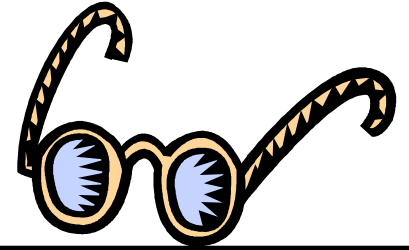


# Upward Bound



**Vivid** (vīv'īd)  
(adj.) Bright, intense

Everything appeared more *vivid* to him after he started wearing glasses.



**Winsome** (wīn'səm)  
(adj.) Attractive

Everyone voted for Maggie because of her bright and *winsome* personality.

**Zealous** (zē'ləs)  
(adj.) Filled with enthusiasm



**Zenith** (zē'nīth)  
(n) The highest point

At the *zenith* of their popularity, the lead singer quit.

**Verbose** (vər-bōs')  
(adj.) Wordy



The phone conversation would have been much shorter if Sally had not been so *verbose*.

**Visage** (vīz'ij)  
(n) The look of a person

“...His *visage* was so marred more than any man...”

**Vista** ('vis-tə)  
(n) A broad view, outlook

You can see a beautiful *vista* of the mountains from the office window.



**Vivacious** (vī-vā'shəs)  
(adj.) Lively in temper

*Vivacious* students make the summer program more enjoyable for everyone.

**Affable** (af-uh-buhl)  
(adj.) Easy to approach



I asked JoAnn Emerson if I could have my picture made with her because she seemed so *affable*.

**Agile** (āj' -īl)  
(adj.) Able to move quickly and lightly

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**Amity** (am-i-tee)  
(n) Friendly relations between nations

The *amity* between The United States and Great Britain was solidified during World War II.



**Analogy** (ə-nāl'ə-jē)  
(n) A likeness in one or more ways between things otherwise unlike.

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**Apathy** (ap·a·thy)  
(n) Lack of feeling or emotion



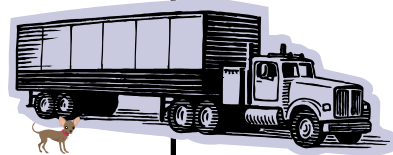
It was no surprise that Freddy did not receive the scholarship, because the *apathy* toward his high school grades was apparent from his freshman year.

**Assiduous** (ə·sĭj'ōō·əs)  
(adj.) Unceasing, persistent



Darlene's *assiduous* cardinal kept trying to fly through her living room window.

**Audacious** (au·da·cious)  
(adj.) Extremely bold or daring



The *audacious* chihuahua chased the semi-truck.

**Avail** (ə·vāl')  
(v) To help, to be of use

The effort she put forth during the last semester of her senior year was to no *avail* because of her low GPA.

**Synopsis** (sĭ-nōp'sĭs)  
(n) Syllabus or summary



The professor will give a brief *synopsis* of the semester during his first lecture.

**Tenuous** (tĕn'yōō·əs)  
(adj.) Lacking stability

The *tenuous* foundation kept the building from passing inspection.

**Trite** (trĭt)  
(adj.) Made commonplace by frequent repetition

Example: A movie star saying "I love you" to a crowd of people is a *trite* remark.

**Valor** (val-er)  
(n) Noble courage



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**Solace** (sōl'is)  
(n) Comfort in grief



“In His arms He’ll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a *solace* there”

**Solvent** (sōl'vent)  
(adj.) Having sufficient funds to pay all debts

He couldn't stay *solvent* after losing his business.

**Superfluous** (sōō-pūr'flōō-əs)  
(adj.) Being more than is needed

Darlene cleared off all the *superfluous* stuff on her desk to make room for her new computer.

**Surmise** (sər-mīz')  
(v) Guess

The UB staff could only *surmise* what caused the bus fire.

**Bellicose** (bel-i-kohs)  
(adj.) Warlike

The *bellicose* pirates confronted the entire fleet of ships.



**Berate** (bih-reyt)  
(verb) To scold or condemn vehemently

The wicked stepmother *berated* Cinderella for not cleaning the floor properly.



