissful, blithe. ANTONYMS: (adj) miserable, sorrowful, unhappy, despairing, unpleasant, staid, sorry, disappointed, depressed, heavy
- joyfully:** (adv) joyously, merrily, gaily, gleefully, buoyantly, cheerily, jubilantly, pleasantly, mirthfully; (adv, v) happily; (adj, adv) cheerfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) joylessly, miserably, despondently
- joyfulness:** (n) joy, exhilaration, delight, glee, enjoyment, exultation, happiness, merriment, joyousness, pleasure, ecstasy. ANTONYMS: (n) sorrow, misery
- joyous:** (adj) happy, gleeful, elated, jolly, glad, gay, jovial, merry, festive,

cheerful, jocund. ANTONYMS: (adj) despairing, joyless, miserable
joyously: (adv, v) happily; (adv) gaily, gleefully, mirthfully, cheerfully, gladly, merrily, festively, brightly, buoyantly, pleasantly. ANTONYM: (adv) joylessly
juicy: (adj) fat, succulent, gamy, liquid, luscious, fluid, rich, spicy, sappy, moist, racy. ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, dull, juiceless, tasteless, uninteresting, limp
jump: (n, v) bound, start, bounce, hop, caper, startle, dive, rise; (v) spring, hurdle; (adj, v) skip. ANTONYMS: (n, v) decrease; (v) surface, drop, hesitate
jumps: (n) fit, nervousness, tension, anxiety, jitters
keep: (n, v) hold; (v) preserve, retain, defend, guard, maintain, continue, have, save, confine, observe. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, neglect, entrust, return, let, discontinue, reimburse, allow, stop, destroy, break
keeping: (n) care, conservation, charge, guardianship, maintenance, holding, observance, storage, conformation, consistency, conformity
kept: (adj) reserved, preserve, retained, remain, store, reserve, hold, lodge, keep, retain, detained. ANTONYM: (adj) broken
keyhole: (n) hole, mousehole, pigeonhole, porthole, loophole, free throw line, peephole, knothole, pinhole, small hole
kill: (n, v) assassinate, destroy; (v) erase, annihilate, eliminate, extinguish, finish, blast, decimate, execute, eradicate. ANTONYMS: (v) revitalize, revive; (n) hunter
killed: (n) casualty; (adj) fallen
kind: (n) sort, form, class, variety, breed; (adj, n) helpful, good, humane, friendly, gentle; (adj) generous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unkind, cruel, hardhearted, mean, merciless, nasty, spiteful, uncaring, upsetting, callous, disagreeable
kindly: (adj) kind, amiable, genial, charitable; (adv) sympathetically, benevolently, tenderly; (adj, n) benign, gentle, sympathetic, benevolent. ANTONYMS: (adv) harshly, nastily, callously, cruelly, sharply, disagreeably, grumpily, malevolently; (adj) upsetting, unfeeling, sour
kindness: (n) generosity, clemency,

compassion, grace, good will, graciousness, humanity, goodness, affection; (adj, n) courtesy, gentleness. ANTONYMS: (n) miserliness, spite, nastiness, callousness, cruelty, unfriendliness, maliciousness, thoughtlessness, sourness, severity, disservice
king: (n) mogul, sovereign, chief, crown, tycoon, baron, ruler, magnate, majesty, rex, power. ANTONYM: (n) queen
kingdom: (n) domain, realm, state, empire, dominion, territory, nation, crown, monarchy, department, land
kiss: (n, v) caress, brush, embrace, touch; (n) osculation, salute, lip, Kiss of peace, kiss hands; (v) osculate, love
kitchen: (n) galley, cuisine, cookroom, cookery, basement, caboose, fireplace, hearth, room, offices, scullery
knee: (n) bracket, articulation, joint, kneel, knee joint, genu, articulation, genus, scythe, zigzag, sickle, bend
kneeling: (n) homage, kowtow, kneelingly, prostration, genuflexion, genuflection, curtsy, courtesy, obeisance
knees: (n) knee
knew: (adj) known; (v) recognize, wist
knife: (adj, n) blade; (adj) cutlery, edge tool; (v) stab; (n) sword, cleaver, whittle, cutter, tongue, pocketknife, chopper
knitting: (n) knitwork, needlework, needlecraft, knitted fabric, web, braid, weave, creating from raw materials, knit stitch
knob: (n) button, swelling, hump, knop, protuberance, grip, nub, lump, node, bump; (adj, n) bulb
knobstick: (n) rat, snob
knowing: (adj, v) canny, crafty, wise; (adj, n) clever; (adj) conscious, aware, ingenious, intelligent, bright, conversant, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) naive, uncomprehending, unconscious
knowledge: (n) information, comprehension, science, lore, understanding, intelligence, grasp, erudition, acquaintance; (n, v) cognition; (adj, n) art. ANTONYMS: (n) foolishness, inexperience
known: (adj) familiar, knew, conscious, certain, famous, know, eminent, plain, accepted, published, acknowledged. ANTONYMS: (adj) unknown, secret, unidentified,

unfamiliar
lace: (v) entwine, interlace, braid, bind; (adj, v) tie, string; (n) lacing, ribbon, edging; (n, v) net, rope. ANTONYMS: (v) untie, untwine, unpick
ladder: (n, v) run; (n) stair, stepladder, steps, stairs, degree, washboard, flight of stairs, stile, stairway, staircase
lady: (n) gentlewoman, Mrs, duchess, countess, spouse, madam, ma'am, milady, matron, woman; (v) squaw. ANTONYM: (n) Lord
laid: (adj) layed, lay, place, placed, put, situated, arranged, determined, dictated, hardened, ordered
lain: (adj) artless, unsophisticated, unaffected, naive, untutored, simple, pure, natural, native, inartificial
lake: (n) pond, pool, lagoon, puddle, lough, reservoir, loke, bayou, crimson, lagune, carmine
lamb: (n) sheep, lambkin, dear, hogget, kid, mutton, inexperienced person, honey, white meat, pork; (adj) naive
land: (n) country, earth, soil, kingdom, field, nation, estate, domain; (v) disembark, debark, get. ANTONYMS: (adj) aquatic, amphibious; (n) sea; (v) lose, depart, embark
language: (n) speech, expression, lingo, diction, tongue, idiom, jargon, conversation, word, words, terminology
languid: (adj) lazy, dull, indolent, feeble, lethargic, lackadaisical, sluggish, faint, torpid, inert, apathetic. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, lively, exciting, vigorous
languidly: (adv) languorously, listlessly, wearily, lethargically, slowly, dreamily, limply, weakly, torpidly, indolently, impassively. ANTONYMS: (adv) dynamically, vigorously
lapping: (n) overlapping, imbrication, factetting, surprinting, wash, covering
large: (adj) ample, generous, considerable, broad, handsome, high, bulky, heavy, capacious, roomy; (adj, n) extensive. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, cramped, insignificant, narrow, microscopic, compact, tiny, thin, short, slim, paltry
larger: (adj) bigger, big, more, major, large, greater, largest, exceed,

- superior, generously proportioned, excel
- lass:** (n) girl, lassie, damsel, young woman, young girl, fille, miss, Jeune fille, bobbysocker, bobbysoxer, woman
- late:** (adj, adv) dilatory, fresh, behindhand, backward; (adj) former, deceased, dead, slow, delayed, modern; (adv) belatedly. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) early, punctual; (adv) punctually, promptly; (adj) ahead, existing, alive, initial, middle, old, premature
- lately:** (adv) tardily, newly, freshly, belatedly, slowly, latterly, deadly; (adj, adv) anew, late, afresh; (adj) recent
- later:** (adv) afterward, subsequently, afterwards, then; (adj) following, last, future, ensuing, subsequent, latter; (adj, adv) next. ANTONYMS: (adv) immediately, before, now; (adj, adv) prior; (adj) early, previous, preceding, former
- lath:** (n) fillet, spline, batten, plank, list, ribbon, strip, rod, flat timber, spill; (v) frame
- laugh:** (n, v) joke, giggle, chortle, titter, snicker; (v) smile; (n) jest, gag, jape, laughter, cackle. ANTONYM: (v) weep
- laughable:** (adj) absurd, amusing, humorous, comical, ludicrous, ridiculous, farcical, droll, comic, foolish, jocular. ANTONYMS: (adj) serious, tragic, adequate, generous, impressive
- laughing:** (adj) merry, smiling, laughable, jolly, gay, lighthearted, frolicsome, playful, pleased, dizzy; (adv) laughingly. ANTONYM: (adj) serious
- laughs:** (n) diversion, comedy, amusement, sport, recreation, merriment, entertainment, levity
- laughter:** (n) amusement, fun, guffaw, merriment, chortle, chuckle, mirth, hilarity, giggle, derision, happiness. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, gloom, despair, boredom, misery, despondency
- laurel:** (n) bays, honor, rose-laurel, cassia, cinnamon, sweet bay, Daphne, bay tree, palm, garland, fame
- laurels:** (n) honor, laurel, accolade, fame, garland, award, trophy, decoration, glory, citation, glorification. ANTONYMS: (n) dishonor, criticism
- lawn:** (n) grassplot, field, green, park, meadow, grassplat, plot, lea, turfs, turves, turf
- laying:** (n) egg laying, placing, parturition, place, repose, setting, put, position, lay, oyster park, oviposition
- lead:** (n, v) guide; (v) conduct, direct, contribute, go, control, conduce, govern, chair, bring; (n) clue. ANTONYMS: (v) follow, trail, descend; (n) disadvantage, inferiority
- leaded:** (adj) fixed
- leading:** (adj, v) first, foremost; (adj) outstanding, head, great, capital; (adj, n) main, cardinal, principal; (adj, adv) ahead; (n) lead. ANTONYMS: (adj) secondary, subordinate, following, junior, innocent, last, lousy, unimportant, worst; (adv) behind, losing
- leaf:** (n) page, folio, foliage, petal, frond, leafage, slip, verdure, leaflet; (n, v) sheet; (v) leave
- leafless:** (adj) bald, bare, aphyllous, leaveless, hairless. ANTONYM: (adj) leafy
- leaned:** (v) erudite, lettered; (adj) tilted, inclined, educated
- leaning:** (adj, n) bent, disposition, partiality; (n) propensity, bias, tendency, incline, lean; (adj) tilted, canted, inclined. ANTONYMS: (n) antipathy, dislike; (adj) upright
- leaping:** (n) jump, bounce, bound, leap, spring, saltation, bouncing; (v) jumping; (adj, v) bounding; (adj) springing; (adv) leapingly
- learn:** (v) get, find, ascertain, hear, find out, have, determine, con, acquire, tell; (n, v) know. ANTONYM: (v) reject
- learned:** (adj) educated, knowledgeable, scholarly, academic, cultured, literary, bookish, lettered; (adj, v) enlightened, wise, knowing. ANTONYMS: (adj) innate, unconditioned, foolish, unlearned
- learning:** (n, v) erudition, enlightenment; (n) acquisition, education, culture, scholarship, wisdom, acquirement, letter, literature; (v) learn
- least:** (n) minimum; (adj) smallest, minimal, littlest, lowest, insignificant, minutest, negligible; (adj, n) smallest amount; (adv) at least, fully. ANTONYMS: (adj) maximum, greatest; (adj, adv) most
- leathery:** (adj) stringy, coriaceous, leatherlike, gristly cartilaginous, leathery, tough as whitleather, hard, stiff, gristly, gnarled, rugged
- leave:** (v) depart, go, abandon, desert, lead; (adj, v) forsake, quit; (n) furlough, permission, holiday; (n, v) escape. ANTONYMS: (v) enter, arrive, stay, remain, come, approach, change, reposition, disinherit, occupy, participate
- leaves:** (n) departure, leaving, plants, trees, vegetation
- leaving:** (n) leave, exit, desertion, going, going away, farewell, departing, abandonment, withdrawal, boarding; (v) depart. ANTONYMS: (n) arrival, greeting, Reunion; (adj) incoming
- lecture:** (n, v) discourse, harangue, reprimand, sermon, rebuke, talk, censure; (n) speech, oration; (v) chide, preach. ANTONYMS: (v) praise; (n) compliment
- lecturer:** (n) teacher, professor, lector, reader, orator, preacher, speaker, tutor, coach, trainer, educator
- left:** (adj) gone, absent, port, odd, remaining, larboard, gauche, sinister; (n) left hand, left wing, mitt. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv, n) right; (adj) remaining, center, starboard, present
- legs:** (v) pegs, trotters, pins; (n) patience, pedestal, stamina
- length:** (n, v) extent; (n) distance, range, duration, size, measurement, longness, dimension, depth, compass, quantity. ANTONYMS: (n) shortness, width, breadth, brevity, conciseness
- leniently:** (adv) indulgently, tolerantly, mildly, kindly, mercifully, blandly, softly, easygoingly, generously, easily, compliantly
- less:** (adj) inferior, wanting, minor, secondary, subordinate, deficient, minus, few; (adj, adv) lesser, lower; (adv) below. ANTONYMS: (adj) additional; (prep) plus
- lessons:** (n) classes, coaching, tuition, schoolwork, revision, learning, education, training
- letter:** (n) epistle, mail, character, communication, alphabetic character, dispatch, note, message, memorandum, type, memo
- letters:** (n) erudition, literature, correspondence, lore, script, scholarship, post, print, mail, letter, polite literature
- letting:** (n) lease, rental, let, renting, hire, leasing, rent, belongings, permission; (adj) lenient

liberties: (n) freedoms, familiarity, intimacy

liberty: (adj, n) freedom, franchise; (n) license, leave, independence, autonomy, emancipation, latitude, permission, scope, release.

ANTONYMS: (n) slavery, domination, constraint, suppression, dependence

library: (n) program library, collection, depository library, atheneum, athenaeum, room, repository, series, public library, study, subroutine library

lichen: (n) crotal, crotle, crottal, basidiolichen, mold, moss, arctic moss, conferva, beard lichen, beard moss, crotles

lies: (n) fabrication, falsehood, lie, lying, deceit, defamation, denigration, dishonesty, slander, libel, treachery. ANTONYM: (n) truth

life: (adj, n) animation; (n) energy, spirit, activity, dash, enthusiasm, being, biography, existence, exuberance, live. ANTONYMS: (n) death, apathy, extinction, nonexistence, lifelessness

lifetime: (n) life, life span, lifespan, life expectancy, generation, hour, decade, day, time, animation; (adj) lifelong

lift: (n, v) raise, rise, elevator, boost, heave, hike, airlift, advance; (v) elevate, erect, filch. ANTONYMS: (v) lower, descend, drop, hinder, put, return, impose; (n, v) knock

lifted: (adj) raised, elevated, lift, lofty, upraised, steep

lifting: (n) rising, hoisting, plagiarism, restyling, copying, jacking; (adj) elating, enlivening, exciting, invigorating, thrilling

light: (adj) fair, facile, faint; (adj, v) clear; (n, v) fire, glow, flame; (v) kindle, inflame, ignite; (n) illumination. ANTONYMS: (adj) heavy, fattening, nauseating, testing, stale; (n) darkness, shade, gloom, night; (v) extinguish, darken

lighted: (adj) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning, ignite, kindled, lighten

lighting: (n) light, kindling, ignition, firing, inflammation, burning, combustion, setup, the illumination supplied by lights, illuminate, illuminate

lightly: (adv) slightly, airily, thinly, easily, gently, light, fairly, weakly, flimsily, delicately, wantonly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) seriously, heavily, thickly, sturdily, angrily, hard, harshly, densely, brightly, awkwardly

lightness: (n) brightness, buoyancy, frivolity, flightiness, delicacy, airiness, agility, levity, light, nimbleness, flippancy.

ANTONYMS: (n) darkness, gravity, weight, harshness, seriousness

lightning: (n) levin, electricity, thunderbolt, Leven, ignis fatuus, heat lightning, forked lightning, fetter, dart, chain lightning; (adj) wind

lights: (n) illumination, burn, lung, spacing material

likable: (adj) likeable, pleasant, pleasing, amiable, engaging, lovable, sympathetic, appealing, congenial, genial, lovely.

ANTONYMS: (adj) disagreeable, unlikely, unsympathetic, unfriendly, repulsive, abominable, forgettable

liked: (adj) popular, loved, favorite, preferred. ANTONYM: (adj) disliked

likely: (adj) believable, probable, plausible, expected, potential, conceivable, apt, prospective, verisimilar; (adv) possibly, maybe.

ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) unlikely; (adj) improbable, implausible, slight, unwilling, unusual, unbelievable

likes: (n) kind, sort, type

liking: (n, v) inclination; (n) fancy, appetite, taste, fondness, predilection, affection, partiality, admiration, approval, appreciation. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, aversion, hatred, indifference, detachment, dissatisfaction, antipathy

lilac: (adj) lavender, mauve, purple, violet, puce, chromatic; (n) shrub, heliotrope, ash, common lilac, family Oleaceae

lilies: (n) lily

limp: (adv, n, v) hobble; (adj, v) flabby; (n, v) hitch; (adj) flaccid, slack, flexible, drooping, flimsy, weak, loose; (v) hop. ANTONYMS: (adj) taut, firm, hard, rigid, upright, alive, strong, stiff, tight

line: (n) cord, house, course, family, lineage, breed, field, ancestry, row; (adj, n) file; (n, v) order

lines: (n) cavesson, jaquima, hackamore, headstall, ribbons, words, contour, shape, position, piece, part

lion: (adj, n) celebrity, hero; (adj)

worthy, great card, tiger; (n) Leo, cat, king of beasts, curiosity, luminary, spectacle

lions: (n) dogs, order Carnivora, leopards, jackals, bears, Felidae, family Felidae, cheetahs, cats, Carnivora

lips: (n) lip, inlet, logical inference per second, chops, porch, portal, portico, propylon, snout, door, orifice

listen: (v) hear, heed, hearken, attend, harken, list, listening, eavesdrop, mind, concentrate, pay attention

listener: (n, v) auditor; (n) eavesdropper, audience, observer, perceiver, hearkeeper, attender, attendee, attendant, beholder

listening: (v) listen, hear, obey; (n) auscultation, perception, sensing, audition, audience, earshot, auditory modality; (adj) attentive

litle: (v) to quiet title

litter: (adj, n) brood, jumble; (n) bedding, stretcher, waste, refuse, junk, trash, mess; (n, v) clutter; (adj) disarray. ANTONYMS: (v) clean; (n) space

little: (adj, adv) small; (adj) diminutive, insignificant, short, tiny, some, brief, petty, minute, exiguous; (adv) rather. ANTONYMS: (adj) enormous, large, important, huge, high, giant, older, old, tall; (adv) frequently, well

live: (adj) alive, living; (adj, v) reside, active, dwell, stay; (n, v) subsist; (v) exist, be, abide, endure.

ANTONYMS: (adj) inanimate, inactive, silent, dummy, blank, recorded; (v) die, perish, expire

lively: (adj, adv) jolly, sprightly; (adj, v) active, cheerful; (adj) energetic, agile, keen, busy, gay, fresh, jovial.

ANTONYMS: (adj) lethargic, listless, inactive, unexciting, lifeless, awkward, sad, gentle, tired, insipid, subdued

liver: (n) dweller, livers, resident, inhabitant, person, human, someone, soul, individual, hepatic

lives: (n) life, living, estate, existence, earnest living

living: (adj) alive, live, extant, animated, active, fresh, animate, quick; (n) livelihood, life, being.

ANTONYMS: (adj) inanimate; (n) death, leisure

loaf: (adj, v) lounge; (v) hang around, loiter, loll, linger, laze, mess about, be idle; (adj, n) block; (adj) lump, poke. ANTONYM: (v) work

- lock:** (n, v) bar, hug; (v) close, latch, fasten, engage, hold; (adj, n) hair; (n) curl, padlock, hook. ANTONYMS: (v) open, undo, disengage, flex; (n) key; (adv) partially, partly
- locked:** (adj) bolted, closed, fast, barred, blocked, fixed, guaranteed, barricaded, safe, protected, fastened
- locks:** (n) hair, tresses, head of hair
- lodge:** (n, v) cabin, place, house; (adj, v) live, dwell, reside, inhabit; (n) cottage; (v) quarter, accommodate, fix. ANTONYMS: (v) dislodge, evict
- london:** (n) British capital, jack London, John Griffith Chaney, Greater London, capital of the united kingdom
- lonely:** (adj) deserted, lone, dreary, solitary, forsaken, desert; (adj, n) isolated, alone; (adv) lonesomely, solely, solitarily. ANTONYMS: (adj) sheltered, populous, cheerful, nearby; (n) foe
- long:** (v) yearn, desire, hanker, languish, ache, wish; (adj, n) extensive; (n, v) hunger; (adj) extended, lengthy; (n) length. ANTONYMS: (adj) short, brief, concise
- longer:** (adj) longest, better, lengest; (adv) farther; (n) yearner, thirster
- look:** (n, v) gaze, aspect, figure; (adj, v) seem; (v) appear, expect; (n) appearance, expression, view, glance, guise. ANTONYMS: (v) back, study; (n) perusal
- looking:** (n) face, sensing, aspect, approximation, appearance, watching, outlook; (v) look at, examine; (adv) about; (adj) superficial
- lookout:** (n, v) guard, prospect, expectation; (n) scout, watch, sentry, sentinel, outlook, post, picture; (v) landscape
- looks:** (n) aspect, countenance, expression, manner, complexion, fashion, costume, garb
- loose:** (adj, v) lax, dissolute; (adj, n) limp, liberal, licentious; (adj) light, vague; (v) disengage, relax, release, liberate. ANTONYMS: (adj) dense, close, taut, compressed, strict, compact, wedged, secure, strong, similar; (v) confine
- loosened:** (adj) disentangled, loose, freed, disengaged, extricated, unsnarled
- lord:** (n) chief, king, noble, sir, duke, master, God, seignior, nobility, Mister, potentate. ANTONYM: (n) lady
- lordly:** (adj, v) dignified, proud, noble; (adj) haughty, grand, August, domineering, disdainful, arrogant, imperious, lofty. ANTONYM: (adj) humble
- lose:** (v) drop, forfeit, mislay, miss, sacrifice, fall behind, fail, to lose, forget, clear, hurt. ANTONYMS: (v) find, secure, recover, earn, obtain, acquire, get, win, beat, keep, succeed
- losing:** (v) lose; (n) loss; (adv) losingly, behind; (adj) unbeneficial. ANTONYM: (adj) lucrative
- lost:** (adj, v) forlorn, extinct, gone, missing, helpless; (adj) hopeless, bewildered, forgotten, disoriented, broken; (n) loss. ANTONYMS: (adj) present, found, existing, won, saved, aware
- lots:** (adj, n) plenty, heaps; (adj) a lot, galore; (n) many, scores, scads, oodles, much, masses; (adv) a great deal. ANTONYM: (n) few
- loud:** (adj) flashy, garish, gaudy, blatant, brassy, boisterous, high, jazzy, brazen, piercing; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful, gentle, quiet, subtle, subdued, low, muted, weak, tranquil, thin; (adv) softly
- loudly:** (adv) vociferously, noisily, loud, clamorously, showily, strongly, flamboyantly, obstreperously, luridly, boisterously; (adj, adv) forte. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, thinly, silently, piano, pleasantly
- lovable:** (adj) delightful, charming, likable, engaging, sweet, taking, adorable, friendly, kindly, delectable, lovely. ANTONYMS: (adj) horrible, unappealing, unlovable, detestable, despicable
- love:** (n) desire, fondness, affection, dear, liking, benevolence, charity, honey, devotion; (v) enjoy; (n, v) worship. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dislike; (n) abhorrence, hatred, aversion, detestation, detachment, indifference; (v) abhor; (adv) roughly
- loved:** (adj) beloved, pet, cherished, precious, liked, adored, respected, treasured, esteemed, valued; (n) darling. ANTONYM: (adj) hated
- loveliness:** (n) comeliness, fairness, grace, attractiveness, charm, glamour, pulchritude, beauteousness, good looks, cuteness, fineness. ANTONYMS: (n) unattractiveness, unpleasantness, awkwardness
- lovely:** (adj) beautiful, charming, lovable, enchanting, delightful, handsome, alluring, elegant, endearing, gorgeous; (adv) comely. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpleasant, hideous, ugly, unattractive, horrifying, horrid, unappealing, repellent, detestable, dreadful, awkward
- loving:** (adj) fond, devoted, amorous, kind, friendly, ardent, attached, admiring, gentle, fatherly; (adj, v) tender. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, uncaring, malicious, cruel, unloving, rough, paternal, indifferent, distant, disapproving, callous
- lower:** (adj, v) debase, frown, abase, scowl; (adj, n, v) degrade, diminish, humble; (v) dip, drop, cut; (adj, n) inferior. ANTONYMS: (v) raise, improve, glorify, augment, straighten, upgrade, uplift; (adj) higher, senior, over, superior
- lowered:** (adj) lower, reduced, cheap, bated, humbled. ANTONYM: (adj) raised
- lucky:** (adj, n) auspicious, happy, favored; (adj) favorable, prosperous, propitious, successful, favourable, flourishing, fortuitous; (n) fortune. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlucky, hapless, unfortunate, unsuccessful, disadvantaged, inauspicious, underprivileged, unenviable, unsatisfactory
- lump:** (n, v) heap, knot, chunk, block; (n) gob, tumor, hunk, bit, bulge; (adj, n) clod; (adj, n, v) mass. ANTONYM: (v) divide
- lumps:** (n) repulse, deserts, due, grit, punishment
- lumpy:** (adj) chunky, uneven, cumbersome, granular, knobby, unshapely, rude, indolent, gawky; (v) lumpish; (n) failure
- lunch:** (v) dine, eat, take tea, sup; (n) luncheon, tiffin, meal, dinner, dejeuner, brunch, noon
- luncheon:** (n) meal, tiffin, dejeuner, dinner, repast, party; (v) nunchion
- lungs:** (v) air pump, air blower, ventilator, punkah; (n) blowpipe, organ
- luscious:** (adj) juicy, appetizing, delicious, delectable, scrumptious, rich, dulcet, succulent, yummy, mellow, voluptuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteless, unappetizing
- luxurious:** (adj) voluptuous, costly, deluxe, lavish, sumptuous, epicurean, grand, luscious, opulent,

- magnificent; (adj, n) lush.
ANTONYMS: (adj) meager, frugal, poor, Spartan, austere, humble, unpleasant, ascetic, impoverished
- luxuriously:** (adv) richly, sumptuously, extravagantly, opulently, magnificently, voluptuously, lushly, lavishly, palatially, sensually, gorgeously.
ANTONYMS: (adv) meagerly, cheaply, simply
- luxury:** (n) comfort, luxuriousness, extravagance, opulence, wealth; (adj, n) delicacy, gratification, elegance; (adj) luxurious, deluxe, indulgence. **ANTONYMS:** (n) paucity, necessity, poverty, filth, discomfort, bareness, shabbiness; (adj) basic, inferior, cheap, Spartan
- lying:** (adj) false, deceptive, mendacious, untrue, misleading, fraudulent; (n) lie, falsehood, fabrication, deceit, dishonesty.
ANTONYMS: (n) honesty, truthfulness; (adj) truthful
- madam:** (n) dame, lady, ma'am, gentlewoman, missis, Mrs, brothel keeper, madames, signora, female, bawd
- madman:** (n) bedlamite, maniac, crazy, loony, nut, madcap, looney, loco, sufferer, raver, nutcase
- magic:** (n) incantation, charm, enchantment, sorcery, legerdemain, conjuring, glamour, black magic, illusion, theurgy; (adj) magical.
ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, science; (adj) everyday, prosaic, normal, natural
- magnificently:** (adv) beautifully, grandly, superbly, gloriously, majestically, gorgeously, sumptuously, marvelously, wonderfully, fantastically, showily.
ANTONYMS: (adv) poorly, modestly, badly, abysmally, simply, meagerly, incompetently
- maid:** (n) damsel, chambermaid, lass, lassie, girl, domestic, amah, virgin, maiden, housemaid, handmaid
- main:** (adj) grand, great, leading, head, principal, prominent, basic, capital, central; (adj, n) essential, cardinal. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) minor, secondary, supplementary, auxiliary, subsidiary, peripheral, dependent, extra, side, trivial, marginal
- majestic:** (adj) grand, awesome, stately, imperial, royal, exalted, glorious, kingly, August; (adj, v) imposing; (adj, adv) regal.
ANTONYMS: (adj) pathetic, pitiful, modest, lowly, undignified
- majesty:** (adj, n) grandeur, splendor, nobility; (n) dignity, loftiness, magnificence, stateliness, greatness, king, royalty, highness.
ANTONYMS: (n) austerity, simplicity
- making:** (n) creation, construction, production, fabrication, manufacture, cartography, devising, fashioning, manufacturing, formation; (v) to make.
ANTONYMS: (n) undoing, destruction
- manage:** (n, v) direct, govern, guide; (v) do, administer, cope, accomplish, deal, work, arrange, lead.
ANTONYMS: (v) fail, lose, bungle
- manner:** (adj, n) kind; (n) bearing, demeanor, method, form, appearance, carriage, way; (n, v) custom, style, habit
- manners:** (n) conduct, etiquette, propriety, behavior, deportment, manner, courtesy, custom, decorum, good manners, usage. **ANTONYM:** (n) vulgarity
- manor:** (n) land, mansion, manor house, castle, hall, residence, estate, seignior, demesne, manse, dominion
- manservant:** (n) man, butler, valet, gentleman, lackey, domestic, men, gillie, menial, servitor, servant
- mantel:** (n) mantelpiece, mantelpiece, chimneypiece, lintel, mantelshelf, mantle piece, mantleshef, shelf, drapery, drape, curtain
- mantle:** (n) cloak, cape, pall, blanket, curtain, blind, coat; (n, v) cover, veil; (adj, n, v) blush, flush
- march:** (n, v) hike, parade, trek, ramble, journey, tramp, course; (n) demonstration; (v) process, pace, stride
- marching:** (n) walking, mar, drill; (adj) ongoing, moving
- marmalade:** (n) licorice, conserve, plum, sweetmeat, jelly, preserve, preserves, lollipop, jujube, orange marmalade, conserves
- marred:** (adj) damaged, defaced, dilapidated, crippled, deformed, faulty, flawed, hurt, impaired, imperfect, scarred. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) pure, unspoiled
- married:** (adj) wedded, conjugal, matrimonial, connubial, nuptial, united, mixed, connected, marrying, attached, unite. **ANTONYMS:** (adj) unmarried, unattached, divorced, public
- marry:** (n, v) wed, espouse; (v) get married, link, conjoin, wive, splice, tie, unite, couple; (n) marriage.
ANTONYMS: (v) divorce, separate, split
- martin:** (n) house Martin, Dino Paul Crocetti, Mary Martin, Steve Martin, bank swallow, bank Martin, dean Martin
- marvel:** (n, v) wonder; (n) prodigy, curiosity, phenomenon, amazement, miracle, portent, marl, surprise, admiration; (v) admire.
ANTONYMS: (v) disregard; (n) nightmare
- marvelous:** (adj) wonderful, fantastic, incredible, fabulous, extraordinary, tremendous, grand, astonishing, terrific, great; (adj, v) prodigious.
ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, mundane, abysmal, bad, dreadful, unworthy, dire, humdrum, unimpressive, unremarkable, boring
- mary:** (n) Elizabeth, Virgin Mary, Blessed Virgin, bloody shame, Madonna Louise Ciccone, the Virgin; (int) marry
- mass:** (adj, n) bulk, lump, block; (n, v) flock, crowd, cluster, pile, bunch; (n) magnitude, collection, majority.
ANTONYMS: (n) lightness, few; (v) disperse
- massive:** (adj) large, gigantic, huge, big, great, monumental, immense, enormous, heavy, gross, impressive.
ANTONYMS: (adj) small, insignificant, miniature, compact, minute, slight
- master:** (n) captain, instructor, lord; (v) control, conquer, command, dominate, defeat; (adj, n) original, head, ace. **ANTONYMS:** (n) underling, servant, novice, amateur
- masters:** (n) Edgar lee Masters
- mate:** (n, v) equal, partner, spouse; (adj, n) companion, comrade, fellow, associate, friend; (n) compeer, consort, husband
- matted:** (adj) entangled, tangled, knotted, flat, matt, matte, knotty, fixed, kinky, twisted; (v) crossed.
ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, straight, free
- matter:** (n) business, substance, issue, material, affair, concern, incident, article, subject; (n, v) case; (adj, n) import
- matter-of-fact:** (adj) prosaic, practical, dry, commonplace, common, normal, ordinary, regular, pragmatic, trivial, realistic

- matters:** (n) affairs, materials, dealings, proceedings
- matting:** (n) matt, mounting, carpet, gym mat, flatness, floor covering, mat, master of arts in teaching, lusterlessness
- maybe:** (adv) possibly, probably, perchance, haply, peradventure, in all probability, lest, doubtless, conceivably, mayhap; (n) possibility. ANTONYM: (adv) certainly
- meal:** (n) repast, farina, flour, feed, banquet, dinner, luncheon, supper, refection, collation; (n, v) spread
- meals:** (n) nourishment, fare, food, meal, the food we eat, provisions
- mean:** (adj, n) middle, low, contemptible, average, medium, common; (v) design; (n, v) imply, denote; (adj) ignoble, hateful. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, kind, extravagant, charitable, luxurious, rich, expansive, extreme, great; (n) maximum, minimum
- meaning:** (n) intent, gist, implication, design, essence, consequence, significance, content, intention, connotation, aim. ANTONYM: (n) triviality
- means:** (n) instrument, agency, income, assets, manner, funds, capital, channel, property, resource, resources. ANTONYM: (n) poverty
- meant:** (adj) destined, implied, sincere, preordained, intentional, predestined; (v) intend, designate
- measure:** (n) amount, criterion, extent, measurement, estimate, degree, beat, benchmark, quantity, meter; (n, v) act. ANTONYMS: (v) guess, estimate
- meat:** (n) food, gist, essence, core, kernel, heart, substance, marrow, crux, matter, beef
- meddle:** (v) intervene, interfere, intrude, monkey, interpose, fiddle, pry, dabble, interlope; (n) interference; (adj) moil. ANTONYM: (v) disregard
- meddlesome:** (adj) busy, officious, inquisitive, interfering, obtrusive, nosy, curious, pragmatical, prying, busybodied, impertinent
- medicine:** (n) drug, medication, medicament, therapy, physic, treatment, remedy, cathartic, medical science, preparation; (v) medicate
- meet:** (v) find, converge, assemble, gather, fulfill, congregate, answer, cross, confront, intersect; (adv, v) encounter. ANTONYMS: (v) diverge, disperse, separate, part, leave, differ, disband
- meeting:** (n) confluence, convention, concourse, assembly, conference, congress, council, meet, caucus, appointment, junction. ANTONYMS: (n) parting, trough
- mellow:** (adj, v) ripe, mollify, smooth, soften; (adj) gentle, luscious, mild, soft, juicy; (v) melt, ripen. ANTONYMS: (adj) harsh, frantic, fresh, bright, strict, young, frenetic
- melted:** (adj) molten, fluid, liquified, dissolved, liquefied, baked, fluent, touched, limpid, sorry, flowing
- memories:** (n) recollections, reminiscences, nostalgia, memento Mori
- menagerie:** (n) zoo, vivarium, menage, manage, installation, facility, collection, assemblage, aggregation, accumulation, menagerly
- mention:** (n, v) comment, name, remark, call, hint; (v) cite, observe, commend; (n) allusion, citation, reference. ANTONYM: (v) conceal
- mentioned:** (adj) spoken
- mercy:** (n) kindness, compassion, pity, favor, leniency, pardon, forgiveness, grace, charity, humanity; (n, v) quarter. ANTONYMS: (n) cruelty, harshness, unkindness, severity, mercilessness, ruthlessness, impatience, inhumanity
- mere:** (adj, n) entire; (adj) bare, simple, pure; (n) loch, tarn, boundary, absolute; (n, v) downright; (adv) merely; (adj, v) clear
- merely:** (adj, adv) only, barely, purely, simply, exclusively; (adv) but, absolutely, entirely, simply, completely, unmixedly. ANTONYM: (adv) intensely
- merrily:** (adv) gaily, cheerfully, blithely, cheerily, gladly, gleefully, mirthfully, brightly, jovially, joyfully, gayly. ANTONYMS: (adv) sadly, anxiously, miserably, unhappily, carefully, despondently
- message:** (n) communication, information, errand, letter, mission, dispatch, statement, word, lesson, significance, note
- mice:** (n) rats, agoutis, guinea pigs, beavers, gophers, order Rodentia, marmots, hamsters, pests, Rodentia, vermin
- midday:** (n) noon, noonday, noontide, afternoon, twelve noon, hour; (adj) meridian, meridional; (adj, n) culmination
- middle:** (n) heart, hub, core, center; (adj, n) mean, median, mid; (adj) intermediate, halfway, mediate, central. ANTONYMS: (adj) extreme, outer, late, early; (adj, n) outside; (n) extremity, perimeter, beginning, end, circumference, surface
- midnight:** (n) dark, noon, hour
- midst:** (adj, n) middle; (adv) mid, between; (prep) among, amid; (n) core, center, thick, interior, heart, waist
- might:** (n) power, energy, ability, influence, strength, puissance, vehemence, intensity; (v) may, can, could. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, feebleness, meekness
- mignonette:** (n) reseda odorata, reseda, sweet reseda; (adj) reseda green
- mildly:** (adv) moderately, placidly, gently, tenderly, graciously, softly, lightly, kindly, calmly, sweetly, suavely. ANTONYMS: (adv) passionately, intensely, extremely, enormously, pithily, powerfully, harshly, severely, considerably
- mile:** (n) MI, nautical mile, land mile, knot, Swedish mile, international nautical mile, Admiralty mile, air mile, geographical mile, Roman mile; (v) furlong
- miles:** (adj) far
- milk:** (v) squeeze, drain, tap, bleed, anodyne, balm; (n) buttermilk, colostrum, foremilk; (adj) gluten, chalk
- millions:** (n) billions, jillions, trillions, large indefinite amount, zillions, myriad, large indefinite quantity
- mind:** (n, v) intellect, notice, regard; (v) care, look, attend, beware, keep, listen, look after; (n) disposition. ANTONYMS: (v) forget, neglect, disregard, disobey, Miss, ignore; (n) emotion, inattention; (adj) physical
- mine:** (adj, v) excavate, sap; (n) excavation, pit, fund, land mine, vein; (v) exploit, burrow; (adj) my, delve
- mingled:** (adj) miscellaneous, complex, indiscriminate, heterogeneous, medley, confused, eclectic, motley, different; (v) blended, blent
- minute:** (n, v) note; (adj) little, delicate, microscopic, small, atomic; (n) jiffy, flash, moment, second, memorandum. ANTONYMS: (adj) huge, big, gigantic, significant,

cursory, immeasurable, tremendous, important, colossal, giant, large

minutes: (n) record, transactions, records, memorandum, journal, minute, report, proceeding, legal proceeding, judicial proceeding, Hansard

miserable: (adj, v) forlorn, wretched, unhappy; (adj) mean, low, abject, deplorable, downcast, bad, desolate; (adj, adv) meager. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, generous, cheerful, cheery, bright, fortunate, hopeful, jubilant, luxurious, overjoyed, heavenly

misery: (adj, n) grief; (n, v) distress; (n) affliction, agony, anguish, woe, hardship, evil, ill, infelicity, suffering. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, ecstasy, cheerfulness, fun, hopefulness, peace, contentment, pleasure, wealth, sport, cheer

miss: (v) lose, fail, jump, omit, overlook, long, forget; (n) maid, girl; (adj, v) fault; (n, v) want.

