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The words are given in bold. The meaning is given after the equal sign (=) following a word. We have used the US spellings. The British spelling of a word, when different from the US spelling, is given in bracket after BRITISH as shown for the word belabor below.

belabor (BRITISH = belabour) = to assail verbally, to insist repeatedly or harp on

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amphitheater (British = amphitheatre) = oval-shaped theater
anatema = curse, ban
annul = cancel, nullify
anodyne = pain soothing
anoint = consecrate, to apply oil, especially as a sacred rite
annuity = state of being anonymous, having no name
antediluvian = ancient, obsolete, pre historic
antithesis = direct opposite
apathetic = unconcerned, indifferent
aphasia = inability to speak or use words
aphorism = maxim, old saying
aplomb = poise, confidence
apocryphal = a doubtful authenticity, not genuine, fictional
apostate = one who abandons one's faith
apotheosis = Deification, glorification
approbation = praise, official approval
archaic = Antiquated, from an earlier time
archipelago = group of islands
ardor (British = ardour) = great emotion or passion
arraign = indict, to call to court to answer a charge
arrogate = seize without right, to demand or claim arrogantly
ascendancy = powerful state
ascribe = to attribute
ashen = resembling ashes, or deathly pale
asinine = stupid
askance = to view with suspicion, scornfully
askew = crooked, tilted
aspersion = slander, false rumor, damaging report
assail = attack
assent = to express agreement
assiduous = hard-working, diligent, persistent
assuage = lessen (pain), to make less severe, ease
astringent = causing contraction, severe, harsh
asunder = apart, into different parts
atone = make amends for a wrong
august = noble, dignified, awe-inspiring, venerable
avow = declare
awry = crooked, askew, amiss
axiom = self-evident truth, premise, postulate
bacchanal = orgy, drunkenly festive
baleful = hostile, malignant, harmful with evil intentions
balk = hesitate, refuse, shirk, prevent
banal = trite, overly common
bane = poison, nuisance, something causing ruin
bastion = fort, fortification, stronghold
beguile = deceive, seduce, mislead
beleaguer = besiege, to harass, plague
berate = to scold harshly
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<td>blithe</td>
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<td>bombast</td>
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<td>bring up a topic of conversation</td>
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<td>cabal</td>
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<td>cadaver</td>
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<td>calumny</td>
<td>Slander, false and malicious accusation</td>
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<td>cataclysm</td>
<td>catastrophe, disaster</td>
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<td>cathartic</td>
<td>purgative, purifying, cleansing</td>
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<td>catholic</td>
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<td>caucus</td>
<td>a small group within an organization or a meeting of such a group</td>
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<td>cavil</td>
<td>quibble, raise trivial objections</td>
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<td>cede</td>
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<td>circumlocution</td>
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<td>circumspect</td>
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<td>circumvent</td>
<td>evade, avoid, to go around</td>
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<td>clamor</td>
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<td>clemency</td>
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<td>cloister</td>
<td>refuge, to confine, seclude</td>
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<td>coalesce</td>
<td>combine, to grow together</td>
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<td>coddle</td>
<td>to pamper, baby, treat indulgently</td>
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cogent = well-put, convincing, logically forceful

cognate = from the same source, related

cognomen = family name, any name, nickname

colloquy = conference

collusion = conspiracy, collaboration, complicity

commodious = spacious

complicity = guilt by association, knowing partnership in wrong doing

compunction = remorse, regret

concur = To agree
conflagration = large fire, big, destructive fire
confluence = flowing together, meeting of two streams, meeting place
confound = bewilder, to baffle, perplex
congeal = solidify, as a liquid freezing, to become thick or solid
conjecture = hypothesis, speculation, prediction
conjure = summon, to evoke a spirit, cast a spell
consanguinity = related by blood, kinship
consecrate = make holy, dedicate to a goal, to declare sacred
construe = interpret or to explain
continence = self-control, self-restraint
contrite = apologetic, deeply sorrowful and repentant for a wrong
contusion = A bruise
conundrum = enigma, puzzle or problem with no solution, riddle
convivial = sociable, festive, fond of eating, drinking, and people
convoke = convene, summon, to call together
couquette = woman who flirts
corroborate = to confirm, verify
coterie = small group, group of people with a common interest or purpose
countenance = facial expression, to favor, support
cower = showing fear, to cringe in fear
crass = crude, unrefined
craven = cowardly
credence = Belief, acceptance of something as true or real
creed = Belief or principle
cringe = cower, to shrink in fear
culpable = blameworthy, guilty, responsible for wrong
cupidity = greed
curmudgeon = boor, cranky person
dally = procrastinate, to act playfully or waste time
debase = to degrade, or lower in quality or stature
debauch = to corrupt, seduce from virtue or duty
defilante = a girl debuting into society
decadence = deterioration, decay (e.g. moral or cultural)
decapitate = kill by beheading
deciduous = shedding leaves, short-lived, temporary
decorous = seemly, proper, tasteful, socially correct
decry = castigate, to belittle, openly condemn
deference = courteously yielding to another, respect, honor
defile = pollute, to make unclean or dishonor
deft = skillful, dexterous
defunct = extinct, no longer existing, dead
deleterious = harmful, destructive, detrimental
deluge = a flood, to submerge, overwhelm
demagogue = An unprincipled politician, leader
demean = to degrade, humiliate, humble
demur = take exception, to express doubts or objections
denigrate = defame, to slur or blacken someone’s reputation
depravity = immorality, sinfulness
deprecate = belittle, disparage
deride = To ridicule, to mock, make fun of