**Bereft** (bih-reft)  
(adj.) Deprived of or lacking something

After the Stock Market crash on Black Friday, many investors were *bereft*.

**Cajole** (kə-jōl')  
(v) To impose on or dupe by flattering speech

A shrewd salesman may *cajole* an unsuspecting customer into buying something they can't afford.




**Capitulate** (kə-pīch'ə-lāt')  
(v) To surrender

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**Cessation** (sĕ-sā'shən)  
(n) A temporary or complete stopping

Until there is a *cessation* of the bleeding, the bandage cannot be removed.



**Clairvoyant** (klâr-voi'ənt)  
(adj.) Keenly perceptive

The *clairvoyant* mother had eyes in the back of her head.




**Comprehensive** (kŏm'prī-hĕn'sīv)  
(adj.) Covering completely or broadly

The professor felt that a *comprehensive* exam at the end of the semester was a better assessment of student learning.

**Sardonic** (sär-dä-nik)  
(adj.) Scornfully or bitterly sarcastic

The new student started to cry after the bully made a *sardonic* jab about her old school.



**Scrutinize** ('skrū-tə-'nīz)  
(v) To examine closely and minutely

The detective *scrutinized* the evidence at the crime scene.

**Semblance** (sĕm'bləns)  
(n) Outward appearance

She tried to project some *semblance* of confidence even though public speaking terrified her.



**Serendipity** (sĕr'ən-dīp'ī-tē)  
(n) A talent for making desirable discoveries by accident

Goldie Locks stumbled upon the three bear's cabin completely by *serendipity*.

**Repertoire** (rĕp'ər-twär')

(n) A list of skills possessed by a person or needed in his occupation

The band's *repertoire* includes both classic and modern jazz.

**Respite** (rĕs'pīt)

(n) Interval of rest

After the attack, the soldiers needed a *respite* before marching.



**Revere** (rĭ-vîr')

(v) To show honor and devotion to

The elderly should be *revered* because of their wisdom and life experiences.

**Sanctify** (sāngk'tə-fī')

(v) To make holy

The priest *sanctified* their marriage.

**Concur** (kuh'n-kur)

(v) To agree

Most people would *concur* that slavery is evil.

**Condescension** (kon-duh-sen-shuh')

(n) Patronizing attitude or behavior

The attitude of the boss was *condescending* when he implied that the employee didn't know what he was doing.

**Dictum** (dĭk'təm)

(n) An authoritative announcement

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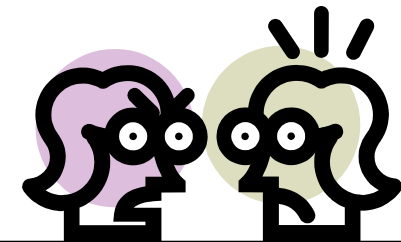
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**Dissension** (dĭ-sĕn'shən)

(n) Contentious quarreling



**Domicile** (dŏm'ī-sīl')

(n) Home



**Doughty** (dou'tē)

(adj.) Fearless resolution

The *doughty* soldier persevered until he captured the hill.



**Rancor** (rāng'kər)

(n) Bitter ill will

In the end, the debate created a degree of *rancor* among the committee members.

**Refute** (ri-fyoot)

(v) Show to be false or erroneous

She *refuted* the allegations against her

**Duplicity** (doo-plis-i-tee)

(n) Contradictory doubleness of thought

The politician lost the election after he was accused of *duplicity*.



**Effulgence** (i-'ful-jənts)

(n) Radiant splendor

The glow of the light was as the *effulgence* of the sun.



**Regimen** (re-jə-mən)

(n) A systematic plan

The honor roll student had a strict *regimen* of study.



**Relegate** ('re-lə-'gāt)

(v) To assign to a place of insignificance or of oblivion, put out of sight or mind

Mothers often *relegate* the easy household jobs to their children.

**Propitiate** (pro·pi·ti·ate)  
(v) To gain or regain the favor of

The temple was once the site of sacrifices—both to honor the gods in times of plenty and to *propitiate* them in times of trouble.

**Protocol** (prō'tə-kōl')

(n) A code prescribing strict adherence to correct etiquette

What is the proper *protocol* for declining a job offer?