ANTONYMS: (v) perceive, attend, achieve, have, succeed, hit, make, see, find, take; (n) success

missed: (adj) lost, irretrievable, incomprehensible, bemused, confounded, befuddled, baffled, disoriented, helpless, at sea, bewildered

missing: (adj) absent, wanting, gone, deficient, away, nonexistent, misplaced, vanished; (v) lost; (n) omission; (adv) missingly.

ANTONYMS: (adj) found, real

missus: (n) lady, wife, matron, married woman

mist: (n, v) cloud; (v) blur, cover, obscure, befog, drizzle, bedim; (n) haze, vapor, brume; (adj) misty

mistaken: (adj) wrong, erroneous, false, misguided, inaccurate, fallacious, untrue, misleading, confused, improper, error.

ANTONYMS: (adj) accurate, wise, right

mister: (n) sahib, Mr, man, lord, squire, gent, esquire, gentlemanly, sir, husband, adult male

mistress: (n) dame, concubine, madame, innamorata, lady, lover, fancy woman, doxy, girl, kept woman, missis

mixture: (n) mix, alloy, concoction, hodgepodge, blend, jumble, medley, assortment, miscellany, combination, commixture.

ANTONYMS: (n) agitation, uniformity, likeness

modify: (v) qualify, adapt, change, limit, assuage, moderate, vary, convert, amend, restrict, adjust.

ANTONYMS: (v) leave, worsen, standardize, maintain

moist: (adj) damp, wet, muggy, clammy, dank, damp, dampish, soggy, soppy, wettish, moisture.

ANTONYMS: (adj) dry, limp, fresh

moisture: (n) damp, dampness, wet, humid, moist, moistness, vapor, moisture content, moisten, dank, dampen

mole: (n) jetty, freckle, spy, bulwark, nevus, mol, groyne, blemish, birthmark; (adj, v) mound; (v) embankment

moment: (n, v) consequence, weight; (adj, n) instant; (n) flash, jiffy, minute, import, second, time, bit, hour. ANTONYMS: (n) inconsequence, age, triviality

money: (n) currency, capital, kale, funds, means, lucre, assets, legal tender, pelf, cash, dough

monogram: (n) cipher, diagram, nameplate, character, name, graphic symbol, grapheme, emblem, device, badge, anagram

month: (n) calendar month, months, lunation, minute, hour, day, period, quarter, quinquennium, year, moonshine

mood: (adj, n) humor, frame of mind; (n) atmosphere, climate, disposition, attitude, air, feeling, mode, temper, temperament

moon: (adj) lunar; (n) month, moonshine, satellite, moonlight, luck, lunar month, GHURRY, epoch, orb of night; (v) daydream

moonlight: (adj, n) moonshine; (n) moonbeam, moonglade, occupation, lunation, lunar month, labor; (n, v) work; (v) pilfer, do work; (adj) moonshiny

moor: (v) berth, fasten, dock, secure, tie up; (adj, v) tie, picket, hitch; (n) marsh, wilderness, wasteland

moorland: (n) field, heath, Moreland, champaign, plain, Morland; (adj) upland

morbid: (adj) diseased, gruesome, macabre, corrupt, pathologic, unwholesome, peccant, sick, unhealthy, pathological; (adj, v) sickly

morning: (n) dawn, sunrise, morn, forenoon, daylight, first light, am, dayspring, aurora, cockcrow, dawning. ANTONYMS: (n) sunset, nighttime, nightfall

morrison: (n) Jim Morrison, James Douglas Morrison

mortar: (n) howitzer, plaster, trench mortar, field piece, glue, lute, heavy gun, gun, birdlime, gum, cannon

moss: (n) lichen, marsh, bog, morass, marish, fen, bryophyte, quagmire, swamp, Bryace; (adj) byssus

mostly: (adv) generally, chiefly, for the most part, ordinarily, in general, above all, mainly, primarily, principally, more often than not, by and large. ANTONYM: (adv) partially

mother: (n) mamma, mommy, origin, mama, ma, mammy, mummy; (n, v) father; (v) engender, generate, beget

motherless: (adj) unparented, parentless, udderless

motherly: (adj) tender, fatherly, warm, sisterly, loving, affectionate; (adv) maternally; (v) ardent, fond, devoted, erotic. ANTONYM: (adj) paternal

motionless: (adj) inactive, inert, immobile, stationary, fixed, unmoving, quiescent, dead, torpid; (adj, adv) calm, at rest.

ANTONYMS: (adj) mobile, active, alive, flowing

mould: (n, v) mildew, cast, form, model; (v) make, frame, knead, fashion, forge; (n) molding, matrix

mound: (v) embankment; (adj, n) knoll, hillock, hummock; (n) hill, mass, grave; (n, v) stack, bank, pile; (adj) barrow. ANTONYM: (n) hollow

mount: (n, v) rise, climb, frame; (v) board, arise, advance, jump, increase; (n) hill, mountain; (adj, v) ride. ANTONYMS: (v) drop, decrease, wane, dismount; (n) valley, hollow

mountain: (n, v) mound; (n) heap, height, peak, mountain range, stack, pile, mass, Ben, volcano, bundle

mountains: (n) plenty, mountain range, mountain chain

mounted: (adj) equestrian, mounting, mounts, set, firm, affixed, decorated. ANTONYM: (adj) unmounted

mournful: (adj) sad, miserable, melancholy, funereal, dolorous, dark, pensive, gloomy, lugubrious, lamentable; (adj, n) plaintive.

ANTONYMS: (adj) joyful, happy, emotionless

mournfully: (adv) sadly, sorrowfully, glumly, woefully, unhappily, plaintively, grievously, funereally, dejectedly, dolorously, poignantly.

- ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, joyfully
- mouse:** (v) sneak, creep, steal, snoop, seek; (n) track, hunt, field mouse, fieldmouse, trace; (adj) small fry
- mouth:** (n) lip, lips, aperture, edge, entrance, snout, entry; (n, v) grimace; (v) articulate, pronounce, speak
- mouthful:** (n) gulp, morsel, swallow, gobbet, nip, bit, sip, piece, drink; (adj, n) handful; (adj) thimbleful
- move:** (v) excite, go, affect, carry, touch, instigate, travel; (n, v) act, drive, transfer, maneuver.
- ANTONYMS: (v) stay, restore, refrain, remain, rest, withdraw, stop, repel, come, leave
- moved:** (adj) affected, excited, touched, disordered, enthused, gone, tense, inspired, stimulated, overcome, interested. ANTONYM: (adj) uninspired
- movement:** (n) move, action, campaign, crusade, activity, advancement, cause, passage, drive, drift, flow. ANTONYMS: (n) stillness, inertia, motionlessness, inactivity, retreat
- moving:** (adj) affecting, exciting, emotional, impressive, mobile, pitiful, poignant, touching; (n) movement, motive, transport.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) motionless, depressing, stationary, unemotional, fixed, unmoving, everyday, immobile, nonmoving, ridiculous, boring
- muffin:** (n) gem, cake, jewel, gemstone, English muffin, bran muffin, corn muffin
- muffled:** (adj) hushed, muted, hollow, inarticulate, faint, soft, subdued, low, quiet; (v) allusive, covert. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct, audible, slight
- mumbled:** (adj) inaudible, faint, broken, slurred, thick, garbled, unintelligible, muffled, low, incomprehensible. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct
- muscle:** (n) potency, sinew, might, power, strength, force, energy, flesh, beef; (adj, n) physique; (adj) nerve
- muscles:** (n) sinew, strength
- music:** (n) melody, chorus, musical, sound, composition, monody, folk music, medicine, euphony, drumming, ballet
- musical:** (adj) harmonious, melodic, sweet, canorous, tuneful, dulcet, mellifluous, pleasing, lyrical; (n) musical comedy, music.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) unmusical, grating, harsh, inharmonious, unmelodious
- musically:** (adv) harmoniously, melodiously, sweetly, melodically, dulcetly, euphoniouly, pleasingly, canorously, pleasantly, rhythmically, metrically.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) harshly, unmusically
- muttered:** (adj) garbled, incoherent, broken, inarticulate
- muttering:** (n) grumbling, mutter, murmuring, grumble, murmuration, murmur vowel, complaint, heart murmur, cardiac murmur; (adj) mumbling, faint
- muzzle:** (n) mouth, gunpoint, nose, lip, gullet, nozzle, bit; (v) muffle, silence, hush, curb
- myself:** (pron) me, itself, herself, oneself, themselves, yourself; (n) I, yourselves; (adv) in person, for myself, in my opinion.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) universally, generally
- mysterious:** (adj) inscrutable, incomprehensible, deep, eerie, inexplicable, obscure, abstruse, dark, cryptic, secret, arcane. ANTONYMS: (adj) known, apparent, normal, open, explicable, facile, obvious, simple, legible, familiar, transparent
- mysteriously:** (adv) enigmatically, strangely, obscurely, secretly, uncannily, mystically, darkly, puzzlingly, weirdly, abstrusely, occultly. ANTONYM: (adv) normally
- mysteriousness:** (n) mystique, profundity, strangeness, peculiarity, enigma, obscurity, darkness, difficulty, inscrutability, complexity.
- ANTONYMS: (n) normality, simplicity
- mystery:** (n) arcanum, enigma, mysteriousness, secrecy, puzzle, craft, perplexity, poser, inscrutability, whodunit; (adj, n) secret. ANTONYMS: (n) explanation, openness
- mystic:** (adj, v) secret, recondite; (adj) mysterious, occult, cryptical, cryptic, esoteric, inscrutable, weird, magical; (adj, n) psychic
- mystified:** (adj) metagrobolized, puzzled, perplexed, metagrobolized, bemused, unclear, at a loss, metagrobolised, baffled, flummoxed, having difficulties.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) enlightened,
- clear
- name:** (v) appoint, describe, baptize, list, enumerate, identify, cite, mention; (n, v) title, entitle; (n) epithet. ANTONYMS: (n) nobody, indecency
- named:** (adj, v) called; (adj) nominative, nominal, chosen, appointed, nominated, designated, titled, specified; (v) benempt, cycled
- names:** (n) calumny, defamation, hatchet job
- napkin:** (n) diaper, cloth, handkerchief, serviette, table napkin, nappy, dinner napkin, duster, malkin, maukin; (v) sudary
- narrow:** (adj, adv, v) close; (adj) limited, insular, little, illiberal; (v) limit, contract, lessen, constrict, shrink; (adj, v) confined.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) wide, broad, comprehensive, extensive, worldwide, substantial, deep; (v) widen, extend, broaden, increase
- nasty:** (adj) dirty, foul, filthy, disgusting, awful, mean, repulsive, raw, hurtful, coarse; (adj, n) obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) agreeable, pleasant, nice, charitable, lovely, delightful, friendly, tasty, charming, safe, respectful
- native:** (adj, n) aboriginal, natural; (adj) inherent, inborn, innate, congenital, inbred, indigenous, domestic; (n) autochthon, aborigine.
- ANTONYMS: (n) stranger, migrant, foreigner; (adj) foreign, learned, acquired, nonnative, overseas, adopted; (adj, n) immigrant, imported
- natives:** (n) nation, populace, community, citizens, public
- natural:** (adj) inherent, innate, unaffected, instinctive, artless, congenital, inborn, normal, intrinsic, essential, native. ANTONYMS: (adj) affected, refined, false, cultivated, unnatural, paranormal, supernatural, abnormal, forced, exceptional, strained
- naturally:** (adv, int) of course; (adv) spontaneously, unaffectedly, natively, openly, essentially, course, by nature, understandably, normally; (adj, adv) innately.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) artificially, surprisingly, uncharacteristically, pretentiously, unusually, abnormally, affectedly, shyly
- nature:** (n) disposition, essence, quality, creation, breed,

- temperament, type, attribute; (adj, n) character, class, manner
- naught:** (n) cipher, nothing, null, aught, nix, nought, zip, cypher, nada; (adj, n, pron) nil; (n, pron) zilch
- naughty:** (adj) mischievous, impish, blue, improper, disobedient, insubordinate, wicked, evil, lewd, dark, unruly. ANTONYMS: (adj) decent, behaved, obedient, clean
- near:** (adj, adv, v) close, at hand; (adv, prep) by, around, towards; (adj, v) familiar, adjoining, approximate; (adj, adv, prep) about; (adj, adv) almost; (adj) imminent. ANTONYMS: (adj) distant, far, further, actual, exact; (v) leave
- nearby:** (adj) close, contiguous, adjoining, at hand, adjacent, nearest; (prep) about, by; (adv) beside, around; (adv, prep) next to. ANTONYMS: (adj) remote, inaccessible; (adj, adv) faraway, far
- nearer:** (adj) adjacent, narre, hither; (adv) more rapidly, sooner, quicker, nigher, NER, faster, earlier, Neer
- nearest:** (adj) proximate, immediate, close, near, next, adjoining, intimate, direct, adjacent; (adj, adv) highest; (adv) fore. ANTONYM: (adj) distant
- nearing:** (n) approach; (adj) impending, forthcoming, oncoming, coming, imminent, looming; (prep) on the verge of, toward
- nearly:** (adv) closely, intimately, nightly, virtually; (adj, adv, prep) about, just about; (adj, adv) near, all but, close, most; (adv, prep) approximately
- neat:** (adj) elegant, tidy, clear, natty, graceful, dainty, pretty, clever, pure, straight, nifty. ANTONYMS: (adj) messy, scruffy, unkempt, clumsy, disordered, disorderly, diluted, large, lax, impulsive, loose
- necessary:** (adj, n, v) requisite; (adj, v) important; (adj) inevitable, compulsory, mandatory, fundamental, main, indispensable; (n) necessity, demand; (adj, n) basic. ANTONYMS: (adj) optional, surplus, needless, unjustified, dispensable, possible, unimportant, voluntary, nonessential, inappropriate; (n) inessential
- neck:** (n) cervix, nape, neckband, neckline, isthmus; (v) make out, pet, love, cut; (adj) stricture, middle constriction
- need:** (adj, n, v) lack, want; (n, v) demand, desire, deficiency, must, destitution; (n) necessity, requirement; (v) require, claim. ANTONYMS: (v) obviate, dislike, have; (n) option, luxury, glut, unimportance, affluence, prosperity
- needed:** (adj) essential, required, requisite, needful, indispensable, wanted, needing, needs, wanting, desired, want. ANTONYM: (adj) optional
- needs:** (adv) inevitably, needfully, indispensably, by necessity, inescapably, of necessity, ineluctably; (n) must, requirement, necessity; (adj) needed
- neglected:** (adj) dilapidated, disregarded, ignored, deserted, derelict, forsaken, obsolete, antiquated, antique, shabby, unnoticed. ANTONYM: (adj) salubrious
- neither:** (conj) either, no-one, not either, nor, nother
- nerves:** (n) nervousness, jitters, jumpiness, jitteriness, restlessness, tension, strain, screaming meemies, apprehension, edginess, extreme nervousness. ANTONYM: (n) calm
- nervous:** (adj) anxious, excitable, afraid, uneasy, shy, fearful, apprehensive, firm; (adj, v) tense; (adj, adv) cowardly, excited. ANTONYMS: (adj) brave, relaxed, bold, composed, confident, fearless, untroubled, unflappable, still, unconcerned, carefree
- nervously:** (adv) edgily, anxiously, timidly, worriedly, uneasily, restlessly, timorously, skittishly, excitedly, neurotically, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (adv) confidently, boldly, fearlessly, unconcernedly, nonchalantly, trustingly
- nervousness:** (n) nerves, trepidation, disquiet, tension, jumpiness, restlessness, jitters, agitation, worry, fearfulness, edginess. ANTONYMS: (n) boldness, confidence, reassurance, calm, relief, peace, equanimity
- nest:** (n) den, lair, hole, burrow, home, beehive; (adj) brood, hive, litter; (adj, n) herd; (v) embed
- never:** (adv) ne'er, Nevers, always, not ever, by no means, at all times, not at all, not, NE. ANTONYMS: (adv) always, forever
- newcomer:** (n) freshman, beginner, fledgeling, neophyte, recruit, immigrant, novice, arrival, entrant; (adj, n) foreigner, stranger
- newly:** (adv) freshly, recently, lately, new, late, novelly, unusedly, anew, fresh; (adj, adv) afresh; (adj) recent
- news:** (n) advice, message, information, intelligence, tidings, story, report, notice, communication, gossip; (adj) new
- next:** (adj) nearest, adjacent, contiguous, following, future, coming, ensuing, after; (adv, conj) then, afterward; (adj, v) subsequent. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) previous, previously, preceding; (adj) outgoing, distant; (adv) before
- nibble:** (n, v) bite, nip, taste; (v) eat, munch, chew, browse, pick, gnaw, crunch, champ. ANTONYMS: (v) gobble, overeat, gulp, gorge
- nibbling:** (n) rate cutting, feeding, eating
- nice:** (adj) fastidious, dainty, fine, good, lovely, kind, likable, delicious, difficult, precise; (adj, n) neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) horrible, nasty, unlikable, rough, mean, loathsome, approximate, unsavory, unfriendly, inelegant, bad
- nice-looking:** (adj) neat, attractive, handsome
- nickname:** (v) dub, nick; (n) sobriquet, alias, moniker, cognomen, pet name, surname, appellation, soubriquet, family name
- nigh:** (adj, adv, prep) near; (adj, adv) close, nearly, almost, nearby, most, all but, about, adjacent; (prep) by; (adj) approximate
- night:** (n) dark, dusk, darkness, gloaming, twilight, nighttime, Nox, eventide, period; (adj) nocturnal, gloomy. ANTONYMS: (n) day, light, sunrise
- nights:** (adj) nightly; (n) night
- nine:** (n) niner, club, ball club, baseball club, enmead, Nina from Carolina, three times three, ten, nightspot, clubhouse, queen
- nobody:** (n) cipher, naught, zero, nil, nothing, nonentity, cypher, zip, whippersnapper, none; (n, pron) no one. ANTONYMS: (n) celebrity, notable, somebody; (pron) everyone, anyone, everybody
- nodding:** (adj) cernuous, drooping, dozy, dozing, somnolent, drugged, pendulous, drowsing, droopy, annuent, flagging. ANTONYM: (adj) awake
- noise:** (n, v) clatter, echo; (n) clamor, hubbub, racket, sound, disturbance, uproar, din, buzz, clang. ANTONYMS: (n) silence, quiet,

- quietness, sense
- noisily:** (adv) clamorously, boisterously, vociferously, riotously, raucously, uproariously, loudly, blatantly, rowdily, stridently, vocally. ANTONYMS: (adv) noiselessly, silently, calmly, peacefully, softly
- none:** (n) nought, naught, nobody, zilch, anything; (adv) not, neither, any; (adj) whatsoever, no, whatever
- nonsense:** (n) bosh, absurdity, humbug, balderdash, foolishness, drivel, folderol, baloney, falderal, jargon, claptrap. ANTONYMS: (n) sense, wisdom, substance, fact
- normal:** (adj) regular, general, customary, conventional, habitual, natural, typical, mean, everyday; (adj, v) ordinary, common. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, irregular, weird, unconventional, creepy, supernatural, strange, odd, extraordinary, eccentric, irrational
- norwegian:** (adj, n) Scandinavian; (n) Norseman, North Germanic, north Germanic language, Northman, Nordic; (adj) norwegian
- nose:** (n) hooter, neb, nozzle, proboscis, honker, bow, odour; (v) wind, pry, scent; (n, v) sniff
- notes:** (n) data, commentary, currency, paper, comments, remarks, annotation, information, ready money, observations, newspaper
- nothing:** (adv, n) naught; (adj, n) nil, null; (n) nobody, cipher, nihil, nonentity, trifle, nix, aught, cypher. ANTONYMS: (pron) anything, everything, some; (n) all
- nothings:** (n) honeyed words, conversation
- notice:** (n, v) note, mind, regard; (n) advertisement, information, declaration, attention; (adj, v) look, attend; (v) find, detect. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, overlook, Miss; (n) ignorance, inattention, appointment, unconsciousness
- noticed:** (adj) noted
- noticing:** (n) observation, look; (adj) conscious
- notion:** (n) belief, idea, impression, fancy, image, imagination, opinion, conception, concept; (adj, n, v) judgment; (n, v) caprice. ANTONYMS: (n) trust, certainty, fact, reality
- notwithstanding:** (adv, conj) nevertheless, although, even though, yet, but; (conj) albeit; (adv)
- nonetheless, though, still, all the same; (prep) despite
- nourishment:** (n) food, alimentation, meal, meat, diet, feeding, nutrition, repast, sustenance, edible, fuel
- novelty:** (adj) news; (n) freshness, mutation, newness, trinket, curiosity, originality, oddity, bauble; (n, v) change, difference
- nowhere:** (n) obscurity, limbo; (adv) not anywhere, nowhither, without, not anywhere; (adj) tiresome, vapid, uninteresting, tasteless, prosaic
- nowt:** (n) nothing, naught, nought, zilch, nada, nobody, cipher, bugger all, zero
- number:** (n, v) amount, figure; (v) calculate, total, aggregate, enumerate, come; (n) score, act, volume, issue
- numbers:** (n) rhyme, verse, measure, Numbers pool, meter, assonance, foot, crambo, strain; (adj) a quantity, sight
- numerous:** (adj) many, frequent, abundant, multiple, multitudinous, copious, plentiful, innumerable, populous, great, much. ANTONYMS: (adj) rare, occasional, scarce
- nurse:** (n, v) nourish, nurture; (v) look after, entertain, attend, cherish, lactate, harbor, foster, cultivate, cradle
- nursery:** (n) greenhouse, cradle, nursery school, hothouse, seminary, seedbed, nest, day nursery, creche, hotbed, glasshouse
- nutcracker:** (n) cracker, nutbreaker, oscine, torque links, LG scissors, compound lever, common nutcracker, nuthatch, corvine bird
- nuzzle:** (v) snuggle, cuddle, nose, caress, burrow, draw close, fondle, embrace, nurse, pry, scent
- oaks:** (n) beech family, Castanopsis, Nothofagus, Lithocarpus, genus Quercus, Genera Castanea, family Fagaceae, Fagus, Fagaceae, chestnuts
- obedience:** (n) meekness, submission, deference, obeisance, acquiescence, subordination, bow, observance, docility, loyalty, allegiance. ANTONYMS: (n) disobedience, defiance, naughtiness, resistance, divergence, chaos, wildness
- obedient:** (adj) submissive, compliant, good, conformable, tame, acquiescent, dutiful, meek, biddable, amenable, subservient.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) defiant, assertive, rebellious, crooked, intractable, naughty, wild, resistant
- obediently:** (adv) dutifully, yieldingly, compliantly, meekly, acquiescently, respectfully, tamely, subserviently, passively, loyally, devotedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) defiantly, assertively, wildly
- obey:** (v) comply, listen, keep, fulfill, hear, conform, abide by, serve, comply with; (n, v) mind, heed. ANTONYMS: (v) disobey, defy, break, transgress, infringe, challenge, deny
- object:** (n) cause, intent, meaning, mark, subject, objective, substance; (n, v) aim, end, intention; (v) except. ANTONYMS: (v) agree, approve, praise; (n) notion
- obliged:** (adj) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable, compelled; (adj, v) bound, under obligation; (adj, prep) indebted; (v) oblige, binding. ANTONYM: (adj) ungrateful
- obsequious:** (adj) servile, flattering, submissive, cringing, sycophantic, ingratiating, humble, toadying, supple, subservient; (adj, v) deferential. ANTONYMS: (adj) domineering, assertive, disrespectful
- observed:** (adj) ascertained, empirical, discovered, viewed, experimental, experiential, determined, visual, disclosed
- obstinacy:** (n) stubbornness, firmness, bullheadedness, determination, contumacy, mulishness, impenitence, resolve, resoluteness, impitenency, pertinacity. ANTONYMS: (n) cooperation, compliance
- obstinate:** (adj) obdurate, inflexible, intractable, determined, inveterate, disobedient, willful, stubborn, contrary, wayward, dogged. ANTONYMS: (adj) flexible, amenable, irresolute, cooperative, easygoing, docile, biddable, agreeable, accommodating, malleable, gentle
- obstinately:** (adv) obdurately, mulishly, persistently, perversely, doggedly, refractorily, unyieldingly, willfully, pigheadedly, waywardly, firmly. ANTONYM: (adv) helpfully
- occasion:** (n, v) cause; (n) case, event, juncture, episode, incident; (v) bring about, create, beget, make, induce
- occupation:** (n) occupancy, business, craft, calling, job, place, vocation,

career, function, line; (n, v) affair.

ANTONYM: (n) surrender

occupied: (adj) busy, engaged, employed, diligent, active, absorbed, engrossed, working, industrious, affianced, betrothed. ANTONYMS: (adj) empty, vacant, uninhabited, available, free, idle, liberated, unoccupied

occurring: (adj) going on

ocean: (n) deep, brine, salt water, main, waves, watery waste, multitude, lot; (adj) oceanic, many, marine

odds: (n) likelihood, probability, possibility, chance, advantage, likeliness, chances, disparity, prospect; (v) dissension; (adj) odd. ANTONYM: (n) unlikelihood

offer: (v) give, bestow, put, tender, extend, impart, introduce, advance, propose; (n) proposal, proposition. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, withhold, take

officer: (n) police officer, administrator, constable, commander, military officer, bureaucrat, official, officeholder, executive, agent, employee.

ANTONYM: (n) underling

officers: (n) executive committee, staff

often: (adj, adv) oft; (adv) much, again and again, repeatedly, oftentimes, oftentimes, many times, always, commonly, again; (adj) frequent. ANTONYMS: (adv) seldom, infrequently, never

older: (adj) old, aged, elderly, ancient, adult, earlier, big, preceding, former, oldest; (adj, n) senior. ANTONYMS: (adj) younger, immature, youthful, present, young

oldest: (n) elder, doyen; (adj) older

old-fashioned: (adj) obsolete, antiquated, archaic, outmoded, outdated, ancient, old, musty, corny, behind the times, superannuated

once: (adv, n) formerly; (adv) before, ever, previously, one time, at one time, already, erst; (adj, adv) erstwhile; (adj) former; (n) whilom. ANTONYM: (adv) future

oneself: (n) herself, himself, themselves, personal, private, selfness, self, yourself, me, person, own

onion: (n) Allium CEPA, bulb, scallion, caviar, eschalot, pickle, vegetable, veggie, leek, alliaceous plant, chive

open: (adj, n) frank, candid; (adj, n, v)

clear; (adj) obvious, exposed, artless, free, honest, guileless, forthright, naked. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) shut;

(v) close, end; (adj) devious, secretive, concealed, furtive, restricted, limited, reserved, secret
opened: (adj) candid, exposed, overt, agaze, blatant, blazing, clear, through, conspicuous; (v) distended, blown

opening: (n) gap, break, aperture, beginning, door, commencement, entrance, hole, occasion, cleft; (adj, n) preliminary. ANTONYMS: (adj) final, last; (adj, n) closing; (n) exit, finale, finish, ending, shutting, postscript, conclusion

openly: (adv) frankly, publicly, clearly, candidly, directly, straightforwardly, evidently, publically, plainly, outspokenly; (adj, adv) manifestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) furtively, secretly, clandestinely, mysteriously, ambiguously, reticently, covertly, discreetly, affectedly, craftily, deceitfully

opinion: (adj, n, v) judgment, feeling, notion; (n) idea, belief, conjecture, advice, guess, impression, view; (n, v) meaning

opportunity: (n) chance, opening, luck, occasion, crack, room, event, time, circumstance, shot, alternative. ANTONYMS: (n) past, disaster

oppose: (v) contest, contend, resist, contradict, controvert, contravene, counteract, fight, counter, disagree, dissent. ANTONYMS: (v) advocate, agree, back, advise, promote, accept, submit, encourage, correspond, approve, favor

orange: (n) orangeness, orange tree, Methyl orange, bergamot, red and yellow, lemon, marmalade orange, orange river; (adj, n) reddish yellow; (adj) amber, ocher

orator: (n) elocutionist, speechmaker, speaker, lecturer, Cicero, speechifier, demagog, demagogue, eulogist; (v) oratrix, oratress

orchard: (n) park, garden, plantation, arboretum, avenue, pinetum, shrubbery, woodlet, parterre, pinery, copse

order: (n, v) command, direct, decree, dictate, sort, rank, array, commission, charge; (n) instruction, edict. ANTONYMS: (n, v) request; (n) mayhem, confusion, chaos, mess, anarchy, disorderliness, disarray; (v) disturb, deregulate, supply

ordered: (adj) regular, arranged, methodical, trim, orderly, lawful, logical, consistent, coherent, commanded, organized.

ANTONYMS: (adj) disordered, disarranged, inconsistent
ordering: (n) disposition, sequence, order, disposal, grading, adjustment, management, decree, configuration, classification; (adj) imperative

orders: (n) holy orders, information, preparation, remit, briefing, guidelines

ordinarily: (adv) generally, usually, regularly, normally, frequently, customarily, habitually, routinely, middlingly, plainly, familiarly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) unusually, rarely, strangely, exceptionally

ordinary: (adj, n, v) customary, usual; (adj) middling, mediocre, average, normal, everyday; (adj, n) familiar, accustomed, habitual; (adj, v) general. ANTONYMS: (adj) unusual, strange, peculiar, outstanding, incredible, special, famous, distinguished, abnormal, particular, exotic

ornaments: (n) stuff, trim, ornamentation, equipments, dress, disposition, custom, curios, condition, clothing, gaudery

others: (n) rest, cessation, lie, lave, LAN, ease, acquiesce, intermission
otters: (n) family Mustelidae, ferrets, fishers, martens, minks, Mustelidae

ought: (n, v) need; (v) had better, should, have, possessed, owned, owed, behoove; (n) aught, zero, duty

ourselves: (pron) myself, herself, itself, oneself, themselves, yourself; (n) me, yourselves, usself

outbreak: (n) explosion, eruption, onset, outburst, burst, mutiny, attack, flood, rash, revolt, spate

outer: (adj) exterior, outward, outside, extrinsic, outdoor, outlying, peripheral, surface, utter, extraneous, outmost. ANTONYMS: (adj) internal, inner, interior, inward, inside

outraged: (adj) angry, incensed, livid, enraged, mad, cross, annoyed, perverted, umbrageous, beside yourself, scandalized. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, indifferent

outright: (adj) straight, absolute, entire, perfect, altogether, total, downright; (adv) wholly, instantaneously, instantly, fully.

ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, indirectly; (adj) partial, qualified

onset: (n) opening, beginning, onset, commencement, origin, birth, inception, start, threshold, offset, first. ANTONYM: (n) middle

outside: (adv) outdoors, alfresco, out of doors; (n, prep) exterior; (adj, prep) external; (adj) outdoor, foreign, outer, extraneous, remote, outward. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv, n, prep) inside; (adj) indoor, internal, likely, strong; (prep) in, within; (adv) indoors; (adj, n) interior

outsider: (n) foreigner, stranger, layman, outlander, foreign, newcomer, unknown, immigrant, bystander, strangers, guest.

ANTONYMS: (n) native, participant

outspokenly: (adj) candidly, plainly, openly, forthrightly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, bluntly, honestly, straightly, directly, truthfully

outspread: (adj) spread, extended, widespread, dispersed, outstretched, stretched, broad, wide; (v) unfold

oven: (n) furnace, stove, fireplace, hearth, broiler, heater, bakery, range, kitchen appliance, boiler, coke oven chamber

overcome: (v) crush, subdue, beat, vanquish, overpower, master, defeat, hurdle, get over, overwhelm; (adj) beaten. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, lose, comfort, protect, resist, surrender, capitulate; (adj) unimpressed

overdo: (v) magnify, overact, overcharge, overdraw, overplay, embroider, overburden, fatigue, overtax, overwhelm; (adj) overshoot the mark. ANTONYMS: (v) understate, minimize, fast

overexert: (v) exert, exhaust, go beyond, strain, carry too far, do too much

overhead: (adv) aloft, on high, over, up, high up; (n) expense, ceiling, budget items, command processing overhead, operating cost; (adj) upper. ANTONYM: (adj) surface

overpowered: (adj) beaten, conquered, inundated, engulfed, flooded, routed, vanquished, subdued, subjugated, overflowing, mild

overwhelmed: (adj) beaten, overpowered, vanquished, dumbfounded, inundated, flooded, overthrown, engulfed, conquered,

bewildered; (v) overborne.