desecrate = profane, to abuse something sacred

desiccate = dehydrate, to dry completely

despondent = depressed, feeling discouraged and dejected

desultory = without direction in life, at random, rambling, unmethodical

diatribe = long denunciation, bitter verbal attack

dichotomy = a division into two parts

didactic = instructional

dilettante = amateur, dabbler

disabuse = correct, to free from a misconception

disburse = pay out

disconsolate = inconsolable, unable to be consoled, extremely sad

discern = separate, distinct

discursive = rambling, wandering from topic to topic

disdain = to regard with scorn and contempt

disingenuous = deceptive, sly and crafty

disjointed = disconnected, incoherent, being separated

disparage = belittle, speak disrespectfully about

disparate = various, dissimilar, different in kind

disparity = difference, contrast, dissimilarity

dispirit = discourage, to dishearten, make dejected

dissipate = scatter

distend = swell, inflate, bloat

distressed = distressed, very worried

docile = domesticated, trained, tame

dotage = senility, mental decline

dour = sullen and gloomy, stern and severe

droll = amusing in a wry

dulcet = melodious, pleasant sounding

duplicitous = deceit, treachery, dishonesty, double-dealing

duress = coercion, imprisonment

ebb = recede, to fade away

ebulient = exuberant, full of enthusiasm and high spirits

eccentric = joyful

edify = instruct morally and spiritually

efface = To obliterate

enfrontery = insolence

effulgent = brilliant

elicit = provoke

elucidate = make clear, clarify

emaciated = underfed, gaunt

embroil = involve, cause to fall into disorder

emend = correct

enjoin = urge, order, command

ennui = boredom, lack of interest and energy
enthrall (British = enthral) = mesmerize, to captivate, enchant
etreat = plead, beg
epicure = gourmet, person with refined taste in food and wine
epigram = saying, short, witty saying or poem
epithet = name, appellation, phrase
equine = pertaining to horses
erode = wear away, to diminish
errant = wandering, mistaken
eschew = avoid, to abstain from
espouse = to support or advocate
estranged = alienated, separated
euthanasia = mercy-killing
evanescence = fleeting, very brief, short-lived
evince = attest, demonstrate, to show clearly
exacerbate = worsen
exasperate = irritate, vex
execrable = very bad, abominable, utterly detestable
exemplary = outstanding, serving as an example
exhort = strongly urge
exhume = uncover, to remove from a grave
exonerate = free from blame
exorcise = to expel evil spirits
expedient = advantageous, convenient, efficient
expiate = atone, make amends for
expunge = erase, eliminate completely
extenuate = To diminish the gravity or importance of
extol = praise highly
extraneous = not essential, unnecessary
extricate = Disentangle, free
exuberant = joyous, happy
exude = emit, ooze
exult = rejoice
facetious = joking, sarcastic, witty
facile = very easy
fallow = unproductive, unplowed
fastidious = meticulous, careful with details
fathom = understand, to measure the depth of
fatuous = inane, stupid
fealty = Loyalty
fecund = fertile, fruitful, productive
feign = pretend, give a false impression
fetid = foul-smelling, putrid, stinking
fickle = always changing one's mind
fidelity = Loyalty
filch = steal something of little value
filial = of a son or daughter
fitful = irregular
flagrant = outrageous, shameless
fledgling = just beginning, struggling
flippant = Having a light, pert, trifling disposition
florid = ruddy, with too much decoration
flout = to show disregard for the law or rules
foible = weakness, minor fault
foist = palm off a fake
foment = instigate
fortuitous = happening by luck, fortunate
foster = encourage
fracas = noisy fight
fraught = filled
frenetic = harried, neurotic
frond = bending tree
fulminate = denounce, menace
fulsome = excessive, insincere
furtive = stealthy
gainsay = to deny
gargantuan = large
garner = gather
garrulous = talkative, loquacious, wordy
gauge = awkward, crude
genre = kind, category
gibe = heckle
glib = insincere manner
glower = stare angrily
goad = encourage
gossamer = thin and flimsy
gouge = overcharge, scoop out
grimace = expression of disgust
grovel = crawl, obey
guile = deceit, trickery
hackneyed = trite
hapless = unlucky
harangue = a pompous speech
harbinger = forerunner
haughty = arrogant
hedonism = the pursuit of pleasure in life
heinous = shocking, wicked
hermetic = airtight, sealed
hew = to cut with an ax
hiatus = interruption
hone = sharpen
illimitable = limitless
imbue = infuse, dye, wet
immure = build a wall around
impair = injure
impassive = calm, without feeling
impeccable = faultless
impecunious = indigent, having no money
imperious = domineering
impertinent = insolent, rude
imperturbable = calm
impervious = Impenetrable
impetuous = quick to act without thinking
implausible = unlikely, inconceivable
impolitic = unwise
importune = urgent request
impregnable = totally safe from attack
impugn = criticize
inaudient = unintentional
inan = vacuous, stupid
incandescent = brilliant
incarcerate = to put in a jail
incendiary = burning easily, flammable
inchoate = just begun
incipient = beginning to exist
incisive = keen, penetrating
incognito = disguised
incommunicado = unable to communicate with others
incontrovertible = Indisputable
inculcate = instill, indoctrinate, to teach
incumbent = obligatory, required
incursion = raid
indict = charge with a crime
indigenous = Native
indigent = very poor
indolent = lazy
indomitable = invincible, fearless
indubitable = unquestionable
inexorable = relentless, inflexible
infallible = incapable of making a mistake
infernal = hellish
infirmity = ailment, disease
ingrate = ungrateful person
ingratiate = pleasing, flattering, endearing
inimical = adverse, hostile, unfriendly
innocuous = Harmless
innuendo = indirect and subtle criticism
inscrutable = cannot be fully understood
insinuate = to suggest, imply, say indirectly
insipid = flat, dull, lacking flavor
insolent = insulting
insular = narrow-minded, isolated
insuperable = insurmountable
insurgent = rebellious
insurrection = uprising, rebellion
inter = bury
interdict = prohibit
interloper = intruder, meddler in others' affairs
interminable = unending
internecine = mutually destructive
intransigent = uncompromising
intrepid = fearless
inundate = flood
invective = verbal insult
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inveterate = habitual, chronic, long-standing
invidious = incurring ill-will
irascible = irritable
itinerant = Wandering, unsettled
jaded = spent, bored with one's situation
juggernaut = unstoppable force
kismet = fate
knell = sound of a funeral bell
lachrymose = tearful
lampoon = satirize, to attack with satire
larceny = theft of property
largess = generous donation
legerdemain = trickery
levity = Frivolity, humor
libertine = one without moral restraint
licentious = lewd, immoral
limpid = transparent, clearly understood
lissome (BRITISH = lissom) = agile, supple
lithe = moving and bending with ease
loathe = abhor, hate
loquacious = Talkative
lugubriously = sad, sorrowful
lurid = glowing, shocking
macabre = gruesome
machination = plot or scheme
maelstrom = whirlpool, agitated state of mind
malapropism = comical misuse of a word
malcontent = one who is forever dissatisfied
malediction = curse
malefactor = evildoer, culprit
malodorous = fetid, foul-smelling
manifold = multiple, diverse
martial = warlike, pertaining to the military
martinet = strict disciplinarian
masochist = one who enjoys pain
maudlin = weepy, sentimental
maverick = a person who resists adherence to a group
mawkish = sickeningly sentimental
meander = to wander aimlessly without direction
mendicant = beggar
mercurial = changeable, volatile, quick
mettle = courage, capacity for bravery
minatory = threatening
mirth = jollity, laughter
miscreant = one who behaves criminally
missive = letter or note
modicum = a small amount
mollify = to calm or make less severe
moot = disputable, previously decided
mordant = biting, sarcastic
mores = moral standards, customs
moribund = near death
mote = speck, small particle
motley = diverse, many colored
multifarious = diverse, many-sided
munificent = generous
myriad = innumerable
nascent = incipient, coming into existence
natal = related to birth
necromancy = sorcery, black magic
Nemesis = implacable foe, often victorious opponent
neologism = new word or expression
neophyte = beginner
nether = located under or below
nettle = irritate
niggardly = stingy
noisome = harmful, stinking
nonentity = person of no significance
obdurate = unyielding
obeisance = homage, deference
obfuscate = bewilder, muddle, to confuse
oblique = indirect
obliterate = destroy
obloquy = slander, abusive language
**obsequious** = fawning, servile, overly submissive
**obsequy** = funeral ceremony
**obstinate** = stubborn
**obstreperous** = noisy, unruly, troublesome
**obtuse** = stupid, dull
**occlude** = block, to shut
**odious** = despicable, hateful
**onerous** = burdensome
**opprobrious** = abusive, disgraceful
**ordain** = appoint
**ossify** = harden
**ostensible** = apparent, seeming
**ostentatious** = pretentious, showy
**overweening** = arrogant, forward