**Proverbial** (prə-vûr'bē-əl)  
(adj.) Commonly spoken of

The lawyer tried to use the *proverbial* smoking gun as evidence.

**Quorum** (kwôr'əm)

(n) The number of members required to be present to legally transact business

The committee will vote on that issue when there is a quorum.



**Egress** (ee-gres)  
(n) Any place of exit



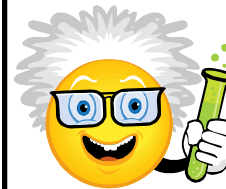
**Entreat** (en-treet)

(v) To make an earnest request

The students were planning to *entreat* their teacher to postpone the test.

**Erudite** (er-yoo-dahyt)

(adj.) Very learned



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**Escrow** (ěs'krō')

(n) Money deposited with a third person pending fulfillment of a condition

The bank held the home owner's insurance and taxes in *escrow* each month to eliminate one large payment at the end of the year.



**Extemporaneous** (ĭk-stĕm'pə-rā'nĕ-əs)  
 (adj.) Speaking or performing with little or no  
 advance preparation

**Facetious** (fə-sĕ'shəs)  
 (adj.) Not meant to be taken seriously

The student should not have made the *facetious* remark during the discussion about 911.

**Feign** (fān)  
 (v) Pretend

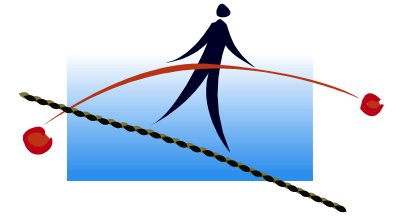
“And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should *feign* themselves to be just men...”

**Fidelity** (fĭ-dĕl'ĭ-tĕ)  
 (n) Loyalty



**Precarious** (pri-'ker-ĕ-əs)  
 (adj.) Dangerous

Some students walk a *precarious* line between passing and failing



**Prodigious** (pro-di-gious)  
 (adj.) Extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree

The Y2K scare caused many people to keep a *prodigious* supply of emergency canned food and water in their homes.

**Progeny** (prog-e·ny)  
 (n) Offspring, children,  
 descendants

The child was a *progeny* of his father.

**Proliferate** (pro-lif-er-ate)

(n) Increase by rapid production

Rumors about the incident *proliferated* on the Internet

**Penance** (pĕn'əns)

(n) Act performed to show repentance

As an act of penance for losing her temper, the child did the dishes for a week.

**Penchant** (pĕn'chənt)

(n) A definite liking

Jayson has a *penchant* for math.



**Perfunctory** (pər-fŭŋk'tə-rē)

(adj.) Done merely as a duty

The criminal wrote a *perfunctory* apology to the store they robbed.



**Plagiarize** ('plA-j&-'rIz)

(v) To steal and pass off as one's own

**Flux** (flŭks)

(n) Continuous change

When some chemicals are in a state of *flux* they can be dangerous.

**Formidable** (fôr'mĭ-də-bəl)

(adj.) Tending to inspire awe or wonder

Everyone was completely silent after the king's *formidable* entrance into the throne room.



**Forte** (fôr'tā)

(n) Strong point or skill

I don't know what her *forte* is, but it's not grammar.

Resumeee

I would be perry good at that job. I spell well and good. I do have many experiences that ill hep me? I hop u hire me soon cause I ain't got no money!!!



**Fortitude** (fôr'tĭ-tōōd')

(n) Strength of mind, bravery

**Germane** (jər-mān')  
(adj.) Relevant

The teacher encouraged every student to make *germane* comments in order to have better class discussions.

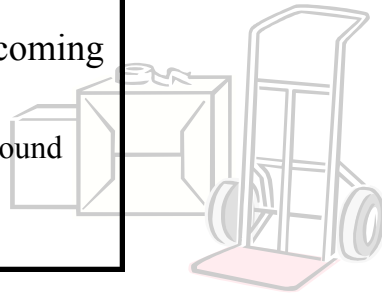
**Gregarious** (grī-gâr'ē-əs)  
(adj.) Sociable, outgoing

The *gregarious* lady was a member of the Red Hat Society as well as other organizations and groups.