ANTONYM: (adj) unimpressed

package: (v) wrap, wrap up; (n, v) box, pack; (n) parcel, packet, packaging, carton, wrapper, wrapping, packing. ANTONYMS: (n) hardware; (v) unbox

packages: (n) correspondence, freight, letters

packed: (adj) full, compact, filled, jammed, overcrowded, crammed, dense, thick, congested, teeming, cramped. ANTONYMS: (adj) deserted, loose, open

packet: (n) bundle, bale, container, parcel, pack, wad, carton, mail boat, wrap, deck, envelope

paid: (adj, v) compensated; (adj) salaried, paying, nonrecreational, profitable, remunerated, remunerative, mercenary, settled, prepaid, apaid. ANTONYMS: (adj) owing, due, unprofitable; (adv) voluntary

pail: (n) bucketful, jug, tub, pailful, cannikin, pails, skeel, tankard, pot, pipkin, vessel

pails: (n) pail

pain: (n, v) hurt, afflict, ache, bother, torment, trouble, grieve, anguish; (n) ill, agony, nuisance. ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, cheer; (n) joy, peace, content, balm, ecstasy

pains: (n) nisis, labor, trouble, effort, exertion, labour, pain, care, struggle, attempt, strain

pair: (n, v) match; (adj, n) brace; (n) duet, duo, dyad; (v) join, mate, link, copulate, equate, marry

palace: (n) castle, mansion, hall, alcazar, chateau, palazzo, house, palaces, regime, fortress, serai

pale: (adj) faint, wan, dull, weak, light, bloodless, pallid; (adj, v) dim; (n) boundary, confine; (v) blanch. ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, rosy, brown, well, glowing, vivid, healthy, clear, colorful; (v) redden, darken

pampered: (adj) indulged, spoiled, soft, bad, fed luxuriously, luxurious

pane: (n) window pane, paneling, pane of glass, panelling, windowpane, window-pane, board, square, sheet of glass, leaf, box

panes: (n) Fauni

panic: (adj, n) dismay, horror, terror, dread; (n, v) alarm, scare, shock; (n) fright, anxiety, fear, flap. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, calmness, order, peace, bravery, security; (n, v) comfort; (v) relax, soothe

panic-stricken: (adj) afraid, hysterical

panting: (adj) gasping, breathless, blown, winded, puffed; (v) palpitation; (n) heaving, gasp, asthma, heave, puff

pantry: (n) buttery, store, basement, kitchen, stowage, scullery, store cupboard, covey, storeroom, stomach, stillroom

paper: (n) article, newspaper, discourse, newsprint, publication, journal, essay, periodical, report, magazine, certificate

parcels: (n) post, correspondence, baggage, appurtenances, letters

ardon: (v) excuse, condone, forgive, acquit, spare; (n) amnesty, forgiveness, grace; (adj, v) justify, exonerate, exculpate. ANTONYMS: (n, v) blame; (v) punish, castigate, condemn, convict; (n) intolerance

park: (v) deposit, locate, set, place, put; (n) parking lot, common, parkland, green, arena, orchard

parrot: (n, v) mimic; (n) popinjay, poll, parakeet, macaw, copycat, cockateel, Amazon, cockatiel, cockatoo; (v) ape

parsley: (n) *Petroselinum crispum*, herb, pot herbs, aromatic plant, basil, genus *Petroselinum*, herbaceous plant, rosemary, *Petroselinum*, thyme, sage

parson: (n) cleric, clergyman, rector, pastor, curate, preacher, ecclesiastic, divine, priest, vicar, father

part: (adj, n) constituent; (n) piece, article, section; (v) break, disjoin, divide, divorce; (n, v) branch, division, character. ANTONYMS: (n) whole, entirety; (v) join, unite, meet, arrive, connect; (adv) wholly

parted: (adj) divided, separate, distributed, separated, divisible, disunited, compounder, compound, dividable

particular: (n) detail, item; (adj) fastidious, fussy, finicky, exact, individual, careful, definite, delicate, detailed. ANTONYMS: (adj) careless, easy, vague, ordinary, collective, generalized, slapdash, universal, strong, normal, indeterminate

particularly: (adj, adv) specially, only; (adv) peculiarly, specifically, individually, expressly, separately, curiously, markedly, unusually, definitely. ANTONYMS: (adv) slightly, generally, vaguely, somewhat, unexceptionally

partly: (adj) half, semi, quasi; (adv)

- part, constitutently, in part, sidely, moderately, halfway, incompletely, relatively. ANTONYMS: (adv) completely, wholly, entirely; (adj) fully
- parts:** (n) faculty, nous, quick parts, sagacity, wit, surroundings; (adj) ingenuity, cleverness, capacity, turn, talents
- party:** (n) company, band, group, assembly, crew, association, gathering, crowd, clique, meeting, celebration
- pass:** (adj, n, v) run; (v) flow, give, deliver, lead, happen, overtake, proceed; (adj, v) move; (n, v) offer, live. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, make, take, veto; (n) failing, rejection, exclusion
- passage:** (n, v) course, journey; (n) gangway, corridor, hall, channel, entry, way, entrance, lobby, duct. ANTONYMS: (n) rejection, room
- passed:** (adj) accepted, approved, legal, gone
- passing:** (adj) transient, ephemeral, momentary, cursory, brief; (n) overtaking, departure, expiration, decrease, passage, death. ANTONYMS: (adj) lasting, thorough, intended, lengthy, long; (n) birth, failing
- passion:** (n) affection, fire, fervor, love, feeling, anger, enthusiasm, heat, craving, desire; (n, v) ardor. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, hate, serenity, meekness, hatred, doubt, dislike, calmness, moderation
- passionate:** (adj, v) ardent, impetuous; (adj) hot, excited, burning, angry, fervent, fierce, animated, earnest; (adj, adv) fiery. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, mild, passionless, unenthusiastic, cold, calm, halfhearted, cool, lukewarm, weak, uninterested
- passionately:** (adv) fervently, vehemently, violently, fiercely, eagerly, zealously, fervidly, fierily, enthusiastically, heatedly, stormily. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, apathetically, calmly, halfheartedly, impassively, jokingly, gently
- past:** (n) history, yesterday; (adj, adv, prep) beyond; (adj) former, bygone, old, prior, over, gone by; (adv) before; (adv, pref) along. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) future, present; (prep) within; (adj) current, contemporary, modern, upcoming, following, subsequent, later; (n) prospect
- patch:** (v) piece; (n) plot, fleck, darn, blot, freckle, bed, maculation, field; (n, v) botch, repair
- patched:** (adj) mean, besmirched, old, damaged, ragged, flyblown
- path:** (n, v) course, passage, line; (n) way, direction, highway, orbit, track, lane, means, walk. ANTONYMS: (n) room
- pathetic:** (adj) deplorable, miserable, pitiful, wretched, forlorn, lamentable, tragic, distressing; (adj, v) touching, affecting, sad. ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, comical, effective, impressive, admirable, spirited, praiseworthy, generous, fine, brilliant, decisive
- pathetically:** (adv) pitifully, piteously, sorrowfully, wretchedly, pitifully, touchingly, sadly, poorly, miserably, plaintively, distressingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) intelligently, convincingly
- paths:** (n) path
- patience:** (n) endurance, fortitude, longanimity, equanimity, tolerance, resignation, restraint, composure, sufferance; (n, v) moderation, calmness. ANTONYMS: (n) impatience, eagerness, intolerance, annoyance
- patient:** (adj) forbearing, passive, calm, enduring, resigned, uncomplaining, tolerant, stoical, lenient, meek, persistent. ANTONYMS: (adj) intolerant, annoyed, eager, harsh
- peace:** (adj, n) calm, quiet; (n) harmony, hush, repose, ease, amity, agreement, rest, pacification, order. ANTONYMS: (n) noise, chaos, conflict, uproar, commotion, agitation, war, distress, suffering, disruption, turbulence
- peaceful:** (adj) peaceable, quiet, gentle, even, silent, meek, peace, staid, placid, tranquil, imperturbable. ANTONYMS: (adj) aggressive, tense, noisy, turbulent, disturbed, hostile, disruptive, bothered, warlike, unpeaceful, compulsory
- peach:** (v) grass, denounce, blab, rat, declare, snitch; (n) apricot, Prunus persica, beauty, stunner, peach tree. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, disagreeable, unpleasant
- pearls:** (n) beads, jewelry, jewellery
- pearly:** (adj) fair, iridescent, leaden, livid, drab, milky, dingy, dun, creamy, roan; (n) chopper
- peck:** (n, v) nibble; (v) beak, pick, kiss, pick up; (n) pile, plenty, mass, slew, lot, mint
- pecked:** (adj) biched
- peculiar:** (adj) particular, odd, exceptional, different, extraordinary, curious, eccentric, characteristic, anomalous, abnormal, distinctive. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, typical, common, universal, explicable, conventional
- peep:** (n, v) glance, peek, look, gaze, glint, squeal; (n) glimpse, cheep; (v) chirp, peer, pry. ANTONYMS: (v) stare, gaze; (n) examination
- peeny:** (adj) nosy, prying, snoopy
- penning:** (n) change, coin, centime, copper, groat, subunit, money, mite, doir, small change, denomination
- perched:** (adj) perked, alert, on the edge, balanced, poised, on the brink, suspended, perked up
- perennial:** (adj) lasting, eternal, continual, constant, abiding, durable, perpetual, permanent, enduring, ceaseless; (adj, v) evergreen. ANTONYMS: (adj) biennial, occasional
- perfect:** (adj, n, v) consummate, complete; (adj, n) absolute, full, entire; (adj) exact, utter, thorough, faultless, integral, exquisite. ANTONYMS: (adj) flawed, faulty, wrong, inferior, misshapen, incorrect, defective, used, everyday, unhappy, partial
- perfectly:** (adj, adv) entirely; (adv) fully, thoroughly, consummately, utterly, flawlessly, absolutely, purely, totally, faultlessly, wholly. ANTONYMS: (adv) badly, imperfectly, incorrectly, wrong, inaccurately, partially, partly, poorly, unpleasantly, wrongly
- performance:** (n) discharge, execution, fulfillment, observance, accomplishment, operation, implementation; (n, v) action, achievement, deed, efficiency. ANTONYMS: (n) omission
- perhaps:** (adv) mayhap, perchance, peradventure, possibly, probably, conceivably, by chance, haply, if, presumably; (n) might. ANTONYMS: (adv) certainly
- permission:** (n, v) allowance; (n) consent, license, permit, authority, leave, licence, liberty, approval, sanction, assent. ANTONYMS: (n) refusal, ban, veto, intolerance, exclusion
- perplexed:** (adj) confused, puzzled, baffled, confounded, doubtful,

- distracted, disconcerted; (adj, v) intricate, complicated, lost, involved. ANTONYMS: (adj) unperplexed, assured, clear, knowing
- persistently:** (adv) stubbornly, constantly, continually, firmly, tenaciously, unremittingly, continuously, incessantly, insistent, doggedly, pertinaciously. ANTONYMS: (adv) sporadically, acutely, aimlessly, inconsistently, spasmodically, halfheartedly
- person:** (n) individual, human, man, mortal, character, soul, human being, being, creature, body; (n, v) party
- persuade:** (v) convince, coax, assure, allure, entice, influence, induce, cajole, argue, exhort, lure. ANTONYMS: (v) discourage, dissuade, deter, restrain, force
- persuaded:** (adj) sure, satisfied, easily affected, impressible, positive, delicate, sensible, intelligent, certain, in no doubt, definite. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsure, uncertain
- pert:** (adj) impertinent, bold, impudent, insolent, forward, fresh, brazen, saucy, malapert, irreverent, cheeky. ANTONYM: (adj) listless
- pettish:** (adj) peevish, irritable, cross, nettlesome, cranky, huffy, touchy, fretful, techy, petulant, tetchy
- pewter:** (n) chowchow, solder, alloy
- pheasant:** (n) monal, afropavo, peafowl, wildfowl, bird of Juno, golden pheasant, monaul, phasianid, Argus pheasant, Argus pheasants; (n) Phasianidae, brush turkeys, chickens, curassows, family Phasianidae, Galliformes, grouse, hoatzins, order Galliformes, partridges
- phoebe:** (n) quintet, quint, Phoebe bird, Phebe, fins, quintuplet, v, pentad, Louvre, louver, Little Phoebe
- photograph:** (n, v) film; (n) picture, image, photo, likeness, print, portrait, copy, pic; (v) snap, shoot
- pick:** (n) alternative, best, option, selection, choice; (adj, n) cream, elite; (adj, v) select; (v) opt, harvest, gather. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, refuse
- picked:** (adj) select, chosen, best, recherche, rare, priceless, preferred, pointed, elected, named; (v) choose
- picking:** (n) option, selection, alternative, gathering, collection, choice, harvesting, leavings, collecting, indefinite quantity; (v) choose
- picture:** (v) describe, draw, imagine, depict; (n, v) photograph, paint, fancy; (n) effigy, drawing, likeness, depiction
- pictures:** (n) cinema, movie, movie theater, footage, motion picture, movie house
- piece:** (n) fragment, division, part, article, lump, hunk, composition, component, opus; (n, v) patch, portion. ANTONYMS: (n) whole, chunk; (v) disassemble
- pieces:** (n) debris, trash
- pierce:** (n, v) cut, prick, stick; (v) perforate, bore, enter, thrust, puncture, penetrate; (adj, v) stab, wound. ANTONYM: (v) seal
- pile:** (n, v) heap, stack, mass, pack, jam; (n) congeries, mound, bunch, accumulation; (v) amass; (adj, n) nap. ANTONYM: (v) unload
- pilgrimage:** (n, v) expedition, excursion; (v) trip, tour, peregrination, ramble, discursion, circuit; (n) hajj, haj, career
- pillow:** (v) rest, breathe, lie, not move; (adj) wadding; (n) throw pillow, Wanger, bed pillow, feather bed, long pillow, padding
- pills:** (n) medicine, tablets
- pinch:** (n, v) nip, arrest, twinge, squeeze; (n) emergency, crisis, exigency; (v) compress, lift, wring, constrict
- pinched:** (adj) haggard, drawn, emaciated, cadaverous, narrow, penurious, thin, penniless, anenoidal; (adj, n) necessitous; (n) distressed. ANTONYM: (adj) relaxed
- pink:** (n) rose, crimson, gillyflower, paragon; (v) knock, gore, impale, stab, spike, spear; (adj) flower
- pipe:** (n) conduit, duct, flue, passage, pipage; (n, v) channel, cry; (v) squeak, sing, peep, screech
- pipes:** (n) musette, tubing, tubes, pipe, tube
- piping:** (n) pipe, pipage, conduit, line, chimney, drainpipe, main, edging; (adj) high, shrill, reedy
- pitcher:** (n) jar, ewer, mug, pot, hurler, creamer, container, pail, bucket, flagon, tankard
- pitefully:** (adv) sadly, piteously, wretchedly, sorrowfully, touchingly, distressingly, poorly, meanly, movingly, ruefully, woefully. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, happily
- pitying:** (adj) sympathetic, merciful, pity, pityingly, gloomy, meritless, pitiful, sorry, sorry for, humane, dreary
- pityingly:** (adv) sympathetically, pitying, sorrowfully, with compassion, with pity
- place:** (n, v) post, order; (v) fix, lay, arrange, locate, install; (adj, n, v) rank, station; (n) domicile, office. ANTONYMS: (v) remove, divest, lift, dismantle
- places:** (n) chairs, seating, spaces
- plain:** (adj) ordinary, comprehensible, intelligible, apparent, manifest, obvious, clear, simple; (adj, n) flat, homely, humble. ANTONYMS: (adj) elaborate, unclear, multicolored, mottled, ornate, concealed, attractive, confused, fussy, obscure, patterned
- plainly:** (adv) evidently, manifestly, clearly, distinctly, openly, obviously, patently, overtly, definitely; (adj, adv) frankly, honestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) imperceptibly, vaguely, obscurely, figuratively, unclearly, politely, incoherently, implicitly, finely, ambiguously, covertly
- plan:** (n, v) aim, map, figure, scheme, outline, plot; (n) intent, pattern, chart; (v) intend, devise. ANTONYM: (v) improvise
- planned:** (adj) deliberate, intentional, calculated, designed, forethought, scheduled, premeditated, plotted, prepared, future, studied. ANTONYMS: (adj) spontaneous, unplanned, ingenuous, accidental
- planning:** (n) calculation, designing, programming, organization, deliberation, appletart, plan, projection, readying, town planning, arrangement
- plant:** (v) fix, set, embed, graft, establish, constitute; (n, v) place; (n) manufactory, factory, equipment, herb. ANTONYMS: (v) dismantle, remove
- planted:** (adj) ingrained, established, set, concealed
- planting:** (n) plantation, positioning, position, cultivation, transplanting, set, planting system, husbandry, placement, locating, farming
- plants:** (n) flora, vegetation, trees, industrial equipment, afforestation, animals, birds, flora and fauna, foliage, natural world, plantation
- plate:** (v) gild, cover, coat; (n, v)

sheet, dish, leaf; (n) home plate, home, engraving, lamella, disc
plates: (n) dishes, tableware, flake powder, dishware, dinner service
platform: (n) dais, stand, stage, rostrum, quay, pulpit, plan, landing, ambo; (adj, n) floor; (n, v) program
play: (n, v) act, frolic, pastime, game, sport, exercise, joke, bet, wager; (v) enact; (adj, v) perform.
 ANTONYMS: (n) tightness; (v) avoid, leave, real
playing: (n) personation, pitching, performing, hamming, golfing, byplay, enactment, bowling, playacting, portrayal; (adj) playful
pleasant: (adj) jolly, amiable, agreeable, acceptable, nice, charming, kindly, facetious, joyful, pretty; (adj, v) pleasing.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) disgusting, horrible, repugnant, nasty, gruesome, unwelcome, harsh, shocking, disagreeable, foul, terrible
please: (v) delight, charm, amuse, entertain, oblige, enchant, enrapture; (adj, v) gratify, enjoy, like; (adj) glad.
 ANTONYMS: (v) displease, annoy, irritate, anger, distress, sicken, disappoint, dissatisfy, sadden, repel, appall
pleased: (adj) contented, glad, delighted, content, joyful, thankful, gratified, appreciative, overjoyed, cheerful; (adj, v) elated.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, annoyed, angry, worried, ashamed, disappointed, frustrated, sad, unsatisfied, ungrateful, uncomplimentary
pleasure: (n) fun, enjoyment, delectation, joy, comfort, happiness, mirth, inclination; (n, v) contentment, content; (adj, n, v) gratification. ANTONYMS: (n) irritation, nuisance, boredom, ache, displeasure, dissatisfaction, misery, pain, sadness, worry, anguish
plenty: (adj, n) affluence, opulence; (n) many, much, plenteousness, copiousness, plenitude, exuberance, galore; (adj, adv) enough; (adj) adequate. ANTONYMS: (adj) insufficient, inadequate; (n) scarcity, insufficiency; (adv) insufficiently
pluck: (n, v) nerve; (v) cull, jerk, gather, pick, fleece, grab; (n) grit, courage, boldness; (n, v) pull.
 ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, gutlessness; (v) undercharge
plucked: (v) ploughed; (adj) pulled, unfeathered, featherless, moulting,

pilled
plum: (n) damson, greengage, plum tree, prune, drupe, marmalade, lac, licorice; (adv) plumb, clean; (adj) mauve
plump: (adj) chubby, corpulent, stout, round, obese, overweight, gross, buxom, pudgy; (adj, n) fleshy; (v) fatten. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, emaciated, skinny, slim, slender
pocket: (v) take, appropriate, steal, lift, catch; (n, v) sack, pouch; (n) cavity, hole, hollow; (adj) digest.
 ANTONYM: (v) return
point: (n, v) grade, head, nib, level, aim, degree; (n) peak, article, dot; (adj, n) edge; (v) direct. ANTONYM: (n) middle
pointed: (adj) keen, poignant, acute, piquant, cutting, marked, pithy, biting, short, sharp, barbed.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) rounded, blunt, unpointed, pointless, mild, smooth, dull
pointing: (n) punctuation, indication, scoring
points: (n) turnout, handicap, interest, percentage, brownie points, commendation, credit, eight points, share, terms
poison: (adj, v) contaminate, taint; (n, v) envenom, drug, empoison; (adj) toxic, poisonous; (v) defile, intoxicate; (n) bane, venom.
 ANTONYMS: (n) cure; (v) clean
poisoned: (adj, v) tainted; (v) peccant, morbid, tabid; (adj) venenate, made virulent, rabid, resentful, sour, mangy, leprous
poke: (n, v) dig, jab, nudge, push, punch, prod, thrust; (n) bag, sack, pocket; (v) shove
poking: (n) thrusting, jabbing, jab, driving force, dalliance, Phytolacca Americana, dig, biff, drive, carrier bag, garget
polish: (v) furbish, civilize; (n, v) glaze, gloss, rub, shine; (adj, n, v) burnish; (adj, n) gentility; (n) refinement, elegance, cultivation.
 ANTONYMS: (n) vulgarity, uncouthness, dullness, awkwardness; (v) dirty
polished: (adj) glossy, cultured, finished, refined, smooth, lustrous, genteel, courtly; (adj, v) courteous, civil, polite. ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, coarse, shoddy, unpolished, amateur, awkward, unsophisticated
polishing: (n) shining, brightening, print polishing, brushing, mechanical polishing, bobbing; (adj)

cultural, abrasive
polite: (adj) cultured, gentle, courtly, civil, refined, proper, genteel, kind, attentive, friendly, complaisant.
 ANTONYMS: (adj) rude, discourteous, boorish, improper, abusive, common, authoritative, disobedient, uncivilized, uncivil, curt
pony: (n) crib, nag, trot, mustang, clavis, cayuse, jigger, rendering, racehorse, translation, version
pool: (n) splash, pond, lake, mere, cartel, swimming pool, syndicate, trust, kitty, basin; (v) merge
poor: (adj) bad, miserable, piteous, destitute, pitiful, insufficient, penniless, pathetic; (adj, v) meager; (adj, n) paltry, mean. ANTONYMS: (adj) wealthy, excellent, privileged, admirable, good, adequate, satisfactory, outstanding, favorable, dignified, comfutable
poppy: (n) opiate, celandine, creamcups, opium poppy, Papaver somniferum, celandine poppy, swallowwort, corn poppy, field poppy, bocconia; (v) balm
popular: (adj) general, current, fashionable, democratic, customary, plain, known, pop, celebrated; (adj, v) favorite; (n) folk. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpopular, aristocratic, disliked, companionless, out, unknown, unpleasant, minority, forgettable, highbrow, unfashionable
porridge: (v) oatmeal, hasty pudding, mince pie, oyster, pineapple, mango; (n) burgoo, pap, splash, loblolly, podge
portal: (n) gate, door, mouth, gateway, porch, entry, entrance, inlet, portals, entree, lips
portrait: (n) effigy, image, likeness, icon, delineation, depiction, figure, portraiture, picture, photograph, painting
position: (n, v) grade, locate, fix, lay, post, set, rank; (v) arrange; (n) attitude, condition, placement.
 ANTONYM: (v) dismiss
positively: (adv) absolutely, definitely, decidedly, unequivocally, expressly, emphatically, categorically, clearly, confidently; (adv, int) surely; (adj, adv) really.
 ANTONYMS: (adv) disapprovingly, pessimistically, uncertainly, doubtfully, inauspiciously, ill
possessed: (adj) mad, obsessed, frantic, hysterical, furious, fanatical,

- infatuated, insane; (v) ought, owed, behoove. ANTONYM: (adj) uninterested
- possession:** (n) occupation, ownership, keeping, goods, substance, tenure, property, grasp, estate, domain; (n, v) acquisition. ANTONYMS: (n) vacancy, sale
- possibility:** (n) opportunity, chance, likelihood, opening, probability, expectancy, potential, eventuality, occasion, odds, prospect. ANTONYM: (n) impossibility
- possible:** (adj) imaginable, likely, feasible, practicable, earthly, maybe, probable, practical, potential, tolerable, thinkable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlikely, compulsory, actual, implausible, unrealistic, unattainable
- possibly:** (adv) probably, perhaps, peradventure, likely, perchance, may, might, or, mayhap, conceivably, potentially. ANTONYMS: (adv) impossibly, definitely, certainly, indeed, implausibly
- potato:** (n) murphy, white potato, tater, spud, potato-ball, *Solanum tuberosum*, vine, tuber, bittersweet, eggplant, white potato vine
- potatoes:** (n) root crop
- pothor:** (adj, n, v) bother; (n, v) flap, dither; (n) fuss, bustle, flurry, ado; (adj, n) trouble; (v) fret, plague; (adj, v) bore
- pounce:** (n) talon; (v) leap, bound, dive, descend, swoop, stoop, charge, attack, seize; (n, v) jump
- pound:** (n, v) pen, hammer, thump; (v) palpitate, grind, maul, crush, bang, flap, mash, buffet
- pour:** (v) gush, shed, decant, scatter, stream, flow, pelt, discharge, teem, infuse; (n, v) overflow. ANTONYMS: (v) drizzle, trickle
- poured:** (adj) concrete
- pouring:** (adj) gushing, teeming, flowing profusely, bubbling, burbly; (n) casting, affusion, downpour, effusion, tapping, baptism. ANTONYM: (adj) light
- power:** (n, v) might, ability, influence, dominion, faculty; (n) potency, energy, control, authority, domination, strength. ANTONYMS: (n) powerlessness, helplessness, weakness, inability, subjugation, moderation, calmness, meekness, inferiority, feebleness, ease
- powerful:** (adj) potent, muscular, strong, hard, able, brawny, vigorous, energetic, intense; (adj, adv) mighty; (adj, prep) forcible. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, mild, unimportant, calm, faint, frail, gentle, ineffective, modest, insignificant, lightweight
- practical:** (adj) practicable, realistic, pragmatic, functional, feasible, efficient, helpful, active, expedient, useful, handy. ANTONYMS: (adj) impractical, theoretical, unrealistic, useless, impossible, passive, idealistic, impracticable, unimaginative, unprofessional, destructive
- practice:** (n, v) exercise, drill, discipline, use; (n) fashion, convention, habitude, habit, experience, form, observance. ANTONYMS: (n) theory, innovation; (v) perform
- practice:** (v) execute, practice, perform, exercise, drill, do, rehearse, learn, take, work out, read
- praise:** (v) approve, extol, flatter, celebrate, glorify; (n, v) commend, compliment, honor, glory, acclaim; (n) applause. ANTONYMS: (n) criticism, disparagement; (v) reprimand, disparage, reproach, scold, belittle, rebuke, chastise, denigrate, sully
- preach:** (v) lecture, exhort, moralize, advocate, sermonize, urge, hold forth, admonish, evangelize, prophesy, moralize
- preen:** (v) dress up, congratulate, plume, arrange, primp, pride, groom, boast, trim, prink, cut back
- preference:** (n) predilection, option, liking, choice, election, preference, precedence, penchant, fondness, partiality, alternative. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, coercion, antipathy
- prejudice:** (n, v) harm, hurt, damage; (v) influence, predispose, injure; (n) disadvantage, partiality, preconceived notion, discrimination, preconception. ANTONYMS: (n) tolerance, fairness, impartiality, justice, broadmindedness; (v) enhance
- prepare:** (n, v) arrange, form, plan, make; (v) dress, set, lay, devise, groom, equip; (adj, v) coach. ANTONYM: (v) perform
- prepared:** (adj) willing, disposed, fitted, fain, finished, ready, ripe, primed, competent, inclined, efficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) spontaneous, unarmed, reluctant, unwilling
- preparing:** (n) preparation, manufacturing; (v) brewing, prepare; (adj) preliminary, forthcoming, coming
- presence:** (n) front, manner, mien, bearing, carriage, figure, air, comportment, demeanor, company; (n, v) attendance. ANTONYMS: (n) absence, nonattendance
- present:** (adj, n, v) gift, grant; (n, v) donation, display; (adj, v) confer, bestow; (v) introduce, give, prefer, offer, perform. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, withhold, consume, take; (adj) missing, lost, dated, historical; (adj, n) past, future; (n) history
- presently:** (adv) instantly, directly, currently, before long, shortly, soon, now, at present, readily, just, actually. ANTONYMS: (adv) later, now, formerly
- pressed:** (adj) compact, urgent, printed, pressing, press, stamped, pushed, impelled, incited, bound, driven
- presume:** (v) dare, consider, believe, think, infer, guess, expect, esteem, conclude, suppose, conjecture. ANTONYMS: (v) appreciate, despair, speculate
- pretend:** (adv, v) assume; (adj, v) sham, counterfeit, fake, play; (v) dissimulate, dissemble, make believe, imagine, affect, act. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) real; (adj) genuine, natural, sincere
- pretended:** (adj, v) sham, mock, counterfeit, pseudo, spurious; (adj) assumed, fake, feigned, fictitious, bogus, affected
- pretending:** (n, v) pretense; (n) affectation, appearance, acting, pretence, mannerism, dissembling, pretension, deception, deceit; (adv) pretendingly
- pretty:** (adj) fair, graceful, lovely, handsome, attractive, charming, good-looking, picturesque, dainty; (n) nice; (adv) very. ANTONYMS: (adj) plain, unattractive, modern, inelegant; (adv) extremely
- prevent:** (n, v) hinder, bar; (v) anticipate, block, forbid, avert, avoid, preclude, arrest, hamper, obviate. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, permit, promote, advance, attract, cause, let, drive, help, support, include
- previously:** (adv) before, antecedently, already, beforehand, earlier, in advance, priorly, before now, once, fore, ahead.

- ANTONYMS: (adv) afterward, ahead, now, subsequently
- pride:** (n) arrogance, conceit, egotism, vanity, lordliness, assumption, insolence, disdain, hauteur; (n, v) boast; (v) plume. ANTONYMS: (n) modesty, sorrow, dregs, disgrace, shame, baseness
- priest:** (adj, n) clergyman, divine; (n) minister, ecclesiastic, churchman, pastor, celebrant, parson, cleric, presbyter, chaplain
- prince:** (n) lord, potentate, sovereign, duke, king, chief, maharaja, maharajah, ruler, magnate, archduke
- princess:** (n) queen, duchess, begum, czarina, maharani, monarch, archduchess, lady, patrician, maharanee, mosey
- print:** (n, v) mark, impress, photograph; (n) impression, engraving, printing, picture, lettering, copy; (v) issue, engrave
- printed:** (adj) written, imprinted, stamped, pressed, embossed, on paper
- private:** (adj) clandestine, personal, secret, individual, hidden, inner, exclusive, intimate, esoteric; (adj, v) covert, close. ANTONYMS: (adj) official, nationalized, community, communal, shared, civic, state, open, external, commercial, collective
- privately:** (adv) covertly, privily, confidentially, personally, closely, stealthily, secludedly, domestically, informally, retiredly; (adj, adv) quietly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, officially
- probably:** (adv) presumably, perhaps, maybe, in all probability, in all likelihood, belike, believably, credibly; (adj, adv) doubtless; (adj) like; (n) may. ANTONYM: (adv) implausibly
- proceeded:** (v) proceed, yode
- process:** (n, v) action, course, function, act; (n) proceeding, operation, method, procedure, formula, outgrowth; (v) refine. ANTONYM: (v) contaminate
- procession:** (n) march, convoy, cortege, cavalcade, file, string, pageant, series, sequence, progress, column
- prompted:** (adj) impelled, driven, encouraged, provoked, pressed; (n) contumely, abuse, discussions, dictated, insult, invective
- promptly:** (adv) instantly, readily, quickly, directly, rapidly, swiftly, speedily, forthwith, punctually, now, at once. ANTONYMS: (adv) slowly, late, eventually
- pronouncing:** (v) pronounce; (n) pronunciation, utterance
- proper:** (adj) due, decent, modest, agreeable, fitting, legitimate, right; (adj, v) correct, fit, becoming; (adj, n) just. ANTONYMS: (adj) inappropriate, wrong, unseemly, rude, unconventional, unsuitable, false, relaxed, vulgar, unreasonable, undue
- protecting:** (adj) shielding, defensive, preserving, protected, patron; (n) protection, patrol, conservation, tutelage, momism, preservation
- protector:** (n) guard, guardian, patron, champion, custodian, conservator, escort, hero, paladin, supporter, benefactor
- proud:** (adj) lofty, disdainful, haughty, exalted, egotistical, gallant, pompous, lordly, majestic, overbearing; (adj, v) dignified. ANTONYMS: (adj) humble, modest, ashamed, embarrassed, sorrowful, disappointed, miserable
- prudly:** (adv) haughtily, arrogantly, superciliously, boastfully, vainly, splendidly, stately, loftily, snootily, disdainfully, conceitedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) humbly, modestly
- provide:** (v) contribute, furnish, offer, cater, supply, afford, equip, administer, accommodate, allow, fit. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, withhold, divest, neglect, take, buy
- provided:** (adv) in case, provided always; (conj) if; (n) conditionally, as if, quasi; (adj) fitted, instructed, enlightened, arranged; (v) foreseen
- public:** (n) folk, people, populace; (adj) national, overt, civic, communal, popular; (adj, v) general, open; (adj, n) community. ANTONYMS: (adj) private, confidential, personal, individual, privileged, restricted, unknown, home, secret
- pudding:** (n) dessert, sweet, duff, flummery, custard; (adj) pap, jam, curd, clay, butter, dough
- puffed:** (adj) puff, bloated, distended, puffy, tumid, turgid, swell, breathless, be-puffed, overflowing, out of breath
- pull:** (n, v) draw, drag, pluck, tug, wrench, jerk; (v) draught, haul, attract, pick; (n) attraction. ANTONYMS: (v) repel, shove, leave; (n) repulsion, repulsiveness
- pulse:** (n, v) throb; (n) pulsation, impulse, heartbeat, legume, rhythm, pounding, cadence; (v) pulsate, palpitate, pound
- pure:** (adj) absolute, natural, faultless, innocent, immaculate, perfect, good, clean; (adj, n) chaste, genuine; (adj, v) mere. ANTONYMS: (adj) contaminated, dishonored, diluted, tainted, wicked, practical, polluted, flawed, marred, unsaturated, unchaste
- purple:** (adj) violet, lilac, imperial, regal, royal; (adj, n) empurpled; (v) empurple; (n) magenta, purpleness, ermine, pall
- purplish:** (adj) majestic, violet, chromatic, imperial, embellished, empurpled
- purpose:** (n, v) plan, intention, design, project, resolve, purport, end, object; (n) mind, effect, motive. ANTONYM: (n) weakness
- push:** (n, v) press, thrust, impel, jolt, force, jab, nudge, crowd, prod, poke; (v) jostle. ANTONYMS: (v) drag, haul, unpack, inhibit, leave, oppose, prevent, restrain, understate, calm; (n) apathy
- pushing:** (adj) enterprising, pushy, pushful, ambitious, officious, adventurous; (n) push, propulsion, thrusting, actuation; (v) meddlesome
- puts:** (n) stocks, securities, preferred stock, common stock, bonds
- putting:** (n) placing, putt, botong, swing, puts, miniature golf, golf stroke, golf shot, placing into standby
- puzzle:** (adj, v) perplex, confuse, embarrass; (n) enigma, riddle, mystery, maze; (n, v) nonplus; (v) confound, mystify, baffle. ANTONYMS: (v) clarify, placate, explain; (n) explanation
- puzzled:** (adj) bewildered, confused, baffled, nonplussed, doubtful, bemused, at a loss, curious, mystified, nonplused, dazed. ANTONYM: (adj) clear
- quarreling:** (adj) brawling, noisy, discordant; (n) disagreement; (v) argue
- quarter:** (n) part, district, neighbourhood, division, mercy, neighborhood, region, direction, portion; (n, v) place; (v) lodge. ANTONYM: (v) evict
- quarters:** (n) abode, domicile, lodging, residence, quarter,

- diggings, pad, digs, lodgings, accommodation, barracks
- queen:** (n) king, lady, sovereign, monarch, dame, pansy, queer, faggot, princess, fairy, czarina
- queer:** (adj) fantastic, odd, eccentric, funny, curious, gay, peculiar, strange, quaint, fishy, outlandish.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) conventional, normal, well
- queerly:** (adv) curiously, funnily, fishily, strangely, peculiarly, singularly, comically, fantastically, fantastically, funny, suspiciously
- question:** (n, v) query, distrust, interrogate, matter, challenge, demand; (n) inquiry; (v) investigate, inquire, contest, examine.
- ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, resolution; (n, v) trust; (v) praise, reply, believe, accept
- quick:** (adj) bright, hasty, agile, nimble, intelligent, clever, speedy, active, immediate, instant; (adj, v) prompt. ANTONYMS: (adj) leisurely, dull, dim, thick, unintelligent, thorough, inept, unobservant, lengthy, long, permanent
- quickly:** (adv) promptly, rapidly, expeditiously, readily, speedily, swiftly, suddenly, hastily; (adj, adv) immediately, shortly; (adv, n) instantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) slowly, gradually, permanently, later, eventually, thoroughly
- quiet:** (adj, adv, v) still; (adj, n, v) lull, hush, pacify, compose, appease, assuage; (adj, v) moderate, cool; (adj, adv) gentle, motionless.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) noisy, talkative, vociferous, active, oratorical, fierce, vocal, unquiet, busy, disordered; (n) noise
- quietly:** (adv) stily, calmly, peacefully, silently, softly, smoothly, tranquilly, serenely, restfully, lully, moderately. ANTONYMS: (adv) loudly, harshly, raucously, vociferously, anxiously, energetically, manically, unquietly, clearly, heavily, brashly
- quite:** (adj, adv) altogether, fully, sheer, just; (adv) all, absolutely, completely, entirely, exactly, enough, well. ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, slightly, insufficiently, partially
- quivering:** (adj, n) trembling, tremor, quaking, trepidation; (n) palpitation, quiver, vibration; (adj) flutter, quavering, shivering, tremulous.
- ANTONYM: (adj) steady
- rabbit:** (n) cony, hare, lapin, bunny, cottontail, leporide, shuttle, coward; (adj) milch cow, seed plot, warren
- rabbits:** (n) order Lagomorpha, pikas, Lagomorpha
- race:** (adj, n) kind; (adj, n, v) dash, rush; (n, v) course, run, career; (n) family, people; (v) hurry, hasten, fly.
- ANTONYMS: (v) linger, amble
- radiant:** (adj, v) bright, glittering, lustrous, beamy, glorious; (adj) beaming, luminous, effulgent, lucid, glowing, beautiful. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, dark, pale, unhappy
- radiantly:** (adv) effulgently, brightly, beamingly, luminously, refulgently, shiningly, lucidly, sparklingly, sunnily, beautifully, lustrously
- rage:** (adj, n, v) fume, bluster; (adj, n) wrath, indignation, frenzy, mania; (n) passion, anger, craze, exasperation; (n, v) storm.
- ANTONYMS: (n) gentleness, composure, calm, equanimity, pleasure, serenity
- raging:** (adj) hot, angry, fierce, irate, wild, infuriated, enraged, vehement, heated; (adj, n) mad, rabid.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, mild, contained
- railroad:** (n) railway, railway system, tram road, tramway, rails, doctrine; (v) dragoon, push, coerce, bully, dispatch
- railway:** (n) rail, line, railroad track, rails, railway system, sidetrack, funicular, gantlet, railroad line, rail line, tramway
- rain:** (n, v) stream, hail; (n) precipitation, wet, pelting, flow, downpour, rainwater; (v) precipitate, shower, rain down.
- ANTONYM: (v) drizzle
- raindrops:** (n) rain, raindrop
- raining:** (adj) rainy, showery, drizzly; (n) woe. ANTONYM: (adj) dry
- rains:** (n) wet
- rainstorm:** (n) shower, storm, tempest, downfall, hurricane, torrent, cloudburst, deluge, equinoctial storm, line storm, pouring rain. ANTONYM: (n) shower
- rainy:** (adj) moist, pluvial, damp, pluvius, stormy, juicy, dirty, soppy, raining, drizzly; (adj, v) showery. ANTONYM: (adj) pleasant
- rajah:** (n) emir, nawab, maharaja, pashgrave, pasha, chevalier, waldgrave, dictator, nizam, aristocrat, patrician
- rake:** (n, v) tilt; (adj, v) comb; (v) hoe, harrow, graze, draw, plow; (n) debauchee, roue, slant, blood.
- ANTONYM: (v) glance
- ramble:** (n, v) journey, stroll, saunter, wander, roam, meander, excursion, hike, tramp, walk, promenade.
- ANTONYM: (v) settle
- rambling:** (adj) disjointed, incoherent, desultory, discursive, erratic, excursive, meandering, diffuse, loose, errant; (adj, n) wandering. ANTONYMS: (adj) coherent, abrupt, conclusive, pithy, taciturn, compact
- rang:** (n) rung
- rapidly:** (adv) promptly, speedily, swiftly, quick, fleetly, hastily, cursorily, readily, expeditiously, fast; (adj, adv) immediately.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) permanently, gradually, thoroughly, eventually, later, now
- rapture:** (n) joy, bliss, delight, happiness, exaltation, elation, exultation, enchantment; (adj, n) enthusiasm; (n, v) transport; (adj, n, v) passion. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, boredom, misery, gloom, agony, hell, despair
- rapturous:** (adj) overjoyed, enraptured, rapt, delighted, rhapsodic, blissful; (adj, v) ravishing; (v) ardent, passionate, fond, erotic. ANTONYM: (adj) down
- rare:** (adj) uncommon, thin, unusual, seldom, scarce, precious, exceptional, infrequent, few, choice, fine. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, frequent, usual, plentiful, commonplace, recurrent
- rarely:** (adv) unusually, infrequently, scarcely, seldom, singularly, exceptionally, specially, sparsely, hardly, sporadically; (adj) rare.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) frequently, usually, often, commonly
- raspberry:** (n) raspberry bush, razzing, boo, bird, blackcap, hoot, Bronx cheer, cloudberry, chick, bramble bush, dame
- raspingly:** (adv) harshly, roughly, hoarsely, raucously, huskily, stridently
- rate:** (n) worth, pace; (v) assess, estimate, evaluate, appreciate, compute, appraise, count, calculate; (n, v) value
- rather:** (adv) a little, enough, fairly, pretty, moderately, considerably, very, relatively, kind of, instead,