Cassette 3 Side A

pacifist = one who opposes all violence
paean = a song of praise
palaver = babble, nonsense
pall = to become dull or weary
palliate = to make less serious, ease
pallid = pale, sallow, lacking color or liveliness
palpable = touchable, obvious, real
paltry = scarce, pitifully small or worthless
panache = flamboyance, flair
pandemic = spread over a whole area or country
panegyric = praise
panoply = full suit of armor
paragon = model of excellence or perfection
pariah = outcast
parley = conference, discussion
parry = avert, ward off, reflect
partisan = supporter
pathos = emotion, feeling of sadness
patrician = aristocrat
patrimony = inheritance or heritage derived from one's father
peccadillo = a minor fault
pedagogue = dull, formal teacher
pedant = a person who is too interested in formal rules and small unimportant details
pejorative = insulting, having bad connotations
pellucid = transparent, easily understood
penance = voluntary suffering to repent for a wrong
penchant = inclination
penitent = repentant
pensive = sad
perdition = damnation, complete ruin
peremptory = dictatorial
perennial = enduring, lasting
perfidious = treacherous (of a person)
perfunctory = careless, done in a routine way
peripatetic = moving from place to place
pernicious = destructive
pert = flippant, bold
pertinacious = persevering
pertinent = Relevant, applicable
philistine = barbarian, narrow-minded person
phlegmatic = sluggish, someone who is calm
pillory = punish by ridicule
piquant = sting, arouse interest
pithy = concise, to the point
pittance = alms, trifle
placid = Serene, calm
platitude = trite remark, stale
plebeian = common, vulgar
plethora = overabundance
poignant = pungent, sharp, emotionally moving
pole mic = a controversy
portend = omen
portly = large, dignified
potentate = sovereign, king
prattle = chatter, foolish talk
precept = principle, law
precipice = cliff, edge
precipitous = steep
precocious = advanced
precursor = forerunner
predilection = inclination, preference
premeditate = plan in advance
preponderance = predominance
preposterous = ridiculous, illogical
presage = omen, indicate in advance
privation = lack of usual necessities or comforts
probity = integrity, complete honesty
proclivity = inclination, tendency
prodigal = wasteful
prodigious = marvelous, enormous
prodigal = licentious, prodigal, corrupt
progenitor = ancestor
progeny = children
prognosis = forecast
prognosticate = foretell
prolix = long-winded, wordy
promontory = headland, cape
promulgate = publish, disseminate
propensity = inclination
propinquity = nearness, kinship
propitiate = satisfy, to win over
propitious = auspicious, favorable
prosaic = uninspired, flat, dull
proscribe = prohibit, to condemn
proselytize (BRITISH = proselytise) = recruit, convert
protean = changing readily
protract = To prolong, extend
provident = having foresight, thrifty
prude = puritan
prudent = cautious, careful
prurient = exhibiting lewd desires
puerile = Childish
pugnacious = combative, quarrelsome
pulchritude = beauty
punctilious = careful in observing rules of behavior or ceremony
pungent = sharp smell or taste
purport = claim to be
pusillanimous = cowardly
quaff = to drink heartily
quagmire = difficult situation
quandary = dilemma, difficulty
quell = suppress, allay
querulous = complaining
quibble = to argue about insignificant and irrelevant details
quiescent = still, motionless, at rest
Quixotic = impractical, romantic
raconteur = story teller
rampant = unbridled, raging
rancor (BRITISH = rancour) = resentment, dislike
rant = rage, scold
rapacious = grasping, avaricious, greedy
rapprochement = reconciliation
raze = destroy
recalcitrant = resisting authority or control
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<td>scintilla</td>
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**sedition** = treason, resistance to authority  
**sententious** = concise, trying to appear wise  
**sequester** = to remove or set apart  
**seraphic** = angelic, pure  
**serendipity** = making fortunate discoveries  
**servile** = slavish, obedient  
**simian** = monkey like  
**simper** = smile foolishly, smirk  
**sinecure** = well paid position with little responsibility  
**skulk** = sneak about  
**slake** = to calm down or moderate  
**sloth** = laziness  
**slovenly** = sloppy  
**sobriety** = composed  
**sobriquet** = nickname  
**sodden** = soaked  
**sojourn** = trip, visit  
**solace** = consolation  
**solecism** = ungrammatical construction  
**solicitous** = considerate, concerned  
**soliloquy** = A monologue  
**solstice** = furthest point  
**somber** (British = sombre) = Gloomy  
**sommambulist** = sleepwalker  
**somnolent** = Sleepy  
**soporific** = sleep inducing  
**sordid** = foul, ignoble, dirty and unpleasant  
**spawn** = produce  
**specious** = false but plausible  
**sporadic** = occurring irregularly  
**sportive** = playful  
**spurn** = reject  
**squalid** = filthy  
**staid** = demure, sedate, boring  
**steadfast** = loyal, immovable  
**stentorian** = extremely loud  
**stigma** = mark of disgrace  
**stilted** = formal, stiff, unnatural  
**stoic** = indifferent to pain or pleasure  
**stolid** = impassive  
**stratagem** = trick  
**stricture** = negative criticism  
**stultify** = inhibit, enfeeble  
**stymie** = hinder, thwart  
**suave** = smooth  
**sublimate** = to repress impulses  
**sublime** = lofty, excellent  
**subterfuge** = cunning, ruse  
**succulent** = juicy, delicious  
**sully** = stain  
**supercilious** = arrogant
supplant = replace
surly = rude, crass
surmise = to guess
surmount = overcome
surreptitious = secretive
sustenance = supplying the necessities of life
swarthy = dark (as in complexion)
Sybarite = pleasure-seeker, lover of luxury
sycophant = flatterer, flunky
taciturn = who does not talk much
talon = claw of an animal
tantamount = equivalent
tawdry = gaudy, cheap
temerity = boldness
ample = enough, specious, abundant
amplify = enlarge, increase, intensify
ancillary = supplementary, subsidiary, subordinate
anomaly = deviation from the rule, irregularity
artifact (British = artefact) = an object made by human, of historical interest
artisan = a skilled handicraftsman
authoritarian = dictator, extremely strict, bossy
autocrat = dictator or a high ranking government officer
bifurcated = divided into two branches, forked
blatant = glaring, obvious, showy
bountiful = abundant, plentiful
brazen = bold, shameless, impudent
breach = breaking of a rule, agreement, or law
caricature = cartoon, exaggerated portrait
carnivorous = meat-eating
catalyst = something that causes change without being changed
centripetal = tending toward the center
chaotic = in utter disorder
chauvinist = a man who thinks men are better than women
complement = To make complete, perfect
composure = Calmness of appearance
compress = to reduce, squeeze
constituent = electorate, component, part
constraint = something that limits what you can do
correlation = mutual relationship, association
corrugate = to wrinkle or draw into folds
depose = testify, to remove from a high position
depreciate = To lessen the worth of
determinate = Definitely limited or fixed, conclusive
dexterous = skillful, adroit
dwindle = To diminish or become less
earthly = crude
tentity = being, existence
equity = impartiality, justice
equivocal = Ambiguous, open to two interpretations
eulogy = high praise
exotic = Foreign, romantic
extemporaneous = unrehearsed
fabricate = construct
fallible = Capable of erring
felicitous = very appropriate, pertinent
flair = a natural aptitude
flaunt = to show off
flora = plants
fraudulent = Counterfeit
fusion = union, coalition
germinate = To begin to develop into an embryo or higher form
heterogeneous = composed of unlike parts, different
hypothetical = theoretical, speculative
immune = Exempt, as from disease
imprudent = unwise
inception = The beginning
inconsequential = Valueless
indefatigable = never getting tired
indicative = suggestive, implying
indisputable = not disputed, unquestioned
infantile = childish, immature
ingenious = naïve and unsophisticated
injurious = harmful
innovate = to invent, modernize
integrity = decency, honest, wholeness
intermittent = starting and stopping
introspective = looking within oneself
introvert = To turn within
invoke = request assistance or protection
iota = A small mark or part
irreverent = disrespectful
jaundice = disease of yellowish discoloration of skin
lackluster (BRITISH = lacklustre) = dull, dreary, colorless
laudable = Praiseworthy
lexicon = A dictionary
litigation = lawsuit
lunar = related to the moon
luscious = Rich, sweet, and delicious
metaphor = figure of speech comparing two different things
microcosm = The world on a small scale
migratory = Wandering from place to place with the seasons
mishap = Misfortune
mnemonic = related to memory
monotony = A lack of variation
omnivorous = eating everything
opportunist = One who takes advantage of circumstances
orifice = a small opening
overt = open to view
paradox = seemingly in contradiction
parasite = one who lives at another's expense
patent = the right to make or sell a new invention
pediatrician (BRITISH = paediatrician) = a child doctor
perusal = reading carefully
plenitude = Abundance
polyglot = Speaking several tongues
propagate = To spread
reactionary = related to, or favoring reaction
reciprocate = To give and take mutually
regimen = government rule, systematic plan
rehabilitate = To restore to a former status
reminiscence = remembrance of past events
renegade = rebel, dissident
resilient = the quality of springing back
retroactive = applying to an earlier time
sensual = related to the physical senses
strident = rough, harsh, caustic, loud
subliminal = subconscious, imperceptible
superannuated = retired
superficial = shallow and phony
supple = Easily bent
synchronous = happening at the same time
tainted = contaminated, corrupt
talisman = an object supposed to bring good luck
theocracy = government by the priests
therapeutic = medicinal
tortuous = with bends or turns
transcend = To surpass
transmute = To change in nature or form
tribute = a gift or statement showing respect
turbulence = violent agitation
unobtrusive = inconspicuous, not blatant
vent = small opening, outlet
verisimilitude = appearance of being true
versatile = adaptable, all-purpose
vicarious = substitute, surrogate
viscous = sticky, gluey, thick
warranty = guarantee of a product's soundness
wax = increase, grow
weather = endure the effects of weather or other forces
yoke = join together, unite
temporal = limited by time, secular, not lasting forever
tenacious = persistent
tendentious = biased
tenet = doctrine, principle
tensile = capable of being stretched
tenuous = thin, insubstantial
tepid = lukewarm
terse = concise, brief
tether = tie down, tie with a rope
thrall = slave
thwart = to block or prevent from happening
timid = fearful, timid
tirade = scolding speech
toady = fawner, sycophant