**Harbinger** (här'bĭn-jər)

(n) One that announces or foreshadows what is coming

Hospice's move was a *harbinger* of the move Upward Bound was going to make.



**Idiosyncrasy** (ĭd'ē-ō-sĭng'krə-sē)  
(n) Personal peculiarity

Her habit of using "like" in every sentence was just one of her *idiosyncrasies*.

**Nostalgia** (nŏ-stāl'jə)  
(n) Yearning for something past



**Onerous** (oner-ous)  
(adj.) Imposing a burden

The government imposed *onerous* taxes on tea.



**Ostentatious** (os-ten-ta-tious)  
(adj.) Marked by or fond of conspicuous or vainglorious and sometimes pretentious display.

The *ostentatious* prom dress did not flatter Susie.

**Parody** (pār'ə-dē)  
(n) A humorous imitation

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**Jurisdiction** (jŏŏr'is-dĭk'shən)  
(adj.) Area of influence

The matter was out of the *jurisdiction* of the lower court.

**Matronly** (mey-truhn-lee)

(adj.) Having the character of a mature married woman

Because the young girl had taken care of her siblings and had many household responsibilities, she acted more *matronly* than her peers.

**Monolithic** (mŏn'ə-lĭth'ĭk)  
(adj.) Unyielding , unified

The monolithic farmers would not sell their corn at a loss.



**Nonchalant** (non·cha·lant)  
(adj.) Unconcern or indifference

Susie's *nonchalant* attitude toward her grades will keep her from excelling in high school.



**Impede** (im-peed)

(v) To interfere with or slow the progress of

You must be careful not to let obstacles *impede* your progress toward getting a college diploma.

**Imperative** (ĭm-pĕr'ə-tĭv)

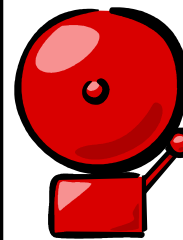
(adj.) Necessary

In order for a teacher to trust a student, it is *imperative* that the student tell the truth all the time.

**Importune** (ĭm'pŏr-tŏn')

(v) To urge with troublesome persistence

“Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his *importunity* he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.”



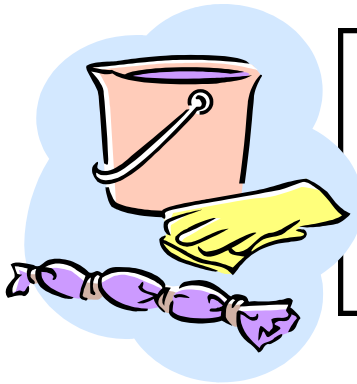
**Incessant** (in·ces·sant)

(adj.) Continuing or following without interruption

After the electric went off in the building, the *incessant* fire alarm kept beeping until maintenance repaired it.

**Incorrigible** (in·cor·ri·gi·ble)  
(adj.) Incapable of being corrected or amended,  
not manageable

The *incorrigible* teenager was kicked out of reform school.



**Indelible** (in-del-uh-buhl)  
(adj.) Cannot be erased

We will tie dye the t-shirts with an *indelible* purple dye.

**Indolence** (in'də-ləns)  
(n) Laziness

The boss laid off every worker with a propensity for *indolence*.



**Ineffable** (in·ef·fa·ble)  
(adj.) Incapable of being expressed in words

An *ineffable* beauty descended upon the canyon as the sun began to set

**Insurrection** (in·sur·rec·tion)  
(n) An act or instance of revolting against civil  
authority or an established government.

Today in history class, we will learn about the famous *insurrection* of the slaves in ancient Rome under Spartacus.

**Integrity** (in-tĕg'ri-tē)  
(n) Firm adherence to a moral code

His reputation of *integrity* and hard work landed him the job in a highly competitive field.

**Intractable** (in-trāk'tə-bəl)  
(adj.) Not easily controlled

The *intractable* pain in her knee kept her from enjoying the walk.



**Jovial** (jō'vē-əl)  
(adj.) Inclined to joke

My sister has such a *jovial* personality that everyone in the room is laughing five minutes after she arrives.