- kinda. ANTONYMS: (adv) extremely, absolutely; (adj) complete
- rational:** (adj, n) reasonable, just; (adj) intelligent, sane, judicious, logical, mental, sound, sober, wise, practical. ANTONYMS: (adj) illogical, anxious, biased, untenable, unreasonable, unrealistic, unconvincing, physical, intuitive, foolish, delirious
- rattled:** (adj) hot and bothered, perturbed, upset, unsettled, puzzled, disconcerted, discomposed, bewildered, beside oneself, abashed, addled. ANTONYM: (adj) calm
- raven:** (v) guttle, feed, devour, gulp, harry, eat; (n) crow, plunder; (adj) black, jet; (n, v) gorge
- ravenous:** (adj) hungry, greedy, avid, famished, gluttonous, voracious, rapacious, insatiable, edacious, covetous, predatory. ANTONYM: (adj) moderate
- rays:** (n) light, sunlight, Selachii, dogfishes, elasmobranch, Elasmobranchii, emission, daylight, sunshine, selachian, subclass Elasmobranchii
- reach:** (n, v) fetch, stretch; (adj, v) overtake, pass, extend; (v) obtain, achieve, make, attain, get; (n) compass. ANTONYMS: (v) withdraw, differ, fail
- read:** (v) say, decipher, understand, learn, construe, perceive, gather, indicate, demonstrate, translate, comprehend. ANTONYM: (v) write
- readiness:** (n) facility, ease, expedition, preparation, promptness, knack, dexterity, eagerness, quickness, fitness; (adj, n) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (n) reluctance, delay
- reading:** (n, v) read; (n) recital, learning, interpretation, lection, construction, version, study, perusal, erudition, exegesis
- ready:** (v) prepare, fix; (adj, v) fit, disposed, willing; (adj) quick, prompt, nimble, apt; (adj, n) available, dexterous. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwilling, reluctant, unavailable, unready, unripe, difficult, unenthusiastic, young
- real:** (adj, n, v) actual; (adj, n) true, pure, authentic; (adj) physical, material, natural, concrete, positive, literal, native. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) pretend; (adj) imaginary, artificial, fake, apparent, mock, insubstantial, imitation, fantasy, false, bogus
- reality:** (n, v) fact, efficiency, deed; (n) existence, certainty, actuality, realism, being, realness, truth, entity. ANTONYMS: (n) vision, imagination, delusion, dream, illusion, idealism, unreality, fiction
- realization:** (n) accomplishment, awareness, fulfillment, implementation, comprehension, realisation, fruition, actualization, completion, grasp, performance. ANTONYMS: (n) failure, unconsciousness, abandonment, ignorance
- realize:** (v) achieve, perform, discover, attain, appreciate, make, execute, complete, accomplish, know, sense. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, neglect
- realized:** (adj) accomplished, realised, completed, effected, fulfilled, caught, done, finished, highly skilled, established
- really:** (adj, adv) honestly, genuinely, sincerely; (adv) absolutely, authentically, certainly, substantially, in reality, positively, truly, essentially. ANTONYMS: (adv) hardly, falsely, doubtfully, somewhat, unremarkably, nominally
- reason:** (n) account, intellect, occasion, object, understanding, argument, purpose; (n, v) cause; (v) argue, debate; (adj, n) rationality. ANTONYMS: (n) inconsistency, disincentive
- rebellious:** (adj) insubordinate, mutinous, disaffected, defiant, disobedient, contrary, contumacious, insurgent, stubborn, unruly, malcontent. ANTONYMS: (adj) docile, conventional, obedient, conformist, content, conforming, cooperative, loyal, meek, submissive, obliging
- recall:** (adj, v) reverse; (v) revoke, rescind, recognize, recollect, remember, repeal, countermand; (n) memory, anamnesis; (n, v) return. ANTONYMS: (v) issue, dissolve
- receive:** (v) get, admit, assume, have, welcome, bear, obtain, adopt, make, greet, embrace. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse, disburse, lose, mail, present, spend, dispatch
- received:** (adj) acknowledged, conventional, standard, accredited, acceptable, orthodox, canonical, normative; (v) receiving, current, ascertained. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconventional, nonstandard
- recluse:** (n) hermit, anchorite, solitary, ascetic, eremite, loner, troglodyte; (adj) reclusive, secluded, cloistered, withdrawn. ANTONYM: (n) native
- recollection:** (n, v) mind; (n) reminiscence, recall, anamnesis, remembrance, recognition, memento, memorial, commemoration, memoir, retrospect
- recollections:** (n) memories, reminiscences, recollection, biography
- recover:** (v) reclaim, get back, recuperate, retrieve, regain, pick up, get well, restore, heal, convalesce, mend. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, die, decline, aggravate, abandon, worsen, scatter
- recovered:** (adj) cured, retrieved, well, well again, healthier, aged, improved, whole, better, corned. ANTONYM: (adj) worse
- redbreast:** (n) robin, thrush, robin redbreast, American robin, old world robin
- reddish:** (adj) ruddy, rosy, crimson, cherry, rufescent, rufous, rubicund, scarlet, rubedinous, ruby, colorful
- reflected:** (adj) reflecting, reverberant, reflectent
- reflecting:** (adv) reflectingly; (adj) reflective, thoughtful, calculating, reflected, shiny, shimmering, reflectent; (n) mirroring, reflection, reflexion
- reflective:** (adj, v) thoughtful, meditative; (adj) contemplative, musing, wistful, brooding, reflexive, ruminative, museful, reflecting, broody. ANTONYMS: (adj) superficial, satisfied, shallow
- reflectively:** (adv) contemplatively, meditatively, wistfully, thoughtfully, speculatively, ruminatively, studiously, regretfully, sadly, longingly, reflexively
- refuse:** (v) deny, reject, decline, disallow, rebuff, turn down; (adj, n) waste, trash; (n) offal, litter; (n, v) dross. ANTONYMS: (v) allow, receive, permit, offer, dedicate, approve, agree, admit, choose, pass, affirm
- refused:** (adj) forbidden, refuse, prohibited, hence
- registers:** (n) archive, chronicles
- regretfully:** (adv) remorsefully, repentantly, sadly, contritely, apologetically, penitently, unhappily, sorrowfully, mournfully, sorrowfully, ashamedly.

- ANTONYMS: (adv) unrepentantly, joyfully
- regular:** (adj) normal, general, formal; (adj, n) steady, common, customary, ordinary; (adj, v) orderly, conventional, methodical; (adj, n, v) constant. ANTONYMS: (adj) irregular, erratic, variable, unusual, inconsistent, straight, extraordinary, asymmetrical, rare, distant, strong
- regularly:** (adv) usually, often, normally, generally, steadily, customarily, routinely, evenly, frequently, always, habitually. ANTONYMS: (adv) inconsistently, constantly, rarely, erratically, seldom, irregularly, rapidly, intermittently, unevenly, unreliably, exceptionally
- relating:** (prep) concerning, connecting, involving, linking, between; (n) comparison, fellow feeling, telling, practice; (adj) like, germane
- relations:** (n) family, dealings, kin, relation, connections, people, kindred, kinsfolk, contact, relationship, folks
- relaxed:** (adj) loose, slack, composed, calm, comfortable, easy, cool, at ease, informal, easygoing, happy. ANTONYMS: (adj) nervous, uncomfortable, stiff, anxious, formal, prim, strict, prudish, restless, haggard, reserved
- released:** (adj) loose, liberated, discharged, exempt, open, unbound, release, emancipated, gratuitous, free cells; (n) freer. ANTONYM: (adj) imprisoned
- relief:** (n, v) help, ease, aid, relaxation, assistance, solace; (n) consolation, release, respite, abatement, rest. ANTONYMS: (n) capture, discomfort, worry, aggravation, grief, hindrance, intensification, distress
- relieved:** (adj) alleviated, thankful, mitigated, prominent, pleased, joyful, fresh, delighted, comfortable, cheerful, happy. ANTONYM: (adj) worried
- religious:** (adj, v) devout; (adj) sacred, divine, saintly, holy, godly, scrupulous, devoted; (n) monk, nun, friar. ANTONYMS: (adj) irreverent, irreligious, slapdash, atheistic, impious, uncommitted
- reluctance:** (n) aversion, hesitation, indisposition, distaste, disgust, dislike, opposition, unwillingness, repugnance, diffidence, scruple
- ANTONYMS: (n) readiness, disposition, keenness, willingness, enthusiasm
- reluctantly:** (adv) loathly, aversely, grudgingly, backwardly, hesitantly, reluctant, slowly, unenthusiastically, indisposedly, lothly, charily. ANTONYMS: (adv) freely, wholeheartedly
- remain:** (n, v) abide, endure, continue, last; (v) bide, linger, stay, keep, persist, live, hold. ANTONYMS: (v) leave, depart, change, move, go, become, stop
- remark:** (n, v) comment, notice, note, mention, regard, mind; (adj, n, v) observe; (v) perceive, mark, discern; (n) observation
- remarkable:** (adj) notable, odd, noteworthy, exceptional, distinguished, conspicuous, phenomenal, famous, illustrious, curious; (adj, n) memorable. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, unremarkable, commonplace, usual, average, unimpressive, normal, inconspicuous, dreadful, dire, awful
- remarks:** (n) commentary, explanation
- remember:** (v) commemorate, recognize, recollect, recall, consider, memorize, think, mind, call to mind, retain, bear in mind. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, neglect, overlook
- remembering:** (n) recollection, recall, memory, identification, recognition, remember, association, connection, connexion, reminiscence, remembrance
- remembrance:** (n, v) recollection, mind; (n) commemoration, memorial, recall, relic, monument, keepsake, reminiscence, recognition; (adj, n) memento
- remind:** (v) recollect, prompt, recall, commemorate, call up, memorialize, hint, jog, inform, think; (n, v) mind
- remote:** (adj) aloof, inaccessible, outside, detached, faint, alien, unapproachable, secluded, far, foreign, isolated. ANTONYMS: (adj) near, nearby, accessible, likely, strong, neighboring, central, close, friendly, relevant, approachable
- remotest:** (adj) furthest, uttermost, endmost, extreme, last, utmost
- removed:** (adj) distant, remote, separate, far, detached, abstracted, absent, apart, aloof, separated, outlying. ANTONYMS: (adj) connected, together, worldly
- renewed:** (adj) changed, born again, new, fresh, reintegrate, rehabilitated, transformed, regenerate, reformed, Renate
- rent:** (n, v) breach, fissure, lease, let; (adj, n) cleft; (n) crevice, tear, crack, break; (v) charter, engage
- repeat:** (v) copy, recapitulate, reduplicate, reiterate, rehearse, return, say, double, renew, iterate, duplicate
- repeated:** (adj) continual, recurrent, frequent, persistent, repeat, double, habitual, chronic, again, common, continuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, rare, unique, alternate, unusual, spasmodic
- repeating:** (n) repeat, iteration, renewal, repetition, redundancy, copying, reduplication; (adj) repetitious, iterating, iterative, repetitive
- reply:** (n) echo, response, reaction, repay; (n, v) return, rejoinder; (v) respond, react, rejoin, retort, counter. ANTONYMS: (n, v) question; (v) interrogate, inquire
- replying:** (adj) respondent, responsive
- report:** (n, v) account, gossip, name, record; (n) description, notice, recital, story, notification; (v) describe, recount
- reposeful:** (adj) restful, relaxing, calm, quieter
- repress:** (v) inhibit, crush, quash, control, suppress, put down, bridle, keep down, subdue, restrain, reduce. ANTONYMS: (v) declare, liberate, incite
- reproachful:** (adj, v) condemnatory, disparaging, vituperative; (adj) admonitory, opprobrious, disgraceful, shameful, reproving, objurgatory, contumelious; (v) denunciatory
- reproachfully:** (adv) critically, abusively, admonitorily, vituperatively, disapprovingly, wearily, contemptuously, disparagingly, disdainfully, witheringly, shamefully. ANTONYMS: (adv) approvingly, hopefully
- resent:** (v) resentful, envy, grudge, begrudge, embittered, angry, abhor, take offense, take umbrage, take exception, loathe. ANTONYMS: (v) welcome, wish, accept
- resentful:** (adj) angry, indignant, malicious, resent, embittered, rancorous, envious, jealous, offended, hurt, mad. ANTONYMS:

- (adj) resigned, unresentful, willing, sweet, pleased
- respectable:** (adj) considerable, decorous, fair, estimable, decent, honorable, good, proper, creditable, passable, honest. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, small, sordid, scruffy, inadequate, unrespectable, paltry, discourteous, inappropriate, sinful, unacceptable
- respectful:** (adj) deferential, mannerly, dutiful, courteous, attentive, obedient, reverential, regardful, reverent, polite, humble. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheeky, impudent, insolent, rude, contemptuous, disobedient, scornful, nasty, sneering, irreverent, impolite
- response:** (n, v) answer, reply, rejoinder, respond; (n) reaction, reception, echo, retort, feedback, return, replication. ANTONYMS: (n) ignorance, request
- responsible:** (adj, v) liable, answerable, amenable; (adj) reliable, dependable, trustworthy, culpable, trusty, faithful, responsive; (v) bound. ANTONYMS: (adj) innocent, untrustworthy, reckless, guiltless, thoughtless, unreliable, corrupt
- rest:** (adj, n) remnant, remainder, residue; (n, v) pause, balance, nap, relaxation, sleep; (n) recess, leisure; (v) remain. ANTONYMS: (n) activity, agitation, intensification; (v) change, stand, deteriorate
- rested:** (adj) comfortable
- resting:** (adj) idle, quiescent, inactive, dormant, quiet, sleeping, reclining, obligatory, unemployed, asleep; (n) repose
- restive:** (adj) obstinate, edgy, fidgety, jittery, impatient, jumpy, intractable, restless, uptight, perverse; (adj, v) skittish. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, patient
- restlessly:** (adv) fidgetily, apprehensively, agitatedly, fretfully, unquietly, sleeplessly, nervously, restively, edgily, anxiously, disturbably. ANTONYMS: (adv) peacefully, unconcernedly
- restrain:** (adj, v) confine; (v) control, rein, hold, curb, bind, contain, prevent, limit, repress; (n, v) check. ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, promote, unleash, impel, release, intensify, increase, free, extend, express, support
- result:** (n) fruit, outcome, issue, answer, effect, conclusion, aftermath, produce; (v) ensue, follow; (n, v) end. ANTONYMS: (n) problem; (v) precede
- results:** (n) consequences, outcome, return, aftermath, data
- return:** (v) recur, reimburse, restore; (n, v) pay, restitution, recompense, refund, restoration, render, retort; (n) proceeds. ANTONYMS: (n) departure, confiscation, abolition, recovery, loss, disappearance, penalty; (v) keep, depart, take, remove
- returning:** (adj) regressive, return, reverse, recurrent, coming back, ebbing, flowing back, new, newly appointed, newly elected, next. ANTONYMS: (adj) outgoing, unique, occasional
- reveal:** (v) divulge, expose, disclose, impart, betray, detect, convey, exhibit, display, discover, express. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, hide, cover, suppress, withhold
- revealed:** (adj) exposed, disclosed, discovered, open, naked, manifest, unveiled, bare, detected, shown, observed. ANTONYM: (adj) concealed
- revealing:** (adj) telling, telltale, significant, powerfully persuasive; (n) discovery, exposure, revelation, ratting, uncovering, reveal, apocalypse. ANTONYMS: (adj) confusing, secretive, concealing; (n) concealment
- revelation:** (n) discovery, exposure, display, revealing, manifestation, betrayal, apocalypse, expose, inspiration, publication; (v) reveal. ANTONYM: (n) concealment
- reverence:** (n, v) respect, regard, fear, worship, honor, esteem, adore; (n) deference, adoration, admiration, awe. ANTONYMS: (n) despise, disrespect, irreverence, disdain, disparagement, contempt; (v) dishonor
- revert:** (adj, v) pious, devout, religious; (adj) respectful, holy, deferential, godly, reverential, worshipful, pietistic; (v) devotional. ANTONYMS: (adj) blasphemous, disrespectful, impious, irreverent
- rheumatic:** (adj) rheumatoid, creaky, arthrodynic, creaking, decrepit, palsied, stiff; (n) sufferer, rheumatism, diseased person
- rhododendron:** (adj) geranium, anemone, asphodel, buttercup, daffodil, ranunculus, windflower, shrub, tulip, tiger lily, rosebay
- ribbon:** (n) band, riband, tape, strip, shred, decoration, medal, ribbon, thread, fascia, belt
- rice:** (adj) meal, bran, farina, flour, sporule; (n) paddy, *Oryza*, cereal, grain, food grain, cereal grass
- rich:** (adj, n) copious, luxurious; (adj) productive, fruitful, full, deep, prolific, opulent, fat, affluent; (adj, v) fertile. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, impoverished, destitute, broke, light, plain, lean, delicate, infertile, weak, barren
- riches:** (n, v) money; (n) affluence, abundance, fortune, opulence, plenty, prosperity, exuberance, treasure, resources; (v) gold
- richly:** (adv) wealthily, copiously, opulently, lavishly, abundantly, sumptuously, affluently, profusely, amply, plentifully, fully. ANTONYMS: (adv) meagerly, poorly, simply, barely
- ride:** (n, v) outing; (adj, v) bestride; (n) run, lift, jaunt; (v) mount, bait, float, rag, tease, harass
- riding:** (n) ride, horseback riding, travel, hundred, tithing, soke, travelling, manege, athletics; (v) horsemanship; (adj) awheel
- rift:** (n, v) breach, fissure, split; (n) gap, break, chasm, crack, crevice, cleft, misunderstanding, rupture. ANTONYM: (n) unity
- rind:** (n) bark, crust, cortex, husk, coat, hull, paring, fur, hide, surface; (n, v) skin
- ring:** (n, v) encircle, peal, call, loop, jingle; (v) resound, echo, reverberate; (n) gang, band, rim
- rings:** (n) ornaments, necklaces, jewels, costume jewelry, charms, bracelets
- riot:** (n, v) revolt, mutiny; (adj, n) disturbance, tumult, hubbub; (n) insurrection, sedition, commotion, disorder, rebellion; (v) rebel
- rippling:** (n) ripple, wave, ruffle, corrugation, moving ridge, wavelet, ripple formation; (adj) flowing, billowy
- rise:** (n, v) mount, lift, increase, heave, swell, jump; (v) ascend, arise; (n) elevation, ascent, progress. ANTONYMS: (n, v) decrease, drop; (v) sink, descend, plummet, retire, set; (n) reduction, descent, depreciation, ruin
- risen:** (v) uprising
- rising:** (n) revolt, rebellion, mutiny, ascent, ascension, climb, rise, outbreak, insurrection; (adj)

- climbing, uphill. ANTONYMS: (adj) plummeting, plunging, decreasing, falling, setting, downward, content; (n) fall
- roach:** (n) roach, stub, dace, oriental cockroach, blackbeetle, oriental roach, Mexican Valium, giant cockroach, forget me drug, family Cyprinidae, dictyopterous insect
- road:** (n) way, track, course, route, avenue, highway, approach, thoroughfare, direction; (n, v) passage, line
- roam:** (adj, v) stray; (v) wander, gallivant, meander, range, gad, walk, drift, tramp, journey, stroll. ANTONYMS: (v) rush, settle
- roar:** (n, v) bellow, cry, shout, howl, bark, clatter, holler; (adj, n, v) thunder; (v) bawl; (adj, v) bluster; (adj, n) peal. ANTONYMS: (v) cry, weep
- roast:** (v) burn, grill, bake, joke, heat, quiz, fry, cook, scorch; (n, v) ridicule; (n) joint. ANTONYMS: (v) cool, praise
- roasted:** (adj) fried, baked
- robbed:** (adj) plundered, rubato, fleeced, borrowed, bereft
- robes:** (n) garb, fine clothes, costume, best clothes
- robin:** (n) robin redbreast, robin-ruddock, robin-redbreast, American robin, thrush, old world robin
- robins:** (n) finches, Passeriformes, order Passeriformes
- rock:** (adj, n) stone; (n) boulder, calculus, cliff; (n, v) sway, jar; (v) waver, toss, jolt, shake, cradle
- rolled:** (adj) rolling, furled, involute, scroll, coiled, resonant, trilled, reverberative, reverberating, resounding, spiral
- romping:** (n) fun; (adj) rollicking
- rook:** (v) defraud, con, swindle, bilk, noble, gyp, cheat, fleece, diddle, mulct; (n) crow
- room:** (n) chamber, occasion, house, apartment, opportunity, hall, opening, compartment, expanse, extent; (v) board. ANTONYM: (n) walkway
- rooms:** (n) flat, apartment, chamber, quarters, lodging, chambers, accommodation, cortege, suite, temporary housing, accommodations
- root:** (n) foundation, base, origin, basis, radix, cause, derivation, reason, fountainhead; (adj, n) radical; (v) establish. ANTONYMS: (n) descendant, effect
- rooted:** (adj, v) fixed; (adj) ingrained, immovable, inveterate, firm, set, frozen, riveted, irremovable; (v) imbedded, posited
- roots:** (n) heredity, family, origin, line, extraction, ancestry
- rope:** (n, v) lasso, leash, tie, tape; (n) lariat, noose, hawser, line, string, cord, thread
- rose:** (adj) pink, rosaceous, risen, roseate; (n) pink wine, blush wine, rose wine, rosette, brier; (v) flush, redden
- rosebush:** (n) Roser
- rose-colored:** (adj) rosy, optimistic, hopeful, rose-colored
- rosy:** (adj) hopeful, blooming, optimistic, auspicious, promising, bright, roseate, ruddy, fortunate, flushed, pink. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, depressing, hopeless, unpromising
- rough:** (adj, n) hard, grating, jagged; (adj, n, v) harsh; (adj) raw, gross, cruel, crude, gruff; (adj, v) hoarse; (n, v) draft. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, silky, soft, sophisticated, refined, polished, precise, exact, pleasant, glossy, even
- rough-and-tumble:** (adj) scrimmage, scuffle, mix-up, stopgap
- roughly:** (adv) coarsely, harshly, violently, rudely, unevenly, hardly, severely, crudely; (adj, adv) nearly; (adv, prep) about; (adj, adv, prep) just about. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, gently, smoothly, exactly, finely, lovingly, precisely, well, evenly
- round:** (n) bout, circuit, beat; (n, v) ring, compass; (adv, prep) about; (adj) circular, entire; (adj, v) plump; (adj, n, v) turn; (v) gird. ANTONYMS: (adj) sharp, slender, thin, square, harsh, reedy, evasive; (prep) exactly
- rounded:** (adj) round, curved, circular, orbicular, full, globular, rotund, spherical, blunt, fat, obtuse. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, sharp, bony, concave, angular, thin
- rounder:** (n) debauchee, debaucher, fornicator, libertine, philanderer, blood, rake, adulterer, ravisher, rip, seducer
- rouse:** (v) provoke, excite, arouse, kindle, awaken, instigate, actuate, disturb, move, agitate, incite. ANTONYMS: (v) dampen, dishearten, suppress, douse, inhibit, stifle, quench
- roused:** (adj) excited, awake,
- susceptible, emotional, elated, interested
- route:** (n) road, path, passage, direction, circuit, track, itinerary, way, highway, line; (n, v) channel
- royal:** (adj, adv) regal, majestic; (adj) imperial, magnificent, kingly, noble, brilliant, sovereign, purple, August, princely
- rubbed:** (adj) polished, refined, terse, attrite, marked, accomplished, fretten
- rubber:** (n) overshoe, galosh, prophylactic, gum elastic, caoutchouc, eraser, condom, latex, ebonite, golosh; (v) rubberize
- rubbing:** (n) friction, abrasion, grinding, detrition, rub, grip, resistance, chafe, sweat, travail, massage. ANTONYM: (n) smoothness
- ruby:** (adj, n) red, crimson; (adj) jewel, ruddy, scarlet, diamond, pearl, precious stone, bijou; (n) carbuncle, deep red
- ruddy:** (adj) cherry, rubicund, rosy, flushed, florid, sanguine, reddish, glowing, blooming, crimson; (adj, adv) blushing
- rude:** (adj, n) rough, impudent, coarse, abrupt, bold; (adj) blunt, discourteous, impolite, brutal, crude, mean. ANTONYMS: (adj) polite, refined, courteous, chivalrous, civil, proper, decent, exact, clean, gentle, inoffensive
- ruffled:** (adj) rippled, frilly, frilled, upset, disordered, excited, disconcerted, decorated, tousled, tangled, turbulent
- ruffs:** (n) Philomachus
- rules:** (n) regulations, laws, law, ordinance, statute, etiquette, system, instructions, policy
- running:** (adj) operative, working, continual, moving; (adj, v) active; (n) course, motion, run, operation, administration; (adj, n) functioning
- runs:** (n) Aztec two-step, sickness, Montezuma's revenge
- rush:** (n, v) charge, flood, dash, flow, gush, race, run, speed, attack; (adj, n, v) burst; (n) onrush. ANTONYMS: (v) delay, dawdle, linger, wander, amble, hesitate, crawl, trickle; (n) shortage, slowness, unimportance
- rushed:** (adj) hurried, rush, precipitate, rapid, unexpected, hassled, immediate, instant, instantaneous, quick, speedy. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhurried, slow,

- considered, gradual
- rushing:** (adv) rushingly; (n) haste, hurry, hurrying, running, hastening, flush, movement; (adj) flowing, headlong, moving
- rustic:** (n) countryman, peasant; (adj) rural, pastoral, boorish, country, bucolic, provincial, hick, agrestic, countrified. ANTONYMS: (adj) town, urbane, cultured, city, sophisticated
- rustling:** (n) rustle, whispering, whisper, larceny; (adj) murmurous, susurrous, active, soughing
- rusty:** (adj) ancient, out of practice, intractable, old, corroded, deaf to reason, exceptionous, cantankerous; (v) moldy, raw, mildewed
- sadder:** (adj) doleful
- sadly:** (adv) pitifully, dolefully, unfortunately, mournfully, sorrowfully, woefully, dejectedly, pathetically, wretchedly, forlornly; (adj, adv) seriously. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, contentedly, gladly, joyfully, fortunately, luckily, enthusiastically
- safe:** (adj) reliable, cautious, good, dependable, sound, harmless, innocuous, correct, innocent, inoffensive; (n) closet. ANTONYMS: (adj) dangerous, risky, unprotected, vulnerable, hurt, insecure, harmful, reckless, unreliable, toxic, injured
- safely:** (adv) surely, safe, certainly, cautiously, soundly, strongly, sure, steadily, harmlessly, unharmedly, unhurty. ANTONYMS: (adv) harmfully, hazardously, loosely
- sahib:** (n) gentleman, sir, messahib
- sail:** (n, v) cruise, float, voyage, sheet; (v) navigate, run, glide, drift, cross, sweep, travel. ANTONYM: (v) struggle
- sailor:** (n) seaman, seafarer, tar, bluejacket, gob, boatman, navigator, navy man, lascar, Panama, leghorn
- sake:** (n, v) interest, reason, motive, ground; (v) advantage, cause; (n) object, account, design, purpose, saki
- salaam:** (n, v) obeisance, salute; (adj, n) bow; (v) genuflection, kowtow, genuflexion; (adj) curtsy, courtesy, scrape; (n) greeting, respects
- sale:** (n) fair, disposal, sales, sales event, bazaar, market, demand, marketing, saloon, vend, vendition. ANTONYMS: (n) acquisition, purchase
- sallow:** (adj) pasty, pallid, bloodless, sickly, wan, ashen, fair, white,
- tawny, sandy; (n) osier.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) dark, glowing
- salt:** (adj) salty, saline, briny, brackish, pungent; (v) cure, pickle; (n) salinity, common salt, alkali; (adj, n) spice
- salute:** (v) greet, hail, kiss, accolot, acknowledge, buss; (n) salutation, bow, salaam; (n, v) address, compliment
- salver:** (n) waiter, server, epergne, tazza, platter, plate, serving dish, patella, urn, attendant, patera
- same:** (adj) identical, equal, like, corresponding, equivalent, similar, uniform, even, consistent, matching; (adv) equally. ANTONYMS: (adj) different, varying, another, unlike, other, varied
- sand:** (n) gnat, beach, fortitude, earth, coast, seaside, dirt; (adj, n) powder, dust; (v) sandpaper, smooth
- sang:** (n) panax quinquefolius, sing, herb, herbaceous plant
- sarcastic:** (adj) sharp, poignant, caustic, bitter, biting, pungent, acid, acrimonious, ironical; (adj, v) derisive, satirical. ANTONYMS: (adj) sympathetic, pleasant, approving, kind, complimentary, mild, respectful
- satin:** (adj) glossy, sleek, velvet, down, silky, silklike, silken, satiny, velure; (n) cloth, fabric
- satiny:** (adj) glossy, satin, slick, sleek, silken, delicate, gossamery, fine, filmy, slippery, soft
- satisfaction:** (n, v) pleasure, gratification, contentment, content; (n) enjoyment, joy, complacency, amends, reparation, redress, recompense. ANTONYMS: (n) displeasure, discontent, aggravation, sorrow, dismay, anxiety
- satisfied:** (adj) happy, content, full, pleased, confident, complacent, persuaded, fulfilled; (adj, v) certain, sure; (v) convinced. ANTONYMS: (adj) frustrated, anxious, disgruntled, hungry, insistent, pensive, unsure, dissatisfied, ashamed
- satisfy:** (v) please, persuade, meet, satiate, indulge, sate, appease; (adj, v) content, fill, suffice, do. ANTONYMS: (v) intensify, displease, disappoint, disgruntle, frustrate
- satisfying:** (adj) satisfactory, pleasant, enjoyable, gratifying, pleasurable, welcome, good, comforting, hearty, delightful, satisfy. ANTONYMS:
- (adj) unrewarding, disappointing, trying, light, frustrating, unwelcome, unflattering, insufficient, disagreeable
- saturday:** (n) sat, sabbath, day of rest
- sauce:** (n) gravy, condiment, impudence, seasoning, garnish, impertinence, mole, bechamel, salad, billingsgate, aioli
- saucers:** (n) tableware, plates, cups, dishware
- savage:** (adj, v) fierce, wild, furious; (adj) ferocious, brutal, cruel, bloodthirsty, rough, pitiless; (adj, n) brute; (n) vandal. ANTONYMS: (adj) civilized, gentle, nice
- save:** (v) rescue, hoard, conserve, keep, maintain, preserve, free, protect, liberate; (adv, conj, n, prep) except; (adj, v) economize. ANTONYMS: (v) waste, squander, use, abandon, endanger, capture, asphyxiate, aggravate, destroy
- saved:** (adj) protected, economized, rescued, blessed
- savin:** (n) sabine, Juniperus Sabina, dwarf juniper, juniper, red cedar, ground cedar
- saving:** (adj, n) frugal, economical; (adj) thrifty, save; (n) economy, conservation, salvation, rescue, preservation, cut, retrenchment. ANTONYMS: (n) extravagance, expenditure; (adj) spendthrift
- saying:** (adj, n, v) maxim; (n) axiom, adage, phrase, dictum, idiom, byword, aphorism, expression; (n, v) saw, proverb
- scales:** (adj) balance, weighbridge; (n) steelyard, mill Scales
- scarce:** (adj) rare, insufficient, deficient, infrequent, uncommon, scant, scanty, few, sparse; (adv) just, barely. ANTONYMS: (adj) plentiful, common, adequate, strong, usual, extensive
- scarcely:** (adv) narrowly, rarely, hardly, just, scarce, uncommonly, insufficiently, scantily, scantily, only just, seldom. ANTONYMS: (adv) easily, liberally
- scared:** (adj) afraid, frightened, fearful, anxious, nervous, timid, intimidated, terrified, horrified, panicky; (adj, adv) cowardly. ANTONYMS: (adj) confident, fearless, brave
- scarlet:** (adj) crimson, ruddy, carmine, ruby, sanguine, rubicund, reddish, cerise; (n) vermilion, orange red, redness
- scattered:** (adj) dissipated, thin,

- disordered, disconnected, confused, sparse, sporadic, distributed, rare, diffuse; (v) disperse
- scene:** (n, v) aspect, view, outlook, lookout; (n) background, display, spectacle, picture, environment, panorama, perspective
- scenery:** (n) scene, prospect, panorama, landscape, outlook, nature, picture, vista, set, backdrop, background
- scent:** (n, v) fragrance, smell, odor, essence, nose; (n) aroma, bouquet, redolence, odour; (adj, n) savor, flavor. ANTONYMS: (n) stench, stink
- scented:** (adj) fragrant, perfumed, aromatic, balmy, sweet, redolent, odoriferous, spicy, savory, smelling, angelical. ANTONYMS: (adj) scentless, smelly
- school:** (v) educate, instruct, train, coach; (n) class, sect, shoal, college, herd, training, teaching
- scientific:** (adj) technical, mathematical, exact, punctual, scientific, accurate, science, religiously exact, artistic, objective, shipshape. ANTONYMS: (adj) random, unscientific, unsystematic, personal
- scold:** (v) reprimand, chide, berate, rebuke, abuse, lecture, reproach, rail, grouch; (n, v) nag; (adj, n) shrew. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, compliment, approve
- score:** (n, v) count, notch, scratch, line, cut, tally, scotch; (n) bill, groove, debt; (v) get
- scores:** (n) lots, flock, oodles, scads, slews, multitude, crowd, many, legion, lot, army
- scorn:** (v) despise, contemn, reject; (n, v) ridicule, neglect, disregard, deride, slight; (n) contempt, derision, mockery. ANTONYMS: (n, v) respect, praise; (v) appreciate, revere, value, approve, admire, accept; (n) admiration, commendation, humility
- scotland:** (n) scotia, Albyn
- scowl:** (n, v) glare, grimace, roar, sneer; (v) glower, pout, lower, sulk; (adj) black looks, mumps; (n) growl. ANTONYMS: (n, v) grin
- scramble:** (v) clamber, beat, strive; (n, v) climb, struggle, bustle, jumble, scrabble, rush; (adj, n) hurry; (n) haste. ANTONYMS: (v) descend; (n) descent
- scrambled:** (adj) twisted, snarled, miscellaneous, knotted, jumbled
- scrap:** (n, v) fight, brawl, clash, quarrel, junk; (adj, n) remnant, fragment; (n) end, remainder, bit, piece. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, restore, preserve, adopt, insert; (n) chunk, lot
- scraped:** (adj) scratched, worn out, worn, threadbare, frayed, hurt, skinned, damaged, raw
- scraps:** (n) garbage, odds and ends, scrap, bits, food waste, leftover, trash, waste, oddments, leftovers, residue
- scratch:** (n, v) mark, graze, notch, scrape, nick, scrabble, dent, scar; (v) rub, chafe, rake. ANTONYM: (v) soothe
- scratched:** (adj) hurt, abraded, sgraffito, raw, dented, spoiled, damaged, injured
- scrawny:** (adj) skinny, emaciated, thin, gaunt, scraggy, meager, lanky, bony, angular, weedy, underweight. ANTONYMS: (adj) fat, strong, robust
- scram:** (n, v) shout, call, howl, yell, screech, shriek, wail; (v) cry out, roar, bellow, holler. ANTONYM: (n) bore
- screaming:** (adv) screamingly; (n) shrieking, shriek, screeching, screech, vociferation; (adj) garish, loud, uproarious, showy, noisy
- scuffle:** (n, v) tussle, fight, scrap, struggle, disturbance, encounter; (v) grapple, shuffle; (n) melee, scramble, fighting
- search:** (v) grope, rummage, ransack, pry; (n) pursuit, exploration, examination, inquiry, inspection; (n, v) inquire, research
- seaside:** (adj, n) seaboard; (n) beach, seashore, shore, coastline, sand, sea, seabeach; (adj) seacoast, coastal, maritime
- season:** (v) mature, flavor, salt, mellow, moderate; (adj, v) harden, inure, habituate; (n) opportunity, spell, space
- seat:** (n) bench, base, behind, bottom, buttocks, location, position, post, posterior; (v) locate, put
- seated:** (adj) sat, sedentary
- seating:** (n) room, circle, parterre, parquet, orchestra, service, way, base, footing, housing, stand
- seats:** (n) parquet, circle, parterre, seating area, seating room, orchestra, seat, chairs, places, bleachers, elbow room
- second:** (n) instant, jiffy, flash, minute, sec; (v) back, endorse, help; (n, v) support; (adj) latter, further. ANTONYMS: (adj) top, former; (n) age
- seconds:** (n) merchandise, retrees, goods; (adj) unacceptable, defective
- secrecy:** (adj, n, v) privacy; (n) concealment, silence, confidentiality, darkness, seclusion, retirement, mystery, secretiveness, privateness, mum
- secret:** (adj, v) mysterious, hidden, covert, secluded, confidential; (adj) concealed, furtive, occult, obscure; (adj, n) privacy, secrecy. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) known, public; (adj) open, overt, apparent, unrestricted, external, visible, outermost, transparent, blatant
- secrete:** (v) hide, excrete, cover, disguise, discharge, mask, cache, bury, emit, exude, screen. ANTONYMS: (v) show, absorb, reveal, unearth
- secretly:** (adv) privately, confidentially, quietly, stealthily, surreptitiously, furtively, in secret, darkly, secretly, clandestinely, occultly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, deliberately, brazenly
- secrets:** (n) secrecy
- seed:** (n) issue, posterity, root, progeny, offspring, origin, nucleus, brood, embryo; (v) inseminate, plant
- seeing:** (prep) because; (adj) Seely, considering; (n) sight, vision, beholding, fusion, visual sense; (v) conceive, comprehend, perceive
- seem:** (v) appear, feel, seeming, loom, expect, show, beseem, sound, glitter, glisten, gleam
- seeming:** (adj) ostensible, superficial, illusory, outward, probable, deceptive, specious; (adj, n) appearance, semblance; (n) aspect, show. ANTONYMS: (adj) actual, deep, inner
- seen:** (adj) visible, clad, beseen, accomplished, discovered, appearing; (v) observe, perceive, conceive, comprehend, understand
- seldom:** (adj) scarce, rare, few, infrequent; (adv) occasionally, infrequently, uncommonly, hardly, scarcely, not often, once in a blue moon. ANTONYMS: (adv) often, seldom
- self:** (n) ego, person, me, individual, being; (pron) myself, herself, itself; (adj) same; (v) own; (adv) personally
- self-absorbed:** (adj) egotistic, egocentric
- self-indulgence:** (n) dissipation,

