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| **allude**uh-lood | *v.* To refer to in an indirect way (used with *to*).“I made a misstate that night,” he said, **alluding** to the way he lost his temper.**allusion** *n.*The poem “An Ancient Gesture,” by Edna St. Vincent Millay, is an **allusion** to Penelope in Homer’s *The Odyssey*. |
| **consecrate**kon-si-kreyt | *v.* 1. To set apart as holy.Hagia Sophia, in Constantinople (today Istanbul), was **consecrated** as a church in 537 and is now a museum.2. To dedicate to a cause; to devote.Mother Teresa **consecrated** her life to helping Calcutta’s poor. |
| **disseminate**dih-sem-uh-neyt | *v.* To scatter or spread widely.The wind **disseminated** the spores from the milkweed pods.**dissemination** *n.***Dissemination** of information about the transmission of HIV infection is essential for preventing AIDS. |
| **dote**doht | *v.* To show excessive fondness for (used with *on* or *upon*).She **dotes** on her grandson and indulges his every whim. |
| **exhort**ig-zawrt | *v.* To urge strongly; to warn or appeal.His wife **exhorted** him to ignore the urgings of the salesman at the boatyard. **exhortation** *n.*The *Bhagavad-Gita*, a text sacred to Hindus, contains **exhortations** for humans to do their duty. |
| **feckless**fek-lis | *adj.* Careless or irresponsible.Pip’s **feckless** ways in London left him devoid of cash. |
| **implicate**im-pli-keyt | *v.* To show to be involved with something, especially something dishonest or illegal.The defense attorney insisted that her client could not be **implicated** in the theft. |
| **lament**luh-ment | *v.* To feel or express grief.Uncountable mourners lined the streets to **lament** the 1997 death of Diana, Princess of Wales.**Lamentation** (or **lament**) *n.* An expression of sorrow or grief in the form of a poem, song, etc.“Natalia,” sung by Joan Baez, is a **lamentation** for an especially brave political prisoner in the former Czechoslovakia. |
| **monetary**mon-i-ter-ee | *adj.* Of or relating to money or currency.The basic **monetary** unit of Mexico is the peso. |
| **pensive**pen-siv | *adj.* Deep in thought; dreamily thoughtful.Lying on my back, I grew **pensive** as I watched the drifting summer clouds. |
| **pomp**pomp | *n.* A showy or dignified display.The commencement exercises at major universities are usually marked by **pomp** and ceremony. |
| **stilted**stil-tid | *adj.*  Artificially stiff or formal in manner.His **stilted** conversation reflected his unease at the gathering of artists in the gallery. |
| **subjugate**suhb-juh-geyt | *v.* To bring under control; or conquer.In the late eighteenth century, Russia **subjugated** the country of Georgia, in western Asia, and made it part of the Russian empire.**Subjugation** *n.*The organization Amnesty International received the Nobel Peace Prize for “its efforts on behalf of defending human dignity against violence and **subjugation**.” |
| **trauma**traw-muh | *n.* 1. A severe bodily injury.The accident victims who suffered **trauma** were airlifted to major hospitals for emergency services.2. Emotional shock.Nguyen Hui survived the **trauma** of fleeting Vietnam by boat in 1979 and eventually settled in the United States.**traumatic** *adj.*Simply watching on television the devastation resulting from the bombing in Oklahoma City had a **traumatic** effect on me. |
| **wanton**won-tn | *adj.* 1. Ignoring what is right.In refusing to remove asbestos from the ceilings, the company showed a **wanton** disregard for its employees’ health and safety.2. Excessive or unrestrained.During the holidays, I try to avoid **wanton** eating of sweets.3. Playful or frolicsome.It was a pleasure to hear the **wanton** shouts of the children in the backyard. |