torpid = lethargic, inactive
transient = fleeting, temporary
translucent = clear, lucid, almost transparent
travesty = caricature, farce, parody
trenchant = incisive, penetrating
trepidation = fear
trite = commonplace, insincere
truculent = fierce, savage, tending to argue a lot
truism = self-evident truth
trypt = meeting, rendezvous
tumult = commotion
turbid = muddy, clouded
turgid = Swollen, not flowing
turpitude = Depravity, evil
tyro = beginner
umbrage = resentment
unctuous = insincere
unkempt = messy in appearance
unsullied = spotless
usurp = seize, to appropriate
usury = overcharge, lending money at illegal rates of interest
vacillate = To waver
vacuous = inane, empty, not showing intelligence or purpose
vapid = vacuous, insipid
venal = willing to do wrong for money
vendetta = grudge, feud
venerable = respected because of age
verdant = green, lush
vex = annoy, to irritate
vicious = changing fortunes
vie = compete
vignette = scene, decorative design
vilify = defame
vindicate = free from blame
virile = manly
virulent = deadly, poisonous
vitiate = spoil, ruin
vitriolic = scathing, burning
vociferous = adamant, clamoring
volition = free will
voluminous = bulky, extensive, or great quantity
wallow = indulge, luxuriate
wan = sickly pale
wane = dissipate, wither
wary = guarded, careful
welter = confusion, hodgepodge
whet = stimulate, to sharpen
wily = shrewd, clever
winsome = charming
wizened = shriveled
wraith = ghost
wry = twisted, amusing
zephyr = gentle breeze, west wind
amphibian = creature that lives on land and water
anachronism = Anything occurring or existing out of its proper time
angular = Sharp-cornered or sharp angled
anthropomorphic = Nonhuman having or resembling human form or quality
appraise = assess, evaluate the value
arable = suitable for cultivation
asperity = roughness of temper
assay = to analyze or estimate
audit = formal examination of final records
augury = prophecy or prediction of events
aver = to declare to be true
aversion = intense dislike
aviary = cage where birds are kept
banter = to tease playfully and in good humor
beatific = supremely happy, angelic, saintly
benighted = unenlightened
benison = Blessing
blanch = bleach, whiten, to take the color out
bludgeon = to hit someone several times with a heavy object
bolver = To support or make something strong
burnish = To make brilliant or shining
bony = clever and able to think quickly, especially about money or business
carnal = of the flesh, sensual
carp = to find faults, complain constantly
cavalcade = a procession or sequence
celerity = quick moving or acting
cession = Surrender, as of possessions or rights
champ = to chew noisily
chastise = to criticize or punish someone
chattel = piece of personal property
churlish = rude, ungracious
circumscribe = To confine within bounds
clairvoyant = who can see the future, having ESP
collate = to sort or put in proper order
complaisant = Agreeable, friendly
consequential = important
contumacious = rebellious
cuisine = cookery, style of cooking
culmination = climax, final stage
curator = in charge of a library or museum
daunt = to frighten, subdue
decline = a place that declines or slopes downwards
deranged = insane, delirious, maïacal
derivative = copied or adapted, not original
descry = To discern, to discover or reveal
diffidence = shyness, lack of confidence
dirge = lament with music, funeral hymn
discomfit = To put to confusion, discomfort
discordant = harsh-sounding, badly out of tune
dissimulate = to disguise
distaff = the female branch of a family
dolt = a stupid person
domineer = to rule over something in a tyrannical way
doughty = brave, dauntless
dross = waste matter, worthless impurities
dyspeptic = suffering from indigestion, gloomy and irritable
effluvium = noxious smells
effusive = expressing emotion without restraint
elation = exhilaration, joy
eloquence = fluent and effective speech
emollient = cream for softening, making supple
enconce = to hide safely, settle comfortably
enunciate = verbalize, articulate
epilogue = The close of a narrative or poem
epitome = A simplified representation
equestrian = one who rides on horseback
excoriate = to denounce
exculpate = to clear of blame or fault
expatiate = to discuss in detail, elaborate
expatriate = who does not live in one's own country
expurgate = to purify by removing obscenities
extrinsic = not inherent or essential, coming from without
extraordinary = an outgoing person
fell = to chop, cut down
fervid = fervent, passionate
fetter = to restrain, to bind
finicky = meticulous, fussy
fissure = a crack or break
flaccid = limp, flabby, weak
flamboyant = Characterized by extravagance
fluster = confuse
forbearance = Patient endurance or toleration of offenses
forte = A strong point
fractious = wayward, unruly, disorderly
frenzied = feverishly fast, hectic
funereal = mournful, appropriate to a funeral
gall = bitterness, nerve
gambol = Playful leaping or frisking
gaunt = thin, emaciated
gustatory = relevant to the sense of tasting
hallow = to make holy
hoary = white, old
holocaust = widespread destruction
ignominious = Shameful
impius = not devout in religion
implacable = doubtful, dubious
improvident = lacking foresight or thrift
incarnadine = blood-red in color
indenture = bound to another by contract
interstice = a small space between things
iridescent = showing many colors
jettison = to throw overboard, abandon
jingoism = extremely aggressive and militant patriotism
lackadaisical = Listless, idle
languor = Lassitude of body or depression
lapidary = relating to precious stones
latitude = freedom from narrow limitations
lionize = treat as a celebrity
loiter = dawdle, loaf
lull = moment of calm
maritime = Situated on or near the sea
megalomania = mental state with delusions of wealth and power
mendacious = Untrue
me tricous = Alluring by false or gaudy show
molt = to shed hair, skin periodically
monastic = related to monks
morbic = abnormally gloomy
naiveté = a lack of worldly wisdom
nihilism = a belief in nothing, extreme skepticism
nomadic = moving from place to place
non sequitur = an irrelevant conclusion
nuptial = relating to marriage
objurgate = to chide, scold
opalescent = iridescent, displaying colors
ornithologist = scientist who studies birds
orotund = pompously said
palette = board for mixing paints
pastiche = imitation of another's style
patricide = murder of one's own father
peculation = theft of money or goods
pedimt = triangular gable on a roof or façade
penumbra = partial shadow in an eclipse
permeable = penetrable
philology = study of words
plaintiff = injured person in a lawsuit
plangent = plaintive, resounding sadly
politic = expedient, prudent, well devised
potable = suitable for drinking
presentiment = sense of foreboding
primordial = existing at the beginning, rudimentary
pummel = beat, attack
putrid = dirty, rotten
quintessence = The most essential part of anything
ramshackle = dilapidated, falling to pieces
ratiocination = reasoning
raucous = Harsh sounding
ravenous = extremely hungry
rectitude = moral uprightness
refectory = dining hall
remediable = capable of being corrected
remonstrate = to protest or object
retinue = group of attendants
rococo = ornate, highly decorated
roil = to disturb or cause disorder
salubrious = healthy
serenity = calm, peacefulness
serrated = toothed, with a zigzag edge
sinuous = Curving in and out
slough = to discard or shed
sluggard = lazy, inactive person
sophist = person good at arguing deviously
sophomoric = immature and overconfident
staccato = marked by abrupt, clear-cut sounds
succinct = Concise
synthetic = artificial, imitation
threnody = a sad poem or song, dirge
tremulous = trembling, fearful
tundra = treeless plain found in Arctic or sub arctic regions
upbraid = to scold sharply
vagrant = An idle wanderer
variegated = many-colored
vaunted = boasted, bragged
veracious = truthful, accurate
verity = Truth
vernal = related to spring
wrangle = loud quarrel
abase = lower, humiliate
abash = humiliate, embarrass
abdicate = give up power or position
abeyance = postponement, temporary suspension
abhor = detest, loathe
abjure = renounce, to formally reject or abandon
ablation = cleansing, washing
abortive = unsuccessful, interruptive while incomplete
abrogate = cancel, to abolish by authority
absolve = acquit, to forgive or free from blame
abstruse = difficult to comprehend
abut = touch, border on
abysmal = deficient, sub par
accede = yield, express approval, agree to
acclimate = accustom oneself to a climate
acclivity = ascent, incline
accolade = applause, praise
acost = to approach and speak to someone
accomplish (BRITISH = accouter) = equip
acme = summit, highest point
acquiesce = to agree, comply passively
acrid = harsh, bitter, pungent, caustic
acrimonious = caustic, bitter
actuate = induce, start
acumen = sharpness of insight
adamant = insistent, uncompromising, unyielding
adduce = offer as example
adjunct = addition, something added, attached, or joined
admonish = warn gently, caution, or reprimand
adroit = skillful, accomplished, highly competent
adulation = applause, high praise
advent = arrival
adventitious = accidental
aegis = that which protects
affect = influence
affray = public brawl
agape = openmouthed, wonder
aggrandize = exaggerate, to make larger or greater in power
aghast = horrified
alacrity = swiftness, speed, cheerful willingness, eagerness
allay = to reassure; to lessen, ease, or soothe
allege = assert without proof
allegory = fable, symbolic representation
alliteration = repetition of the same sound
allude = refer to indirectly
amenable = agreeable
amiss = wrong, out of place
amity = Friendship
amorous = strongly attracted to love; showing love
amorphous = shapeless
amortize = to diminish by installment payments
amuck = murderous frenzy
anarchist = terrorist
animadversion = critical remark
animus = hate
annals = historical records
apocalyptic = ominous, doomed
apoplexy = stroke
appall (British = appal) = horrify
apparition = phantom
appellation = title, name
apposite = apt
apropos = Appropriate
arbiter = judge
archetype = original model
argot = slang
aria = operatic song
array = arrangement
arroyo = gully
artifice = trick
aseptic = sterile
atelier = workshop
avuncular = like an uncle
azure = sky blue
badger = To pester
badinage = banter, teasing conversation
bagatelle = nonentity, trifle
bandy = discuss lightly
bard = poet
baroque = ornate
bask = take pleasure in, sun
bauble = A trinket, trifle
beatitude = state of bliss
begrudge = resent, envy
beholden = in debt
bereft = deprived of
beset = harass, surround
besmirch = slander, sully
bicameral = having two legislative branches
bivouac = encampment
blase = bored with life
bode = portend
bogus = forged, false
brackish = salty
bucolic = rustic
burlesque = farce
cache = hiding place
cadaverous = haggard
callow = inexperienced
canine = pertaining to dogs
captious = fond of finding fault in others  
carafe = bottle  
cardinal = chief
Cassette 6 Side B