- pleasure, merriment, enjoyment, decadence, excess
- selfish:** (adj) mean, greedy, mercenary, egotistical, egotistic, egoistic, self-interested, stingy, egocentric, self-centered, covetous. ANTONYMS: (adj) selfless, altruistic, generous, altruism, considerate, philanthropic, thoughtful, constructive, concerned, abstemious, kind
- self-sacrificing:** (adj) angelic, unselfish
- sell:** (v) deal, handle, dispose, betray, give, promote, realize, merchandise, dispose of; (n, v) cheat; (adj) sold. ANTONYMS: (v) buy, wholesale
- send:** (v) pass, deliver, forward, convey, dispatch, mail, post, give, carry, divert, project. ANTONYM: (v) keep
- sending:** (n) forwarding, dispatch, transmission, transmittal, send, despatch, mailing, transport, dispatching, dispatchment, conveyance
- sense:** (n) perception, meaning, common sense, sensation, logic, understanding, impression, feeling; (n, v) feel, intellect, mind. ANTONYMS: (n) stupidity, garbage, ludicrousness, nonsense, foolishness, gibberish, illogicality, irrationality, numbness, certainty; (v) observe
- senses:** (adj) sober senses, sound mind; (n) reason, mind, conception, consciousness, judgment, faculties, mother wit, right mind, sanity
- sensible:** (adj) aware, sagacious, prudent, rational, judicious, perceptible, sane, wise, intelligent, appreciable, sage. ANTONYMS: (adj) ludicrous, crazy, unreasonable, stupid, silly, ridiculous, reckless, idiotic, outrageous, imprudent, mad
- sensitive:** (adj) excitable, sore, tender, sensible, painful, impressionable, emotional, irritable, receptive, gentle, susceptible. ANTONYMS: (adj) numb, hardhearted, tactless, impervious, dense, improper, insensible, prosaic, straightforward, unconcerned, indiscriminate
- sent:** (adj) dispatched, imported, ecstatic, blissful, fascinated, intoxicated; (v) transmit. ANTONYM: (adj) unsent
- sentence:** (v) condemn, convict, judge, damn; (n) finding, phrase, conviction, punishment; (n, v) decision, doom, condemnation.
- ANTONYMS: (n) reward, absolution; (v) absolve, acquit
- sentiment:** (n) emotion, mind, notion, feeling, persuasion, opinion, judgment, sense, judgement, attitude, impression
- separate:** (v) part, detach, insulate, scatter, dissociate, cut, disperse, disconnect; (adj) individual, detached; (adj, v) discrete. ANTONYMS: (v) unite, merge, mix, link, combine, fuse, join, associate; (adj) connected, joined, simultaneous
- series:** (n) rank, chain, collection, cycle, serial, sequence, set, string; (adj) progression; (n, v) order; (adj, n) round. ANTONYM: (n) individual
- serious:** (adj, n, v) grave; (adj) heavy, austere, great, hard, dangerous, critical; (adj, v) sedate, important, momentous, considerable. ANTONYMS: (adj) lighthearted, mild, flippant, cheerful, humorous, minor, slight, playful, trivial, unimportant, brisk
- seriously:** (adv) earnestly, soberly, severely, solemnly, badly, deeply, staidly, sincerely, thoughtfully, greatly, weightily. ANTONYMS: (adv) frivolously, playfully, cheerfully, slightly, teasingly, jovially, nonchalantly, lightheartedly, briskly, mildly, lightly
- sermon:** (n) discourse, oration, speech, address, homily, preaching, harangue, preaching, exhortation, predication; (n, v) lecture
- servant:** (n) manservant, domestic, lackey, maid, employee, flunkey, retainer, boy, footman, flunky, menial. ANTONYMS: (n) master, mistress
- servants:** (n) staff, suite
- serve:** (adj, n, v) avail; (v) assist, aid, act, benefit, tend, attend, operate, function, do; (n, v) officiate
- service:** (n, v) overhaul, serve, refit, assist; (n) aid, employment, assistance, avail, ministration, ceremony; (v) attendance. ANTONYMS: (n) disservice, damage, hindrance, uselessness
- servile:** (adj) abject, obsequious, base, fawning, ignoble, sordid, subservient, cringing, slavish; (adj, n) mean, low. ANTONYMS: (adj) bossy, assertive
- servitor:** (n) retainer, henchman, manservant, follower, lackey, footman, attache, housemaid, employe, maidservant; (v) beadle
- setting:** (n) scene, scenery, adjustment, position, background, mount, backdrop, environment, scope, mounting, set
- settled:** (adj) definite, set, firm, permanent, certain, calm, established, decided, formed, defined, finished. ANTONYMS: (adj) unsettled, exciting, temporary
- settling:** (n) settlement, subsidence, defecation, dregs, clearing, sinking, dreg, remission, cave in; (adj) determining, definitive
- seven:** (adj, n) VII; (n) September, septet, week, nine, knave, king, jack, queen, digit, Severn
- several:** (adj, v) diverse, divers, sundry; (adj, n) a few, some; (adj) various, individual, different, particular, special, numerous. ANTONYMS: (adj) joint, all, none
- severe:** (adj, n) rigid, austere, inclement, rough, hard; (adj, v) biting, cutting; (adj) rigorous, bad, intense, heavy. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, lenient, slight, easy, lax, cordial, kindly, kind, approving, funny, moderate
- sewed:** (adj) stitched, sewn, sew, sewen, seamed
- shabby:** (adj) poor, abject, mean, mangy, low, sorry, decrepit, worn, sordid, ragged; (adj, v) frayed. ANTONYMS: (adj) pristine, elegant, opulent, honorable, decent, new, neat, comfortable, tasteful, strong, respectful
- shade:** (n, v) screen, tinge, shadow, tint, color, cloud; (n) ghost, hue, blind, conceal, tone. ANTONYMS: (n) brightness, glare; (v) brighten, clarify, expose
- shadow:** (n) ghost, darkness, apparition, follower, gloom, reflection; (n, v) eclipse, trace, tail, hint; (v) follow. ANTONYMS: (v) brighten, lead; (n) brightness, pallor
- shadowy:** (adj) indistinct, misty, dark, faint, obscure, hazy, gloomy, vague, shady, insubstantial, dusky. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, palpable, light, distinct, open
- shaggy:** (adj) bushy, hirsute, hairy, bearded, shagged, pilous, brushy, unkempt, hispid; (adj, n) ragged; (n) rugged. ANTONYMS: (adj) sleek, tidy
- shake:** (n, v) jolt, beat, jar, quiver, wave; (v) agitate, excite, disturb;

- (adv, v) brandish; (adj, v) quake, totter. ANTONYMS: (v) soothe, steady
- shaken:** (adj) jolted, agitated, dilapidated, frayed; (v) passive, lame, broken, threadbare, wilted, shaky, vibrate
- shaking:** (adj, n) quivering, tremor, jarring; (n) quiver, palpitation, quake; (adj) quaking, shaky, flutter, unsteady, shivering
- shaky:** (adj) precarious, ramshackle, insecure, unsafe, unstable, unsteady, wobbly, tottery, trembling; (adj, v) crazy, broken. ANTONYMS: (adj) steady, stable, strong, watertight, sound, hard, composed, alert, safe, secure, promising
- shall:** (n) must, necessity; (v) require, bequeath, leave
- shape:** (n, v) cast, mold, fashion, mould, model, make, design; (n) pattern, figure; (v) determine, influence
- shaped:** (adj) formed, fashioned, shapen, made, created, beaten, educated, featured, having features, built, constructed
- share:** (n, v) portion, allot, part, distribute, apportion, deal, divide; (v) participate, partake, dispense; (n) dole. ANTONYM: (v) refrain
- sharp:** (adj, n, v) keen, acute, bitter; (adj) intelligent, intense, incisive; (adj, v) biting, acid, acrid, severe, harsh. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, mild, gentle, sweet, rounded, bland, round, smooth, blurred, naive, kind
- sharply:** (adj, adv) piercingly, harshly, penetratingly; (adv) keenly, severely, abruptly, trenchantly, shrewdly, biting, cuttingly, bitterly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, kindly, sweetly, politely, gradually, pleasantly
- shed:** (v) discard, drop, moult, scatter, exuviate, molt, cast off, dismiss; (n) shack, hut, cabin. ANTONYMS: (v) keep, cover; (adj) persistent
- sheep:** (n) goat, ram, tup, ewe, cattle, follower, Bovidae, stock, simple, simpleton, family Bovidae
- sheer:** (adj) pure, filmy, bold, transparent, gauzy, simple, diaphanous, gossamer; (adj, n) complete, mere, perfect. ANTONYMS: (adj) thick, gentle, opaque, heavy, gradual, robust, partial
- sheet:** (n) board, leaf, paper, film, bed sheet, canvas, coat, coating, cover, plane, newspaper
- sheets:** (n) rain, bed linen
- shell:** (n) rind, sheath, case, casing, bullet, bark, shot, crust; (n, v) bomb, pod; (v) bombard. ANTONYM: (n) middle
- shilling:** (n) York shilling, Tanzanian shilling, British shilling, Kenyan shilling, Ugandan shilling, Somalian shilling, dock, cork, farthing, coin, cheat
- shine:** (n, v) light, sheen, flash, glitter, sparkle, polish, rub; (v) burnish, gleam, blaze; (n) radiance
- shining:** (adj, v) brilliant; (adj) lustrous, radiant, glossy, luminous, glorious, glowing; (adj, n) lucid, resplendent, clear; (v) shine. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, pale, blemished
- ship:** (v) send, forward, transport, send off, consign, carry, transfer, move; (n) boat, craft; (n, v) ferry. ANTONYM: (v) keep
- shirt:** (n) Jersey, chemise, blouse, hair shirt, dress shirt, evening shirt, polo shirt
- shivering:** (adj) quivering, shaking, trembling, shaky, quaking, tremulous, shuddering, chilled; (n) chill, cold, shiver. ANTONYM: (adj) composed
- shock:** (n, v) daze, jar, collision, surprise, outrage, shake, scare; (n) impact; (v) startle, offend, revolt. ANTONYMS: (n, v) delight; (v) please, encourage; (n) boost, security, bonus
- shoes:** (n) footwear, shoe, place, position, situation, post, plaza, property, lieu, home, blank space
- shook:** (adj) shake, vibrate, addled, barrel, cask, confused, distressed, hurt, passionate, puzzled
- shoot:** (v) discharge, flash, drive, dart, dash, send, photograph; (n) scion, branch; (n, v) sprout, hunt. ANTONYM: (v) trickle
- shop:** (n) business, booth, boutique, factory, plant, emporium, workshop, market; (v) betray, purchase, grass. ANTONYM: (v) boycott
- shore:** (n) coast, edge, beach, seashore, stay, seaside, brace, margin; (n, v) prop, land, buttress. ANTONYM: (n) sea
- short:** (adj, v) concise, close; (adj) scarce, curt, brusque, sharp, compendious, laconic, deficient, scanty, diminutive. ANTONYMS: (adj) long, high, lengthy, unabridged, sufficient, slender, rangy, rambling, overlong, extended, plentiful
- shorter:** (adj) smaller, inferior
- shortly:** (adv) presently, curtly, before long, soon, concisely, brusquely, abruptly, tersely, succinctly; (adj, adv) immediately, summarily. ANTONYMS: (adv) politely, pleasantly, verbosely, later
- shoulder:** (v) carry, push, hold, jostle, sustain, support, assume, accept; (n, v) elbow; (n) back, flange
- shout:** (n, v) cry, clamor, scream, yell, roar, call, bellow, screech; (v) bawl, holler; (n) cheer
- shouted:** (adj) screamed, loud
- shouting:** (adj, n) yelling; (adj) crying, howling, vociferous; (n) clamor, calling, noise, cheering, vociferation, tumult; (v) bawl
- shouts:** (n) cries
- show:** (adj, n, v) present, appearance; (n, v) exhibit, produce, broadcast, indicate, parade; (v) point out; (n) presentation, ostentation; (adj, v) guide. ANTONYMS: (v) disprove, hide, withhold, suppress, disappear, cover, absorb; (n) concealment
- showing:** (n) display, screening, exhibit, revelation, viewing, appearance, exhibition, exposition, presentation, exposure; (adj) exhibiting
- shown:** (adj) manifest, revealed, exhibited, ostensible, avowed, declared, denoted, given away; (v) appear, represent, indicate. ANTONYM: (adj) hidden
- shrank:** (v) minify
- shrewd:** (adj) sharp, astute, keen, piercing, clever, cunning, bright; (adj, v) sagacious, knowing, crafty, prudent. ANTONYMS: (adj) foolish, gullible, naive, soft, candid, dim, innocent, guileless, obtuse, indiscriminate
- shrewdly:** (adv) sagaciously, smartly, brightly, sharply, craftily, cunningly, perceptively, cleverly, artfully, cannily, wisely. ANTONYMS: (adv) foolishly, innocently, ineptly, naively
- shriek:** (n, v) screech, cry, shout, call, howl, yell, yowl, scream; (v) bellow, caterwaul, shrill. ANTONYM: (v) sigh
- shrinking:** (n) contraction, recoil, reduction, decrease, condensation; (n, v) lessening; (adj) timid, fearful, shy, bashful; (adj, adv) cowardly. ANTONYM: (adj) confident

shrubbery: (n) brush, plantation, flora, parterre, shrub, scrub, brushwood, hedge, thicket, bushes, area

shrubs: (n) undergrowth

shrunk: (adj) contracted, wizened, withered, shrivelled, shriveled, wizen, insipid, drawn grain, wearish

shuddering: (adj, n) quivering, shaking; (adv) shudderingly; (n) cold sweat, tremor; (adj) rough, shaky, jumpy, quaking, shivery, bumpy. ANTONYM: (adj) smooth

shut: (v) seal, bar, fasten, obstruct, lock, exclude; (adj) closed, cut; (n) shutting, end, finish. ANTONYMS: (v) admit, undo

shuts: (adj) closed

shutting: (n) closing, conclusion, end, closure, ending, finish, mop up, culmination, closedown; (adj) confining, claudent. ANTONYM: (n) opening

shyly: (adv) timidly, shily, coyly, diffidently, timorously, with reserve, embarrassedly, clumsily, uncertainly, tentatively, unremarkably. ANTONYMS: (adv) boldly, brashly, brazenly, urbanely, conspicuously, confidently, decisively

shyness: (n) diffidence, modesty, bashfulness, humility, shame, timidity, coyness, pudency, timorousness, backwardness, timidness. ANTONYMS: (n) sociability, brashness, confidence, urbanity, arrogance

sick: (adj) ill, queasy, poorly, ailing, weary, diseased, sickly, morbid; (adj, v) indisposed, unwell; (adj, n) invalid. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, fond, wholesome

sickly: (adj, adv) poorly; (n) invalid; (adj) sick, ailing, pale, sallow, indisposed, morbid, diseased; (adj, n, v) infirm; (adj, v) faint. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, bitter, robust

side: (n) rim, faction, brink, direction, hand, aspect, margin; (adj, n) part; (n, v) party, border, face. ANTONYMS: (adj) distant, central, major, primary; (n) back, front, center, middle; (v) straddle

sideways: (adj) side, crabwise, crosswise, indirect; (adv) obliquely, laterally, sidelong, sideways, sidewise, sideways; (adj, adv) aslant. ANTONYMS: (adj) level, direct; (adv) across

sigh: (n, v) groan, suspire, murmur;

(v) breathe, languish, pine; (n) breath, wail, whimper, whine, suspiration

sight: (n, v) vision, glimpse, show, aspect, appearance; (v) aim, spot, see; (n) view, prospect, scene

sign: (n, v) mark, motion, gesture; (n) portent, indication, manifestation, imprint, presage, brand, poster; (v) indicate. ANTONYMS: (n) successor; (v) dismiss

signal: (n, v) omen, gesture, presage, wave, alert; (n) indication, flag, alarm; (v) indicate; (adj, n) salient, prominent. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconspicuous, ordinary

signet: (n) sigil, completion, key, ratification, signature, imprint, talisman, mark, cachet, stamp, arms

significant: (adj) material, grave, meaningful, pregnant, relevant, emphatic, indicative; (adj, v) considerable, momentous, influential, serious. ANTONYMS: (adj) minor, unimportant, small, trivial, dubious, hidden, immaterial, irrelevant, meaningless, secretive, nonsignificant

signs: (n) situation, indications, signage, appearances, cipher, cryptogram, discriminating marks, indicia, secret code, secret language, symbols

silence: (adj, n, v) calm, still; (int, n, v) hush; (n, v) lull; (n) mum; (adj, v) appease; (v) mute, allay, pacify, muzzle; (int, v) shut up.

ANTONYMS: (n) sound, openness, uproar, movement; (v) amplify, Louden, encourage, rouse

silent: (adj, adv) motionless; (adj) dumb, tacit, mute, noiseless,

reserved, placid, reticent, mum, taciturn, hush. ANTONYMS: (adj) spoken, talkative, loud, explicit, open, live, forthcoming, verbal, audible, talking, moving

silently: (adv) mutely, stilly, quietly, noiselessly, soundlessly, taciturnly, wordlessly, secretly, speechlessly, placidly, tacitly. ANTONYMS: (adv) loudly, audibly, openly, brazenly

silks: (adj) silky, down, silken, velure, velvet; (n) silks, satin, cloth, animal fiber, fabric, dental floss

silly: (adj) ridiculous, absurd, childish, fatuous, irrational, frivolous, idiotic, preposterous, unreasonable; (adj, n) fool; (n) imbecile. ANTONYMS: (adj) mature, wise, rational, clever, advisable, profound, reasonable,

responsible, significant

silver: (n) money, gold, bullion, precious Metals; (adj) silvery, argent, white, silvern, gray, neutral tint; (v) plate

simple: (adj, n) plain, humble, innocent, rustic; (adj) homely, elementary, natural; (adj, v) pure, clear, mere, downright.

ANTONYMS: (adj) complex, complicated, compound, elaborate, difficult, multiple, obscure, ornate, problematical, sophisticated, confusing

simplest: (adj) rudimentary

simply: (adj, adv) only, exclusively, barely; (adv) just, alone, directly, purely, absolutely, easily, plainly; (adj) straightforward. ANTONYMS: (adv) elaborately, ornately, majestically, covertly, dishonestly, incoherently, obscurely, pretentiously

since: (adv, conj, prep) because, seeing that; (adv, prep) afterwards, before; (adv, conj) for, as; (adj, adv) ago; (conj) whereas; (prep) from, of; (adv) after

sing: (v) hymn, hum, chirp, drone, intone, vocalize, pipe, carol, snitch; (n, v) twitter, squeak

singing: (v) sing; (n) chanting, caroling, crooning, hymnody, humming, intonation, scat, psalmody, harmonization; (adj) cantabile. ANTONYM: (adj) silent

single: (adj) celibate, odd, particular, separate, solitary, isolated, sole, lone, lonely, simple; (adj, n) one. ANTONYMS: (adj) double, multiple, divorced, attached, dual, involved, widowed, general, common; (n) record

singular: (adj, n) extraordinary; (adj) odd, individual, particular, peculiar, phenomenal, rare, queer, single, quaint, exceptional. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, together, usual, customary

sinking: (n) sinkage, settling, fall, descent, foundering, depression, immersion, submersion, submergence; (v) decrease, decline. ANTONYM: (adj) rising

sister: (n) nurse, nun, brother, sisters, older sister, mate, twin, pair, fellow companion, double, match.

ANTONYM: (n) brother

sisters: (n) sistren

sits: (n) sat

sitting: (n) session, seat, seance, meeting, seating, conference, posing;

- (adj) seated, inactive; (v) incubation, batching. ANTONYMS: (adj) standing, active
- sixteen:** (n) large integer
- size:** (n, v) measure, gauge, dimensions; (n) extent, bulk, quantity, capacity, largeness, dimension, glue, magnitude.
- sizzling:** (adj) hot, sweltering, burning, blistering, scorching, juicy, heated; (v) sizzle, peaceful, piping, hissing. ANTONYMS: (adj) cold, freezing
- skies:** (n) heavens, firmament, expanse
- skin:** (n) hide, fur, rind, coating, shell, hull; (v) pare, scrape, excoriate, flay; (n, v) bark
- skins:** (n) cash, folding money
- skip:** (n, v) bound, leap, hop, caper, trip; (v) dance, bounce, prance, skim; (adj, v) miss; (n) omission. ANTONYMS: (v) attend, trudge, include
- skipping:** (n) jumping, leaping, absenteeism; (adv) skippingly, leapingly
- skylark:** (v) gambol, lark, romp, lark about, cavort, disport, frisk, run around, rollick, amuse; (n) *Alauda arvensis*
- slammed:** (adj) tight
- slanting:** (adj) oblique, sloping, diagonal, askew, slanted, aslant, aslope, awry, leaning, sloped; (adj, adv) sideways. ANTONYMS: (adj) upright, direct
- slap:** (n, v) clap, cuff, knock, hit, whack, beat, strike, spank; (n) blow; (v) buffet; (adv) bang
- slapped:** (adj) mistreated
- slapping:** (adj) slapper
- sleep:** (n, v) nap, repose, doze, kip, slumber, catnap; (adj, n, v) lie; (v) hibernate, nod; (n) dream; (adj, v) lodge. ANTONYMS: (v) awaken; (n) alertness, agitation
- sleepy:** (adj) drowsy, dozy, slow, lazy, hypnotic, inactive, comatose, dull, heavy, dreamy; (adv) asleep. ANTONYMS: (adj) awake, energetic, vigorous, clear, lively, refreshed
- sleeve:** (n) arm, liner, cover, cuff, wristband, collar, socket, skin, sheath; (v) plexus, skein
- slender:** (adj, v) lean, meager; (adj) little, thin, fine, lithe, slight, delicate, lissom, flimsy, faint. ANTONYMS: (adj) stocky, fat, wide, considerable, short, substantial, good, adequate,
- stout, thick
- slice:** (n, v) share, part, slash, gash, chip; (n) section, piece, bit, morsel, slab; (v) carve
- slight:** (adj, adv) light; (adj) thin, flimsy, slender, fragile, petty, little; (adv, n, v) neglect; (n, v) insult, scorn; (v) ignore. ANTONYMS: (adj) considerable, major, obvious, thickset, severe, wide, fat, intense, heavy, likely; (v) acknowledge
- slightest:** (adj) minimal, first, smallest amount
- slightly:** (adv) slenderly, slimly, lightly, somewhat, little, thinly, moderately, weakly, faintly, trivially, unimportantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) significantly, infinitely, excessively, terribly, tremendously, solidly, particularly, much, considerably, seriously, intensely
- slim:** (adj, v) thin; (adj) slight, narrow, lean, remote, fine, skinny, tiny, meager; (v) reduce, lose weight. ANTONYMS: (adj) heavy, hefty, plump, stocky, wide, considerable, substantial, strong, stout; (v) gain
- slip:** (adj, n, v) lapse, miss; (adj, n) fault, blunder; (n, v) slide, drop, mistake, escape, skid, trip; (n) cutting. ANTONYM: (n) invoice
- slipping:** (n) skidding, slippage; (adj) slithering, gliding, down, labent
- slow:** (adj, v) slack; (adj) dull, sluggish, heavy, stupid, lazy, indolent, inactive; (adj, adv) easy, behind; (adj, n) gradual. ANTONYMS: (adj) intelligent, rapid, bright, speedy, alert, brisk, quick, prompt, hasty, rushed; (v) accelerate
- slowly:** (adj, adv, v) slow; (adv) deliberately, sluggishly, tediously, dully, gradually, unhurriedly, slackly, lethargically, belatedly; (adj, adv) lento. ANTONYMS: (adv) fast, hurriedly, promptly, rapidly, immediately, briefly, intelligently, vigorously, brightly, nimbly, punctually
- slunk:** (v) slink
- slyly:** (adv) craftily, artfully, secretly, furtively, slyly, cleverly, surreptitiously, astutely, foxily, knavishly, sly. ANTONYM: (adv) brazenly
- small:** (adj) little, narrow, slight, minor, inadequate, petty, fine, insignificant, light, remote; (adj, v) low. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) big;
- (adj) sizeable, colossal, considerable, enormous, great, huge, bulky, major, giant, important
- smaller:** (adj) littler, inferior, lesser, less, little, shorter, lower, littlest, subordinate
- smart:** (adj, n) sharp, quick, bright; (n, v) pain; (adj) shrewd, crafty, sly, dapper, prompt, astute, intelligent. ANTONYMS: (adj) stupid, scruffy, unkempt, dim, shabby, slow, naive, unfashionable, unstylish, unintelligent, thick
- smell:** (n, v) odor, scent, savor, perfume, stink, stench; (v) nose; (n) fragrance, bouquet, savour, odour
- smelling:** (n) smell, flavor, scent, olfactory modality, sensing, sense of smell; (adj) redolent, scented, odorous, stinking, rotten
- smelt:** (v) fuse, temper, anneal, to smelt, distill, refine, heat; (n) sparring, capelan, caplin, capelin
- smile:** (n) grin, grinning, smiling, luck, facial expression; (v) laugh, beam, chuckle, simper; (n, v) grimace; (adv) smilingly. ANTONYMS: (n, v) scowl; (v) glower
- smiling:** (adv) smilingly; (adj) bright, cheerful, jolly, joyful, of good cheer, twinkly, fair, sunny; (n) grinning, grin. ANTONYMS: (adj) sad, gloomy
- smothered:** (adj) strangled, stifled, smothered, pent-up, covered
- smothering:** (adj) choking, suffocative, suffocating, tight, sultry, breathless; (adv) smotheringly; (v) suffocate
- snake:** (n) serpent, ophidian, viper, constrictor, hydra, elapid; (v) wind, twist, curl, weave; (n, v) sneak
- snakes:** (n) Ophidia, suborder Serpentes, subclass Lepidosauria, suborder Ophidia, Lepidosauria
- snapped:** (adj) torn
- snatching:** (n) capture
- sneeze:** (n) sneezing, physiological reaction, reflex; (v) arrest, despise, loathe, act involuntarily, Neese, act reflexively
- sniff:** (v) nose, inhale, smell, breathe, breathe in, sniffle, smoke, smell out, despise; (n, v) snuff, whiff
- snore:** (n) snoring; (v) snort, saw logs, snooze, siesta, hibernation, breathe, doze, saw wood, coma, dream
- snow:** (n) cocaine, precipitation, snowfall, bark, barque; (v) overwhelm, beguile, hoodwink, bamboozle, lead by the nose, play

false

snowy: (adj) white, pure, clean, blank, hoary, achromatic, snow-white, unblemished, wintry, wet, favorite

snubbed: (adj) upset, hurt, affronted, offended, slighted

soaked: (adj) wet, drenched, sopping, soggy, soaking, drunk, wet through, soaking wet, damp, sloshed; (adj, v) sodden. ANTONYM: (adj) dry

sobbing: (adj) crying, weeping, weepy, tearful; (n) lamentation, shortness of breath, shit, prick, motherfucker, tear, lament

sofa: (n) couch, lounge, divan, bench, davenport, seat, squab, chair, form, convertible, daybed

soft: (adj, adv) easy, quiet; (adj) limp, light, balmy, delicate, slack, loose, smooth; (adj, v) feeble; (adj, adv, v) low. ANTONYMS: (adj) hard, firm, harsh, loud, hoarse, stiff, rough, solid, strong, shrill, alcoholic

softened: (adj) diffused, muffled, muted, quiet, slow, touched, sluggish, soften, pultaceous, subdued, low-key

soft-hearted: (adj) sympathetic, tender, warm, lenient, compassionate, merciful, clement, sentimental

softly: (adv) quietly, mildly, lightly, tenderly, delicately, gently, soft, quiet, silently, kindly, slowly. ANTONYMS: (adv) hoarsely, roughly, loudly, clearly, harshly, forte, severely, strongly, heavily, convincingly, brightly

softness: (n) mildness, kindness, flabbiness, flaccidity, suavity, downiness, gentleness, tenderness, faintness; (adj, n) delicacy; (adj) smoothness. ANTONYMS: (n) rigidity, hoarseness, brightness, hardness, volume, harshness, tone, noise, heaviness, firmness, loudness

soil: (adj, n) dirt; (adj, v) smudge; (v) pollute, dirty, contaminate, mire; (n, v) grime; (n) land, dust, earth; (adj, n, v) blot. ANTONYMS: (v) wash, cleanse, purify; (n) sea

soldiers: (n) military, troop, force, the military, troops, defense force, military service, militia, soldiery, Territorial Army, armed forces

solemn: (adj, n, v) serious; (adj, v) sober, important, sedate, devout, formal, demure; (adj) heavy, dignified, sacred; (adj, n) earnest. ANTONYMS: (adj) frivolous, cheerful, unceremonious, funny,

playful, flippant, relaxed

solemnity: (n) seriousness, sobriety, earnestness, formality, ceremony, impressiveness, austerity, sedateness, display, pomp, grandeur. ANTONYMS: (n) humor, levity, cheerfulness, understatement

solemnly: (adv) earnestly, gravely, majestically, stately, sternly, staidly, thoughtfully, soberly, formally, ceremoniously, importantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, flippantly

somebody: (n) person, personage, mortal, man, creature, notable, human; (n, pron) someone; (adj, n) celebrity; (pron) anybody; (adj) notability. ANTONYM: (n) nonentity

somehow: (adv) anyhow, anyway, for some reason, somewhat, somehow, someways, a little, in some manner, in some way, very, somehow or other

someone: (n) individual, person, human, self, party, man, one, soul, buster; (pron) anybody, anyone

something: (n) what, object, thing, article, entity, substance, somebody; (adv, n) somewhat; (adv) rather, a little, kinda. ANTONYM: (pron) nothing

sometime: (adv) someday, once, one day, formerly, sooner or later; (adj) quondam, erstwhile, former, old, late; (adj, adv) sometimes

sometimes: (adv) from time to time, occasionally, every now and then, now and again, every so often, once, sometime, once in a while, formerly; (n) at times; (adj, adv) on and off. ANTONYM: (adv) regularly

somewhat: (adv) slightly, a little, fairly, a bit, reasonably, pretty, moderately, sort of; (adv, v) little; (adv, pron) partly; (adj, adv) something. ANTONYMS: (adv) considerably, very, unreasonably, totally, hugely, completely, closely, massively, absolutely, wholly

somewhere: (adv) someplace, approximately, anyplace, about, wherever, where, roughly, everywhere, around, passim, ultimately

song: (adj, v) lay; (n, v) ditty, chant; (n) air, strain, cry, warble, canto, poem; (v) sing; (adj) ballad

soon: (adv) shortly, presently, anon, immediately, directly, at once, before long, betimes, quickly, promptly; (adj, adv) early.

ANTONYMS: (adv) now, eventually, later, slowly

soot: (n) smut, lampblack, carbon black, grime, carbon, crock, dirt; (adj) ink, ebony, coal pitch, jet

soothed: (adj) composed

soothing: (adj) calming, soft, smooth, pacifying, quiet, restful, bland, calm, assuasive; (adj, n) softening; (n) alleviation. ANTONYMS: (adj) upsetting, disturbing, hostile, scary, worrying, stimulating, exasperating, annoying, invigorating, painful, intimidating

sorrow: (n, v) regret, lament, grieve; (v) mourn; (n) mourning, heartache, repentance, remorse; (adj, n) sadness, misery; (adj, n, v) distress. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, delight, happiness, peace, hopefulness, cheerfulness, shamelessness, calm, content; (v) rejoice

sorrowful: (adj) melancholy, doleful, sad, rueful, lugubrious, gloomy, dreary, grievous, piteous, unhappy, mournful. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, content, joyful, successful

sorry: (adj) pathetic, sorrowful, remorseful, contrite, pitiful, pitiable, piteous, penitent, paltry, base, sad. ANTONYMS: (adj) glad, happy, admirable, unremorseful, fine

sort: (adj, n, v) class; (n, v) type, group, rank; (n) variety, breed, assortment, form, pattern; (adj, n) manner, description

sorts: (n) varieties, sorting, running pi, batter

soul: (n) creature, human, person, personification, ghost, individual, mind, essence, life, self; (adj, n) heart. ANTONYMS: (n) surface, body

sound: (n, v) chime, echo, peal; (adj) reasonable, complete, healthy, sensible, sane, rational; (adj, v) fit, fast. ANTONYMS: (adj) illogical, unsound, confused, unreliable, flawed, flimsy, silent, weak, unreasonable; (n) silence; (v) device

sounded: (adj) measured, oral

sounding: (n) investigation, depth, exploration, test; (adj) resounding, resonant, looking, audible, sonant, voiceful, hollow

soundly: (adv) sound, fully, solidly, thoroughly, deeply, substantially, validly, strongly, stably, fastly, safely. ANTONYMS: (adv) harmfully, halfheartedly, fitfully, unconvincingly

sour: (adj, n) morose, harsh; (adj, v) acid; (adj) bitter, rancid, gruff, grim, glum, dour; (adj, n, v) severe; (v) ferment. ANTONYMS: (adj) kindly, pleasant, bland, amiable, fresh, mature, mild, kind; (v) sweeten, enhance

source: (n) root, cause, commencement, reason, provenance, beginning, head, parent, reference, headspring, germ

sourly: (adv) bitterly, acidly, morosely, sullenly, sharply, unpleasantly, biting, harshly, caustically, crossly, gruffly. ANTONYMS: (adv) graciously, sweetly, cheerfully, kindly

sovereign: (n) ruler, king, lord, emperor; (adj) independent, autonomous, imperial, royal, free, regal; (adj, n) prince. ANTONYMS: (adj) dependent, ineffective, useless

sown: (adj) sowed, seeded, planted, sative

space: (n) gap, scope, opening, period, place, void, margin, latitude, extent, emptiness, distance. ANTONYM: (n) mess

spade: (v) grub, delve, scoop, excavate; (n) nigger, coon, nigra, jigaboo, boy, black person, spit

span: (n) length, distance, couple, range, period, extent, pair; (n, v) bridge, reach, stretch; (v) cross

spare: (adj, v) free, reserve, save, thin; (adj) slender, slight, additional, lean; (adj, n) extra, excess; (v) exempt. ANTONYMS: (n) shortfall, original; (adj) principal, fat, basic, abundant, stout; (v) need, include

sparkle: (n, v) flicker, flash, shimmer, spark, shine, blaze, fizz, gleam, glitter; (v) blink, glare. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, dullness, lifelessness

sparkling: (adj, v) effervescent; (adj) bright, brilliant, radiant, glittery, bubbly, glittering, scintillating, shining, scintillant; (n) sparkle. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, dirty, lifeless, lethargic

speak: (adj, v) pronounce, utter; (v) converse, say, deliver, articulate, recite, talk, discourse, lecture; (n) language

speaking: (n) talk, discourse, speech, public speaking, reading, oral presentation, recital, recitation, disputation; (v) speak; (adj) expressive. ANTONYMS: (adj) nonspeaking, silent

special: (adj) particular, rare, limited,

individual, especial, different, distinguished, distinct, express, private, separate. ANTONYMS: (adj) general, basic, collective, everyday, unremarkable, vague, normal, Standard, common, public, universal

speak: (adj, n) point, atom, particle; (n) blot, flaw, smudge, blotch, blemish, grain, mote, dot. ANTONYM: (n) lot

speech: (n) lecture, expression, language, conversation, sermon, diction, communication; (n, v) delivery, discourse, say, saying

speed: (n, v) hurry, hasten, rush, race, dispatch; (v) quicken, run, dash, expedite; (n) velocity, rapidity. ANTONYMS: (n) amble, tardiness; (v) decelerate, hinder, linger, delay, crawl

spell: (n) magic, fascination, bout, conjuration, period, incantation, sorcery, enchantment, turn, span, bewitchment. ANTONYM: (n) alertness

spellbound: (adj) fascinated, enchanted, mesmerized, captivated, charmed, bewitched, hypnotized, hypnotised, mesmerised, infatuated, enthralled. ANTONYM: (adj) uninterested

spend: (v) expend, exhaust, squander, pay out, blow, deplete, pass, wear, lead; (adj, v) waste; (n) outlay. ANTONYMS: (v) conserve, earn, hoard, keep

spent: (adj, v) prostrate; (adj) fatigued, expended, finished, gone, dead, played out, effete, jaded, tired; (v) spend. ANTONYM: (adj) energetic

spick: (adj) immaculate, speckless, spotless, faultless, impeccable; (n) cleaner, spik

spike: (n) pin, barb, ear, needle, prickle; (adj, n) point; (v) pierce, nail, transfix, spear, lace

spilling: (n) betrayal, booming

spine: (n) backbone, prickle, quill, back, vertebral column, barb, rachis, spinal column, vertebra; (adj, n) point, spike

spirit: (n, v) courage, mind; (n) mood, ghost, apparition, disposition, energy, essence, soul, phantom; (adj, n) animation. ANTONYMS: (n) lethargy, body, cowardice, surface, sluggishness, lifelessness, defeatism

spirits: (n) alcohol, booze, humor, frame of mind, liqueur, strong drink, hard drink; (adj) cheer,

geniality, good humor; (v) wine

spite: (n) malice, grudge, hatred, malevolence, rancour, venom, rancor, maliciousness, ill will, animosity; (n, v) pique. ANTONYMS: (v) please; (n) benevolence, goodwill, love, affection, harmony

spiteful: (adj) malicious, malevolent, sinister, nasty, malignant, venomous, spiteful, ill-natured, vindictive, cruel, hateful. ANTONYMS: (adj) benevolent, harmless, merciful, kindhearted, friendly, pleasant, loving, benign, generous, gentle, flattering

splash: (n, v) spatter, dash, plash, spot, splatter, drop; (v) spill, slop, slosh, moisten, lap

splashing: (n) spatter, splattering, painting, splattering, dab, plash; (adj) liquid

splendid: (adj, n, v) illustrious, glorious; (adj) gorgeous, beautiful, royal, gallant, proud; (adj, n) magnificent, noble, grand; (adj, v) brilliant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressive, modest, humble, ordinary, undistinguished, meager, awful, dire, lowly, inglorious, shabby

spoil: (n, v) ruin; (v) rot, corrupt, mar, deface, sack; (adj, v) impair, damage, injure, harm, indulge. ANTONYMS: (v) improve, conserve, eniven, help, abuse, beautify, deny, neglect, correct, respect, clean

spoiled: (adj) bad, rotten, stale, spoil, coddled, pampered, corrupt, damaged, spoiled, putrid, rancid. ANTONYM: (adj) unspoiled

spoke: (n) bar, rung, radius, rule, shoe, skid, rundle, line, clog, round; (v) said

spoken: (adj) verbal, expressed, speaking, speak, unwritten, vocal, voiced, talk, said, informal, conversational. ANTONYMS: (adj) written, unspoken, tacit, formal, silent

spoon: (n) spoonful, ladle, shovel, soup spoon, tablespoon, trowel, teaspoon, dipper; (v) smooch, dally, bill and coo

sports: (n) athletics; (adj) sporting

spot: (n, v) place, speck, blemish, speckle, fleck, dirty, dapple; (adj, n, v) stain, soil; (n) dot, space

spots: (n) damp, drifter, floater, floating policy, muscae volitantes, Musca volitans

spray: (n) mist, froth, aerosol, atomizer, foam, branch; (n, v) spout, spurt; (v) splash, shower, atomize. ANTONYM: (v) trickle

spread: (n, v) scatter, stretch, increase; (adj, n, v) reach; (v) disperse, expand, propagate, disseminate, diffuse, circulate; (adj, v) extend. ANTONYMS: (v) suppress, gather, collect, fold, prevent, regress, shrink, specialize, concentrate; (n) decline; (n, v) decrease

spreading: (n) dissemination, propagation, dispersion, circulation, spread, dispersal, extension, scatter, distribution; (adj) scattering, diffusing

spring: (n, v) leap, bound, hop, fountain, skip, caper, bounce, dive, dance; (n) source; (v) originate

springing: (v) jumping, climbing, bounding, furious, conspicuous, prominent, ascending, projecting outwardly; (n) growth, suspension, emanation

springtime: (n) prime, springtide, youth, puberty, springiness, bounce, saltation, bound, outpouring, outflow, natural spring

sprouting: (n) germination, growth, shooting, ontogenesis, maturation; (adj) growing, evolving, green, embryonic, emergent, nascent

square: (n) area, rectangle; (adj) rectangular, fair, honest; (adj, v) even, correspond, agree; (v) settle; (adv, n) foursquare; (adj, adv) just. ANTONYMS: (adj) round, underhand, trendy, fresh, activist, relaxed

squeaking: (adj) creaking, screechy, screechy, squeaky, squealing, creaky; (n) squeak

squeezed: (adj) cramped

squirrel: (n) hackee, spermophile, baranduki, burunduki, gopher, baronduki, barunduki, collector; (v) bank, conserve; (adj) courser

squirrels: (n) squirrel, mice, beavers, agoutis, marmots, gophers, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, Rodentia, order Rodentia

stable: (adj, adv) firm; (adj) reliable, stationary, fixed, fast, lasting, constant, durable, secure, solid, sound. ANTONYMS: (adj) shaky, wobbly, dangerous, volatile, precarious, rickety, tenuous, temperamental, fickle, temporary; (adv) loosely

stage: (n, v) phase; (n) floor, point,

period, level, degree, proscenium, arena, layer; (v) present, order

stagnant: (adj) quiet, motionless, inert, dead, slow, still, standing, immobile, inactive, stagnate, stationary. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, moving

staircase: (n) stair, ladder, flight, steps, flight of steps, stairs, backstairs, escalator, companionway, way, entrance

stairs: (n) stair, ladder, staircase, stairway, flight of steps, flight, steps, flight of stairs, escalator, companionway, backstairs

stamp: (n, v) print, imprint, mark, seal, brand, impress, cast, punch, shape; (v) trample; (n) impression

stamped: (adj) beaten, marked, pressed, printed; (v) fixed, engraved

stamping: (n) impression, blocking, coin, postage, stamping of rail

stand: (v) endure, undergo; (n) rack, booth, attitude, base, pedestal; (n, v) live, position; (adj, v) suffer, tolerate. ANTONYMS: (v) sit, lie, yield, forbid; (n) top

standard: (n) degree, flag, criterion, rate, norm, gauge, benchmark; (n, v) measure; (adj) normal, regular; (adj, n) average. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconventional, special, unknown, substandard, nonstandard, extreme, unacceptable, new, exceptional, unorthodox, atypical

standing: (n) fame, position, importance, prestige, place, reputation, footing; (adj) erect, motionless, continuance; (n, v) stand. ANTONYMS: (adj) seated, moving, horizontal, falling, temporary

stands: (n) bleachers, stood, grandstand, standing, stop, covered stand, standpoint, stall, sales booth, reviewing stand, rack

stare: (n, v) gaze, look; (v) gape, glare, peer, squint, goggle, see, outface; (n) regard, contemplation. ANTONYM: (v) glance

staring: (adj) conspicuous, garish, agaze, vivid, noisy, showy, fixed, opened, glassy; (adv) staringly

stars: (n) heavenly bodies, fate

start: (n) onset, origin; (v) begin, originate, drive, commence, embark, spring, enter; (n, v) launch, shock. ANTONYMS: (n, v) finish, stop; (v) conclude, halt, terminate, arrive; (n) conclusion, demise, departure, middle, culmination

started: (adv) happening, in progress,

ongoing; (v) stert, leaped

starting: (adj) opening, initial; (n) start, commencement, first, outset, kickoff, origin, departure, origination, onset

startle: (n, v) start, jump; (v) frighten, scare, astonish, shock, astound, amaze, shake, threaten, electrify. ANTONYM: (v) soothe

startled: (adj) dumbfounded, dismayed, distressed, aghast, frightened, astonished, amazed, terrified, afraid, shocked, astounded

startling: (adj) wonderful, shocking, surprising, striking, alarming, appalling, marvellous, dramatic, frightful, sensational, lurid. ANTONYMS: (adj) unremarkable, soothing, comforting

startlingly: (adv) wonderfully, astonishingly, amazingly, astoundingly, shockingly, remarkably, unexpectedly, staggeringly, marvelously, alarmingly, strikingly

starvation: (n) inanition, famine, famishment, hunger, privation, starving, malnutrition, dearth, poverty, scarcity, esurience

starve: (v) fast, crave, lust, hunger, thirst, perish, be hungry, deprive, numb; (adj, v) pinch; (adj) gripe. ANTONYMS: (v) feed, eat

state: (n) nation, position, kingdom, status, country; (n, v) say, show, place; (adj) national; (v) express, expound. ANTONYMS: (adj) private; (n) monarchy; (v) conceal, refute

station: (adj, n, v) rank, standing; (v) locate, put; (n, v) post, seat, position, stand, base, site, order

stay: (adj, n, v) remain; (n, v) rest, prop, stop, delay, abide, continue, pause, endure, halt, support. ANTONYMS: (v) change, abscond, depart, move, disappear, become, go

stayed: (v) staid, serious, philosophic, sedate, platonic, stoical; (n) stays; (adj) late

staying: (n) stays, arrest; (adj) continual, old, left

stays: (n) bodice, stay, girdle, panty girdle, stayed, staying, foundation, corselette, sash, slip, corselet

stead: (n) behalf, room, lieu, spot, location, station, space, seat, position, office, locality

steadily: (adv) constantly, stably, regularly, fixedly, strongly, continually, steadfastly, uniformly, tightly, calmly, determinedly.

- ANTONYMS: (adv) unsteadily, nervously, loosely, weakly, rapidly, suddenly, excitedly, haphazardly, inconsistently, unevenly
- steady:** (adj, v) steadfast, even, secure, resolute, regular, calm, sedate; (adj, adv) stable; (adj) constant, continual, fixed.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) shaky, wobbly, intermittent, unreliable, irregular, fluctuating, inconsistent, unbalanced, unstable, unfaithful; (adv) unsteadily
- stealing:** (n) pilferage, larceny, theft, steal, burglary, misappropriation, embezzlement, stolen, thievery, pilfering, thieving
- steam:** (n, v) mist, smoke, fume; (v) exhale, evaporate, cook, pull; (n) fog, haze, cloud; (adj, n) vapor
- steel:** (n) blade, brand, foil, sword, case harden; (n, v) nerve, brace, fortify; (adj) iron, adamant; (v) temper
- step:** (n) stage, degree, rank, level, gait, gradation, footprint; (n, v) walk, measure, stride; (v) tread
- stepladder:** (n) steps, step ladder
- stepped:** (v) advanced, gone, stopen
- stepping:** (n) steps
- steps:** (n) step, stairs, staircase, stairway, flight, stepladder, scale, backstairs, companionway, escalator, stair
- sternly:** (adv) severely, strictly, austere, harshly, rigidly, grimly, rigorously, stringently, seriously, relentlessly, solemnly.
- ANTONYMS: (adv) leniently, lightheartedly, kindly, warmly, cheerfully
- stick:** (adj, v) adhere, cohere; (n, v) stab, paste, staff; (v) cling, attach, fix, bind, affix; (n) bar. ANTONYMS: (v) detach, open, undo
- sticking:** (n) soldering, adhesion; (adj) adhering, clinging, glutinous, viscous, stuck, projected, tenacious, closefisted, cohesive
- sticks:** (n) backwoods, firewood, frontier, outskirts, suburb, town, wilderness, brushwood, high sticks; (adj) distant
- stiff:** (adj) hard, formal, inflexible, difficult, rigorous, numb, firm, sturdy; (adj, n) stark, severe; (n) corpse. ANTONYMS: (adj) soft, supple, flexible, floppy, pliable, free, easy, loose, informal, mild, pliant
- stiffly:** (adv) firmly, stiff, awkwardly, unbendingly, difficultly, woodenly, strongly, formally, stringently,
- clumsily, strictly. ANTONYM: (adv) loosely
- stifle:** (v) smother, suffocate, repress, dampen, muffle, extinguish, strangle, quell, hush up, asphyxiate, check. ANTONYMS: (v) express, arouse, stimulate, light, exacerbate, show
- stifling:** (adj) close, oppressive, sweltering, stuffy, heavy, hot, torrid, sticky; (n) crushing, quelling, suppression. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, airy, cool, temperate
- stillness:** (n) hush, calmness, immobility, serenity, silence, quietness, peacefulness; (adj, n) calm, quiet, peace, still.
- ANTONYMS: (n) bustle, movement, uproar, motion, turbulence, turmoil, vigor, disturbance, chaos, agitation
- stimulated:** (adj) excited, ablaze, intoxicated, aroused, roused, motivated, affected, aflame, angry, angry waves, randy
- stimulating:** (adj) exciting, rousing, stirring, thrilling, stimulant, interesting, brisk, bracing, irritating, provocative, inspiring.
- ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, soothing, calming, soporific, boring, conciliatory, relaxing, uninteresting
- stirred:** (adj) excited, agitated, moved, affected, aroused, emotional, aflame, Stirn, horny, susceptible, stirred up
- stirring:** (adj) lively, exciting, alive, rousing, spirited, touching, thrilling, active; (n) agitation; (v) eventful, brisk. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressing, boring, inactive, dull, conciliatory, asleep, uninspiring, unimpressive; (n) suppression
- stocking:** (n) hosiery, boothose, trunk hose, supplying, stocking level, tights, silk stocking, nylons, nylon stocking, rayon stocking; (adj) stockinged
- stolen:** (adj) stealed, stole, stealing, steal, steals, furtive, stealthy, secret, taken, misbegotten, sly
- stomach:** (adj, v) brook, digest; (v) endure, stand, abide, bear, suffer, tolerate, take; (n) abdomen, appetite
- stone:** (n) jewel, rock, pebble, gem, calculus, gemstone, kernel, concretion; (n, v) pit; (v) lapidate, pelt
- stones:** (n) shingle, grit
- stony:** (adj) rocky, hard, rough, callous, cold, pitiless, flinty, unfeeling, obdurate, bleak, icy. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, kind
- stool:** (n) seat, bench, footstool, feces, dejection, faeces, ordure, fecal matter, droppings, bowel movement, form
- stooped:** (adj) hunched, stoop, stooping, crooked, bended, not straight, inclined, not erect, arched, asymmetrical, droopy
- stooping:** (adj) hunched, crooked, asymmetrical, not erect, not straight, corrupt; (n) patronage
- stop:** (int, n, v) hold, stand; (adj, n, v) stay, cease; (n, v) check, end, close, block, bar, arrest; (v) obstruct. ANTONYMS: (n, v) continue; (v) begin, encourage, permit, prolong, persevere, expedite, accelerate; (n) continuation, proceed, go
- stopped:** (adj) stopped up, stoped, congested, unmoving, stop, finished, stopen, stopt, blocked, stopping, stops. ANTONYMS: (adj) unstopped, moving
- stopping:** (n) stoppage, cessation, shutdown, padding, fillet, suspension, stay, discontinuance, abeyance, interruption; (adv) haltingly
- stops:** (n) Chicago, Michigan, Newmarket, boodle, halts, stop, stoppages, stopped, stopping, card game, moolah
- store:** (n, v) stock, hoard, bank, cache, supply; (n) shop, market, business; (v) accumulate, garner, keep. ANTONYMS: (v) spend, delete; (n) dearth
- stories:** (n) tale
- storm:** (n, v) rush, tempest, hail, attack, assault, charge; (v) fume; (n) shower, blizzard, hurricane, gust. ANTONYM: (n) trickle
- story:** (n, v) history, tale, narrative; (n) recital, narration, report, account, level, legend, novel, stage. ANTONYM: (n) fact
- stout:** (adj, n) sturdy, stocky, hearty; (adj) hardy, strong, robust, obese, husky, bold, corpulent, fleshy. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, slim, flimsy, cowardly, slight, skinny, fragile, weak
- stoutly:** (adv) sturdily, robustly, strongly, solidly, lustily, vigorously, toughly, resolutely, stockily, portly, obstinately. ANTONYM: (adv) feebly
- straight:** (adj) erect, honest, upright, even, fair, perpendicular, correct; (adj, adv, v) direct; (adj, adv, n) right; (adj, adv) level, flat. ANTONYMS: (adj) diluted, zigzag,

- winding, curly, curved, curvy, twisted, wavy, knotted, askew; (adv) indirectly
- straightening:** (n) tapping, straightening of a water course
- strange:** (adj) foreign, peculiar, unusual, abnormal, outlandish, irregular, odd, new, mysterious, extraordinary, curious. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, normal, familiar, typical, usual, conventional, explicable, sensible, mainstream, known, human
- strangely:** (adv) curiously, queerly, unusually, funnily, peculiarly, weirdly, marvelously, uncommonly, extraordinarily, singularly, bizarrely. ANTONYMS: (adv) typically, ordinarily, harmoniously
- stranger:** (n) foreigner, outsider, newcomer, outlander, immigrant, intruder, unknown, tramontane, trespasser; (adj) foreign, strange. ANTONYMS: (n) pal, native, associate, resident, familiar
- strangers:** (n) stranger
- straw:** (n) rush, stalk, drinking straw, chaff, fig, bran; (adj) feather, cobweb, mote, gossamer; (v) strew
- streaked:** (adj) veined, striped, streaky, brindled, lined, mottled, virgated, patterned; (v) areolar, cancellated, grated
- streaks:** (n) stripes, cords
- stream:** (adj, n, prep, v) current, course; (n, prep, v) flood; (n, v) brook, run, crowd, jet, gush; (n) river; (v) pour, swarm. ANTONYMS: (n) shortage; (v) drizzle
- streaming:** (adj) flowing, flapping, detached, incoherent, baggy, slack, relaxed, loose, lax; (n) cyclosis; (v) disheveled
- street:** (n) road, avenue, way, highway, route, lane, neighborhood, path, track, boulevard, Main Street
- strength:** (n, v) power; (n) energy, firmness, endurance, stability, potency, health, soundness; (adj, n, v) might; (adj, n) vigor, intensity. ANTONYMS: (n) frailty, shortcoming, flaw, faintness, powerlessness, moderation, limitation, instability, impotence, feebleness, disadvantage
- stretch:** (adj, n, v) strain; (adj, v) extend, elongate, lengthen; (n) extent, expanse; (v) prolong, draw; (n, v) run, spread, range. ANTONYMS: (v) shorten, shrink, withdraw, narrow, relax; (adj)
- inflexible
- stretched:** (adj) extended, stiff, tight, tense, stretched out, strained, expanded, outstretched, elongated, outspread, prolonged. ANTONYMS: (adj) loose, short
- stretching:** (n) tension, stretch, expansion, workout, reach, amplification, stretchiness, enlargement; (adj) stretched, long; (v) extend
- strike:** (n, v) hit, beat, bang, knock, assault, slap, clap, rap, smash; (v) impress, move. ANTONYMS: (n) defense; (v) extinguish, defend
- string:** (n) chain, twine, strand, series, filament; (adj, n) file, row, range, rank; (n, v) run, thread. ANTONYM: (v) unstring
- strings:** (n) string, string section, sway, control, dealings, domination, jurisdiction, terms, condition, command, provision
- stringy:** (adj) tough, ropy, muscular, fibrous, sinewy, glutinous, brawny, thready, tenacious, sticky, filamentous. ANTONYMS: (adj) plump, luxuriant
- strip:** (v) deprive, despoil, peel, rifle, plunder, divest, denude, ransack, pillage; (n) band, slip. ANTONYMS: (v) decorate, cover, add
- striped:** (adj) stripy, brindled, variegated, lined, banded, virgated, zoned, paled, with stripes
- stroke:** (adj, n) blow; (n, v) touch, caress, mark, buffet, lick, pat; (n) beat, hit, knock, bang
- stroking:** (v) caress, strike, blow; (n) cam stroke, feeling, effleurage, diagonal, CVA, commendation, glide, slash
- strong:** (adj) intense, able, firm, stable, steady, solid, hard, lusty; (adj, v) deep, sound; (adj, n, v) steadfast. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, pale, unconvincing, slight, feeble, frail, bland, faint, delicate, mild, lightweight
- stronger:** (adj) reprobate, insensible, reproof, iniquity, hardening, shameless, graceless, immoralities, ministry; (v) Milman, misery
- strongly:** (adv) firmly, vigorously, robustly, violently, solidly, vehemently, sturdily, hardily, mightily, energetically, severely. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, dimly, faintly, feebly, gently, loosely, slightly, submissively, thinly, languorously, impassively
- struck:** (adj, v) smitten; (v) stroke; (adj) affected, afflicted, doting, doty, enamored, gaga, hurt, in love, infatuated
- struggle:** (n, v) contest, battle, conflict, combat, strain, endeavor, attempt, dispute, quarrel; (n) effort, exertion. ANTONYMS: (v) flourish; (n) ease, surrender, friendship
- stubborn:** (adj) contrary, hard, intractable, perverse, rigid, determined, persistent, refractory, tenacious, obdurate, inveterate. ANTONYMS: (adj) compliant, irresolute, flexible, amenable, docile, easygoing, malleable, agreeable, accommodating, cooperative, feeble
- stubbornly:** (adv) obdurately, mulishly, persistently, doggedly, tenaciously, unyieldingly, firmly, waywardly, contrarily, pertinaciously, insistently. ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, helpfully, openly, hesitantly
- stuck:** (adj) stranded, jammed, delayed, fast; (adj, adv) aground; (n) stuck ware, thrust, sticking; (v) stucked, fasten, attach. ANTONYMS: (adj) unstuck, loose
- studded:** (adj) mucicated, bristling, peopled, crowded, manifold, multinominal, multiple, multiplied, multitudinous, populous; (v) freckled
- study:** (n, v) examine, review, survey, research; (v) learn, check, contemplate, ponder, inquire; (n) consideration, learning. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect; (v) skim
- stuff:** (v) fill, jam, pack, ram, squeeze, pad; (n) material, cloth, matter, gear; (n, v) force. ANTONYMS: (v) starve, unpack, empty
- stuffed:** (adj) crammed, packed, congested, replete, loaded, filled, fraught, chock-full, crowded, jammed, gorged. ANTONYMS: (adj) hungry, lacking
- stumbling:** (adj) lurching, astounding, hesitant, halting, awkward, astonishing, maladroit, clumsy, weaving; (adv) stumblingly; (n) hesitation. ANTONYM: (adj) firm
- stump:** (n) stub, end, pulpit; (v) confuse, stamp, baffle, perplex, nonplus, puzzle, bewilder, mystify. ANTONYM: (v) explain
- stupid:** (adj, n) foolish, silly, simple, absurd; (adj, adv, n) dull; (adj) idiotic, ridiculous, senseless, fatuous, crass, insane. ANTONYMS: (adj) wise, clever, bright, intelligent,

- shrewd, prudent, responsible, smart, great, sensitive, useful
- sturdy:** (adj) strong, stout, solid, rugged, firm, mighty, robust, healthy, muscular; (adj, n) burly, brawny. ANTONYMS: (adj) flimsy, puny, fragile, rickety, slight, ramshackle, infirm, frail, feeble, delicate, soft
- subject:** (n) matter, citizen, motif, question, issue, affair, point, national; (adj, v) exposed; (adj, n) dependent, inferior. ANTONYMS: (n) foreigner, resolution; (adj) impervious
- subservient:** (adj) submissive, subordinate, obsequious, accessory, obedient, servile, slavish, ancillary, menial, compliant, humble. ANTONYMS: (adj) disobedient, independent, superior, assertive
- substantial:** (adj) actual, firm, real, strong, palpable, significant, considerable, important, essential, sturdy, momentous. ANTONYMS: (adj) insubstantial, small, fine, worthless, ethereal, marginal, abstract, unimportant, waiflike, intangible, incorporeal
- suck:** (v) nurse, drink, imbibe, suckle, absorb, lactate, puff, drain, pull, suck up; (n) sucking. ANTONYM: (v) rock
- sudden:** (adj) precipitous, quick, abrupt, hasty, rash, unexpected, steep, unforeseen, drastic, immediate, swift. ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, slow, gentle, leisurely, protracted, sensible, smooth
- suddenly:** (adj, adv) quickly, rapidly, immediately, presto; (adv) hastily, short, all at once, sudden, sharply, unexpectedly, instantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) increasingly, predictably, slowly, gently, progressively, sensibly, eventually
- sufficient:** (adj) adequate, proper, commensurate, competent, good, acceptable, apt, ample, full; (adj, n) enough; (adv) quite. ANTONYMS: (adj) inadequate, insufficient, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, impossible, appalling
- sufficiently:** (adv) fully, satisfactorily, enough, amply, quite, properly, competently, decently, abundantly, goodly, completely. ANTONYM: (adv) inadequately
- sugar:** (n) darling, saccharide, carbohydrate, love, beloved, jaggary; (adj, n) dear; (v) saccharify, sweeten, dulcify, edulcorate
- suggest:** (v) offer, imply, indicate, propose, submit, advise, intimate, hint, counsel, proffer, point. ANTONYMS: (v) contraindicate, oppose, reject
- suggested:** (adj) advisable, proposed, tacit, optional, not compulsory, nominal, implied
- suggestion:** (n) advice, intimation, proposal, counsel, allusion, sign, trace, proposition, recommendation; (n, v) touch, dash. ANTONYMS: (n) warning, practice
- suggestive:** (adj, v) expressive; (adj) obscene, spicy, allusive, graphic, smutty, significative, narrative, meaningful, epic, implicative
- sulky:** (adj) gloomy, grouchy, morose, surly, peevish, moody, dismal, cross, petulant, crabby; (adj, v) glum. ANTONYMS: (adj) resimmered, cheerful; (n) cheeriness
- summer:** (n) summertime, joist, rafter, beam, scaffold, season, skeleton, corner stone, lintel, transom, girder. ANTONYM: (n) winter
- sunday:** (n) sun, sabbath, week, day of rest; (adj) not forged, resulting favorably, full, good, right, just, morally admirable
- sung:** (v) sing; (n) call, sung dynasty, strain, song dynasty, song, birdsong, birdcall; (adj) spoken, outspoken, choral
- sunlight:** (n) sunshine, daylight, the sun, positive, solar, sunbeam, brightness, sunbeams, rays, shaft, beam
- sunlit:** (adj) bright, light, sunstruck, lighter. ANTONYM: (adj) dark
- sunny:** (adj) bright, clear, gay, cheerful, merry, blithe, shiny, shining, radiant, brilliant, fair. ANTONYMS: (adj) overcast, dull, shady, unhappy, cloudy, sad, miserable, gloomy, unpleasant
- sunrise:** (n) dawn, sunup, daybreak, daylight, aurora, first light, dayspring, twilight, dawning, break of day, crack of dawn. ANTONYMS: (n) sunset, sundown, nightfall
- sunset:** (n) dusk, sundown, nightfall, twilight, night, sunseting, periodic event, crepuscule, atmospheric phenomenon, hour, recurrent event. ANTONYMS: (n) sunrise, daybreak
- sunshine:** (n) sunlight, sun, day, light, fair weather, gladness, shine, glee, sunbeam, delight, brightness
- superb:** (adj) beautiful, brilliant, magnificent, exquisite, gorgeous, super, rich, marvelous, grand, excellent, glorious. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, inferior, terrible, meager, abysmal, dire, humble, inglorious, ugly, unattractive, unimpressive
- supper:** (n) meal, tea, lunch, repast, reception, mealtime, siesta, social affair; (v) dejeuner, beber, whet
- supplied:** (n) supplying; (adj) adequate, ample, copious, complete, fitted, impregnated, made pregnant, offered, perfect, plenteous. ANTONYM: (adj) unavailable
- support:** (n, v) stand, aid, keep, prop, comfort, patronage; (adj, n, v) assist; (v) brace; (adj, v) encourage, back; (n) maintenance. ANTONYMS: (n, v) neglect; (v) undermine, reject, weaken, abandon, condemn, contradict, disapprove, release; (n) hindrance, opposition
- supported:** (adj) sustained, backed, bolstered, based; (v) borne, carried, conveyed, supporting; (adv) on
- suppose:** (v) infer, guess, speculate, divine, presume, conjecture, reckon, imagine, estimate, consider, assume. ANTONYMS: (v) disbelieve, know, measure, despair, doubt, speculate
- supposed:** (adj) hypothetical, reputed, alleged, assumed, imaginary, putative, apparent, ostensible, suppositional, supposititious, suppositious. ANTONYM: (adj) actual
- suppressed:** (adj) stifled, smothered, strangled, repressed, downtrodden, buried, hidden, pent-up, latent, untold; (n) subordinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) publicized, overt
- sure:** (adj) secure, reliable, safe, indisputable, dependable, assured, positive; (adj, v) steady, firm; (adv) certainly; (adj, adv) for certain. ANTONYMS: (adj) doubtful, uncertain, unsure, hesitant, humbled, dubious, indefinite, wavering, wobbly, unconvicted; (adv) doubtfully
- surely:** (adv) positively, definitely, confidently, securely, undoubtedly, clearly, firmly, assuredly, absolutely; (adj, adv) really; (adv, int) of course. ANTONYMS: (adv) questionably, uncertain, weakly
- surly:** (adj) sullen, grumpy, peevish, crusty, churlish, grouchy, gruff, morose; (adj, n) harsh, rude; (adj, adv) unfriendly. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, gentle, pleasant, courteous, easygoing, friendly

surprise: (n) fright, amazement, wonder, astonishment; (n, v) alarm, shock, jolt; (v) amaze, startle, astonish, stun. ANTONYMS: (n) expectation; (v) encourage, comfort

surprised: (adj) amazed, dumbfounded, shocked, astounded, stunned, taken aback, bewildered, startled, surprise, aghast, to be astonished. ANTONYM: (adj) unsurprised

surprising: (adj, n) marvelous, strange, incredible; (adj) amazing, remarkable, wonderful, shocking, extraordinary, striking, unusual; (adj, v) startling. ANTONYMS: (adj) predictable, comforting, ordinary, normal, unremarkable

surrounding: (prep) round, about; (adj) encompassing, encircling, environmental, circumambient, adjoining; (adv) around; (n) surroundings, circumstances, enclosing

suspect: (v) mistrust, suppose, distrust, conjecture, guess, surmise, divine, disbelieve; (adj) fishy, questionable, shady. ANTONYMS: (adj) trustworthy, trusted, innocent, reliable, credible, aboveboard; (n) plaintiff; (v) know, believe

suspicion: (n) distrust, inkling, misgiving, hunch, qualm, scruple, surmise, supposition; (n, v) doubt, mistrust, fear. ANTONYMS: (n) certainty, knowledge, information, carelessness, recklessness, certitude

swallow: (n, v) drink, gulp, taste, sip, swig; (v) bolt, consume, devour, accept, stomach, endure. ANTONYMS: (n, v) sip; (v) doubt, expel, disbelieve, reject, express

swallowed: (adj) engulfed, gulped, inundated, overcome, overwhelmed, flooded, overpowered, enclosed

swarm: (n) host, horde, multitude, drove, throng, cloud, assembly; (n, v) mob; (v) teem, pour; (adj) shoal. ANTONYMS: (v) retreat; (n) few

sway: (n, v) command, rule, control, rock, stagger, roll; (v) oscillate, reel, lurch, shake; (n) reign. ANTONYMS: (v) stay, dissuade, discourage

swaying: (adj) swinging, convincing, oscillating, influential, persuasive, moving, lilted, groggy; (n) floating, manipulation

sweat: (n, v) work, toil, struggle; (v) perspire, drudge, exude; (n) perspiration, lather, sudor, effort;

(adj) perspiring. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore; (n) entertainment, ease, relaxation

sweep: (adj, v) brush, rake; (n, v) range, reach, sway; (n) compass, expanse, scope, field; (v) sail; (adj, n) curve

sweet: (adj) fresh, mellow, lovable, dear, pleasant, musical, melodious, pleasing, sugary; (adj, v) lovely; (adj, n) beloved. ANTONYMS: (adj) discordant, bitter, acid, sharp, acidic, pungent, salty, harsh, detestable, cacophonous, dry

sweetly: (adv) pleasantly, sweet, mildly, melodically, melodiously, softly, syrupily, beautifully, pleasingly, dulcetly, fairly. ANTONYMS: (adv) discordantly, horribly, sharply, harshly, unkindly

sweetness: (n) sugariness, sweet, redolence, pleasantness, fragrance, aroma, charm, perfume, amenity, niceness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (n) sourness, sharpness, unpleasantness, harshness, tastelessness, unkindness

sweets: (n) confectionery, julep, grocery, confiture, instantaneous sweet

sweet-scented: (adj) fragrant

swelled: (adj) big, inflated, bloated, swollen, adult, boastful, bighearted, bad, fully grown, crowing, elder

swelling: (n) protuberance, lump, swell, intumescence, growth, projection, prominence, bulge, dropsy; (adj, v) inflated; (adj) growing. ANTONYM: (n) decline

swept: (adj) clean

swiftly: (adv) rapidly, speedily, fleetly, promptly, expeditiously, alertly, hastily, suddenly, readily; (adj, adv) quickly, fast. ANTONYMS: (adv) eventually, sluggishly, gradually

swim: (n) dip, swimming, bathing, diving; (adj) rise; (v) hover, spin, drift, spire, plane, reel

swing: (n, v) sway, sweep, turn, change, beat; (v) fluctuate, oscillate, dangle, rock, vibrate; (adj, v) hang

swinging: (adj) swaying, excessive, lilted, inordinate, hanging, exorbitant, pendulous, outrageous, preposterous, extravagant; (n) slewing

swish: (adj) classy, swanky, fashionable, smart, stylish, deluxe; (v) lap, rustle, sizzle, whiz; (n) cyclic noise. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfashionable, inelegant, unstylish,

Spartan, meager; (n) silence

switzerland: (n) Suisse, Schweiz, Svizzera

swollen: (adj, v) inflated, distended; (adj) bombastic, puffy, turgid, puffed, high, egotistic, bulging; (v) blown; (adj, prep) pompous. ANTONYMS: (adj) contracted, shrunken

sympathetic: (adj, v) compassionate, tender, affectionate; (adj, n) kindly, congenial, humane, gentle, favorable; (adj) merciful, agreeable, friendly. ANTONYMS: (adj) hardhearted, unfeeling, callous, uncaring, unsociable, unforgiving, unfriendly, negative, sarcastic, opposed, unhelpful

sympathetically: (adv) compassionately, tenderly, considerately, agreeably, favorably, sensitively, caringly, benevolently, thoughtfully, mercifully, humanely. ANTONYMS: (adv) meanly, thoughtlessly, unfeelingly, severely, unkindly, roughly, negatively, disappointingly, cruelly, tactlessly

sympathy: (n) compassion, kindness, commiseration, mercy, feeling, understanding, rapport, benevolence, agreement; (adj, n) humanity, charity. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, cruelty, coldness, disdain, incompatibility, thoughtlessness, mercilessness, callousness, incomprehension, inhumanity, insensitivity

table: (n) board, schedule, chart, stand, list, desk, plateau, platen; (v) defer, shelve, postpone. ANTONYMS: (v) decide, vote, withdraw

factless: (adj) impolitic, maladroit, clumsy, tasteless, indiscreet, indelicate, blunt, thoughtless, awkward, insensitive, inept. ANTONYMS: (adj) diplomatic, thoughtful, discreet, considerate, fitting, careful, tasteful, sensitive, urbane, appropriate, kind

tail: (n, v) shadow, trail; (v) follow, track, pursue, dog, tag, chase; (n) behind, posterior, butt. ANTONYMS: (n, v) head, front; (v) lead

taken: (adj) occupied, full, interpreted, appropriated, seized, overcome, affected, besotted; (v) take, get, receive. ANTONYMS: (adj) given, free

takin: (n) gnu goat, goat antelope

taking: (adj) fetching, attractive,

- contagious, winning, catching, fascinating, captivating; (n) capture, receipt, angry mood, acharnement. ANTONYM: (n) rejection
- talk:** (n, v) discourse, gossip, converse, lecture, chatter, chat, address; (v) articulate, speak, prattle; (n) language. ANTONYMS: (v) refuse; (n) silence
- talkative:** (adj, v) loquacious; (adj) garrulous, chatty, gabby, verbose, gossipy, glib, communicative, voluble, talky, wordy. ANTONYMS: (adj) reserved, mute, silent, shy, quiet, uncommunicative, restrained, reticent
- talking:** (n) talk, conversation, nothingness, speech, speaking, verbal communication, words, yak, language; (adj) sound, levelheaded. ANTONYM: (adj) silent
- talks:** (n) parley, discussion, dialogue, diplomacy, arbitration, mediation, conversation, discussions, conference, meeting, dialog
- tall:** (adj) elevated, high, exalted, big, lanky, towering, eminent, unbelievable, strapping, long, gangling. ANTONYMS: (adj) low, small, sensible, reasonable, little, believable, easy, stocky
- tame:** (v) break, subdue, soften, domesticate; (adj) meek, docile, bland, domestic, gentle, slow; (adj, v) moderate. ANTONYMS: (adj) exciting, bright, unmanageable, interesting, untamed, inspiring, brilliant, colorful, rebellious, lively
- tamed:** (adj) tame, broken, domesticated, under control, tamer, meek, gentle, domestic, docile, controlled, cultivated
- tangle:** (v) entangle, embroil, enmesh, embrangle, ruffle, mat; (n) maze, confusion; (n, v) jumble, muddle, knot. ANTONYMS: (n) order, line, peace; (v) unravel, undo, untangle, straighten
- tangled:** (adj) involved, complex, knotted, intricate, complicated, entangled, knotty, convoluted, disheveled, tousled, matted. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, straightforward, untangled, neat, simple
- tantrum:** (n) fit, rage, scene, mood, sulk, temper, anger, tiff, fit of anger, bad temper, conniption. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, calm
- tantrums:** (n) angry mood, acharnement, pet, fit, passion, grumpiness, tiff, towering passion, irritability, crabbiness, peevishness
- tapestry:** (n) arras, tapis, textile, embroidery, hanging, carpet, cloth, complexity, fabric, material, mending
- taught:** (adj) instructed, educated, schooled, instruct, well-bred, scholarly, provided; (v) firm, fast, close, taut
- teach:** (v) enlighten, educate, instruct, coach, indoctrinate, drill, learn, lecture, school; (adj, v) guide, show
- teaching:** (n) education, instruction, indoctrination, precept, pedagogy, schooling, doctrine, training, lesson, advice, tuition
- tear:** (n, v) rip, break, split, rupture, crack, run, slit; (v) pull, rend, lacerate; (adj, v) rush. ANTONYMS: (v) wait, mend, idle, fix, amble, dawdle
- tears:** (n) cry, crying, snivel, brine, weeping, activity, bawling, bodily function, bodily process, body process, lacerations
- tease:** (n, v) annoy; (adj, v) molest, harry, worry, bait; (v) taunt, kid, pester, plague, provoke, mock. ANTONYM: (v) placate
- teasing:** (n) tease, play, joke, fun, banter; (adj) quizzical, vexatious, pestering, annoying, playful; (v) worrying. ANTONYM: (n) seriousness
- teeth:** (v) mortar and pestle, gristmill, nutmeg grater, grater, file, arrastra, rasp, mill, unguis, tentacle; (n) gear teeth
- tell:** (n, v) disclose, impart, count; (v) relate, reveal, recount, divulge, explain, communicate; (adj, v) declare, express. ANTONYMS: (v) request, misunderstand, estimate, listen, figure, guess, withhold, conceal, suppress, confuse
- telling:** (adj, v) significant; (adj) revealing, emphatic, impressive, effectual, effective, pregnant, cogent; (n) relation, recounting, notice. ANTONYMS: (adj) secretive, unimportant, insignificant, hidden
- temper:** (adj, v) moderate, soften, mitigate, harden; (n) character, disposition, humor, nature; (v) modify, season, qualify. ANTONYMS: (n, v) upset; (v) soften, agitate, excite, flex, bend, increase; (n) composure, happiness, wrath, equanimity
- tempered:** (adj) attempered, temperate, moderated, toughened, subdued, set, enured, proportioned, properly adapted, emotionally hardened, treated. ANTONYM: (adj) untempered
- temple:** (n) church, place of worship, shrine, Fane, house of worship, pantheon, pagoda, synagogue, brow, sanctuary, mosque
- temples:** (n) brow
- temporarily:** (adv) for the time being, transitorily, transiently, temporally, momentarily, for a moment, ephemerally, makeshiftly, interimly, impermanently, evanescently. ANTONYMS: (adv) permanently, enduringly, everlastingly
- tempt:** (adj, v) attract, allure; (v) entice, decoy, charm, inveigle, invite, coax, seduce, fascinate, attempt. ANTONYMS: (v) discourage, appall, repel
- tempting:** (adj) seductive, alluring, attractive, enticing, tantalizing, charming, appealing, captivating, beguiling, delicious, irresistible. ANTONYMS: (adj) repulsive, revolting, unattractive, repellent
- tend:** (v) incline, lean, nurse, guard, attend, run, nurture, contribute, gravitate, go, nourish. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, abandon
- tender:** (n, v) offer, proffer, bid; (adj, v) affectionate; (adj) painful, sensitive, soft, loving, sore; (v) propose, present. ANTONYMS: (adj) hardhearted, rubbery, hard, rough, uncaring, healthy, mature, unfeeling, cold, experienced; (v) withdraw
- tenderly:** (adv) softly, kindly, delicately, affectionately, fondly, warmly, painfully, sensitively, caringly, sympathetically, gently. ANTONYMS: (adv) roughly, severely, disapprovingly, harshly
- tenderness:** (n) fondness, soreness, love, affection, sympathy; (adj, n) clemency, mildness, compassion, gentleness, softness, delicacy. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, dryness, hatred, strength, detachment
- tending:** (n) care, hairdressing, aid, treatment, attention, babysitting, incubation; (adj) apt, conducive, prone, disposed
- terrace:** (n) veranda, bench, porch, balcony, yard, ledge, platform, portico, backyard, area, accommodation
- terrible:** (adj) horrible, dreadful, horrid, monstrous, abominable, ghastly, dire, appalling, fearful,

awful, hideous. ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, pleasant, great, laudable, excellent, superb, mild, slight, minor, brilliant, insignificant
terrified: (adj) afraid, frightened, fearful, panicky, panicked, aghast, timid, timorous, apprehensive, startled, alarmed. ANTONYMS: (adj) fearless, brave

terror: (n, v) alarm, scare; (adj, n) dread, awe; (n) fear, dismay, consternation, horror, panic, apprehension, scourge.