carri on = decaying flesh
cascade = small waterfall
casuistry = clever argument to trick people
cauterize (Latin = cauterize) = to sear
chafe = abrade
chaste = pure, virgin
chasten = castigate
ciphe r = zero
cleft = split
clique = a small group
cloven = split
codici il = supplement to a will
cogitate = ponder
cognizant = aware
cohere = To stick together
cohort = an associate
com port = to conduct oneself
conch = spiral shell
concordat = Agreement
condescend = patronize, talk down to, to treat someone as though you are better
condiment = seasoning
condolence = sympathy for the family or friends of a person who has recently died
coniferous = bearing cones
consort = spouse
contagion = infectious agent
contingent = conditional
contort = twist
controvert = dispute
cordon = bond, chain
corollary = consequence
corpulent = fat
cortege = procession
coruscate = sparkle
covenant = agreement, pact
crestfallen = dejected
crevice = crack
cruet = small bottle
cull = pick out, select
culvert = drain
curry = seek favor by flattery
cynosure = celebrity
dank = damp
dauntless = courageous
deadpan = expressionless
debonair = sophisticated, affable
decant = pour
decrepitude = enfeeblement
defamation = slander
deflect = turn aside
defray = pay
defign = condescend
delirium = mental confusion, ecstasy
delve = dig, explore (of ideas)
demeanor (british = demeanour) = behavior
demented = deranged
demure = sedate, reserved
denizen = dweller
denouement = resolution
deposition = testimony
depredation = preying on, plunder
derelict = negligent
desolate = forsaken
desuetude = disuse
dialectic = pertaining to debate
dimination = Reduction
disconcert = confuse
discr...
expletive = oath
extant = existing
extripate = seek out and destroy
extrude = force out
facet = aspect
factious = causing disagreement
factitious = artificial
factotum = handyman
faux pas = false step, mistake
febrile = feverish, delirious
ferment = turmoil
ferret = rummage through
fervor (BRITISH = fervour) = intensity
fester = decay
Cassette 7 Side A