ANTONYMS: (n) peace, security, delight, calm, confidence

testily: (adv) irritably, pettishly, peevishly, grumpily, fretfully, waspishly, tetchily, crankily, touchily, snappishly, cantankerously

thank: (v) give thanks, recognize, bless, thanks, give thanks to, convey, acknowledged, remercy, impart

thankful: (adj) appreciative, indebted, beholden, obliged, contented, pleased, gratified, relieved, under obligation, appreciatory, welcome.

ANTONYMS: (adj) worried, unappreciative, unthankful, sorry

thankfully: (adv) gratefully, obligedly, beholdenly, indebtedly, pleasedly, fortunately, happily, unreservedly, with enthusiasm, with pleasure, freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) unfortunately, unwillingly

thanking: (n) curtain call, appreciation, acknowledgement, blessing

themselves: (pron) myself, itself, yourself; (n) yourselves

thick: (adj) compact, stupid, crowded, slow, opaque, dull, heavy, stocky, deep, close, familiar.

ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, intelligent, sparse, bright, slight, clever, transparent, diluted, fine, clear, runny

thickening: (n) thickener, inspissation, growth, lymph node, pommel, indiscernibility, node, bodying up, lymph gland, knob, indivisibility

thickly: (adv) deeply, heavily, thick, viscously, thicksetly, solidly, dully, dumbly, compactly, closely, turbidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) thinly, finely, slightly, sparsely, loosely, distinctly

thin: (adj) tenuous, flimsy, light, fine, emaciated; (adj, v) lean, gaunt, slight, sheer, meager, dilute.

ANTONYMS: (adj) fat, concentrated, chubby, plump, wide, heavy, broad, strong, resonant, solid; (v) thicken

thing: (n) affair, occurrence, object, event, concern, something, article, happening, substance, occasion, being

things: (n) gear, belongings, equipment, garb, garment, clothes, paraphernalia, goods, life, property, palliament

thinking: (n) consideration, idea, opinion, reasoning, intellection, cogitation, conception, contemplation; (adj) intelligent, thoughtful, meditative

thinness: (n) slenderness, slimness, tenuity, leanness, rarity, narrowness, slightness, fluidity, fluidness, maceration, emaciation.

ANTONYMS: (n) plumpness, stoutness, width, thickness, fatness, roundness, coarseness, strength

third: (n) second, tierce, three, third part, terzetto, hot corner, third base; (adv) thirdly; (adj) triple, thrid, tertial

thirsty: (adj) eager, arid, parched, avid, keen, athirst, greedy, absorbent, ambitious; (v) craving, hungry. ANTONYMS: (adj) quenched, satisfied, disinterested, wet

thirteen: (n) long dozen, large integer

thirty: (n) large integer, termination; (adj) thretty

thistle: (adj) porcupine, beard, hedgehog, feather, mote, chevaux de frise, dust, down, brier; (n) nodding thistle, carline thistle

thorn: (n) barb, prickle, bramble, spike, point, brier, pricker, needle, sticker, fang; (adj, n) sting

thoroughly: (adv, v) fully; (adv) entirely, totally, soundly, exhaustively, carefully, absolutely, perfectly, deeply, utterly, exactly.

ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, incompletely, negligently, partially, partly, barely, halfheartedly, deficiently, inadequately, insufficiently, hastily

though: (adj, conj) however; (conj) still, notwithstanding, nevertheless, albeit, whereas, while; (adv) even, after all, tho'; (adv, conj) tho

thought: (n) idea, impression, conception, belief, concept; (adj, n) opinion, feeling, sentiment; (n, v) consideration, reflection, observation. ANTONYMS: (n) thing,

vacuity, vacancy, concrete, thoughtlessness, inattention, impulsiveness, certainty, neglect, trust

thoughtful: (adj, v) serious, solemn, grave; (adj) kind, careful, pensive, heedful, attentive, discreet, sensible, courteous. ANTONYMS: (adj) thoughtless, careless, heedless, uncaring, unkind, tactless, superficial, stupid, negligent, idiotic, unthinking

thoughtfully: (adv) considerately, carefully, kindly, reflectively, meditatively, attentively, solemnly, contemplatively, seriously, prudently, cautiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) unsympathetically, unthinkingly, carelessly, contentedly, rashly, inconsiderately, selfishly, meanly, insensitively, tactlessly, cruelly

thoughts: (n) mind, opinion, depth of thought, feelings, reflection, ideas, workings of the mind, view, stance, position, considered opinion

thousand: (adj, n) one thousand, k, m; (n) grand, g, thou, cat Valium, constant of gravitation, grounds, curtilage; (adj) a thousand

thousands: (n) myriad, much, many
threatened: (adj) vulnerable, in jeopardy, exposed, endangered, doomed, at risk

threatening: (adj) ominous, forbidding, sinister, minatory, black, imminent, perilous, impending, dangerous, grave, sullen.

ANTONYMS: (adj) reassuring, nice, approachable, pleasant, promising, favorable, friendly, harmless, hospitable, soothing

threateningly: (adv) sinisterly, ominously, seriously, warningly, perilously, gloomily, dangerously, minatorily, grimly, minaciously, loweringly

thrill: (n, v) delight, shudder, quiver, shiver; (v) excite, exhilarate, exalt, stir; (n) shake, excitement, chill.

ANTONYMS: (v) dishearten, discourage, disappoint, displease; (n) depression, calm, boredom, agony, sorrow; (n, v) bore

thrilling: (adj, n) electric; (adj) exciting, sensational, exhilarating, electrifying, emotional, rousing, gripping, stimulating; (adj, v) impressive; (n, v) swelling.

ANTONYMS: (adj) boring, depressing, discouraging, upsetting, uninspiring

thrive: (adj, v) prosper; (v) flourish, grow, advance, blossom, succeed, increase, bloom, get ahead, boom; (adj) luxuriate. ANTONYMS: (v) deteriorate, fail, languish, struggle, decrease

throat: (n) orifice, pharynx, gorge, mouth, muzzle, nozzle, sucker, shaft, quarl, throat depth, nostril

throughout: (prep) during; (adv, prep) about; (adv) every inch, in extenso, en masse, on the whole, bodily, en bloc, passim, everywhere, thoroughly

throw: (n, v) cast, pitch, push; (v) shed, hurl, heave, chuck, flip, pass, hurtle; (n) shot. ANTONYMS: (v) explain, help, receive, clarify, encourage

thrown: (adj) puzzled, confused, thrown and twisted, upset, disconcerted, unnerved, terrified, scared out of your wits, mystified, frightened; (n) reminder.

ANTONYM: (adj) calm

thrush: (n) mavis, ouzel, White-rumped thrush, candidiasis, blackbird, bluethroat, fieldfare, merl, moniliasis, oussel, philomel

thrushes: (n) family Turridae

thrust: (n, v) poke, stab, jab, drive, shove, force, punch, boost, cast, dig; (v) ram. ANTONYM: (n) inertia

thumb: (v) feel, flip, handle, leaf, touch, flick, hitch, riff; (n) pollex, bull nose, forefinger

thump: (n, v) thud, bang, bump, knock, hit, strike, cuff, punch, crash, crack; (v) pound. ANTONYM: (v) tiptoe

tidy: (adj, v) clean, trim; (adj) spruce, shipshape, respectable, natty; (v) clear, straighten, clear up, clean up, arrange. ANTONYMS: (adj)

knotted, disheveled, disorganized, messy, slovenly, hairy, unsubstantial, dense; (v) litter, disorganize, disorder

tied: (adj) bound, connected, laced, united, fixed, even, liable, tight, spiked, responsible, attached.

ANTONYMS: (adj) untied, unclad

tigers: (n) raccoons, snow leopards, Carnivora, skunks, Tamil tigers, bears, cheetahs, cats, order Carnivora, dogs, jackals

tight: (adj, v) narrow, parsimonious, compact, stingy; (adj, adv, v) fast, firm; (adj) mean, taut, secure, snug, tense. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, baggy, slack, wide, easy, open, leaky, giving, free, floppy; (adv)

loosely

tightened: (adj) secure, securer, firm

tightening: (n) clamping, thinning, tapering, alteration, modification, narrowing, reduction, adjustment.

ANTONYM: (n) expansion

tightly: (adv) closely, steadily, tautly, strictly, securely, densely, stiffly, solidly, tipsily, stably, parsimoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) loosely, insecurely, sparsely

till: (conj, prep) until, unto; (v) plow, hoe, farm, dig; (adj) up to; (n) tiller, drawer; (adv) so far; (prep) to

tilted: (adj) leaning, slanting, inclined, oblique, crooked, slanted, atilt, askew, sloping, at an angle, uneven. ANTONYM: (adj) upright

tilting: (adj) slanting, leaning, sloping, oblique, lopsided, fighting; (n) single wheel tilting, shearing, overturning

times: (n) present time, modern times, contemporary world, multiplication, time, period, era, many years duration, epoch, present, arithmetic operation

timid: (adj) shy, afraid, diffident, coy, bashful, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, modest; (adj, adv) cowardly; (adj, n) cautious.

ANTONYMS: (adj, n) brave; (adj) confident, bold, fearless, resolute, forward, daring, brazen, extrovert, brash, talkative

tinge: (n, v) color, hue, tint, dye, stain, touch, tincture; (n) shade, cast, undertone; (adj, n, v) dash.

ANTONYMS: (v) whiten, pale; (n) white, information, pallor

finiest: (adj) minimum, smallest possible, least possible, lowest, lowest possible, smallest.

ANTONYM: (adj) maximum

tint: (n, v) color, tinge, hue, stain, dye, tinct; (n) shade, tincture, tone, cast; (v) paint. ANTONYMS: (n) white, pallor; (v) whiten, pale

tiny: (adj) minute, minuscule, small, diminutive, petty, infinitesimal, midget, teeny, puny, petite, slight.

ANTONYMS: (adj) huge, enormous, vast, gigantic, large, big, considerable, roomy, significant, giant, immeasurable

tire: (n, v) bore, jade; (adj, n, v) fatigue; (v) exhaust, harass, fag, weary, wear, pall, prostrate; (n) tyre.

ANTONYMS: (v) interest,

invigorate, energize

tired: (adj, v) fatigued, weary, exhausted, stale; (adj) threadbare,

commonplace, trite, banal, haggard, stock, jaded. ANTONYMS: (adj) invigorated, alert, refreshed, energetic, original, strong, awake, energized, lively, rested, relaxed

tiredness: (n) fatigue, lassitude, weariness, asthenopia, grogginess, staleness, unoriginality, triteness, temporary state, stupor, sleepiness.

ANTONYMS: (n) wakefulness, originality, alertness

tires: (v) pressure release valve, safety valve

tiresome: (adj) tedious, dull, laborious, irksome, monotonous, annoying, slow, dreary, bothersome; (adj, v) wearisome, troublesome.

ANTONYMS: (adj) stimulating, fun,

varied, soothing, pleasant, brisk,

exciting, convenient, refreshing

firing: (adj) tiresome, exhausting, wearing, hard, laborious, arduous, grueling, boring, wearisome, onerous, strenuous. ANTONYMS:

(adj) easy, undemanding, light,

refreshing, empty, interesting

toast: (n, v) pledge, drink, plight; (v) roast, burn, bake, wassail, parch, crisp, inflame; (n) rusk

today: (adj, n) present; (adv) these days, currently, nowadays, presently, at present, right away, immediately; (n) modern times; (adj) modern, recent. ANTONYM: (adv)

yesterday

together: (adv) in concert, conjointly, at the same time, at once, simultaneously, mutually, in unison, all together, at the same moment;

(adj) united, stable. ANTONYMS:

(adv) separately, individually,

independently, apart, alone; (adj)

separate, upset, unstable, separated,

imbalanced, scatterbrained

told: (v) related, narrated; (adj) numbered, oral, spoken, legendary, verbal, manifest

tomorrow: (adv) kal, never; (n) solar day, mean solar day, time to come, day

tone: (n) note, accent, timbre, spirit, tinge, shade, air, sound, tint, manner; (n, v) color. ANTONYMS: (n) atonicity, flaccidity; (v) jar

tongue: (n) lingua, speech, idiom, dialect, clapper, glossa, natural language, striker, talk; (v) lick; (adj) flowing

tonight: (adv) this night

took: (adj) taken; (v) receive

tools: (n) tackle, apparatus, gear, appliance, machinery, utensil,

- rigging, knowledge, skill, factory, expertise
- toothache:** (v) tic douloureux, torticollis, tormina; (n) aerodontalgia
- topmost:** (adj) highest, upmost, upper, maximum, uppermost, head, supreme, utmost, crowning, apical, uttermost. ANTONYM: (adj) bottom
- tops:** (n) apex, pinnacle, pick; (adj) champion, elite, fabulous, leading, outstanding, uppermost, superb, superlative
- tor:** (adj, prep) lacerated, rent, mangled; (adj) ripped, tattered, blasted, lacerate, shabby, goddamned, infernal, made uninhabitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) pristine, sure, resolute, healed, decided, mended
- torrent:** (n) flood, cloudburst, overflow, stream, downpour, rain, shower, soaker, inundation; (adj, n) volley, eruption. ANTONYMS: (n) drought, trickle, shower
- torrents:** (n) white water, rapids
- totter:** (v) stumble, shake, falter, lurch, rock, teeter, waver, waddle, toddle, stagger, shamble
- touch:** (v) hit, affect, border, adjoin, strike, reach; (n, v) contact, stroke, tinge, regard, tap. ANTONYMS: (v) shrink, secrete, separate, diverge, abstain, leave; (n) lot
- touched:** (adj) insane, cracked, tinged, not right, daft, crazy, nutty; (v) compassionate, sympathetic, pitiful, mucid. ANTONYMS: (adj) untouched, sane, unemotional, unmoved, well
- touching:** (adj, v) affecting; (adj) poignant, pitiful, pathetic, adjacent, adjoining, emotional; (n) touch, contact; (prep) concerning, about. ANTONYMS: (adj) unaffecting, everyday, heartwarming, unmoving, heartbreaking, emotionless, unemotional, impassive
- tough:** (adj) difficult, strong, arduous, rugged, severe, stout, laborious, sturdy; (adj, v) tenacious; (n) bully, rowdy. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, easy, flimsy, soft, lightweight, simple, feeble, gentle, kind, fragile, facile
- tousled:** (adj) dishevelled, untidy, rumpled, unkempt, frowzled, uncombed, tangled, crumpled, knotted, disordered, entangled. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, neat, ordered, kempt
- toward:** (prep) to, towards, approaching, headed for, just before, of, in the direction of; (adv, prep) on; (adv) about, around, by. ANTONYMS: (prep) from, away
- towards:** (prep) to, facing, until, opposite to, till, unto, upon; (n, prep) against; (adv) about, by; (n) at
- trailing:** (n) tracking, drift, pursuit, streaminess, hunt, heeling; (adj) following, rambling, sprawling, prone, procumbent
- train:** (v) aim, exercise, direct, educate, tame, prepare, school; (n, v) coach, trail, tail; (n) chain. ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, forget; (n) head
- trained:** (adj) experienced, skilled, capable, competent, expert, practiced, accustomed, educated, efficient, skillful, professional. ANTONYMS: (adj) inexperienced, untaught, untutored, amateur, unqualified
- tramp:** (n) bum, hobo, beggar; (n, v) walk, trudge, vagabond, ramble, march; (v) roam, range, plod. ANTONYMS: (n, v) loyalist; (n) resident
- trample:** (v) oppress, stamp, squash, crush, tread, flatten, defeat, suppress, step, frustrate; (n) trampling
- transform:** (v) change, convert, alter, metamorphose, translate, turn, modify, become, transmute, transfigure, process. ANTONYMS: (v) preserve, maintain
- transported:** (adj) ecstatic, rapt, elated, inspired, spellbound, exultant, puffed up, proud, delighted, elate; (adv) on cloud nine. ANTONYM: (adj) dejected
- travel:** (adj, n, v) go, pass, run; (adj, v) proceed; (v) roam, move, ride, sail; (n) stroke, tour; (n, v) voyage. ANTONYMS: (v) remain, settle
- traveled:** (adj) travel, passable, cultured, cosmopolitan
- tray:** (n) plate, salver, dish, cheeseboard, tray bar, server, waiter, Cran, inkstand, icetray, jardiniere
- treacle:** (n) syrup, sirup, sugar, golden syrup, theriaca, manna, honey
- treated:** (adj) tempered, hardened, emotionally hardened, inured, baked, physically toughened, enured, burned, tough, burnt, considered. ANTONYM: (adj) untempered
- treating:** (adj) remedial
- tree:** (n) gallows, gibbet, stem, pedigree, kurchee, quandong, poon, platan, lemonwood, lancewood, lacebark
- trees:** (n) foliage
- treetop:** (n) crown, capitulum, peak, crest, head, pate, pennant, poll, spike, summit, tip
- tremble:** (adj, n, v) shiver; (n, v) quiver, shudder, thrill, palpitate; (adj, v) totter, quake; (n) throb; (v) flutter, quail, falter. ANTONYMS: (v) steady, calm
- trembling:** (adj, n) shaking; (adj, n, v) tremor; (adj) shaky, quaking, shivering, flutter; (n) palpitation, quiver, vibration, shiver, quake. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, steady
- tremendously:** (adv) hugely, awfully, greatly, terrifically, wonderfully, immensely, marvelously, vastly, dreadfully, excellently; (adj, adv) severely. ANTONYMS: (adv) insignificantly, somewhat, hardly, abysmally
- tremulous:** (adj) shaky, trembling, shaking, fearful, apprehensive, quavering, fidgety, shivering; (n) nervous, diffident, coy. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, confident, steady
- tremulously:** (adv) fearfully, shiveringly, tremblingly, shakingly, quiveringly, quaveringly, fidgetily, vibrantly
- tricks:** (n) actions, behavior, thing, clowning around, fooling, magic, plunder, possession, activities
- tried:** (adj) reliable, tested, trustworthy, dependable, proven, proved, experienced, practiced, just, conquered, believable. ANTONYMS: (adj) untried, unreliable
- trifle:** (n, v) play; (adj, n, v) trinket; (v) dally, fiddle, flirt, fool, frivol; (n) nothing, triviality, detail; (adj, n) bagatelle
- trill:** (v) warble, quaver, sing, hum, drip, drop, dribble, chirp, cheep, spirtle; (n, v) shake
- trimmed:** (adj) down, slashed, shortened, neat, mown, level, gelded, emasculated, demure, cunning, sly
- triumphant:** (adj) victorious, successful, triumphal, exulting, winning, joyful, rejoicing, elated, conquering, prideful; (adj, v) exultant. ANTONYMS: (adj) disappointed, failing, losing, defeated, miserable, sorrowful

triumphantly: (adv) exultantly, winningly, jubilantly, elatedly, proudly, successfully, triumphally, conqueringly, gleefully, delightedly, gloriously

trouble: (n, v) inconvenience, pain, bother, disquiet, disorder, worry, annoy, fuss, afflict, torment; (adj, n) difficulty. ANTONYMS: (v) please, help, assist, aid, placate, soothe, comfort; (n) fitness, pleasure, advantage, ease

troubled: (adj, v) concerned, solicitous; (adj) distressed, anxious, worried, uneasy, uncomfortable, disconcerted, upset, apprehensive, restless. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconcerned, composed, calm, easy, relaxed, tranquil, assured, carefree, brave, stable, unaffected

troubles: (n) dilemma, evils, harms, ills

trout: (n) sea trout, Isospondyli, lake trout, order Isospondyli, salmon trout, salmonid, smelts, sardines, anchovies, speckled trout, tarpon

trowel: (n) spatula, watch glass, dipper, transplanter, thimble, tablespoon, pointing trowel, plastering trowel, brick trowel, garden trowel; (v) delve

true: (adj, n) genuine, authentic; (adj) right, faithful, even, correct, accurate, honest, straight, truthful; (adj, v) actual. ANTONYMS: (adj) inaccurate, untrue, bogus, untrustworthy, unrealistic, mythical, fraudulent, faithless, disloyal; (adv) wrongly, dishonestly

truly: (adj, adv) really; (adv) sincerely, in truth, exactly, in fact, indeed, in reality, genuinely, right, certainly, honestly. ANTONYMS: (adv) insincerely, dubiously, doubtfully, apparently, inaccurately, indefinite, dishonestly, mildly, wrongly

trumpets: (n) *Sarracenia flava*, yellow pitcher plant, pitcher plant, yellow trumpet

trunk: (n) stem, boot, torso, bole, body, stalk, snout, proboscis, stock, tree trunk, box

trunks: (n) short pants, pants, luggage, Jockey shorts, Jamaica shorts, Bermuda shorts, bathing trunks, bathing suit, costume, drawers, swimming trunks

trust: (n, v) credit, rely, hope; (n) confidence, faith, reliance, belief, cartel, assurance; (v) believe, confide. ANTONYMS: (n, v)

distrust, doubt, mistrust; (v) disbelieve, keep, hold, despair; (n) disbelief, suspicion, independence

trusted: (adj) intimate, confidential, sure, bosom, beloved, cherished, familiar, trustworthy, indisputable, trusty, reliable

trusty: (adj) trustworthy, honest, faithful, dependable, responsible, constant, loyal, true, authentic, solid, sure. ANTONYMS: (adj) untrustworthy, inconstant, corrupt, disloyal

truth: (n) exactness, actuality, sincerity, verity, fidelity, fact, correctness, genuineness, faithfulness, certainty, honesty. ANTONYMS: (n) dishonesty, fabrication, falsehood, fiction, lie, inaccuracy, idealism, falsity, disloyalty, fallacy, invention

trying: (adj) hard, taxing, arduous, thorny, severe, bothersome, tough, demanding, annoying, tiresome, rugged. ANTONYMS: (adj) rewarding, facile, relaxing, satisfying, simple, pleasant, pleasing, refreshing, soothing

tuesday: (n) Tues

tumble: (n, v) drop, jumble, stumble, plunge, slip, spill, downfall; (v) crumble, collapse, topple, confuse

tumbled: (adj) disordered

tumbling: (adj) falling, billowing, dropping, rolled; (adj, adv) plunging; (n) gymnastics, acrobatics, stunting, stunt flying, rumbling; (adv) headfirst

tune: (n) song, strain, air, harmony, note, concord; (v) adjust, regulate, string, tune up; (n, v) chant. ANTONYMS: (n) silence; (v) untune

tuppence: (n) twopence

turn: (n, v) curve, roll, twist, go, coil, round, change, bent, spin; (n) bout; (v) revolve. ANTONYMS: (n) failure, Miss, stagnation; (v) unbend

turned: (adj) off, curved, rancid, twisted, false, bent, altered, sullen, having inflections, versed, glowering. ANTONYM: (adj) unturned

turning: (n) turn, revolution, bend, rotation, deviation, gyration, conversion, veering; (adj) rotating, revolving, rotary

turnips: (n) root crop, brassica, genus brassica, cauliflowers, potatoes

twelve: (adj, n) dozen, XII; (n) boxcars, large integer

twenty: (adj) vigesimal; (n) large integer, twenty dollar bill

twice: (adv) doubly, bis, two times, in two ways, once more; (adj) twenty

twig: (n) sprig, bough, limb, shoot, offshoot, spray, branchlet, scion, stalk; (n, v) stick; (v) grasp

twigs: (n) sprays

twilight: (n) nightfall, night, sunset, gloaming, evening, sundown, eventide, fall, decline, evenfall; (adj) aurora. ANTONYMS: (n) daybreak, sunrise

twinkling: (n) moment, jiffy, minute, second, flash, trice, twinkle, wink, split second, breath; (adj) sparkling. ANTONYM: (adj) dull

twist: (n, v) turn, bend, curl, coil, wind, pervert, spin, wrench; (adj, v) distort; (v) contort, deform.

ANTONYMS: (v) untwist, undo, uncurl, explain, explicate, unbend, smooth, clarify, smile

twisted: (adj) perverted, deformed, bent, distorted, misshapen, coiled, twined, curved, wry, contorted; (adj, v) winding. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, normal, perfect, wholesome

twisting: (adj) tortuous, winding, sinuous, crooked, zigzag, meandering; (n) distortion, turn, spin, torsion, overrefinement

twitching: (n) tic, fibrillation, cramp, fasciculation, spasm, contraction, vellication, spasmodic tic

twitter: (n, v) cheep, chirrup, peep, flutter, warble, trill, quiver, squeak; (n) thrill; (v) tweet, chitter

twittering: (n) chirping, peeping, tweeting

tying: (n) ligation, bundling, attachment, knotting, lacing; (adj) binding; (v) restrict

typhoid: (n) typhomania, enteric fever, typhoid fever, infectious disease

typhus: (n) typhina, typhomania, typhus fever, rickettsial disease, spotted fever

tyrannical: (adj) domineering, autocratic, despotic, dictatorial, overbearing, authoritarian, tyrannous, cruel, peremptory, tyrannic, lordly. ANTONYMS: (adj) liberal, libertarian

ugly: (adj, adv) surly; (adj) nasty, repulsive, frightful, forbidding, disagreeable, hideous, gruesome, evil, offensive, shocking.

ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, flowing, ornamental, nice, lovely, pleasant, safe, kind, gentle, appealing, agreeable

unaccustomed: (adj) new, strange,

- unusual, inexperienced, unseasoned, unacquainted, uncustomary, rare, unfamiliar, unwonted; (adj, v) untrained. ANTONYMS: (adv) familiar, normal, ready, usual, prepared, knowledgeable, customary
- unaffected:** (adj) sincere, artless, natural, plain, real, genuine, unimpressed, ingenuous, naive, untouched, honest. ANTONYMS: (adj) unnatural, sophisticated, refined, pretentious, moved, hurt, disturbed, changed, vulnerable, dishonest, emotional
- unattractive:** (adj) ugly, uninviting, unsightly, unprepossessing, unbecoming, unpopular, unpleasant, undesirable, disagreeable, plain, uncared for. ANTONYMS: (adj) beautiful, lovely, appealing, becoming, desirable, flattering, striking
- unbelieving:** (adj) incredulous, disbelieving, sceptical, suspicious, atheistical, nescient, irreligious, atheistic, faithless, unconverted, distrustful
- unbolt:** (v) unbar, loosen, disengage, unlock, unfasten, undo, unhand, unharness, uncork, unclose, unlock. ANTONYMS: (v) bolt, fasten, close, lock
- unbolted:** (adj) loose, open, unlatched, unlocked, unsecured
- unbound:** (adj) uncontrolled, unconstrained, open, untied, untrammelled, exempt, unchained, released, unfettered, unobstructed; (v) unencumbered. ANTONYMS: (adj) bound, restricted
- uncanny:** (adj) weird, eerie, strange, ghostly, unearthly, unnatural, eldritch, mysterious, odd, frightful, hideous. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, common, ordinary
- unceasingly:** (adv) incessantly, endlessly, ceaselessly, continually, unremittingly, unendingly, constantly, always, perpetually, uninterruptedly, eternally. ANTONYM: (adv) acutely
- unceremoniously:** (adv) casually, familiarly, easily, offhandedly, abruptly, ungraciously, uncivilly, curtly, closely, intimately, cozily. ANTONYMS: (adv) attentively, carefully, distantly, formally
- uncertainly:** (adv) dubiously, doubtfully, unsurely, unsettledly, falteringly, unsteadily, waveringly, irresolutely, undecidedly, undeterminedly, unfixedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) firmly, determinedly, decisively, steadily, indisputably, boldly, certainly, admirably
- unchained:** (adj) unreined, unmuzzled, uncurbed, freed, unbound, unfettered, untied, unsubject, ungoverned, unenthralled, unenslaved
- unchanging:** (adj) stable, permanent, steady, invariable, static, perpetual, fixed, consistent, uniform, changeless, immutable. ANTONYMS: (adj) inconstant, changeable, dynamic, flexible, perishable, irregular, temporary, unequal, variable, erratic
- uncle:** (n) father's younger brother, elder uncle, father's older brother, father's sister's husband, husband of paternal aunt, maternal uncle, niece, benefactor, EME, helper, kinsman
- uncomfortable:** (adj) ill at ease, embarrassing, troubled, disagreeable, inconvenient, difficult, discomfited, anxious, uneasy, cheerless; (v) untoward. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, comfy, happy, untroubled, painless, content, easy, straightforward
- uncomfortably:** (adv) uneasily, grimly, agitatedly, apprehensively, cheerlessly, disagreeably, dismally, distastefully, embarrassingly, gloomily, illegally. ANTONYMS: (adv) comfortably, calmly, innocently
- uncompanionable:** (adj) withdrawn, reserved, distant, chill, standoffish
- unconsciously:** (adv) instinctively, unintentionally, unthinkingly, unwittingly, ignorantly, innocently, comatosely, automatically, obliviously, unsuspectingly, inadvertently. ANTONYMS: (adv) consciously, deliberately, knowingly, purposely
- uncontrollable:** (adj) unruly, uncontrollable, ungovernable, unmanageable, intractable, undisciplined, disobedient, indocile, overwhelming, boisterous; (adj, v) uncontrolled. ANTONYMS: (adj) controllable, imperceptible, orderly, biddable, weak
- uncovered:** (adj) naked, open, bare, nude, unclothed, bald, unreserved, unprotected, evident, frank, manifest. ANTONYMS: (adj) indoor, concealed
- uncurl:** (adj, v) unfold; (adj) unwrap, unravel; (v) straighten, change posture, displace, make straight
- under:** (adj) lower, down, nether, bottom, inferior, low, subject; (adv, prep) beneath, underneath; (adv) downstairs, infra. ANTONYMS: (adv, prep) over, above; (adv) primary, higher, major
- underground:** (adj) clandestine, hidden, covert, undercover, subterranean, surreptitious, furtive; (n) tube, subway, metro; (v) buried. ANTONYMS: (adj) sky, aboveground, authorized, ground, known, public, majority, overt
- underneath:** (adv, prep) below, under; (adj) down, inferior, supporting; (n) bottom, base, underside; (adv) under that, under it; (prep) unbecoming. ANTONYMS: (n) top; (adv) up, over, above, apparently
- understand:** (v) interpret, hear, see, catch, learn, translate, grasp, construe, gather; (adj, v) realize, take. ANTONYMS: (v) misinterpret, misconstrue, misunderstand, disbelieve, mistake, reject, deny, Miss
- understanding:** (n, v) intellect, reason, intelligence, appreciation, sense, apprehension, discernment, judgment; (n) comprehension, sympathy, deal. ANTONYMS: (n) bewilderment, disbelief, misinterpretation, misunderstanding, mistake, indifference, incomprehension, foolishness, emotion; (adj) intolerant, unfeeling
- understood:** (adj) tacit, implicit, implied, silent, assumed, accepted, appreciated, unstated, undeclared; (v) of course, admitted. ANTONYMS: (adj) explicit, spoken, written, explained
- underworld:** (n) Hades, Hel, netherworld, infernal region, gangland, inferno, perdition, sin, hereafter, Aidoneus; (adj) infernal
- undignified:** (adj) low, inappropriate, humiliating, rude, indign, impolite, demeaning, degrading, improper, debasing. ANTONYMS: (adj) dignified, distinguished, polite
- undiscovered:** (v) solved, undeveloped, unexplained, untraced; (adj) unnoticed, remote, unexplored, unheard-of, silly, unacquainted with, foolish
- undisturbedly:** (adv) quietly, peacefully, tranquilly, easily, stilly,