festive = joyous
fete = to honor
fiat = decree
firebrand = agitator
flagellate = whip
flail = whip
foray = raid
fortitude = patience, courage
fret = worry
fritter = squander
frivolity = playfulness
fruition = realization, completion
galvanize = excite to action
gamut = range
garnish = decorate
genealogy = ancestry
genesis = beginning
genuflect = kneel in reverence
ghastly = horrible
glean = gather
gnome = dwarf-like being
gorge = stuff, satiate
gory = bloody
grapple = struggle
grisly = gruesome
guffaw = laughter
gusto = Keen enjoyment
guttural = throaty
haggard = gaunt
hale = healthy
hamper = obstruct
harbor (British = harbour) = give shelter, conceal
harridan = hag or an ugly old woman
harry = harass
heedless = careless
hegira = a journey to a more pleasant place
hibernal = wintry
histrionic = overly dramatic
homily = sermon
horde = group
hortatory = inspiring good deeds
hovel = shanty, cabin
hoyden = tomboy, boisterous girl
hubris = arrogance
hummock = knoll, mound
humus = soil
ichthyology = study of fish
idyllic = natural, picturesque
immolate = sacrifice
impale = pierce
impetus = stimulus, spark
impinge = encroach, spark
imponderable = difficult to estimate
imprimatur = sanction
impunity = exemption from harm
impute = charge
inalienable = that which cannot be taken away
incantation = chant
incapacitate = disable
inclement = harsh
incriminate = accuse
incubus = nightmare
ineffable = inexpressible
ineluctable = inescapable
infidel = nonbeliever
influx = inflow
infraction = violation
inimicable = peerless
iniquitous = unjust, wicked
inopportune = untimely
inordinate = excessive
insensate = without feeling
insouciant = nonchalant
insubordinate = disobedient
integument = a covering
inveigle = lure
irresolute = hesitant, uncertain
jejune = barren
jostle = push, brush against
ken = range of comprehension
knave = con man
knead = massage
lacerate = tear, cut
lackey = servant
laity = laymen
lambent = softly radiant
lave = wash
lax = loose, careless
lectern = reading desk
limn = portray, describe
litany = list
litotes = understatement for emphasis
lout = goon
lupine = wolf-like
luxuriant = lush
maim = injure
manacle = shackle
marauder = plunderer
masticate = chew
matriarch = matron
maul = rough up
mausoleum = tomb
maybe m = mutilation
medley = mixture
melee = riot
mellifluous = sweet sounding
menial = humble, degrading
mete = distribute
miasma = toxin
mien = appearance, demeanor
minion = subordinate
minutiae = trivia
mire = marsh
Cassette 7 Side B

miscegenation = intermarriage between races
miscellany = mixture of items
modish = chic
molten = melted
monolithic = large and uniform
mortify = humiliate
mottled = spotted
mountebank = charlatan
muffle = stifle, quiet
mulct = defraud
muse = ponder
muster = to gather one's forces
noncommittal = neutral, circumspect
nonplus = bring to a halt by confusion
nuile = marriageable
nugatory = useless, worthless
oaf = awkward person
obelisk = tall column, monument
obituary = eulogy
oblation = offering, sacrifice
obliquity = perversity
odoriferous = pleasant odor
offal = inedible parts of a butchered animal
offertory = church collection
ogle = flirt
onus = burden
opprobrium = disgrace
opus = literary work of musical composition
orison = prayer
palaeontologist (BRITISH = palaeontologist) = one who studies fossils
palpitate = beat, throb
pandemonium = din, commotion
pander = cater to people's baser instincts
pantomime = mime
papyrus = paper
paramour = lover
parapet = rampart, defense
paroxysm = outburst, convulsion
parsimonious = stingy
parvenu = newcomer, social climber
passe = outmoded
pastoral = rustic
peculate = embezzle, steal
pedantic = bookish
pell-mell = in a confused manner
penurious = stingy
periphrasis = wandering
perforce = by necessity
perigee = point when moon is nearest to the earth
perjury = lying
peroration = conclusion of an oration
petrify = calcify, shock
petty = trivial
petulant = irritable, peevish
picaresque = roguish, adventurous
pied = mottled, brindled
piquant = tart-tasting, spicy
platonic = nonsexual
plebiscite = referendum
plumb = measure
polity = methods of government
poltroon = coward
portend = signify, augur
prate = babble
preamble = introduction
preternatural = abnormal
prim = formal, prudish
primogeniture = first-born child
primp = groom
proboscis = snout
prod = urge
profusion = overabundance
propellant = rocket fuel
prophylactic = preventive
propound = propose
proscenium = platform, rostrum
prosody = study of poetic structure
provender = dry food, fodder
proviso = stipulation
puissant = strong
purblind = obtuse, dim-sighted
purgatory = limbo, netherworld
purloin = To steal
purview = range, understanding
putative = reputed
quail = shrink, cower
quaint = old-fashioned
qualms = misgivings
quarry = prey, game
quay = wharf
queasy = squeamish
quip = joke
quirk = eccentricity
quizzical = odd
quorum = majority
Cassette 8 Side A

rabid = mad, furious
raiment = clothing
rankle = cause bitterness, resentment
realm = kingdom, domain
reconnaissance = surveillance
recrimination = countercharge, retaliation
recumbent = reclining
redolent = fragrant
redoubtable = formidable, steadfast
redundant = repetitious
reek = smell
refraction = bending, deflection
regale = entertain
remiss = Negligent
remnant = residue, fragment
remorse = guilt
rend = to tear apart
render = deliver, provide
rendezvous = a meeting
rendition = version, interpretation
reparation = amends, atonement
repartee = witty conversation
repellent = causing aversion
repercussion = consequence
repine = fret
reprieve = temporary suspension
reprimand = rebuke
reprisal = retaliation
retaliatory = revenge
retribution = reprisal
reverent = respectful
reverie = daydream
rigor = harshness
rime = white frost
risible = laughable
roseate = rosy, optimistic
roster = list of people
rout = vanquish
rubicund = ruddy, having healthy reddish color
ruffian = brutal person, bully
rummage = hunt
ruse = trick
sacerdotal = priestly
salutary = good, wholesome
sanctimonious = self-righteous
sanguinary = gory, murderous
sapid = interesting
sarcophagus = stone coffin
sartorial = pertaining to clothes
sate = satisfy fully
saturnine = gloomy
satyr = demigod, goat-man
savoir-faire = tact, polish
savor (British = savour) = enjoy
scarify = criticize
scurry = move briskly
scuttle = to sink
sebaceous = like fat
seclusion = solitude
sedulous = diligent
seethe = fume, resent
semblance = likeness
senescence = old age
sepulcher (British = sepulchre) = tomb
sequacious = eager to follow, ductile
serried = saw-toothed
shibboleth = password
shoal = reef
shrew = virago
sidereal = pertaining to the stars
sinewy = fibrous, stringy
skinflint = miser
skittish = excitable
skullduggery (British = skulduggery) = trickery
slander = defame
sleight = dexterity
slither = slide
smattering = superficial knowledge
smirk = smug look
snivel = whine
solvent = financially sound
somatic = pertaining to the body
spasmodic = intermittent
spate = sudden outpouring
spectral = ghostly
splenetic = peevish
spry = nimble
spume = foam
stanza = division of a poem
stoke = prod, fuel
stratum = layer
stupor = lethargy
sub rosa = in secret
substantiate = verify
Cassette 8 Side B