- smoothly, uninterruptedly, untroubledly, unmolestedly, composedly, unperturbedly
- undo:** (v) loosen, open, annul, cancel, separate, disentangle, untie, unfold, reverse, disconnect, nullify.
ANTONYMS: (v) attach, close, do, wrap, tangle, validate, knot, lock, permit, unite, approve
- unearthly:** (adj) weird, ghostly, uncanny, ethereal, unworldly, preternatural, spectral, eerie, spiritual, strange, heavenly.
ANTONYMS: (adj) natural, physical, acceptable, normal, human
- unexpectedly:** (adv) by chance, suddenly, abruptly, casually, unforeseenly, unawares, surprisingly, unanticipatedly, hastily, strangely, circumstantially.
ANTONYMS: (adv) intentionally, gradually, normally, predictably
- unfortunately:** (adv) wretchedly, unhappily, regrettably, sadly, alas, badly, unsuccessfully, poorly, disastrously, inauspiciously, inopportunistly.
ANTONYMS: (adv) luckily, thankfully, happily
- unfriendly:** (adj) inimical, distant, adverse, antagonistic, unkind, cold, inhospitable, icy; (adj, adv) chilly; (adj, v) unfavorable; (adv) hostilely.
ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, welcoming, warm, amiable, approachable, sociable, hospitable, kindly, nice, outgoing, pleasant
- unfurl:** (v) open, unroll, display, spread, expand, uncoil, unwind, unravel, open up, undo, untwine.
ANTONYM: (v) fold
- unhappy:** (adj) gloomy, dismal, depressed, melancholy, sad, miserable, sorrowful, distressed, disconsolate, infelicitous, low.
ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, cheerful, satisfied, pleased, glad, euphoric, fortunate, contented, joyful, timely, lucky
- unhealthy:** (adj) harmful, sickly, insanitary, ailing, ill, noxious, injurious, insalubrious, sick, diseased; (adj, v) unsound.
ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, fit, hygienic, light, well, good, strong, luxuriant
- uninterested:** (adj) apathetic, listless, unconcerned, cool, unenthusiastic, blas, lukewarm, unbiased, languid, disinterested; (v) used up.
ANTONYMS: (adj) enthusiastic, interested, caring, fanatical, committed, keen, concerned, energetic
- unknown:** (adj, n) secret, alien; (adj) hidden, unfamiliar, unidentified, obscure, nameless, foreign, anonymous; (n) stranger, foreigner.
ANTONYMS: (adj) familiar, recognized, famous, documented, identified, transparent; (n) native
- unless:** (adv) but, if, yet, besides, except with, further; (adv, conj) save; (conj) without, if not; (n) provisionally; (adj) not necessary
- unlike:** (adj) dissimilar, different, diverse, unequal, disparate, distinct, separate, unlike, opposite, heterogeneous, not similar.
ANTONYMS: (adj) like, alike, same
- unlocked:** (adj) unbarred, unlatched, unbolted, not closed, loose, unsecured, ajar, wide open, unguaranteed
- unloving:** (adj) loveless
- unnatural:** (adj) affected, artificial, grotesque, supernatural, forced, abnormal, eccentric, uncanny, stilted, mannered, anomalous.
ANTONYMS: (adj) natural, normal, real, unaffected, commonplace, genuine, sincere
- unpleasant:** (adj, n) harsh; (adj) disagreeable, obnoxious, ugly, nasty, sour, awkward, repulsive, forbidding, bad, hard.
ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, agreeable, wonderful, nice, enjoyable, attractive, comfortable, charming, inoffensive, amicable, cordial
- unpopular:** (v) unacceptable, uncared for; (adj) unwelcome, undesirable, ostracized, unattractive, detested, unfashionable, uninviting, lousy, thankless.
ANTONYMS: (adj) liked, desirable
- unpromising:** (adj) unpropitious, hopeless, worrying, bleak, warning, bad, ominous, threatening, unattractive, unfavorable, gloomy.
ANTONYMS: (adj) optimistic, hopeful, encouraging
- unrelenting:** (adj, n) harsh, hard, severe; (adj) stern, relentless, implacable, austere, cruel, grim, unforgiving, persistent.
ANTONYMS: (adj) feeble, inexorable, sympathetic, temporary, merciful, compassionate, finite, gentle
- unresponsive:** (adj) cold, apathetic, insensitive, unaffected, cool, dull, unreactive, chill, dead, unemotional, undemonstrative.
ANTONYMS: (adj) enthusiastic, sympathetic, spirited, alive, sensitive, expressive, concerned, emotional
- unrestrainedly:** (adv) loosely, immoderately, uncontrolledly, wildly, uncheckedly, profligately, unconfinedly, dissolutely, unrestrictedly, unbridledly, liberally
- unscrupulous:** (adj) dishonest, unprincipled, unethical, immoral, dishonorable, crooked, unfair, unconscionable, sharp.
ANTONYMS: (adj) scrupulous, principled, ethical, honest, moral
- unseeing:** (adj) sightless, eyeless, unobservant, blinder, inattentive, lacking sight, unsighted, unperceiving
- unsympathetic:** (adj) pitiless, callous, heartless, hard, hardhearted, unkind, unconcerned, obdurate, indifferent, closed, insensitive.
ANTONYMS: (adj) sympathetic, kind, caring, favorable, merciful, concerned, considerate, easygoing, friendly, gentle, warmhearted
- unsympathetically:** (adv) callously, unfeelingly, pitilessly, inconsiderately, hardheartedly, heartlessly, unemotionally, cruelly, firmly, unconcernedly, insensitively.
ANTONYMS: (adv) favorably, gently, sensitively, considerately, leniently
- untidy:** (adj) unkempt, disheveled, disorderly, sloppy, messy, disordered, confused, disorganized, sluttish, frowzy, scruffy.
ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, neat, elegant, orderly, smart, legible, clean
- untied:** (adj) unfastened, unchained, unshackled, unlaced, unbound, unfettered, free, unsewed, open, unconnected, rambling.
ANTONYMS: (adj) tied, laced
- until:** (prep, v) to; (conj, prep) unto; (adj) up to; (adv) so far, yet, before, meanwhile; (prep) pending, while, during, awaiting
- untouched:** (adj) intact, unharmed, unmoved, unscathed, virgin, whole, unhurt, new, impervious, imperturbable, impassive.
ANTONYMS: (adj) affected, touched, refined, vulnerable, used, spoiled, partial, injured, marred, tainted, impure
- untrained:** (adj) unskilled, uneducated, inexperienced, green, raw, inexperienced, unseasoned, unhabituated, untaught; (v) undisciplined.
ANTONYMS: (adj)

- trained, expert, professional, prepared, accomplished, experienced, mature, educated, competent
- untrimmed:** (adj) unready, unprovided, unornamented, unorganized, unfurnished, unequipped, undecked, unbegun, unarranged, unadorned, uncut. ANTONYMS: (adj) trimmed
- unusual:** (adj) peculiar, odd, uncommon, quaint, exotic, eccentric, remarkable, curious, irregular, special, exceptional. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, common, customary, typical, ordinary, familiar, routine, conventional, orthodox, inconspicuous, commonplace
- upholding:** (n) advocacy, support, maintenance, continuance, avowal, avowance, continuation, defense, keeping, perpetuation; (adj) comforting. ANTONYMS: (n) end, destruction
- uplifted:** (adj) high, raised, noble, not inverted, not prone, proud, undismayed, stately, lofty, sublime, animated
- uplifting:** (n) ascent, exaltation, edification, upbuoyance; (adj) heartening, healing, gratifying, exhilarating, exalted, curative, cheering. ANTONYMS: (adj) deadly, ridiculous, heartbreaking
- upon:** (adv, prep) above; (prep) up, onto, against, towards; (adv) on, on that occasion, then, before, by; (n) at
- upper:** (adj) top, higher, overhead, over, topmost, highest; (n) stimulant, bennie, meth, speed, amphetamine. ANTONYMS: (adj) lower, below, junior, under, bottom
- upright:** (adj) perpendicular, erect, fair, good, righteous, just, virtuous, true, honorable, plumb; (adj, n) vertical. ANTONYMS: (adj) prone, disreputable, degenerate, hanging, unwholesome, dishonest, dishonorable, lying, horizontal, falling; (adv) horizontally
- upset:** (n, v) overturn, trouble, disquiet, overthrow; (v) agitate, subvert, perturb, confuse, reverse; (adj) unsettled; (n) disturbance. ANTONYMS: (v) please, soothe, encourage, delight, fail; (adj) pleased, confident, happy, content; (n) peace, happiness
- upstairs:** (adj) upstairs; (adv) on a higher floor, in the mind, in the head, up the stairs, over; (n) heaven, administration, authority, board, eternity. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) downstairs
- used:** (adj) exploited, old, accustomed, worn, spent, victimized, wont, tried, decrepit, second hand, exhausted. ANTONYMS: (adj) new, unused, spanking, misused
- useful:** (adj) helpful, beneficial, practical, handy, advantageous, valuable, convenient, effective, functional, efficient, gainful. ANTONYMS: (adj) worthless, ineffective, unusable, negative, decorative, destructive, detrimental, disadvantageous, ineffectual, irrelevant, theoretical
- using:** (n) colonialism, employment, enjoyment, victimisation, mistreatment, victimization, development; (adv) through, via, by; (adj) usant
- usual:** (adj, n, v) ordinary, common, customary; (adj, n) habitual, accustomed, familiar, average, regular; (adj) everyday; (adj, v) frequent, general. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconventional, extraordinary, abnormal, irregular, atypical, exceptional, unprecedented, uncommon, rare, changing, unacceptable
- usually:** (adv) generally, ordinarily, normally, frequently, habitually, customarily, mostly, regularly, typically, as a rule, in general. ANTONYMS: (adv) rarely, exceptionally, occasionally
- utter:** (v) say, state, speak, breathe, articulate, deliver, voice, pronounce; (adj, n, v) express, declare; (adj, v) tell. ANTONYMS: (adj) qualified, incomplete, uncertain, rather, slight; (v) conceal, hide, block
- vaguely:** (adv) hazily, faintly, indistinctly, ambiguously, dimly, mistily, unclearly, loosely, shadowily, indeterminately, obscurely. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, definitely, unmistakably, exactly, closely, distinctly, alertly, calmly, considerably, intelligibly
- vain:** (adj) proud, arrogant, conceited, fruitless, idle, empty, abortive, ineffectual, unproductive, narcissistic; (adj, v) useless. ANTONYMS: (adj) shy, successful, possible, persuasive, selfless, fruitful, humble, useful, responsible, worthwhile, effective
- valley:** (n) vale, gully, dale, hollow, glen, depression, dell, gap, gorge, canyon, coulee. ANTONYMS: (n) hill
- vanity:** (n) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceitedness, pretension, pomposity; (adj, n) amour propre. ANTONYMS: (n) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness
- various:** (adj, v) several, sundry, divers, diversified, separate; (adj) varied, many, different, manifold, miscellaneous, numerous. ANTONYMS: (adj) homogeneous, same, individual, uniform, limited, none
- vault:** (n, v) leap, bound, spring, jump, arch, hop, hurdle; (n) grave, tomb, cellar, crypt
- veil:** (n, v) cover, hide, disguise, mask, cloud, shroud, camouflage; (v) cloak, conceal; (n) curtain, blind. ANTONYMS: (v) disclose, unveil, expose
- velvet:** (adj) velvety, down; (n) profit, gain, velour, velours, revenue, prosperity, receipts, satin, wealth
- veranda:** (n) gallery, porch, portico, verandah, terrace, patio, stope, stoop, piazza, deck, corridor
- verdure:** (adj, n) greenness; (n) greenery, foliage, verdancy, viridity, green, leafage, flora, freshness, strength, vegetable kingdom
- veled:** (adj) troubled, irritated, angry, pestered, peeved, harassed, sore, harried, uneasy, cross, offended. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, uncomplicated
- vicarage:** (n) parsonage, manse, residence, domicile, home, glebe house, church house, glebe, dwelling house, abode, dwelling
- vicious:** (adj) malicious, bad, depraved, wicked, brutal, malevolent, cruel, venomous, immoral, nasty, corrupt. ANTONYMS: (adj) kind, gentle, friendly, good, right, pleasant, kindhearted, nice, cordial, constructive
- victuals:** (n) food, fare, viands, victual, edible, provender, grub, sustenance, support, diet, nutriment
- vigor:** (n, v) energy; (adj, n) intensity; (n) spirit, vitality, force, life, strength, power, might, vim, stamina. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, apathy, frailty, laziness, enervation, inactivity, indifference, illness, lifelessness, sluggishness, tardiness
- villa:** (n) country house, cottage,

- house, chateau, home, holiday home, Francisco villa, estate, detached house, council house, castle
- village:** (n) neighborhood, settlement, city, community, kraal, thorp, dorp, campong, pueblo, small town; (adv) town
- violently:** (adj, adv) vehemently, hotly, madly, ardently; (adv) wildly, passionately, strongly, hard, furiously, turbulently; (adv, n) vigorously. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, nonviolently, feebly, impassively, peacefully, tamely
- violet:** (adj, n) mauve, lavender; (adj) empurpled, lilac, purplish; (n) viola, purpleness, indigo, sweet violet, reddish blue, pansy
- visit:** (v) frequent, attend, call, view, gossip, jaw, inspect, haunt; (n, v) tour, chat; (n) sojourn
- visitor:** (n) visitant, tourist, company, traveler, caller, inspector, stranger, foreigner, alien, sightseer, surveyor
- vixen:** (adj, n) shrew; (n) virago, termagant, fury, harpy, hag, fox, reynard, hellcat, hart, harpy eagle
- voice:** (n) speech, vox; (v) enunciate, pronounce, speak, say, vocalize, express, utter, articulate; (n, v) sound. ANTONYMS: (v) devoice, block
- voices:** (n) chorus
- volumbly:** (adv) enthusiastically, vociferously, vocally, loudly
- voyage:** (n, v) travel, cruise, tour; (n) trip, passage, expedition, flight, crossing, quest; (v) sail, navigate
- vault:** (v) blow, float, drift, glide, wave, gust; (n) whiff, puff, vivda, vifda, pennoncelle
- wages:** (n) pay, wage, earnings, reward, stipend, allowance, hire, remuneration, income, payoff, compensation
- wailing:** (n, v) lamentation, lament, moaning; (adj) lamenting, weeping, crying, wailful, howling, sobbing; (adj, n) bawling; (n) cry
- waistcoat:** (n) CHUDDER, barbe, garment, jerkin, jubbah, oilskins, pilot jacket, pajamas, cardigan, singlet, talma jacket
- wait:** (n, v) pause, hold, stop; (v) expect, anticipate, stay, await, lurk, ambush, remain; (adj, v) tarry. ANTONYMS: (n) act, continuation, doing; (v) interrupt, leave, begin, depart, continue; (intj) hurry
- waiting:** (n) abeyance, suspense, expectancy, hold, time lag,
- postponement; (adj) ready and waiting, ready, expectant; (adv) to come, in the making
- waken:** (v) stir, awaken, wake, wake up, arouse, awake, excite, call, kindle, evoke, provoke
- waking:** (adj) wakeful; (n) awakening, wakefulness, consciousness
- walk:** (adj, n, v) step; (n, v) gait, ramble, march, pace, hike, course, saunter, stroll, roam; (n) path. ANTONYMS: (v) run, ride, stride
- walked:** (adj) exempt; (v) yode
- walking:** (n) gait, ambulation, wading, shuffling, shambling, marching, noctambulism, traveling; (adv) afoot; (adj) moving, active
- wall:** (n, v) fence, bar; (n) barrier, rampart, bulwark, cliff, earthwork, fortification, screen, rail, fencing
- walls:** (n) brickwork, buttresses, defenses, masonry, ramparts, fortifications
- wander:** (n, v) stroll, saunter, tramp, drift; (v) stray, digress, err, travel, roam, deviate; (adj, v) rave. ANTONYMS: (v) settle, stay, think, converge
- wandering:** (adj) itinerant, nomadic, erratic, rambling, errant, migratory; (adj, v) stray, vagrant, vagabond, unsettled; (n) peregrination. ANTONYM: (adj) resident
- wanderings:** (n) peregrination
- want:** (n, v) lack, desire, miss, wish; (n) poverty, deficiency, deprivation, famine, necessity, destitution, shortage. ANTONYMS: (n, v) hate; (n) glut, despise, luxury, option, prosperity, supply; (v) disinterest, answer
- wanted:** (adj) welcome, cherished, precious, treasured, marketable, invited, necessary, needed, desirable, desired, loved. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwanted, unwelcome
- wanting:** (adj, v) missing; (adj) deficient, lacking, absent, defective, short, failing, insufficient, devoid, poor, incomplete. ANTONYMS: (adj) sufficient, satisfactory, adequate, full, present
- wants:** (n) need, necessities
- wardrobe:** (n) costume, clothing, cupboard, garb, clothes, apparel, dress, wear, clothespress, palliament, garment
- warm:** (adj) hot, affectionate, tender, ardent, cordial, fervent, lively, fond, loving, earnest, tepid. ANTONYMS:
- (adj) cold, unfriendly, aloof, reserved, hostile, uncaring, unenthusiastic, unwelcoming, stale, offhand; (v) chill
- warmed:** (adj) warmer, warm, baked
- warmer:** (n) stove, oilstove, deicer, defroster, brasier, radiator, brazier, warming, warmed, demister, gas heater
- warming:** (n) thaw, melt, melting, warm, thawing, warmer, heat, heating system, temperature change, radiant heating; (adj) calefacient
- warmness:** (n) warmth, tepidity, affectionateness, warmheartedness, tepidness, fondness, high temperature, hotness, lovingness, lukewarmness, passion
- warning:** (n) notice, indication, caution, advice, example, lesson, hint, premonition, caveat, admonition; (adj, n) monitory. ANTONYMS: (n) encouragement, recommendation, approval; (adj) promising
- warrant:** (n, v) permit, vouch, license, assure, sanction, empower; (n) authority, authorization, security; (v) justify, ensure. ANTONYMS: (n) break; (v) debar
- wash:** (adj, n, v) soak; (n, v) paint; (v) clean, scrub, mop, moisten, lave, scour, bathe; (n) washing, ablution. ANTONYM: (v) soil
- washed:** (adj) wash, cleaner, colored, refined, wet, watery
- washing:** (n) laundry, laundering, ablution, lavation, bathing, cleaning, purification, elutriation, dishwashing, backwash; (adj) cleansing
- waste:** (adj, n, v) spoil, damage; (adj, v) desolate; (n, v) squander, ruin, consume, ravage; (adj, n) refuse, trash; (v) exhaust, spend. ANTONYMS: (v) conserve, save, use, preserve, create, build; (n) saving, possessions, hoarding, development; (adj) cultivated
- wasted:** (adj, v) squandered, rotten, decayed, effete; (adj) thin, cadaverous, emaciated, gaunt, devastated, pointless, haggard. ANTONYMS: (adj) bloated, hypertrophied, strong, plump, obese, fruitful, useful
- watch:** (n, v) view, sentinel, clock, wake, regard, care; (v) observe, look, see; (n) sentry; (adj, n) surveillance. ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, overlook, harm, hurt, glance
- watchful:** (adj) alert, observant,

careful, cautious, wary, attentive, wakeful, mindful, circumspect, sleepless, awake. ANTONYMS: (adj) inattentive, negligent, oblivious, forgetful, careless, asleep, trusting, unprepared, reckless

watching: (n) observation, stargazing, sighting, observance, watch, remark, notice, ambush, reflection, ceremonial occasion, ceremony

water: (n) urine, sea, lake, ocean, moisture, juice, river; (n, v) wet; (v) moisten, soak, dampen. ANTONYMS: (v) dehydrate, dry

waterproof: (n) raincoat, mac, Macintosh, mack, slicker; (adj) rainproof, impermeable, waterproofed, impervious; (v) weatherproof, seal. ANTONYM: (adj) permeable

waters: (n) Clara Erskine Clement, amniotic fluid, amniotic fluid, body fluid, liquid body substance, Ethel waters, body of water, bodily fluid, boot

wave: (v) flap, undulate, swing, flourish; (n, v) gesture, billow, flutter, swell, motion, curl; (n) surge

waved: (adj) undulating, wavy, curly, not dated, undated

waving: (adj) flying, aflare, fluttering, flaring, flared, curly, burning, blazing, billowy, palpating; (n) wafture

waxen: (adj) pale, waxy, white, colorless, wan, ashen, yielding, soft, gray, drawn, cereous

waxy: (adj) waxen, soft, waxlike, impressionable, soapy, like wax, slippery, saponaceous, sallow, waxed, resembling wax

ways: (n) behavior, process, shipway, slipway, means, childbearing, conduct, construction, demeanor, direction, traveling

weak: (adj, n) frail; (adj) flat, watery, fragile, flimsy, faint, thin, light, sickly, soft, nerveless. ANTONYMS: (adj) concentrated, firm, brave, safe, forceful, effective, healthy, intense, determined, powerful, robust

weakness: (adj, n) failing, fault, debility, defect, infirmity, fragility, feebleness, deficiency, imperfection, foible; (n) flaw. ANTONYMS: (n) power, dislike, intensity, supremacy, determination, advantage, brightness, superiority, resistance, robustness, energy

wear: (n) clothing, clothes, apparel, attire, garb; (v) endure, fatigue,

waste, bear, tire, fray. ANTONYMS: (v) refresh, reject, rebuild, please, freshen, disrobe, delight, cheer, refuse; (n) improvement

weariness: (n) exhaustion, tiredness, lassitude, languor, asthenopia, defatigation, grogginess, listlessness, boredom, ennui, prostration

weather: (v) survive, withstand, resist, brave, stand, brave out, wear; (n) climate, atmospheric condition, downfall, inclemency. ANTONYMS: (v) succumb, reject

weather-beaten: (adj) gnarled, rugged

weed: (n) grass, marijuana, pot, plant, fireweed, smoke, ganja; (v) eliminate, hoe, plow; (adj) pick

weeded: (adj) weedless

weeds: (n) viduity, mourning band, garment, cypress, widowhood, dress; (adj) willow

week: (n) period, minute, second, hour, rag, day, calendar week, year, sevennight, Wyke, workweek

weird: (adj) strange, uncanny, supernatural, unearthly, mysterious, odd, bizarre, unusual, curious, peculiar, eerie. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, typical, real, usual, regular, natural, commonplace, sensible, conventional, human

wench: (n) miss, damsel, strumpet, trollop, Trull, missy, quean, slut, nymph, dame; (n, v) drab

went: (v) walked, proceeded

west: (n) due west, w, the occident, watt, geographic region, tungsten, New world; (adv) westwards; (v) to the west, south, north east

whatever: (adj, pron) whatsoever; (pron) what, partly, whatso; (adv) no matter what, anyway, anyhow, regardless, in any case; (n) aught, anything

wheel: (v) revolve, spin, trundle, gyrate, twirl; (n, v) turn, cycle, circle, bicycle, bike; (n) gear

wheeled: (adj) on wheels. ANTONYM: (adj) wheelless

wheels: (n) vehicle, truck, car, brush, force

when: (adv, conj) once, as soon as; (adv) then, because, than, since, after; (conj) although, while, if; (prep) during

whenever: (n) anytime, convenience; (adv) always, whenever. ANTONYM: (adv) immediately

where: (adv) there, here, wherever, whither, in which, wherein, in what; (adv, pron) anywhere; (pron)

everywhere; (n) point, spot

wherever: (adv) anywhere, wheresoever, everywhere, where'er; (n) anyplace

whether: (pron) where

while: (adv, conj) whereas, as, although; (n) time, spell, period, moment, interval; (adv) when; (conj) though; (prep) during

whine: (n, v) groan, cry, whimper, grumble, sigh, wail, squeal, screech; (v) complain, howl; (n) complaint. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness; (v) praise, compliment

whining: (adj) whimpering, whiny, sniveling pitiful, Snively, tearful, whiney, singing, peevish; (v) fretful, lamenting; (n) sniveling

whipped: (v) whipt

whirl: (n, v) spin, turn, eddy, roll, wheel, twist, swirl; (v) reel, gyrate; (n) go, fling

whisper: (n, v) murmur, hum, mumble, suggestion, hint, inkling; (v) breathe, hiss; (n) rustle, trace, breath. ANTONYM: (n) information

whispered: (adj) low, voiceless, unvoiced, nonvocal, weak, unheard, surd, supposed, sharp, thought, quiet

whispering: (n) whisper, murmur, susurrant, rustle, report, stage whisper; (adj, n) rustling; (adj) susurrant, tranquil, hoarse, susurrous

whistle: (v) sing, twitter, hiss, warble, tweet, cheep, chirp, wheeze; (n, v) cry; (n) whistling, tin whistle

whistling: (n) whistle, sound, tin whistle, music, pennywhistle, sign, signal, signaling

white: (adj, n) pale; (adj) clean, blank, snowy, ashen, wan, achromatic, pure, pallid; (v) whiten; (n) Caucasian. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) black; (adj) dark, rosy, red, dirty; (v) blacken

whiteness: (n) paleness, ivory, chalk, pearl, bone, bleach, alabaster, frostiness, hoariness, pallor, innocence. ANTONYM: (n) black

whitewashed: (adj) overpowered, overcome, crushed, conquered, beaten, routed, painted

whoever: (n) anyone, somebody; (pron) whosoever, whatsoever person

whole: (adj, v) entire; (adj, n) total, integral, sum, aggregate, well; (adj, adv, n) all; (adj) complete, healthy, intact, full. ANTONYMS: (adj) incomplete, broken, partial,

- imperfect, unhealthy, deficient, destroyed, fractional, impaired, half, sick
- wick:** (n) taper, candlewick, wax light, cord, candle, sleeve bearing wick, burner
- wicked:** (adj) bad, sinful, atrocious, evil, vile, depraved, mischievous, immoral, unholy, nasty, naughty. ANTONYMS: (adj) innocent, pure, pious, moral, kind, admirable, kindhearted, helpful, decent, assisting, aiding
- wide:** (adj) broad, spacious, roomy, extensive, comprehensive, large, vast, ample, capacious, open, sweeping. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, restricted, skinny, straight, cramped, minute
- widening:** (n) growth, extension, amplification, change of shape, dilation, increment, output, outturn, turnout; (adj) cultural, increasing
- wife:** (n) matron, missis, partner, married woman, spouse, consort, helpmate, housewife, lady, woman, viscountess
- wild:** (adj, n, v) waste, desert; (adj, v) fierce, violent, reckless, raging; (adj) boisterous, untamed, stormy, rude, desolate. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, orderly, manageable, sane, domestic, cultivated, tame, restrained, mild, sensible, passive
- wilder:** (n) Samuel Wilder, Thornton Niven Wilder, Thornton Wilder, Billy Wilder
- wilderness:** (adj, n, v) desert; (adj, n) wild; (n) wasteland, solitude, badlands, wildness, frontier, boondocks, backwoods; (adj) Sahara; (v) squandering. ANTONYM: (n) metropolis
- willing:** (adj, adv) disposed; (adj) spontaneous, voluntary, ready, amenable, inclined, prepared, enthusiastic, unforced, obliging; (adj, v) consenting. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwilling, reluctant, compulsory, disagreeable, unprepared, forced, unenthusiastic, unhelpful
- wilt:** (v) flag, shrivel, sag, weaken, fade, languish, dry, wither, collapse, tire; (n) wilting. ANTONYMS: (v) flourish, rise, rally
- wind:** (n, v) twist, turn; (v) meander, curl, bend, twine, curve, weave, crook; (n) air, gust. ANTONYMS: (v) unwind; (n) breeze
- winding:** (n) twist, wind, turn; (adj) indirect, crooked, circuitous, meandering, twisty, wandering; (adj, n) twisting, twisted. ANTONYMS: (adj) direct, unbent
- window:** (n) casement, pane, skylight, gap, Venetian window, clearstory, transom, windowpane, rosette, clerestory, embrasure
- windy:** (adj) gusty, verbose, blowy, flatulent, wordy, breezy, tempestuous, empty, airy, prolix, bombastic. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, still, straight, uncommunicative, unresponsive, airless, pleasant, direct
- wine:** (n) vino, spirits, beer, sake, sake, Macon, maconnaise, alcohol, liquor, dessert wine; (adj) mauve
- wing:** (n) pinion, limb, arm, fender, flank, pennon, Ala, extension, feather; (v) fly, soar. ANTONYM: (n) headquarters
- wings:** (n) insignia, agency
- wink:** (n, v) twinkle, blink, flash; (n) instant, twinkling, trice; (v) sparkle, nictitate, flicker, nictate, leer
- winking:** (n) twinkling, wink, blink, New York minute, jiffy, instant, nictation, nictitation, trice, blink of an eye; (adj) pink ribbons
- winter:** (n) wintertime, season, time of year, hiems, frost, chill; (adj) wintery, wintry; (v) spend. ANTONYM: (n) heat
- wintry:** (adj, v) frosty, glacial, freezing, icy; (adj) arctic, frigid, wintery, frozen, chilly, chill, hibernal. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, summery, hot, vernal, autumnal, balmy, tropical, warm
- wiry:** (adj) lean, muscular, sinewy, fibrous, brawny, stalwart, ropy, thin, supple, vigorous, rough. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, small, tiny, smooth, soft, stout, fat
- wise:** (adj) reasonable, sensible, sound, rational, sagacious, intelligent, prudent, shrewd, discreet; (adj, n) knowing; (n) method. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwise, stupid, ignorant, mistaken, illogical, reckless, naive, irrational, dense
- wisely:** (adv) judiciously, prudently, sagaciously, cleverly, discreetly, shrewdly, smartly, learnedly, astutely, sharply, perspicaciously. ANTONYMS: (adv) stupidly, recklessly, imprudently, immaturely, illogically
- wish:** (adv, n, v) will; (n, v) want, hope, need, inclination, longing, aspiration, aim; (v) like, choose; (n) pleasure. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dislike, hate; (n) hatred, coercion, disinclination, aversion
- wishes:** (n) desires, requirements, requests, needs, will
- wishing:** (n) wish, want, velleity, option, need, privation, lack, deprivation, deficiency, choice; (adj) desirous
- wistfully:** (adv) pensively, meditatively, desirously, longingly, yearningly, broodingly, reflectively, wishfully, melancholy, thoughtfully, nostalgically. ANTONYM: (adv) contentedly
- within:** (adv, n, prep) inside; (adv, prep) in; (adv) indoors, internally, inwardly, inly; (adj, n) interior; (prep) into, on, between; (adj) inwards. ANTONYMS: (prep) beyond, out
- without:** (adv, n, prep) outside; (adj, adv) except; (adj) lacking, save barring; (prep) out of, sans; (n) minus, provisionally; (adv) save, beyond; (adv, prep) besides. ANTONYMS: (prep) with, having; (adv) inside
- wits:** (n) intellect, mind, wit, brains, common sense, presence, perspicience, observation, mother wit, right mind, judgment
- woefully:** (adv) lamentably, deplorably, unhappily, mournfully, wretchedly, gloomily, ruefully; (adj, adv) grievously, dreadfully, piteously, miserably
- wolves:** (n) jackals, skunks, raccoons, panthers, order Carnivora, lions, tigers, foxes, cats, Carnivora, Canis
- woman:** (n) girl, female, lady, dame, madam, mistress, matron, maid, gentlewoman, Donna, petticoat. ANTONYMS: (n) man, gentleman
- women:** (n) sex, gentle sex
- wonder:** (adj, n) prodigy; (n) astonishment, admiration, amazement, surprise, miracle, phenomenon, muse; (v) admire, reflect, question. ANTONYMS: (n) expectation, belief, disapproval; (v) know, believe, anticipate, decide
- wonderful:** (adj, n) marvelous, astonishing, incredible; (adj) excellent, remarkable, phenomenal, amazing, fantastic, great, grand, super. ANTONYMS: (adj) terrible, unpleasant, dreadful, poor, rotten, abysmal, mundane, devastating, lousy, dire, ordinary
- wonderfully:** (adv) superbly, astonishingly, terrifically, magnificently, fantastically,

marvellously, wondrously, amazingly, excellently; (adj, adv) strangely, famously. ANTONYMS: (adv) awfully, unpleasantly, poorly, abysmally, unremarkably, mildly, horribly, badly, incompetently

wonderfulness: (n) admirability, excellence, admirable excellence, marvelousness, strangeness

wondering: (adj) inquisitive, speculative, suspicious

wonderingly: (adv) quizzically

wood: (n) timber, tree, grove, lumber, jungle, coppice, walnut, linden, larch, guaiaic; (adj, n) woods

wooden: (adj) wood, stilted, awkward, expressionless, inept, clumsy, dead, impassive, woody, timbered, made of wood. ANTONYMS: (adj) flexible, bending, pliable, emotional, natural, relaxed, expressive

woodland: (n) forest, timber, wood, jungle, timberland, greenwood, woods, silva, backwoods, grove, park

woodpecker: (n) redhead, ivorybill, pecker, piculet, nib, woodpeck, tool, Speight, Specht, shaft, redheaded woodpecker

woods: (n) forest, woodland, grove, timber, jungle, sir Henry wood, vegetation, timberland, Natalie wood, virgin forest; (adj) wooden

wool: (n) fur, coat, pile, down, woolen, woollen, yarn, hair, cashmere, alpaca, shoddy

woolen: (adj, n) woollen; (n) fleece, tweed, fabric, cloth, woolen goods; (adj) woolly

woolly: (adj) flocculent, fuzzy, hairy, downy, confused, wooly, hirsute, addled, befuddled, velvety; (n) Woolly bear. ANTONYM: (adj) clear

word: (n) news, tidings, password, expression, report, vocable, statement, term; (v) formulate, phrase; (n, v) advice

words: (n) speech, expression, row, text, fracas, argument; (n, v) altercation, squabble, tiff, dispute, quarrel

worked: (adj) elaborated, beaten

working: (adj) practical, active, busy, in action, in force; (n) operation, play, agency, movement; (adj, n) running, functioning. ANTONYMS: (adj) passive, unemployed, inoperative, inactive, idle, ineffective

works: (n) plant, workings, mill, manufactory, deeds, whole

caboodle, kit and caboodle, kit and boodle, industrial plant, full treatment, distillery

world: (n) cosmos, nature, creation, earth, public, sphere, society, realm, globe, macrocosm; (adj) global

worm: (v) squirm, wriggle, twist, spiral, helix, writhe; (n) helminth, maggot; (adj) emmet, midge, fly

worn: (adj) haggard, tired, tattered, threadbare, ragged, drawn, jaded, fatigued, exhausted, faded, wasted. ANTONYMS: (adj) new, smart, unused, unworn, pristine, original

worried: (adj) uneasy, distressed, nervous, apprehensive, upset, anxious, disturbed, concerned, afraid, troubled, bothered. ANTONYMS: (adj) carefree, reassured, relaxed, untroubled, fearless, unworried, unconcerned, content, confident, serene

worry: (n, v) concern, torment, trouble, distress, tease, bother, burden, care, harass, fear; (v) disturb. ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, reassurance, pleasure, relief, unconcern, calm, confidence, hopefulness, peace; (v) reassure, delight

worse: (adj) worse, subordinate, waur, worsened, warre, unrelieved, minor, lesser, junior, poorer; (n) badness. ANTONYMS: (adj) improved, healthier, higher

worst: (v) whip, trounce, defeat, overcome, vanquish, pip, rack up; (adj, v) best, rout; (adj) floor, lick. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) best; (adj) highest, first, secondary

wound: (n, v) bruise, cut, harm, pain, damage, scratch, stab, sting; (n) injury; (v) offend, injure. ANTONYMS: (v) heal, appease, aid, cure, repair

wraith: (n) shade, specter, phantom, spook, apparition, spectre, spirit, vision, shadow, comb, fetch

wrap: (v) envelop, cover, roll, wind, shroud, enfold, enclose, drape; (n, v) cloak, swathe; (n) wrapping. ANTONYMS: (v) uncover, undo, unwind, expose, reveal

wrapped: (prep) covered; (adj) clothed, draped, rapt, intent, absorbed, engrossed, mantled, packed, immersed; (adj, prep) cloaked

wrapper: (n) cover, wrap, cloak, peignoir, housecoat, negligé, envelope, wrapping, covering, dust cover, mantle

wrestler: (n) athlete, combatant, lightweight, grappler, matman, gladiator, prize fighter, pugilist, heavyweight, bruiser, the fancy

wretched: (adj) unfortunate, pitiful, sad, pitiable, woeful, pathetic, piteous, lamentable; (adj, v) poor, unhappy, forlorn. ANTONYMS: (adj) fine, strong, fortunate, overjoyed, nice, admirable, good, cheery, joyous, lucky, comfortable

wrinkled: (adj, n) rough, rugged; (adj) puckered, creased, wrinkly, wizened, crumpled, lined, gnarled, unironed, crinkled. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwrinkled, ironed, straight

wrinkles: (n) crow's feet

wrist: (n) wrist joint, radiocarpal joint, neaf, gliding joint, fist, articulo Plano, neif; (v) paw, hand, finger

write: (v) pen, indite, draw up, correspond, spell, record, publish, compile, draw, outline, type

writer: (n) journalist, poet, penman, novelist, dramatist, commentator, playwright, authoress, amanuensis, scribe, clerk. ANTONYM: (n) reader

writh: (adj, v) distort, wrest; (v) contort, wriggle, squirm, wrench, worm, coil, wiggle, thrash, warp

writing: (n) script, print, composition, lettering, document, autograph, paper, record, inscription, authorship, handwriting

written: (adj) registered, clerical, conscript, enrolled, literal, hard-and-fast, on paper; (n) examination. ANTONYMS: (adj) verbal, unscripted, unwritten

wrong: (adj, n) evil, ill, injury, injustice; (adj, n, v) damage, injure; (adj) improper, false, incorrect, bad, inappropriate. ANTONYMS: (adj) correct, good, proper, honest, appropriate, just, true; (adv) correctly; (n) justice, virtue; (v) sympathize

yawning: (adj, v) gaping, oscitant; (n) yawn, hiation, pandiculation, oscitancy; (adj) cavernous, open, drowsy, profound, sleepy. ANTONYMS: (adj) cramped, narrow

yeller: (n) roarer, shouter, bawler, bellower, communicator, scorcher, screamer, screecher

yellow: (adv) cowardly; (adj) amber, xanthous, chickenhearted, fearful, chicken, craven, spineless; (n) coward, saffron, maize. ANTONYMS: (adj) bold, brave,

confident

yellowing: (n) discoloration, tint, staining, mark, stain, streak

yesterday: (n) past, yesteryear, yore, mean solar day, past times, solar day, day, history, water under the bridge; (adj) pass, stale.

ANTONYMS: (adv) nowadays; (n) today

york: (n) house of York

young: (n, v) offspring; (adj, n)

juvenile; (adj) immature, fresh, adolescent, new, raw, baby, childish, early; (n) progeny. ANTONYMS:

(adj) old, mature, adult, ripe, older, late; (adj, n) aged

younger: (adj) Jr, little, petty, young, juvenile, Mickey Mouse, minor, minuscule, niggling, picayune, unskilled

yours: (adj) own

yourself: (adv) herself, themselves, itself, myself, ourselves, yourselves, physically