**substantive** = substantial  
**succor** ([BRITISH] = succour) = help, comfort  
**succumb** = yield, submit  
**suffuse** = pervade, permeate  
**sultry** = sweltering  
**sunder** = split  
**sundry** = various  
**supernumerary** = subordinate  
**suture** = surgical stitch  
**sylvan** = rustic  
**tantalize** = tease  
**taper** = candle  
**tarn** = small lake  
**tarry** = linger  
**taurine** = bull-like  
**taut** = tight, stretched  
**temperate** = moderate  
**tempo** = speed  
**tentative** = provisional  
**tenure** = status given after a period of time  
**terrapin** = turtle  
**testy** = petulant  
**thespian** = actor  
**throes** = anguish  
**throng** = crowd  
**timbre** = tonal quality, resonance  
**Titanic** = huge  
**tithe** = donate one-tenth  
**titular** = in name only, figurehead  
**tocsin** = alarm bell, signal  
**touchstone** = standard  
**traduce** = slander  
**travail** = work, drudgery  
**tribunal** = court  
**troglodyte** = cave dweller  
**truckle** = yield  
**tutelage** = guardianship  
**tyranny** = oppression  
**unassuming** = modest  
**uncouth** = uncultured, crude  
**undulate** = surge, fluctuate  
**uniformity** = sameness  
**unsavory** ([BRITISH] = unsavoury) = distasteful, offensive  
**unscathed** = unhurt  
**unseemly** = unbecoming, improper  
**untenable** = cannot be achieved  
**ursine** = bear-like  
**uxorious** = a doting husband  
**vagary** = whim
vainglorious = conceited
valor (Brit = valour) = bravery
vanguard = leading position
vassal = subject
vehement = adamant
veneer = false front, façade
venial = excusable
venturesome = bold, risky
viand = food
victuals = food
visage = facial expression
viscid = thick, gummy
vitreous = glassy
vituperative = abusive
votary = fan, aficionado
vouchsafe = confer, bestow
vulpine = fox-like
waggish = playful
wastrel = spendthrift
waylay = ambush
wean = remove from nursing, break a habit
wheedle = coax
whimsical = capricious
wince = cringe
winnow = separate
wither = shrivel
wont = custom
wrath = anger, fury
wreak = inflict
wrest = snatch
writhe = contort
yen = desire
yore = long ago
aberration = different from normal or usual
abetor = encourager
abnegation = repudiation, self-sacrifice
abominate = to hate
abrade = to rub off a surface
abstemious = Characterized by self-denial or abstinence
accretion = grow in size or increase in amount
acerbity = bitterness of speech or temper
acetic = related to vinegar
acidulous = sour in taste or manner
acquiescence = Passive consent
acquittal = release from blame (as by a court)
actuarial = calculating
acuity = sharpness
addiction = compulsive, habitual need
addle = To make inefficient or unable to think
adjuration = solemn urging
adjure = to request solemnly
admonition = Genteelly point out mistake
agility = nimbleness
agitation = excitement, uneasiness
alimentary = supplying nourishment
allure = appeal, attract
allusion = indirect reference
alluvial = soil deposits left by rivers
amalgamate = To mix or join together to become one
amazon = female warrior
ambrosia = food of the Greek gods that provided immortal youth & beauty, anything sweet and pleasing
andirons = metal supports in a fireplace
anneal = to gradually heat and cool in order to soften, reduce brittleness
annuity = An annual payment or income
ancestod = To precede
anthropoid = manlike
apiary = A place where bees are kept
apotheke = The climax
apothecary = One who keeps drugs for sale and puts up prescriptions
appurtenances = subordinate possessions
aquiline = like an eagle, bent, booked, curved
arcade = a roofed passage between shops
archaeology = the study of ancient cultures by looking for and examining their buildings, tools
aromatic = fragrant
arrant = Notoriously bad
asceticism = doctrine of self-denial
assessment = estimation
astronomical = enormously large or extensive
athwart = across, opposition
aureole = sun's corona, halo
auroral = pertaining to the aurora borealis
auscultation = act of listening to the heart or lungs to discover abnormalities
austerity = quality of being self disciplined
baffle = to frustrate or unable to understand
bandanna = large, bright-colored handkerchief
barb = sharp projection from fishhook
barrage = a lot of questions or criticism
bargain = to give in exchange rather than paying money
bassoon = reed instrument of the woodwind family
bate = let down, restrain
bawdy = indecent, obscene
bedizened = dress with vulgar finery
bedraggle = wet thoroughly
befuddle = confuse thoroughly
behoove = to be fit, to be right
benignant = Benevolent in feeling, character
bereavement = state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved
bete noire = aversion
betrothal = Engagement to marry
bibulous = Fond of drinking
bigotry = discrimination, prejudice
blasphemous = profane, impious
blazon = print or decorate something in a very noticeable way
blurt = to say something suddenly and without thinking, especially when you are excited or nervous
boorish = Rude
bouillon = clear beef soup
Bowdlerize = To expurgate in editing
braggadocio = someone who boasts
brazier = An open pan or basin for holding live coals
brindled = tawny or grayish with streaks or spots
brittle = Fragile
brocade = rich, gaudy fabric
brooch = a piece of jewelry for women which is fastened onto clothes with a pin
buffoonery = coarse jokes, etc
bugaboo = bugbear, object of baseless terror
bumptious = full of offensive self-conceit
bungle = to do something wrong in a very careless or stupid way
buskin = thick-soled half boot worn by actors of Greek tragedy
buxom = plump, vigorous, jolly
cameo = when someone famous appears for a short time in a film or play
canker = any ulcerous sore, any evil
canto = part of an extended poem
caparison = showy harnesser, ornamentation for a horse
caprice = A whim
carillon = a set of bells capable of being played
carmine = rich red
carousel = To drink deeply and in boisterous or jovial manner
carte blanche = complete freedom to do what you want
caryatid = sculptured column of a female figure
caste = one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society
catapult = slingshot
**catechism** = book for religious instruction  
**censor** = to prohibit publication by law  
**centaur** = mythical figure, half man and half horse  
**cerebration** = thought  
**chaff** = worthless products of an endeavor  
**chasm** = a long, deep, narrow hole in rock or ice  
**chiropodist** = one who treats disorders of the feet  
**chivalrous** = courteous to ladies
Cassette 9 Side B

ciliated = having minute hairs, one-celled animal
circlet = small ring, band
clangor (BRITISH = clangour) = loud, resounding noise
clarion = shrill, trumpet like sound
clavicle = collarbone
climactic = relating to the highest point
clime = region, climate
coadjutor = assistant, colleague
cockade = decoration worn on hat
coeval = living at the same time as contemporary
cog = a spoke in a wheel, a small and unimportant person
cohesion = consistency
colander = utensil with perforated bottom used for straining
collage = a picture made by sticking small pieces of paper or other materials
collie = worker in coal mine, ship carrying coal
colossal = huge
comely = a woman who is attractive in appearance
comestible = something fit to be eaten
comeuppance = rebuke, one’s deserved fate or punishment
comity = courtesy, civility
conclave = private meeting
condign = adequate, deservedly severe
connivance = pretence of ignorance of something wrong, assistance or permission to offend
connubial = related to marriage or matrimony
cormorant = greedy, rapacious bird
cornice = a decorative border around the walls of a room close to the ceiling
corsair = pirate ship
covetous = very desirous of something, avaricious, greedy
coy = shy, modest
cozen = cheat, hoodwink, swindle
crabbed = sour, peevish
credo = a set of beliefs
crepuscular = pertaining to twilight
crone = hag
crotch = a fancy, a whim, an eccentricity
cul-de-sac = a blind alley, a trap
dappled = spotted
dastard = A base coward
daub = to paint carelessly, to smear
dawdle = to waste time by trifling, to move slowly
debenture = bond issued to secure a loan
decollete = having a low-necked dress
decrepit = Enfeebled, as by old age or some chronic infirmity
deducible = derived by reasoning
defalcate = to misuse money put in trust
defection = desertion
defy = To regard as a god
deliquescent = capable of absorbing moisture from air and becoming liquid
delusion = Mistaken conviction
delusive = deceptive, raising vain hopes
demesne = domain
demolition = destruction
demonic = related to evil spirits, devilish
denotation = the exact literary meaning of a word, designation, definition
depilate = remove hair
derision = ridicule
dermatologist = one who studies the skin and its diseases
descant = discuss fully
desideratum = that which is desired
despoil = to bereave, rob, plunder, strip of possessions
despotism = Any severe and strict rule
detergent = cleansing agent
detonation = explosion
devolve = to roll down, to hand down
diadem = crown
dint = means, effort
dipsomaniac = a person having an uncontrollable desire for alcohol, inebriate
disapprobation = rejection, disapproval
disavowal = Denial
dishabille = in a state of undress
dischance = discourage, lose spirit
dismember = cut into small parts
disport = amuse
dissuasion = advise against
divergent = Tending in different directions
divination = The forecast of future events or discovery of what is lost or hidden
docket = a list of cases to be dealt with
doddering = shaky, infirm from old age
doff = take off
dorsal = belonging to the back side, posterior, tail
douse = to plunge into water, to extinguish
dowdy = slovenly, untidy
drudgery = Hard and constant work in any dull occupation
durance = confinement
eclipse = The obstruction of Sun by moon, or of moon by earth
eerie = weird
efflorescent = opening in flower
elusory = tending to deceive expectations
elysian = relating to paradise, blissful
emanate = to express a feeling or quality through the way one looks
emendation = corrections of errors
emetic = a medicine that causes vomiting
emolument = salary or fees for a job, remuneration, pay scale
empyrean = celestial, fiery
encomiastic = praising, eulogistic
"What 3 steps can you take if CAT is the most important goal in your life for the next year or two and you want to make the best possible effort to ensure a success"

Stop! First ask yourself, "How important is CAT for me? What will success mean for myself, my parents and my family? Am I willing and ready, and do I want to take whatever steps are necessary for achieving my goal? And, am I willing to make effort in 100% whole-hearted way to my ensure success?"

"Step 1: Honestly evaluate how good are you at Maths and Vocab for CAT"

Do you realize that most people (other than engineers and science/Maths graduates) are not strong in Maths needed for CAT?

Do you realize that most people taking CAT do not have large, rich vocabulary of about 4,500 words including unusual and odd words needed for these exams.

To really discover how good you are at Maths and Vocab, you can take a mock test in realistic exam environment by timing yourself. This helps you discover how ready you are for the exam, which requires **two skills**: knowledge of subject (Maths, vocab, comprehension, data interpretation) and **speed in solving problems and answering question**.

Want to take this quick test for CAT vocab?

Here are the last 10 words from the CAT/ MBA cassette 7 side A to test yourself: iridescent, jettison, jingoism, lackadaisical, langour, lapidary, latitude, lionize, loiter, lull. If you know less than 8 words, you are perhaps not as good as you think you are.

"Step 2: Join good coaching for Maths, Comprehension, Data Interpretation and Mock Tests"

To get success, joining good coaching is really helpful because:

1. Ensures your regular learning under expert guidance.
2. Makes it easy for you to measure your progress in mock tests in realistic exam environment.
3. Gives you an all India rank so you know where you stand.

Which coaching is the best? Each city has some good coaching and that you'll have to find out by asking others and visiting some of the famous institutes in your city.
"**Step 3**: Use the *Vocab-Builder Mind Machine* to memorize 4,484 words 3 to 7 times faster and to repeatedly revise them in 23 hours for permanent retention"

To get success, you need to memorize vocab and my *Vocab-Builder Mind Machine* is really the only practical solution (coaching can't help you memorize, they can just give you book or cards).

The mind machine also trains you to "enter the learning state" so you learn other subjects better, too.

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**Breaking News ... Date: 2-Jan-2007**

"**CAT 2006 Results Highlight the Fact that English Is Most Crucial and Most Difficult In CAT**"

According to Times of India, 2 Jan 2007, the highest percent in each subject in CAT results are:

- Quantitative Ability = 100 percent
- Logic and Data Interpretation = 86 percent
- **English Usage and Comprehension = 60 percent**
- OVERALL Highest Percent = 67.95 percent

It is clear from the above results that Indian students are **strong in Maths** (and that is why our engineers are becoming more valuable worldwide) but **weak in English**.

The main reason for low score in English Usage and Comprehension is not knowing the vocab well which makes it much harder to answer questions correctly. Most of us in India are not so good in English vocab even if we have studied in English schools.

"**The Myth of 100 Percentile in CAT**"

Do you realize that even the toppers with 100 percentile in CAT 2006 got only 60% or less in English Usage and Comprehension? And since many had joined famous coaching, it seems to me is that the classroom coaching is not able to help much with this aspect of CAT."
What is the Biggest Problem in Remembering Vocab?

Why Even Serious, Hard Working IIM Aspirants Taking Good Coaching Fail to Build Huge Vocab Required to Crack the English Usage and Comprehension Section in CAT?

The biggest problem is that though it is relatively easy to learn new words at home or in coaching classes, it is extremely difficult to remember them after a few weeks/months.

Even the best coaching classes fail to put 4,000 to 4,500 words in the long-term memory of your mind because they do not specialize in mind power and mind technologies. The best they can do, no matter how hard they work, is to prepare a good book offering you word lists and then motivate you to repeatedly read the word lists in different ways many many times over several months and hope that you remember many of the words.

But, you cannot blame the coaching institutes because it is not their fault. It is the nature of our mind, which is simply not capable of remembering many uncommon and odd words just by reading word lists a few times and you know there is not a lot of time to revise many many times.

If you are concerned or worried about memorizing vocab, you are not alone--almost every student faces the same problem. Despite my hard work for over a year, I myself got only 20% in Verbal, though I got 97% in Quantitative in GRE (see my GRE score card below), so I know how one can feel.

My wife, Dr Anju Bapna, who is a medical doctor, took GMAT exam in USA for admission to MBA. To get a good score, she took classroom coaching in California from Kaplan, which is world's number one coaching institute for GMAT test preparation. The fee was about $1,200 for 11 classes. The Kaplan coaching proved ineffective and totally failed to help her improve vocab for the GMAT exam. She was just lucky to get admission to MBA she wanted. In fact, this coaching experience of her was what motivated me to develop the Vocab-Builder Mind Machine on our return to India.
“Vocab-Builder Mind Machine is Becoming More and More Popular Among CAT Aspirants Because Good Coaching Alone is No Longer Sufficient for Sure Success in CAT”

“Don’t Bet Your Success in CAT on IMS, TIME, PT, CL, or Other Good Coaching Alone …”

The coaching institutes want you to believe that joining their coaching will ENSURE your success. But the fact of the matter is that about 1,00,000 people take CAT coaching for admission to IIMs for about 1400 seats. It means that only about 1 or 2 of every 100 hardworking CAT aspirants who take good coaching get success and all others fail despite joining coaching and hard work.

The simple fact is: coaching is not enough for success nowadays because almost everybody takes coaching (in the past, coaching alone seemed to be enough because only a few aspirants joined coaching).

You need to find various ways, both small and big, if possible unique and not-yet-common ways, to gain "unfair advantage" and get ahead of others and win the race.

A competition is like a race where only certain number of students get success and remaining fail. Mind Machine is like being on an airplane when others in the race are on bikes, cars or cycles. Guess who will win such an unfair race?

The mind machine provides one way to gain such "unfair advantage" because it puts words into your mind effortlessly. You perhaps realize that toppers are not two times as intelligent as others and that toppers don’t study two times as many hours as others per day, but knowingly or unknowingly they use more mind power. “Using mind power” is the missing link in our education system and that makes the difference between success and failure.

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and fluency, which builds self-confidence and helps in GD and interview for final selections.

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